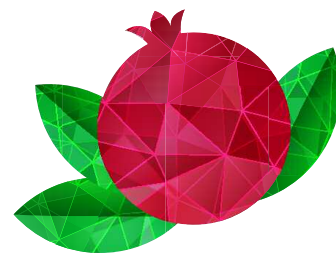


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FROM OUR RABBI

When I was in my late teens I stumbled upon a book that immediately caught my attention. The title had a wonderful ring that somehow echoed in my heart. For the next few years, "Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity," a collection of essays by R. Abraham Joshua Heschel edited by his daughter Susannah Heschel, became my religious guide. The book came into my life at an important juncture. It inspired me to deepen my religious commitments, and as importantly, it gave me language to identify my spiritual experiences and yearnings. In fact, my passion for Heschel's writings continued in college, where I wrote several essays on Heschel's theology.

Not surprisingly, shortly after arriving at CBI over 8 years ago, I launched a weekly class on "Heavenly Torah." Described by Jacob Neusner as "a work of gigantic proportions," the work is Heschel's magnum opus on rabbinic theology. It collects and categorizes thousands of *midrashim* (rabbinic interpretations) based on major themes in Jewish thought and particularly focuses on the significance of revelation.

For 7.5 years a group at the shul met each week and mulled over the book. In the process, we created a source sheet for each subchapter (approximately 200 in total). The texts were studied in both Hebrew and English and were followed closely by Heschel's unique theological interpretation. Our class participants estimate that we studied and analyzed over 2500 *midrashim* during this period of time, a no small accomplishment.

Upon drawing near to the concluding chapters of the book I decided to contact Heschel's daughter. It was a spontaneous decision. I felt I had to honor Heschel in some way, to

express my gratitude for the influence he had on my life. My email to Susannah Heschel included an invitation to attend the last class and address its participants.

Susannah's response was immediate and caught me by surprise. Her email read, "I am thrilled to speak at your congregation, given my profound respect and gratitude for YCT [my yeshiva and rabbinical school]. When my mother passed away, it was Rabbi Saul Berman [Congregation Beth Israel's first rabbi] and Rabbi Avi Weiss [founder of YCT] who came to me and organized the *shiva*, making certain there would be a minyan twice a day, bringing a *Sefer Torah* to my mother's home, as well as *siddurim*. The lovely young students of YCT came every day, and I was so deeply moved by their kindness that I donated many of my father's books to the YCT library. I am forever grateful."

Susannah Heschel added as well, "I am also mindful of the enormously important contribution YCT is making to the religious life of American Jews, with its commitment to dialogue with Jews of all backgrounds, and its promotion of respect for women's religious needs. Any congregation with a YCT graduate as its rabbi is a place I would be thrilled to join."

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Congregation
Beth Israel

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Profoundly moved by Susannah Heschel's personal response, our shul helped arrange a visit to Berkeley, co-sponsored by Beth Israel, GTU, Chochmat HaLev, Kevah, Netivot Shalom, and Urban Adamah. The diversity of these organizations is itself a tribute to the wide impact Heschel continues to have on world Jewry. More importantly, Susannah Heschel's lecture at our shul drew over 250 on a Tuesday night. Her profound insights, joyful presence, and warm personal stories were deeply appreciated by the attendees.

In her last correspondence with me, Heschel noted, "My father always wished people would study *Torah min HaShamayim* [Heavenly Torah], and I am so glad to know

that you and your congregants have been studying that book for the past seven years. As you may know, it is not yet complete: there are still many pages of manuscript that have not yet been published. Hopefully, the book will appear soon and you will be the first to know!" Needless to say, the participants of the group and I are anxiously waiting the opportunity to learn Heschel's words once again.

R. Yonatan Cohen



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Over the past few months we have been lucky enough to celebrate many *smachot* at shul. There have been *bonei mitzvah*, baby namings, *britot milah* and even a 50th birthday celebration. At the same time we still hear the voices saying *Kaddish* or *mishebrayach* for a loved one.

It might seem obvious that all these life cycle events are just what happens in the life of a synagogue, but I think it is more than that. Being there to help each other mark life cycle events is what makes us a community. We may not know the child who is giving a *dvar Torah* for the first time, but we are there to hear her and learn from her. We might not be close to the person who is saying *Kaddish*, but we answer in the appropriate places. There are those who get up early in the morning to be present at a *brit milah* even when they hardly know the new parents. Showing up at life cycle events—times of joy or sorrow—is part of what it means to be a community.

Most of us are actually very good at this part even when it is frustrating that the shul is crowded and maybe a little noisy. I'd like to suggest that we need to take the next step. Each of us needs to step out of our comfort zone and meet someone new. If not every week, at least once a month. I know many people in shul, but every Shabbat I see people that I haven't met yet, or recognize them, but don't remember their name.

I'm giving each of us permission to walk up to someone we don't recognize, or haven't officially met yet, and say "Shabbat Shalom! I am Chaim-yankel, we haven't met yet. Welcome to Beth Israel." This is not easy. Many of us are uncomfortable, embarrassed, or find that this is the only time we have to visit with old friends.

But our community is growing! We are blessed with new families, visitors, students, young and old. The only way we will stay a community is to reach out to one another. Take that old friend with you to meet a new person. Be brave enough to go up to someone and say: "I know I have met you before, but I have forgotten your name."

If you see someone saying *Kaddish*, go up to him or her and ask; "Who are you saying *Kaddish* for?"

If you have been a member of the shul for 40 years, go up to someone you don't know and introduce yourself. If you have been a member for 2 years do the same.

There are lots of next steps that follow this one including inviting a new person or family for a Shabbat meal.

Let's get started this coming Shabbat!

Irene Resnikoff

BERKELEY MEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER

By Marvin Yudenfreund

Soon after Rabbi Cohen arrived in Berkeley, he and Juliet Stamperdahl initiated a program whereby CBI volunteers would prepare dinner at the Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter once a month. CBI joined a group of churches, synagogues, clubs and families that provide daily meals to our homeless brothers. The Shelter, located in the basement of the Veterans Bldg. on Center Street., is a City of Berkeley effort that is run by the nonprofit Berkeley Food & Housing Project (BFHP).

Our dinner preparation begins a week before we cook. Newspaper grocery ads are checked to see which stores are running specials. The budget for each dinner is kept under \$150 or less than \$3 a person. Cost is, however, secondary to CBI's objective of providing a substantial world class dinner that starts with a multi-component salad, steamed vegetables, sometimes soup, an entrée, dessert and a beverage. Our entrees are different each month. We have cooked Texas 4-alarm chili, fish tacos, meatloaf, barbecued chicken, shepherd pie, chicken and waffles.

Cooking begins at 5:00 pm, and dinner service starts at 7:00. The short preparation time precludes preparing pot roast, roast beef, or other items that take longer to cook.

About a week before CBI cooks dinner, which is the fourth Wednesday of each month, an announcement is made re-

questing volunteers to help prepare and serve, and also to shop for groceries and to clean up the kitchen and utensils after dinner. Some people, unaccustomed to working in a kitchen, may feel intimidated by the thought of chopping vegetables and cooking food. There is no reason to feel this way because recipes, guidance, and Band-Aids are provided during preparation. We usually get enough people to cook and serve, but occasionally we have no one to clean up. We also have been without a shopper for a number of months as shopping requires a Costco card, and the ability to drop off groceries at the Shelter at 5:00 pm on our cooking date.

Six years ago CBI's associate Rabbi Max Davis visited our volunteers each month and he shared with us a *d'var* Torah. We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Simcha Green continue this custom.

Our volunteers find that donating a couple of hours once a month to this mitzvah is extremely rewarding. The act of providing a great dinner to less fortunate people, the gratitude expressed by our clients, and seeing their happy faces make this a very worthwhile effort. Next time you see the request for volunteers from the CBI Office E-mail, please sign up and join us in a social, fun-filled 2 hours.



OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOW

By Andrea Adam Brott

When we installed the stained glass window above the Aron Kodesh during Chanukah 2010, Rabbi Cohen asked me to say a few words on that first Shabbat about our new window, and also a few words about some of the different associations that the pomegranate, or *rimon*, has in Jewish texts. Chai-Lights recently asked me to share a slightly abridged version of my talk again, particularly for our many new members who missed it the first time....

Beginning at the bottom of the window, and radiating upwards in half-circles, the window depicts the life cycle, from infancy to maturity, of the pomegranate fruit. If you've ever seen a pomegranate growing, you know that the first stage is a bud. That bud opens to reveal a bright orangish-red flower (the second layer above). Then, the flower falls away, and what was the bud now has a crown on top; this third stage is depicted inside the blue stars. At this point, the bottom of the bud begins to swell, until a mature fruit is formed in the fourth stage – this is the pomegranate shape with which we're all familiar.

In my design, each stage of growth is framed inside a different kind, or combination of kinds, of clear glass, representing the form of water that appears in the pomegranate's corresponding season of growth. So, as the buds form, the water is a combination of frost and rain; as the blossom emerges, we move into clear skies, represented by the swirly baroque glass, and then the water glass above it. As the blossoms fall away, we move into autumn, and the clear glass contains streaks and flecks of orange and green and red and raindrops behind the blossom-less crowns. Above the mature fruits, in the last row on top, we move into back into winter again, and the clear glass becomes a mixture of frost and snow.

1. Coincidentally, in terms of talking about our window, the word *rimon* first appears in *Tanach* as a design element, rather than as an actual fruit or tree, or as a metaphor. This first appearance is in *Sefer Sh'emot*, *Parshat Tetzaveh*, and later in *Parshat Pekudei*, when the Torah describes the Aharon's robe –the special robe of the *kohen* — as having

"rimonei t'chelet argaman v'tola'at shani al shulav saviv v'rimon u'paomonei zahav b'tocham saviv." Pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet on its hem, alternating with golden bells all around.

2. The next time the *rimon* appears is as the actual fruit of a tree, in *Sefer Bamidbar*, *Parshat Shelach*, where the spies sent by Moshe to check out the Land of Israel bring back a verbal report, as well as grapes, pomegranates, and figs. According to a *midrash* cited by the *Ba'al ha-Turim*, the pomegranate was so large, that all of the spies could fit inside it – kind of the Jewish Trojan horse.

The B'nei Yisrael remember these fruits a bit later in *Parshat Chukkat*, when, in their first month after leaving Egypt, they are without water after Miriam's death, and they complain to Moshe: *"V'lama he'elitunu m'Mitzrayim l'havi otanu el hamakom hara hazeh, lo makom zera v'gefen v'rimon, u'mayim ayin lishtot."* Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us to this bad place – it's not a place of seed, or of fig, or of pomegranate, and there's no water to drink.

3. Pomegranates are again linked with water when they next appear, in *Sefer D'varim*, *Parshat Ekev*, where they are identified as one of the seven species associated with the goodness of the Land of Israel:

"Ki Hashem elokecha m'vi'a'cha el-eretz tovah, eretz nachalei mayim, ayannot u't'homot, yotz'im ba'bikah u'bahar. Eretz chiyah u's'orah v'gefen u't'ena v'rimon, eretz zeyt she-men u'd'vash." Because the L-rd your G-d brought you to a good land, a land of streams and fountains and depths that spring from the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley and grapes and figs and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey.

4. The next time the *rimon* appears in *Tanach* is in *M'lachim Aleph*, in the First Book of Kings, in the description of Shlomo's building of the *Beyt haMikdash* – the First Temple in Jerusalem. Once again, the *rimon* is a design element, not an actual fruit. Two hundred brass pomegranates decorated the capitals (or tops) of each of the two great pillars in the

ulam, or entrance area, of the Temple. These brass *rimonim* are also described by the prophet Yermiyahu as being among the parts of the Temple carried away by Nevuchad-netzar's army to Babylon when the Temple was destroyed.

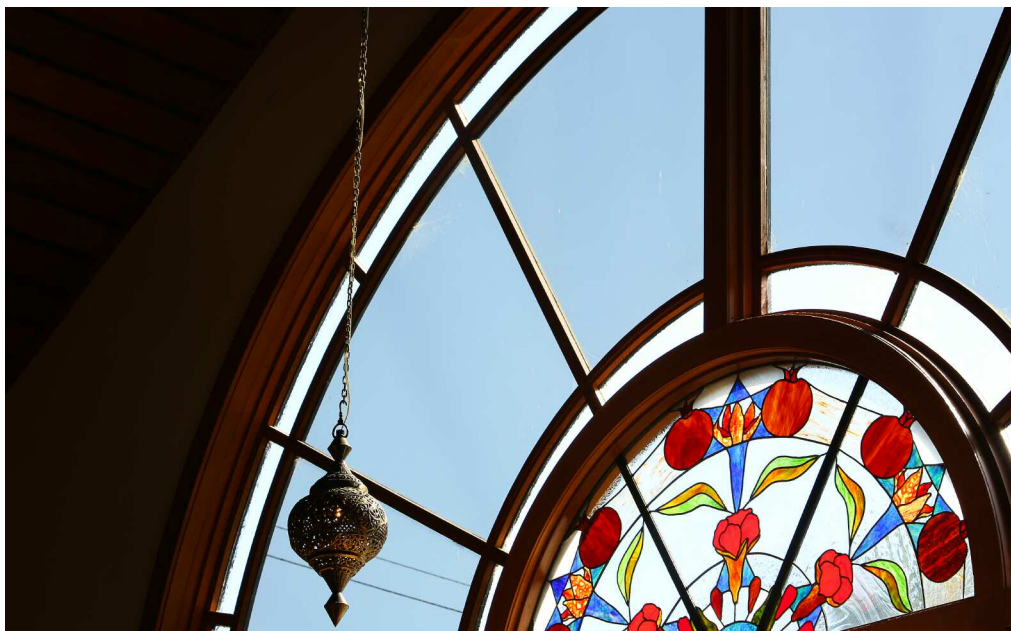
5. The only other Prophetic reference to pomegranates is in Yoel, who, in describing the devastation caused by a locust plague, says, "*Hagefen hovisha, v'ha-te'ena umlala. Rimon gam tamar v'tapuach kol atzei hasadeh yaveshu, ki hovish sasson min b'nei adam.*" The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languishes. The pomegranate, the date palm and the apple tree, all the trees of the field are withered, because joy is withered from the sons of men.

<http://wlc.hebrewtanakh.com/exodus/28.htm>

6. In *Shir ha-Shirim*, the pomegranate takes on additional associations. Whereas in the *Chumash* and in the Prophets, it is associated with holiness, goodness and fertility, water, and joy, it now comes to be associated with beauty, and with the changing natural and religious seasons. It says there, "*El ginat ha-egoz yarad'ti, lir'ot b'ibei ha-nachal, lir'ot ha'par'cha ha-gefen haynaytzu ha-rimonim*" "I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and the see whether the vine had blossomed, whether the pomegranates were in flower." The associations between the pomegranate and the different seasons of the year multiply in the *Gemara*, where the rabbis suggest that it be used as a dec-

oration for the *sukkah*, that it should be eaten at the breakfast on *Yom Kippur*, and that its wood, because of its special dryness, was used to roast the *Korban Pesach* – the Passover sacrifice – on *Pesach*. Many people also have a custom of using the pomegranate as one of the *simanim* – the symbolic fruits — that are eaten at *Rosh ha-Shana* – before we eat it, we ask that *z'chuyoteinu* – our merits – be increased as the seeds of the pomegranate.

The first window that appears in the *Torah* is the mysterious *tzohar* — the window that Noach built to provide light to the inhabitants of the ark. *Out of it*, he looked at the old world, covered by water, and at the present world, where out of the rain came a rainbow representing G-d's covenant with all human kind. And *through it*, he dreamed of a new world, in which G-d promises that for the first time, there will be seasons in nature, and in time. As we look at the colors and the waters of this window in the years to come, may we be blessed to see our past in its design – our wanderings in the desert, our construction of the *mishkan*, our settling in a good land, and the building of our Holy Temple. And in its reflections, may we see our present, with its seasons of joy and loss and change. And may we also be blessed to see through it to our future – where, with the help of the water of our Torah, our merits will multiply and we will experience continued growth and renewal.



NEW MEMBER PROFILE • DARREL COHN & LEAH KAHN

By Elissa Kittner

Join me in welcoming Leah Kahn, the Rabbi Martin Ballonoff Memorial Senior Jewish Educator at Berkeley Hillel Jewish Student Center and her lovely husband Darrell Cohn to the CBI community. Not only did she get to move into Gabe and Abby Greenberg's former residence – she also got Gabe's former job. Double luck!

Leah and Darrell spent the last three years living in Jerusalem. Leah she studied at The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, taught yoga, and was a member of the dance ensemble, "Merchav Mechol" (DanceSpace). Darrell worked for various technology companies, and took amazing photos of street art throughout Israel. They both studied Hebrew and greatly improved their fluency.

Leah grew up in Southern Ohio and moved to Chicago to complete an undergraduate degree in Arts Entrepreneurship and Dance at Columbia College Chicago and a Masters Degree in Jewish Studies and Experiential Education at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies. Darrell grew up in a modern Orthodox home in Skokie IL, and attended Jewish Day School K – 12, including high school at the Ida Crown Jewish Academy. He spent a year studying at the Beit Midrash L'Torah Yeshiva, and then attended Columbia University. Before moving to Israel, Leah worked for the University of Chicago Hillel for six years as the Director of Engagement, and Darrell worked in various technology companies, having decided his calling was not to be a doctor.



The two met in 2006 when Darrell was back working in the Chicago area, and they were both invited to a large Shabbat dinner at the home of Rabbi Lopatin and his wife Rachel. The two talked throughout the meal and continued their conversation on a long Shabbat evening walk. Their first official date was attending a Levees concert during Hanukkah. They were married in 2008, and Rabbi Lopatin and his wife Rachel officiated at their wedding, which took place in an industrial art space in downtown Chicago.

Although they both loved living in Israel, the opportunity emerged for Leah to take on this exciting role at Hillel. They ultimately decided this was the right next step for them personally and professionally. After driving cross country for three days from Chicago, they arrived in Berkeley on Eruv Shabbat on August 1, with a warm welcome visit from Rabbi Cohen, and a place to have Shabbat dinner all set for them.

Leah loves her role at Hillel and has found a second home at the Shawl Anderson dance studio where she takes dance classes six to eight times a week. Darrell has been telecommuting and working for a company in Israel, and is currently networking and looking for a job in the Bay Area in software product management.

About CBI, Darrell commented, "Literally, since the moment we arrived in Berkeley, we have been welcomed by the CBI community. This past Shabbat we enjoyed Kabbalat Shabbat and the unique approach to the bat mitzvah. We love the diversity of people. We are also big fans of Maharat Victoria and Rabbi Cohen, and the work they are doing to make CBI a special place and the way its navigating modern Orthodoxy."

NEW MEMBER PROFILE • Yael and Ariel Furstenberg

By Elissa Kittner

Yael and Ariel Furstenberg and two of their three children are living in Berkeley for the next five months while on sabbatical at UC Berkeley.

Ariel has a background in the philosophy of science and is now working in the neuroscience area looking at how decision-making works and tackling big questions such as "Is there really free will". Yael is a paleontologist who focuses on reconstructing ancient marine environments through fossil analysis, and she is working at the paleontology museum on campus.

Their two youngest children – Na'ama (7th grade) and Eyal (4th grade) – are attending Oakland Hebrew Day School. Their oldest daughter Roni stayed in Israel for the semester, but will be visiting here soon for Pesach.

Yael and Ariel are both first generation Israelis. Ariel's parents came to Israel 1966 when his father was working on a post-doctoral fellowship at the Weismann Institute, and decided to stay. Yael's parents made aliyah in 1967.

Ariel grew up in Jerusalem and attended Rabbi Riskin's yeshiva in Efrat. He has PhD in the philosophy of science from Tel Aviv University. Yael grew up in Rehovot where she attended a religious high school. She received her PhD from the University of Chicago.

Of their time so far in Berkeley and at CBI Yael said, "Life in Berkeley is fun and the community is diverse and interesting. Everyone has been extremely nice – helping us get acclimated to Berkeley, looking at rentals, and offering advice about things to do and see while we are here."

The Furstenberg's will head back to Israel at the end of June, but hope to explore some of America's national parks before they go.



NEW MEMBER PROFILE • JOSH REICH & LINDA LANTOS

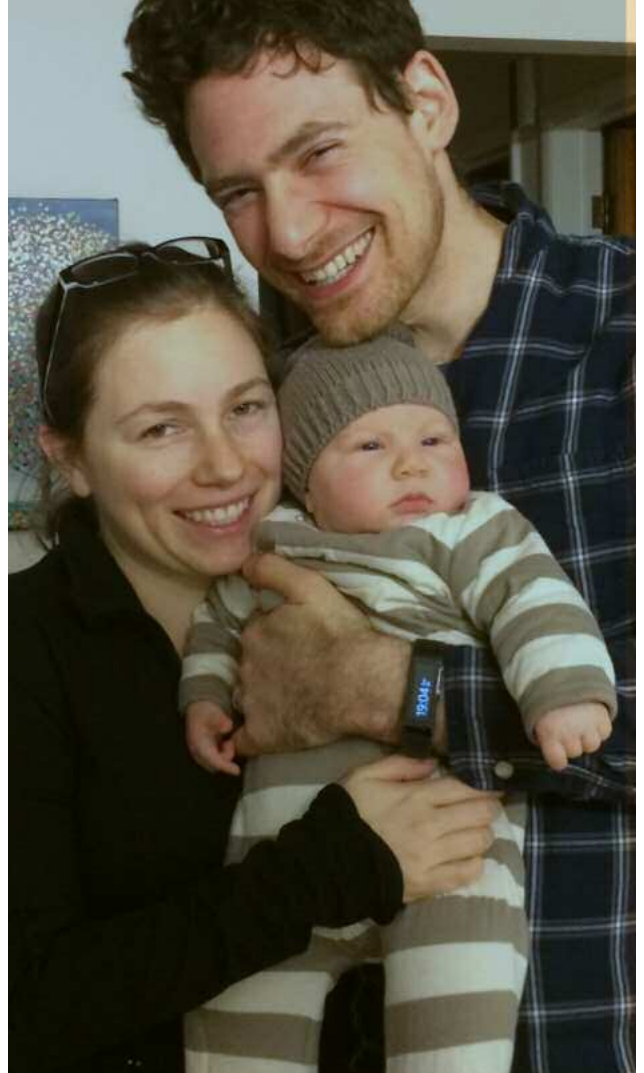
By Elissa Kittner

Josh Reich, Linda Lantos and their adorable five-month-old Noam moved to Berkeley one month ago and are settling into life on the western edge of the eruv, surrounded by many CBI neighbors. In 2006, while Josh did an internship at Sandia National Labs, the couple had a chance to get to know Berkeley and the CBI community, and they are delighted to be back here nine years later.

Josh's work brought them back to Berkeley. He was recruited to join AT&T Research as a scientist embedded at the UC Berkeley Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department in a new research center co-sponsored by AT&T and Intel. Linda is a talented and experienced chef, cooking instructor and food educator who is delighted to be in a place like Berkeley where food is very much a part of the fabric of life here and often makes front page news.

Josh and Linda met in New York City when their paths crossed fatefully at a party of mutual friends. At the time Linda was a "professional Jew" doing intergroup relations and community organizing work at the JCRC in Manhattan and then moving on to work in the informal Jewish education arena. Josh was completing his PhD at Columbia. After they married, Linda decided to pursue her love of cooking ultimately graduating from the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and the Culinary Arts.

Josh grew up in a modern Orthodox family on Long Island. Linda grew up on Staten Island, but her family is originally from Hungary. Her mother's parents came to the U.S. with their two daughters so that they could live more openly as Jews. Her father emigrated to the U.S. alone after a clandestine escape from communist Hungary via Italy. They are both yeshiva high school graduates and Josh spent a semester studying at Pardes in 2000-2001.



In 2009, the couple spent a year pursuing professional development opportunities and respective internships around the world. Josh worked at Credit Suisse as a Quant/Trader, Microsoft Research Labs in India, Technicolor's Paris Research Lab, and with Microsoft Research in Redmond, Washington. Linda also used this time to study cooking - she learned about regional and Ayurvedic cooking in India, stretched strudel in Vienna, followed the spice trail through Morocco, and interned at the Ritz Carlton in London. She also completed the pastry program at Ecole Bellouet Consiel in Paris during this period. Subsequent trips have allowed Linda to explore the cuisines of Mexico, Thailand and Japan.

From 2011–2014 Josh was a Computing Innovation post-doctoral fellow at Princeton and Linda continued her work as a chef and food educator with a focus and passion for healthy and sustainable food systems, and using food as a way to connect to Jewish values, history, and culture.

Of their time at CBI thus far, Josh said, "CBI is a pretty unique place. We have received a very warm embrace from the community. Maharat Victoria and her husband Adam have been so helpful. People have been super welcoming - offering advice, hosting us for meals, loaning us furniture, etc. The main thing that stands out to us is how diverse CBI is in all ways---there are people of different generations, hashkafot, professions, and interests. There is a lot of respect and plurality in the community. We look forward to being part of CBI in the coming years."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CBI TREASURER BEN ROSE

By Elissa Kittner

Please join me in thanking Ben Rose for taking on the important volunteer role of serving as CBI's new Treasurer.

Ben is a Certified Financial Planner and investment advisor who works for Raymond James & Associates in San Francisco. He is married to Rebecca Landes, former CBI President, and is the proud father of 15-year-old Rami.

Ben is giving the CBI community the gift of his time, skills and expertise in overseeing the CBI budget and finances, and for that we are grateful. However, he reserves his investing advice only for his wife. As he likes to say: "I only take on new CBI clients for financial advice if I am married to you, and, as you know, that slot is already taken."

Ben was born and raised in Toronto, Canada in a Reform household and became bar mitzvah there. He graduated from the University of Toronto. In 1998 he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to escape the cold. He spent many years unaffiliated, but learned about modern Orthodoxy when he met Rebecca in 2005.

Their "beshert" meeting took place at the Berkeley Aquatic Park where Ben was hanging out with his nephew Asher, who was six at the time, when Rebecca and Rami (also six) rode up on bikes. The two were introduced without much fanfare, but all of that changed for the better during a subsequent blind date. Ben and Rebecca were

married in 2007 and Rabbi Cohen officiated at their wedding (one of his first during his tenure at CBI). Ben adopted Rami in 2008.

Ben's original career was in communications and media and he worked for a major publishing company in Canada for many years. He ultimately switched careers, after he got interested in the issue of how many people (himself included) get into avoidable debt situations. That interest and passion led him to learn about investing and get certified as a financial planner. Ben has been very involved with the Financial Planning Association of San Francisco serving as the Chair of the organization's pro bono financial planning programs.

Of his experience at CBI, he said, "Our first year as a family was very challenging given some stressful health issues we were dealing with. The CBI community was very supportive and allowed us to become a family by providing us with love and many mitzvot. One of the things I also love about CBI is that we really are a sort of *shtetl* community given the *eruv*. I walk everywhere I can in Berkeley, and I am always running into CBI members, and it's great."

Ben encourages anyone with questions about synagogue finances or individual statements to please be in touch at benrosecbi@yahoo.com.



In honor of Passover and Yom Haatzmaut, we share a poem by Israel's national poet Natan Alterman, recently translated by R. Yonatan Cohen. Written on the eve of Passover 1947, a bit less than a year after the founding of the State of Israel, the poem draws upon the biblical story of the exodus to tell the story of the birth of the new state. R. Cohen will discuss the poem on the second day of Passover (Sunday, April 5). On Friday, April 10, R. Cohen will also examine contemporary examples from Israeli folk-rock in which the exodus story is used to tell the story of modern day Israel.

Nun נון

Natan Alterman
Translation by R. Yonatan Cohen

In a decaying old hut,
With his brothers, thank God,
In Goshen, long ago, once dwelled a man
A Hebrew by the name of Nun.

In the depths of the Book of Exodus – there he got absorbed
Between the mines of Ramses and Pithom.
He did not wait for great signs or wonders
For he said: Wonders? What for?

Under an oppressing rod
That ripped off his yellow skin,
Dead silent he walked, apathetic and drained,
Yet his heart did not break from the pain.

And with the same idle walk
He went on to gather his vessels
On the day Israel departed from Egypt...
As it states there, in the heavy laden book.

Heavens and earth illuminated
The wondrous birth of the nation,
The depths below boiled and stormed
And the sea tore in two—

But even the ripped sea,
With death on both sides,
He crossed, with his woven basket,
As though this was a self-evident fact.

The battle did not cause him to shutter
And his heart remained silent and stubborn
And just in this manner, tradition and he arrived
To the verse that states, "then Moses sang..."

But then, only then,
When festive song thundered with force on the shore, —
Then (even Nun did not know the reason why)...
His heart broke within him for the end had arrived...

Then he remembered the brick and the mortar,
He remembered the red beating rod,
And his silent wounds that never uttered a word
Howled a scream all of a sudden.

Then he remembered the wonders and signs,
He remembered the darkness and blood,
He remembered the depths that erupted,
He realized
For him, the sea ripped apart—

With his hairy hand like a forest
He gently caressed the head of his son.
And Joshua (son of Nun) was still just a lad,
Just a lad still in Gadna...

In the depths of the Book of Exodus, there wept
An elderly man, among the simpletons of Israel—
And the moon shone upon him as it does upon us
On this very night.

Passover 1949

בבוקרה מתמוטטת מישון,
עם אחיו בחסדי א-ל חנו
התגורר לו אי-אז איש בגשון,
איש-עברי פלמוני ושמנו נון.

בעמקי ספר-שמות – שם שקע הוא
בין מקרות רעמסס או פתם.
ולמופתים נוראים לא חכה הוא
כי אמר הוא: מופתים? מה פתאום?

תחת שבט נוגש הקורע
מעליו את עורו הצהב,
דם הלך, הוא, אדיש וגע,
ולבו לא נשבר ממכאוב.

ובאותה הליכת עצלתיים
הוא נגש ואסף את כליו
ביום צאת ישראל ממצרים...
כאמור שם בספר העב.

והדליקו שמים וארץ
את מופתי לדתו של העם,
ונרתחו התהומות וסערו
ולשנים נקרעו הים –

אבל גם את הים הקרוע,
והמות משיני עבריו,
הוא עבר, עם סלו הקלוע,
כדבר המובן מאליו.

והקרב לא נתן בו צמרמרת
ולבו עוד עקש ומחשה—
כך הגיעה אתו המסורת
אל פסוקי "אז ישיר משה..."

אבל אז, עת גלגל כמו רעם
שיר-החג באדיר על החוף—
אז (גם נון לא ידע עוד מה-טעם)...
בו השבר לבבו כי בא סוף...

הוא זכר את הטיט והחמר,
וזכר את השוט באדם,
ופצעיו שהחרישו בלי אכזר,
צעקה נשאו יחד פתאום.

הוא זכר המופתים שבארץ,
הוא זכר את החשך-וידם,
הוא זכר התהומות שסערו,
הוא הבין
כי נקרע לו הים –

בידו השעירה כמו יער
את ראש בנו הוא החליק בעדנה.
ויהושע (בן-נון) עודו נער,
עודו נער קטן בגדנ"ע...

בעמקי ספר-שמות התיפח
איש זקן מפשוטי ישראל –
והאיר אז אותו הירח,
הדולק מעליו הליל

פסח תש"ט

BERKELEY MIDRASHA

By Rabbi Jennifer Flam

Berkeley Midrasha is off to an amazing Spring Semester. Some of our most popular classes include Talmud: Lo B'Shamyim Hi; Jewish Identities and Values through South Park; and Environmental Judaism and much more. For a full list of our spring classes please check-out our website, www.midrasha.org.

Everyday, we continue to work together to build an amazing pluralistic experience for our teens. What makes such a unique and enriched Jewish teen program possible is the ongoing commitment and participation of our partner synagogues. In doing so, they help in providing our teens with a truly transformational, Re-JEW-venational experience.

If you have a teen who is in 8th-12th grade and they are not yet enrolled at Midrasha come see what it is all about!

This year's Midrasha annual fundraiser, the Midrashabang—A Night in Tel Aviv March 22, celebrated and honored this year's honoree, Yossi Fendel for his contributions to our community. Yossi has been a member of the Midrasha community for over 25 years — first as a student, then as a faculty member and now as a Board President. He is living proof of Midrasha's "mensch- making" capacity. He will be stepping down after this year and moving to Israel to spend a year with his family.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Jennifer Flam
Executive Director of Berkeley Midrasha

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CBI MORASHA (LEGACY) SOCIETY

Our commitment to our beloved community is evident in everything we do.
Now each of us can extend our commitment into the future.

CBI MORASHA (LEGACY) SOCIETY

Won't you consider joining us?

Anonymous (2), Paul Albert, Fran Alexander, Noah and Hope Alper, Ron & Bella Barany, Dan (z"l) and Judith Bloom, Benjamin and Sara Darmoni, Nimrod and Aliza Elias, Jane Falk, Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado, Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas, Sam Ginsburg, David & Diane Gould; Ezra & Toby Hendon, Gary & Ilene Katz, Jesse and Gabriella Kellerman, Seymour Kessler, Alan & Elissa Kittner, Gary & Lois Marcus, Ed & Phyllis Miller, Joel & Irene Resnikoff, Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes, Mordy & Rena Rosen, Harry and Dorothy Rubin, Bob and June Safran, Carol Shivel, Steve Silberblatt & Rita Kohl, Bob & Naomi Stamper, David & Rikki Sudikoff, Justin & Sheba Sweet and Linda & Stanley Wulf

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CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL HAPPENINGS

SUSANNAH HESCHEL DINNER AND LECTURE



MELAVEH MALKAH

By Irene Resnikoff

Melaveh Malkah (also, *Melave Malka* or *Melava Malka*) (, lit. "Escorting the Queen") is the name of a meal that, as per *halakha*, is customarily held by Jews after their Sabbath (Shabbat), in other words, on Saturday evening. The intent of the meal is to figuratively escort the "Sabbath Queen" (the traditional metaphor for Shabbat in Jewish liturgy) on her way out via singing and eating, as one would escort a monarch upon his departure from a city. This meal is alternatively called "the fourth meal."

One Saturday night, *motzai* Shabbat, in January, our community gathered in homes for *Melaveh Malka* to prolong the sweetness of Shabbat for a few more hours. Sixteen families acted as hosts and opened their homes for an evening of noshing, schmoozing, Havdalah and singing. We tried to mix up the community a bit so people would have opportunities to meet new folks and perhaps get to know each other a little better. We chose hosts in different neighborhoods to mix it up even more.

Every house had yummy food and lots of schmoozing, but each experience was a little different. In one home there was mandolin music and a two year old dancing. In another people participated in a lively Jewish trivia game. Another group

played human bingo and other getting to know you games. Rabbi Cohen and Frayda managed to make an appearance at many of the homes and add to the spirit of the evening. Participants reported back that they did indeed meet new people and really had fun. Let's do it again soon.

A huge *Todah Rabah* to Sarah Darmoni and Nimrod Elias who spearheaded this event. And to the people who hosted:

Naomi & Bob Stamper, Rena & Mordy Rosen, & Hope and Noah Alper - at the Stampers

Toby & Ezra Hendons & Maharat Victoria & Adam at the Hendons

Irene & Joel Resnikoff & Dan & Robin Magid at Resnikoffs

Sarah & Beni Darmoni

Rikki & David Sudikoff

Elissa & Alan Kittner

Rivka Amado & Malcom Feeley

Sam & Rose Ginsburg

Lois & Gary Marcus

Barb & Bob Budnitz

Mark & Susan Schickman

Rachel & Eric Seder



MORE PHOTOS FROM MELAVEH MALKAH



TU B' SHEVAT AT CBI



TU B' SHEVAT AT GAN SHALOM



A DREAM ALMOST FULFILLED

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR DEDICATION CEREMONY



GROW AND BEHOLD EVENT WITH NAFTALI HANAU

February 24, 2015



CALENDAR

COMMUNAL HA'GALAH

Wednesday, April 1st

Ha'galah at CBI7:00 - 10:00 pm

Please Note: One may do his or her own ha'galah at home, by kashering a burner, filling a pot with water, making sure the water is in a full boil, then fully immerse the utensil, and rinse in cool water.

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ—SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

Thursday, April 2nd

Search for chametz at8:04 pm

PESACH - PASSOVER

Friday, April 3rd – Saturday, April 11th

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA'ANIT BECHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

FIRST SEDER

Friday, April 3rd

Fast Begins5:31 am

Morning Service6:30 am

Siyum for Firstborns after morning services7:15 am

Eat chametz until11:01 am

Burn chametz until12:00 pm

Candle Lighting*7:16 pm

Mincha, Yom Tov Ma'ariv & Hallel7:00 pm

Fast ends8:05 pm

Begin First Seder after**8:05 pm

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

***We begin the Seder with Kiddush of Yom Tov adding all the insertions for Shabbos.*

YOM TOV -1ST DAY OF PESACH

Saturday, April 4th

Morning Service9:15 am

Educational Program.....11:00 am

Shabbat Yom Tov Mincha, Ma'ariv & Hallel*7:00 pm

Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER**8:14 pm

Begin Second Seder AFTER8:14 pm

Count first night of Sefirah AFTER8:14 pm

**CBI will not host a communal Seudah Shlishit. On the eve of the Seder, the entire meal should take place prior to Plag Hamincha using matzah (6:14 pm).*

***If a person has not recited Maariv with the prayer*

“Va'todieinu,” he or she must say “Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le'kodesh” before lighting candles or cooking.

****The same procedures are followed at the Seder as the previous night, however, in Kiddush, after we recite “Borei peri ha'gafen” and “Asher bachar banu,” we make the blessings: “Borei meorei ha'esh” and “ha'mavdele,” followed by “she'hecheyanu.”*

YOM TOV –2ND DAY OF PESACH

Sunday, April 5th

1st Day of the Omer

Morning Service9:15 am

Yom Tov Mincha7:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends at8:15 pm

** Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri ha'gafen) followed by the particular blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.*

1ST DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Monday, April 6th

2nd Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH –

Tuesday, April 7th

3rd Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

3RD DAY CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Wednesday, April 8th

4th Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH –

Thursday, April 9th

5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH –

Thursday night, April 9th - Friday, April 11th

6th Day of the Omer

Candle Lighting*7:21 pm

Mincha and Yom Tom Ma'ariv7:25 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv7:20 pm

Light Candles from pre-existing flame AT7:22 pm

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

YOM TOV – SHABBAT 8TH DAY OF PESACH

Friday night & Saturday, April 11th ? 12th

7th Day of the Omer

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv7:20 pm

Light Candles from pre-existing flame AT7:22 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Yizkor10:30 am

Educational Program11:00 am

Shir Ha'Shirim11:30 am

Shabbat and Yom Tov Mincha7:00 pm

Seudah Shelishit7:20pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah, Shabbat & Yom Tov ends*8:21 pm

If you sold your chametz through CBI and have not been contacted by 8:45 pm you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

CALENDAR

YOM HA'SHOAH

Wednesday night & Thursday, April 15th – 16th

Community Gathering at Congregation Beth El 7:30 pm
Our CBI Family will join Congregation Beth El and Congregation Netivot Shalom for our annual Yom Ha'Shoah commemoration on Wednesday evening, April 15, at 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth El. As the number of eye-witness survivors continues to dwindle, the importance of hearing their stories and of our passing on the memory only grows. Testimony, prayer and reflection will aid us in naming and honoring all that was lost.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT SHEMINI

Friday night & Saturday, April 17th – 18th

14th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:29 pm
 Morning Service 9:15 am
 Educational Program 11:00 am
 Shabbat Mincha 7:10 pm
 Seudah Shelishit 7:35 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:28 pm

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Saturday night, Sunday & Monday, April 18th – 20th

Shacharit Sunday 8:00 am
 Shacharit Monday 6:30 am

YOM HAZIKARON/

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS

Tuesday night & Wednesday, April 21st – 22nd

Shacharit 6:30 am

YOM HA'ATZMA'UT/

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday night, April 22nd

Mincha 7:00 pm
 Yom HaZikaron Commemoration followed by
 Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration & Ma'ariv 7:15 am

Thursday, April 23rd

Celebratory Shacharit w/Hallel 6:30 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT TAZARIAH-METZORAH

Friday night & Saturday, April 24th – 25th

21st day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:35 pm
 Morning Service 9:15 am
 Educational Program 11:00 am
 Shabbat Mincha 7:15 pm
 Seudah Shelishit 7:35 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:36 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT ACHAREI-KEDOSHIM

Friday night & Saturday, May 1st & 2nd

28th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:41 pm
 Morning Service 9:15 am
 Educational Program 11:00 am
 Shabbat Mincha 7:20 pm
 Seudah Shelishit 7:35 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:43 pm

LAG B'OMER

33rd Day of the Omer

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 7th

SHABBAT PARSHAT EMOR

Friday night & Saturday, May 8th & 9th

35th Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:48 pm
 Morning Service 9:15 am
 Educational Program 10:15 am
 Shabbat Mincha 7:30 pm
 Seudah Shelishit 7:50 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:50 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

Friday night & Saturday, May 15th & 16th

42nd Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:54 pm
 Morning Service 9:15 am
 Educational Program 10:15 am
 Mincha 7:35 pm
 Seudah Shlishit 7:50 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:57 pm

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Saturday night & Sunday, May 16th – 17th

43rd Day of the Omer

Shacharit w/Hallel 8:00 am

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

Monday night, May 18 & Tuesday, May 19th

45th Day of the Omer

Shacharit 6:30 am

EVE OF SHAVUOT

SHABBAT PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

Friday night & Saturday, May 22nd – 23rd

49th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 8:00 pm
 Morning Service 9:15 am

Educational Program10:15 am
 Mincha7:50 pm
 Seudah Shlishit8:10 pm
 * NOTE: Before a Shabbat leading into a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/yahrzeit candle so that on the conclusion of Shabbat, the candles for Yom Tov may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame.

SHAVUOT

Saturday night, Sunday & Monday, May 23rd – 25th

1st NIGHT SHAVUOT

Saturday Night, May 23rd

Candle Lighting AFTER*9:04 pm

Yom Tov Ma'ariv**9:04 pm

Community-wide Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot after CBI services until dawn at Berkeley Richmond JCC, 1414 Walnut @ Rose. Orthodox morning services @ the JCC.

*If a person has not recited Maariv with the prayer

"Va'todieinu," he or she must say "Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le'kodesh" before lighting candles or cooking.

**In Kiddush, the order is "Borei pri ha'gafen," "Asher abchar banu," "Borei meorei ha'eish," "ha'mavdeil bein kodesh le'kodesh," and "she'hecheyanu." This order is otherwise known as "YaKNeHaZ" an acronym for wine (yayin), kiddush (a blessing specifically sanctifying the holiday), candle (ner), havdalah, and time (z'man).

1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT

Sunday, May 24th

Early Shacharit @ JCC*5:30 am

Regular Yom Tov Shacharit @CBI9:15 am

Yom Tov Mincha & Ma'ariv7:00 pm

Light candles from a pre-existing flame AFTER 9:05 pm

*The Amidah service will be recited at Netz Hachmah (sunrise) at 5:52 am

2ND DAY OF SHAVUOT

Monday, May 25th

Morning Service9:15 am

Yizkor11:00 am

Megillat Ruth11:30 am

Yom Tov Mincha8:00 pm

Ma'ariv9:00 pm

Havdalah & Yom Tov end after9:06 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTCHAH

Friday night & Saturday, June 5th – 6th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:10 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Educational Program 11:00 am

Shabbat Mincha7:50 pm

Seudah Shelishit8:05 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:15 pm

SAVE THE DATE - CBI'S ANNUAL GALA

Sunday, June 7th

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT SH'LACH

Friday & Saturday, June 12th – 13th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:14 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Educational Childcare11:00 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:19 pm

ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ

Tuesday night, Wednesday & Thursday, June 16th – 18th

Shacharit6:30 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT KORACH

Friday & Saturday, June 19th – 20th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:16 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Educational Childcare11:00 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit 8:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:21 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT CHUKAT

Friday & Saturday, June 26th – 27th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:17 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Educational Childcare10:15 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit 8:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:22 pm





CBI CLASS SCHEDULE



MONTHLY ON SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Practical Issues in Contemporary Halakah:

Join us for a monthly class that explores specific topics in contemporary Halakah. Each class is offered during the day and nighttime to allow for greater participation across the community.

Topics:

Is the Use of Timers Permitted on Shabbat?

Sunday May 10 at 8 pm or Monday May 11 at 11 am

Blessings and Altered States: Powerbars, Soups, and Mashed Foods

Sunday June 14 at 8 pm or Monday June 15 at 11 am

R. Yonatan Cohen

— MONDAY —

Women's Dance Nights at CBI! Come dance to a blend of world music, jazz, klezmer, hip hop and more. No moves to remember no cost either. Just a chance to let loose and get some good exercise in a fun way!

2nd & 4th Mondays • 8:00 pm

— TUESDAY —

Humility and Bold Creativity – Unique Voices of Religious Zionism

Rav Shagar (1949-2007) and Rav Menachem Froman (1945-2013), two seminal national-religious figures, boldly challenged their camps by insisting on both humility and bold creativity. In this session, we will examine several excerpts from their writings with a special focus on responses to the disengagement from Gaza. Together we will reflect on the varied ways in which these texts model tolerance and humility as well as the ways that they inspire new thinking, especially in light of the recent war in Gaza.

R. Yonatan Cohen – Tuesdays, April 14 & 21, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

— WEDNESDAY —

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.

David Henkin – Wednesdays • 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Jewish Writings of Emmanuel Levinas: The Levinas Study Group meets at 8 pm at the Schweig home to discuss various essays of the Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas.

The group is currently reading selections of Franz Rosenzweig. No background necessary.

Muni Schweig - Wednesdays • 8:00 p.m. @ the Schweig home

— THURSDAY —

Open Sources: A Beit Midrash sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah:

Learn independently with a hevruta (study partner) or join in a shiur on the weekly parsha.

If you are interested in finding a hevruta, email Maharatvictoria@gmail.com.

Thursdays • 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

— FRIDAY —

Talmudic Wisdom: Join us for a weekly class that explores key sugyot (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays • 9:00 a.m.

— 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	APRIL				MAY		
	4	11	18	25	2	9	16
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	5:38 AM	5:28 AM	5:18 AM	5:09 AM	5:00 AM	4:53 AM	4:46 AM
<i>Neitz</i> Sunrise	6:50 AM	6:40 AM	6:30 AM	6:21 AM	6:12 AM	6:05 AM	5:58 AM
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	10:01 AM	9:55 AM	9:49 AM	9:44 AM	9:39 AM	9:35 AM	9:32 AM
<i>Tefilah</i> Latest time for prayer	11:05 AM	11:00 AM	10:56 AM	10:52 AM	10:48 AM	10:45 AM	10:43 AM
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:44 PM	1:43 PM	1:42 PM	1:41 PM	1:41 PM	1:41 PM	1:41 PM
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	7:35 PM	7:41 PM	7:48 PM	7:54 PM	8:01 PM	8:07 PM	8:13 PM
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	8:17 PM	8:23 PM	8:30 PM	8:36 PM	8:43 PM	8:49 PM	8:55 PM

Week of	MAY		JUNE			
	23	30	6	13	20	27
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	4:41 AM	4:37 AM	4:35 AM	4:34 AM	4:35 AM	4:37 AM
<i>Neitz</i> Sunrise	5:53 AM	5:49 AM	5:47 AM	5:46 AM	5:47 AM	5:49 AM
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	9:30 AM	9:28 AM	9:28 AM	9:28 AM	9:29 AM	9:30 AM
<i>Tefilah</i> Latest time for prayer	10:42 AM	10:41 AM	10:41 AM	10:42 AM	10:43 AM	10:44 AM
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:42 PM	1:43 PM	1:45 PM	1:46 PM	1:48 PM	1:49 PM
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YOM HAZIKARON AND HA'ATZMAUT (Look for coming flyer)

Tuesday, April 21st & Wednesday, April 22nd

4TH ANNUAL CBI BIKE RIDE

Sunday, May 17

We will start and finish at the Sea Breeze Market on 598 University Ave.

(Just west of the Fwy on the service road by the entrance to the Berkeley Marina).

The ride is for all post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah CBI members and their families/friends. We will ride to the Craneway Pavilion at the Richmond Marina, and back to the Sea Breeze. The total distance is 13.5 miles. Almost all of the ride is on the bike-way, which is level. The ride is beautiful, and not too strenuous. Bring your own lunch, and we will convene at the end of the ride at the Sea Breeze Mkt. at 12:00 P.M. Ample parking, drinks, picnic tables, and restrooms are available there.

In case of questionable weather, call (510) 593-4955 between 8-9:00 A.M. on the morning of the ride to find out if we are going. Bicycles can be rented at Solano Cyclery on (where else) Solano Ave.

** Please note: CBI does not take responsibility for accidents and/or injuries. BIKE SAFE!**



— WEEKDAY SERVICES —

— SHACHARIT —

Monday-Friday, 6:30 am

Sunday & Legal Holidays • 8:00 am

— MINCHA • MA'ARIV —

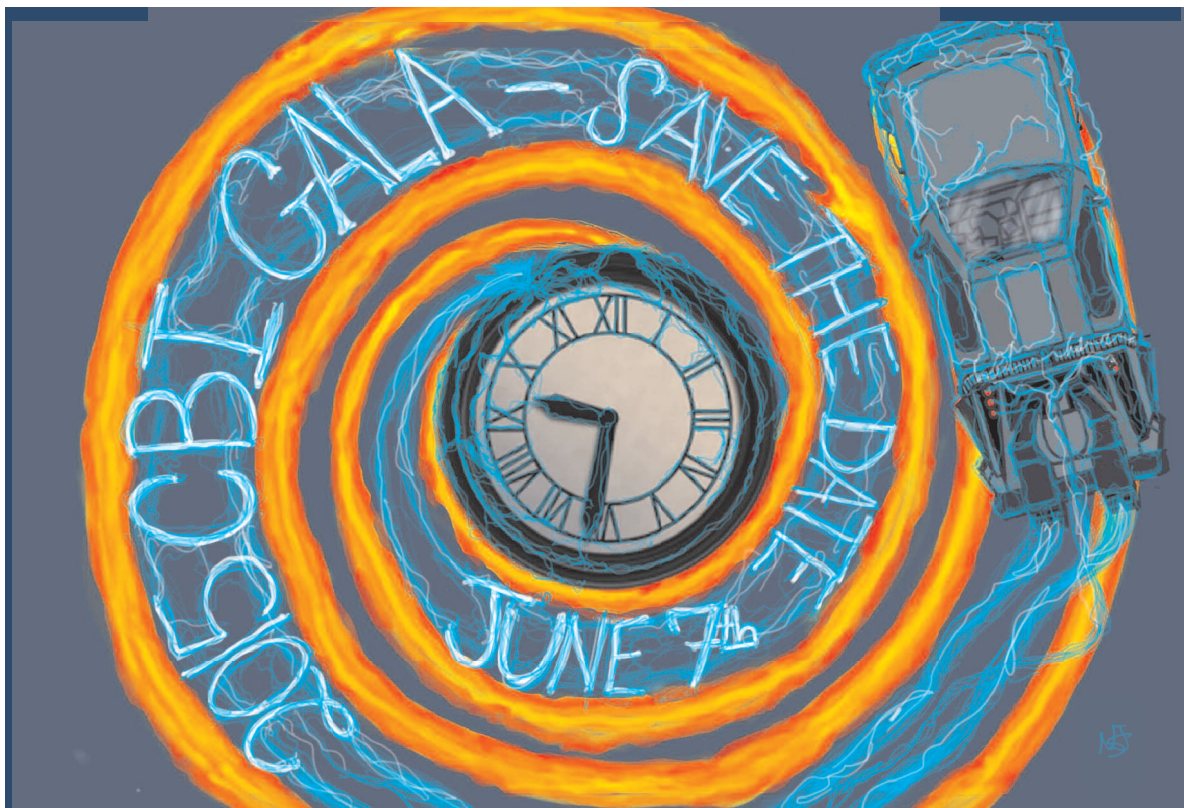
Five minutes after candlelighting • Fridays, 7:00 pm

— SHABBAT SERVICES —

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat • Five minutes after candlelighting • Morning Service • 9:15 am

BACK TO THE FUTURE

SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2015



**Save the date for a trip in time, as we take you
BACK...TO THE FUTURE!**

"Do you remember...the future?"

**In the 1985 Back to the Future movie trilogy, Doc Brown and Marty McFly
use a time-traveling DeLorean to visit 1955, 1985, and 2015.**

**After years of anticipating "the future",
2015 is finally here! We may not have hoverboards, flying cars or an
almanac from the future, but our CBI community is booming and
that's reason to celebrate!**

**Bust out your best from the 50s, 80s, and "the future",
and hop in our time-traveling DeLorean as
we visit CBI over the decades.**

Dear CBI Family,

It is with great pleasure that we report the results of the 2015 Phone-a-thon fundraising campaign.

This year's efforts raised just over \$20,000 - meeting our goal and besting last year's efforts by nearly \$2,000.

This goal could not have been met without the participation of the 126 families who made donations in the name of the phone-a-thon.

Those donors who have paid after this edition of Chai-lights will be listed in our next Chai-lights issue.

We must, of course, thank our fearless team of callers, without whose efforts this would not be possible. This year's roster comprised Linda Diamond,

Gabriella Rosen Kellerman, Lois Marcus, Linda Press Wulf, Naomi Stamper, Rona Rothenberg, Joan Sopher, and Leslie Valas. Thank you, ladies!

We are grateful and humbled to be part of such a generous community,

made of people who give not only of their money but also of their time, kindness, and spirit! Until next year!

Jo-Ellen Zeitlin and Rachel Heitler • Phoneathon Co-Chairs

Supporters \$18-\$179

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REBECCA SIMON A FORMER ATTENDEE AT CBI AND NCSY

By Mira Kittner

For Rebecca Simon, a Berkeley, California native who attended public school her whole life, NCSY and all it has to offer, helped her discover Judaism in a way she did not know existed.

As a child, Rebecca regularly attended synagogue with her father, and enjoyed Camp Gan Izzy, a local Chabad summer camp. She attended public school and recently graduated from Berkeley High School, a large, inner-city urban school.

It was during her sophomore year of high school that she first was introduced to NCSY. Chapter Director, Akiva Naiman, invited her to an upcoming Shabbaton where she met other Jewishly involved teens and was struck by the warmth and welcoming nature of the program.

Rebecca discovered NCSY's Latte and Learn Program - a weekly gathering of Jewish teens in local coffee shops. These sessions quickly became Rebecca's favorite element of NCSY, giving her a unique opportunity to connect with other Jewish teens, ask important questions, and enjoy Torah learning in a relaxed setting. Especially as a public school kid, Rebecca felt empowered in an environment in which "teens put Torah and learning before their busy high school schedules". Over the course of three years, Rebecca became one of the most dedicated participants - only missing a total of three learning sessions. At the encouragement of Rabbi Naiman, Rebecca participated in the "The Jerusalem Journey" (TJJ), where she spent an intense month in Israel and became increasingly committed to an observant lifestyle. Despite having been in Israel previously, Rebecca said, "This was the first time I really experienced Israel in a deeply meaningful and religious way."

Following her trip to Israel, Rebecca decided to find ways to work observance into her own life. She said, "Holding onto the inspiration from TJJ was hard to do being in back in Berkeley. Even though it was confusing for my friends and family, I managed to be OK with being different and dedicate myself to learning and mitzvot."

She also made the brave choice to dress modestly (*tzanua*) and fully observe the Jewish holidays. "At first, my friends asked a lot of questions and noticed I was dressing differently. Teachers were confused why I was taking so many days off school. But, over time, I think it set me apart in a good way. People respected me for having dignity, and I felt proud of myself for standing by my religious values."

A few months into her senior year, Rebecca and a few friends started a club to bring together Jewish teens of all denominations at her high school. This small group met weekly to discuss Torah and different aspects of Judaism. "I started this group hoping it would be a great way for Jewish teens to connect and learn from each other. Even though our high school has 3,200 students, there was no official group for Jewish teens, so this was really important." After her graduation, Rebecca passed the group onto other leaders who have reported the group is still happy and thriving.

Rebecca is currently studying at Midreshet Yeud, a modern Orthodox seminary in Jerusalem. She plans to attend American University in Washington, D.C. for college next year.

Rebecca attributes NCSY for helping her find her path to Judaism and her connection to Israel. She dreams of living in Jerusalem one day, and until then will continue to dedicate herself to a life of Torah, mitzvot, and continuous learning.

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 Sasha Mandel, March 3, 9th birthday
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 Desmid Lyon, March 4
 Nadav Gilbert, March 5, 2nd birthday
 Yoni Wulf, March 5
 Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein, March 7
 Talia Bloom, March 8, 17th birthday
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 Michael Lesser, March 8
 Gabriel Feiner, March 9, 14th birthday
 Sheila Yudenfreund, March 9
 Ari Libenson, March 10, 13th birthday
 Raphael Mrejen, March 10, 10th birthday
 Susan Schickman, March 10
 Ronald Barany, March 11
 Paul Panish, March 12
 Daniel Aviv Balbuena Quilter, March 14, 3rd birthday
 Sara Engel, March 14
 Ezekiel Dov Gerwein, March 14, 14th birthday
 Howard Felson, March 15
 Russell Kassman, March 15
 Yuval Loewenberg, March 17, 9th birthday
 Mark Schickman, March 17
 Laura Schickman, March 18
 Linda Lantos, March 19
 Jim Cunradi, March 20
 Naveh Rosenstein, March 21, 2nd birthday
 Eli Teitelman, March 21, 17th birthday
 Simcha Fenton, March 22, 7th birthday
 Talya Sandel, March 23, 16th birthday
 Scott Shapiro, March 23
 Arielle Tonkin, March 23
 Jeremy Evnine, March 24
 N. R. Golomb, March 24
 Samuel Levi Kabella, March 24, 7th birthday
 David Spieler, March 24
 Zushya Lev Davis, March 25, 4th birthday
 Raaya Ilovitz, March 25, 5th birthday
 Aya Krantz, March 25, 7th birthday
 Marti Zedeck, March 27
 Leah Zinn, March 27, 2nd birthday
 Sondra Markowitz, March 28
 Sara Darmoni, March 29
 Ariel Spagnolo, March 30, 10th birthday
 David Alperin, March 31, 9th birthday
 Ahron Shlomo Schweig, March 31, 6th birthday
 Gil Stein, March 31, 11th birthday
 Marge Green, April 1
 Alona Bach, April 2
 Tirzah Brott, April 2
 Joel Brodsky, April 5
 Joshua Lantos, April 5
 Deborah Lesser, April 5
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 Yonatan Cohen, May 8
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 Shai Krantz, May 14, 9th birthday
 Elan Weinstock, May 15
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 Susie Marcus, May 16
 Ben Zeitlin, May 16
 Guy Biton-Harel, May 17
 Cory Isaacson, May 17
 Mateo Aceves, May 18
 Molly Greenberg, May 21
 Dror Neumeier, May 21, 10th birthday
 Aaron Marcus, May 22
 Maya Smith, May 26
 Ravenna Smith, May 26
 Alexandra Weiss, June 1, 1st birthday
 Phyllis Emanuel, June 2
 Gaby Schubert, June 2, 11th birthday
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 Orly Solomon, June 2, 3rd birthday
 Linda Nied, June 3
 Eli Shannon, June 5, 17th birthday
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 Brian Blumenthal, June 7
 Joseph Hellerstein, June 7
 Eliza Smith, June 7, 15th birthday
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 Simcha Green, June 13
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ANNIVERSARIES

Arye Rosenstein & Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein, March 27, 10th anniversary
 Jacob & Rena Harari, March 28, 56th anniversary
 Jim & Carol Cunradi, March 29, 31st anniversary
 Benjamin & Sara Darmoni, April 2, 3rd anniversary
 Steven & Joan Ominsky, April 4, 50th anniversary
 Michael & Deborah Lesser, April 6, 46th anniversary
 Jack Cohen & Noa Silver, May 18, 1st anniversary
 Noah & Hope Alper, May 25, 29th anniversary
 Asaf Shor & Hilla Abel, May 26, 10th anniversary
 Gilad Buchman & Racheli Perl, May 31, 12th anniversary
 Joseph Hellerstein & Adene Sacks, June 2, 19th anniversary
 Dean & Lauren Robinson, June 7, 6th anniversary
 Mordecai & Rena Rosen, June 10, 42nd anniversary
 Sam & Rose Ginsburg, June 11, 49th anniversary
 Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner, June 15, 18th anniversary
 Zev & Talya Ilovitz, June 18, 9th anniversary
 Simcha & Marge Green, June 19, 55th anniversary
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 Michael Steinman & Dorothy Richman, June 29, 12th anniversary

— MAZAL TOV! —

To **Chani Naiman and Rabbi Akiva Naiman and big brothers Yedidya Zev and Matanya** on the birth of a baby boy **Elisha Reuven**, January 21.

To **Frayda and R. Yonatan and to big brothers Hoshaya & Gavriel** on the birth of a baby girl, **Amarya Shir**, on January 22.

To **Delphine Sherman and Philip Tendler and big brothers Samuel and Elisha** on the birth of a baby boy **Judah**, on January 25.

To grandparents **Jeremy & Rachel Evnine** on the birth of a baby boy to Ariel Evnine and Barrie Brouse.

To parents **Liora Brosbe and R. Daniel Isaacson, and big brothers Elijah and Asher** on the birth of a baby boy **Judah Caleb** on February 27.

To **Maharat Victoria Sutton & Adam Brelow** on the birth of a baby girl **Ruth Buriah** on February 27.

May their lives be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds.

To **Linda Diamond and Daniel Light** (of Emek Beracha) on their recent engagement.

*May the couple build a home filled with the light of Torah and mitzvot.
May their families and our community have many more occasions to celebrate in simchah together.*

— BARUCH DAYAN EMET/CONDOLENCES —

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing on December 25 of **Moshe Sinai**, beloved parent and stepfather to Rabbi Shalom Bochner, grandfather of Nitzan and Yuval.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of Patricia Kipnis' beloved mother, **Goldie Chelminsky, Zahava bat Yeshayahu ve Ahuva**, z"l on Friday, January 2 in Mexico City. She is survived by her husband Enrique Chelminsky, Patricia and Issy Kipnis, their children Gabriela, Hillel and Amira, Patricia's brother Alex Chelminsky in Boston and sister Deborah Prum in Mexico City and nine grandchildren.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing in Jerusalem of **Rav Menachem Yehuda ben Avraham (Manny Greenwald)**, z"l, beloved husband of Marcia, father of Michael Greenwald, father in law of Ronna Bach and grandfather of Alona, Yaron, Meka and Maytal.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of **Beverly Feldman**, beloved wife of Norman Feldman, beloved mother of Tamar (of Cleveland) and Ilana (of Irvine), devoted sister and grandmother.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing in New York of **Harriet Kaplan, Chaya Sara bat Yaakov v' Esther**, beloved mother of Isaac Kaplan and his brother David, mother in law of Sandy Kaplan Schwarcz and grandmother of Noah, Theresa and Jay.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing in Tiburon of **Lois B. Epstein, M.D.**, sister in law of Ed & Sandra Epstein.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of **Dr. Gerald Cohn**, beloved father of Darrell Cohn and father in law of Leah Kahn. He is survived by his wife Carol Cohn, his brother Dr. Joseph Cohn and wife Debbie Cohn, and his sister Elana Cohn and husband Andy Schatner.

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of **Anne Smith**, beloved mother of Jeremy Smith, mother in law of Iris Greenberg-Smith and grandmother of Ravenna, Maya, Eliza and Nina; she is survived by her husband Cyril Smith and Jeremy's siblings, Evie and Alex Smith.

*May the Holy One comfort the family among all the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem.
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January 10: The Jasper Family in honor of the bat mitzvah of Batyah Jasper

January 17: The kiddush is sponsored by the following families: Amado-Feeley, Barany, Budnitz, Cunradi, Gordon, Grant, Harari, James, Kayman, Aaron Marcus, Menda, Seder, Shaw, Winer, Wittman, and Zedeck, in honor of Marvin Yudenfreund

January 24: The Gessow Family, in honor of the first yartzheit of Jory's mother, Chava Yehudis bat Yankel David v' Shayna Chaya

January 31: Congregation Beth Israel in honor of our speaker R. Idit Solomon

February 7: The Davis & Kabella Families in honor of the bat mitzvah of Hannah Rose Kabella; Rhoda Agin in memory of her mother Diana (Sheina Dina Itzkowitz) Agin who passed away on the 16th of Shvat

February 14: in honor of Jonah Markowitz's 50th Birthday: Sondra Markowitz and the Markowitz Family; Shira, Eli and Maerav; The Wakschlags

February 21: The Kittner Family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Asa Kittner

February 28: Leora Lawton in memory of her brother, Gil Moshe ben Rachel, and her mother, Rachel bat Pircha; Daniel and Chava Boyarin in honor of Ruth Haber, for completing her brilliant dissertation.

March 7: Sheila and Marvin Yudenfreund and Dr. Sam and Bathea James in honor of the spirit of volunteerism at CBI, with a request for everyone to remember the Rabbi's Fund.

Tony and Kathleen Bloom and family; Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein and Arye Rosenstein in honor of their family's March celebrations

(Rachel's birthday, Naveh's birthday, Arye and Rachel's 10th anniversary); also in honor of all of the wonderful people in the community who have been so supportive of them during this past year.

March 14: Congregation Beth Israel, honoring the following members of the CBI Morasha (Legacy) Society:

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March 21: The Marcus/Libenson Families in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ari Libenson

March 28: The Schickman family, in memory of Marks' mother, Esther Rachel bat Tuvia; Irene & Joel Resnikoff and Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal in memory of Eli Resnikoff z"l on his 26th yartzheit; Barbara Schick in honor of her mother's (Hannah Raiza bat Mordechai HaLevi) first yartzheit; Congregation Beth Israel in honor of R. Dov Linzer





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