

# City Spirits

**Rabbi Avraham and Nachamie Greenberg and their family spend time together while supporting the Jewish community**

➔ Rabbi Avraham and his family moved to Shanghai five years ago, and plan on staying as long as there is a Jewish community here. For a family that follows such long-standing traditions, they love that Shanghai is constantly changing. Rabbi Avraham says, "New people are always moving in, new opportunities are always arising and that makes life here very exciting and enjoyable. It's very interesting to have friends from many different countries and backgrounds."

When it comes to hobbies, they enjoy going on outings and playing games together. "We love going to Century Park. It's absolutely huge and so green," says Nechamie. "The kids enjoy boating and going on bike rides. It's a great place where we can get outdoors and spend some quality time together." When they are not out and about they play good old fashioned board games like Racko, Bingo and Guess Who.

The highlight of their weekend is Friday night dinner. They say it "tastes better when it is spent with friends and family." Once a month they hold Shabbat services followed by a community dinner with up to 70 people. During the adult services, children participate in games and activities, then they all feast on Challah bread and chicken soup with Matzah balls. Sunday mornings are always spent at the Pudong Hebrew school, where the children learn the Hebrew language and all about Jewish culture in a fun, interactive setting.

So what do the Greenberg kids think about living in Shanghai? "They love it," says their proud mother. "Three of them were born here and for all of them China is home. When we go to the States for the summer the younger ones always ask when we we'll go back home." The children's attitude toward Shanghai is a reflection of their parents. "We are happy here and love what we do, and so do they," says Nechamie.

In 2006 they opened The Chabad Jewish Center of Pudong, with families that share their beliefs. "When families get to know each other, it gives us all a feeling of home and a sense of belonging," says Rabbi Avraham. "Friends quickly become extended family, celebrating holidays together and sharing experiences and challenges." ●



**Meet the Greenbergs**

**Nationalities:** U.S. and Israel

**In Shanghai:** Five years

**Dad:** Avraham

**Mom:** Nechamie

**Children** Mendel (6), Levi (5),  
Leibel (3), Mussi (1),  
Chana (3 months)