

## Fees

Penina Maier Jewish School Tuition is \$625 per year per child. There are no fees for children under 5 years enrolled in the Kinder Class. Occasional field trips, if arranged by the teachers, may require additional fees for tickets and/or transportation.

Families enrolling their children in the school need to be members of the Congregation. It is expected that parents will also agree to help with volunteer opportunities during the year as described in the enclosed checklist.

Regular Sunday School classes meet for 2 1/2 hours weekly starting at 10am. In addition, supplemental Hebrew language classes, individual coaching may be arranged at other times and at an additional cost. The Kinder Class program for preschoolers meets once a month.

The Penina Maier Jewish School is supported by grants from the Maier Foundation, the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco and Sinai Memorial Chapel, and by dues of members of the Congregation. If you can make an additional contribution to help support the program, please consider it when you register your child.

## Membership

Congregation membership, including High Holiday seats for all family members is \$600 for families and \$400 for individuals and single parents.

A minimum deposit of \$100 per child should be submitted with your school registration by September 7. Payment in full for tuition and membership is due in full by October 1, 2008. No one will be turned away for economic reasons.

Please call 488-4524 if you would like additional information or if you have any questions about the educational program or scholarships.

Please send in your registration form by September 1 or come to the Open House on September 7



# Penina Maier Jewish School

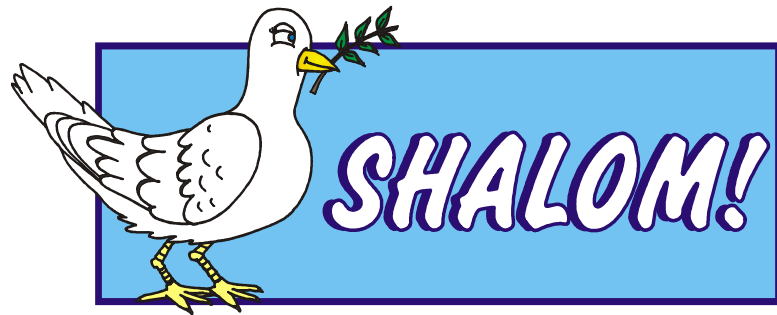
## Gan HaLev



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Gan HaLav is unaffiliated -- a warm, community-based group that has been gathering since 1992. We are inclusive and egalitarian, and our families follow a wide range of Jewish observance and practice. Our philosophy of non-judgmental and welcoming acceptance of everyone regardless of their level of religious observance carries through into our children's education program. Children learn about Jewish ritual, prayer, language, music, culture, customs and history and identity taught by an excellent, experienced teaching staff.

Penina Maier (of blessed memory) was one of the early members of our Congregation. She was on the Board of Directors and was a driving force behind the development of our Congregation and particularly our children's education program. Penina loved children and she loved Jewish life and learning. In her life she demonstrated her love and caring in many ways, and took great joy in seeing the youngsters of our Congregation embark on a path of Jewish education. She herself was an avid student and was engaged in a formal program of Jewish learning up until the time of her death in January 1997.

Penina's life was an inspiration and a blessing. Our goal for the school named in her honor is that it reflect the love, gentleness of spirit, joy, humor, loving-kindness, creativity, support, strength and love of learning that characterized Penina's life. We want our children to gain a strong sense of Jewish identity and a love and appreciation of Jewish life and culture.

**Gan HaLev -- the Jewish Congregation of the San Geronimo Valley -- will begin its twelfth year of Jewish education for children on Sunday, September 7 with an Open House at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center. Our program is for children through 13 and includes a special program for pre-schoolers through pre-B'nai Mitzvah preparation.**

At our school Open House on Sunday, September 7, you will be able to meet and talk with teachers and get to know other parents and students, and have your questions answered, as well. Refreshments will be served. Regular classes will begin the following week on September 14.

We plan to offer several class levels and your child will be placed by appropriate level and age. This year we are offering a monthly Kinder Class program of music and play for pre-schoolers and their families.

Classes will meet once a week on **Sunday mornings from 10 AM to 12:30 PM** at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center, 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in San Geronimo.

Throughout the year there will be family Shabbats, field trips to other congregations and other Family Education activities and experiences. Children and their families participate and help plan these activities and take part in High Holiday Services and other Jewish holiday celebrations offered by the Congregation.

Youngsters attending our school come from communities throughout Marin County including the San Geronimo Valley, San Rafael, Fairfax, San Anselmo, Bolinas and Point Reyes, Inverness, Tiburon, Mill Valley and Chilen Valley.

Enrollment in the Penina Maier Jewish School is open to the children of members of Gan HaLev. Memberships are renewable in September. Partial tuition scholarships may be available to members. Please call 488-4524 to request a scholarship application.