

## GAN HALEV CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September-October 2008

Except as noted, Congregation events are held at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center (SGVCC), 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in San Geronimo (5 miles west of Fairfax).

**September 6,** 10am Shabbat with Rabbi Daniel in Fairfax at the home of Nancy Brown

**September 9,** 7pm Board of Directors Meeting at the home of Nancy Brown

**See Enclosed Brochure for High Holiday Services Schedule**

**October 19,** 12 Noon, Potluck Lunch and Sukkot-Simchat Torah Celebration



### Penina Maier Jewish School Schedule

**Sundays, 10am-12:30pm**

**September 7,** 10am Sunday School Open House

**September 14, 21, and 28, October 5, 12, 26** Sunday School

**September 30,** Children's Rosh Hashanah Service

**October 9,** Children's Yom Kippur Service

**October 19,** 10am Sukkot-Simchat Torah Celebration

## Holidays, Shabbats Candlelighting Times and Parshot



	Parsha	Candlelighting Time
<b>September</b>		
1	Rosh Chodesh Elul	
5	<i>Shoftim</i> Deuteronomy 16.18-21.9	7:16
12	<i>Ki Teitzei</i> Deuteronomy 21.10-25.19	7:05
19	<i>Ki Tavo</i> Deuteronomy 26.1-29.8	6:54
26	<i>Nitzavim</i> Deuteronomy 29.9-30.20	6:43
29	Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:38
<b>October</b>		
3	<i>Vayeilech</i> Deuteronomy 31.1-30 Rosh Chodesh Av	6:32
8	Erev Yom Kippur	6:25
10	<i>Ha'Azinu</i> Deuteronomy 32.1-52	6:22
13	Erev Sukkot	6:17
17	Sukkot IV Exodus 33.12-34.26	6:12
24	<i>Bereshit</i> Genesis 1.1-6.8	6:03
31	<i>Noach</i> Genesis 6.9-11.32	5:54

**Please return your High Holiday and Membership enrollment form by September 20.**



## Should Gan HaLev Join the MOC?

Last May 8 at the Church of St. Raphael in San Rafael, some 600 people crowded into the church's gymnasium at 7pm for the first Action Assembly of the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC). A number of San Geronimo Valley and Fairfax folks were in the standing room only audience, including representatives from the San Geronimo Valley Community Center, the San Geronimo Presbyterian Church, Gan HaLev, St. Cecilia's, the Fairfax Community Church to find out more about the MOC.

On stage were the 5 Marin County Supervisors, including Steve Kinsey, State Senator Mark Leno, and Assemblyman Jared Hoffman. Each of the elected representatives was introduced and publicly asked if they would be willing to sit down with members of organizations that have joined the MOC to hear about what needs to be done to protect Marin County and insure the health and well-being of its people. So far 17 religious congregations and other nonprofits in Marin County have become members of the MOC, including Kol Shofar and Rodef Shalom. (B'nai Israel in Petaluma has become a member of a similar group that's forming in Sonoma County).

For an hour and a half the audience heard from a dozen or more speakers who presented an agenda for public action and change in Marin County on issues that included Mental Health, Education, Environment, Teens, Housing, Immigration, Transportation and Seniors.)

Now, the Marin Organizing Committee is coming to the San Geronimo Valley. On September 10 from 5:30 – 7:15 pm there will be a community meeting at the Community Center for anyone who wants to come to hear and talk about these issues and how they affect people's lives and well-being. Sister Judy Donovan who is providing leadership for the Marin Organizing Committee will tell us about her work with the Industrial Areas Foundation and how the vision of social justice is being advanced locally through the MOC. There will also be a chance to hear other members of the MOC leadership group who will talk about how their organizations have become involved and the benefits that they have derived from participation.

At the September 10 meeting we will explore ways that people, nonprofits and congregations, in the Valley can join with other organizations in Marin County who are already involved in this grassroots effort to make their voices heard and have an impact on public policy decision making.

**If you are concerned about such issues as local access to social and health services in Marin County, social and economic inequality, affordable housing, poverty, protecting the environment, transportation or other issues that can be affected by public policy decisions, come to the meeting on September 10 to find out more about how the MOC works. Your presence and participation will help us decide how Gan HaLev might become involved in the MOC. If you have some thoughts about this or for more information contact Suzanne Sadowsky at 488-4861 or [suzannesadowsky@comcast.net](mailto:suzannesadowsky@comcast.net).**