

# SELICHOT:

**Preparing for the New Year**

Saturday evening

**September 12, 2009**

**9:30 pm**

## **The Gates Are Closing**

Join members of GJC's Drama Group for a

**Dramatic Reading of Merle Feld's play  
followed by discussion & service**

Havdallah & Refreshments at 9:30 pm

Program/Service at 10 pm

The Gates Are Closing, a play by Merle Feld, takes place in a synagogue on Yom Kippur-- evening, the following morning, and late that afternoon. The action follows 10 main characters spanning a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and professions as they grapple with issues of identity, meaning, loyalty, betrayal, repentance, and forgiveness on this most somber of days. The Gates Are Closing had its first staged reading at the Jewish Repertory Theatre in May 1986, and was a finalist in the Cleveland JCC National Playwriting Competition. Since that time it has been presented in hundreds of synagogues and college campuses across the US, Canada, England, Mexico, and Australia.

Merle Feld is a widely published poet, award-winning playwright, peace activist, and educator who has pioneered teaching writing as a spiritual practice. She has led workshops on writing and journaling at RRC (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College) and her poetry is found in Kol Haneshama (the Reconstructionist Prayer Book).



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