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OCTOBER 2006

TISHREI/CHESHVAN 5767

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Shacharit at 1630 Bancroft Way: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.; Sunday & Legal Holidays 8:00 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv at Chabad of Berkeley, 2643 College Ave.; Sun-Thurs. 5 minutes after candle lighting

SHABBAT SERVICES:

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat at 1630 Bancroft Way (5 minutes after candle lighting). Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha: 15 minutes before candle lighting. *See detailed schedule on page 8*

from the rabbi

"Tik'u ba'chodesh shofar bakeseh l'yom hageinu." —
"Sound the shofar at the new month, at the full moon
for our festive day" (Psalm 81:4)

This verse may be familiar to some of us from the *Rosh Hashanah* liturgy. It appears in the *shofarot* section of the *Rosh Hashanah Musaf* service, a section that celebrates God's revelation at Sinai, God's Kingship over creation, and expresses the hope for God's ultimate redemption in time to come.

The famous Hasidic Master, the *S'fat Emet*, derives special meaning from these words. He points out that the word "*tik'u*" (to sound or blow) also means "to insert" or "to connect." (In fact in Modern Hebrew, a *teka* is a plug which goes into a *sheka*, a socket). The *S'fat Emet* also teaches that the word "*ba'chodesh*" (on the month) could be read as "*be'chadash*" (anew). Thus, the *S'fat Emet* takes this verse and translates it as "*tik'u be'chadash*" — "connect anew."

This short and simple sentence truly captures the spirit of this month, this special time of repentance and return. "*Tik'u be'chadash!*" — "Connect anew!" Like the *teka* (the plug) that goes into the *sheka* (the socket—reminiscent of the Hebrew word *shechina*), during the month of *Tishrei* we

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from the president

It's official. It's after Labor Day and the yamim noraim and the seasonal change is ever so perceptible as the days begin to be noticeably shorter, and Shabbat comes in and goes out at what some would consider a more reasonable hour. Summer is officially over and Sukkot is literally just around the corner. The last two months have been a very busy time at CBI. We have said our heartfelt goodbyes to Rabbi Silverman and Ilana Fodiman in a festive Tribute Dinner and Ice Cream Social, and also welcomed Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor with a community-wide Shabbat lunch. All of these events depended on the enormous effort, time and generosity of our volunteers. Our sincere thanks to Tribute Dinner co-chairs Lauren Greenberg and Michael Feiner, ice-cream social hosts Lois and Gary Marcus, and culinary wizards Barbara Budnitz, Maxine Winer, Carol Shivel and Marti Zedek for preparing the sumptuous Shabbat lunch on

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telethon

A belated mazel tov to the winners of prizes in our annual phonathon earlier in the year:

- Daniel and Chava Boyarin**
- Ronald and Bella Barany**
- Gary and Lois Marcus**
- Joan Sopher**

todah rabah to volunteers

Silverman Tribute Dinner

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Michael Feiner | Lois Marcus |
| Lauren Greenberg | Hiram Simon |
| Rhoda Agin | Joan Sopher |
| Jonathan Gruber | Linda & Stanley Wulf |

For help with invitations, phones, setup
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Ice Cream Social

A very big thank you for hosting to
Lois and Gary Marcus

**Welcome lunch for
 Rabbi Cohen & Frayda Gonshor**

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from the president

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September 2nd. Please see a complete list of the many volunteers for these events in this issue of Chai Lights.

Our building continues to evolve toward completion with new book shelves in the beit midrash, the stunning Israeli tile over the washing sinks, the painted wainscoting in the sanctuary and new trees and plantings in the garden. Our sanctuary lighting was even brighter as it was fine tuned for the chaggim. Work parties have also been busy cleaning out closets, organizing books in the library/beit midrash and moving the machzorim back and forth from the attic for the *yamim noraim*.

In addition to working to complete our physical environment, new programs are also in the pipeline. For the first time in recent years, our shul board has voted to significantly increase funding for youth programming. This year's allocation of \$23,000 to fund a Youth Program Coordinator and a portion of the NCSY reflects the commitment to enhanced programmatic content for the young people of Beth Israel. Our Youth Education Committee is currently determining how to best utilize these funds, hire an appropriate staff person and continue to build on our successful Shabbat programming.

Thanks to the dedication of another volunteer, Selah May, Beth Israel will be joining the 21st century with a user friendly, modern, attractive web site. Funding for this expenditure was also approved at last month's board meeting, and we are hoping for a launch date of late November. Selah has worked tirelessly with Paradox Media to develop a proposal for upgrading our presence on the web. The planned web site will have increased content information pertaining to Shul and Gan Shalom events as well as increased readability, color, fonts and the modern touches we have come to expect from other web sites.

Rosh Hashana and the fall chaggim are a time of personal reflection and spiritual growth. Congregation Beth Israel is a place that enriches us in

meaningful prayer, learning and communal life throughout the year. Many of us call Beth Israel our spiritual home, particularly at this time of year. Beth Israel is one of the few congregations in the area that does not restrict access to our services to those holding printed tickets. Is there someone you know who is shul shopping for just such a place and attended our services this past month? Invite them to join us for shabbat, or if you are not yet a member, consider becoming one yourself.

If you hosted a guest or visiting parents, adult children or friends who did not pre-pay for a holiday seat, consider making a donation in their honor.

This time of year many of us extend our table for extra guests. If you can share any Sukkot meals with a student, a visitor or someone else, let Rabbi Cohen or I know about your availability and we will send you a guest. Conversely, if you are in need of a meal to join, also let us know and we will do our best to find a match for you.

Wishing all of you a sweet year filled with blessings.

L'shanah tovah u'metukah,
Leslie Valas, President

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from the rabbi

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reinsert and reconnect our lives to God's immanent presence.

Our ongoing participation in the life of our shul offers us an opportunity to engage in religious and spiritual moments that help us seize and recognize the Divine presence dwelling among us. I know for myself, that this past month has been a pure spiritual high.

At CBI, our connection to the Divine presence occurs in the interplay between *mitzvot* *bein adam l'Makom* and *mitzvot* *bein adam l'havero* (Godly and interpersonal *mitzvot*). In the mornings our conversations with God, through prayer, often continue with personal conversations between members of our community. Similarly, on Shabbat, the *kedusha* (holiness) experienced in our sanctuary overflows into the holy interaction of our diverse community members during our delicious, Berkeley style, *kiddushim*. A similar experience occurs during our very well attended Thursday night classes, where textual discussions are peppered with personal insights and comments.

The Alter rebbe often taught that children's voices echo the Divine voice from Sinai. In that spirit, this month we've reinserted that unique voice into our shul by reinvigorating our commitment to sharing this sacred space with our youth. The walls of our shul playfully echoed and bounced the rejoicing holy sounds of our children, as we celebrated a Rosh Hashanah Seder, changed the white garments of the Torah scrolls with Gan Shalom, and invited some of our kids to the *bimah* during the sounding of the *shofar*.

This month our shul also began a process of recommitting to social justice causes. Our ability to respond to God's presence is deeply connected to our ability to face and properly respond to the plea and cry of the other, the oppressed, the unheard and unseen. Ruth Messenger, the president of AJWS, powerfully reminded us of our responsibility to the people of

Darfur. This is a great global challenge that demands our community's continued response. On the local scene, we are just beginning to formulate our participation at Berkeley's Men's Shelter. This is a great way of offering a taste of our Shabbat to people whose lives have been imprinted with emotional and physical unrest.

These are just some of the ways in which we've begun to respond to the message of "*tik'u be'chadash*" — connecting anew. The book of Psalms also teaches: "*Ashrei ha'am yodei teruah*" — "Blessed is the people who know the sound of *Teruah* (of the shofar blow)." (Psalms 89:16) I know for myself that this first month at CBI has been a true time of blessing. I believe that as a community we seized the opportunity to truly hear and respond to the Shofar's call. We are connecting anew, committing anew, and becoming anew. May this month's call for reconnection echo through the walls of our shul and throughout the New Year. Shana Tovah,
Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

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FALL LEARNING SCHEDULE AT CBI

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING TALMUD CLASS

A class structured to appeal to Talmud students of all levels. We are studying the laws relating to witnesses. *Tractate Makot*

Ron Reissberg - Sunday, 9-10 a.m.

MONTHLY SUNDAY LECTURE

Come to shul once a month for a Sunday Torah lecture. Lectures will span topics of interest from Bible, prayer, theology and Halakha.

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen - Sunday, November 5, December 3, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

ASK THE RABBI

By popular request, join Rabbi Cohen for an open discussion about different practical areas of Halakha. This is a great opportunity to explore the nitty-gritty details of Shabbat, kashrut, prayer, etc. We will meet twice every semester. First topic of the year: the Kosher Kitchen.

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen - Sunday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

HEAVENLY TORAH

THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

Join Rabbi Yonatan Cohen as we read selections from Rabbi Heschel's ambitious scholarly achievement, his three volume study of rabbinic Judaism. Heschel's great insight is that the world of rabbinic thought can be divided into two types of schools: Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Ishmael. The historic disputes between these two schools are based on fundamental differences over the nature of revelation and religion. Starting October 24.

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen - Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

LATTE AND LEARNING

Explore Judaism with Ahron Glazer of the East Bay NCSY; for more information, contact Kenny Hendon (847-1974) or Eliana Sudikoff (225-8259), Berkeley NCSY co-presidents
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Starbucks, 1600 Shattuck, corner of Shattuck & Cedar

THURSDAYS

EXPLORING RABBINIC NARRATIVES

Using literary analysis, we will explore Talmudic narratives and their interplay with halakhic sources. Topics to be covered: tensions between the Home and God, the struggle with Death, the value of meaning of Exile, Fate and Destiny, and other related themes. Starts October 26.

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen - Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

MIDRASHA TEXT CLASS

This class, dealing alternately with the Tanach and the Talmud, explores the theme of reproduction as it appears in traditional Jewish texts.

David Henkin & Zvi Septimus - Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

SHABBAT YOUTH PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE AT GAN SHALOM

- Are you or someone you love climbing off the walls in shul? If so, there is a Shabbat morning program for you! Tefilla, song, Torah, and treats
- Come join us for a fun-filled Shabbat morning while your parents are at shul!
 - Learn, daven and play with friends! Special Kiddush/snacks provided.
 - Where: Gan Shalom Preschool, half a block from CBI
 - When: Every Shabbat, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

DONOR RECOGNITION UPDATE BUILDING FUND DONOR PLAQUE TO GO INTO PRODUCTION

While an ongoing Building Fund Campaign is still required to pay down loans and complete our building, it is time to acknowledge in permanent fashion the generous contributions that have made our dream a reality.

As donors are aware, there have been a number of opportunities for recognition of donations to the Building Fund.

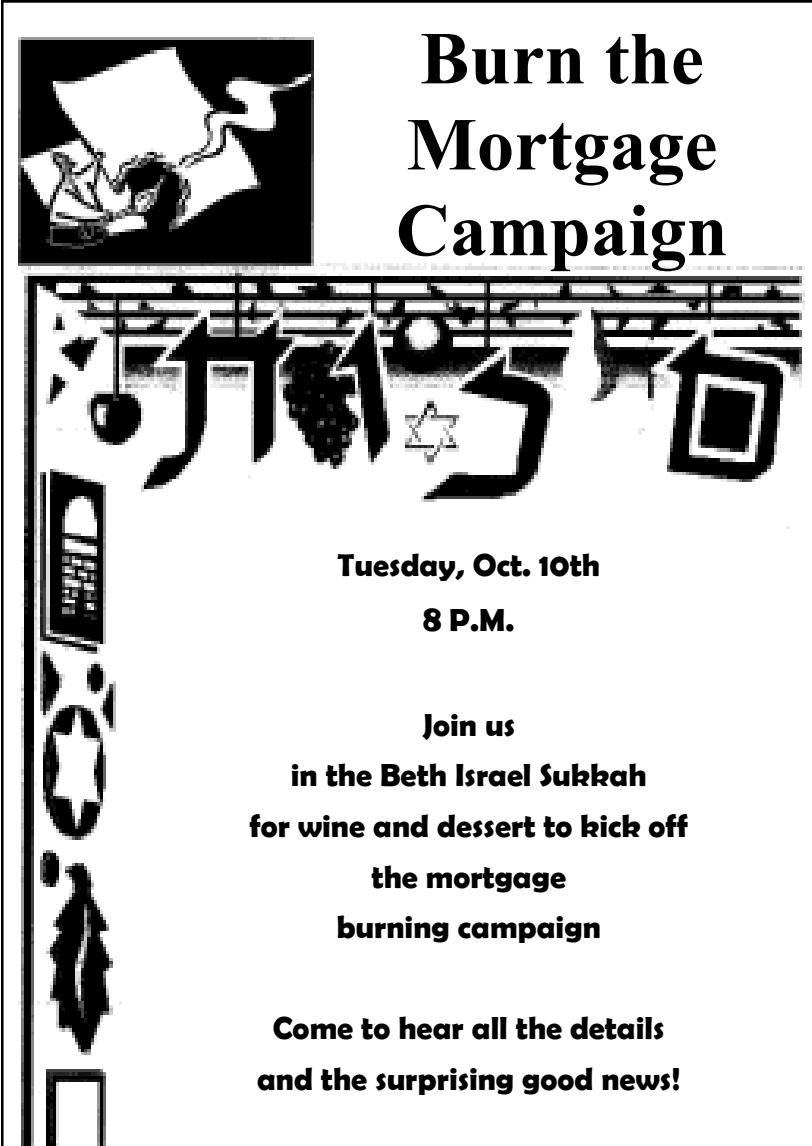
- 1) All donors were listed in the commemorative booklet published for our ribbon-cutting ceremony. A similar listing in the future for donations received subsequent to the production of the commemorative booklet is anticipated.
- 2) The next opportunity offered to donors has been a name listing on a common plaque to be placed in the Social Hall. A minimum Building Fund donation of \$1,000 has been requested for inclusion among these names. Names of donors will be listed without separation by financial categories.
- 3) Finally, there have been naming opportunities for a limited set of specific items, starting at \$18,000. These donations will be recognized with individual discrete and unobtrusive plaques placed next to each item.

The Social Hall and the individual plaques have been designed, and we have contacted

donors asking for how they wish their names to be inscribed.

This is an excellent time to make a donation or increase your donation, and have your name inscribed permanently as a "builder" of our beautiful new building.

Please contact Stan Wulf (swulf@ix.netcom.com or 558-8852), Noah Alper, or Joan Sopher.



**Burn the
Mortgage
Campaign**

**Tuesday, Oct. 10th
8 P.M.**

**Join us
in the Beth Israel Sukkah
for wine and dessert to kick off
the mortgage
burning campaign**

**Come to hear all the details
and the surprising good news!**

The graphic features a musical staff with Hebrew notes and symbols, including a Star of David and a Sukkah symbol. On the left side, there is a vertical strip with a menorah and other symbols. An illustration of a hand holding a pen is in the top left corner.

Shana Tova to CBI from Gan Shalom

Thank you for showing us the Torah scrolls and their special white garments and introducing us to the shofar family.

"The Rabbi thought that the Torah wore a white shirt, but it doesn't. It wears dresses." Eliel Safran

"I liked when the Rabbi blew the tiny little shofar... the really little one. I like the really big shofar, too. Blowing the tiny one and the mommy one." Raanan Schweig

"I liked the funny blowing from the big shofar... the little one, too. I liked when the Rabbi put the Torah dress on his head... it was funny." Molly Kinstle

"The Torah's dress on the Rabbi's head was really, really funny. I liked the baby shofar... I liked the blowing." Nina Greenberg Smith

"I liked the Torah. The crown was gold. I knew that the Torah had to change its shirt. I heard the big shofar. I knew that the Torah was big and strong." Eva Bradman

"I liked dressing the Torah all in white for Rosh HaShana." Orli Hellerstein

"I liked hearing the little shofar. I liked hearing all of the shofars, also. I liked when the blue cover got taken off and we got to put a white cover on." Jacob Lehmann Duke

"The shofar, the big one, I like the noise of it." Ariel Newman

"The tiny, tiny, tiny, tiny tiny little shofar. It was the tiniest shofar ever. Shofar wakes you up when you're going to sleep." Lev Silver-Walker

"I liked all the things that dresses the Torah." Morielle Vas

"I liked when we put the crown on the Torah." Hannah Kabella

I liked the noise that the little shofar made. The little shofar was this big (uses his hands). And...I really liked the white clothes for the Torah." Max Bamberger

"I liked the funny part when the Rabbi blew the shofars." Joshua Singer

"I liked seeing the Torah get dressed in white." Gaby Sandel



OCTOBER SCHEDULE

SUKKOT

Friday, Oct. 6th – Sunday, October 15th

EREV SUKKOT & SHABBAT – Friday, October 6th
Shabbat & Yom Tov Candle Lighting 6:27 p.m.

Note: before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/yahrzeit candle so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame

Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv 6:30 p.m.

Note: Eating on the first two nights of Sukkot a minimum of a portion of bread and reciting the kiddush in the Sukkah is a Biblically ordained commandment. Throughout the 7 days of Sukkot please avail yourselves of the CBI sukkah. As always, no home cooked food may be brought in to the CBI kitchen, but the sukkah is open to all.

SHABBAT & YOM TOV -1ST DAY OF SUKKOT – Shabbat, October 7th

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Note: we do not take the *lulav* and *etrog* on Shabbat

Educational Childcare 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat & Yom Tov Mincha 5:50 p.m.

Seudah shelishit in sukkah 6:15 p.m.

Yom Tov Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.

Light Candles by transferring from pre-existing flame **after** 7:22 p.m.

Kiddush with Havdalah after 7:22 p.m.

Note: the five blessings of kiddush should be recited in the following order: 1) wine; 2) Yom Tov kiddush; 3) *Borei Meorei ha'aish* should be recited over the Yom Tov candles; 4) Havdalah – *hamavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh*; 5) *shehechyanu*.

YOM TOV- 2ND DAY OF SUKKOT – Sunday, October 8th

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Educational Childcare 10:30 a.m.

Yom Tov Mincha 6:20 p.m.

Yom Tov ends, Ma'ariv and Havdalah after 7:20 p.m.

Note: Havdalah here consists of the blessings 1) on wine; 2) Havdalah – *hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol*.

**1ST – 4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT
October 9th-12th**

Morning Service 6:30 a.m.

HOSHANA RABBA

Friday, October 13th

Morning Service 7:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Hoshanot (willow bundles) will be available for sale at CBI
Shabbat & Yom Tov candle lighting 6:16 p.m.

Note: before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/yahrzeit candle so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame

Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv 6:20 p.m.

SHABBAT & SHEMINI ATZERET

Shabbat, October 14th

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Educational Childcare 10:30 a.m.

Yizkor not before 10:30 a.m.

Kohelet 11:30 a.m.

Shabbat & Yom Tov Mincha 6:10 p.m.

Yom Tov Ma'ariv 6:55 p.m.

Light Candles by transferring from pre-existing flame **after** 7:12 p.m.

Kiddush & Havdalah **AFTER** 7:12 p.m.

Note: the five blessings of kiddush should be recited in the following order: 1) wine; 2) Yom Tov kiddush; 3) *Borei Meorei ha'aish* should be recited over the Yom Tov candles; 4) Havdalah – *hamavdil bein kodesh l'kodesh*; 5) *shehechyanu*.

A light Yom Tov meal & Hakafot at CBI 7:15 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH – Sunday, October 15th

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Hakafot 9:45 a.m.

Kiddush 10:45 a.m.

Multiple Torah readings 11:15 a.m.

Completion and Beginning of the Torah 12:00 p.m.

Mussaf 12:30 p.m.

Yom Tov Mincha 6:15 p.m.

Ma'ariv & Havdalah after 7:11 p.m.

Note: Havdalah here consists of the blessings 1) on wine; 2) Havdalah – *hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol*.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEREISHIT

Friday and Saturday, October 28th & 29th

Candle Lighting 6:07 p.m.

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:10 p.m.

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Educational Childcare 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha 1:00 p.m.

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 7:03 p.m.

ROSH CHODESH CHESVAN

Saturday night, Sunday & Monday, October 21-23

Shacharit Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Shacharit Monday 6:30 a.m.

SHABBAT PARSHAT NOAH

Friday and Saturday, October 27th & 28th

Candle Lighting 5:58 p.m.

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 p.m.

Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Educational Childcare 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha 1:00 p.m.

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 6:55 p.m.

October 29th

Pacific Standard Time resumes; turn your clocks one hour back.

SHABBAT PARSHAT LECH LECHA

Friday and Saturday, November 3rd & 4th

Candle Lighting	4:50 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:55 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare.....	10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha	12:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends	5:48 p.m.

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEIRAH

Friday and Saturday, November 10th & 11th

Candle Lighting	4:44 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:50 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare.....	10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha	12:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends	5:42 p.m.

**BUILDING A SUKKAH
THE BASICS**

You shall dwell in sukkot for seven days; all the community of Israel shall dwell in a sukkah (Vayikra 23:42)

1. The Location

Ensure a site that is opened to the sky, and has nothing hanging above it — i.e., a roof or a tree. The sukkah floor space must be at least 7 *tefachim* by 7 *tefachim* (28 inches by 28 inches), the minimum space considered for most of a person's body to sit with a small table.

2. The Walls

A sukkah needs at least two complete, continuous walls and 1 *tefach* (4 inches) of a third wall. The walls can be of any material, as long as they are sturdy enough to withstand a normal wind. The walls must be at least 10 *tefachim* (40 inches) high, and should not be more than 20 *amot* (30 feet) tall. Any or all of these walls may be permanent pre-existing walls, i.e. the side of your home. If you can find an area that is already enclosed by 2 or 3 walls, then it can make your sukkah building much

simpler.

Note: if you are using the side of your home as a wall for your sukkah, ensure that there is no roof overhang greater than 4 *amot* (6 feet). Any cover smaller than that may still allow your sukkah to be okay, but one cannot sit under the covered part to fulfill your mitzvah.

3. The Schach or Roof

We cover the sukkah with *schach*. The *schach* must be made from material that grew from the ground, i.e. branches or leaves of any tree are acceptable, as long as they have been completely cut from the ground *before* they are placed on top of the sukkah. If you choose to collect branches and leaves from around town, you must make sure that you do not inadvertently take (steal) property that is not your own without permission, i.e. that of the city or another private owner. One may not use any material that has been formed by human hands into a vessel or "thing," i.e. wooden blinds as *schach*. However, you can use narrow (less than 1 *tefach*, 4 inches wide) unfinished wood boards as *schach*, as they are not considered a created vessel or thing.

You may purchase a mat composed of stringing together pieces of bamboo or other unfinished wood, but **not every mat** is constructed according to *Halacha*, i.e. such that it contains no metal, and was not crafted for some other purpose. You can order kosher *schach* mats online but be sure that it comes with a reputable rabbinic certification.

The *schach* material should only be added **after** the requisite number of walls are in place. The *schach* may not be nailed down, nor tied down. You may pile pieces of wood that are also valid as *schach* over the *schach* to weigh it down and keep it from blowing away. The *schach* should be sufficiently covered so that it gives more shade than sun during the daytime. Yet it should be sufficiently open so that some stars could be visible through at night.

It is a good custom to hang decorations to beautify your sukkah and add joy to the holiday.

If you have another question regarding your sukkah, please feel free to contact Rabbi Cohen. May we merit God's presence sheltering us in the sukkah, and may we rejoice together as a community.

Chag Sameach.

Sukkah Hop with the Ushpizin, Sunday October 8, 2006

Members of CBI are invited to join the Ushpizin and visit five sukkot of CBI members on the second day of Sukkot, Sunday October 8, 2006, after services.

The Ushpizin are the seven hidden hosts who, according to Jewish lore, visit each sukkah during the seven-day festival. This refers to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron and David. The origin of this visitation can be found in a verse of Zohar, "When a person is seated in his sukkah, Abraham and six distinguished visitors partake of his company." (*Zohar 5:103b*)

Members will leave from CBI and will be led to the host by members playing the roles of Moshe and Miriam.

At the first sukkah Abraham and Sarah will welcome visitors and laugh.

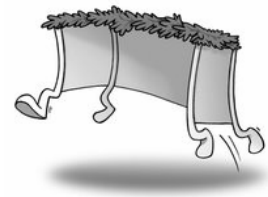
At the second sukkah Jacob will climb a ladder and sleep on a rock.

At the third sukkah Joseph will interpret your dreams.

At the fourth sukkah Aaron will mediate a dispute.

And at the fifth sukkah David will play a harp and his grandmother Ruth will glean wheat.

While the children are identifying the Ushpizin and munching on refreshments, adults will have an opportunity for a short text study on the Ushpizin with Rabbi Cohen.



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Sukkah Dinner Party and Comedy

Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m.

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Our learning will focus on the portrayal of some of the Ushpizin in Rabbinic literature.

Aaron on Moshe

October 10, 12:15 p.m.

Aaron is a first year student at YCT and a long-time member at CBI
Bring your own lunch. Salad provided by Rabbi Cohen.

Yonatan on Miriam

October 11, 6:30 p.m.

Rabbi Cohen is a YCT alumni and a new member of the CBI community
Bring your own dinner. Salad provided by Rabbi Cohen.

David on Yosef

October 12, 12:15 p.m.

David is a 4th year student at YCT and a long-time member at CBI.
Bring your own lunch. Salad provided by Rabbi Cohen.

CBI VOLUNTEERS AT BERKELEY'S MEN'S SHELTER

Congregation Beth Israel's first meal of 5767 at the Berkeley Men's homeless shelter was a fabulous success!

Big thank yous and a yasher koach to Ari Finkelstein, Barbara Budnitz, Benjamin Feiner, Frayda Gonshor, Isaac Malmuth, Jory Gessow, Lisa Gessow, Michael Feiner, Molly Greenberg, Rabbi Cohen, Sam Gessow, Sandy Schwarcz, Susan Schickman, and Uriel Sudikoff, and to Juliet Stamper for organizing.

A lot of fun was had by all! **Watch your daf hashavua for the announcement of next month's meal.** This is a most appropriate way to bring the message of Rosh Hashana into the rest of the year.



Teen and adult volunteers needed!

Please contact Juliet Stamper if you would like to join
or sponsor this worthy cause.

kiddushim

Kiddush Sponsors, August 12th: The Stamper Family in honor of Juliet's birthday.

Kiddush Sponsors, August 19th: the Collins-Levi, Kipnis, Malmuth, Meltzer and Resnikoff families, in honor of high school graduates: Joseph-Guy Levi, Hillel Kipnis, Ezra Malmuth, Joshua Meltzer, Ari Resnikoff. Mazal tov to everyone!

Kiddush Sponsors, August 26th: Rose Ginsburg and Bella Barany in honor of their 70th birthdays.

Kiddush Sponsors, September 2nd: The Haber Family in honor of the yahrzeit of Sam's father, Mechel Duvid Haber, z"l.

Kiddush Sponsors, September 9th: Gan Shalom in honor of CBI and Robin Mendelson; **Albert Benichou** to honor the yahrzeit of his father Messa'ud Ben Avraham, z"l.

Kiddush Sponsors, September 16th: Toby Hendon in honor of Ezra's 70th birthday; **the Eruv directors and the patrons of the Berkeley Eruv** to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the eruv and to thank the eruv inspectors for their hard work during the past year in maintaining the eruv.

Kiddush Sponsors, September 23rd: Jacob and Rena Harari in honor of the 50th anniversary of June and Robert Safran; **Maxine and Marv Winer, Naomi and Bob Stamper, Marti and Shelly Zedeck, Lois and Gary Marcus, Susan and Mark Schickman, Phyllis and Ed Miller, Carol Shivel, Ljuba Davis, Rita Kohl and Steve Silberblatt, Joan Sopher, Hanna and David Hindawi, Barbara and Bob Budnitz** in honor of the New Year.

Kiddush Sponsors, September 24th: Denise Resnikoff in memory of her father Irving Lipton, z"l, on the occasion of his 29th yahrzeit ; and **Jonah Markowitz** in honor of the holidays.

Kiddush Sponsors, September 30th: Vida Lehmann and family in honor of the holidays.

Break the Fast Sponsors, October 2nd: Fran and Ernie Alexander in honor of the birth of their great-granddaughter; **Jeremy Evnine** in honor of the holidays; **the Wittman family** in honor of the holidays; **Moshe Gavrieli** in honor of the holidays; the **Press-Wulf family** in honor of the holidays.

occasions

Baruch Dayan Ha'Emet:

We regret to inform you of the passing of:

Anne Danzig (Chana bat Yitzchak v' Lifsha), z"l, beloved mother of Beth Israel member Jessica Klass.

Roslyn Brickman (Shoshana bat Sarah), z"l, beloved mother of Rena Rosen.

Dorothy Cherwin, z"l.

Elinor Newman, z"l, beloved mother of Deborah Efron.

May their families find comfort amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov! To great-grandparents Ernie and Fran Alexander and grandparents Joel and Irene Resnikoff on the birth of a baby girl to Moshe and Liat Matsa in Boston on Sunday. Baby Girl Matsa-la, mother and father are healthy and well. She is the 6th generation of first born daughters in the Resnikoff-Alexander-Matsa family and the first great-grandchild for Ernie and Fran and the first grandchild for Joel and Irene.

Mazel tov to Linda Press Wulf on the publication of her novel, *The Night of the Burning: Devorah's Story*. It is based on the childhood of her mother-in-law and takes place around 1920 in Poland, London, and Cape Town.

hachnassat orchim

Welcome to our new Hachnassat Orchim coordinators, **Lori Hoch Stiefel and Aliza Craimer**. To volunteer in the weeks to come, please contact them lorihoch@gmail.com 510-981-1613 acraimer@gmail.com 510-485-2985.

Thank you to recent hosts:

**Ruchama & Avraham Burrell
Lisa & Jory Gessow
Julie Gordon
Ilene Lee
Ilana & Yishai Lemberger-Hendlish
Laura Lipman
Judith & Glenn Massarano
Colette & Yori Nelken
Denise Resnikoff
Tania & Muni Schweig
David Spieler
Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein**

todah rabah

GENERAL FUND

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Lillian Gendler: in honor of June and Bob Safran's 50th wedding anniversary

Richard Goldman

Daniel Gordan & Beth Marcus: for aliyah

Jacob Heitler

Risa Kagan & Richard Stern & Family: in memory of Rena Rosen's mother, Roslyn Brickman, z"l

Gary & Ilene Katz: in memory of Jessica Klass's mother, Anne Danzig, z"l; in memory of Rena Rosen's mother, Roslyn Brickman, z"l; in memory of Dora Cherwin, z"l; in honor of Bob & June Safran's 50th anniversary; for Sheba and Justin Sweet, welcome back to the community; mazel tov to Betty & Jay Cherniak on becoming grandparents; mazel tov to Joel & Irene Resnikoff on becoming grandparents and to Fran and Ernie Alexander on the birth of their first great-grandchild.

Iziaslav & Raisa Kreymer: in memory of our parents

Sara Levi: to welcome Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and Frayda Gonshor to CBI; in honor of Joelle Yzquierdo's devotion to CBI

Irene Lipton: in memory of Irving Lipton, z"l, father of Denise Resnikoff

Sam Markowitz: in honor of the 50th anniversary of Bob & June Safran

Edward & Phyllis Miller: in honor of the birth of a son to Rabbi Silverman and Ilana; in memory of Anne Danzig, z"l, mother of Jessica Klass; in memory of Justin Sweet's brother; In memory of Roslyn Brickman, z"l, mother of Rena Rosen; in honor of the birth of a granddaughter and great-granddaughter to Joel & Irene Resnikoff and Ernie and Fran Alexander; in honor of the special birthday of Juliet Stamper

Michael & Chanah Piotrkowski: In honor of Rabbi Cohen's arrival

Arthur Platt

Philip Safran: in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob & June Safran as well as the 70th birthday of June Safran. I have had the opportunity to attend CBI and I am pleased to contribute to you so that you may continue your good work.

Robert & June Safran: in honor of 50th anniversary for the Book Fund

Sara Ann Schnittman

Louis & Barbara Schubert: in memory of Leslie Provence on her yahrzeit

Delphine Sherman

Douglas Siskin

David Spieler: to the shlichot program

Robert & Naomi Stamper: In honor of Bob & June Safran's 50th

Richard & Connie Unger: in memory of Irving Lipton, z"l, father of Denise Resnikoff

Karen Horowitz Weiner

Sheldon & Ellen Winnick: in memory of Jessica Klass's mother

Friedner & Ruth Wittman: in memory of Leah Laskowski, z"l; with gratitude to Nae

Stanley Wulf & Linda Press Wulf: In honor of Uriel Sudikoff's bar mitzvah; mazel tov to Irene and Joel Resnikoff on the birth of their first grandchild.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Amir Amado Feeley & Eyal Grundstein, for the successful new academic year at school

Howard Felson: in honor of Rabbi Yair Silverman, Ilana Fodiman and family, Juliet Stamper's birthday, and Bob and Barbara Budnitz

Miriam Chaya Fields: for Youth Programming

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Mia Urman: in honor of Rabbi Yair Silverman

Marvin & Maxine Winer: for a speedy recovery to Rena Rosen; happy birthday to Juliet Stamper

Ruth & Fried Wittman: welcoming Rabbi Cohen to our community

BUILDING FUND

Kathleen & Tony Bloom

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Sondra Markowitz: in honor of the 50th anniversary of June and Bob Safran

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AVRAHAM ALEXANDER REISSBERG
IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAR MITZVAH

SATURDAY, THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER, 2006
9:15 IN THE MORNING
PARSHAT LEKH LEKHA

KIDDUSH LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICES
PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR SIMCHA
JANICE MAC MILLAN & RON REISSBERG



The beginning of Midrasha was filled with incredible energy. Classes were buzzing, students were delighted to see old friends, and teachers couldn't wait to be with their students again. We need the

help of everyone in the community to spread the word about what a great program Midrasha is and that we accept registrations all year long. It's never too late. If you know any 8-12th grade students, affiliated with a synagogue or not, with previous Jewish education or not, please send them in our direction. Students may attend four times if they aren't sure about making a commitment.

As always, this year's crop of teachers have come up with a lot of very creative courses. Here are some which might catch your fancy: In "P, B and J (Picture Books and Judaism)" Rachel Cane will look at old classic children's books like The Giving Tree and Sylvester and the Magic Pebble to see what Jewish values are hidden inside and in another class she will examine Jewish medical ethics. Sacha Kopin is looking at the Kabbalah in a class called "The Invisible Chariot" and also at the Harry Potter books in a class on "The Ethics of Wizardry." Bunny Pearlman's new art classes include one on "Making Jewish American Art", one on painting and sculpture around the theme of "the wall" in Israel, and one using micrography to portray Biblical stories. Greg Newmark, a graduate student in city planning, will look at "Urban Planning Lessons from the Bible." Devra Aarons will examine how Israel, Palestine and the Middle East are portrayed in the media and in another course she will look at "Biblical Women: Warriors, Prophets, Lovers and Mothers." Erica Crowell will be teaching two Holocaust classes, one on Anne Frank and one centered on filmed interviews with survivors. Josh Shupack will be exploring Jewish foods. David Neufeld will do two drama classes, including one called "Storahtelling." Zac Johnson will look at Maimonides' Guide to the Perplexed and Yossi Fendel will look at Rashi's commentaries on Leviticus to see "What's Bothering Rashi?" Kfir Cohen will not only teach Hebrew but will look at

"Contemporary Culture through Film." Muni Schweig will teach both Talmud and a class on "The Messiah in the Bible." And on top of this, our core classes of Gesharim (ethics), Etgar (Jewish Identity), Keshet Aleph (Israel) and Keshet Bet (Jewish thought and spirituality) will round out the curriculum. Don't you wish you were still in 8th-12th grade?

Do you know that Midrasha has a job bank? If you need babysitters, party help, drivers, gardeners, office or computer help, tutoring for your kids, someone to help with a community service project, someone to do moving and lifting –contact the Midrasha office and we'll send you the list. Sometimes students also let us know about special talents they have like being a disc jockey, a lifeguard or a designer of personalized calendars. We can fax the list, mail it or e-mail it. And if you are a Midrasha teen or parent of a teen who forgot to sign up for the job bank, it's never too late. We revise the list all year long.

For the first time this year we have a Midrasha parent handbook. We've tried to hand them out to parents as they come to Midrasha. We've also e-mailed them out to our parent body and have the handbook on our website (www.midrasha.org). If you are a Midrasha parent and don't have one, let us know. And if you are a member of the community and want to know more about Midrasha, we're happy to send you one.

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Birthdays

Isaiah Heitler Bamberger turns 2, October 1
 Ashira Bloom turns 5, October 3
 Hersh Polin turns 6, October 3
 Raanan Schweig turns 3, October 3
 Talia Seder turns 10, October 3
 Dorothy Richman, October 5
 Amir Amado Feeley turns 12, October 7
 Judith Massarano, October 9
 Eliana Greenberg turns 16, October 10
 Gabriela Kipnis, October 10
 Eva Faye Bradman turns 4, October 11
 Joanna Wise Bradman, October 12
 Dan Engel, October 13
 Naomi Brenner, October 14
 Elijah Vas, October 16
 Bella Barany, October 17
 Hillel Kipnis turns 18, October 17
 Sara Heitler Bamberger, October 19
 Edward Miller, October 20

Lev Jasper, October 21
 Bayla Polston turns 2, October 22
 Aaron Katler, October 26
 Carly Boland, October 27
 Yishai Lemberger-Hendlisch, October 28
 Ami Wulf turns 14, October 28
 Ilana Lemberger-Hendlisch, October 30

Anniversaries

David & Chalyne Newman, October 3, 2006
 7th anniversary

Cory & Jennifer Lubin, October 24, 2006
 7th anniversary

Aaron Katler & Deborah Fink, October 27, 2006
 4th anniversary

Times For Action

Many commandments need to be performed during particular times of the day; here is a list of those times.
 All times are for Berkeley, Daylight Savings Time until October 28, then Pacific Standard Time

Week of	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28	November 4	November 11
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	5:58 a.m.	6:05 a.m.	6:12 a.m.	6:19 a.m.	5:26 a.m.	5:34 a.m.
<i>Neitz-Sunrise</i>	7:10 a.m.	7:17 a.m.	7:24 a.m.	7:31 a.m.	6:38 a.m.	6:46 a.m.
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	10:03 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	10:09 a.m.	10:12 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:19 a.m.
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:25 p.m.	1:23 p.m.	1:21 p.m.	1:19 p.m.	12:19 p.m.	12:19 p.m.
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	6:43 p.m.	6:33 p.m.	6:23 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	5:07 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Night-fall	7:25 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	6:56 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	5:42 p.m.

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