

## 2007 Kallah: Gathering in Sacred Community Gets Rave Reviews

The 12th International ALEPH Kallah brought creative prayer, learning, healing, joyful song, meaningful dialogue and spirited community to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for one magical week at the beginning of July.

Participants immersed themselves in almost 50 courses as diverse as “Torah Trek” led by Rabbi Mike Comins, and “Peacebuilding 101 with ALEPH Rodef Shalom Directors, Eliyahu McLean and Ruth Broyde-Sharone. Over 150 participants studied in advanced courses, engaging with original texts from the Bal Shem Tov, along with other Hasidic and kabbalistic masters.

Evening highlights included a “Conversations with EvE” with brilliant performer Rima Miller, Ecstatic Devotional Chant with the innovator of Kabbalah Kirtan, YofiYa, the Tent of Sacred Tales with master writer, teacher and Maggid Yitzchak Buxbaum and an Eshet Hazon ceremony led by Rabbi Hanna Tiferet Siegel. (See article on this page.)

The Kallah Cabaret again highlighted some of the most powerful cultural workers in the Jewish world, including Cantor Linda Hirschorn, song mistress Consuelo Luz, Rabbis Joe Black, Hanna Tiferet Siegel, Shawn Zevit, Shefa Gold and award winning storytellers Mark Novak and Renee Brachfeld.

This Kallah also saw more leadership from our Keshet community than ever before with people in their twenties and early thirties performing, running portions of Kids Kallah, teaching, and playing important roles in volunteer leadership. As the premier event for Jewish Renewal, the Kallah has always been a showcase for some of the most dynamic, inspiring and thoughtful innovations in the Jewish world. This year was no different.