

# chai-lights



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2007

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## WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Shacharit at 1630 Bancroft Way: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.; Sunday and Legal Holidays 8:00 a.m.  
Mincha/Ma'ariv at Chabad of Berkeley, 2643 College Ave.; Sun-Th 5 minutes after candle lighting  
For specific times, see [www.kashrut.com/zemanim](http://www.kashrut.com/zemanim)

## SHABBAT SERVICES:

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat: 5 minutes after candle lighting. Morning Service 9:15 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha: After the Morning Kiddush

## from the rabbi

**T**he Talmud teaches: "The Shabbat invests back in those who invest in Shabbat." (BT Shabbat 119a). This rabbinic maxim truly captures the vision for our community's new Shabbat Shalem program. Once a month, for the next eight months, we will be gathering for an in-house Shabbaton, designed to inspire a more substantive and nourishing Shabbat experience for all of our members. Shabbat Shalem (meaning whole and complete) is Beth Israel's commitment to invest in Shabbat (educationally, spiritually, and financially) in confidence that Shabbat ultimately invests back in us.

As I mentioned in the past number of months, this year I intend on leading our community on a campaign focused on deepening and strengthening our understanding and experience of *tefilah* (prayer). Shabbat Shalem is the crown jewel of this effort. On Shabbat Shalem, our community will offer early childcare (9:30 am), allowing parents to become fuller participants in *tefilat tzibur* (communal prayer). We will also offer a Learners Service (10:00 am) designed to provide easier access to newcomers, as well as a Family Service focused on empowering parents with tools and skills to pray

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## from the president

**T**he fall holidays are behind us, and I have heard from many of our members about how inspiring and exhilarating they were. While the intensity of the month of Tishrei is still vivid in our minds, I want to take a moment and thank all of those who participated in making the *yamim noraim* so significant and meaningful. *Yasher koach* to all those who helped the shul form a spirited, welcoming community during the high holidays. I deeply appreciate the efforts of all of our *fillot* leaders, Torah layners, kiddush sponsors, educational childcare volunteers, our schleppers of machzorim and siddurim, and all who made the building ready with extra seats and the white parochet and Torah covers. It really is a community effort that brings huge benefit to all of us. And as I often say during my presidential announcements, we couldn't have done it without all of you, and I mean it!

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with their young children (ages 3-6). At the end of services, and after a community-wide free luncheon, educators from our community and scholars-in-residence will challenge us with classes on the topic of prayer.

In addition to Shabbat Shalem, several Beth Israel programs and events will focus on this campaign. I am pleased that Judy Massarano will be teaching a women's class on *tefilah* sponsored by our Sisterhood (see page 8). We are devoting a section in Chai Lights to publish reflections written by community members on their personal and significant prayer experiences. In this issue, we are sure to be moved and inspired by Rita Kuhn's powerful reflections on the *Shema* prayer, and the role it played in framing her experience during the dark years of the Shoa. Later this year, we will be offering a class focused on *Nusach HaTfilla* (the proper melody of prayer) as well as on introducing new melodies to our services.

Sounds like a lot? Don't be overwhelmed. Thank G-d, we're all in this together and this is only the beginning! I deeply believe that in initiating Shabbat Shalem and investing ourselves in it, our community stands to gain greater depth in prayer and deeper bonds among all our members.

This year, I urge all of us, let's invest in Shabbat so Shabbat can invest in us.

Let's continue to commit to coming to shul one half hour earlier than we usually do. Let's expand our Shabbat experience from mornings to afternoons and evenings. Let's be open to being challenged by

our community's teachers and scholars-in-residence. If you can, sponsor our Shabbat Shalem program (see page 15) and/or volunteer to support this major effort.

May the Holy One continue to bring light to our Shabbat. May we be blessed with a Shabbat Shalem and a Shabbat Shalom.

R. Yonatan Cohen

### Southern California Relief Funds

If you would like to provide relief to the various individuals and communities devastated by the recent fires, here are some suggestions.

#### To give to the area at large:

San Diego / Imperial County American, [www.sdarc.org](http://www.sdarc.org), 3950 Calle Fortunada, San Diego, CA 92123, (858)309-1200

#### To give through Jewish organizations:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles has established the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND in order to assist victims of the wildfires. Send checks to The Jewish Federation 6505 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles 90048. Checks should be payable to The Jewish Federation with "Fire Relief Fund" written on the memo line. Donations can also be made by calling (323) 761-8200 or online at [www.jewishla.org](http://www.jewishla.org).

The Jewish community of San Diego has established the Jewish Community Disaster Fund to provide immediate assistance to Jewish families and other community members who have been affected by this tragedy. Checks designated for the Fund can be made payable to the Jewish Community Foundation and sent to: Jewish Community Disaster Fund, c/o Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego, 4950 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92123 Credit card donations can also be made online at [www.jewishinsandiego.org](http://www.jewishinsandiego.org).

### *chai lights*

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*Monday is Rabbi Cohen's day off.*

## from the president

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On the same topic, our Yom Kippur pledge was tremendously successful. To date, our pledge total is a wonderful \$23,000. Please send in your pledge payments to insure that these funds arrive in time to support our operating budget for our 2007-2008 year.

The fall is typically a time of year when our membership rolls increase. This year, I am very proud to announce a long list of new members!

**Bob and Judy Albietz**  
**Yaakov and Tali Albietz**  
**The Bennett Family**  
**Sarah Goldberg**  
**The Greenwald Bach Family**  
**Alona Jasik**  
**Dov Jelen**  
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**The Sibony Koppleman Family**  
**The Sibony Pollack Family**  
**Shira Wakschlag**





I want to wish a warm welcome to all of our new members. I hope your involvement with Beth Israel will be deeply fulfilling and long lasting. We are delighted to have you be a part of our community and look forward to getting to know you in the year to come.

As this issue of chai lights goes to press, I had the pleasure of learning with the Sisterhood and the women of our shul in a study session led by Bat Sheva Miller on a very apt topic, "A Community of Women". The learning was thoughtful, stimulating, and engaging. The Sisterhood's lively study session and business meeting are described in greater detail in Judy Massarano's article (see page 8)

What's on the horizon next for Beth Israel? We are about to embark on Rabbi Cohen's innovative Shabbat program, Shabbat Shalem. Eight times during the coming year, we will have the opportunity to spend Shabbat together as a community. We will have programming for families and young children, a learner's minyan to facilitate a deeper understanding of the siddur, Israeli folk dancing and shiurim, a communal Shabbat meal and more. And lest you think this is the only additional program for the next few months, planning is underway for the children's musical Havdalah and teen Shabbat in November, the Dreidelthon in early December, and everyone's favorite musical extravaganza, La Vache Qui Rit, at the end of January.

As always, I am amazed at the energy, vibrancy, and excitement that is emblematic of Beth Israel. We have an amazing community filled with classes, spirited davening, engaging discussions, and warm communal meals. I continue to count myself lucky to have Beth Israel as my Jewish home.

Leslie Valas, President

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Do you know that Midrasha has a job bank? Every day I get calls and e-mails asking for names of students who can baby sit, work in the garden, set up computers, tutor math, help with parties,

clean cabinets for Pesach and a lot of other tasks. When our students register, they let us know if they would like to be listed as willing to work at any of these jobs and we assemble a list which we can mail or fax to you. If you would like a copy, just phone the Midrasha office 510-843-4667, and ask for one. Why struggle finding help when there is a willing teenager right around the corner.

And on another topic, I don't know if you're like me. I get a huge number of solicitations mailed to my house. I tend not to open them (unless I'm led to believe they have cute little return address stickers in them. Those are useful.) I think of myself as a generous person who gives a lot of tzedakah. But I have my favorite organizations, or those that friends ask me to contribute to and so I don't always read the 5 or 6 solicitations that come to my house every day.

I hope you're different. Or at least different when it comes to Midrasha. Unlike those other organizations, which you can count on to send you a solicitation each quarter, or maybe even each month, Midrasha only sends out one a year. And it's something that we work hard at crafting, creating a document that we hope you'll like reading. We look at it as an annual newsletter, not just asking you for money, but instead, giving us an opportunity to tell you about the great things that have happened over the last year.

I always assemble my favorite quotes from graduation speeches and e-mails from parents and send them off to our graphic designer. I sit at my desk, grinning to myself, as I re-read how meaningful Midrasha has been to so many people. Some of the quotes that made it into this year's newsletter say things like: "The ideas and opinions I have encountered in the last five years will stay with me throughout my life. Every Sunday morning I am surrounded by people who questions and seek the truth. Midrasha has challenged me to become a better

person, and a better Jew.' (Sarah Ball). 'Midrasha has given me the priceless foundation on which I can build a successful life as a mensch.' (Noah Isaacs). 'Through my studies of Judaism, I have learned how to treat friends with respect, give back to the community and educate myself to become an open and aware person. It is these lessons and skills which I will carry with me my whole life.' (Julia Leonard). 'Midrasha has given me the tools to learn in a pluralistic setting with people from different Jewish backgrounds.' (Mateo Aceves). 'This knowledge that we absorb now is the foundation for what we can give back to the world later.' (David Aptaker). 'From learning about healthy relationships to discussing how to handle controversial Jewish topics, I have not only been able to share my thoughts but I have also learned a lot from my peers.' (Allison Liepman)."

Because this article goes to all 10 newsletters of our partner congregations, some of you will be reading this before you receive our annual appeal and some will be already have received it. My point in writing all this, of course, is to urge you to not only open the mailing, but to read it, and then to reach for your checkbook and to be more generous than ever. Like many Jewish non-profits, we are on a very tight budget, trying to provide the best education possible to the Jewish teens in this community. We are dedicated to giving financial aid to any student who needs it and to paying our staff an appropriate wage. We can't pull this off without a lot of help from you. When you open the envelope, remember any student you know who has been touched by their studies at Midrasha, anyone who's come back happy from a retreat, or someone who's life has been changed by the faculty and friends they've met at Midrasha. Or maybe think of someone yet too young to attend Midrasha, whose parents are taking it for granted that Midrasha will be there for them when they get old enough. Then take our your checkbook. And keep us on your list of favorite places to send contributions to mark a birthday, anniversary, simcha or death. We gladly send out cards to anyone you'd love to honor or memorialize. And if you're already tossed that envelope: just mail in your contribution: 1301 Oxford Street, Berkeley 94709. Midrasha is counting on YOU!

*Diane Bernbaum, Director*

**LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Didn't we just share apples and honey, eat in the sukkah, and dance with the Torah? Time goes so quickly at Gan Shalom and yet we get so much done. Some highlights:

- \* Sukkot Family Dinner in the Gan Shalom sukkah
- \* Visiting CBI for Simchat Torah with Rabbi Cohen
- \* New Parent Kiddush at CBI and Lunch at Gan Shalom
- \* Welcoming new student Nadav Sappir, newly arrived from Israel
- \* Making a Tree of Life Quilt to be auctioned at the Chanukah Party
- \* Shabbat with our stuffed animals--when Adam named all the animals

It's not enough to describe the joy and the learning that goes on at Gan Shalom; come by and visit and see for yourself!

B'Shalom,  
Laura

**Gan Shalom has an opening for this year! Tell all your friends!**

Gan Shalom is Beth Israel's nurturing, play-based preschool, serving 25 children, ages 2.9 to 5 years. We currently have an opening for the 2007-08 school year!

For 18 years, Gan Shalom has 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. We blend diversity and openness together with a deep, joyous commitment to Modern Orthodox Judaism.

For further information, please see [cbiberkeley.org/ganshalom](http://cbiberkeley.org/ganshalom), call the school at 510-848-3298, or email the director at [lauralipman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lauralipman@sbcglobal.net) to schedule a tour.

**\* CHANUKAH RAFFLE \***

Raffle Tickets can be purchased from any Gan parent and from the Gan during regular hours, or the CBI office. Tickets are \$5 dollars or 5 for \$20. All proceeds from sales go to our scholarship fund. The Raffle will be on December 6, at our Chanukah Fundraising Dinner Party, 5:30-7:00pm. Our dinner party is open to the whole community and a great way for prospective parents to get a little taste of our Gan Shalom Family.

Hope to see you at the party!

**\* HAPPY CHANUKAH \***



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## NEW MEMBER PROFILES

### *The Greenwald-Bach Family*

The Bach and Greenwald family moved to Berkeley and Beth Israel this past August from the NYC area (West Orange, NJ). Michael Greenwald and Ronna Bach have 4 children: 2 girls: Alona Bach (a freshman at Berkeley High), Maytal Bach (a 2nd grader at OHDS), and 2 boys: Yaron Greenwald (7th grade), Meka Greenwald (4th grade) both at OHDS. The three oldest were born in Palo Alto, while Michael was studying at Stanford. Maytal was born in Philadelphia. We've also lived in Cambridge, MA and have roots in Brooklyn and Minneapolis.

Michael is working in Palo Alto at a startup (quite a change from academia), and Ronna works in San Francisco for the Federal Government's Department of Health and Human Services, with the Medicaid program for the states of CA, NV, AZ, HI and the Pacific Territories.

The family is trying to come up for air after a bumpy move -- and had this to say: "If anyone knows anyone looking to buy or rent a lovely four-bedroom house in North Central NJ please let us know!! Thank you for welcoming us into your lovely and very warm and friendly community."

### *Zev Padway*



Zev first made a name for himself in Berkeley in 1988, when he won first prize in Chabad's Purim costume contest. He wasn't dressed up; it was his first orthodox Jewish experience. With dreads and earrings and his punk rock clothes they thought he was parading as a gypsy. At that time he was hitchhiking around the country trying to find himself.

He has always been unique and always done spiritual outreach, first as a Hindu, when he had his own ashram in Tallahassee, FL. Then he found his way to Israel, where he felt at home at last and reconnected to his Jewish roots. He ended up in Colorado, learning under Rabbi Mordechai Twerski. After four years he returned to Israel, studied in Bnei Brak, and became a madrich for Or Someach's Keshet program.

When his beloved father took ill, Zev moved back to his hometown of Cincinnati to take care of him and his mother. After his father passed away he was hired by the Cincinnati community kollel to open a campus bayit that provided shiurim and Shabbatons for Jewish students while simultaneously working as a mashgiach. A few years later, Rabbi Twerski brought him to New York to help open his new shul, Ateres Shloime, where he acted as the rabbi's assistant and helped to create a shmura matzah bakery.

Somewhere in all of this, he started Jerusalem Camp, the only Jewish camp at the national Rainbow gathering with its 35,000 attendees. There, every year, as director of his non-profit organization, he makes Shabbos for a thousand people and serves up to five thousand kosher, organic, vegan meals during the course of the two weeks.

Zev returned to Berkeley in 2004, moving from Chabad to Beit Midrash Ohr HaChaim, where the sefer Torah he financed (with help) resides, to CBI. He came here to say kaddish when his mother passed away and became a member because he felt so warmly welcomed by the morning minyan and impressed by Rabbi Cohen's "charisma and openness." These days, Zev works as mashgiach for Joseph Farms cheeses and as a videographer while studying psychology at Berkeley City College. "I am grateful for such a warm and diverse Jewish community here in Berkeley and I look forward to getting to know all the members of CBI more," he tells us. Zev is single, always open to ideas for shidduchim and happy to receive invitations for Shabbos meals.

## PRAYERFUL REFLECTIONS

As part of our shul's campaign to deepen our prayer practices, we have asked members of our community to submit their own personal reflections. In this inaugural piece, we are honored to share with you excerpts from Rita Kuhn's memoirs, *Silences*, on how the *Sh'ma* prayer framed her experience during the dark years of the *Shoah*.

### Berlin 1935/36

On a warm sunny day, while Ilse and I are playing on the street, two boys approach us with swaggering steps and a smirk on their faces. One of them is whispering something to the other.

"Hey, you Jew swine," he says, looking at me, "say something in Jewish."

"It's not called Jewish," I correct him. "It's Hebrew."

"Don't get smart with us, you dirty Jew. Then say something in your dirty Jew language."

"All I know is prayers," I tell him, "and I am not allowed to say them unless..."

My objection is met with a raised fist and threats to beat me up.

Quietly, I recite the *Sh'ma*. Not satisfied with that, I start the blessing I heard my father say over the bread.

The response is, "Sounds just like the pigs you are, oink, oink." I go upstairs. Alone in the bedroom, I ask God's forgiveness for my cowardice of having used His name in vain.

### Berlin, May 1945

Russian artillery fire confined us for ten days in the cellar; after which our air-raid warden asks my father to go meet the Russians. My brother and I join him. We put on our yellow stars and climb up the barricade erected across our street to wait for the sound of Russian tanks. We do not have to wait for long.

Two figures in uniform turn the corner into our street.

"Russians," we whisper to each other, welcoming them with our arms waiving. They join us and smile in response to our obvious signs of relief.

"*Guten Tag*," the older of the two addresses us. Then, staring at our yellow stars in disbelief, he shakes his head and, in his broken German, he tells us that, "*Hitler macht alle Juden kaput*," emphasizing his meaning with a gesture of decapitation. He saw Jews even here in Berlin hanging from trees. An act of revenge, no doubt, from the departing SS.

We show him all our papers stamped with a "J" and signed with "Israel" and "Sara" respectively. We tell him our story of living for 12 years in Hitler's Berlin. He shakes his head again. We grow desperate. We heard stories about Siberia. Does he think we are dissemblers? Suddenly, his face lights up and then, "*Sag das Sh'ma*." We recite the *Sh'ma* as though we were in our Synagogue again. His name is Sasha, he tells us, adding, "*Hitler schlecht ... sehr schlecht ... aber jetzt kaput. Gut ... sehr gut*."

To justify his doubting us at the beginning, he explains that during their long odyssey to Berlin, the troops had come upon concentration camps that confronted them with an unimaginable human calamity. Among the emaciated and dying prisoners they encountered well-fed, strong "Jewish" prisoners and grew suspicious. The High Russian Command ordered them to have them recite the *Sh'ma*. The suspected SS men fell into their trap and met their well deserved punishment.

## What Sisterhood Means To Me

Lest you think this is a middle school essay, keep reading. I chose the title I did since this past summer marks our 14<sup>th</sup> year here, so perhaps I am thinking about my own development, and how I came to be involved the CBI sisterhood.

The year we home schooled Sa'adia and Betzalel, back in 2000, I occasionally had a bit more time on my hands, surprisingly. The boys and I had started a sewing project of sorts, which began as a rug, then turned into hat. I knew I needed guidance, so I thought I'd show up with this ragbag of a thing at the Knitters and Weavers group. Sitting there with the talented women who attend, it occurred to me that they have much wisdom to share just by virtue of the fact that they are older than I am! So I listened, laughed, and tried to further the sorry-looking "hat." Though it was very rare for me to get to an actual event, from time to time I did manage to go, as I knew I would always learn something. I remember a gathering at Deborah Lesser's after the fire in the Oakland Hills, when she talked about losing her home and the importance of using your good china regularly.

Fast forward to last year, when I asked how I could be helpful, if only in some discreet way, from home. Ruth Wittman asked if I would be the corresponding secretary. It sounds so official, but all I do is send cards to people, which I enjoy and can be done relatively easily. But I was glad to do my part for the shul.

I then was asked to attend a few meetings, which were fascinating. It was clear that there were a number of very dedicated women, who wanted to do so much. But where were women my age and younger? It was easy to see that due to the time constraints of women at various stages of family and/or professional life, it was no longer the Sisterhood of my mom's generation, where women's

schedules were rather different. It was also no longer only the sisterhood who were the Kiddush ladies, especially at CBI. And, meetings on a regular basis were probably impossible for many of my friends, who had young children to attend to in the evenings. For many of us, business was most efficiently conducted using the Internet.

But here's what I did know: the Sisterhood of CBI was the main support of education at the shul for many years. It sustained all kinds of things, from the Bnei Akiva program to the religious school of the early years, to meals when guest speakers came. For each and every bar or bat mitzvah, a sefer kadosh, holy text, was and is presented, by the Sisterhood.

So where are we now? It seems to me we are on the cusp, of the old and the new. There are still motions to be passed, but meetings are much fewer and far between. Interests range from book discussions to Torah learning to crafts and cooking. We have singles, marrieds, empty nesters, professionals, career moms, cooks, teachers, professors, attorneys. But like BatSheva so eloquently taught us, it took Miriam, one woman, to cross boundaries, claim community, and create community.

Rav Isaac HaKohen Kook, first chief rabbi of then Palestine said, "*HaYashan Yitchadesh vechaChadash yitkadesh.*" Let the old be made new and let the new be made holy.

This sisterhood is for you, even if that term is not your term. So create community. Reach out, and most likely, you will find someone who'd very much like to reach back. In shul, make an effort to introduce yourself to a woman whom you might not normally chat with. Ask her about who she is; introduce your family to her. You will be enriched.

Judy Massarano

### **CBI Sisterhood/Women's Group on-going meetings:**

**Book Review Group** -- contact Rita Kohl or Vida Lehmann for information. The Book Group will be reading Rebecca Goldstein's *Betraying Spinoza* in November.

**'Knitter/Weavers', aka 'Stitches'** -- contact Rose Ginsburg or Debby Lesser for information.

### **Come Learn with Us!**

Congregation Beth Israel's Sisterhood wishes to thank Bat Sheva Miller for leading us in lively discussion and Torah study at our October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please join us for a new learning opportunity sponsored by Sisterhood:

**"Siddur Savvy: How to follow along and actively participate in Shabbat morning services,"** a free, four-part class (though each class stands alone). This class will be taught by Judy Massarano on Sundays 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16 from 10:15 -11:15 a.m. at Judy's home, 1709 Sacramento Street, Berkeley. Bring your own siddur if you have one. Recording devices welcome, as are kosher snacks! Help us grow as a prayerful community!

## LEARNING SCHEDULE AT CBI

### SUNDAY

#### SUNDAY MORNING TALMUD CLASS

A class structured to appeal to Talmud students of all levels. In this course we will study *Tractate Hagigah*. Prof. Daniel Boyarin - Sunday, 9-10 a.m.

#### 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.

R. Eliahu Klein - Sunday, 11 a.m. **December 2**

### MONDAY

#### NCSY'S LATTE AND LEARNING (FOR TEENS)

Explore Judaism with Ahron Glazer of the East Bay NCSY. For more information, call 510-213-5534 or email [ncsynorcal@gmail.com](mailto:ncsynorcal@gmail.com).

Meet at Starbucks, 1600 Shattuck, corner of Shattuck & Cedar.

Ahron Glazer - Monday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

#### CHANUKAH AND ASSIMILATION:

#### CONTEMPORARY HALAKHIC RESPONSES

Chanukah celebrates the Macabees resistance to assimilation, as they fought the physical, spiritual, and cultural threat of the Greeks. In this class, we will explore contemporary responses to assimilation in the responsa literature. Topics to be discussed: giving kosher certification to fleishg establishments serving dairy desserts, circumcision for non-Jewish children of a Jewish parent, and others.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Monday, 8 p.m. **December 3, 10**

### TUESDAY

#### THE HERETIC:

#### EXPLORING RABBINIC NARRATIVES

Who is a heretic and what is the content of one's heresy? Using literary analysis, we will explore Talmudic narratives about Elisha Ben Abuyah, the paradigm of hereticism in rabbinic lore.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., **November 6**

### TIKKUN OLAM

The concept of tikkun olam (mending the world) has become an essential aspect of contemporary Jewish life. Is tikkun olam a mitzvah? What are its historical origins and theological underpinnings? Join us for an

exploration of Biblical, rabbinic, and contemporary sources.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., **November 13, 20, 27**

### WEDNESDAY

#### JEWISH WRITINGS OF EMMANUEL LEVINAS

Jewish writings of the French post-modern philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. The Levinas Study Group meets at 8 PM on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We are currently discussing his essay on Franz Rosenzweig in "Difficult Freedom: Essays on Judaism". The class is facilitated by our resident scholar, Muni Schweig.

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

### THURSDAY

#### HEAVENLY TORAH

#### THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

The world of rabbinic thought can be divided into two major schools of thought; Rabbi Akiva and 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 an in-depth study, based on Rabbi A. J. Heschel's *Heavenly Torah*.

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

#### MIDRASHA'S TANACH AND TALMUD (FOR TEENS)

This course is an informal but intensive study group focusing on close thematic readings of the Tanach and Talmud in translation. The class begins on October 11 and will continue weekly except for Jewish holidays and school vacations.

David Henkin & Zvi Septimus, Thursdays, 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.

# NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Congregation Beth Israel *chai lights*



## SHABBAT PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH SHABBAT SHALEM

*Friday and Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	5:51 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	6:00 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Early Childcare .....	9:30 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha .....	2:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	6:49 p.m.
Women's Folk Dancing .....	7:00 p.m.

### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Pacific Standard Time resumes;  
turn your clocks one hour back

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT TOLDOT

*Friday and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	4:45 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:50 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	5:43 p.m.

## ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

*Motzei Shabbat & Sunday, November 10-11*

Shacharit .....	8:00 a.m.
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## SHABBAT PARSHAT VA'YEITZEI

*Friday and Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	4:39 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:45 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	5:38 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S HAVDALAH

*Shabbat, November 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

*See details page 12*

## THANKSGIVING

*Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Shacharit .....	8:00 a.m.
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*Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Shacharit .....	8:00 a.m.
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## SHABBAT PARSHAT VA'YISHLACH

*Friday and Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	4:35 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:40 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	5:35 p.m.

## **HOMELESS MEN'S SHELTER**

*Wednesday, November 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m.*

*See details page 14*

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYESHEV

*Friday and Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	4:33 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:35 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	5:33 p.m.

## CHANUKAH

*25 Kislev-Tevet 3*

*December 4-12<sup>th</sup>*

Throughout the week, candles should be lit after 5:33 p.m.  
except for Friday and motzei Shabbat (see below).

## CHANUKAH SHABBAT MEVARCHIM

PARSHAT MIKETZ

SHABBAT SHALEM

*SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE BITI ROI*

*Friday and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>*

Candle Lighting .....	4:32 p.m.
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:35 p.m.
Morning Service .....	9:15 a.m.
Early Childcare .....	9:30 a.m.
Educational Childcare .....	10:15 a.m.
Shabbat Mincha .....	2:30 p.m.
Shabbat ends .....	5:33 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Havdalah @CBI .....	5:45 p.m.
Dreidelthon .....	6:00 p.m.



## DREIDELTHON @ CBI

*Saturday Night, December 8*

*6:00 p.m.*

*See details page 13*



**TIKKUNIM KETANIM  
CHILDREN CHANGING THE WORLD**  
Sunday, December 9, 11:00-12:00 p.m.  
CBI Children celebrate Chanukah at Claremont House  
See details page 14

**HOMELESS MEN'S SHELTER**  
Wednesday, December 26, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
See details page 14

**ROSH CHODESH TEVET**  
Sunday night & Monday, December 9-10  
Shacharit ..... 6:30 a.m.

**SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYIGASH**  
Friday and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
Candle Lighting ..... 4:33 p.m.  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:40 p.m.  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Educational Childcare ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:30 p.m.  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 5:34 p.m.

**SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYECHI**  
Friday and Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Candle Lighting ..... 4:36 p.m.  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:40 p.m.  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Educational Childcare ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:35 p.m.  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 5:37 p.m.

**CHILDREN'S HAVDALAH**  
Shabbat, December 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
See details page 12

**SHABBAT PARSHAT SHEMOT**  
Friday and Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Candle Lighting ..... 4:40 p.m.  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:45 p.m.  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Educational Childcare ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:35 p.m.  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 5:42 p.m.

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**Times for Action**

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All times after November 3 are for Berkeley, Pacific Standard Time

Week of	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29
<b>Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn</b>	6:25 am	5:32 am	5:39 am	5:39 am	5:54 am	6:00 am	6:05 am	6:10 am	6:12 am
<b>Neitz-Sunrise</b>	7:37 am	6:44 am	6:51 am	6:51 am	7:06 am	7:12 am	7:17 am	7:22 am	7:24 am
<b>Latest ideal time for the morning Sh'ma</b>	10:14 am	9:18 am	9:23 am	9:27 am	9:32 am	9:36 am	9:41 am	9:45 am	9:48 am
<b>Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha</b>	1:19 pm	12:19 pm	12:19 pm	12:20 pm	12:22 pm	12:25 pm	12:28 pm	12:32 pm	12:35 pm
<b>Sh'kia Sunset</b>	6:08 pm	5:02 pm	4:56 pm	4:52 pm	4:50 pm	4:50 pm	4:51 pm	4:54 pm	4:59 pm
<b>Tzeit Ha'kochavim Night-fall</b>	6:50 pm	5:44 pm	5:38 pm	5:34 pm	5:32 pm	5:32 pm	5:33 pm	5:36 pm	5:40 pm



**SHABBAT MORNING**

9:15-11:45 a.m.  
**Shabbat Services**  
*Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m.  
**Early Childcare**  
*Gan Shalom*

10:00-10:45 am  
**Learner's Service led by Max & Dalia Davis**  
*Library*

10:45-11:30 am  
**Children's Shabbat Tefilah Program**

Ketanim (18 mos.-3)  
*Gan Shalom*

Yeladim (3-6)  
 Children and Family Services  
 led by R. Cohen  
*Gan Shalom*

Talmidim Group (7-12)  
 led by Oren Rahat  
*Library*

11:30-12:30  
**Supervised Play Time**  
 (18 mos. to 12 years old)  
*Gan Shalom*

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON**

11:45 am-12:15 pm  
**Community Learning on Prayer**  
 R. Cohen: The Non-Verbal Aspects of Tefilah  
 and What They Say About Prayer

12:15-1:15 pm  
**Community-wide FREE luncheon**  
*Social Hall*

1:15-2:00 pm  
**Afternoon Activities (no childcare):**  
 Text Study led by Max Davis (Sanctuary)  
*Mincha: Behind the Glamor and Hype*  
*Roots and Rationale of the Afternoon Prayer*  
 Shabbat Zmirot, *Library*  
 Board Games, *Social Hall*

2:00 pm  
**Mincha**  
*Sanctuary*

6:50 p.m.  
**Ma'ariv & Havdalah**  
*Sanctuary*

7:00 p.m.  
**Women's Rikudei Am (Israeli Folk dancing)**  
**led by Dalia Davis**  
*Social Hall*

*Shabbat Shalom* (a complete Shabbat), Beth Israel's monthly in-house shabbaton, celebrates our shul's diversity and honours our community's varied spiritual needs. Explore the meaning of prayer, enjoy the company of friends, welcome newcomers and guests, and lend your voice as we sing traditional Shabbat songs and melodies.

***Saturday, November 3***

**Children's Musical Havdalah**

Conclude Shabbat with a drum roll and begin the week on a high note! Join R. Cohen for an educational and inspirational children's Havdalah service. Bring your musical instruments and add your voices to our soulful songs. Light, nutritious snacks provided.

Saturday evenings (*Motzei Shabbat*)  
 Motzei Shabbat, November 17 and December 22, 2007  
 6:00-7:00 PM



# LIGHTING UP CHANUKAH & SHABBAT

## *Shabbat Chanukah, December 8*



### SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE Ms. BITI ROI

Biti Roi has lectured in Judaic studies at Stern College of Yeshiva University, Drisha Institute for Women and YCT Rabbinical School. Biti was a Jerusalem Fellow in the Mandel Institute for Professional Leadership and a Fellow of the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. She has taught at Midreshet Lindenbaum, at David Yelin College, and at the Hartman Institute. In addition, Biti has served on the National Committee of the Israeli Ministry of Education in the areas of Jewish studies and philosophy. She has published articles on Kabbalah and Hassidism and is currently pursuing a PhD. at Hebrew University.

### SHABBAT MORNING

9:15-11:45 a.m.  
**Shabbat Services**  
*Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m.  
**Early Childcare**  
*Gan Shalom*

10:00-10:45 am  
**Learner's Service**  
*Library*

10:45-11:30 am  
**Children Shabbat Tefilah Program**

Ketanim (18 mos.-3)  
*Gan Shalom*

Yeladim (3-6)  
Children and Family Services  
*Gan Shalom*

Talmidim Group (7-12)  
*Library*

11:30-12:30  
**Supervised Play Time**  
(18 mos. to 12 years old)  
*Gan Shalom*

### SHABBAT AFTERNOON

11:45 am-12:30 pm  
**Community Learning on Prayer**  
**with Biti Roi**

12:30-1:30 pm  
**Community-wide FREE luncheon**  
*Social Hall*

1:30-2:30 pm  
**Text Study with Biti Roi**  
*Sanctuary*

**Supervised Play Time**  
(18 mos. To 12 years old)  
*Gan Shalom*

2:30 pm  
**Mincha**  
*Sanctuary*

## Dreidelthon

### How Many Dreidels Can One Shul Spin!?

Motzei Shabbat, join CBI's fabulous  
Chanukah festival!

6:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Children's Creative Workshops**      **Text Study With Biti Roi**  
*Gan Shalom*      *Sanctuary*

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
**Record-Setting Dreidel Competition!**  
**Light Dinner**  
**Musical Concert (Rabbi Ferris & the Ferris Wheels)**



## TIKKUN OLAM SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Monthly Homeless Dinners

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month 5:00-8:00 PM (Nov. 28, Dec. 26)

Beth Israel is committed to helping our local community by preparing and serving dinner on the fourth Wednesday night of each month at the men's shelter run by the City of Berkeley (please note: in April, we will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month).

This is a great opportunity for both teens and adults to become involved in *tzedakah va'hessed* (justice and loving-kindness). We need volunteers to assist in shopping, cooking, serving, and cleanup. We are also always happy to receive donations to underwrite this activity. Feel free to join for the whole time or only part of it.

Cooking, 5:00-6:15 PM

Text study with Rabbi Cohen, 6:15-6:45 PM

Serving and cleanup, 7:00-8:00 PM

**For more information, please contact our office.**

### Tikkunim Ketanim Children Changing the World

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 p.m.

Beth Israel's new social action initiative is designed to educate families about the importance and centrality of *tikkun olam* (social justice). This Chanukah, bring your children to the Claremont House and together with its residents, celebrate the joys of Chanukah.

### Jewish Coalition for Literacy

Fifty-five percent of fourth graders in California read below grade level. It's a shocking statistic, but it's a reality for thousands of children. Beth Israel, with the help and guidance of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy, is committed to reversing this statistic, one child at a time. Volunteer for an hour weekly to read with a student and/or provide read-aloud sessions for classes or small groups (a one-year commitment). If you don't have the time, Beth Israel's ongoing book drive is another valuable way to help promote literacy. Please bring your English language books (suitable for children and teens) to our JCL "book bag" placed at the entrance of our shul, to be delivered to reading sites in Berkeley and the greater East Bay.

### Fighting Hunger

An Alameda County Food Bank bin is always placed at the entrance of our shul. Please remember to bring non-perishable items for the food bin as you attend classes and services throughout the week.

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(sponsors children and youth Shabbat activities)

**\$501-1000 Mazon Shalem**  
(sponsors community-wide luncheons)

**\$1001-1800 Torah Shleima**  
(sponsors Scholars-in-Residence)

**“The Shabbat invests back in those who invest in Shabbat.”**  
**(BT Shabbat 119a)**

The community is  
warmly invited  
to our aufruf  
and a kiddush  
on December 22  
celebrating our upcoming  
wedding.

Lenny Kristal  
and  
Denise Resnikoff

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Knowledge.”**

— Abraham Joshua Heschel



**Kindergarten Information Evening**  
Thursday, October 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Community Havdallah  
and All-School Open House**  
Sunday, December 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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# Review of Laws of Chanukah and Lighting Your Chanukia

## General Guidelines

- Chanukah begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev this year Tuesday night, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and continues for eight days.
- For the entire eight days of Chanukah it is forbidden to fast or to eulogize.
- During morning prayers, *Shacharit*, one should recite the full *Hallel* every day.
- "*Al hanissim*" the special paragraph of prayers for Chanukah is added in the silent prayers, *Shmoneh Esreh* and also in Grace after meals. If one forgot to say this addition, one should not repeat either *Shmoneh Esreh* or Grace.

## Preparing the Chanukia

- If a number of people are lighting in one household they should make a slight separation between their *Chanukias* so that there is no confusion to the observer as to the number of candles.
- Ideally, the *Chanukia* should be placed outside the house to the left of the entrance. Since anti-Semitism was so common throughout Jewish history it became customary among many communities to place the *Chanukia* inside the house, near the entrance or on the table. In many families it is the custom to place the *Chanukia* in a window facing the public, especially where many people share one entrance (e.g., apartment building).
- The *Chanukia* should be no lower than three *tfachim* from the floor (approx. 10.5 inches) and should be no higher than 20 *amot* from ground level (35.5 ft). Ideally, it should be about 10 *tfachim* high (40 inches).
- The *Chanukia* should have all the candle or wicks on the same level, none higher or lower than the others.
- It is customary to have an additional candles

(the *shamash*) with which to light the other candles and in order to use its light. The *shamash* should be placed in a way that shows that it is not one of the Chanukah candles.

- It is preferable to have the candles in a straight line, and not in a semi-circle, however it is permitted to have them in a semi-circle providing each candle is clearly separated from the others.
- It is prohibited to light the *shamash* from the Chanukah candles.
- It is obligatory to light candles, and one should even borrow money to fulfill this mitzvah. If a poor person needs money for Chanukah candles the community is obligated to provide for him.
- The minimum obligation is that every household should have one candle burning every night. It is customary to be scrupulous regarding this *mitzvah*: to have one candle on the first night and an additional candle every night (1-8), and for everyone in the house as well.
- Any type of oil is acceptable for use in the *Chanukia*, however, it is best to use olive oil.
- Wax candles are also acceptable, providing they have a single wick.
- Place first candle on the extreme right of the *Chanukia*. On the second night add a candle on the left. Light the newest candle first and proceed to the right.
- There are different customs regarding the placement of the candles, some follow the right and left of the observer from outside, some follow the right and left of the person lighting inside.

## Order of Blessings and Songs

- On the first night three *brachot*, blessings are recited. "*Lehadlik ner shel Chanukah*", "*She*

*asa nissim*" and "*Shehecheyanu*". Page 709 in the Birnbaum Siddur or Page 782 in the Artscroll Siddur

- On the other nights only the first two blessings are said.
- All the blessings should be recited before actually lighting the candles. First light the *Shamash* before the blessings to avoid delay. It is forbidden to speak between the recitation of the blessings and the completion of candle lighting.
- "*Haneirot Halalu*" is recited either during or after the lighting of the additional candles.
- "*Maoz tsur yeshuaty*" then sung.

### **Now That It's Lit...**

- The *Chanukia* should not be moved after it has been lit.
- If the *Chanukia* was lit in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and it was extinguished, one is not obligated to relight it, but one may relight it without reciting a blessing.
- If the *Chanukia* was not lit properly in the first place, or was lit in a windy place and blew out then one is obligated to relight if it went out within 1/2 hour after nightfall.
- It is permitted to work; however it is customary for women not to do any work for the entire time of that the candles are burning.
- It is forbidden to derive benefit from the light of the *Chanukia* just as it was forbidden to derive benefit from the *Menorah* in the Temple, and also in order to show that its purpose of the *Chanukia* is for a *Mitzvah*, not just for illumination.

### **When to Light**

- There are different customs as to the lighting of the *Chanukia*. Some light at sunset. Some light about ten minutes after sunset and some at nightfall. Here in Berkeley one should try to light as soon as possible after 5:33 p.m.
- It is obligatory to put in enough oil, or a long enough candle to burn for at least 1/2 hour after nightfall (i.e. the appearance of three medium size stars).

- In exceptional circumstances one may light one and a quarter hours before sunset with a blessing. (However one should be careful to put in more oil or to use longer candles). If possible it is better to appoint an agent to light candles at the correct time, than to light early.
- If one forgot or was not able to light at the correct time, one may light as long as people are still awake in the house in which one is lighting.
- It is best to light in the presence of many people in order to publicize the miracle.
- If one is a guest at someone's house (and staying there), one should give the owner a small amount of money to buy a portion in their candles and one may fulfill the obligation through the owner. Alternatively the guest may light his own *Chanukia*.
- If one is eating out then one should light the *Chanukia* at their place of residence.

### **Chanukah & Shabbat**

- On Friday afternoon, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candle-lighting time (if one accepted Shabbat early, it is forbidden to light Chanukah candles). *Mincha* should be said before lighting, if possible.
- Remember to put in more oil or bigger candles on Friday, so that they burn 1/2 hour after nightfall. Try to light just before the Shabbat candles, (without of course delaying the lighting of the Shabbat candles)
- After Shabbat one should first recite *Havdalah*, then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the *Chanukia* as the candle for *Havdalah*.

Adapted from the laws of Chanukah by Rabbi Mordechai Beche

Warm *brachot* for a joyous and safe Chanukah!



## occasions

### Baruch Dayan Emet:

Condolences to **Paul Albert and Judith Lynn-Albert and their family** on the passing of Paul's beloved father George Albert (Yosef ben Binyamin).

### Mazel tov:

To **Amir Amado Feeley** on his recent bar mitzvah.

To **Danielle Diamond** who was promoted to first degree black belt in Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts

## hachnassat orchim

**Tali & Yaakov Albietz  
Andrea Brott**

## kiddushim

**SEPTEMBER 1:** **Albert Benichou** in honor of the yearzeit of his father Messa'ud Ben Avraham, z"l and his 10th wedding anniversary with Emily Gottreich.

**SEPTEMBER 8:** **The Bloom Family** in honor of their daughter Sarah Naomi's bat mitzvah.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH:** In honor of Rosh Hashanah -**Judith Bloom; Barbara and Bobby Budnitz; Ljuba Davis; Susan and Harvey Kayman** in honor of coming back to Berkeley; **Phyllis and Ed Miller; Joan Sopher; Naomi and Bob Stamper; Violette and Henry Sibony; Maxine and Marv Winer; Ruth and Fried Wittman; Rochelle Wolk; Marti and Shelly Zedeck** in honor of the Beth Israel Community.

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH:** **Irene and Joel Resnikoff and Rita Kohl and Steve Silberblatt** in honor of the holiday; **Jonah Markowitz; Denise Resnikoff** in memory of her father, Irving Lipton, on his 20th yearzeit.

**SEPTEMBER 15:** **The Stein Family** in honor of Coby's 10th birthday; **Sheba and Justin Sweet** in memory of the yearzeit of Sheba's mother; **Lisa and Jory Gessow** in honor of Sam's 10th birthday

**SEPTEMBER 22, YOM KIPPUR BREAK FAST:** **Jacob and Rena Harari; Michael and Chanah Piotrkowski; Harry and Dorothy Rubin; Joan Sopher; Jeff and Doreet Stein; The Wulf Family.**

**SEPTEMBER 27, FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT:** **Oren Rahat; Renee Perelmutter & Matthew Jacob Rahat**

**SEPTEMBER 28, SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT:** **Nae Golomb in Memory of her Mother, Faye Feldman Golomb**

**SEPTEMBER 29:** **Miriam and Robi Cohen, Deb Fink and Aaron Katler, Bob and June Safran, YOSHUA and Leah Safran**

**OCTOBER 4, SHEMINI ATZERET:** **Rena and Mordy Rosen** in honor of the 1st Yearzeit of Rena's mom Roslyn Brickman z"l; in honor of the visit of Rena's dad Leon Brickman and the visit of their children Michael, Debbie, and Rafi and grandchildren Eytan, Danya and Azriel.

**OCTOBER 4 EVENING, SIMCHAT TORAH:** **Cynthia Scheinberg and Eliahu Klein** in honor of Eliahu's birthday; **Leora Lawton; The Schubert Family; The Schweig Family** in honor of 1) our son Raanan's 4th birthday, 2) the Eruv Committee for their years of

planning and on-going hard work to make a complete Shabbat experience available to our community. What a huge mitzvah! 3) L'shana tova usmecha.

**OCTOBER 5, SIMCHAT TORAH:** **The Bloom Family** in honor of their daughter Sarah being called to the Torah.

**OCTOBER 6:** **The Nelken Family** to thank the community for its support during difficult times.

**OCTOBER 13:** **Gan Shalom** to welcome all the new Gan Shalom families and teachers.

**OCTOBER 20:** **The Amado-Feeley Family** in honor of Amir's Bar Mitzvah

**OCTOBER 27:** **Larry and Jennie Stone**, parents of Abe Stone, on the occasion of his engagement with Laila Muller. Cakes provided by **Shelly and Marti Zedeck** on the occasion of the baby naming of granddaughter Ella Grace and her big sister Molly's visit to Berkeley, as well as the visit here by their parents Stacey and Jason, aunt Tracy from Boulder, and aunt Cindy and uncle Jason from Mountain View.

## todah rabah

### BUILDING FUND

**Anonymous** in honor of Gabriel & Perla Piotrkowski in appreciation of Mr. Piotrkowski's recital of *Kel Maleh* on Yom Kippur.

**Ken Parker & Julie Schliesser** in honor of Rachel Schorr for all her hard work.

**Joan Press Peskin** in honor of Bob Stamper.

**Joshua & Leah Safran**

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**Rhoda Agin**

**The Bernstein Family** in appreciation of Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor.

**Benjamin Darmoni**

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**Norman & Beverly Feldman:** in memory of Janice MacMillan's father.

**Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas**

**Inna Gerlovina:** in honor of Masha Leskovski (Miriam Esther) becoming a bat mitzvah last June.

**Sam & Rose Ginsburg:** in memory of Barbara Blumenfeld, z"l; in memory of George Albert, z"l; for Sukkot yiskor; thanks to Hashem for delivering me back to Berkeley safe and sound.

**Charles Gregor & Marjorie Munsterberg:** many thanks for the hospitality you extended to our children, Rachel & Aryeh this past August.

**Carol Hanig**

**Paul Hoffman**

**Aaron Katler & Deborah Fink:** for Yizkor

**Gary & Ilene Katz:** Mazel Tov to Denise Resnikoff and Lenny Kristal on becoming engaged.

**Noah Kaye**

**Izyaslav & Raisa Kreymer:** in memory of our parents

**Avi Langer**

**Sara Levi:** in memory of her sisters Selma, Renee and Felicie.  
**Sondra Markowitz and Family:** to the Markowitz Prayer Book Fund in memory of our beloved uncle and aunt Harold and Rose (Markowitz) Mohel.  
**Edward & Phyllis Miller:** in honor of everyone who made the Haggim so special; in memory of their parents, Carrie & Mike Hecht, Yetta & Bill Miller.  
**Mehdi & Shahnaz Mossazadeh**  
**Michael & Chanah Piotrkowski:** yasher koach to all who helped for the end of summer BBQ.  
**Richard & Susan Rabens:** for Yahrzeit and for the privilege of saying kaddish.  
**Morris & Mildred Rubinstein:** in honor of Ari Berger & Naomi Brenner who graciously hosted us in their home.  
**Rafe & Roberta Safier:** in appreciation of CBI's warm morning minyan.  
**David Spieler:** in memory of George Albert.  
**Jeff & Doreet Stein:** for Youth Education, in honor of the bar and bat mitzvahs of Sam Seder, Sarah Bloom & Amir Amado Feeley.  
**Michael Steinman & Dorothy Richman**  
**Thorolf & Shelly Teigen:** in memory of George Albert, z"l.  
**Phil Wolgin**  
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#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Michael Bennett:** in honor of Rabbi Cohen & Frayda Gonshor.  
**Diane Bernbaum:** in memory of Alistair Mac Millan.  
**Miriam Bitton:** in memory of my father David Bitton z"l.  
**Paula H.**  
**Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado:** in memory of Rivka's father, Benjamin Ben Rivka, her grandmothers Rivka and Kaden, and her aunts Sara Yaffe and Lora Levi; to the Youth Education Fund in honor of Amir's bar mitzvah teachers, Rabbi Cohen and Judy Massarano.  
**Michael Feiner & Jennifer Shy:** Mazal Tov to Sarah Bloom & Amir Amado-Feeley.  
**Howard Felson:** in appreciation of the warm hospitality of Bobby and Barbara Budnitz, Carol Shivel, Eric and Rachel Seder, Ethan, Talia and Sam, and the entire congregation of Beth Israel.  
**Aron & Anna Gonshor**  
**Joseph Hellerstein & Adene Sacks:** in honor of Amir Amado Feeley.  
**Daniel Lewis:** for Men's shelter in memory of Lucie Buchbinder.  
**Aaron Marcus & Leslie Becker:** in honor of Rabbi Cohen; in honor of Nae Golomb for her efforts in regard to Rosh Hashanah preparation, specifically seat arrangements.  
**Michael & Chanah Piotrkowski:** for yizkor, in memory of Chanah's mother, Tsina Tova Bat Yisroel, and her uncle Gary Greenway; in honor of the rabbi's wife, Frayda Gonshor (for we know she contributes boundlessly to the rabbi's ability to lead us as he does).  
**Dorit Resnikoff:** in honor of Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein.  
**SerachBracha Richards:** in honor of Jonathan, Sharon, Rebecca & Zachary Gruber.  
**Carol Shivel:** in honor of all of Rabbi Cohen's classes, especially. "Taste of Judaism."  
**Robert & Naomi Stamper:** for the rabbi's kindness to the Stamper-Levy Family.  
**Jeff & Doreet Stein:** for refuah shleyima for Itzchak Beck.

## Birthdays

November 1 Bob Albietz  
 November 2 Nina Smith turns 5  
 November 7 Joan Sopher  
 November 8 Rebeccah Simon turns 11  
 November 10 Daniel Roi Schweig turns 1  
 November 12 Lia Bella Hendlish-Lemberger turns 1  
 November 12 Carol Shivel  
 November 14 Robert Alper turns 18  
 November 16 Kenny Hendon  
 November 17 Hannah Efron turns 17  
 November 17 Laura Lipman  
 November 18 Patricia Kipnis  
 November 18 Gregg Morris  
 November 19 Dorothy Rubin  
 November 20 Celia Haber turns 8  
 November 22 Malka Lubin turns 6  
 November 24 Eliel Tsofia Safran turns 5  
 November 25 SerachBracha Richards  
 November 26 Wendy Kenin  
 November 27 Toby Hendon  
 November 29 Benjamin Feiner turns 14  
 November 30 Joel Gerwein  
 December 3 Joshua Safran  
 December 7 Molly Kinstle turns 4  
 December 7 Ory Sandel  
 December 7 Liberty Schubert turns 9  
 December 8 Taliah Malloy  
 December 10 Muni Schweig  
 December 12 Tali Albietz  
 December 18 Noah Alper  
 December 19 Gaby Sandel turns 6  
 December 22 Avner Shalom Friedman turns 1  
 December 25 Jonathan Lyon  
 December 26 Louis Schubert  
 December 27 Gary Boland  
 December 28 Yaron Greenwald turns 13  
 December 30 Ethan Seder turns 9  
 December 31 Frances Alexander

## Anniversaries

**November 22**  
 Paul and Anna Belle Panish, 45th anniversary  
**December 15**  
 Aaron Marcus & Leslie Becker, 22nd anniversary  
**December 22**  
 Muni & Tania Schweig, 10th anniversary  
**December 25**  
 Mark & Susan Schickman, 28th anniversary

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