

# **Beyond the Bimah**

Tawonga's B'nai Mitzvah Program

Parent Guidebook





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"Through Tawonga's emphasis on nature as a means of connecting with religion, I found my connection to Judaism and spirituality."

-Maya R., Tawonga camper

# **Our Story**

In May 2015, we welcomed our first Bat Mitzvah, Chloe, to Makom Shalom, Camp Tawonga's outdoor sanctuary. As she stood before her family, friends and 300 Tawongans, she reflected on her relationship to Camp Tawonga – the place she felt the most connected to G-d and a community where she felt her most authentic self.

In the spirit of furthering our Mission and inspiring children to connect to Judaism and spirituality, it is with great excitement that we introduce *Beyond the Bimah*: An innovative approach to the B'nai Mitzvah experience. This two-year program will provide youth the opportunity to find and develop their own meaningful path to adulthood in a uniquely Tawonga way.

During our Saturday morning Shabbat services at Camp Tawonga, we often explain Judaism as a buffet of choices. Children are provided the opportunity to explore a variety of Jewish practices, ranging from singing to Torah to reflection in nature, allowing them to choose what resonates the most. We understand and embrace that a positive Jewish and spiritual identity will be discovered and developed in a manner that is unique for each individual.

Past Tawonga campers and staff frequently share that their summers at camp were instrumental in shaping their religious and spiritual identities. After spending weeks surrounded by community and exploring nature, an overwhelming number of Tawongans report that they feel a closer connection to Jewish community, gain a stronger sense of who they are as individuals, and set the intention to continue exploring Jewish traditions, values and customs in everyday life. As a leader in Jewish camping since 1925, Camp Tawonga has specialized in character development for thousands of campers. We are delighted to apply our proven methodology and approach in this new capacity to impact even more children as they embark on this meaningful rite of passage.

Beyond the Bimah will focus on the *process* of becoming a more self-confident, socially-aware and inquisitive young adult. Through this unique program, your child will interact with nature, get to know their community, engage in thought-provoking discussions about Judaism and teenage life and build leadership skills – all the while defining a personally-meaningful connection to spirituality and adulthood.



"As our interfaith and unaffiliated families continue to grow in the community, Beyond the Bimah fills an important niche that will provide that flexible and personal B'nai Mitzvah experience that families are seeking."

- Rabbi Mychal Copeland I Director, Interfaith Family/Bay Area

# **About this Guidebook**

This Parent Guidebook is designed to provide you with an understanding of Camp Tawonga's goals for Beyond the Bimah. We hope it serves as a road map and allows you to envision an experience for your child that will increase their self-esteem, allow for interaction with the natural world, and offer a sense of community. We urge you to think outside of the box to visualize a B'nai Mitzvah program and service that meets your family's values and are thrilled to join you on this journey!









# **Program Overview**

#### **Age of Students**

Beyond the Bimah is a two-year program designed for students entering 6th grade. It is optimal for a child to begin this program in 6<sup>th</sup> grade because the period at the end of this program is typically the time when a B'nai Mitzvah service would likely take place (if a service is desired). We are also happy to welcome 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders; if a student begins Beyond the Bimah in 5<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade and decides to have a B'nai Mitzvah service, we strongly encourage that the service takes place towards the end of the program or during the following summer or fall.

Please call our Program Coordinator at 415.543.2267 if you have any questions about these guidelines.

#### **Programmatic Features\***

Beyond the Bimah will kick off the weekend of September 23-25, 2016 at our optional Beyond the Bimah Family Camp designed especially for the families participating in this program. The subsequent year will consist of:

- Seven 4-hour *kitot* (classes) for youth
- Three youth retreats
- Two family Shabbats
- Two family hikes
- Optional introductory Hebrew classes

During year two, students will be paired with a volunteer mentor to help them prepare their *d'rash* (sermon).

Please see Appendix 1 for our 2016-2017 calendar year. Dates for year two of Beyond the Bimah are yet to be determined, but will follow a similar format.

\*Program specifics are subject to change

#### **Beyond the Bimah Family Workshop**

This Beyond the Bimah Family Workshop will kick off two-year will all of joy and excitement that our B'nai Mitzvah program is sure to bring! This day-long workshop will consist of reflection, community building, family bonding and fun! This fun-filled day will also provide families a chance to envision their ideal B'nai Mitzvah service, facilitate community building among participants, and provide students an opportunity to think about what this milestone means to them.

We encourage all family members, including siblings, to attend the Beyond the Bimah Family Workshop.

This workshop will take place on September 25, 2016. The exact location will be determined soon.



#### Retreats\*

Three weekends throughout the year, Beyond the Bimah youth participants will join together for reflection, learning, community building and fun at the beautiful Marin Headlands Nature Bridge Retreat Center.\* With the help of song leaders and Tawonga-trained staff, we will recreate the magic of Tawonga summer camp with an exciting B'nai Mitzvah twist!

\*location and duration of retreats are subject to change

#### Kitot (Classes)

Beyond the Bimah *kitot* (classes) will serve as the primary community and learning environment throughout this two-year program of becoming a B'nai Mitzvah. Our three *kitot* (located in Oakland/Berkeley, the South Peninsula and San Francisco) will meet one to two Sundays per month.

During these sessions, led by trained and experienced Tawonga staff, students will engage in a diverse array of activities. Students will build community, discuss topics relevant to teens such as peer pressure and living in today's digital world, and learn and understand Jewish prayers in creative ways. While youth will have a primary meeting location in each city, *kitot* will also visit local nonprofits, engage with community leaders and learn in nearby outdoor settings.

#### Mentorship\*

During the second year of Beyond the Bimah, each student will be paired with a trained mentor with whom they will meet four to six times prior to their B'nai Mitzvah service. This volunteer mentor will help our future B'nai Mitzvot engage with their Torah portion, write their d'rash (sermon), practice their speech and most importantly, make the culmination of this process both positive and memorable. Volunteer mentors will be Tawonga parents, staff, board members, and local university students.



\*If you are interested in being a mentor, please email our Program Coordinator at beyondthebimah@tawonga.org. There will be an interview and training process for all of our mentors.

#### **Hebrew Classes**

If your child's ideal B'nai Mitzvah service involves Hebrew, we are excited to work with you to make this happen! During year one of Beyond the Bimah, we will offer introductory Hebrew classes. The goal of these classes is for students to become familiar with Hebrew letters and sounds. During year two of the program, students should meet with a private Hebrew tutor to learn their Torah and/or *Haftorah* portions.

Page 10 has more information regarding incorporating Hebrew into Beyond the Bimah.

\*See Appendix 2 for Tawonga-recommended tutors

#### Family Engagement

We are delighted to offer multiple opportunities for family engagement and learning throughout this two-year process. Apart from our Beyond the Bimah Kick-Off Workshop, we will also host two family-style Shabbats and two family hikes during year one. Additionally, our curriculum will encourage students to engage in thought-provoking conversations with their family in the hopes of thinking further about the importance and meaning of becoming a B'nai Mitzvah.



#### Mitzvah Project

One of the main goals of Beyond the Bimah is to expose youth to ideas of social justice and community engagement. In order to bring these theoretical concepts into a tangible experience, we encourage each student to participate in a Mitzvah Project. In addition to meeting with change makers in the community, *kita* (class) leaders and students will spend time working together to plan, implement and debrief the components of their projects. *Kita* leaders will provide suggested projects to youth ranging in topics from environmental justice to poverty to tolerance and discrimination. Youth will choose to either work as a group or individually on one of these projects, or can select and create an alternative project.

While *kita* leaders will help youth organize their projects, families should be prepared to be an integral part of this important process. *Kita* leaders will provide families with resources to make this an informative and enjoyable experience for everyone.

At the end of year two, participants will be invited to a Beyond the Bimah graduation at which time children will have the opportunity to practice public speaking by presenting their Mitzvah Project.

# B'nai Mitzvah Service/Song Leaders & Locations

We are excited to offer four different location options for your child's B'nai Mitzvah service. You will also have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of Tawonga-affiliated service and song leaders to help make this day special. Included in the prices below are two meetings with your chosen service leader and a rehearsal prior to the service with both your service leader and song leader. You are also welcome to choose a close family member or friend to lead your child's service!

Please see Appendix 4 for our list of premier service and song leaders.

#### Service & Song Leader Costs\*

Bay Area Service: \$1000-\$2000 Family Camp Service: \$750

Camp Tawonga Service: \$1000-\$2000

\*A reminder that costs **do not** include the price of your service venue.



#### **Parent Information Sessions**

We will be hosting three Beyond the Bimah information sessions for interested families. At these orientations, you will hear first hand from our Program Coordinator all that Beyond the Bimah has to offer and find answers to all of your questions!

January 28\*
San Francisco
7-8:30pm
Camp Tawonga Office
131 Steuart Street, SF

February 11
East Bay
7-8:30pm
JCC of the East Bay
1414 Walnut Street,
Berkeley

February 29\*
South Peninsula
7-8:30pm
Tawonga Family Home
Los Altos, CA

\*These dates are different than previously advertised



#### Option #1: Bay Area

The first option is to hold your child's service in the Bay Area. We recommend an outdoor location, but are happy to work with you to make any vision you have become a reality.

Take a look at Appendix 3 to see a list of some of our favorite outdoor locations in the Bay Area.

#### **Option #2: Camp Tawonga Family Camp Program**

Your second option is for your child to lead a Saturday morning service at one of Camp Tawonga's Family Camp Weekends. Register your family and encourage other family members to attend as well! If your child has his or her B'nai Mitzvah during one of these Family Camp Weekends, we will reserve up to four family slots for your extended family and close friends.

A maximum of two children will be able to hold their B'nai Mitzvah services during each of our Family Camp Weekends. Dates will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Option #3 Camp Tawonga Facility**

Your fourth option is to rent out Camp Tawonga's site, just outside of Yosemite National Park. With this option, you will have the chance to host your family and friends at a unique weekend in the Sierra Mountains with your child's B'nai Mitzvah as the capstone to the weekend. We are currently in the process of winterizing our facility. We recommend selecting this option during the available weekends in May and October to maximize warmth and comfort, but are open to working with you if you prefer other months.

(Click here to learn about the cost of and process to rent Camp Tawonga)

See Page 12 to learn more about our date and location sign-up process.

# B'nai Mitzvah Service Format Options & Date Selection

#### **B'nai Mitzvah Service Options**

At Camp Tawonga, we embrace the distinctive routes that each and every child will take on their path to becoming a B'nai Mitzvah. To support our "choose your own adventure" model of Judaism, we will work with you and your child to design a B'nai Mitzvah service that incorporates your family's values.

#### Service Options:

- Lead *d'rash* (sermon)
- Lead *d'rash* and Prayers
- Lead *d'rash*, Prayers, and Torah Service\* (1-7 aliyot)
- Lead d'rash, Prayers, Torah Service\* (1-7 aliyot), and Haftorah\*
- No Service (i.e. a hike)

Don't see any service options that resonate with you or your child? That's okay! During our kick-off Beyond the Bimah Family Camp, families and youth will have numerous opportunities to conceptualize their ideal B'nai Mitzvah service.

\*See page 10 to learn about incorporating Hebrew into your child's service.



# **Service Terminology**

*Aliyot:* Blessings over the Torah, typically given to family and friends of the B'nai Mitzvah.

**D'rash:** D'rash is an abbreviated version of the word *Midrash*. A *Midrash* is an interpretation of Torah, connecting the text to the wonders and challenges of everyday life. The *d'rash* provides youth an opportunity to find personal relevance in teachings of Torah. Leading a *d'rash* provides teens a chance to practice their public-speaking skills and to share their ideas with their friends, family and community.

**Prayers:** During *kitot* and retreats, we will teach the most common prayers heard at reform Jewish services. By using Hebrew to English transliteration, we will make the following prayers accessible to everyone: *Bar'chu, Shema, V'ahavta, Shehecheyanu, Amidah, Kaddish, Hamotzi,* and *Aleinu.* As students design their service, they will decide which prayers they want to lead.

**Torah Portion:** In Jewish tradition, each Saturday morning, a member of the community reads a portion of the Torah. The weekend of your child's B'nai Mitzvah will dictate what "chapter" in the Torah is read, and will provide a set of themes that may influence the *d'rash*.

*Haftorah*: The *Haftorah* is a selection of readings originally written by the Prophets and connects to the week's Torah portion.

"At Tawonga you are your best self without even knowing it. Because of Camp Tawonga, I'm more confident, brave and thoughtful, and all around a better person."

- Daisy Green, camper





#### **Date Selection & Torah Portion**

Once you submit your registration deposit, our program coordinator will send you a confirmation email within two business days. Our program coordinator will also set up a time with you to discuss your service date, service options, and provide answers to any questions you have. We will assign service dates on a first-come first-served basis.

Our Family Camp programs and summer sessions will be limited to two B'nai Mitzvot per Saturday Shabbat service. B'nai Mitzvah services in the Bay Area will be limited to one B'nai Mitzvah per Saturday, unless students decide to have a combined service with a friend.

Please see Page 12 to learn more about our registration process.

# **Family & Friend Participation**

We encourage you to include your close family and friends in your child's B'nai Mitzvah service.

If your child is reading from the Torah, it is common to have family and/or friends perform an *Aliyah*, a blessing over the Torah. *Gelilah*, the individual who dresses the Torah with its cover and ornaments, and *Hagbah*, the person who has the honor of lifting the Torah after it is read, are also positions that can be assigned to family and friends.

Family and friends can also contribute to your child's B'nai Mitzvah service by sharing a memory, reading a poem or vocalizing their congratulations.

We will work with you at the Beyond the Bimah Family Camp to design friend and family participation that feels good to you and your child.

# **Hebrew**

A central portion of our Beyond the Bimah curriculum includes learning prayers and melodies using Hebrew-to-English transliteration. We also have students engage in creative activities to understand and unpack the meaning of these prayers and how they relate to daily teenage life.

If your child's ideal B'nai Mitzvah service involves reading Hebrew, we are excited to work with you to make this happen! During year one of Beyond the Bimah, we will offer 10 two-hour group Hebrew classes. The goal of these classes is for students to learn Hebrew letters and sounds. After this first year, children incorporating Hebrew into their service will work with a private tutor to learn their Torah portion and any other Hebrew components.

If you choose the Hebrew option, your child should be prepared to spend:

- 20 hours attending our group Hebrew Classes during year-one
- Private tutoring during year two
- Two hours per week completing homework and practicing Hebrew

See Page 14 for a list of Tawonga-recommend Hebrew tutors.



# Fees & Registration

#### Cost of \$2200 per Year Includes:

- Seven 4-hour *kitot* (classes)
- · All experiential-learning curriculum
- Retreats (three per year)
- Education and song leading from premier Tawonga staff
- Family learning opportunities (two Shabbats & family hikes)
- Prayer & Torah coaching in Hebrew-English transliteration
- *D'rash* (sermon) preparation (during year two only)
- Mentorship from Tawonga staff
- Family meetings with program coordinator
- Planning and preparation for the B'nai Mitzvah service

#### **Additional Expenses**

- · Kick-off B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop
- B'nai Mitzvah service & song leader (\$750-\$2000 depending on location and leaders. See page 7 for more information)
  - Two meetings with service leader & one rehearsal with service and song leader
- B'nai Mitzvah service venue

#### **Optional Program Add-Ons**

- Hebrew Classes (\$795. See page 10 for more information about incorporating Hebrew)
- Hebrew Tutoring (See Appendix 2 for a list of Tawongarecommended tutors)



"My son learns so much at Tawonga -- the beauty of Jewish life session the beauty of nature; and the beauty of friendships."

- Jonathan Wiesen, camper parent



#### Registration

Registration for Beyond the Bimah is now open! During the registration process, you will be prompted to make a \$250 non-refundable deposit. Once you submit your registration request, our program coordinator will send you a confirmation email within two business days letting you know your registration status. Our program coordinator will also set up a time with you to discuss your service date, service options, and provide answers to any questions you may have. We will assign service dates on a first-come, first-served basis.

If your family or child is registered for additional Camp Tawonga programs, the \$2200 deposit will be processed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month if you selected the Interest-Free Payment Plan billing preference or on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 if you selected the One-Time Payment billing preference.

If Beyond the Bimah is the only Camp Tawonga program you registered for, you will be charged on June 1, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding registration or payment options, please contact our program coordinator at 415.543.2267 or lauren@tawonga.org.

#### **Refund Policy**

Kitot (classes) will only run if we have enough participants sign up. In the case that we have fewer than 14 students registered for a kita by June 1st, we will provide registered students the option of either refunding their full fees or joining one of the other kitot.

The first year payment of \$2200 will be due on June 1, 2016.

If you cancel	Your forfeit/refund will be
Before July 1	Forfeit: \$250 Refund: \$1,950
July 1-Sept 1	Forfeit: \$1,100 Refund: \$1,100
After Sept 1	Forefeit: \$2,000

#### **Financial Assistance**

We believe becoming a B'nai Mitzvah through Beyond the Bimah should be an affordable option for every family. We are currently looking for grant funding to contribute to financial assistance. At this time, Beyond the Bimah is a full-fee program. However, we offer an interest-free payment plan to make the price of this program more manageable. When registering, choose "Payment Plan" to enroll in this option. It is very important to us that this program is not cost-prohibitive for families.

Please call our program coordinator at 415.543.2267 or email lauren@tawonga.org if you would like to discuss alternative funding options.



# **Appendix # 1:** Dates 2016-2017

#### **August 2016:**

31: Oakland/Berkeley Parent Orientation

#### September 2016:

7: South Peninsula Parent Orientation 14: San Francisco Parent Orientation 25: Beyond the Bimah Family Workshop

#### October 2016:

8: Family Hike (three different locations)

16: Oakland/Berkeley *Kita* 1 23: South Peninsula *Kita* 1 30: San Francisco *Kita* 1

#### November 2016:

6: Oakland/Berkeley Kita 2

11-13: Retreat 1

20: South Peninsula *Kita* 2 27: San Francisco *Kita* 2

#### December 2017:

2: South Peninsula Family Shabbat

4: Oakland/Berkeley Kita 2

9: San Francisco Family Shabbat

11: South Peninsula Kita 3

16: Oakland/Berkeley Family Shabbat

18: San Francisco Kita 3

#### **January 2017:**

8: Oakland/Berkeley *Kita*15: South Peninsula Sunday 4 22: San Francisco *Kita*29: Oakland/Berkeley *Kita*

#### February 2017:

5: South Peninsula *Kita* 512: San Francisco *Kita* 5

17-19: Retreat 2

#### March 2017:

3: South Peninsula Family Shabbat

5: Oakland/Berkeley Kita 6

10: San Francisco Family Shabbat

12: South Peninsula Kita 6

17: Oakland/Berkeley Family Shabbat

19: San Francisco Kita 6

#### **April 2017:**

2: Oakland/Berkeley *Kita* 7 9: South Peninsula *Kita* 7 23: San Francisco *Kita* 7

#### May 2017:

6-7: Retreat 3

21: Family Hike (three different locations)





# Appendix #2: Hebrew Tutors

# Page in Development We are currently reaching out to partners and will update shortly.



# Appendix #3: Outdoor Service Locations

# San Francisco



#### **Golden Gate Park:**

Meadows: George Washington Grove, Elk Glen, Marx

Meadow, Lindley Meadow, Hellman Hollow

**To Reserve:** Call (415) 831-5500

# **East Bay**



# Joaquin Miller Park (Oakland):

Sites: Pinewood Picnic, Redwood Grove Wedding Site

To Reserve: Call (510) 238-3187 Main Office

# **Briones Regional Park (Pleasant Hill):**

Site: Newt Hollow

**To Reserve:** Call 1-888-327-2757, press option 2

# **Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area (El Sobrante)**

Site: Clancy's Place

**To Reserve:** Call 1-888-327-2757, press option 2

# **South Bay**



# **Hidden Villa (Los Altos Hills)**

Sites: Bay Tree Picnic Area, Knoll Picnic Area, Morgan Family

Pavillion Picnic Area

To Reserve: Email communityprograms@hiddenvilla.org

# **North Bay**



# Samuel P Taylor State Park (Lagunitas)

Site: Redwood Grove Group Picnic Area

To Reserve: Visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=469



# Appendix 4: Service & Song Leaders



#### **Aaron Mandel**

Aaron is one of Tawonga's Associate Directors and has been a member of the Tawonga community for over 20 years. He has led numerous Saturday morning Shabbat services during his summers as an Assistant Director and has a passion for channeling Judaism through the context of service learning. Aaron is currently a Lekhu Lakhem Fellow, a Jewish and Educational Journey for Camp Directors.



#### **Deborah Newbrun**

Deborah was the director of Tawonga for 26 years and has continued to remain an integral leader of our community. She founded Tawonga's Keshet LGBTQ Family Camp Weekend over 18 years ago – the first of its kind in the world of Jewish camping – and also co-leads JOLT: National Jewish Outdoor Leadership Training, with Tawonga's Rebecca Meyer.



#### **Jamie Simon-Harris**

Jamie, Tawonga's Associate Executive Director, has worked with Camp Tawonga in various capacities for 15 years. She is an expert in gender inclusion and teen health education and frequently leads workshops nationally on these topics. Jamie loves working with youth and is excited to see Beyond the Bimah enable children to enter into their teens years through the unique Tawonga lens.



#### **Katie Quinn**

Katie is one of Tawonga's Associate Directors and joined the Tawonga team in 2011 after receiving her Masters in Jewish Professional Leadership and Near Eastern Judaic Studies. Katie loves integrating her vast Jewish knowledge into camp programming to create approachable and relatable channels for campers to engage with Judaism. Katie is an avid baker and cat lover.



#### **Ken Kramarz**

Ken began as a Tawonga director in 1982. Over the decades, he has become our resident expert on the history of Camp Tawonga and the people who lived on our land since the first natives arrived 4,000 years ago. Ken's thoughtful and visionary leadership along with his respect for tradition have helped tens of thousands of children find their own connection to the inspirational culture and community of Tawonga.



# Appendix 4: Service & Song Leaders



# **Laura Rumpf**

Laura is currently a Rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College. Laura joined Tawonga's summer staff in 2014 and has led engaging, accessible and creative programming for hundreds of campers over the last two summers. Laura loves celebrating Shabbats outside and is excited to become involved in Beyond the Bimah in the future.



# **Rabbi Mychal Copeland**

Rabbi Mychal is passionate about opening the doors of Judaism wider. Since receiving her rabbinical degree in 2000, Rabbi Mychal served as a Hillel Rabbi at Stanford University, founded a national spirituality project for teenage girls and is currently the Director of Interfaith Family Bay Area. Rabbi Mychal has extensive experience working with interfaith families, LGBT families, and has spent the last seven summers leading kids.



# Rebecca Meyer

Becca is Tawonga's Camp Director. Becca received a degree in religious studies from Harvard University. Most recently, Becca's passion for Judaism, nature and leadership has enabled her to develop and co-lead a National Jewish Outdoor Leadership Training (JOLT). In her many years as a director at Tawonga, Becca has led countless beautiful Shabbat services in Makom Shalom.



#### Sam Quintana

Tawonga's Program Coordinator, Sam is a die-hard San Franciscan and had his first birthday at Camp Tawonga. In keeping with tradition, he has taken over our infamous "Birthday Shtick" up at Camp. Camp Tawonga is where Judaism came alive for Sam and he could not be more thrilled to be a part of this coming-of-age process for Beyond the Bimah participants.

Service leaders are subject to change. This list will continue to be updated over the coming months.

Families will have the opportunity to select a service leader in Fall 2016.



# **Appendix 4:** Service & Song Leaders



#### **Isaac Zones**

Isaac Zones specializes in Jewish, spiritual, folk and family music and leads the popular local band, Shamati. He has spent his summers at Camp Tawonga since 2001 and has dedicated the majority of his time in the mountains leading an entire dining hall of campers and staff in song twice a day. After graduating with a degree in Religious Studies, Isaac spent time leading many Jewish young adult programs including those through the Moishe House, where he served as the founding director.

### **Maya Abramson**

Maya has been surrounded by music for as far back as she can remember. She started learning violin at age 7, was the concertmaster of her high school's symphony and majored in Music Theory at Whitman College. Maya has worked as a song leader at Camp Tawonga for the past three summers and has led our community of 300+ in song and prayer during countless song sessions and numerous Kabbalat and Saturday morning Shabbat services.





# Kiki Lipsett

Kiki Lipsett has been a Tawongan since 2005, working as a counselor and program leader for the counselor-in-training leadership program. She is also a classically trained pianist and singer. In recent years, Kiki has shifted her musical focus to the Jewish context, leading shabbat and holiday services in local Bay Area communities, including at Temple Sinai, the JCC of the East Bay, and Wilderness Torah festivals. Kiki song leads at JCC's Camp Tzofim and she teaches Hebrew immersion family music classes through Music Together. She is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Music Therapy. Kiki is also available for Hebrew tutoring

Song leaders are subject to change. This list will continue to be updated over the coming months.

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