

# SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

September 7, 8 & 9, 2012

## ***RABBI SHEFA GOLD***



Rabbi Shefa Gold is a leader in Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal and received her ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. She is the director of The Center for Devotional, Energy and Ecstatic Practice in New Mexico and practices around the world. Shefa composes and performs spiritual music, has produced albums, and her liturgies have been published in several new prayerbooks. She is the author of "Torah Journeys: The Inner Path to the Promised Land" and "In the Fever of Love: An Illumination of the Song of Songs".

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – TEMPLE EMANUEL**

**6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service**

**7:00 p.m. Italian Sabbath dinner catered by Marla Tulet. \$ 12 adult, \$ 6 child, \$ 36 max. per family. Your check is your reservation**

**8:00 p.m. Rabbi Gold, Topic: "Gardening in the Soil of the Heart, Middot"**

As we prepare for the Renewal of our hearts on the High Holy Days, we can consciously grow the qualities that will best serve us in realizing our true Divine essence. In the Jewish Tradition these qualities are called "midot." . In this workshop we will set ourselves on a path of cultivating exactly the midot that are required of us now in order to live a holy life.

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 –AHAVAS ISRAEL**

**9:30 a.m. Service (d'var Torah by Shefa Gold) followed by light lunch**

**1:00 p.m. Workshop, Topic: "Journeying Towards the High Holidays"**

On Tishab'Av we experience a necessary shattering of that relationship and then spend the next 7 weeks returning, re-creating ourselves, and finally re-encountering that Mystery during the High Holy Days. What is the journey from devastation to renewal?

**7:00 p.m. Light refreshments – Seudah Shelesheet**

**7:45 p.m. Lecture Topic: "Journey of Forgiveness"**

The spiritual work of these awesome days is the work of forgiveness. If we want to know what forgiveness is, we might first say what it's not. What is forgiveness and how shall we step on to this transformative path?

**8:45 p.m. Ma'ariv and Havdalah service**

**9:00 p.m. Join Selihot service**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – TEMPLE EMANUEL**

**10:00 a.m. Coffee and nosh (UJS opening day)**

**10:30 a.m. Rabbi Gold, Topic: "With All My Heart" Judaism as a Devotional Path**

This talk will explore the blessings, challenges and spiritual practices that constitute a Jewish Devotional life. And we will experience together a taste of the ecstasy that opens the heart and connects us to God, the Beloved.

*Books and CDs will be available Saturday night and Sunday morning*

**Please RSVP for all the events to the Jewish Federation 942-5553 or [Sari@ifgr.org](mailto:Sari@ifgr.org).**

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