

Celebrating the Aquarian Minyan's Jubilee

Seeding a Sacred Future



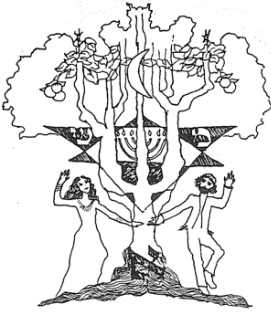
50th Anniversary Program

**A joyful celebration of the Aquarian Minyan and
Jewish Renewal past present and future**

Berkeley, CA June 21-23, 2024

Join Us In Seeding a Sacred Future

Welcome all to the Aquarian Minyan's 50th anniversary



In 1974, our community was blessed when Reb Zalman Schachter Shalomi, Z"l, came to Berkeley and found fertile ground as he seeded and brought to life all the multidimensional elements of what was to emerge as Jewish Renewal: grounded in the Chassidic tradition, connected to the underlying unity of all faith traditions, and through prayer and action becoming living expressions of the Holy Blessing One. He emphasized that we are in the

midst of a paradigm shift to a new age of peace and oneness and inspired us to connect our communal identity to the dawning of the age of Aquarius. Hence the Aquarian Minyan.

Fifty years have gone by since Reb Zalman gave over this transmission. At our highest during these years, our davvenen has bridged worlds. We've been inspired and held together by an aspiration to forge a loving, growing, holy community, advancing human transformation and the depth of Jewish Renewal. The living Spirit within us has energized the creation of many Jewish Renewal communities locally and nationally, and spread innovative forms of prayer and liturgy. We have often struggled, endured discord, and then come together to dance with the Holy Shekinah. We have undergone cycles of change and renewal. And are poised to renew again.

Our jubilee is a precious time. We are celebrating the myriad levels of our accomplishments over the past 50 years, and the many people we have touched and who have helped to shape us. *Even more*, we are celebrating to energize the seeding of a sacred future. We remain eager as a Jewish Renewal community to engage in the challenges of synthesizing our accumulated wisdom to further the emerging transformative consciousness and the evolution of humanity. We look forward to seeding and germinating a sacred future that will manifest in the emergence of Jerusalem as a house of love and prayer for all peoples, emanating peace throughout the world.

We continue to honor the words of Rav Kook to:
"Renew the old and make holy the new"

We hope you will get involved and join us on the next lap of our journey together.



**A song by Naomi Hannah, who became part of the Aquarian Minyan
50 years ago when she was three.**

If you want my opinion
Californian or Virginian
There's no better crew
Than the Aquarian Minyan

We all have a voice
Cuz we're egalitarian
There's no better crew than the
minyan Aquarian

Back in the day We paved the way
And now a new way to pray
is here to stay
Chanting, Mediatation
Ecstatic celebration
The patriarchal temple
an outdated situation

Ancient tradition
joining with the new
The kabalistic feminist
The cutting edge Jew

Grassroots community
Social Justice and unity
Mystical traditions
With Political resistance

Everyone was always welcome
With True inclusivity
The freakiest among us
Met with love and sensitivity

Other traditions enriching our Jews
The Sufis, The Wiccans,
the Buddhists and the Hindus

Wisdom and compassion
created deep continuity
Surviving the era
of free love and promiscuity.

The melodies could be precarious.
The outfits, Hilarious.
But still nothing beats
The Minyan Aquarius.



The Aquarian Minyan's Jubilee Program

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**In-person in Berkeley: St. John's, 2727 College Ave (June 21-22),
Chochmat HaLev, 2215 Prince St (June 23)**
All events also presented on Zoom

Friday, June 21

5:30-6:45pm Gathering and light meal, Campbell Room and patio

6:50-8:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat service in the Sanctuary

We welcome Shabbat, our Jubilee anniversary weekend, and all attendees. Our Shalichei Tzibbur will include Rabbi Diane Elliot sharing a D'var Torah, Rabbi Jonathan Seidel, Rabbi Daniel Lev, Barry Barkan, Ami Goodman, Sophie Miron, Reuven Goldfarb, Hanna Cohen, Karen Roekard, and Miriam Stampfer. SooJi Min-Maranda, executive Director of ALEPH, will welcome us all to this anniversary event in Jewish Renewal

8:50-9:40pm Kiddush and Oneg, Campbell Room

Our speakers, Rabbi Sarah Leah Mazeltov Grafstein, Yehudit Goldfarb, and Robert Stang will spark discussion of our theme – Seeding a Sacred Future - along with group singing.

Saturday, June 22

9:15am Doors open

9:30am-12:00pm Shabbat morning service in the Sanctuary

Our Renewal service will be led by Rabbis Jonathan Seidel, Diane Elliot and Daniel Lev, Barry Barkan, Ami Goodman, Sophie Miron, Sarah Pizer Bush, and Marty Gross, with a Torah service and drashot by Bob Jaffe, Rabbi Diane, Reuven Goldfarb and Daniel Lev.

12:10pm Kiddush, Campbell Room and patio

12:30-2:00pm Lunch, Hunter Hall, followed by Zmirot led by Ami Goodman

3:00-4:30pm Panel Discussion with Rabbis Barya Schachter and Zelig Golden, Hunter Hall and Fireside Room

A special discussion with two visionary Rabbis who have inherited the intellectual and spiritual legacy of Reb Zalman. An interchange on the future of Reb Zalman's teachings as they might evolve a paradigm shift in human consciousness. Reb

Barya is an Orthodox Rabbi currently serving a congregation in Buffalo New York and Reb Zelig is the founder and Director of spirituality and education of Wilderness Torah in the Bay Area. Discussion facilitated by Rabbi Diane Elliot.

5:15-7:00pm Third Meal and Tish, Hunter and Fireside

Discussion of the paradigm shift that can seed a sacred future, with presentations by Reb Jonathan Seidel, Barry Barkan, and Miriam Stampfer, interspersed with community discussion and singing.

7:15-9:15pm Evening Entertainment, Hunter and Fireside

Songs and stories by the Minyanaires: Hanna Cohen, Diane Elliot, Len Fellman, Reuven & Yehudit Goldfarb, Ami Goodman, Rob Katz, Daniel Tov Howard, Daniel Lev, Cathy Silavo, and Sara Shendelman. Band led by Achi Ben Shalom on guitar & vocals, Ilana Sherer, violin, and Gabriel Ben Shalom, drums; Jewish folk dancing led by Bruce Bierman.

9:23pm Havdalah, Hunter Hall and Fireside Room

Led by Ami Goodman, Reb Jonathan Seidel, and Sophie Miron

Sunday, June 23, Chochmat HaLev Sanctuary

9:15am Doors open

9:30am-12:15pm Morning Program: Being present-Looking forward -a heartfelt and fun celebration to wrap up our Jubilee as we plant the sacred seeds for the future.

We begin with group singing led by Ami Goodman and relaxing, easy yoga led by Jennifer Ganya. A virtual workshop, "Love at the Center," led by Jewish Renewal chant master Rabbi Shefa Gold will follow at 10am. Then, we will gather for personal sharing from Minyan members past and present.

An opportunity for creative artistic expression will be available all day with our **Living River mural art project** led by Julie Gilden.

12:15-1:00pm Lunch, Chochmat HaLev Social Hall

1:00-2:30pm Closing Ceremony

Our "Rhythm Shul" will include joyous Spirit-infused drumming, chanting and dancing led by Daniel Tov, singing with Rob Katz and Ami Goodman, *Kirtan* led by Reb Jonathan Seidel, and a community blessing by *Ba'al Bracha* (Master of Blessings) Barry Barkan to send us on our way.

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May God's peace abide with you.
May God's presence illuminate your heart, now and forever more



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