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MARCH-APRIL 2007

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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 until Daylight Savings Time; after Daylight Savings Time: 7:00 p.m. Morning Service 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha until Daylight Savings Time immediately following kiddush, approximately 12:30 p.m.

After Daylight Savings Time: 15 minutes before candle lighting

See detailed schedule on page 14-15

from the rabbi

This year, in at least three ways, our community turned Purim's central message of "*Ve-Nahafoch Hu*", that God is a hidden source of radical transformation in the world, into a message of human empowerment and initiative.

First, a group of CBI volunteers met to prepare and serve dinner to fifty men at the Berkeley Men's Shelter. During a break from the cooking, we gathered around the kitchen counter and studied the laws of *Matanot L'evyonim* (gifts to the poor- one of Purim's central mitzvot). Studying these laws in the context of preparing a meal for the men at the shelter, transformed the *evyon* (the poor person) from an object of intellectual discourse to a person with a face and a name. Later in the evening, it was particularly inspiring to see our *shul's* teens pouring juice into the cups of the men as they enjoyed their dinner. One gentleman noted, "It's like being at a restaurant!" Another CBI volunteer asked every man what their food preferences were for future menus. *Ve-Nahafoch Hu*? How do we change the world? One person at a time and one meal at a

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from the president

Some of us have been known to tune in to prime time television, and one show in particular that has been mentioned is "24". The premise of "24" seems to be a real-time look at our TV hero's jam-packed day as he valiantly tries to save the world from every disaster known to Hollywood's best writers. Rather than discuss the validity of this portrayal of 24 hours on television, I'd like to share a portrayal of 12 hours at Beth Israel.

It started out simply enough last Sunday, February 25th, as I had my cup of coffee and headed off to join Linda Press Wulf and Joan Sopher at this year's annual Phonathon in Linda Diamond's office. I found there our usual cast of characters (a coalition of the willing), supported by Ilene and Gary Katz, efficiently and calmly making calls from "Pledge Central". My fellow callers were upbeat and cheerful,

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time.

Then, on Purim night, as I walked through the shul doors in my Banana costume, I was moved to see that over the course of a week we had managed to fill up Alameda County Food Bank's bin. Next to that bin, I noticed that our book bin was once again overflowing with children's books. *Ve-Nahafoch Hu?* How do we change the world? One can of food at a time and one children's book at a time.

Finally, on Purim day, many of you entrusted me as your *shaliach* (messenger) in fulfilling the mitzvah of *Matanot Le'evyonim*. During the morning hours our shul collected over \$1000. As I called in our donations to various charities that deliver money and food to the needy on Purim day, I couldn't help but think about the multitudes of synagogues that likely made similar contributions. *Ve-Nahafoch Hu?* How do we change the world? One dollar at a time and one community at a time.

Purim is a time of hope, it teaches us that fate can be turned over, transcended, and transformed. I have always understood this message in a spiritual sense; this past Purim I came to understand it as a call for action. *Ve-Nahafoch Hu* means that small deeds can become radical acts of faith. How do we change the world? One person at a time, one meal at a time, one can of food at a time, one children's book at a time, one dollar at a time and one community at a time.

When we understand Purim's message of *Ve-*

Nahafoch Hu as a call to action, we can naturally transition into Passover's message of "*Kol Dichfin Yetei V'yechul*" (let all those who are oppressed or hungry come and eat). Once again, as we celebrate God's redemption of Israel from their oppressors, we recognize our own role as agents of redemption.

How do we redeem the world? Why not begin one person at a time? Let's make sure that every person is invited to a Passover *seder* this year. Alternatively, one may choose to sponsor a meal at our community second *seder*. Please contact me if you are seeking a *seder* or if you have space available at your table.

This Pesach, may we all have a taste of redemption.

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

FINNISH HALL

FINISHES WITH A MITZVAH

CBI donated the wheelchair lift which had been installed at Finnish Hall to the Center for Independent Living (CIL).

We received this thank you note:

The wheelchair lift has been installed at Cornell Street, at the back porch, and it's quite wonderful. The older gentleman can now get out of his house without his sons and neighbors risking themselves, and him, by carrying him downstairs, like they had to do before. The family is very grateful, as is CIL, for the wonderful donation.

Rebuilding Together, formerly Christmas in April, is donating labor to put in a concrete path of travel that will go all the way from the lift to the front sidewalk,... when the path is in, he will be able to negotiate the whole access himself.

Again, thanks so much. These donations really help stretch our too small budget, so we can serve a few more people than originally planned for the year.

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and within a few hours we had called most of the shul's members and good friends, left messages on answering machines, and had our list of call-backs to complete later in the day. Our efforts and your generosity raised approximately \$15,000 in necessary funds for our operating budget. Linda and Joan wrapped up the day, and the first stop on my Beth Israel day was completed.

Scene 2: I wandered into the shul around noontime to see if I could lend a hand to Michael Feiner and the Gan Shalom families as they packed up *mishloach manot*. The social hall was hoppin' and the music was rockin'! Long tables filled with Semifreddi's biscotti and Grand Bakery hamantashen were being bagged and sealed with stickers. On another table, mailing boxes were being taped and stacked, and finally, there was a fast-moving assembly line. This was where things became quite frenetic as we put the biscotti, hamantashen, teas, nuts and other morsels on paper plates before passing them off to the Wrappers at the far end of the table. Finally, the *mishloach manot* were dropped into the waiting boxes and pushed through the doors into the sanctuary (by a gang of adorable children from preschool age up to *b'nai mitzvah*!) where they were sealed, labeled, and sorted by zip code for mail and hand delivery. According to Michael, this year's effort was the most efficient ever; prepared the largest number of packages (over 500); and raised much needed funds for our preschool. And simultaneously, amidst the bustle of the hard working Gan families, the library was filled with people learning with Rabbi Eliahu Klein. The place was buzzing!

My last CBI stop of the day was at the NCSY Film Noir night. Amazingly, our shul-turned warehouse had now been transformed into a 40's speakeasy, in an elegant event organized by our teenagers. Kenny Hendon, Sam Lyon, and Eliana Sudikoff and their enthusiastic team capably directed this black and white party with blackjack tables, an original Film

Noir production, homemade desserts, and just plain fun. Ahron Glazer, our NCSY advisor, made a convincing case for our continued support of this program. Bobby Budnitz was one of the members wearing vintage garb; his Pittsfield High letter sweater never looked better.

My 12 hours might have been less dramatic than TV's "24". But in my time, I saw members of our community, literally from age 3-80, engaging in mitzvot, learning together, fundraising, and enjoying each other's company. This is the strength of our community: it is the ways in which we come together to daven, learn, volunteer, care, and engage in acts of kindness that define us and make us who we are. It is an awe-inspiring experience and I recommend that you tune in today. It might be more satisfying than the best that Prime time TV can offer.

Wishing you all *chag Pesach kasher v' sameach!*

Leslie Valas



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Congregation Beth Israel Guidelines for Children's Shabbat Tefilah Program

- ☆ Come join us for a fun-filled Shabbat morning while your parents are at shul!
- ☆ Learn, daven and play with friends! Snacks provided!
- ☆ Where: Gan Shalom Preschool, half a block from CBI (2230 Jefferson)
- ☆ When: Every Shabbat, 10:15 -11:50

Congregation Beth Israel is proud to offer a **Shabbat Tefilah Program for Children** ages 3 through 10. There is also childcare for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years. The program takes place at Gan Shalom Preschool and at CBI. The following rules apply to the **CBI Shabbat Tefilah Program for Children**.

1. **Times** – Childcare starts at 10:15 am and children may be dropped off at Gan Shalom after 10:15. The tefilah program begins at 10:45. Tefilah and childcare end at 11:50 am.
 - ☆ Children in the younger tefilah group will be brought back to shul by an adult at 11:50.
 - ☆ Parents of toddlers and/or parents who want to bring their own children back to shul **must** pick up their children no later than 11:50 a.m.
2. **Age Groups** - Children are divided into the following groups and activities based on age as of **September 1, 2006**:
 - ☆ **Ketanim**, 18 months-3 years** - Supervised outdoor play in Gan Shalom yard or inside if weather demands. Healthy snacks are available; parents are responsible for all diaper changing needs. If Ketanim is full when you arrive, you may be asked to stay with your child/ren.
 - ⚙ **Drop off - as early as 10:15**
 - ⚙ **Pick Up - Ketanim MUST be picked up at Gan Shalom by a parent.**
 - ☆ **Yeladim**, 3 to 6 years (preschool to 1st grade) – Meet upstairs in the small room for kid-friendly davening, learning, Torah parade and more! Snack provided at end of program.
 - ⚙ **Drop off at 10:30, program begins at 10:45**
 - ⚙ **Pick Up - All Yeladim will be escorted back to the CBI building at 11:50 by a responsible youth or adult; or a parent may pick up before 11:50 at Gan Shalom.**
 - ☆ **Talmidim**, 7 to 9 years old – Davening and

learning in the Library at the CBI building.

- ⚙ **Drop off at Gan Shalom before 10:45 or at CBI, children escorted to CBI at 10:45 for davening in the CBI library.**
- ⚙ **Children join the adults for Ayn K'Eloheinu and Adon Olam in the sanctuary.**

Your child should go to the group that reflects his or her age as of September 1, 2006. Children under age 3 who want to go to the Yeladim group must be accompanied by a parent.

3. **Supervision** – All children are supervised in the backyard play area or in the Gan by a day care provider and a responsible teenager. The davening groups are led by volunteers.
4. **Responsible Adult** - Every child who participates in the CBI Shabbat Tefilah Program for Children must have an adult responsible for that child at shul or at Gan Shalom during the program. Children may not be dropped off at the Program without a responsible adult designated and available at the shul. The adult can be a parent, guardian, friend, another parent, etc.
5. **Parent Participation** - Parents whose children regularly participate in the CBI Shabbat Tefilah Program for Children are expected to lead or assist with the program on a rotational basis. Please contact Rona Teitelman, rteitelman@yahoo.com, to be added to the rotation list. Your time will be counted towards your membership volunteer commitment at CBI.

** Children younger than 18 months are welcome to stay with the Ketanim, but must be accompanied by one of their own parents for the entire time they are present.

Questions? Contact Youth Education Committee members: Lauren Greenberg, Rebecca Landes, Liza Silver, Doreet Stein, Tania Schweig, Rona Teitelman





GAN'S PURIM @CBI

The spirit of Purim entered our lives as we began to feel spring in the air. Our classroom was transformed. The children learned the story of Esther through projects including mask making, dress up, dramatic play, creating Shushan, designing Megilat Esther, and baking hamantashen. We baked hamantashen for our own families as well as for some residents of a senior center as a mitzvah project.

Our school Purim carnival was held on Friday, March 2. Thank you, once again, to CBI for letting us use the hall for the carnival. The kids had a blast!

Thank you all for your participation in the *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser. We really appreciate the support of the CBI community. Thank you to Michael Feiner, alumni parent extraordinaire, for your ongoing support of Gan and for taking on the organization of this once again.

Today Rabah to all! Ruth



GAN SHALOM Seeking Preschool Director/Head Teacher

Gan Shalom Preschool is seeking a new leader to guide our program, beginning with the 2007-08 school year. Gan Shalom is a nurturing, play-based preschool that blends diversity and openness with a deep, joyous commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism. For 18 years, we have been dedicated to creating a warm, home-like environment where each child's uniqueness is cherished. At the same time, we encourage our children to become compassionate community members. Gan Shalom serves about 25 children, ages 2.9 to 5 years.

Qualifications: 15 Early Childhood Ed units (incl. 3 admin. units), early childhood teaching experience, Judaic/Hebrew knowledge, excellent communication skills, supervisory and administrative experience. Candidates should be organized, computer-literate, flexible, loving, creative, able to work as a team with staff and families, and dedicated to fostering Jewish spiritual and religious growth. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

If interested, please email your resume, cover letter and salary history/requirements to chalynnewman@yahoo.com or fax to (413) 751-9350. For further information, please see cbiberkeley.org/ganshalom or contact Chalyn Newman at (510) 520-5929.

New Member Profiles

DELPHINE SHERMAN:

Delphine works at budgeting, financial management and grant writing for Edtec, which provides business services to charter schools. She greatly enjoys putting her MBA to use to help charter school leaders and Boards of Directors think strategically about how to allocate resources and enhance the educational experience of the students. She earned her MBA from the Haas School in '06, her BA from Dartmouth. For three years, she was an investment consultant to foundations and other endowed institutions through Cambridge Associates in Boston.

Delphine grew up in a Reconstructionist temple in Westchester, New York, where her parents (who met on a kibbutz in Israel – her mother is French) are active. Until she stumbled on CBI, she had never found another shul she wanted to join, even in Boston. "It's a wonderful experience. The rabbi, Leslie and the congregation have been warm and welcoming; CBI has added greatly to my life," she says. She learns in a close group with Rabbi Mimi Weisel and considers herself on the path to exploring, understanding, and incorporating more and more of traditional Judaism. CBI's diversity of backgrounds provides a comfortable and inspirational setting for her to do this.



PHIL WOLGIN:

Phil is a first year doctoral student at Cal in American History, focusing on American immigration and history. He grew up in Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he attended both yeshiva and shul at the multi-faceted Jewish Educational Center. Both his parents have always been active in that community and his father was a volunteer fireman as well.

Phil has followed in their footsteps. While an undergraduate at NYU he was active in its Hillel and president of the History Students Association. Afterward, while living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, he commuted back to New Jersey once a week for six years to volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician. Here, he is already a delegate to the Graduate Assembly and represents the History Department in committees of that forum.

Phil says that CBI was a large factor in his decision to come to Cal. He appreciates our open, non-judgmental community and the transition from Ramat Orah, where he davened in NY, was an easy one. "Yes, I'll help out at CBI as needed," he responded when asked if CBI would eventually be a beneficiary of his remarkable generosity of self.

(Note: these interviewees were picked at random at Kiddush one Shabbat, and just happen to be model newcomers, honest!)

If you are a new member and would like to be profiled in this column, please tell Joelle.



CBI Annual Phonathon

Thank you to our valiant phonathon callers on February 25th: Joan Sopher, Denise Resnikoff, Linda Diamond, Maxine Winer, Leslie Valas, Dorothy Rubin, Malcolm Feeley, Jonathan Gruber, Eric Seder, Deborah Lesser, and Naomi Stamper.

Thank you to Linda Diamond for lending her spacious offices yet again, and to Ilene Katz for bookkeeping yet again, along with her trusty husband, Gary.

Thank you to the Early Birds who sent in donations before the phonathon so we didn't need to call them. Although we do not yet have a total as of press time, thank you for the graciousness and generosity of so many of our fellow members and friends. We hope to announce an excellent result in the next Chai Lights.

Please do send in the donation you pledged as soon as possible. Only if you redeem your pledge by April 24 (Yom Ha'atzmaut, when the rabbi will draw the names of the lucky winners), will you be enrolled in the raffle for a Mystery Prize in each donation category.

Email Linda Press Wulf with any questions at lpwulf@ix.netcom.com

SOCIAL ACTION AT CBI

The February meal at the Berkeley Men's homeless shelter was another fabulous success! Big thank yous and a yasher koach to Barbara Budnitz, Rabbi Cohen, Rachel and Sam Seder, Danielle Diamond, Jonathan Lyon, Joan Sopher, Sara Engel, and Juliet's cousins, Emma and Tessa Snyder.

A special thank you to Barbara for menu planning and shopping, and to the Rabbi for teaching us a class on Purim and tzedaka.

The next two shelter meals are the 4th Wednesday of March and April.

We Want your Chametz Now!

An Alameda County Food Bank bin has been placed in our shul's lobby. Let's fill it up--again and again--in the weeks leading up to Passover.



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JCHS Open House
Thursday, April 28, 7:00pm
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VACHE QUI RIT- CBI'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

The drums were beating, the strings were ringing, songs bounced round the room, and the cow's laughter reached high!

A wonderful night was had by all thanks to Albert Benichou, Sabrina Kabella, Joan Sopher and Janice Mac Millan. Thank you to Hiram Simon for the generous wine donation and to our many tireless volunteers. A standing ovation to our wonderful performers! Let's keep that cow laughing – See you next year!





PURIM AT CBI

Thanks to everyone who contributed to a fantastic Purim celebration!

Kol Hak'vod to Doreet Stein, Nae Golomb, Bella Barany, Sabrina Kabella and all who helped make our seudah

successful; special thanks to Marti Zedeck and Barbara Budnitz for the wonderful hamantashen.

Also thanks to Liza Silverwalker and Jen Lubin for organizing the children's Purim booths, and Rikki Sudikoff and Rebecca Landes for putting together a most entertaining Purim spiel. A big *Yasher Koach* to our shul's Youth Committee.

CBI truly came together and shared in all of Purim's joyous *mitzvot*.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

RABBI AVI WEISS AT CBI

In honor of the installation of

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen



Rabbi Avi Weiss founded YCT in 1999. He is Senior Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, a modern and Open Orthodox congregation of 850 families in the Bronx, NY. Rabbi Weiss is the National President of the AMCHA – the Coalition for Jewish Concerns, a grassroots organization that speaks out for Jewish causes throughout the world. He has authored two books: "Women at Prayer: A Halakhic Analysis of Women's Prayer Groups" and "Principles of Spiritual Activism."

Friday Night, March 16:

6:15 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
Rabbi Avi Weiss will speak before
Kabbalat Shabbat

Congregational Dinner
to follow with a talk from Rabbi Weiss

Dinner Cost: \$25; Children (3-12): \$12;
Family Maximum: \$60

RSVP Necessary by Monday, March 12 to
office@cbiberkeley.org or the CBI Office

Saturday, March 17:

**9:15 am Tefillot and Installation of Rabbi
Cohen with Drasha by Rabbi Weiss**
The entire community is invited to
Kiddush Lunch, without charge or
reservation.

1:30 pm Learning with Rabbi Avi Weiss
Childcare will be provided without cost
during the afternoon shiur with advance
reservation only.

For safety reasons, please register for childcare by
Monday, March 12, to office@cbiberkeley.org

We encourage the entire community to attend. If cost
is a barrier, subsidy is available. Please contact
Rabbi Cohen.

Whether or not you are able to join us, please
consider buying additional seats at dinner for others
who might not otherwise attend.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDER AT CBI

Led by Rabbi Yonatan Cohen



This Pesach, join your CBI family for a community celebration of the Second Seder. We will learn, share, eat and celebrate our exodus from *Mitzraim* together!

Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:15 p.m.

Second Seder, April 3, 8:15 p.m.

RSVP Necessary by Monday, March 26
to office@ciberkeley.org or (510) 843-5246

Limited subsidy is available, please contact Rabbi Cohen.

Adults \$50
Children 6-12 \$18
Catered fleischig meal with
ample vegetarian options

The Tillie and Rene Molho Endowment for
Holocaust Remembrance of the
Jewish Community Federation and
Foundation of the Greater East Bay
invites you to

An Evening of Remembrance
and Resistance



Community-wide Commemoration of
YOM HASHOA VE HAGEVURAH

Tuesday, April 17, 8:00 PM
Temple Sinai

"The Moral Achievements of Survivors"
Dr. Michael Berenbaum



SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Avivah Zornberg

Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg earned a Ph.D. in English literature from Cambridge University, and worked as a lecturer in the English Department at

Hebrew University before turning to the teaching of religion. She has conducted classes in Torah for thousands of students at several different institutions in Israel. She also lectures widely in the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom, and holds a visiting lectureship at the London School of Jewish Studies, an affiliate of the University of London. She has authored two books: "Genesis: The Beginning of Desire" and "The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus." She is currently working on a volume of essays on the unconscious as a dynamic component in midrashic and hassidic exegesis.

Shabbat May 5

Co-sponsored by Beit Midrash Ohr Ha Chaim
Community-Wide luncheon sponsored by CBI's Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Rabbi Mimi Weisel presented a multi-media program on "Venice, Italian Culture and the Jews" in February to a SRO, appreciative crowd. We thank Mimi for sharing her knowledge, as well as Violette Sibony for arranging the evening, Ruth Wittman for supplying audio-visual equipment, Marti Zedeck for the baked goodies, and everyone else who helped to make the event such a success.

Chanah Piotrkowski has organized a women's kaddish support system. If you need to say kaddish, please notify her and we'll arrange to have a buddy at minyan with you.

The next meeting of the Book Club is March 18 at 1:00 PM (note the change in time from usual). We will be reviewing Aharon Appelfeld's *The Iron Tracks*. There were still a few copies available in the office as of this writing.

On May 5, the Women's Group will spearhead a luncheon for the community, gratis, in honor of the visit of Avivah Zornberg. Please let us know if you can help out!

Coming Soon: June Safran will present a program on "The Jews of Cuba," for whom she has worked tirelessly through the Cuban-American Jewish Mission, dedicated to assisting with the revitalization of Jewish life in Cuba and to working to improve the physical and spiritual well-being of the Jews of Cuba and the new Cuban Olim to Israel. Watch the Daf Hashavuah for the date.

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, Pacific Standard Time until March 10, Daylight Savings Time after March 11.

Week of	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Apr. 28
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	5:16 a.m.	6:06 a.m.	5:55 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	5:34 a.m.	5:24 a.m.	5:14 a.m.	5:05 a.m.
<i>Neitz-Sunrise</i>	6:28 a.m.	7:18 a.m.	7:07 a.m.	6:56 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	6:36 a.m.	6:26 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	9:24 a.m.	10:18 a.m.	10:11 a.m.	10:05 a.m.	9:59 a.m.	9:53 a.m.	9:47 a.m.	9:42 a.m.
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	12:49 p.m.	1:48 p.m.	1:46 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	1:43 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	6:11 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	7:31 p.m.	7:37 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Night-fall	6:53 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:07 p.m.	8:13 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	8:26 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	8:39 p.m.

SPRING 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.

TEACHINGS OF THE HEART:

HASSIDIC INSIGHTS ON THE HOLIDAYS

Prepare spiritually for the holidays by joining Rabbi Eliahu Klein for an engaging text study of teachings by our great Hasidic masters, the Besht, Kedushat Levi, Rav Nachman and others.

Rabbi Klein - March 18th (for Pesach), May 20 (for Shavuot), 10:30 a.m.

MONDAYS

HEAVENLY TORAH

THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

The world of rabbinic thought can be divided into two major schools of thought, that of Rabbi Akiva and that of Rabbi Ishmael. The historic disputes between these two schools are based on fundamental differences over the nature of revelation and religion. Join Rabbi Cohen for a weekly text study based on Heschel's *Heavenly Torah*.

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen - Monday, 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

JEWISH WRITINGS OF EMMANUEL LEVINAS

Jewish writings of the French post-modern philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. The source book we are planning to use is "Difficult Freedom: Essays on Judaism". Discussion will

be facilitated by Muni Schweig, who is a serious student of Levinas' thought.

Muni Schweig - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

NOT A MESSENGER

Join R. Cohen for a two-part series. We will explore Rabban Gamliel's polemical fight against early Christianity and its possible influence on the formation of Seder rituals. As part of our study, we will review rabbinic response to early Christian 'Haggadot' (le'havdil!).

Rabbi Cohen - Thursday, March 15 and 22, at 8 p.m.

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. **(Resumes April 19.)**

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, 4:15-6:15 p.m.

SHABBAT YOUTH PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE AT GAN SHALOM

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.

MARCH-APRIL SCHEDULE

Congregation Beth Israel *chai lights*

SHABBAT PARAH PARSHAT KI TISA
Friday & Saturday, March 9th – 10th

Candle Lighting.....	5:52 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:00 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare.....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:40 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	6:50 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Sunday, March 11th

Move your clocks one hour forward on Saturday night.

SHABBAT HACHODESH
PARSHAT VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI
Rabbi Avi Weiss, Scholar in Residence
In honor of the Installation of Rabbi Cohen
Friday & Saturday, March 16th – 17th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:15 p.m.
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Congregational Dinner to follow

RSVP by March 12, see page 10 for details

Candle Lighting.....	6:59 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.

Installation of Rabbi Cohen with Drasha by Rabbi Weiss

Educational Childcare.....	10:15 a.m.
Learning with Rabbi Weiss.....	1:30 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	3:15 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	7:57 p.m.

ROSH CHODESH NISAN
Mon. night & Tue., March 19th – 20th

Shacharit.....	6:30 a.m.
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SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYIKRAH
Friday & Saturday, March 23rd – March 24th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:06 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare.....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:40 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	8:04 p.m.

SHABBAT HAGADOL PARSHAT TZAV
Friday & Saturday, March 30th – 31st

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:12 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Hagadol Drasha in memory of Eli Resnikoff, z"l delivered by Rabbi Cohen after services

.....	11:30 a.m.
Educational Childcare.....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:40 p.m.

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....8:10 p.m.

Sunday night, April 1st

Search for *Chametz* after.....8:14 p.m.

PESACH - PASSOVER
Monday, April 2nd – Tuesday, April 10th

EREV PESACH & FIRST SEDER

Monday, April 2nd

Fast of the Firstborns begins.....	5:41 a.m.
Morning Service.....	6:30 a.m.
<i>Siyum</i> for Firstborns.....	7:00 a.m.
Stop eating <i>Chametz</i> by.....	11:02 a.m.
Destroy <i>Chametz</i> by.....	12:01 p.m.
Mincha, Yom Tov Ma'ariv & Hallel.....	7:15 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:15 p.m.
Fast Ends.....	8:13 p.m.
Begin First Seder AFTER	8:13 p.m.

YOM TOV -1ST DAY OF PESACH – Tuesday, April 3rd

Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha, Ma'ariv & Hallel.....	7:15 p.m.
Light Candles AFTER	8:13 p.m.
Begin Second Seder AFTER	8:13 p.m.

Community-wide Second Seder @CBI

For details, see page 11

Count first night of *Sefirah* after.....8:13 p.m.

YOM TOV- 2ND DAY OF PESACH – Wednesday, April 4th
1st Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha.....	7:15 p.m.
Ma'ariv & Havdallah.....	8:14 p.m.

1ST DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH – Thurs. April 5th
2nd Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....	6:30 a.m.
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2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH – Friday, April 6th
3rd Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....	6:30 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha, & Shabbat Ma'ariv.....	7:00 p.m.
Shabbat Light Candles BEFORE	7:18 p.m.

SHABBAT CHOL HA'MOED
4th Day of the Omer

3RD DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH – Sat., April 7th

Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
<i>Shir Ha'Shirim</i>	11:30 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	1:30 p.m.
Havdalah & Conclusion of Shabbat after.....	8:17 p.m.

4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH – Sunday, April 8th

5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....	8:00 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha & Ma'ariv.....	7:00 p.m.
Light Candles	7:20 p.m.

YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH – Monday, April 9th

6th Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha & Ma'ariv.....	7:15 p.m.
Light Candles AFTER	8:19 p.m.

YOM TOV - 8TH DAY OF PESACH – Tuesday, April 10th

7th Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Yizkor	10:30 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha.....	1:30 p.m.
Havdalah & Conclusion of Yom Tov after.....	8:20 p.m.

If you sold your *chametz* through CBI and have not been contacted by 9:00 p.m., you may assume that your *chametz* has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT SHEMINI

11th Day of the Omer

Friday & Saturday, April 13th - 14th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:25 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha	7:25 p.m.
Seudah Shelishit.....	7:45 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	8:20 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	8:24 p.m.

YOM HASHOA

Sunday-Monday April 15-16th

Tuesday April 17th

Community-wide Commemoration of Yom HaShoa Ve HaGevurah (for more details see page 11)..... 8:00 p.m.
Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit St. Oakland

ROSH CHODESH IYYAR

15th-16th Day of the Omer

Tues. night, Wed. & Thurs., April 17th - 19th

Shacharit. 6:30 a.m.

SHABBAT PARSHAT TAZRIA-METZORA

18th Day of the Omer

Friday & Saturday, April 20th – 21st

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:31 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.

Educational Childcare	10:15 a.m.
Mincha	7:25 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit.....	7:45 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	8:25 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	8:31 p.m.

YOM HAZIKARON/

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS

Sunday night - Monday, April 22nd - 23rd

Monday, April 23rd 7:00 p.m.
Yom Hazikaron ceremony at CBI

YOM HATZMA'UT

Monday night - Tuesday, April 23rd & 24th

Monday, April 23rd 7:30 p.m.
Festive Ma'ariv with musical Hallel; bring your musical instruments to join in our celebration.
Tuesday, April 24th Shacharit w/Hallel..... 6:30 a.m.

SHABBAT PARSHAT ACHREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

25th Day of the Omer

Friday & Saturday, April 27th – April 28th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:38 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare	10:15 a.m.
Mincha	7:30 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit.....	7:50 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	8:35 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	8:39 p.m.

SHABBAT PARSHAT EMOR

32nd Day of the Omer

Avivah Zornberg, Scholar in Residence

C-sponsored by Beit Midrash Ohr Ha Chaim

Friday & Saturday, May 4th-5th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:55 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare	10:15 a.m.
Community-wide luncheon sponsored by CBI's Sisterhood	
Mincha	7:30 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit.....	7:50 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	8:45 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	8:46 p.m.

LAG B'OMER

Saturday night & Sunday May 5-6th

Shacharit 8:00 a.m.
SAVE THE DATE! Be prepared for CBI's most fabulous, sporty and delicious Lag B'Omer picnic in the park!
Watch your Daf Hashavuah for further details.

PESACH: Zman Cheirutainu -- The Moment of Our Liberation

Pesach is a celebration of true freedom. Not only freedom from slavery and oppression but more importantly, a freedom for self-actualization and fulfillment by responding to the opportunity of *Mitzvot* -- the Divine Commandments of this unique holiday.

The purpose of this essay is to outline the special *mitzvot* of *Pesach*.

First the prohibitions (as they need a greater amount of planning to observe). The Torah outlines three types of foods that are prohibited during *Pesach*: **Chametz** (leavened bread), **Seor** (leavening agent, e.g., yeast), and **Machmetzet**, a mixture of other foods with *chametz*.

Chametz occurs as a result of leavening. When the flour of any of the five varieties of grain (grains that are capable of leavening: wheat, barley, oats, rye, spelt) is mixed with water, leavening is assumed to occur in 18 minutes. *Matzah* also can be made from any of these grains. Most *Matzah* is made from wheat flour. If someone **needs** *Matzah* from an alternate flour source, it can be special ordered on-line and should be ordered early to ensure delivery for *Pesach*. *Matzah* and all foods containing grain products must be “watched” so that leavening does not occur at any time until the flour is fully baked. There is a division of opinion as to whether the “watching” must start at the harvest of the grain (i.e. are cracked grains that get wet subject to leavening) or only at the milling of the flour. Most authorities hold the latter view.

PROHIBITIONS REGARDING ALL TYPES OF CHAMETZ ON PESACH

- Not to eat *chametz* (including any amount of *chametz* mixed into other foods)
- Not to derive any benefit from *chametz* during *Pesach* (sell it, give it to someone, feed it to one’s animal, make ink from it, etc.)
- Not to own or have any *chametz* visible on one’s property.

Exception: *Chametz* that is *Nifsal Me’achilat Kelev* -- no longer in a state that is fit to be eaten by a dog -- loses its status as *chametz*. The practical application of this exception is found in household products that contain grain, starches or grain alcohol. According to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, toothpaste -- even if unsupervised -- can be used because it is *Nifsal Meachilat Kelev*. Similarly, soap may be used even if it contains *chametz*. Medicine in tablet form, which is swallowed whole, also is not a problem. However, liquid medicine such as cough syrup is problematic because many contain grain alco-

hol, which is pure *chametz*. Throat lozenges also are a problem. In case of need, please feel free to consult with me personally.

Kitniot: The consumption of rice, peas, beans, corn, and legumes (*kitniot*) were prohibited by the Rabbis in medieval Europe. For centuries, Jews of European origin have steadfastly maintained this tradition of restricting the eating of *kitniot*. As these foods are not biblical *Chametz*, benefit from and possession of *kitniot* during *Pesach* is permitted. Yeminite & some Sefardic Jews are not bound to this custom by their familial tradition. In recent years many have disparaged this rabbinic injunction, however on your next trip to Berkeley Bowl examine their flour section where you can see bins fill with rice, pea and corn flour — this is virtually indistinguishable from wheat, barley, oats, rye, spelt, which are biblically prohibited. Already in the Talmud we are instructed *Minbag Avoteinu B’yadeinu*, to heed the customs of our ancestors.

NOTE: QUINOA is not a grain or kitniot and may be cooked and eaten on Pesach. (If buying from open bins, one must check each particle individually with EXTRA CARE to be certain there is NO grain mixed in. For this reason it is easier for Pesach to buy pre-packaged quinoa.)

STRINGENCIES of CHAMETZ VIS-A-VIS OTHER PROHIBITED FOODS

1. The eating of *chametz* during *Pesach* is punishable by *Karet*, eternal excommunication – it is a more severe transgression than other prohibited foods.
2. Most other prohibited foods are, under certain circumstances, “cancelled out” if there is a preponderance of permitted food that “overwhelms” the prohibited food (as, for example, one part in sixty parts in many cases). *Chametz* that gets mixed with permitted foods during *Pesach* is never “cancelled out” in such a manner, and any bit of *chametz* makes the entire pot of food prohibited.
3. **NOTE:** It is therefore advisable to buy foods like milk, pure fruit juices and eggs before *Pesach* when any added vitamins can be “canceled out” *M’rutale* in sixty parts of milk.
4. One may derive benefit from many other prohibited foods – sell them, feed them to the dog, etc., but not Chametz.
5. Furthermore, *chametz* that is in the possession of a Jew during *Pesach* is forever prohibited to any Jew and must be destroyed. (Giving it away to a non-Jew is considered a benefit, as it gains good will).
6. *Chametz* that is found in one’s possession during *Pesach*:
 - a. If during *Chol Hamoed* (intermediate days), must be destroyed immediately.
 - b. If during *Yom Tov* or *Shabbat*, it must be covered up, and destroyed immediately after the

end of *Yom Tov* or *Shabbat*.

CLEANING OF HOMES/PROPERTIES

Remember: Dirt, while not a good thing to have around, is in fact **not** chametz. That is to say that one has an obligation to remove *chametz* but not anything else. One must remove *chametz* from all owned properties, including offices, cars, boats, etc. **NOTE:** While cleaning, the ideal manner in which to dispose of *chametz* foodstuffs is to donate them to non-Jews in need i.e., food banks or homeless shelters.

THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

Sale of *Chametz* to a non-Jew is a legally effective way to rid oneself of *Chametz*. Such a transfer of *Chametz*, through a legal and binding sale with a properly executed contract gives the non-Jew full title to all foods listed. For this sale to be binding, there are several necessary criteria:

1. The seller must truly believe that he/she is in fact selling something and that they view these goods as no longer theirs. The lack of this mental state invalidates any bill of sale.
2. There must be access for the buyer to the *chametz* during *Pesach*. That is to say, if you will be out of town, you must leave a way to get into your home with proper instruction (i.e., keys with a neighbor), or you may deposit a set of keys with the agent performing the sale.
3. This transfer may be carried out through appointing an agent, with power of attorney, to sell the *chametz* through *kinyan*, formal transfer act and contract. **NOTE:** The significant act of *kinyan*, should take place between each individual and the agent. Those who wish to sell their *chametz* through CBI should enact a *kinyan* with Rabbi Cohen..

I will be available:

Thursday, March 22 nd	after morning services & from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25 th	8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
Monday, March 26 th	after morning services & from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 th	after morning services & from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Sunday night, March 31st 7:00 - 8:00 pm

as well as at other times by appointment.

4. *Chametz* that has been sold must be put in a completely sealed-off place, not readily accessible to the

seller during *Pesach*.

NOTE: Any *Chametz* held over *Pesach* under Jewish ownership may not ever be used, eaten, or sold after *Pesach*. (Selling one's *chametz* before *Pesach* to a non-Jew avoids Jewish ownership during *Pesach* and therefore it is not subject to this injunction.)

STORE-BOUGHT FOOD FOR PESACH

Even while we are careful all year long to consume only food with appropriate supervision, during the week of *Pesach* there is a need to be more vigilant.

Below is a Partial list of food that **DO NEED** SPECIAL *PESACH* SUPERVISION:

NOTE: I only included items that I thought one might otherwise assume did not require special *Pesach* supervision, but in fact do.

- APPLESAUCE
- BABY FOOD
- BAKING POWDER and SODA
- BUTTER with coloring added
- CANDY and CHOCOLATE
- CHEESE - HARD
- CHEESE SPREADS
- COFFEE- UNLESS ON LIST BELLOW
- COTTAGE CHEESE/RICOTTA
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- CREAM CHEESE
- FISH – GEFILTE, HERRING,
- SMOKED SALMON, & ALL CANNED
- FRUITS -- CANNED & FROZEN
- HONEY
- HORSERADISH (RED AND WHITE)
- ICE CREAM
- JAMS and JELLIES
- JUICES -- WITH ANY ADDITIVES, OR IF NOT BOUGHT BEFORE *PESACH*
- KETCHUP
- MARGARINE
- MAYONNAISE
- MILK -- IF NOT BOUGHT BEFORE *PESACH*
- NON-DAIRY CREAMER
- NUT BUTTERS
- OILS & SHORTENINGS -- EVEN PURE (EXCEPT FOR EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL)

- OLIVES
- PICKLED PRODUCTS
- SAUERKRAUT
- SOUR CREAM
- ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS
- SYRUPS
- TEAS-- FLAVORED
- TOMATO PRODUCTS
- VEGETABLES -- CANNED & FROZEN
- VINEGAR
- WINES & LIQUORS
- YOGURT

The following Foods **DO NOT NEED** SPECIAL *PESACH* SUPERVISION:

NOTE: For a fuller listing see. www.ou.org or www.kosherquest.com

BUTTER

If **NO coloring** has been added (this means the butter is white not yellow) **and bought before *Pesach***

COCOA POWDER (any pure cocoa)

HERSHEY CHOCOLATE

Hershey Foods Corp. Hershey, PA

NESTLE PETERS

Nestle USA Beverage Division, Glendale, CA

COFFEE

EIGHT O'CLOCK

Balanced Blend Coffee, Dark Roast, CS Blend, French Roast, Que Buen Cafe, Roasters Choice Plus, 100% Colombian, Whole Coffee Beans, Unflavored Ground Coffee Beans, Unflavored Instant Coffee except Decaffeinated Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Montvale, NJ

FOLGERS

All Unflavored Coffee except Decaffeinated Procter & Gamble Coffee Div., Cincinnati, OH

TASTER'S CHOICE

All Unflavored Coffee except Chicory & Decaffeinated Nestle USA Beverage Division Glendale, CA

FRUITS - DRIED

AMERICAN RAISIN PACKERS

Natural Thompson Raisins, Zante Currents American Raisin Packers Selma, CA

DEL MONTE

Raisins (Natural and Golden) Yorkshire Dried Fruits and Nuts, Inc. Fresno, CA

DOLE

Raisins (Natural and Golden), Zante Currants Yorkshire Dried Fruits and Nuts, Inc. Fresno, CA

PRIDE

Natural Thompson Raisins, Zante Currants American Raisin Packers Selma, CA

FISH – Fresh fish

FRUIT (Frozen)

Any without sugar or other additives.

JUICES

Any %100 Orange or Grapefruit Juice IF Bought Before *Pesach*

REALEMON

Lemon Juice Reconstituted Borden Co. Waterloo, NY

REALIME

Lime Juice Reconstituted Borden Co. Waterloo, NY

MILK

Any unflavored milk IF

Bought Before *Pesach*

OLIVE OIL

ANY Extra Virgin Olive Oil

ALL OTHER OILS **DO NEED *PESACH* SUPERVISION**

POULTRY, & MEATS RAW (Fresh and Frozen)

PROCESSED MEAT SUCH AS BURGERS, NUGGETS, FRANKS, SALAMI **DO NEED** PARTICULAR *PESACH* SUPERVISION

SALT except for iodized

SUGAR, WHITE, GRANULATED

TEA BAGS – UNFLAVORED EXCEPT DECAFFEINATED

KASHERING IN THE HOME

Once one has bought Kosher for *Pesach* food, one must render the preparation of this food in a kosher for *Pesach* manner. Jewish Law dictates that utensils and location used in food preparations affects their tastes and *halakhic* status.

These laws are complex and, in cases of even the slightest doubt, do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Cohen. Here are some basic principles for *Pesach*:

Sinks: If stainless steel or metal, should be cleaned with cleaning substance, followed with boiling water poured over the entire surface. Porcelain sinks cannot be *kashered* in this way and one should use a sink insert.

Stovetop Burners: Should be cleaned with a cleaning substance and not used for 24 hours (one may *kasher* different burners at different times). Turn to the highest temperature setting for 20 minutes. The base of the stovetop should be covered with tinfoil.

Ovens: Self-cleaning ovens should be set to a full self-cleaning cycle. Others should be cleaned well with a strong cleaning substance, not used for 24 hours, then turned to the highest temperature for a longer-than-usual cooking period.

Countertops and Tables: Should be cleaned and covered.

Refrigerator: Should be cleaned

PARTIAL LIST OF KITCHEN ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE KASHERED FOR PESACH

- Ceramic
- China
- Colanders
- Corning ware
- Crock pots
- Dishwasher, with an interior of porcelain enamel or plastic coating
- Grater (any)
- Knives with loose wood or plastic handles
- Porcelain
- Porcelain Enameled Pots
- Pyrex
- Teflon
- Toaster/Toaster Oven
- Stoneware
- Wood

KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PESACH

Because this has many complex details and nuances, it is **certainly preferable and admirable to maintain separate utensils for Pesach**. Before *kashering* anything, one needs to clean it thoroughly and be certain there is no food on it. At this point it must be put aside for a full 24 hours. After this step the paths diverge, depending upon the substance and usage.

Glass: According to some positions, glass may be *kashered* for Pesach by soaking it in water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours, or by *ha'galah* immersion in boiling

water, see below. Other *Ashkenazic* authorities maintain that this is not a valid option. One should follow his/her custom and practice of past years. However glass that one bakes or cooks should not be *kashered*.

Metals: Metal utensils that come in direct contact with a heat source or that are only used for boiling, may be *kashered* by using *ha'galah* (placing them in boiling water). However metal pans that one fries, bakes or roasts in will need *libun*-burning. The most readily available *libun* is placing the utensil in a self-cleaning oven on self-clean. **NOTE:** Remember to fully clean any utensils you want to *kasher* and leave them unused during the 24 hours prior to *kashering*. Also, note the term “utensils” is used for anything that comes in contact with food (pots, cutlery, etc.)

COMMUNAL HA'GALAH AT CBI:

Thursday, March 29 th	7:30 - 8:30 a.m. & 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 1 st	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

One may do his/her own *ha'galah* at home, by *kashering* a burner, filling a pot with water, making sure the water is in a full boil, then fully immersing the utensil, and then rinsing in cool water.

FAST OF THE FIRSTBORNS:

All firstborn children are obligated to fast on the day before Pesach. This responsibility developed out of an awareness that immediately prior to the Exodus, Egyptian firstborns were struck down during the plague of the firstborns. Some authorities suggest that this responsibility applies to both male and female firstborns since both were afflicted, but the dominant custom applies only to males. For firstborn children under the age of *mitzvot*, it is customary for a parent to fast in the child's place.

The fast of the firstborns is on Monday, April 2nd/ 14th of Nissan. The fast begins at 5:41 a.m. and ends at 8:13 p.m.

There is a tradition of firstborns exempting themselves from the fast by participating in a *seudat mitzvah* which trumps the obligation to fast. At CBI there will be a *siyum* followed by a *seudat mitzvah* after the regular 6:30 a.m. *shacharit* for all those who are interested in this option.

THE SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ:

In order verify that no chametz inadvertently remains in our possession the sages established that we are to perform the search for *chametz*, on the 14th of Nissan, the night before Pesach, this year Sunday night April 1st. (If you are going away for Pesach and are leaving earlier, you should search your home the night before you leave without a *bracha*.) One should start the search immediately with nightfall, 8:13 p.m. Tuesday night (In case of need, one may begin at 7:33 p.m.).

The search should be done with a candle or flashlight to ensure a close and serious household search. The blessing is recited at the beginning of the search (*Al Bi'ur Chametz* - this can be found at the beginning of the *Haggadah*). *Chametz* found during the search is set aside for burning on the next day.

Since *Chametz* may not be held in one's possession during *Pesach*, another aspect of the process is through a declaration concerning all *Chametz* that may still be in one's possession to be dust and ashes (abandoned property). A prescribed text is recited at the end of the search pronouncing *void* any remaining *Chametz*.

DESTRUCTION OF THE CHAMETZ (BI'UR CHAMETZ) & NULLIFICATION OF CHAMETZ (BITUL CHAMETZ):

The requirement of *Bi'ur Chametz* is limited to foods under Jewish ownership and possession. *Chametz* that has been transferred to a non-Jew need not be destroyed.

You must destroy or other wise rid yourself of all *chametz* before 12:01 p.m. on *Erev Pesach*, and then recite the final declaration of the *bitul* nullification of the *chametz*, which can be found at the beginning of the *Haggadah*.

NOTE:

- ⇒ **ONE MAY NOT EAT CHAMETZ AFTER 11:02 A.M. ON APRIL 2nd.**
- ⇒ **ONE MAY NOT HAVE CHAMETZ IN ONE'S POSSESSION AFTER 12:01 P.M. ON APRIL 2nd.**

THE SEDER NIGHT

There are five primary *mitzvot* of the *seder* night:

1. The essence of the *seder* is the recounting, learning, and delving into the experience of the Exodus. The *Haggadah* is filled with many words and ideas. Our challenge over the evening is to make them come alive, to internalize the teachings, and inspire thought and open discourse. The *ma nishitana* questions are meant to allow us to understand the importance of asking questions in this process of re-telling.
2. The eating of *Matzah*, the bread of liberation. To fully fulfill this *mitzvah* one needs to eat four *ke-zayits* of *Matzah* (*ke-zayit* literally means an olive's worth of flour -- often understood to be 1/2 of a machine made *matza*, or a 1/3 of a hand made *matzah* for each *ke-zayit*). One should eat two *ke-zayitim* right after the hand washing, the 3rd as the *Korach* sandwich, and the 4th as the *Afiko-*

man. All of these eatings of *Matzah* should be done while leaning on your left side as an expression of luxury and freedom.

3. The Eating of *Marror*: One should eat two *ke-zayitim* (if you are using romaine lettuce, each *ke-zayit* is one large leaf). One should eat one *ke-zayit* after the blessing on *marror*, and a second in the *Korach* sandwich.
4. The drinking of four cups of wine or grape juice. The cup should hold at least a *rivi'it* (which is 3.3 ounces). One should drink most of each of these cups. While drinking, we lean to the left as an expression of luxury and freedom.
5. Praise and *Hallel*: Thanksgiving is the final and ultimate element of the Seder. One should strive to genuinely experience this fundamental sensation of gratitude.

SEFIRAT HA'OMER - THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

On the night of the second seder which is Tuesday night the 16th of Nissan, April 3rd, we begin counting the 49 days towards the festival of *Shavuot*. We count each night after dark. It was initially intended as a joyous period leading up to the holiday of *Shavuot*, however, subsequent developments in Jewish history mark parts of this time as one of mourning. One of the tragedies that occurred in this time was the death of 12,000 pairs of Torah students who did not treat each other with proper respect. There are differing customs as to which are regarded as days of mourning in this period.

Chag Kasher V'samayach - a Kosher and Joyous Holiday!

Guidelines compiled by Rabbi Yair Silverman and Updated by Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

Once again our CBI community has come forth with overwhelming support and love in a time of need. John and I want to thank you all from the depth of our hearts for the loving attention and care that you have showered upon us during this period of our mourning. It has comforted and sustained us immensely.

TODAH RABAH.
Linda Levy

THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

Sale of *Chametz* to a non-Jew is a legally effective way to rid oneself of *Chametz*. Such a transfer of *Chametz*, through a legal and binding sale with a properly executed contract gives the non-Jew full title to all foods listed. For this sale to be binding, there are several necessary criteria:

1. The seller must truly believe that he/she is in fact selling something and that they view these goods as no longer theirs. The lack of this mental state invalidates any bill of sale, including this one.
2. There must be access for the buyer to the *chametz* during *Pesach*. That is to say, if you will be out of town you must leave a way to get into your home with proper instruction (i.e., keys with a neighbor), or you may deposit a set of keys with the agent performing the sale.
3. This transfer may be carried out through appointing an agent, with power of attorney, to sell the *chametz* through *kinyan*, formal transfer act and contract. **NOTE:** The significant act of *kinyan*, should take place between each individual and the agent. Those who wish to sell their *chametz* through CBI should enact a *kinyan* with Rabbi Cohen.

I will be available:

Thursday, March 22 nd	after morning services from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25 th	8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
Monday, March 26 th	after morning services from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 th	after morning services from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday night, March 31 st	7:00 - 8:00 pm as well as at other times by appointment.

4. *Chametz* that has been sold must be put in a completely sealed-off place, not readily accessible to the seller during *Pesach*.

NOTE: Any *Chametz* held over *Pesach* under Jewish ownership may not ever be used, eaten, or sold after *Pesach*. (Selling one's *chametz* before *Pesach* to a non-Jew avoids Jewish ownership during *Pesach* and therefore it is not subject to this injunction.)

If you plan to sell your *chametz* through CBI, please fill out the back of this form. It is ideal to meet with Rabbi Cohen to enact the *kinyan*. In case of true hardship, one can enact the sale by simply mailing this form back to the CBI office without the *kinyan*.

AUTHORIZATION

**DELEGATION OF POWER AND AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ
(and the Bill of Sale executed in connection with such sale)**

I/ We, _____, hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, and anyone he may designate as a substitute in his stead, to sell, transfer and convey before the upcoming "Pesach" all legal right and title to my "Chametz" to a non-Jew of their choice.

The term "Chametz" is intended and shall be understood to include, without limitation, any product made of wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt and any mixture or derivative thereof, as more particularly defined in and by Torah and Rabbinic Law and Jewish Tradition. Additionally, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Chametz" may include the following items: schnapps and spirits; beer; cereals; noodle and pasta products; barley; ingredients used in baking; frozen foods; crackers; baked products; pet food; vitamins; wheat germ; pickles; mixes; condiments (e.g. ketchup, vinegar, etc.); cosmetics; toiletries; medicine and medicinal preparations; assorted groceries; canned foods; "Chametz" that may be affixed or attached to utensils, toys, books and seforim, appliances, baking tools, etc.

The aforementioned "Chametz" items are located and may be found primarily in the following areas (please check **all** areas that may apply.):

<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen cabinets	<input type="checkbox"/> Desk	<input type="checkbox"/> Investment property located at: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfront/China closet	<input type="checkbox"/> Attic	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Liquor cabinet	<input type="checkbox"/> Pantry	<input type="checkbox"/> Car (which will <u>not</u> be used on "Pesach")
<input type="checkbox"/> Briefcase/Knapsacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	which is stored at: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator/Freezer	<input type="checkbox"/> Closet/Cabinets	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor's or relative's house located at: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Shed, Basement or Storage area	<input type="checkbox"/> Locker at school	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine/Bathroom cabinets	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest or Bureau	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

and shall include all "Chametz" and/or mixtures containing "Chametz" that is or may be knowingly or unknowingly in my possession (as "possession" is defined in and by Torah and Rabbinic Law and Jewish Tradition), or to which I have or may have legal responsibility in whole or in part (including corporations or other business entities which own or deal in "Chametz" in which I may have an ownership interest), or transit goods which may be delivered to me during the period commencing Monday, April 2, 2007 through Tuesday evening, April 10, 2007.

I further empower and authorize Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, and anyone he may designate as a substitute in his stead, to lease or to sell, in the manner and for the time period they may deem appropriate, the places and areas where the "Chametz" items may be located. In addition, the key necessary to gain access to said places and areas where the "Chametz" items may be located can be obtained by contacting (if you will be here for "Pesach", please state "me at the address below", or, if you will be away for "Pesach", indicate whether a neighbor or Rabbi Cohen has the keys; also, include the location of car keys, if applicable):

I hereby understand and agree that the buyer of the aforementioned "Chametz" items shall have, with the assistance and cooperation of Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, and anyone he may designate as a substitute in his stead, free access to the "Chametz" items which he/she will be acquiring and to any area that will be leased or sold to him/her.

The "Chametz" items located in the areas set forth above have an approximate value of \$ _____. The buyer's deposit in connection with the purchase of the "Chametz" will be paid to Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, or anyone he may designate as a substitute in his stead.

My authorization and delegation of power set forth in this Authorization shall become binding upon my execution of this Authorization in the space set forth below, and this Authorization, when delivered to the buyer with the bill of sale, shall have the same force and effect as if I had personally executed such bill of sale. In addition, my authorization and delegation of power to Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, and anyone he may designate as a substitute in his stead, shall be given further legal force and effect by my performance of "Kinyan Suddar" - "Taking hold of garment" with Rabbi Yonatan Cohen. This Authorization is also intended to conform to the criteria and requirements of secular law.

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Baron Herzog Chardonnay	13.00	_____	_____
Teal Lake Shiraz (Australia)	11.50	_____	_____
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2004	BARON HERZOG CHARDONNAY (California) Full, rich California Chardonnay with a judicious blend of fruit and oak.	13.00 per bottle
2005	HAGAFEN SAUVIGNON BLANC (Napa) Superb musky aroma allied to excellent balance and suave dryness. Very good.	15.00 per bottle
2005	YARDEN MOUNT HERMON WHITE (Israel) Nicely balanced, off-dry blend to please most palates.	12.50 per bottle

RED

2005	FORTANT DE FRANCE MERLOT (Vin de Pays d'Oc) Light, elegant and faintly herbal wine with a lovely dusty overtone. Good value.	9.50 per bottle
2003	DOMAINES BUNAN CÔTES DE PROVENCE (France) Robust, strong-flavored Provençal wine from a sunny vintage. Pretty label by Tobiasse.	17.50 per bottle
2004	BARON HERZOG ZINFANDEL (California) Smooth, berryish red with unexaggerated oak and harmonious balance.	13.00 per bottle
2001	HAGAFEN SYRAH (Napa) This is truly excellent wine by any standards – voluptuous, spicy and harmonious. As good as Kosher wine gets, and well worth its price. Very lim-	28.00 per bottle
2004	GOLAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON (Israel) Remarkably Bordeaux-like wine from an exceptional Israeli vintage.	14.50 per bottle
2005	TEAL LAKE SHIRAZ (Australia) This classic Aussie blend renders a delicious, spicy wine out of the ordinary.	11.50 per bottle
2005	HAGAFEN PINOT NOIR (Napa) Hagafen hits a new standard with this exceptionally tasty rendition of a noble grape.	30.00 per bottle

SWEET

2005	BARTENURA MOSCATO D'ASTI (Italy) Irresistibly grapy wine with very low alcohol and a faint sparkle. Delicious.	12.50 per bottle
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One thing I love about having worked at Midrasha for over 25 years is the sense of connections that exist, and the chance to see what our students become. Two incidents happened in the

past few weeks:

Story one: As you know if you've been reading past newsletters, Midrasha had its annual fundraising dinner, our Seudah, in mid-February. (And yes, it was wonderful. Thanks to all who came and who helped with the preparations.) There were a few alumni in attendance, including one graduate from the class of 2000, Kenny Kahn. Kenny spent part of the evening chatting with his old Midrasha teacher, Yossi Fendel, who not only taught Kenny at Midrasha, but was his counselor on our locally sponsored summer Israel trip. After a while one of the current Midrasha 11th graders, Mayan Stanton, who was helping pass the hors d'oeuvres and serve dinner came up to Yossi, who is one of her Midrasha teachers. "How do you know Mr. Kahn?" she asked. "He's one of my teachers at El Cerrito High." It became clear that Yossi has been at Midrasha long enough to have had both Kenny (now morphed into "Mr. Kahn") and Kenny's student, Mayan, as students. And I've been here long enough to have had Yossi as a Midrasha student as well. To see our students become teachers is perhaps one of the greatest joys in this job.

Story two: Recently I got an e-mail from a member of the class of 2003. She is about to graduate college and is applying to a social action program called AVODAH. This is a Jewish Service Corps, which integrates work for social change, Jewish learning and community-building. Participants live together in New York or Chicago while working on meaningful projects together. We have had other Midrasha grads go through this program and I was happy to sit down right away and write the recommendation and e-mail it off to the Avodah office. Within 5 minutes I got back the following e-

mail from the AVODAH office: "I'm not sure if you remember me (so many of us pass through Midrasha) but I went to Berkeley Midrasha. It's such a nice surprise to see your name in my inbox. How is everything at Midrasha? How are you? I'm in my second year working for AVODAH, and I am an alumnus of the program. I've just finished applying to social work grad schools in New York and to the Dorot Fellowship. It is so much fun to meet other people who did Midrasha in Berkeley. One of last year's Avodahniks, Claire Michaels, and I had fun laughing about how we went to Midrasha together but didn't really know each other (she was in my brother's year). I wanted to say hello, but also to say that Midrasha really was a wonderful formative experience for me, and I still hold it dear to my heart. I am sure that it helped steer me to the exciting path that I am traveling today." Of course I remembered her and I was intensely proud that somehow Midrasha had given her the education to want her to not only participate in AVODAH, but to work for the organization after her year's service and not to go on to apply to social work school.

In this world where people change jobs and communities at the drop of the hat, one isn't often privileged to be able to see the result of one's hard work. It's only when one gets to see repeatedly the amazing young adults that our young teens become that the long hours and hard work seem more than worth it.

Diane Bernbaum, Director



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KIDDUSH SPONSORS, JANUARY 20: The Diamond Family in honor of Danielle's 14th birthday and her Bat Mitzvah month; **The Sudikoff Family** in honor of David's birthday.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS, JANUARY 27: Liya Levanda in honor of Rona Teitelman for all the work she does on behalf of the children of the community.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS, FEBRUARY 3: Ross and Faith Meltzer in honor of Tu B'Shevat.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS, FEBRUARY 10: Maxim and Delphine Lok in honor of Delphine's visiting parents, Simon & Suzanne Teboul from Marseille, France.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS, FEBRUARY 17: Jonah Markowitz in honor of his birthday and in memory of Grandma Rose's 100th birthday, and Grandma and Grandpa Florence and Max's 10th and 30th yahrzeit.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS, FEBRUARY 24: The Lubin family in memory of Selma Lubin; **Marti & Shelley Zedeck**, celebrating the Aufruf of Jason Singer, fiancé of their daughter Cindy.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS, MARCH 3: Violette & Henry Sibony in honor of the birth of their new grandchild Isaac Abraham Sibony Pollack.

Purim Evening, March 3: CBI's board of directors honoring the Feiner Family's tireless dedication to CBI and Gan Shalom.

hachnassat orchim

Naomi Brenner & Ari Berger
Lisa & Jory Gessow
Bea Gurwitz & Danny Kazhdan
Judy & Glenn Massarano
Laila Muller
Cynthia Scheinberg & Elisha Klein
Rikki & David Sudikoff
Leslie Valas & Alan Finklestein

occasions

Baruch Dayan Emet

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Linda Levy's mother Leba Berman (Ahuva bat Tzvi Pinchas v' Miriam)**.

We regret to inform you of the recent passing of **Daniela Malmuth's mother, Maria Avancini**.

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

Mazal Tov!

to Henry and Violette Sibony on the birth of a grandson, **Isaac Abraham Pollack**, to their daughter Karen and husband Jason Pollack.

To Jonathan & Sharon Gruber on the birth of a baby boy, **Zachary Isaac Gruber**

To Marti and Shelley Zedeck on the engagement of their daughter Cindy to Jason Singer and their upcoming wedding on March 18.

todah rabah

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Ory Sandel in honor of Benjamin Feiner and his family on the occasion of his bar mitzvah.
Mark & Susan Schickman
Juliet Stamper
Stanley Wulf & Linda Press Wulf in honor of Zachary Isaac Gruber & Isaac Abraham Pollack.
Sheldon & Ellen Winnick in honor of Noah Alper's birthday.

GENERAL FUND

Ernie & Frances Alexander: in honor of Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein's anniversary.
Ralph Berberich in honor of the Rosen Family and in memory of Rena Rosen's mother.
Diane Bernbaum, Midrasha: in honor of Desmid Lyon's mother's yahrzeit.
Aaron & Barbara Blumenfeld: in memory of the yahrzeit of Aaron's mother, Esther Etta bas Harav Chaim Yitzchok, z"l
Gary Boland
Jane F.: in memory of Martha Cohen, z"l; and for the yahrzeit of Leo Davis, z"l and the beautiful doors.
Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado: for NCSY.
Norman & Beverly Feldman: in honor of Dorothy & Harry Rubin's 55th anniversary; refuah shleyma to Paul Hamburg & Irene Resnikoff; for NCSY.
Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas: for the 12th yahrzeit of Lee Valas and the 9th yahrzeit of Harry Valas.
Sam & Rose Ginsburg: in honor of Zachary Isaac Gruber.

Jacob & Rena Harari: in memory of Leo Davis, z"l.
Paul Hoffman

Gary & Ilene Katz: in honor of Dorothy & Harry Rubin's 55th anniversary.

Natan & Joan Kotliyar

Michael & Deborah Lesser: in honor of marriage of Cindy Zedeck and Jason Singer.

Sara Levi: in honor of Violette and Henry Sibony's grandson, Isaac Abraham Pollack; with love in memory of my sister Selma and the martyrs of Rhodes.

Sam Markowitz in honor of Joan Brodsky for her help with the recent kiddush of Jonah Markowitz in memory of his Grandmother, Rose Diamond, and Grandmother and Grandfather, Florence and Max Markowitz' 10th and 30th yearzeit.

Edward & Phyllis Miller: in memory of Leba Berman, z"l, mother of Linda Levy; refuah shlaymah to Irene Resnikoff; in honor of the special birthday of Naomi Stamper's mother, Lillian Belson.

Charles Pollack & Joanna Cooper: in honor of Isaac Abraham Pollack.

Mordy & Rena Rosen: for NCSY.

Ory Sandel: in honor of the warm & generous spirit of the CBI community.

Hiram Simon: 15% of all wine sales made to CBI members outside of Pesach Wine Sale.

Robert & Naomi Stamper: in memory of the mother of Linda Levy and the mother of Daniella Malmuth.

Sheldon & Ellen Winnick: in memory of Daniella Malmuth's mother, Maria Avanci.

Phil Wolgin: for Aliyah.

Sheldon & Marti Zedeck: in memory of Hyman and Judith Zedeck, z"l.

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Daniel Silverberg & Sarah Gershman: in honor of Leslie & Alan's 25th Anniversary.

Birthdays

Rebecca Rose Gruber	March 2	3rd birthday
Tzvi Betzalel Miller	March 2	13th birthday
Desmid Lyon	March 4	
Beth Lilliana Magid	March 5	13th birthday
Yoni Wulf	March 5	11th birthday
Talia Bloom	March 8	9th birthday
Shoshana Katler	March 8	2nd birthday
Michael Lesser	March 8	
Gabriel Feiner	March 9	6th birthday
Joelle Yzquierdo	March 9	
Susan Schickman	March 10	
Ronald Barany	March 11	
Richard Diamond	March 11	
Haim Levi	March 12	
Yoram Nelken	March 12	
Paul Panish	March 12	
Sara Engel	March 14	
Ezekiel Dov Gerwein	March 14	6th birthday
Howard Felson	March 15	
Adar Givon	March 17	2nd birthday
Mark Schickman	March 17	
Ariel Levi	March 20	18th birthday
Eli Teitelman	March 21	9th birthday
Talya Sandel	March 23	8th birthday
Jeremy Evnine	March 24	
Nae Golomb	March 24	
Marti Zedeck	March 27	
Magda Benichou	March 28	9th birthday
Romeo Lok	April 1	6th birthday
Tirzah Brott	April 2	17th birthday
Joel Brodsky	April 5	
Anna Belle Panish	April 5	
Tania Schweig	April 6	
Glenn Massarano	April 9	
Roni Greenberg	April 10	9th birthday
Max Heitler Bamberger	April 10	4th birthday
Andrea Morris	April 10	18th birthday
Robinn Magid	April 12	
Aaron Hillel Magid	April 13	11th birthday
David Miller	April 13	
Ernie Alexander	April 23	
Polina Dolgopolski	April 24	12th birthday
Bat Sheva Miller	April 27	
Joshua Meltzer	April 28	19th birthday
Maxine Winer	April 28	
Jesse Matan Gerwein	April 29	3rd birthday
Jennifer Panish	April 29	
Betzalel Massarano	April 30	15th birthday
Gil Stein	March 31	3rd birthday

Anniversaries

Richard & Linda Diamond	March 19	18th anniversary
John & Deborah Efron	March 22	20th anniversary
Michael & Deborah Lesser	April 6	38th anniversary
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