

**New Adult Education Classes May 2011**  
**Part II of Annual Speaker Series, Tuesdays 7-8:30pm.**  
**We hope you will join us!**

**May 10: Ron Feldman, PhD.**

**Counting the Omer: The Mystical Journey from Pesach to Shavuot**

**What is Kabbalah?** In this workshop we will study some mystical texts and learn about Jewish mystical concepts such as the *sefirot* and the kabbalistic Tree of Life. **What do Kabbalists do?** One thing is Count the Omer – the 49 days (seven days times seven weeks) from Pesach to Shavuot. For the kabbalists, each day of this period has its own special energetic and spiritual quality. This session will help us discover a deeper spiritual dimension of the omer period, as well deepen our spiritual practice and knowledge of kabbalah.

Ron H. Feldman, PhD., is a visiting scholar at the Graduate Theological Union and has taught Jewish Studies at universities around the San Francisco Bay area. He has written *Fundamentals of Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah*, and co-edited *The Jewish Writings* of Hannah Arendt. His current research focuses on cycles of time in ancient Jewish calendars, which he taught at TBT last fall.

**May 17: Rabbi Shalom Bochner**

**Holy Number 7**

Numbers are an important part of the spiritual traditions of Judaism. Among the many "famous" numbers that show up repeatedly in Jewish texts, the most prominent seems to be the number seven. This session will explore the many times that seven appears in Jewish teachings and practice and also offer an approach to how we can understand the symbolism of this sacred number.

Rabbi Shalom Bochner is the Director of LifeLong Learning at Congregation Netivot Shalom in Berkeley. He holds a BA from SUNY Albany, an MA in Education from the College of Saint Rose, and he received traditional rabbinical ordination in Jerusalem. He has over 22 years of experience with formal and informal Jewish Education, including 7 years as the Rabbi / Executive Director / and Program Director at Santa Cruz Hillel. He is a musician (guitar, drums, and harmonica), song writer, backpacker, and environmental educator. When he is not at work he enjoys biking, skiing, hiking and listening to live jazz and jambands.

Register for one or both classes by emailing Andrea at [tbteducation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbteducation@sbcglobal.net)

**Fee:** Adults \$15 per class or \$25 for both; Seniors (60+) \$12 per class or \$20 for both.

Please specify which class you plan to attend.

Please register and mail payment by May 3 to TBT attn: Andrea.