Schedule for Mifgash June 3 – 6, 201

June 3

6 pm Gathering

7:00 Dinner

7:30 Reflections on David Purpel’s life

8:00 “Defamation” a film by Yoav Shamir

June 4

7:30 Breakfast

9:00 Reflection

9:30 “Pelimo and Satan: A Divine Lesson in the Public Latrine” a study based on an article by Admiel Kosman that appeared in The Reform Jewish Quarterly Winter 2010, led by Jerry Goldstein

11:00 “Introduction to the Mysticism of the Hebrew AlephaBet” led by Gila Nissan

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Redeeming Emma Lazarus from Michael Oren’s Restorationist Fantasys. Reflecting on "Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East: 1776 to The Present," led by Terry Winant. (Emma Lazarus and Terry Winant share a birthday that is separated by 100 years)

2:30 Break

3:30 “Gender and Eros in Levinas from Totality and Infinity,” led by Robin Podolsky

5:00 Preparing for Shabbat

6:30 Shabbat dinner
June 5

9:30 Shabbat teaching service
Torah discussion led by Clair Gorfinkel
Torah reading by Richard Cohen

12:30 Shabbat lunch

1:30 Educational Initiatives in the Obama Administration led by Harold Berlak. These reflections were part of the work that Harold and David Purpel were discussing during the last several months.

2:30 Shabbat Walk, rest

4:00 "Poland: Between Renewed Hope and Massive Trauma," led by Haim Beliak

5:30 Israeli Supreme Court cases reflecting on tensions between and among religious identity, nationality, and citizenship in Israel; thinking about dimensions of "Jewishness" in the State of Israel," led by Alan Jay Weisbard

6:30 Dinner

8:00 "Sarah Sarah" by Daniel Goldfarb

June 6

9:30 Brunch Discussion: Israel and the Nation Iran, Occupation, Turkey, Divestment, film festival funding, campus struggles, StandwithUS, anti-semitism

11:00 Future Plans and Evaluation