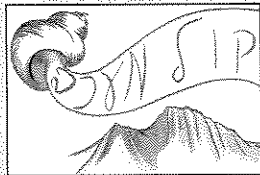


# Kol Ma'arav *Voice of the West* קול מערב



The Newsletter of Congregation Sof Ma'arav,  
the Westernmost Member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Autumn 2006

## Sof Ma'arav High Holiday Schedule 5767

### ROSH HASHANAH:

Friday	Sept. 22, 2006	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah evening service followed by dessert pot luck (candle lighting 6:10 p.m.)
Saturday	Sept. 23, 2006	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Morning service
Sunday	Sept. 24., 2006	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Morning service

### Shabbat Shuvah:

Saturday	Sept. 30, 2006	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Service followed by oneg.
----------	----------------	----------------------	---------------------------

### YOM KIPPUR:

Sunday	Oct. 1, 2006	6:30 pm	Kol Nidre evening service (candle lighting 6:02 pm)
Monday	Oct. 2, 2006	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Morning service
		5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Afternoon service followed by Havdalah and pot luck break-the-fast (fast ends at 6:52 p.m.)

Babysitting available.

### BOOK OF MEMORY

The Congregation Sof Ma'arav Book of Memory is a permanent record for congregation members of an immediate family member (parent, sibling, child, spouse) who has died. The names are read at services on the Shabbat preceding the *yahrzeit* and during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

**TO ADD A NAME TO THE BOOK OF MEMORY**  
**before the High Holy Days, please submit**  
**by Tuesday, September 12, 2006:**

1. NAME OF PERSON TO BE RECALLED
2. THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO YOU
3. THE DATE OF DEATH
4. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

### YIZKOR MEMORIAL LIST

During the Yizkor memorial service on Yom Kippur, a list of those to be remembered is read aloud. The Yizkor List includes the names in the Book of Memory plus names added by members and others who attend High Holy Day services.

If the name you wish to recall was included last year, you don't have to submit it again

**TO ADD A NAME TO THE YIZKOR LIST**  
**please submit by**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

1. THE NAME TO BE INCLUDED
2. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Send information (NOT CHECKS) by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Judy Goldman, P. O. Box 10755, Honolulu, HI 96816 Tel./FAX: 735-5877 E-mail: [jgoldman@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jgoldman@hawaii.rr.com)  
According to tradition, it is appropriate to give *tzedakah* in memory of a loved one. A contribution to Congregation Sof

Ma'arav is appreciated. Checks should be made out and mailed to :

Congregation Sof Ma'arav, P.O. Box 10850, Honolulu, HI 96816, with the notation that it is given for the Yizkor list.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

**Jewish Community Services**

**Pays Tribute to Our Very Special Volunteer of the Year**

**JUDY GOLDMAN**

**Founder of Jewish Community Services**

**Educator! Humanitarian! Community Leader!**

**Join us at the Hale Koa Hotel for our annual dinner**

**\$50.00 per person**

**Invitations will be available in October or check the Jewish Community Services website for further information and updates at [www.jcs-hi.org](http://www.jcs-hi.org) \***

**Fellow Sof Members, we hope you will all make an effort to attend this special event honoring Sof member, Judy Goldman, for all her efforts on behalf of our community.**

**\* The Sof Ma'arav website at [www.sofmaarav.org](http://www.sofmaarav.org) now has a link to the new Jewish Community Services website.**

**INSERTS WITH THIS ISSUE:**

**SOF MA'ARAV ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE**

Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter is the annual Sof Ma'arav membership invoice. If you haven't already paid your membership dues or made your contribution for attendance at High Holidays (for non-members) please do so soon.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**

This year, the State of Hawaii Primary Election falls on September 23, the first day of Rosh Hashanah. For your convenience, enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter is a Wikiwiki Absentee Application to request an Absentee Ballot.

**The Newsletter of Congregation Sof Ma'arav**

Published by and for the membership of Congregation Sof Ma'arav  
the westernmost congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

2500 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817 (808) 373-3742

Mailing Address: Congregation Sof Ma'arav, P.O. Box 10850, Honolulu, HI 96816

Please visit our website at [www.sofmaarav.org](http://www.sofmaarav.org)

Submissions and suggestions may be e-mailed to [mrabinko@yahoo.com](mailto:mrabinko@yahoo.com)

**Regular Shabbat Services are held Saturdays at 10 a.m.** Babysitting is available.

**Board of Directors**

President:	Bernice Littman	Vice President:	Sally Morgan	Treasurer:	Dr. Robert Littman
Recording Secretary:	Sally Morgan	Corresponding Secretary:	Ami Olstein	Ritual Committee Chair:	Dr. Gregg Kinkley
Ritual Committee Adviser:	Ken Aronowitz	Oneg Chair:	Dr. Gin Sgan	Drash Coordinator:	Fran Margulies
Newsletter Editor:	Morris Rabinko	Havdalah Organizer:	Dr. Jordan Popper	Webmistress:	Louise Good
Gabbais:	Dr. Michael Weinstein & Dr. Marvin Black	Education Chair:	Dina Yoshimi	Welcoming Committee:	Sandy Armstrong

## SOF MA'ARAV CONTRIBUTES TO 58<sup>TH</sup> ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL



Sof Ma'arav members actively contributed again this year to the community's celebration of the 58th Israel Independence Day which took place on Sunday, May 21st at the Honolulu Civic Center. Special thanks to Ethan Kuniyoshi, for chairing the festival (and for contributing his back on the festival poster), Dan Ziegler, for emceeing (and for artistically creating the poster), and Ken Aronowitz, for conducting a joint Sof Ma'arav and Temple Emanuel choir in a beautiful rendition of *Avinu Shebashamayim*.

(At left, members help staff the Sof Ma'arav booth at the Israel Independence Day festival.)

### SALLY'S BOOK CORNER

With the approach of the Days of Awe, the time is near when we pause for reflection on the past year and when we look toward self improvement in the coming year. Some books that reflect this spirit are:

**A CODE OF JEWISH ETHICS, VOLUME 1, YOU SHALL BE HOLY** by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. In Judaism, ethical codes are found in sacred writings, anecdotes, medieval codes, rabbinical teaching and in present-day stories. Rabbi Telushkin plans to present his research on Jewish Ethics in three volumes. This first volume is divided into five sections: The Tasks of a Lifetime, Basic Virtues and Vices, Fair Speech, Leading a Holy Life, and God and Ethics. According to Jehuda Reinharz, Richard Koret professor of modern Jewish history and president of Brandeis University, this is "an extraordinarily learned and inspiring work on Jewish ethics, written with style and clarity and suitable for experts as well as those unfamiliar with Jewish texts. Jewish ethics have been evolving for four centuries, and Telushkin provides us with a comprehensive introduction."

**THE LADDER OF JACOB: ANCIENT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE BIBLICAL STORY OF JACOB AND HIS CHILDREN** by James L. Kugel. Kugel, whom we know from his previous book, *THE BIBLE AS IT WAS*, now takes us on a tour of the meanings and

methods of ancient biblical interpretation by using the stories of Jacob and his children (Gen. 28-35) as a case study. As we well know, Genesis covers the dysfunctional family of our forefathers. Ancient readers must have been troubled, as we are today, by these stories. In *THE LADDER OF JACOB*, Kugel retraces the steps of ancient biblical interpreters as they worked to interpret these stories. Kugel traces their steps as he goes back to examine the Midrash with a careful analysis of these retellings.

**HILLS OF SPICES; POETRY FROM THE BIBLE** edited by Rena Potok. A vast array of poems from the Song of Songs to Lamentations are contained in this volume. Each poem in English is from the 1985 JPS English translation while the original Hebrew is placed on the facing page. The introduction to this collection by Andrea L. Weiss, is an extensive essay entitled, "Introduction to Biblical Poetry". The poems are arranged thematically into nine broad sections to provide a sense of the many poetic genres and topics appearing in the Bible: Blessings, Prayers and Songs of Praise, Poetic Moments, Testaments and Pronouncements, Laments, Judgment Oracles, Prophecies of Salvation and Consolation, Wisdom Writings, and Love Songs.

- Sally Morgan

### Sof Ma'arav Book Club

The Sof Book Club will hold two meetings this fall:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
Sept. 10	1-3	Fran Margulies (373-2561 or fayge@hawaii.rr.org)	Patrimony	Philip Roth
Nov. 26	1-3	to be determined	Man's Search for Meaning	Viktor Frankel

All are welcome. The 2007 reading list will be discussed and confirmed at the 11/26/06 meeting. For more information contact Carolann Biederman at [cbcb@lava.net](mailto:cbcb@lava.net).

(Many thanks to Carolann for her dedication. We wish Carolann *refuah shlemah*, a full and speedy recovery!)

## A BISSL UN A BISSL

From Hadassah. Hadassah received the National Advocacy Award given by the Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) for work in promoting awareness of the lifesaving cause of stem cell research. The award coincides with the beginning of Hadassah's new medical campaign which focuses on the groundbreaking research undertaken by the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) in Jerusalem. Dr. Benjamin Reubinoff and his staff at HMO will target Parkinson's as the first disease to be conquered using new stem cell therapies.

From Forward (July 28, 2006). If you happen to be traveling near Malibu, California, don't stop at the beach, but head toward Oxnard to find the Baron Herzog Winery for the ultimate experience in kosher gastronomy. But don't go without making a reservation first. Not only does the winery offer a great variety of kosher wines, but also has a five star restaurant which features extensive international wines and a prix fixe wine tasters meal, available at both lunch and dinner times.

From the New York Times (8/21/2006). Talmudic scholar and bioethicist Dina Najman (pronounced NIGH-man) will now head Kehilat Orach Eliezer, a small Upper West Side Orthodox congregation in Manhattan. The appointment, which entails rabbinical duties without requiring ordination, is a milestone for advocates of an expanded role for women in Orthodox Judaism.

From Pakn Treger (Summer, 2006). Beginning readers of Yiddish are often disconcerted by the Hebrew words they encounter in Yiddish texts. Coming to their aid is a new book, **A GUIDE TO THE MORE COMMON HEBRAIC WORDS IN YIDDISH** by Steven A. Jacobson. The book has two sections, one with the traditional Hebrew spelling and one with the phonetic Yiddish spelling, so one can locate the word either by how it is traditionally spelled or by how it sounds, along with brief definitions. The definitions can be useful, as familiar Hebrew words can take an unexpected turn in Yiddish colloquial use. For example, mekhaye, which in Hebrew means "resurrection", in Yiddish means a delight. The book has been newly reissued under the National Yiddish Book Center's imprint.

From *A Little Joy, A Little Oy*. Calvin Trillin, in his book about his father, wrote, "My father, he sort of collected Yiddish curses. He heard one woman yell at a butcher that she was mad at, "May you have an injury that is not covered by workmen's compensation." That was his favorite curse.

From *Forward*. A Viennese court ordered the Republic of Austria to give up all claims to five Gustav Klimpt paintings and return them to their rightful owner, Maria Altmann and her family. Then, Altmann, whose aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, was the subject and owner of the paintings, became the beneficiary of a record-breaking sale when cosmetic magnate Ronald Lauder offered her \$135 million for one of the paintings, Adele's portrait, named "Lady in Gold" for his gallery, Neue Galerie. The other four Klimpts were also purchased, and all five works were exhibited at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art before moving to the Neue Galerie in July where they will remain on exhibit until September 18.

From *Hadassah Magazine* (June/July 2006). New York's egalitarian Kehilat Hadar shows that when it comes to congregational singing, there are new melodies. This collection of 10 Shabbat tunes, plus 9 for the High Holidays draws on everything from modern classics by Shlomo Carlebach to the "Lekha Dodi" of Uganda's Abayudaya. All are chanted by Kehilat Hadar members.

From *New York Times*, (August 15, 2006) An article by John Noble Wilford states that new archaeological evidence is raising more questions about the conventional interpretation linking the Qumran caves with the Dead Sea Scrolls. Two Israeli archeologists now assert that Qumran had nothing to do with the Essenes or a monastery or the scrolls. It had been a pottery factory. Moreover, the scrolls in the caves were probably written by many different groups and were removed from Jerusalem libraries by refugees in the Roman war.

Yiddish quotation. *Mir zoln derlebn iber a yor in freydn!*  
(We should live another year in joy!)  
Sally Morgan

**Congregation Sof Ma'arav**  
**2500 Pali Highway**  
**Honolulu, HI 96817**

To:

# CONGREGATION SOF MA'ARAV

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE (2006-2007)

5767

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN: By September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

CONGREGATION SOF MA'ARAV c/o Robert Littman, P.O. Box 10850, Honolulu, HI 96816  
checks payable to CONGREGATION SOF MA'ARAV

**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS-WE HAVE A VERY EFFECTIVE SYNAGOGUE E-MAIL LIST FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS LIST WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006-2007

Please check appropriate category

	ANNUAL INCOME	DUES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to \$15,000	\$ 75
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15,000-\$30,000	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30,000-\$50,000	\$325
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50,000 and over	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full time student	donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Active military	donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-resident Member*	\$100

High Holy Day tickets are included in membership dues.

Children of members who attend Religious School receive a subsidy from Congregation Sof Ma'arav.

If this dues schedule does not fit your situation, please call Robert Littman 373-3742.

\*Non-resident Membership does not include High Holy Days.

## HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS ONLY (non-members)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	\$250	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	\$100	[\$50 Rosh Hashanah only; \$50 Yom Kippur only

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_