

Everyone has a name...



a program of family education  
at Temple Shir Shalom

The Hebrew poet Zelda Schneersohn Mishkovsky, a neice of the Lubovitcher rebbe, published a poem in 1968 that quickly became a classic of modern Hebrew literature. **L'Chol Eish Yesh Shem (Everyone Has a Name)** is a wise and warm account of the way our personal identities take shape, as Jews, as human beings, as family members.

Everyone has a name that  
God gives and  
one's father and mother give.  
Everyone has a name  
that stature and the  
curve of one's smile give  
and the weave of  
one's clothing gives.  
Everyone has a name  
that the mountains give  
and the walls of one's city give.  
Everyone has a name  
that the stars give  
and one's neighbors give.  
Everyone has a name  
that one's offenses give  
and one's longing gives.  
Everyone has a name  
that enemies give  
and love for others gives.  
Everyone has a name  
birthday celebrations give  
and one's work gives.  
Everyone has a name  
that the seasons  
of the year give  
and our blindness gives.  
Everyone has a name  
that the sea gives  
and  
one's death  
gives.



לכל איש יש שם  
שנתן לו אלוהים  
ונתנו לו אביו ואמו  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו קומתו ואופן חיכו  
ונתן לו האריג  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו ההרים  
ונתנו לו בתליו  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו המזלות  
ונתנו לו שכניו  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו הטאיו  
ונתנה לו כמיהתו  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו שונאיו  
ונתנה לו אהבתו  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו חגיו  
ונתנה לו מלאכתו  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתנו לו עונות השנה  
ונתן לו עיוורוני  
לכל איש יש שם  
שנתן לו הים  
ונתן לו  
מותו.

The **Everyone Has a Name** project at Temple Shir Shalom will bring our congregation together to consider questions of personal identity in a series of programs loosely based on the text of Zelda's poem. Sunday School students will spend parts of several Sunday sessions studying and preparing for each of the programs listed below, which parents and grandparents and all Temple members are urgently invited to attend.

**Program #1 - Sunday, October 2, 2011**

**Tashlich and cemetery memorial service**

"A name that one's offenses give;  
a name that one's death gives"

**Program #2 - Sunday, November 6**

**Choosing Jewish names**

"A name that one's father and mother give;  
a name that the curve of one's smile gives"

**Program #3 - Sunday, December 11**

**Mitzvah project**

"A name that the weave of one's clothing gives;  
a name that the walls of one's city give"

**Program #4 - Sunday, February 5**

**Judaism and the natural environment**

"A name that the mountains give;  
a name that the stars give"

**Program #4 - Sunday, February 19**

**Jewish job fair**

"A name that one's work gives"

**Program #6 - Sunday, April 15**

**Modern Israel and its neighbors**

"A name that one's enemies give;  
a name that love for others gives"