



Nevei Kodesh News

Newsletter of Congregation Nevei Kodesh: Jewish Renewal Community of Boulder

Jan. 2010 - Tevet/Sh'vat 5770

Our normal bimonthly newsletter will return with the February/March issue. This is a special edition for all January events and information on our Tikkun Olam Day projects, in honor of MLK Day. We hope you will join in for this day of service!

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center



This center helps repair the world by sheltering approximately 3,000 orphaned and wounded wild animals and birds each year. They treat them and return most of them to the wild. We will help repair facilities—like fences and cages—so they can continue to shelter and revive these wonderful wild creatures. You can read stories about the animals and birds (more than 135 different species) and learn more about Greenwood at www.greenwoodwildlife.org. **Participants must be at least 18 years old.** (This is a matter of legal liability because there are wild animals on the property.)

Join us from 1pm to 4pm at Greenwood (5761 Ute Highway, Longmont). If the weather is bad on Sunday, we will go on Monday, 1/18

Please dress for working outdoors. Closed-toe shoes are a must. Bring work gloves and water. Gather at Nevei Kodesh (3269 28th Street) for hot tea, connections and carpools (cars leave at 12:30pm) OR go straight to Greenwood to join the group during volunteer hours. Questions? Contact Daniel Ziskin (ziskin@jote.org)

Monday, January 18, 2010

Growing Gardens



Growing Gardens of Boulder sponsors environmentally sustainable gardening programs that empower people to experience a direct and deep connection with plants, the land and each other at eight community gardens.

Join us from 10am to 2pm at the Growing Gardens main facility (1630 Hawthorn Avenue, Boulder)

We will help GG get the greenhouse ready for spring planting (which begins in February) by preparing beds, setting up germination tables, putting cold frames together, organizing seed.

Come see how much fun it is to play in the organic dirt! **All ages welcome to participate!**

Bring lunch and water; wear clothing that is layered and warm, including warm, sturdy foot gear. Gather at Nevei Kodesh (3269 28th Street) for hot tea, connections and carpools (cars leave at 9:45am) OR go straight to Growing Gardens to join the group during volunteer hours. Learn about Growing Gardens: www.growinggardens.org

PEACE POETRY From our younger members...

Here, to inspire you, are poems from two of NK's young members written in honor of Martin Luther King Day 2009. Mikayla Frank-Martin wrote her poem after attending the Lafayette parade on January 19, 2009. Sammy Greenwald's poem was chosen by BVSD, along with one other, to be read at the 2009 rally and teach-in at CU.

Marching Along the Street in Old Town

Lafayette

by Mikayla Frank-Martin (with a little help from Alyssa)

We are marching along the street
We are marching for Peace!
We are being led by Martin Luther King.

We are young & old, pushing strollers and wheelchairs
pulling wagons, carrying signs "Yes We Can!"
singing at the top of our lungs..

Past the bakery
Past Efrains
Past our neighbours
We shout "What do we need?"

PEACE!

"When do we need it?"

NOW!

The parade grows longer and wider
as people join us
walking and shouting
for Peace
We arrive at Pioneer Elementary
Greeted by cheers
Pouring into the cafeteria
We are greeted by
YES (Youth for Social Change) volunteers
We sit
Munching on candy
We listen to a Poet
who informs us about
why we are here today
about slavery,
about being a woman
about violence and love
about us.

The True Meaning of Unity

Johannesburg, South Africa

By Sammy Greenwald

We saw a man on the street one day begging for money
His average wage was two dollars a day
No hope
No life
No way out

A man in Soweto shot his friend because he was desperate
for money
No guilt
No shame
No way out

A boy's life was saved three years ago
No begging and no killing in his future anymore
My aunt and uncle now have a son

Family is the most important thing a person can have
Jonathan had none

An eleven year old boy alone and afraid living in an
orphanage in Soweto, South Africa
A grin spreads across his face
Laugh lines show by his eyes and on his forehead
Pearly whites peek through creating a shocking contrast to
his dark, dark skin
It was this smile that brought us to him

A leg he was missing but no one cared
He was so beautiful that everybody could only stare

Three years have gone by since that wonderful day
he is now in school has a new leg and a family that loves
him

Fate brought them together and now our lives are changed
forever
A little boys' life was saved that day
A family was born that day

JANUARY 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

* Nevei Kodesh now has its own meeting space at 3269 28th St. (Above the Dairy Queen.) We hope to have permitting to build a lift in our new space by the end of January (and construction in February). In the interim, we apologize for the lack of accessibility. More events will move there once we are fully operational.

- Friday**
Jan. 1 **Nevei Kodesh Shabbat service.**
Meditation 6:30 p.m.,
Service 7 p.m. UU church, 5001 Pennsylvania.
- Saturday**
Jan. 2 **Babies and Buddies** monthly spiritual gathering for all families with children ages 5 and under, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and expecting parents. 3269 28th St.
- Saturdays**
Jan. 2,9,16,23,30 **Take Five Torah Study.** With Reb Tirzah and friends. Beit Kesem, 8283 N. 39th St. Meet to carpool Lucky's Market, Poplar & Bdwy, 3:40p. 4-5:30 p.m.
- Sunday**
Jan. 3 **Breakfast for the Homeless.** Help prepare and serve breakfast. Don Kopen, (303) 443-5965 or email dakopen@yahoo.com 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.
- Monday**
Jan. 4 **The Lemon Tree Project.** Join together to read The Lemon Tree and discuss the true story tracing two families, one Bulgarian/Israeli and one Palestinian, from the 1930s to the present. 600 Manhattan Drive #C8. Meets monthly. 7-8:30 p.m
- Saturday**
Jan. 9 **Shabbat Morning Services** led by community members. Participatory all-ages service. Nevei Kodesh, 3269 28th St. (Above Dairy Queen). 10 a.m.-noon
- Sunday**
Jan. 10, 17 **Living a Jewish Life.** Children's religious school. Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia. 10 a.m-1 pm
- Sunday**
Jan. 10 **Ma'ayan Or.** Havurah for people in 20s and-30s. Newcomers welcome! Nevei Kodesh, 3269 28th St. 4-6 p.m.
- Monday**
Jan. 11 **Crossing the River and Parent Discussion** Children's b'nai mitzvah prep program. Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia 7-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday**
Jan. 17 **Bayit Katan.** Family/children religious school program, Nevei Kodesh, 3269 28th St Following class there will be potluck dinner. 3 -5:30 p.m.
- Friday**
Jan. 15 **Nevei Kodesh Shabbat service.**
Meditation 6:30 p.m.,
Service 7 p.m. UU church, 5001 Pennsylvania.
- Monday**
Jan. 25 **Interfaith Community Food Table**
Sign up for 3:45 or 5 p.m. slots,
Ellen Brock, (303) 442-0776

NOT-TO-BE-MISSED SPECIAL EVENT!

**Tuv Ha'Aretz Shabbat Dinner
Tu B'Sh'vat Seder
Fri, January 29, 6 pm - 9pm**



Tu B'Sh'vat, also known as the "New Year of the Trees" is a time to honor the abundance of the earth by eating different species of fruits and nuts.

The seder also has mystical components. The Shabbat service and seder will be jointly led by Reb Tirzah and Rabbi Marc.

The service will be held at 6pm and the seder/meal at 7:30pm. The price will be \$12 for an individual, \$18 for a couple (do not need to be partners - can just be two friends) and \$25 for a family. Held at Congregation Bonai Shalom, 1527 Cherryvale Rd. **You must RSVP to attend the seder/dinner to office@bonaishalom.org**

Tuv Ha'Aretz is a collaboration between Congregations Bonai Shalom, Nevei Kodesh and Aish Kodesh working with Hazon and our organic partner, Red Wagon Organic Farm, in the spirit of Judaism's long tradition of care for the earth.

**FULL CALENDAR:
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You may also wish to give tzedakah to remember a yahrzeit or honor a special event. Thank you for your generosity of spirit!

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