

# chai-lights



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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. at *Plag HaMincha (Grah)*.

For specific times, see [www.kashrut.com/zemanim](http://www.kashrut.com/zemanim)

## SHABBAT SERVICES:

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat at 1630 Bancroft Way: 7:00 p.m. Morning Service 9:15 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha: 15 minutes before candle lighting

## from the rabbi

On Sunday, April 15, I had the great privilege of attending a Yom HaShoah commemoration ceremony at the Berkeley City Council Chambers. Delphine Sherman, a CBI member and granddaughter of survivors, spoke eloquently and movingly about her grandmother's experiences. As Delphine spoke, I had a disheartening thought: the way in which we remember the Shoah is on the verge of transformation. In the next twenty to thirty years, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of survivors will assume the responsibility of telling their families' stories. As time passes and this transformation occurs, how will we as individuals and as a community, ensure that the remembrance of the Shoah will be ingrained in our lives?

In one of his last poems, the famous Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai asks bluntly; "And who will remember the rememberers?" The poem continues with great irony:

"And who will remember? And what do you use to preserve memory?  
How do you preserve anything in this world?  
You preserve it with salt and with sugar, high heat and deep-freeze,

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## from the president

For those of you who have a little trouble keeping up with the Jewish calendar, here's a novel suggestion and a creative way to really live the details of Jewish life: *be a shul president!* Since my last column on the busy events of one 24-hour period in the CBI volunteer community, my awareness of the Jewish timeline has gained the broader perspective of our community celebrations of the Purim seudah, welcoming Rabbi Avi Weiss for a weekend of Adult Learning, preparation of the shul for Pesach through the wine sale and kashering of the shul kitchen, and a remarkable 2nd night seder led by Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor. Just thinking about these events is inspiring as I remember the countless hours of volunteer effort and the rich and deeply felt moments that we have experienced together. These events literally could not take place without the dedication of

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## from the rabbi

vacuum sealers, dehydrators, mummifiers.”

As a necessary response to their own historical trauma and tragedy, our rabbis grappled with the same question of memory preservation. The Babylonian Talmud recalls that when the Beit HaMikdash (the Holy Temple) was destroyed for a second time, large numbers in Israel became ascetics, vowing not to eat meat or drink wine (Bava Batra 60b). This approach was challenged by R. Joshua: “My children, come and listen to me. Not to mourn at all is impossible, because the decree has already fallen. To mourn overmuch is also impossible, because we do not impose on the community a hardship which the majority cannot endure.”

In place of complete asceticism, the rabbis ordained specific and concrete acts that integrate mourning and remembrance of the Temple into daily life. The Talmud offers several examples; A person may stucco his or her home, but should leave a cubit-square bare; A person may prepare a full-course banquet, but should leave out an item or two (a beloved appetizer!); A woman can put on all of her ornaments, but leave off one or two; finally, a *chatan* (a bridegroom) should place burnt ashes on the head when standing under the *chuppah* (the wedding canopy).

Other Jewish tragedies are commemorated in similar ways. During the days leading up to Lag B’Omer, as we recall the tragic death of R. Akiva’s students, we don’t cut our hair, we abstain from participating in joyous affairs, and men refrain from shaving. Moreover, in the days leading up to Tisha

B’Av (the ninth day of Av), we abstain from eating meat, drinking wine, celebrating joyous occasions, and even washing our clothes! Time and time again, our Jewish tradition teaches that memory is preserved in concrete, mindful actions.

Over the past sixty years, we have found various ways to memorialize the Shoah. We built monuments and museums, created ceremonies, memorials, curricula and educational trips. These are critical ways that will help preserve the centrality of Shoah in Jewish and human consciousness and memory. That being said, it seems that we have not yet found a uniquely Jewish way to commemorate the Shoah. Our rabbinic sources challenge us to raise some very practical, yet fundamental, questions about the way we comport ourselves during the week of Yom HaShoah. Should Yom HaShoah encourage certain behaviors to mark the week (e.g., abstention from foods, drinks, or music)? Does it affect the way in which we pray, or the prayers we choose to recite? Should it humble the Kiddush that we serve at shul on that Shabbat? I believe that the rabbinic approach challenges us to develop a practice that will integrate the remembrance of the Shoah into our own lives and the life of our community- through the language, rituals and practices of our tradition- in a uniquely Jewish way.

During the next year, I will spearhead monthly communal discussions surrounding this important matter. My hope is that in the coming years, we will develop a communal practice that helps preserve the memory of the Shoah in a distinctly Jewish and traditional way. Our meetings will be open to the entire CBI community and I strongly encourage all to attend.

May the Holy One guide us as we seek a path to commemorate the darkness of the past. May the Holy One comfort our people during these days of mourning.

R. Yonatan Cohen

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## from the president

our volunteers and the extraordinary leadership of Rabbi Cohen. Todah Rabah to all who have given their time to these special events at Beth Israel!

What is in store for the coming month? Anticipating another stellar adult education weekend, we are privileged to host Avivah Zornberg on Shabbat, May 5th. The following day, Sunday May 6th, is Lag B'Omer and once again CBI will take to the softball field and enjoy a BBQ at Codornices Park. May finishes with Shavuot, a community-wide night of learning and cheesecake and blintzes...and lest we forget, receiving the Torah!

As this issue of Chai Lights goes to print, I will be on my way to Jerusalem for a short visit. I know when I speak to people in Jerusalem, many of whom are former CBI members, it will be a pleasure to share the kvelling I feel at being a part of our vital community. It is a remarkable experience to live "Jewish time" as we find ourselves between Pesach and Shavuot...part way through counting the omer...heading toward our annual June kiddush honoring all of the congregation's graduates from middle and high schools, colleges and graduate programs around the country. And after that, hopefully, it's on to one of those pleasant days of Berkeley summer with the morning fog burning off by mid-day.

Leslie Valas, President

## Vas Family Making Aliyah

With heartfelt gratitude to the CBI community and a special appreciation of Rabbi Cohen and the weekday minyan. We will truly miss you.

Love,

Elior, Michal, Morielle and Elisha

## CBI Annual Phonathon

Dear members and friends,

We have extended the deadline to send in your donations for the annual telethon until **May 4**. This will give you another chance to be entered in the prize drawing that will be held at the Lag B'Omer CBI Picnic - for four great "mystery" prizes.

So far the 2007 phonathon has an unusually low "honor rating" - only five-eighths of the people who made pledges have honored their commitments by sending a check. Please do regain your share in this major and critical CBI fundraiser by sending in your donation, marked "Phonathon," TODAY.

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**The Phonathon Committee**

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## Amazing Second-Night Communal Seder

*Paul Z. Panish*

The communal second-night Seder at CBI was far more than a success--it was a record-breaking success, record-breaking in several senses: First, almost nobody left early. Has this ever happened before at a large communal Orthodox Seder that goes into the early hours of the morning? Second, the children stayed awake, amused and involved until the end, which was long after one AM. Veterans of communal Seders claim they've never seen the like before! Third, those who have hated communal Seders in the past, and who attended this one with reluctance, said they were delighted with this one and that they'll be happy to attend next year's communal Seder.

I have avoided communal Seders for decades, so I decided to poll some people who have more experience than I do with such events. I spoke with Norman and Beverly Feldman, who are looking forward to attending next year's

Both Norm and Bev echoed the comments that I heard from others, namely that there's no comparison to the Seder that Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor put together. The congregation's interest and the participation of both adults and children remained at a high pitch throughout; the educational activities that were a part of the Seder were very effective and intriguing; everyone had fun. And the food was really good.

Both Rav Yonatan and Frayda obviously put a tremendous amount of energy and time into preparing for this Seder. Nothing was left to chance. And the amount of energy they expended during the Seder was daunting to behold. In addition, Rabbi Cohen was quick to use any chance event that could add to the sense of celebration. For example, when Anya Shannon lost her first baby tooth during the Seder, the Rabbi turned it into an excuse for a few rousing choruses of "Siman Tov u-Mazal Tov."

There's no question in the minds of those of us who attended--including grinchers (such as myself) who shy away from large communal events: This was more than a success; it was a victory.

### **MATZAHS & MITZVAHS**

#### **Hannah Lyon, Anya Shannon, and Marielle Boland found the Afikomen**



In the spirit of the Haggadah's message of "let all who are hungry come and eat", Hannah, Anya and Marielle agreed that the most appropriate Afikomen gift would be for donations to be made to the Tzedekah Fund in their honor.

**Congratulations and Yashar Koach!**

## GAN SHALOM SEDER

"It was a fun game; me trying to keep the fruit from the taskmaster." *Jacob*

"It was funny because everyone was the Jewish people going through the Red Sea." *Shoshana*

"It was a fantastic, interactive experience for everyone involved and we all learned something new to incorporate into our own Seders...like breaking the matzot together to hear the sound of the Red Sea parting! The Gan teachers did an incredible job of recreating the exodus for the kids and it was really fun. Ari told me that his favorite part was finding the Afikomen with the others." *Andrea & Ari Epshtein*

"I dressed up as wild beast, I was wild on Pharaoh. That means I was wild on Robin." *Sam*

"Rabbi Cohen was Moses because he was dressed all in white and he used to be a baby in the basket." *Elie!*

"I liked the matzah and dressing up in my costume. I just liked everything about it." *Hannah Rose*

"This was a beautiful interpretation of the Pesach story. We were able to experience both a seder and a most creative

interactive re-telling of the events which took place. I loved watching my child work hard as a slave, cross the Red Sea, climb Mt. Sinai to receive her Torah, and leave messages of love and hope at the Kotel." *Sabrina Kabella*

"I like that we dressed up and we got to have our mommies and daddies there." *Maya*

"I liked when Robin (Pharaoh) said to the slaves, to us, 'please come back.' We said, 'No!'" *Zoe.*

"It was so fun this year to get up off our chairs and to actually re-enact the whole Passover story. I loved the parting of the Red Sea (red cloth in the doorway), walking through the desert (sand paintings the kids had made), and climbing up Mt Sinai (a tower of blocks). I thought it was great! A real innovation!" *Iris Greenberg-Smith.*

"I liked saying the blessing about the matzah." *Eva*

"I remember we did the 10 plagues. I was a frog. But I was really Miriam." *Orli*

"I really liked being a Jew slave downstairs, building. I really like building. I wouldn't for real like being a slave." *Eliana*

"I remember the matza ball soup, and I kept eating it until it was all gone." *Joshua.*



## New Member Profiles

### YVETTE HOFFER



Yvette says she is not really a new member because only recently, in 1960, she "dropped out." In her early days, she volunteered to have the shul phone ring in her house on Jefferson St. so she could act as receptionist. In fact, she tells me that she might be the oldest member

who actually got married at CBI. It was only a few years earlier that it had become a "shul," renamed from the Berkeley Hebrew Center.

Retired as a computer teacher, Yvette is active in supporting Israel through Hadassah and works with the Magnes on outreach for the Western Jewish History Museum. She has two grown children: Avi, who is working on an environmental film for the Heschel Project in Israel; and Rina, who, having received her M.A. from the University of Tel Aviv, is a researcher for the L.A. Unified School District.

Yvette has resumed her interest in photography and will share enlargements resulting from "Photoshopping" these relics with the Beth Israel community. Her fifty year old body of work includes one photo of the first class at Beth Israel Hebrew School and others from an unfinished project at CBI called "How to be a Jewish Child." Her web page is [www.foundphotos.org](http://www.foundphotos.org).

### ALIZA CRAIMER



Aliza moved to Berkeley a year ago to be in the same city as her fiancé, Nimrod Pitsker, a third-year law student at Boalt Hall. She met Nimrod while they were both doing graduate programs at Oxford. Aliza completed a Masters in Modern Jewish Studies at St. Antony's College and met Nimrod at a Tom

Friedman lecture there.

She loves her job as Curriculum and Outreach Coordinator at the Institute for Curriculum Services, a joint national project of the San Francisco JCRC and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs that promotes accurate and unbiased information about Jews, Judaism, and Israel in instructional materials. Nimrod, who hails from Livermore, already has a position lined up with a boutique litigation firm in Oakland after graduation.

Aliza and Nimrod will be married August 5 in Calgary, Canada (Aliza's hometown) and are honoured to have Rabbi Cohen officiate. They're also looking forward to celebrating Sheva Brachot with their Berkeley family, the members of CBI. Although neither of them will be working in Berkeley, their fondness for Beth Israel will keep them here.

"I was immediately won over by the warmth and friendliness," Aliza says, "and wanted to give back to the awesome CBI community." Indeed, due to her efforts as our very conscientious coordinator of Hachnassat Orchim, that warmth and friendliness is now greatly enhanced.

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## **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 - 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**

#### **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.

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**

#### **SEUDAH SHLISHIT**

Join us every Shabbat for a delicious and celebratory *Seudah Shlishit*. Saul Friedman will lead an insightful exploration of *Pirkei Avot* in the weeks preceding Shavuot.

Saul Friedman - Shabbat, see weekly schedule.

### **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 PARSHAT EMOR

*32<sup>nd</sup> Day of the Omer*

*Avivah Zornberg, Scholar in Residence*

*co-sponsored by Beit Midrash Ohr Ha Chaim*

*Friday & Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>*

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:44 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
CBI luncheon co-sponsored by CBI Sisterhood after services—no reservation required	

**Dr. Zornberg's lecture begins precisely at..... 1:00 p.m.**

**Topic: "Let me see that good land:" a story of a human life**

Mincha immediately after Dr. Zornberg's lecture.

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 8:46 p.m.

### LAG B'OMER

*Saturday night & Sunday May 5-6<sup>th</sup>*

Shacharit.....	8:00 a.m.
Lag B'Omer Cookout and Softball Game....	12:30-4:00 pm
Codornices Park — see page 10 for more details.	
Reservations required.	

### SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

*39<sup>th</sup> Day of the Omer*

*Friday & Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>*

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:50 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Mincha.....	7:40 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit.....	8:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	8:50 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	8:53 p.m.

### YOM YERUSHALAYIM

*Tuesday night & Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>*

Shacharit w/Hallel..... 6:30 a.m.

### ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

*Thursday night, May 17 – Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>*

Shacharit. .... 6:30 a.m.

### SHABBAT PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

*46<sup>th</sup> Day of the Omer*

*Friday & Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:57 p.m.
Morning Service.....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Mincha.....	7:45 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit.....	8:05 p.m.

Ma'ariv.....	8:55 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	9:00 p.m.

### SHAVUOT

*Tuesday night, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>*

#### **Erev Shavuot**

*49<sup>th</sup> Day of the Omer*

*Tuesday night, May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	8:00 p.m.
Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv at CBI .....	8:00 p.m.
Community-wide Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot	
After services at CBI until Dawn at Berkeley	
Richmond JCC, 1414 Walnut @ Rose	

#### **First Day of Shavuot**

*Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Early Shacharit @ JCC .....	5:25 a.m.
Regular Yom Tov Shacharit .....	9:15 a.m.
Yom Tov Mincha & Ma'ariv.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting AFTER.....	9:04 p.m.

#### **Second Day of Shavuot**

*Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>*

Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Yizkor .....	10:30 a.m.
Megillat Ruth.....	11:30 a.m.
Mincha .....	8:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	9:00 p.m.
Havdalah & Yom Tov end after.....	9:05 p.m.

### SHABBAT PARSHAT NASSO

*Friday & Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>*

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting .....	8:02 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Mincha .....	7:45 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit .....	8:05 p.m.
Ma'ariv.....	9:05 p.m.
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....	9:07 p.m.

### MEMORIAL DAY

*Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*

Shacharit .....

### SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTCHAH

*Friday & Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting .....	8:07 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Mincha .....	7:50 p.m.

Seudah Shlishit..... 8:10 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv..... 9:10 p.m.  
 Havdalah & Shabbat ends after..... 9:12 p.m.

Educational Childcare ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Mincha ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Seudah Shlishit..... 8:20 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv..... 9:20 p.m.  
 Havdalah & Shabbat ends after..... 9:22 p.m.

**SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT SH'LACH**

**Bar Mitzvah of Sam Seder**

***Friday & Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>***

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting ..... 8:12 p.m.  
 Morning Service..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Educational Childcare ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Mincha ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Seudah Shlishit..... 8:20 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv..... 9:15 p.m.  
 Havdalah & Shabbat ends after..... 9:17 p.m.

**SHABBAT PARSHAT BALAK**

***Friday & Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>***

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting ..... 8:17 p.m.  
 Morning Service..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Educational Childcare ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Mincha ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Seudah Shlishit..... 8:20 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv..... 9:20 p.m.  
 Havdalah & Shabbat ends after..... 9:22 p.m.

**SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH PARSHAT KORACH**

***Friday & Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>***

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

**SHABBAT PARSHAT CHUKAT**

***Friday & Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>***

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Candle Lighting ..... 8:17 p.m.  
 Morning Service..... 9:15 a.m.



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**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.**

Week of	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn</i>	4:57 a.m.	4:50 a.m.	4:44 a.m.	4:39 a.m.	4:36 a.m.	4:35 a.m.	4:34 a.m.	4:36 a.m.	4:38 a.m.
<i>Neitz-Sunrise</i>	6:09 a.m.	6:02 a.m.	5:56 a.m.	5:51 a.m.	5:48 a.m.	5:47 a.m.	5:46 a.m.	5:48 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
<b>Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i></b>	9:37 a.m.	9:34 a.m.	9:31 a.m.	9:29 a.m.	9:28 a.m.	9:27 a.m.	9:28 a.m.	9:29 a.m.	9:31 a.m.
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> <b>Earliest time for Mincha</b>	1:41 p.m.	1:41 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	1:43 p.m.	1:44 p.m.	1:44 p.m.	1:47 p.m.	1:48 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
<i>Sh'kia Sunset</i>	8:03 p.m.	8:10 p.m.	8:16 p.m.	8:21 p.m.	8:26 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:33 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	8:35 p.m.
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim Night-fall</i>	8:45 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	9:03 p.m.	9:08 p.m.	9:12 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	9:17 p.m.	9:17 p.m.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

# I'M THE FIRESTARTER!

## Lag B'Omer Weekend at CBI

### Scholar in Residence Dr. Avivah Zornberg

Co-sponsored by CBI and Beit Midrash Ohr HaChaim

“Let me see that good land:” a story of a human life



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. 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

**CBI Luncheon co-sponsored by the Sisterhood immediately after services;  
Lecture to begin at 1:00 p.m. precisely.**

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## Lag B'Omer Cookout and Softball Game

Join CBI for a joyous, celebratory day at the park. Event includes barbeque (with vegetarian options), leisurely strolls, softball game and other fun activities.

Codornices Park/Fireplace #2 and softball field 1201 Euclid across from the Rose Garden.

- ◇ Yes, I'm coming to the cookout!
- ◇ Sign me up for the softball team with head coach Eric Seder (ages: 8-adult); I'd like to play \_\_\_\_\_ position

\$12/adult, \$8/children (5-12) or family \$40 (under 5 free)

\_\_\_ I can't come but I want to support CBI with a donation

**Reservation required to CBI by May 1st.**



**Sunday. May 6th, 12:30-4:00 pm**

# Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

an all-night study session on Shavuot

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007**

after services at Congregation Beth Israel  
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For more information, contact Liz Lucas at 510.839.2900 ext. 235 or email [liz@jfed.org](mailto:liz@jfed.org).

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## The Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter

*By Sam Seder and Danielle Diamond*

Imagine feeling like you could someday make a difference? The Berkeley Men's Overnight Shelter in downtown Berkeley provides emergency overnight shelter to approximately fifty adult men a night. These men get a bed with clean linens, access to showers, toiletries, and emergency laundry facilities along with breakfast and dinner. The shelter provides counseling to help these men find permanent or long-term housing. Many community groups, including Congregation Beth Israel, help support the shelter by contributing money or volunteering to prepare a meal at the shelter.

In a program started by Rabbi Cohen last winter, a group of volunteers led by Juliet Stamper meet once per month to prepare and serve a dinner. Rabbi Cohen teaches a short *shiur* while the food is cooking. One of the most rewarding things about preparing and serving the meal is seeing how appreciative the men are. After each meal, they applaud!

Middle school, high school students and adults are welcome to join this group of volunteers. By cooking food, offering company, and serving, our community makes a difference. Come join us, the 4th Wednesday each month. You can make a difference too!

## Jewish Coalition for Literacy

Dear Rabbi Cohen,

On behalf of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy, I want to thank you for your recent donation of 500 wonderful books. These books will be donated to local public elementary schools and after-school programs, many of which do not have complete libraries or the funds to buy books. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we are looking forward to giving hundreds of beautiful books to the sites around the East Bay where our volunteers tutor. They will be invaluable tools for the children and teachers who receive them.

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy currently has hundreds of volunteers providing literacy support and one-on-one attention to students in some of the Bay Area's lowest-performing public schools. Volunteers pass on their own love of reading to the students and help with reading and writing skills. In addition, JCL has donated over 14,000 books to local schools and community centers since 1999. With your tax-deductible donation, you have joined a group of concerned individuals who have chosen to make a difference in the lives of our community's children.

Thank you for supporting us as we help Bay Area children learn to read.

Shirley Feldman, East Bay Director

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Proudly presented by Congregation Netivot Shalom, Beth Israel Sisterhood, Contra Costa Jewish Day School, First Presbyterian Church of Oakland, Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay, Piedmont Piano Company in Oakland, Tehiyah Community Day School, and Temple Sinai of Oakland:

Rabbi Moshe Cotel, composer/pianist, presents a unique mix of classical piano and personal stories. Cotel recounts his private journey from the life of a virtuoso musician to that of a spiritual leader. This program has much to teach us about a life well-lived, music and spirituality, joy and love, art and Torah.



It's coming. My favorite day of the Midrasha year....graduation. No, it's not my favorite day because it marks the end of the school year and I can finally sleep a little later or go to a

ball game or the beach on Sundays. It my favorite because when I hear each graduate speak about what Midrasha and their 18 years of Jewish education have meant to them, I am overwhelmed with pride and have absolutely not a worry in the world about "Jewish continuity." All the early mornings, late nights, long work days, and worry about program details all go out the window and I realize that I have chosen the right profession and the right job. If you'd like to be similarly filled with nachas (You don't have to be the school director or be related to Midrasha in any way to take pride in these kids. Just living in our community will do!), please join us for graduation. It is Sunday, May 20 at 10:45 a.m. in the Congregation Beth El sanctuary, 1301 Oxford Street in Berkeley. The graduation epitomizes the pluralistic nature of our Midrasha community. We have 37 graduates. They come from 6 different synagogues. We are truly a community school. Come on. A few years ago I flew back from Nepal just to be at this graduation. Surely you can drive from the other side of town!

Mazel tov to the following students and their families: Mateo Aceves, David Aptaker, Sarah Ball, Noah Belkin, Beryl Nickie Bouze, Asher Cohen, Nicholas Dandridge-Lemco, Ariel Feingold-Shaw, Nina Gordon-Kirsch, Lauren Halperin, Katrina Harrar, Elise Harrington, Yaeir Heber, Kenny Hendon, Noah Isaacs, Judith Joy, Rachel Kahan, Emily Karwat, Daniela Kronenberg, Julia Leonard, Jonathan Levy-Wolins, Allison Liepman, Lianna Louie, Sam Lyon, Hannah Pollack, Zachary Postone, Will Roberts, Ari Rokeach, Ada Ruzer, Danielle Schnur, Jacob Shandling, Ruby Shapiro, Joseph Shemuel, Lily Stern, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, Gabe Wolf, Maia Wolins

See you May 20 at 10:45 at graduation.

Diane Bernbaum, Director

**Thank you from Marti Zedeck to the Purim Hammentaschen Helpers, including: Barbara Budnitz, Sara Engel, Susan Kayman, Vida Lehmann, Desmid Lyon, Lois Marcus, Carol Shivel (and anyone I may have inadvertently forgotten).**

**Thank you from Rita Kuhn to everyone who brought food during Pesach for me and my daughter Ruth. It was much appreciated and we enjoyed every bite of it!**

## **Congratulations to the Beth Israel Graduates**

### **Gan Shalom**

Hannah Rose Kabella  
Meir Shlomo Yedidiah Mayim Chayim Miller  
Eliel Tsafia Safran  
Lev Shmuel Silverwalker  
Nina Smith  
Morielle Chai Vas

### **Elementary**

Liya Levanda (Montessori)

### **Middle School**

Talya Brott (Longfellow)  
Danielle Diamond (OHDS)  
Shoshana Kelly (Albany Middle)  
Sara Meltzer (Tehiyah)  
Avrumy Reissberg (OHDS)  
Uriel Sudikoff (OHDS)  
Ami Wulf (Tehiyah)

### **High School**

Elise Harrington (JCHS & Midrasha)  
Kenny Hendon (BHS & Midrasha)  
Sam Lyon (BHS & Midrasha)  
Sa'adia Massarano (JCHS)  
Andrea Morris (BHS)  
Eliana Sudikoff (JCHS)  
Benjamin Elisha Zoloth Dorfman

### **and Beyond...**

Gabriella Rosen Kellerman ( Mt. Sinai Medical School)  
Gabriela Kipnis (UPenn)  
Beth Morris (California College of the Arts)  
Dorit Resnikoff (UCSC)  
Miriam Lyon Snoyman (UCLA)

## occasions

### Baruch Dayan Emet

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Lois Marcus'** sister, Sally Lee White.

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Rita Kuhn's** son, Kenneth Dwight Durling.

May their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

### Mazal Tov!

Special Tribute to **Tania Schweig**, Excellence in Education Award Recipient OHDS

To **Julie Gordon and Moshe Mitrani** on their recent engagement.

To **Bobby Budnitz**, recently named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

To **Ernie Alexander** on being honored as a Shomrei ha'Kabbalah, Guardian of the Tradition by CJLL.

To **Marv and Sara Engel** on the birth of a grandson Jacob Shusteff (nickname Coby) on April 7 to their daughter Tamar and husband Maxim.

To **Ari Berger and Naomi Brenner** on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Maya Aviva

To **Frayda Gonshor** on being awarded a Wexner Fellowship.

## hachnassat orchim

**Ruchama & Avraham Burrell**  
**Rabbi Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor**  
**Emily Gottreich & Albert Benichou**  
**Judy & Glenn Massarano**  
**Joel and Irene Resnikoff**  
**Tania & Muni Schweig**  
**Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein**

## kiddushim

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, MARCH 10:* **Aaron Katler and Deb Fink** in honor of Shoshana's 2nd birthday

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, MARCH 17:* In honor of **Alan Finkelstein and Leslie Valas's 25th Anniversary; Talya Sandel's Birthday; Rabbi Avi Weiss; Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and Frayda Gonshor**

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, MARCH 24:* **Rona Teitelman** in honor of Eli's 9th birthday, **Doreet and Jeff Stein** in honor of Gili's 3rd birthday, and **Rebecca Landes** in memory of her father Ephraim Landes. We are also honoring **Lucie Smith** for her warm and loving care of our children in the Children's Shabbat Tefilah Program.

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, MARCH 31:* **Denise Resnikoff & Family**

**and Joel & Irene Resnikoff & Family** on the occasion of the 18th yahrzeit of loving husband, father, brother & uncle Eli Resnikoff; **The Schickman Family** in memory of Mark's mother, Edith Rachel Bat Tuvia, z"l.

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, PESACH I & II (APRIL 3-4):* **The Zoloth-Dorfman family, Barbara & Bobby Budnitz, Cynthia Scheinberg & Elishu Klein; Nae Golomb, Malcolm Feeley, June and Bob Safran**

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, APRIL 7:* **The Lesser Family** in honor of family birthdays and the 38th anniversary of Deborah & Michael; **The DeWitt Family** in honor of their granddaughter Raizel's bat mitzvah April 14, Shemini.

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, PESACH, APRIL 9:* **Mimi Weisel and Paul Hamburg** in memory of Mayer Weisel, z"l

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, APRIL 14:* **Sisterhood with the special help of Desmid Lyon, Jonah Markowitz, Cynthia Scheinberg, Tania Schweig, and Ellen Winnick**

*KIDDUSH SPONSORS, APRIL 21:* **Jessica and Michael Klass** in honor of the 5th Yahrzeit of Michael's father, Louis J. Klass and the 2nd Yahrzeit of Jessica's father, George B. Dantzig; and in honor of the congregation for all their support the last years, with special thanks to Jane Falk and the Ginsburg, Panish, Wittman, Winnick families. **The Panish and Panish/Shannon families** in honor of Jennifer's upcoming 40th birthday and Anna Belle's recent birthday.

## todah rabah

### BUILDING FUND

**Ron & Bella Barany**  
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**David Mears**, in gratitude to Rabbi Cohen  
**Carol Shivel**  
**Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein**

### GENERAL FUND

**Rhoda Agin:** in honor of Linda Scharlin & Barry Pinsky in celebration of Purim  
**Jane F.:** in memory of Binyamin ben Yakov Halevi Oill; in honor of the Bar Mitzva of Tzvi Miller; in memory of Sally Lee White, sister of Lois Marcus; in memory of Ken Durling, son of Rita Kuhn; in honor of the birth of Maya Aviva Brenner-Berger  
**Norman and Beverly Feldman:** with thanks to all who helped make Purim so special  
**Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado:** for the yiskor of Rivka's father Benjamin Amado, and Rivka's grandmothers, Rivka Amado and Kaden Barbut  
**Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas:** in honor of Rabbi Cohen & Frayda Gonshor  
**Paul Hoffman:** Passover Fund  
**Dov Jelen & Cari Rosner:** Pesach Tzedaka  
**Andrew Katz & Emily Shapiro:** in honor of the 100th birthday of Lillian Belson, Naomi Stamper's mother  
**Gary & Ilene Katz:** in honor of the 100th birthday of Lillian

Belson, Naomi Stamper's mother; for NCSY  
**Charles Koppelman & Deborah Sibony Koppelman**  
**Vida Lehmann:** in honor of the marriage of Cindy Zedeck & Jason Singer  
**Sara Levi:** in memory of my sister Renee  
**Daniel Lewis:** Pesach Tzedakah  
**Sondra Markowitz:** In honor of Joanie and Joel Brodsky for their good deeds  
**Ross & Faith Meltzer**  
**Michael & Chanah Piotrkowski:** Refuah Sh'leima to Kenny Bamberger  
**Elijah & Virginia Polak:** in honor of Ilene & Gary Katz  
**Joshua & Leah Safran:** for Children's Programming  
**Henry & Violette Sibony:** in honor of the installation of Rabbi Cohen & Frayda  
**Justin & Sheba Sweet:** in honor and with heartfelt thanks to the families of Toby and Ezra Hendon, Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein, Denise Resnikoff, and Irene and Joel Resnikoff  
**Paul Weiss & Allison Kent Weiss:** in honor of Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein and their recent 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
**Marvin and Maxine Winer:** in honor of Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor  
**Annetta Winnick:** for yahrzeit yiskor  
**Sheldon & Ellen Winnick,** for NCSY

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Anonymous**  
**Aaron & Barbara Blumenfeld:** Pesach Tzedaka  
**Eva Caro**  
**Aaron Cohen:** for Kimcha D'Pischa  
**Miriam & Robi Cohen** in honor of the community's warm embrace of Yonatan and Frayda  
**Joel & Eli Fine**  
**Joel & Katya Gerwein**  
**Sam & Rose Ginsburg:** thanks for recoveries of Rose Ginsburg and Gary Mattern  
**Jonathan & Sharon Gruber:** in honor of Rabbi Cohen, Frayda Gonshor & the community  
**Dov Jelen & Cari Rosner:** Pesach tzedaka  
**Zev & Cheryl Kessler:** Pesach Aliyot  
**Rebecca Landes:** in honor of Rona Teitelman and Nae Golomb  
**Daniel Lewis:** Matzah fund  
**Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner**  
**Sondra Markowitz:** in honor of the Brodskys  
**Edward & Phyllis Miller:** in memory of Sally Lee White, sister of Lois Marcus; wishing a refuah sh'leimah to Rena Rosen  
**David & Chalyn Newman:** Pesach tzedaka  
**Michael & Chanah Piotrkowski:** in memory of Linda Levy's mother, Leba Berman, z"l  
**Mark & Susan Schickman:** in honor of Joel Selvin's father, David Selvin, z"l  
**Delphine Sherman**  
**Carol Shivel**  
**Henry & Violette Sibony:** for yiskor  
**Rona Teitelman**  
**Joel & Debbie Tandler:** in honor of Rabbi Cohen's installation  
**Sheldon & Ellen Winnick:** Pesach tzedaka

## Birthdays

May 1 Aliza Craimer  
 May 1 Eliana Sudikoff turns 18  
 May 4 Adene Sacks  
 May 7 Barbara Schubert  
 May 8 R. Yonatan Cohen  
 May 8 Rochelle Wolk  
 May 10 Daniel Magid  
 May 11 Michal Vas  
 May 12 Marvin Engel  
 May 12 (Aaron) Netzach Miller turns 15  
 May 14 Sarah Dorfman turns 13  
 May 16 Ari Berger  
 May 21 Molly Greenberg turns 14  
 May 21 Binah Lubin turns 2  
 May 22 Aaron Marcus  
 May 23 Joshua Michael Magid turns 16  
 May 24 Carla Lok turns 12  
 May 24 Ketril Safran turns 2  
 May 26 Maya Smith turns 11  
 May 26 Ravenna Smith turns 11  
 May 28 Noah Efron turns 15  
 June 2 Gaby Schubert turns 3  
 June 5 Jay Kaplan turns 12  
 June 5 Sam Seder turns 13  
 June 5 Eli Shannon turns 9  
 June 7 Joseph Hellerstein  
 June 7 Eliza Smith turns 7  
 June 8 Sheldon Zedeck  
 June 9 Morielle Vas turns 5  
 June 13 Shalom Spivak turns 2  
 June 14 Anya Shannon turns 6  
 June 15 Nava Schweig turns 6  
 June 16 Leah Safran  
 June 17 Kenneth Bamberger  
 June 18 Millea Malka Kenin turns 2  
 June 19 Sara Rose Meltzer turns 14  
 June 22 Ron (Ami) Stein turns 8  
 June 23 Harry Rubin  
 June 28 Andrea Brott  
 June 29 Ellen Winnick  
 June 30 Linda Diamond

## Anniversaries

May 25 Noah & Hope Alper - 22nd anniversary  
 June 2 Joseph Hellerstein & Adene Sacks - 11th anniversary  
 June 10 Mordecai & Rena Rosen - 34th anniversary  
 June 11 Sam & Rose Ginsburg - 41st anniversary  
 June 11 Elijah & Liza Silverwalker - 7th anniversary  
 June 15 Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner - 10th anniversary  
 June 15 Elijah & Michal Vas - 7th anniversary  
 June 19 Edward & Phyllis Miller - 41st anniversary  
 June 20 Aaron Leon & Wendy Kenin - 9th anniversary  
 June 23 Glenn & Judith Massarano - 21st anniversary  
 June 27 Sheldon & Ellen Winnick - 31st anniversary  
 June 29 Michael Steinman & Dorothy Richman - 4th anniversary

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