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From The Rabbi

The holidays of Purim (which we recently celebrated) and Passover (which always seems to come a bit too soon!) present discrepant visions of our world. On the one hand, the random occurrences of the Purim Megillah (the word Purim refers to Haman's chance casting of lots) hide God's mysterious involvement in our world, so much so that God's Name is omitted from this sacred text.

On the other hand, the Passover Seder (*Seder* literally means order) describes a world in which the Divine plan goes according to plan and set order. In other words, Purim's mysterious depiction of God's ways is confronted by Passover's depiction of a God whose will and actions are revealed.

Order or disorder? That is the question! Can human beings make sense of the world we live in and gain a measure of access into the inner workings of God's design or must the meaning and seeming disorder of our existence ultimately remain impenetrable to our human mind?

Shalom Rosenberg, the Jewish Israeli philosopher, argues that two special Torah readings, added to the regular Shabbat reading, offer distinct and conflictual answers to this question. While Parashat Shekalim, the special additional Torah reading from over a month ago, argues for the ordered nature of the world, Parashat Parah, read in the weeks leading up to Passover, focuses on the paradoxical nature of our being, highlighting incomprehensible aspects of our existence.

The special reading of Parshat Shekalim describes the commandment of the half Shekel coin. According to this mitzvah, each adult recorded in the census was to provide a half Shekel coin as an offering to God. The funds collected were then used to sustain the daily *Tamid* sacrifice. The Torah is emphatic that each person included would bring an equal amount: "The rich shall not pay more and the poor shall not pay less than half a shekel" (Exodus 30:15).

The word "*shekalim*" (plural for *Shekel* or coin) shares its root with the word "*mishkal*" (measure

or weight). A coin, or half a coin as in this case, is a set and measured weight. In addition, the insistence upon an equal contribution by every person adds another element that is precise and measured in our service of God (as opposed to boundless, unaccounted giving). Finally, the daily *Tamid* sacrifice symbolizes a constant and reliable relationship with the divine. In this sense the half Shekel coin, as described in Parashat Shekalim, offers a vision of a world in which our access to the realm of God can be systematized and regulated and the meaning of our being can be explained by rules that make sense.

The special reading of Parashat Parah offers a stark contrast. This additional reading describes the process by which the ashes of a red heifer were used by the *Kohanim* (priests) to ritually cleanse a person who came in contact with a corpse. This rite more than any other stood out to our sages as a ritual devoid of rhyme or reason. First, the very use of a dead animal's ashes to get rid of death impurity stemming from contact with a dead person's body seemed like magic at best. Second, the rabbis point out that all those who busy themselves in preparing the red heifer's ashes become ritually defiled themselves. Surprisingly, the very ashes that help cleanse the person being purified also ritually contaminate all others who come in contact with

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To Till and Tend It

After several months of planning and hard work, our shul's yard is finally complete. Old weeds were weeded out and new plants were planted over the winter months.

The shul's terrace was extended with brown and golden bricks and the path connecting our front and back yards was extended as well, creating greater space for outdoor use. Over the summer months we hope to increase outdoor seating by adding benches.

During this work period, Gan Shalom children and their parents toured the yard and helped with some of the work, in the spirit of raising consciousness, awareness, a sense of ownership and responsibility. Our Shabbat youth educators also discussed the special *mitzvah* of tilling and protecting the earth and expressing *kavod* (respect) to communal property with our CBI children. We hope that each of us will step up in caring for our precious yard and outdoor space and help turn our yard into an echo of the Garden of Eden.

Special thanks to Steve Silberblatt, Cecily Hunter, Michael Feiner, R. Yonatan Cohen and Paul Albert on their steady leadership and hands-on approach in bringing this project to fruition.



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it (with the exception of the person directly involved in the act of purification).

Indeed, a rabbinic midrash teaches that even King Solomon, the wisest of all men, could not comprehend this commandment (BT Yoma 14a). *Sefer Hachinuch* (Spain, 13th Cen.), the classic medieval rabbinic work that systematically enumerates the Torah's commandments as they appear in each Torah portion, was also utterly stumped by this mitzvah, noting that "My hands grew weak and I was afraid to open my mouth." (397)

Shalom Rosenberg teaches that it is quite possible that the inexplicability of this mitzvah is meant to reflect the inexplicable nature of our encounter with death and that the ritual's paradoxical nature (the pure is defiled and the defiled becomes pure) is meant to echo the paradoxical nature of our very being. In this way, this particular commandment gives voice and expression to life's absurdity, as French existentialists commonly describe our existence, and to "the unbearable lightness of being" as Milan Kundera aptly put it. Parashat Parah therefore offers a vision of a world in which our access to the realm of God remains impenetrable and the meaning of our being is rendered senseless by rituals devoid of any reason or rational explanation.

So which one is it, order or disorder?

Through Parshat Shekalim, with its ordered vision of our universe, and Parashat Parah, with its paradoxical approach, our tradition insists that we look at life through both lenses. As human beings we are called to give a detailed accounting of all that there is and yet simultaneously remain mindful of all that can never be accounted for at all. In a similar vein, though both Purim and Passover celebrate God's redemptive qualities, each holiday presents a different vision for God's involvement in the world. At times, God's presence is silent and mysterious, at others, the hand of God is discernible in all that transpires in our lives.



Community Wide Melaveh Malkas

On February 27, 2016 the CBI family gathered for *Melaveh Malkas* in homes throughout our community.

Special Thanks to our Hosts

Tamara Beliak and Ze'ev Neumeier
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at Darmoni Home
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at Elias home
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Naomi and Bob Stamper/Elissa and Alan Kittner at Stamper home
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Mimi Weisel and Paul Hamburg

From the Elias Home

We had a wonderful evening of chocolate fondue, board games, and lively conversation. Most of our guests were in our home for the first time, and everyone greatly enjoyed getting to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon, and hope that many of the connections made will continue!

From the Hamburg/Weisel Home

The Melaveh Malkah group that gathered in our home was a reflection of the CBI community - new members, long-time members; single people, married couples; new parents, grandparents; those embarking on careers and professional ventures, those retired. No matter where we are in this demographic picture, we all agreed - we love CBI! That sentiment was articulated when we talked casually, when we sang, and when we expressed thanks and appreciation for the evening.

As the guests came in, there was an informal time for introductions as we didn't all know each other at the beginning of the evening - but by the end, we felt a strong communal bond. Then we gathered around the dining room table, dimmed the lights, made Havdallah, then sang songs that moved us from the gentle energy of the end of Shabbat to others that were joyous and playful. Everyone got some food and drink and we moved to the living room for conversation, laughter, reading of a Jewish folk tale and exploration of ideas. Then surprise guests opened the door (and it wasn't Eliyahu even though he was invoked at the end of Havdallah...). R. Cohen, Frayda and her mom Anna joined - and added to the festivities!

It was a joyous, meaningful and memorable way to end Shabbat and start the new week. We look forward to doing this as a community again next year!

From the Klein-Scheinberg Home

Klein- Scheinbergs had a great time with about ten people at our Melaveh Malka. We schmoozed, ate goodies, and played two truths and a lie, which was hilarious; suffice to say we learned things about each other we never would have at shul! You would be surprised at who of our congregants are really good at telling compelling lies about themselves....the party went on until about 10:30 pm.



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From Lois Marcus at the Magid Home

We co-hosted the Malaveh Malka at Robinn and Dan Magid's lovely home (and everyone got to admire the beautiful new landscaping that Jory put in). After cheering on the Warriors to an amazing win, everyone settled down to nosh, drink and get to know one another. Lots of laughter, good stories and fun. A big success.

From the Stamperdahl Home

The Melaveh Malka at our house was really lovely. We were lucky and got the best guests ever. They were warm and friendly. They were ready to meet others and enjoy themselves. I didn't take pictures but in a way that is a good sign. It means I was busy enjoying the people there. I did put together this cartoon although barely a third of the people who came are represented. It was really fun. I would hang out with every one of those folks again in a heartbeat.



The Annual Beth Israel Phonathon

Thank you to everybody who helped make our telethon such a great success. This January you helped us sail through our goal of \$22,000. This was a record-breaking year with a total of just shy of \$23,250! This represents a 50% increase in funds raised over our 2013 efforts – we are going from strength to strength together! Special thanks to our all-star team of volunteers many of whom have led this effort year after year: Fran Alexander, Linda Diamond, Rebecca Landes, Lois Marcus, Irene Resnikoff, Rona Rothenberg, Sara Schnittman, Leslie Valas, and Maxine Winer. And thank you of course to all of our generous donors listed below! (*N.B.: Several of our members have not yet fulfilled their pledges. We look forward to thanking those of you who have yet to fulfill their pledges in the next issue of Chailights. If you have arranged to pay over a period of time please send in the first installment.*) **Todah Rabah! Jo-Ellen Zeitlin & Rachel Heitler**

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Our young helpers on Mishloach Manot shipping day.
For more on our Mishloach Manot project, see the next page.



Gan Shalom

From Laura Lipman

Every week in a section entitled "Parent Tip of the Week" in my Gan Shalom Newsletter, I include short quotes from helpful parenting books. I am happy to share some of these with everyone.

The first two book quotes relate to a similar topic, children's play that parents sometimes feel uncomfortable with.

Rough and Tumble Play: Why Children Do It

Rough and tumble play is probably a basic human instinct, something that has developed in us through evolution. "Lack of experience with rough and tumble play hampers the normal give and take necessary for social mastery and has been linked to poor control of violent impulses later in life." From the book "Play" by Stuart Brown, MD.

And on a similar note:

Bad Guy/Good Guy Play

Children explore this theme and come back to it repeatedly – they are exploring questions about what is good and what is bad. Their thinking tends to be very polarized (either/or). We can begin exploring with them by asking questions such as, "What's a bad guy?" "Why is s/he a bad guy?" "What's the bad guy's name?" "When is the bad guy's birthday?" We try to redirect and deepen their play with this kind of questioning, rather than saying no, which won't stop the play but tends to drive it underground where we will have less ability to help them understand the important concepts they are trying to understand – including death – and our reactions to this type of play. From "Becoming the Parent You Want to Be" by Janis Keyser and Laura Davis

Following is another frequent topic of concern with parents:

How to help develop independence and autonomy in a child

While it may be quicker and easier to do it yourself, it won't help to make your child more self-sufficient. Quick hint: Appeal to their sense of pride. "Whenever I'm trying to get kids to dress, put jackets on, sit on chairs during meals and so on, I'll ask them: 'Do you want me to help you or can you do it yourself?'" Those words are like magic. Kids usually want to do it for themselves." --- Donna Jones, Southern Oregon University's Schneider Children's Center in Ashland, Oregon.

Doing chores--looking after themselves and helping the family--are their first good deeds. In addition to giving children a sense of their obligation to other people, doing chores gives them survival skills: helping out at home raise self-esteem. When parents insist that children do chores, they are letting them know they are not just loved, they are needed. Ordinary chores are the foundation of our children's character and spiritual well-being. From "The Blessing of a Skinned Knee" by Wendy Mogel

Parenting is a journey, and we need each other on this journey. The best teachers are often other parents who are experiencing these same issues and milestones. We are so lucky to have a community of parents who care and are willing to share their day to day problems, the highs and the lows.

May we always continue learn from each other, with respect and humility!

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Gan Shalom Thanks the CBI Community

This year's mishloach manot fundraiser was a smashing success, increasing our sales from last year by 100 baskets. All proceeds from this support our Scholarship Fund.

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Special thanks to all our hard working volunteers, big and small. As you can see from the photos below, this enormous project, which is entirely managed by Gan Shalom parents and CBI volunteers, also helps build our community.





Kindergartners learned all about bees from a real beekeeper, including how bees collect nectar from flowers!

What's New at Oakland Hebrew Day School

By R. Ari Leubitz

The OHDS community is excited to welcome CBI member, Bathea James, MA, MEd, MSW, as our school's interim head of school. For the past three years, Bathea has served as a mentor and coach to Jewish Heads of School through the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE) around the country and even in England as part of her private consulting practice.

She led a peer-academy on enrollment and retention in Jewish Day Schools. Bathea previously spent seven years as head of school at Tehiyah in El Cerrito and nine at the Tucson Hebrew Academy. Each won national recognition during her tenure. Originally from South Africa, she worked at the globally renowned King David School in Johannesburg.

In addition, OHDS is proud to announce that our school will be launching a Bridge Kindergarten program this Fall 2016 to better serve the needs of our families.

Over the past month, Bathea and I have enjoyed working together. We are confident that the Head of School transition will be seamless.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the CBI Family - students, families, grandparents, faculty, alumni, and friends of the school - for your support. It truly takes a village!



1st Grade

Exploring the world of engineering, and creating their own go-cars from simple machine



2nd Grade

Learning the art of Krav Maga, an Israeli martial arts, using Hebrew to receive instructions and ask questions



5th Grade

Learning about extreme weather, from heat waves to blizzards, and creating miniaturized versions of extreme weather conditions



8th Grade

Enjoying several visits to Greenleaf Elementary to spend time reading with their second grade buddies

NCSY

The Seeds that We Planted in the Winter Will Blossom in the Spring

R. Avia Cohen

NCSY is building the Jewish teen community by combining fun with meaningful programs and events such as: JSU clubs which lunch and learn in public high schools; weekly learning on Mondays in Berkeley, Wednesdays in San Francisco, and Saturday nights in Oakland; Shabbatonim (conventions); and social-action activities.

So far this year, the NorCal NCSYers have spent three Shabbatonim together in Oakland, San Francisco and Yosemite National Park.

We sent delegations of teens to National Yarchei Kallah and West Coast Winter Regional and Portland Shabbaton.

The middle schoolers went to Trapeze Arts and explored the nature in Oakland with a hike and BBQ. And we have launched the Teen Advocacy Program, a six-week program in which high schoolers learn about the legislative process, choose and research bills they are passionate about, and lobby their representatives in Sacramento.

And there is so much to look forward to!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NCSY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR THE SPRING

APRIL

April 16: Shabbat Hagadol FNL at BJC

April 17: Pesach Car Cleaning

MAY

May 4: Yom Hashoah memorial 5:30-6:30pm SF memorial

May 15: Yom Haatzmaut Celebration- Six Flags

May 27-30: spring regional in Anaheim

JUNE

June 3-4: Shabbat Yerushaliim

June 11-13: Shavuoton in Oakland

HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Latte & Learning Mondays • 7:30pm, Berkeley

Dinner & Learning Wednesday • 5:30pm, SF

Hot Spot, Saturday Night • 8:30pm, Oakland

JR. NORCAL NCSY 2015-2016 SPRING

March 27: Bowling and Pizza • 5-7pm • Albany Bowl

April 16: Epic Popcorn night

May 13-15: JR Shabbaton at BJC Oakland • Six Flags

June 12: Shavuoton Lunch



Story of My Family's Journey to Israel

Max Bamberger, Age 12

The Bamberger family are spending a year in Israel. Max Bamberger shared a few words about his experience. The family lives in Zichon Yakov where Max will be celebrating his bar mitzvah at the end of April in R. Yair Silverman's community, Kehillat Moed.



My parents met on the night of December 31st, 1999 at a New Year's Eve Party in New York City. The host introduced them and they talked for a bit. My mother told my father that she wanted to make aliyah. My father told her he had no such intentions, and they both left to speak to other party goers. Ten months later, my father got my mother's contact information from the host, and they got back in touch. When my mother and father got married, he agreed to live in Israel for one year within a decade of their marriage. Fourteen years and five children later, they made it.

Since coming to Israel in August of this year, I have felt an especially strong connection to the Jewish nation and to the mitzvot. I am so, so honored to be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah in this beautiful country. So far in Israel, in only eight months, we've gone to Eilat, ridden on camels, toured Ben Gurion's house, prayed at the Kotel in Jerusalem, visited Habimah theater in Tel Aviv, attended a Hannukah Festival, hiked along the cliffs of Ramat HaNadiv, excavated 2,000 year old shards of pottery, ran 5 kilometers at the Jerusalem marathon, made great friends, learned Hebrew, and pushed through school every day (including Sundays). At the Yeshiva Tichonit, my Religious Zionist junior high school, I was intimidated at first that we were expected to learn a chapter of Prophets a day, and then surprised when I found myself an expert in Joshua after a month of learning.

Israel is one of the most beautiful places in the world, and I'm so glad we are here.

Notes on My First Month in Yeshiva

Michael Danto

Michael Danto's short time in Beth Israel made a deep impression on him and helped, among other experiences, to inspire him to attend Yeshiva in Israel. Here are some reflections from his first month at Shapell's Darche Noam.



Yeshiva is in many ways a place outside of time. Though days are marked with Shacharit, Mincha, and Ma'ariv, and though weeks oscillate between weekday and Shabbat, these provide the rhythm but not the melody of yeshiva life. The melody is provided by a single activity, Torah study. A friend and mentor from college, John Muresianu, taught me that continuity of thought breeds depth of thought. The setting of yeshiva promotes continuity of thought: students are freed to focus entirely on thinking through the meaning and implications of a piece of Torah. The result is that yeshiva students are able to gradually descend into the complexities of huge and important topics. Like resuming a conversation with an old friend, a student need only pick up the text he was learning from a few hours or the night before in order to continue the line of reasoning he was following before setting it down. Yeshivas are built to temporarily simplify life, removing distractions that at all other times are essential and important, in order to give students the opportunity to immerse themselves in study.

Studying Talmud is training in how to think. It pushes the student to understand the meaning and implications of concise statements and layered conversations. Where a novel might take the reader on a journey, the Talmud forces the reader to reconstruct the journey and to become familiar with every important aspect of it. Reading it feels like completing a puzzle at the same time as the puzzle is being made. More than anything I have ever done, studying with my *chevruta* and participating in class probes my ideas for gaps and inconsistencies. As a result, I feel like I'm developing nimbleness in handling concepts, and capacity for creative imagination. Studying Talmud is also a way to learn how to hear different perspectives. In the siddur, at the end of Shacharit, there is a Mishna quoted that says students of Torah increase peace in the world. My Talmud teacher, Rabbi Elie Silverberg, once asked our class what this Mishna means. When none of us suggested a satisfying answer, Rabbi Silverberg proposed that Torah study increases peace because it trains people to see where the other person in a disagreement is coming from. This increases peace by making disagreement something people can accept without destroying each other. It reveals that sometimes disagreement is the only way to adequately capture a question or situation.

Studying Talmud with a *chevruta* is training in how to disagree kindly. When I began working with my *chevruta* on our first pieces of Talmud, I often challenged his statements with hostile excitement bordering on aggression. I have since realized that our partnership is more productive and joyful when I ask calmly for him to clarify what he means. I learned this through many instances of feeling sure that my *chevruta* was wrong, only to later realize that I was too closed-minded to understand what he was saying. *Chevruta* study is humbling.

The life of the spirit really is unlimited. Rabbi Mendel Farber, one of my teachers, made this claim in response to a line in *Derech Hashem*, a classic work by Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (RaMCHaL). The RaMCHaL writes, "As long as the soul remains in the body, it is imprisoned by a restraining power, and unless it can overcome this power, it cannot act freely." When we first read this in class, and when Rabbi Farber first made his claim, I was skeptical. Isn't the soul constrained by the same limitations that constrain the body: the laws of physics, the passage of time, etc.? After just a month in yeshiva, I am beginning to see the wisdom in the RaMCHaL's observation and Rabbi Farber's statement. Though I have been merely sitting inside, reading books, and talking with people for this time, I feel as though I have traversed a world of thought, ethics, and spirituality. Though time passes, and though I remain physically seated in the same beit midrash, I feel as though I am living in a place outside of space and a moment outside of time.



Halakha Q&A: Rabbi Eliezer Melamed

We are pleased to include a sample of halakhic Q&As from R. Eliezer Melamed. Rabbi Eliezer Melamed is rabbi of the community of Har Bracha and head of its hesder yeshiva. His *Peninei Halakha* series has sold over 500,000 copies in Hebrew and is used as a textbook in many schools. *Peninei Halakha* is a comprehensive series of books on Jewish law applied to today's ever-changing world. In this series, Rabbi Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear, and concise writing style brings the halakha, from principle to practical detail, to readers of all backgrounds. Parts of this ambitious series are now available in translation. In 2013 R. Melamed received the prestigious Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook Prize for Jewish Creativity.

Q: When making kiddush on Shabbat, must the challot be on the table?

A: It is customary to cover the challah during kiddush. Since bread is considered the more important food, normally if we have both wine and bread in front of us and we plan to eat from both, we recite the *berakha* on the bread first. But when making kiddush, the *berakha* on the wine must be made first. In order to avoid giving "incorrect" precedence to the wine, we cover the challah. Similarly, if there are *mezonot* (grain-based foods over which the *berakha* of *mezonot* is recited), they should be covered during kiddush, as *mezonot* also normally take precedence over wine. When one is organizing a kiddush for the congregation after services, anyone intending to drink from the kiddush wine must cover any pastries in front of him. One who does not intend to drink from the wine after kiddush need not do so (see SSK ch. 47 n. 125). Based on this explanation, it is not necessary to have the challah on the table when one is making kiddush. If they are on the table, however, they must be covered.

Q: Is it permitted to open cans on Shabbat?

A: One may open cans on Shabbat in order to eat the food inside them. Since cans are disposable and meant for single use, they are not considered true receptacles (*kelim*) and are more akin to shells that are broken to get at the nut within. The Sages did make one condition: "As long as he does not intend to create a receptacle." If one makes a neat opening and plans to reuse a barrel to store other things, then he is truly creating a receptacle when he opens it, and is thus transgressing (SA 314:1). The same applies to cans. One may open them on Shabbat if one plans to eat their contents, even if it will take several days to finish the food. Once the food is finished, the can is thrown out; therefore it is considered insignificant and may be opened on Shabbat. However, one who intends to reuse the can for other items may not open the can on Shabbat, since he is creating an opening and rendering it usable, which amounts to creating a receptacle. Some are stringent and do not open cans on Shabbat even when they intend to throw them out (Hazon Ish 51:11). However, in practice the halakha follows the lenient position. Since we are dealing with cans and containers that are designed to be disposable, it is not forbidden to open them. Those who wish to be stringent should open cans before Shabbat. If they need to open a can on Shabbat, they should immediately empty it of its contents.

Q: May one play with pets on Shabbat?

A: Objects that have no practical use on Shabbat are *muktzeh* and may not be carried. Animals are included in this category. If, in order to prevent them from being hurt, it is necessary to move them, the Sages permitted pulling them, but not picking them up (Shulhan Arukh 308:39-40). At first glance, this would seem to pertain to house pets like cats and dogs, and indeed, this is the position of Yalkut Yosef (vol. 2, p. 383) and Orhot Shabbat (19:124). However, it seems more reasonable to assume that *muktzeh* pertains only to animals with which one does not normally play. Pets whose owners play with them and pick them up all week long would not be *muktzeh*, and their owners may thus touch them and pick them up on Shabbat. Although some *poskim* are stringent, *muktzeh* is a rabbinic prohibition, so the halakha follows those who are lenient.

Q: May one exercise on Shabbat?

A: One may not run for exercise on Shabbat, because it is burdensome rather than pleasurable. Even though people who work out enjoy it, this enjoyment derives from their awareness that they are taking care of their health and physical fitness, not from the exercise itself. Even one who is very fit, runs every day, and enjoys it may not run on Shabbat, because it is a weekday activity. It will appear to others that he is belittling Shabbat and treating it like a weekday. However, one who enjoys exercise may jump or work out for pleasure inside his home on condition that he does not overexert himself, does not follow a regimen, and does not use special equipment, any of which would be deemed a weekday activity.



Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Book of Jeremiah with Maharat Victoria Sutton

Jeremiah's prophetic career spanned over thirty years and succession of several kings, through the Babylonian's conquest of Israel and ultimate destruction of the First Temple. The prophet risks his life to bring truth to Jerusalem and provide guidance to leaders and the nation. At times despondent, the book beautifully depicts the inner life of Jeremiah and his mission. Together, we will study the text and themes of the Book of Jeremiah.

Maharat Victoria Sutton • Mondays | 12:00 pm

TUESDAY

Weeknight Learning with R. Yonatan Cohen or Maharat Victoria Sutton

Join us for a series addressing issues of Jewish thought, biblical interpretation and/or law.

R. Yonatan Cohen or Maharat Victoria Sutton • Tuesdays | 8:00 pm

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.

Mickey Davis • Wednesday | 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Open Sources: Beit Midrash

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah

Pre-Pesach Beit Midrash

April 13, 7:30-9:00 pm

We spend much time and effort getting our kitchens and homes ready for Pesach. But what about ourselves?

Join a special Pre-Pesach Beit Midrash focusing on the themes and messages of the seder and Pesach, featuring Bay area educators.

An Open Beit Midrash for learning on all levels. You can come with a chevruta (learning partner) or we can help find the chevruta and area of learning that best fits. Start by filling out the form on our website. On site assistance with learning available.

An optional class will be given each week on the parasha by Maharat Victoria Sutton, which includes guided chevruta learning of sources for the class followed by group discussion.

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 pm

Jewish philosophers: Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits

The class is currently reading and discussing selections from "Essential Essays on Judaism" presenting Berkovits' most significant essays, exploring vital issues within Judaism and Jewish society, including: Jewish morality and law, Jewish nationhood, and Jewish theology. No background necessary.

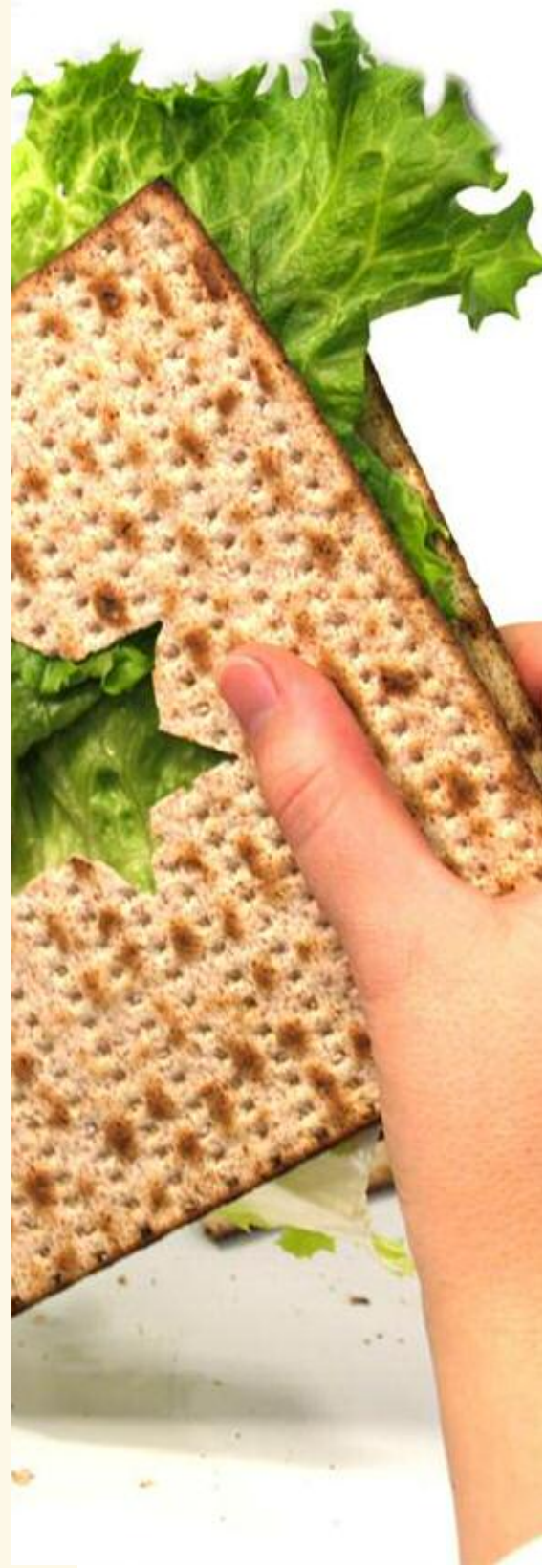
Muni Schweig • Wednesdays, 8:00 pm • The Schweig home

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 am



UPCOMING EVENTS

East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day

Sunday, April 10, 2016

What can **217 volunteers** from **13 Jewish organizations** working at **12 sites** do in **1 day**? Here's what: Decorate bags for JFCS Shabbat meal delivery; write letters to Israeli soldiers; weed and seed at Urban Adamah and the Berkeley shoreline; cook for Building Futures with Women and Children shelter; paint a room for the American Indian Child Resource Center; make blankets for Highland Hospital; engage in activities with seniors at Reutlinger Center for Jewish Living, AgeSong WoodPark Senior Living, and Chaparral House; remove litter and debris from the shoreline along Lake Merritt and along 40th street in North Oakland; work on a mosaic for Malcolm X School with YouthSpirit Artworks; and wrap toys for the Holiday Toy Give-Away at the Telegraph Community Center – THAT'S WHAT!!!

Yasher koach to all who participated in and supported the East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day.

SHABBAT PESACH

Saturday, April 23, 11:00 am

Sermon by Devorah Evron

Devorah Evron is Director of the Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Studies at HaMidrasha, where she is empowering Israeli women towards social equality and progressive leadership. Using the platform of gender and Judaism, Evron teaches in various forums, including study groups, community centers and women's organizations. In the Rabin pre-military "mechina" leadership program and other mechinot, Evron educates and inspires young women to seek opportunities for influential and non-traditional posts in military service, and to strive for standards of gender equality in the IDF.

SISTERHOOD CJM DOCENT TOUR

Tuesday, May 10, 10:30 am

The Sisterhood is having a docent led tour at the CJM. We will be seeing the Bill Graham Rock and Roll Experience.

All are welcome.

YOM HA'ZIKARON/YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Wednesday, May 11

Tekes Ma'avar

Join us as we mark the transition from commemorating Yom Ha'Zikaron, Memorial Day, to the celebratory Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Independence Day. We will honor the memories of those who have fallen this year, and express our gratitude for the Land of Israel.

7:50 pm - Mincha

8:15 pm - Tekes Maavar with Celebratory Makarov and Hallel

(alternate Ma'ariv directly following Mincha in the Library)

DR. AVIVAH ZORNBERG IS REDEMPTION POSSIBLE?

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 PM

The Egyptian exile is described in mystical sources as the Exile of the Word. If the Israelites are to be released from Egypt, an inner process of recovery will be necessary. Can the traumatic constrictions of a personal world find a new language that will open up larger possibilities?

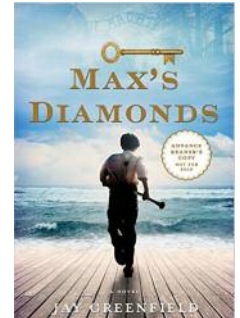
Chochmat HaLev • 2215 Prince Street, Berkeley

SISTERHOOD-HADASSAH NOVEL DEBUT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7:30 PM

Special reading by Jay Greenfield of his debut novel *Max's Diamonds*. A man is forced to confront his moral culpability, the legacy of impossible loss and the claims of his Jewish identity.



TEA, COOKIES, DEATH JOIN THE CONVERSATION

TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:30-9:00 PM

CBI WITH EDNA STEWART



Join us for this popular Bay Area happening only with a Jewish bent. The objective of the Death Café is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their" remaining years. There are no expectations or intention to lead anyone to any course of action or conclusions about life or death. It is an unstructured, open, respectful space free of discrimination where people may safely express their views – or not. It is a respectful dialogue that allows people to explore their questions, hopes, fears and consider how their Jewish heritage may influence their reflections on dying, death and afterlife. Be curious! Have fun! Group size is limited.

There is no charge but you MUST RSVP to maharatvictoria@gmail.com

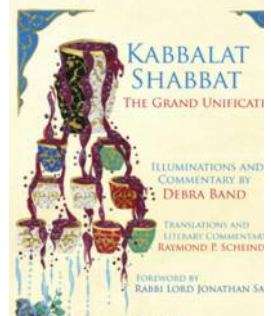
In memory of Anna S. Lev-Toaff, MD

WISDOM ETHEREAL AND DOMESTIC: THE WOMAN IN KABBALAT SHABBAT TRADITION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

7:30-9:00 PM

In this fascinating slide-discussion Debra Band explores the personification of Wisdom as a woman in the key biblical texts and Jewish mystical tradition that gave rise to the traditions and liturgies of Kabbalat Shabbat. Imagery presented draws upon Debra's illuminations of the Song of Songs, Psalms and forthcoming (Sept. 6, 2016) Kabbalat Shabbat: the Grand Unification.



Times for Action

Many commandments need to be performed during particular times of the day; here is a list of those times
All times are for Berkeley, Pacific Standard Time until March 13, when Daylight Savings Time begins

Week of	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	5:40 am	5:30 am	5:20 am	5:10 am	5:02 am
<i>Neitz-Sunrise</i>	6:52 am	6:42 am	6:32 am	6:22am	6:14 am
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	10:02 am	9:56 am	9:50 am	9:45 am	9:40 am
Latest time for prayer <i>Tefilah</i>	11:06 am	11:01 am	10:57 am	10:52 am	10:49 am
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:44 pm	1:43 pm	1:42 pm	1:41 pm	1:41 pm
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	7:34 pm	7:40 pm	7:46 pm	7:53 pm	8:59 pm
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	8:16 pm	8:22 pm	8:28 pm	8:35 pm	8:41 pm

Week of	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	4:54 am	4:47 am	4:42 am	4:38 am
<i>Neitz-Sunrise</i>	6:06 am	5:59 am	5:54 am	5:50 am
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	9:36 am	9:33 am	9:30 am	9:28 am
Latest time for prayer <i>Tefilah</i>	10:46 am	10:44 am	10:42 am	10:41 am
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:41 pm	1:41 pm	1:42 pm	1:43 pm
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	8:06 pm	8:12 pm	8:18 pm	8:23 pm
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	8:48 pm	8:54 pm	9:00 pm	9:05 pm

Week of	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	4:35 am	4:34 am	4:35 am	4:46 am
<i>Neitz-Sunrise</i>	5:47 am	5:46 am	5:47 am	5:48 am
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	9:28 am	9:28 am	9:29 am	9:30 am
Latest time for prayer <i>Tefilah</i>	10:41 am	10:41 am	10:43 am	10:44 am
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:44 pm	1:46 pm	1:47 pm	1:49pm
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	8:28 pm	8:32 pm	8:34 pm	8:35 pm
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	9:10 pm	9:14 pm	9:16 pm	9:17 pm

Weekday Services

SHACHARIT

Monday-Friday • 6:30 am
Sunday & Legal Holidays • 8:00 am

MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Five minutes after candlelighting

Shabbat Services

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
5 minutes after candlelighting

Morning Service
9:15 am



Calendar

SHABBAT TAZRIA PARSHAT HACHODESH ROSH CHODESH NISSAN

Friday night & Saturday, April 8th & 9th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:21 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:15 am
Mincha	7:05 pm
Seudah Shelishit	7:25 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:20 pm

SHABBAT HAGADOL PARSHAT METZORAH

Friday night & Saturday, April 15th & 16th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:27 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:15 am
Pre-Pesach Drasha in memory of Eli Resnikoff, z"l delivered by Rabbi Cohen after services	11:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:15 pm
Seudah Shelishit	7:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:27 pm

COMMUNAL HA'GALAH @ CBI

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ—SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

Thursday, April 21st

Search for chametz at 8:20 pm

PESACH - PASSOVER

Friday night, April 22nd – Saturday, April 30th

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA'ANIT BECHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

FIRST SEDER

Friday, April 22nd

Fast Begins	4:54 am
Morning Service	6:30 am
Siyum for Firstborns after morning services	7:15 am
Eat chametz until	10:48 am
Burn chametz until	11:50 am
*Candle Lighting	7:34 pm
Mincha, Yom Tov Ma'ariv & Hallel	7:30 pm
Fast ends	8:20 pm
Begin First Seder after	8:20 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 – SHABBAT 1ST DAY OF PESACH

Saturday, April 23rd

Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am
*Shabbat Yom Tov Mincha, Ma'ariv & Hallel	7:20 pm
**Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER	8:34 pm
***Begin Second Seder AFTER	8:34 pm

Count first night of Sefirah AFTER 8:34 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 (6:32 pm).

**If a person has not recited Maariv with the prayer "Va'todieinu," heor 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'mavdeil," followed by "she'hecheyanu."

YOM TOV – 2ND DAY OF PESACH

Sunday, April 24th - 1st Day of the Omer

Morning Service	9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha	7:20 pm
*Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends at	8:35 pm
* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri HaGafen) 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 25th - 2nd Day of the Omer

Morning Service	6:30 am
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2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Tuesday, April 26th - 3rd Day of the Omer

Morning Service	6:30 am
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3RD DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Wednesday, April 27th – 4th Day of the Omer

Morning Service	6:30 am
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4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Thursday, April 28th – 5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service	6:30 am
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YOM TOV – 7TH DAY OF PESACH

Thursday night & Friday, April 28th & 29th

6th Day of the Omer

Candle Lighting*	7:39 pm
Mincha & Yom Tom Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tom Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame at	7:40 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 29th & 30th

7th Day of the Omer

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tom Ma'ariv	7:40 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame at	7:40 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am
Yizkor	10:30 am
Shir Ha'Shirim	11:30 am
Shabbat & Yom Tov Mincha	7:20 pm
Seudah Shelishit	7:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat Yom Tov ends after	8:42 pm

Calendar

If you sold your chametz through CBI and have not been contacted by 9:15 pm, you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

YOM HA'SHOAH

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 4th & 5th
12th Day of the Omer

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT ACHAREI

Friday night & Saturday, May 6th & 7th
14th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting7:47 pm
 Morning Service9:15 am
 Youth Programming9:15 am
 Formal Group Time10:15 am
 Shabbat Mincha7:30 pm
 Seudah Shelishit7:50 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after8:49 pm

ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Saturday night, Sunday & Monday, May 8th & 9th

Shacharit Sunday8:00 am
 Shacharit Monday6:30 am

YOM HAZIKARON/

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS

Tuesday night & Wednesday, May 10th & 11th

Shacharit6:30 am

YOM HA'ATZMA'UT

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 11th & 12th

*Mincha7:50 pm
 Yom HaZikaron Commemoration followed by
 Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration
 with Celebratory Ma'ariv & Hallel8:15 pm

*NOTE: An alternate Ma'ariv will be held in the Beit Midrash library directly following Mincha.

Thursday, May 12th

Celebratory Shacharit with Hallel6:30am

SHABBAT PARSHAT KEDOSHIM

Friday night & Saturday, May 13th & 14th
21st day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting7:53 pm
 Morning Service9:15 am
 Youth Programming9:15 am
 Formal Group Time10:15 am
 Shabbat Mincha7:35 pm

Seudah Shelishit7:55 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after8:56 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT EMOR

Friday night & Saturday, May 20th & 21st
28th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting7:59 pm
 Morning Service9:15 am
 Youth Programming9:15 am
 Formal Group Time10:15 am
 Shabbat Mincha7:45 pm
 Seudah Shelishit8:05 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:03 pm

LAG B'OMER

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 25th & 26th
33rd Day of the Omer

SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHAR

Friday night & Saturday, 27th & 28th
35th Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting8:04 pm
 Morning Service9:15 am
 Youth Programming9:15 am
 Formal Group Time10:15 am
 Shabbat Mincha7:45 pm
 Seudah Shelishit8:05 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:09 pm

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30th

Shacharit8:00 am

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BECHUKOTAI

Friday night & Saturday, June 3rd & 4th
42nd Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm
 Candle Lighting8:09 pm
 Morning Service9:15 am
 Youth Programming9:15 am
 Formal Group Time10:15 am
 Shabbat Mincha7:50 pm
 Seudah Shelishit8:10 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:14 pm

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Saturday night & Sunday, June 4th & 5th
43rd Day of the Omer

Shacharit with Hallel8:00 am



ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

Monday night & Tuesday, June 6th & 7th
45th Day of the Omer

EVE OF SHAVUOT

SHABBAT PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

Friday, June 10th & 11th

49th Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting*	8:13 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:15 am
Shabbat Mincha followed by learning	7:55 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, June 11th to 13th

1st NIGHT SHAVUOT

Saturday Night, June 11th

Candle lighting AFTER*	9:18 pm
Yom Tom Ma'ariv**	9:18 pm
Community-wide Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot after CBI services until dawn at Berkeley Richmond JCC, 1414 Walnut at Rose, including Orthodox morning services at the JCC.	
<i>*If a person has not recited Ma'ariv with the prayer "Va'todieinu," he or she must say "Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le'kodesh" before lighting candles or cooking.</i>	
<i>**In Kiddush, the order is "Borei pri ha'gafen," "Asher bachar banu," "Borei meorei ha'eish," "ha'mavdeel 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).</i>	

1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT

Sunday, June 12th

Early Shacharit @ JCC*	5:25 am
Regular Yom Tov Shacharit @ CBI	9:15 am
**Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv	6:40 pm
Communal Yom Tov Dinner at CBI	7:20 pm
Light candles from a pre-existing flame AFTER	9:19 pm

* The Amidah service will be recited at Netz Hachmach (sunrise) at 5:46 am
** Plag Hamincha is at 6:59 pm

2ND DAY OF SHAVUOT

Monday, June 13th

Morning service	9:15 am
Yizkor	10:30 am
Megillat Ruth	11:30 am
Yom Tom Mincha	8:10 pm
Ma'ariv	9:10 pm
Havdalah & Yom Tov ends after	9:19 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT NASO

Friday night & Saturday, June 17th & 18th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:16 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am

Formal Group Time	10:15 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:55 pm
Seudah Shelishit	8:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:21 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHAALOTECHA BAT MITZVAH OF GABRIELLE SCHUBERT

Friday night & Saturday, June 24th & 25th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:17 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Youth Programming	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:15 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:55 pm
Seudah Shelishit	8:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:22 pm

Pesach Seder Matching

R. Yonatan Cohen

This is a message I have shared before. It comes deep from my heart and my memories. I share it every year because it so aptly captures what Pesach means for me.

For a moment allow me to paraphrase Heschel: We forfeit the right to participate in a Seder as long as we don't ensure that every Jew has a Seder. It is not enough to talk about freedom. The Seder cannot become like the weather, the Seder is not another ivory tower. We are only permitted to enter the conversation by inviting others into it. "Kol dichfin yetei ve'yichul" (let all who are hungry, come and eat) means that we forfeit our right to a Seder as long as we deny the right of Seder to others.

When I was ten years old, during my first Seder in Canada, I learned an important Passover rule. It's a simple rule, and it goes like this: "Make no assumption, invite everyone." My family had just moved to Canada from Israel. We had friends, but everybody assumed that we had a first Seder. And for the first (and last time) in our family's history, we were left all alone on Seder night. And so the following year, my mother ingrained this simple rule by inviting anyone and everyone to our family Seder. Believe me, we were never alone again on Seder night.

Passover is less than a month away. I urge all of us - make no assumption, invite everyone. Let's expand our tables even more, let's add another chair and another, to heed the call of "Kol dichfin"—to ensure that we all experience true freedom on this night.

In addition, we are offering a meal matching program, as we did over the High Holidays. The process is simple. Just let us know if you have an extra place or 2, or 3, etc. at your table for the First or Second Seder. Also let us know if you need a place for the First or Second night of Passover and any dietary restrictions you may have. In the next week or two, we'll make all the matching happen.

Email Sara Darmoni (schnitzsa@gmail.com) whether you want to host or be a guest.

This year we are here, next year, may we be in the land of Israel. This year we are slaves, next year, may we merit to be free.



A Guide for Pesach

By Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

The purpose of this essay is to briefly present some of the *mitzvot* and practices relating to Pesach. Please do not hesitate to contact me should any question arise.

1. THE PROHIBITION OF CHAMETZ

The Torah outlines three types of foods that are prohibited during *Pesach*: *Chametz* (leavened bread), *Seor* (leavening agent, e.g. yeast), and *Machmetzet* (a mixture of other foods with *chametz*).

The Prohibition of *Chametz* during Pesach is Threefold:

1. One is forbidden to eat *chametz* (including any amount of *chametz* mixed into other foods).
2. One is forbidden to derive any benefit from *chametz* (sell it, give it to someone, feed it to one's animal, make ink from it, etc.).
3. One is forbidden to own any *chametz* or have any visible *chametz* on one's property.

The only exception to this rule is *chametz* that is no longer in a state fit to be eaten by a dog (*chametz sh'nifsal me'achilat kelev*).

The practical application of this exception is found in household products that contain grain, starches or grain alcohol. According to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, toothpaste — even if unsupervised — can be used because it is *nifsal me'achilat kelev*. Similarly, soap may be used even if it contains *chametz*. Medicine in tablet form, which is swallowed whole, also is not a problem. However, liquid medicine such as cough syrup is problematic because it many contain grain alcohol, which is pure *chametz*. Throat lozenges also are a problem. In case of need, please feel free to consult with me personally.

2. KITNIOT

The consumption of rice, peas, beans, corn, and legumes (*kitniot*) was prohibited by rabbis in medieval Europe. The origins of this practice are not clear, though two common theories are that these items are often made into products resembling *chametz* (e.g. cornbread), or that these items were normally stored in the same sacks as the five grains and people worried that they might become contaminated with *chametz*. It is also possible that crop rotation would result in the forbidden *chametz* grains growing in the same fields, and being mixed in with the *kitniot*.

Jews of European origin have maintained this tradition. In the Talmud, we are instructed *Minhag Avoteinu B'yadeinu*, to heed the customs of our ancestors. As these foods are not biblical *chametz*, one may benefit from and posses *kitniot* during Pesach. Yemenite and some Sephardic Jews do not hold by this custom. If you have any questions, please contact me or Maharat Victoria Sutton.

3. STRINGENCIES OF CHAMETZ VIS-A-VIS OTHER PROHIBITED FOODS

The eating of *chametz* during Pesach is punishable by *karet*, eternal excommunication — it is a more severe transgression than other prohibited foods.

One may derive benefit from many other prohibited foods — sell them, feed them to the dog, etc. — but not *chametz*. Furthermore, *chametz* that is in the possession of a Jew during Pesach is forever prohibited to any Jew and must be destroyed. (Giving it away to a non-Jew is con-

sidered a benefit, as it gains good will). *Chametz* that is found in one's possession during *Chol Hamoed* (intermediate days of Pesach) must be destroyed immediately. If it is found during *Yom Tov* or *Shabbat*, it must be covered up, and destroyed immediately after the end of *Yom Tov* or *Shabbat*.

Finally, most other prohibited foods are, under certain circumstances, "cancelled out" if there is a preponderance of permitted food that "overwhelms" the prohibited food (as, for example, one part in sixty parts in many cases). *Chametz* that gets mixed with permitted foods during Pesach is never "cancelled out" in such a manner, and any bit of *chametz* makes the entire pot of food prohibited.

It is therefore advisable to buy foods like milk, pure fruit juices and eggs before Pesach when any added vitamins can be "canceled out" (*me'vutal*) in sixty parts of liquid.

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5. STORE-BOUGHT FOODS

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

Below is a partial list of food that REQUIRE SPECIAL PESACH SUPERVISION

Please note, this list only includes items one might otherwise assume did not require special Pesach supervision, but in fact do.

APPLESAUCE
BABY FOOD
BAKING POWDER and SODA
BUTTER with coloring added
CANDY and CHOCOLATE
CHEESE — HARD
CHEESE SPREADS
COTTAGE CHEESE/RICOTTA
CRANBERRY SAUCE
CREAM CHEESE
FISH – GEFILTE, HERRING,
SMOKED SALMON, & ALL CANNED
FRUITS – CANNED & FROZEN
HONEY
HORSERADISH (RED AND WHITE)
ICE CREAM
JAMS AND JELLIES
JUICES — WITH ANY ADDITIVES, OR IF NOT
BOUGHT BEFORE PESACH
KETCHUP
MARGARINE
MAYONNAISE
MILK — IF NOT BOUGHT BEFORE PESACH
NON-DAIRY CREAMER
NUT BUTTERS
OILS & SHORTENINGS — EVEN PURE
OLIVES
PICKLED PRODUCTS
SAUERKRAUT
SOUR CREAM
SPICES & SEASONINGS
ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS
SYRUPS
TEAS—FLAVORED
TOMATO PRODUCTS
VEGETABLES — CANNED & FROZEN
VINEGAR
WINES & LIQUORS
YOGURT

A full list of foods that DO NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL PESACH SUPERVISION appears at www.kosherquest.org. The list will be available at the CBI office a few weeks before the holiday.

In addition, the following items DO NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL PESACH SUPERVISION:

MEAT: Fresh packaged meat (non-processed) and chicken purchased

at our local kosher supermarkets prior to Passover is Kosher for Passover even without specific KFP labeling.

MILK & LACTAID MILK: May be used on Passover if purchased before Passover. Lactaid Non Chewable Pills are permissible for use on Passover as well.

6. CLEANING OF HOMES/PROPERTIES

It is important to note that dirt is not considered *chametz* (although it is strongly advisable to maintain high standards of hygiene!). The obligation to remove *chametz* applies strictly to *chametz*, and not anything else. One must remove *chametz* from all owned properties, including offices, cars, boats, and so forth.

Please note, while cleaning, the ideal manner in which to dispose of chametz foodstuffs is to donate them to non-Jews in need such as food banks and homeless shelters.

7. METHODS OF KASHERING HOUSEWARES FOR PESACH

Once one has bought Kosher for Pesach food, one must prepare this food in a Kosher for Pesach manner. Jewish Law dictates that utensils and location used in food preparations affects their tastes and halakhic status. These laws are complex and, in cases of even the slightest doubt, do not hesitate to contact me.

Here are some basic principles for Pesach:

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

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

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

Microwaves: To *kasher* a microwave oven, clean thoroughly until absolutely no debris is left. Special attention must be given to the internal vent of the microwave. After you are satisfied that there is no debris, the following steps need to be taken. After 24 hours of non-use, place a mug of water inside and turn microwave on and allow the microwave to be filled with steam. Repeat the same procedure with the mug in a different spot.

Countertops and Tables: Should be cleaned and covered.

Refrigerator: Should be cleaned.

8. METHODS OF KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PESACH

This area of practice has many complex details and nuances. It is therefore certainly preferable and admirable to maintain separate utensils for Pesach. That being said, before *kashering* a utensil, one needs to clean it thoroughly and be certain there is no food on it. At this point it must be put aside for a full 24 hours. After this step the paths diverge,



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depending upon the substance and usage.

Glass: According to some positions, glass may be *kashered* for Pesach by soaking it in water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours. Other *Ashkenazic* authorities maintain that this is not a valid option. One should follow his or her custom and practice of past years. However, glass utensils used in cooking or baking should not be *kashered*.

Metals: Metal utensils that come in direct contact with a heat source or that are only used for boiling may be *kashered* by using *ha'galah* (placing them in boiling water). However, metal pans that one fries, bakes, or roasts in will need *libun* (burning). The most readily available *libun* is placing the utensil in a self-cleaning oven on self-clean.

This year, we will be hosting a Communal *Ha'galah* at CBI on **Wednesday, April 20, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm**. 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 immersing the utensil, and rinsing in cool water.

9. KITCHEN ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE KASHERED FOR PESACH

The following kitchen items and or materials cannot be *kashered* for Pesach:

Ceramic, China, Colanders, Corning Ware, Crockpots, Dishwasher — with an interior of porcelain enamel, Grater (any), Knives with loose wood or loose plastic handles, Porcelain, Porcelain Enameled Pots, Pyrex, Teflon, Toaster/Toaster Oven, Stoneware, Wood.

10. THE STATUS OF MEDICINES DURING PESACH (ACCORDING TO THE CRC)

1. All pill medication (with or without *chametz*) that one swallows is permitted without special supervision (including Lactaid pills). Vitamins and food supplements do not necessarily fall into this category. Please consult me regarding your specific situation.

2. Liquid and chewable medications that may contain *chametz* should only be used under the direction of a Doctor and Rabbi, who will judge the severity of the illness, the likelihood that the medicine contains *chametz*, and the possibility of substituting a swallowable pill. Important: Do not discontinue use of liquid, chewable or any other medicine without consulting with your Doctor and Rabbi.

3. Liquid and chewable medications that contain *kitniot* may be consumed by someone who is ill. An otherwise healthy person, who would like to consume a liquid or chewable medicine to relieve a minor discomfort, should only do so if the product is known to be free of *kitniot*.

11. THE STATUS OF COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES DURING PESACH (ACCORDING TO THE CRC)

1. All varieties of body soaps, shampoos, and stick deodorants are permitted for use on Pesach regardless of their ingredients.

2. All types of ointments, creams, nail polish, hand lotions, eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, blush, foot and face powders, ink or paint may be used regardless of their ingredients.

3. Colognes, perfumes, hairspray, shaving lotions and deodorants that have denatured alcohol (listed as SD, SDA, [or with a number or letter

i.e. SD29C or SD40], SD Alcohol, Alcohol, Denatured Alcohol or Ethyl Alcohol) cannot be used on Pesach unless they appear on a reliable list. This only applies to products in a pure liquid state.

4. Lipsticks, toothpaste and mouthwash that contain *chametz* should not be used.

12. FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

The “fast of the firstborn” is usually held on Passover eve. This year, Erev Pesach falls on Friday, April 22. It begins at 4:54 am and ends at 8:20 pm. Those obligated to fast include a firstborn son and the father of a firstborn son who is too young to fast (according to custom).

A person is permitted to break this fast by attending a *Seudat Mitzvah* — such as a *Bris Milah* or *Pidyon Haben*. It has become customary to schedule the completion of a Talmudic tractate (*siyum*) on this day, since those who join in the accompanying meal are exempted from fasting. We will be leading a *siyum* on Friday morning immediately following morning services.

13. BEDIKAT CHAMETZ - SEARCHING FOR CHAMETZ

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is *bedikat chametz*—the search for *chametz*. The ceremony is composed of five parts:

1. Reciting a special blessing over the *mitzvah* of the removal of *chametz*.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle or flashlight to find vestiges of *chametz*.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of *chametz*.
4. The burning or disposal of any *chametz* found during the search.
5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

This year, the search for *chametz* is held on Thursday evening, April 21, immediately at 8:20 pm. Prior to the search, we make the blessing of “*Al biyur chametz*,” and after the checking we declare the nullification of *chametz* (*bitul*). The texts for the *bedikat chametz* can be found on page 654 of the Artscroll *siddur* or in the opening pages of many Passover Haggadahs.





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14. BIYUR CHAMETZ - DESTROYING THE CHAMETZ

One is only permitted to eat *chametz* until 10:48 am on the Eve of Passover (Friday, April 22). All *chametz* must be burned or destroyed by 11:50 am of the same day. This requirement is limited to foods under Jewish ownership. *Chametz* that has been transferred to a non-Jew need not be destroyed. *Kol chamiro* is recited at this time.

15. CANDLE LIGHTING FOR PESACH

Candle lighting time for the first night of Passover (Friday evening, April 22) is 7:34 pm. A 24-hour candle should be lit at this time as well so that we may light from an existing flame on the second night of Passover. Candle lighting time for the second night of Passover (Saturday night, April 23) is after 8:34 pm. We light from an existing flame.

16. THE SEDER NIGHT

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

1. The essence of the *seder* is the recounting, learning, and delving into the experience of the Exodus. The Haggadah is filled with many words and ideas. Our challenge over the evening is to make them come alive, to internalize the teachings, and inspire thought and open discourse. The *ma nishтана* questions are meant to allow us to understand the importance of asking questions in this process of re-telling.

2. The eating of *Matzah*, the bread of liberation. To fully fulfill this *mitzvah* one needs to eat four *ke-zayitim* of *Matzah* (*kezayit* literally means an olive's worth of flour) - often understood to be 1/2 of a machine-made matzah, or a 1/3 of a hand-made *matzah* for each *ke-zayit*. One should eat two *ke-zayitim* right after the hand washing, the 3rd as the *Korach* sandwich, and the 4th as the *Afikoman*. All of these eatings of *Matzah* should be done while leaning on your left side as an expression of luxury and freedom.

3. The Eating of *Maror*: One should eat two *ke-zayitim* (if you are using romaine lettuce, each *ke-zayit* is one large leaf). One should eat one *ke-zayit* after the blessing on *maror*, and a second portion in the *Korach* sandwich.

4. The drinking of four cups of wine or grape juice. The cup should hold at least a *rivi'it* (which is 3.3 ounces). One should drink most of each of these cups. While drinking, we lean to the left as an expression of luxury and freedom.

5. Praise and *Hallel*: Thanksgiving is the final and ultimate element of the *Seder*. One should strive to genuinely experience this fundamental sensation of gratitude.

17. SEFIRAT HA'OMER – THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

On the night of the second *seder*, Saturday, April 23, we begin counting the 49 days towards the festival of *Shavuot*. The count takes place each night after dark. It was initially intended as a joyous period leading up to the holiday of *Shavuot*, however, subsequent developments in Jewish history mark parts of this time as one of mourning. One of the tragedies that occurred in this time was the death of 12,000 pairs of Torah students who did not treat each other with proper respect.

18. PESACH SEDER MATCHING

We are offering a meal matching program, as we did over the High Holidays. The process is simple. Just let us know if you have an extra place or 2, or 3, etc. at your table for the First or Second Seder. Also let us know if you need a place for the First or Second Night of Passover, and any dietary restrictions you may have. We'll make all the matching happen. Email Sara Darmoni (schnitzsa@gmail.com) whether you want to host or be a guest.

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If you have not been contacted by the buyer by 9:15 pm Saturday night, April 30, the buyer has reneged on the full payment and the *chametz* reverts to your ownership. However, all sellers should be aware that in past years, there has always been at least one lucky winner who has had their *chametz* bought and taken away by the buyer. If you plan to sell your *chametz* through CBI, please fill out the back of this form. It is ideal to meet with Rabbi Cohen to enact the *kinyan* at one of the listed times. In case of hardship, one can enact the sale by simply mailing this form back to the CBI office without the *kinyan*.

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The Sale of Chametz Authorization

AUTHORIZATION DELEGATION OF POWER AND AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

(and the Bill of Sale executed in connection with such sale)

I/ We,

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

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

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

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

and shall include all "Chametz" and/or mixtures containing "Chametz" that is or may be knowingly or unknowingly in my possession (as "possession" is defined in and by Torah and Rabbinic Law and Jewish Tradition), or to which I have or may have legal responsibility in whole or in part (including corporations or other business entities which own or deal in "Chametz" in which I may have an ownership interest), or transit goods which may be delivered to me during the period commencing Friday, April 22, 2016 through Saturday night, April 30, 2016.

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

Cohen has the keys; also, include the location of car keys, if applicable):

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

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

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

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February 6: Gladys & Philip Leider; Roded & Rachel Sharan and Sagi, Shani, and Ziv, in honor of the bar mitzvah of Oded Sharan; The grad students, young professionals, and young folks of CBI in gratitude to and appreciation of the CBI community: Lisa Aremband, Miriam Barrere, Brian Blumenthal, Andrea Brott, Hadar Cohen, Laya & Yoni Cooperman, Michael Danto, Benjamin Epstein, Joel Finbloom, Amalya Lehmann, Shivaram Lingamneni, Raphael Magarik, Molly Nadav, Dorit Resnikoff, Nehama Rogozen, Noam Saper, Lauren Schuchart, Eli Silins, Sarah Silverman, Jonathan Thirman, Arielle Tonkin, Ari Weber, Elan Weinstock, Sara Weissman

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February 20: Paul & SerachBracha Albert in honor of their wedding

February 27: Liora Brosbe & R. Daniel Isaacson, Asher, and Elijah in honor of Judah's 1st birthday today. Adam Brelow & Maharat Victoria Sutton in honor of all three of our birthdays this week, and Ruth Bruria's 1st birthday today. And in honor of great-grandma Ruth, may she be blessed with health. Both of our families are so grateful for all of the love and support of the CBI community, and look forward to celebrating more birthdays together.

March 5: Ronald & Bella Barany celebrating Ron's 88th birthday, along with the Barany boys, David, Micah, Ezra and families; daughter

Sylvia Vered and family sending hugs and greetings from Israel. Co-sponsors wishing Ron a hearty Mazal Tov are: SerachBracha & Paul Albert, Rivka Amado & Malcolm Feeley, Bernice Bradley, Marilyn Markowitz, Susan Jacobson, Gladys & Phil Leider, June & Bob Safran, Sheila & Marvin Yudenfreund, Joelle Yzquierdo. Matan Gilbert, in honor of his son Nadav's 3rd birthday, his upcoming upsherin, and the beginning of a life of learning and good deeds; Rebecca Landes & Ben Rose in observance of the yearzeits of Ephraim Landes and Albert Rose; Justin & Sheba Sweet in memory of Justin's mother Elizabeth Leah Sweet on her 71st yearzeit

March 12: Avraham Burrell in celebration of the birth of his grandson David Chaim; Leora Lawton in thanks to Hashem and for all the people who helped me in my convalescence, and to acknowledge that I met all of these people through CBI and so I give thanks to the whole community.

March 19: Elias family and Marilyn Samuels in honor of David Cramer's birthday; Avi Zinn and Cory Isaacson, Leah, and Bina in memory of Bernie Zinn, in recognition of the end of avelut, and in celebration of Leah's 3rd birthday; Howard Felson and Efrat Campagnano in honor of their birthdays and the CBI community.

March 26: Lorelai Kude in honor of her son Jesse (Yishai)'s birthday; Joshua & Jenny Kirsch in honor of Rabbi Rue; Congregation Beth Israel in honor of the members of the Morasha Legacy Society: Paul & Serachbracha Albert; Fran Alexander; Noah and Hope Alper; Anonymous (3); 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; Sam & Bathea James; Russell Kassman; Gary & Ilene Katz; Jesse and Gabriella Kellerman; Seymour Kessler; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Aaron Marcus; Gary & Lois Marcus; Ed & Phyllis Miller; Joel & Irene Resnikoff; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes; Mordy & Rena Rosen; Harry and Dorothy Rubin; Bob and June Safran; Ory Sandel; SaraLeya Schley; Carol Shivel; Steve Silberblatt & Rita Kohl; Bob & Naomi Stamper; Justin and Sheba Sweet; David & Rikki Sudikoff; Linda & Stanley Wulf

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Baruch Dayan Emet Condolences

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of:

Helen Mell Johnson (Chana bat Yaakov u Devora), beloved mother of Glenn Massarano and mother-in-law of Judy Massarano. She is survived by her children Debbie Massarano and Robin Kelley and grandchildren Betzalel and Sa'adia Massarano. She was the beloved grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

David Federman, beloved father of Rachel Federman and father-in-law of Hillel Greene. He is survived by his wife Esther Federman, son Michael (& Andi) Federman, and siblings Zahava Federman, Shlomit Federman and Ronnie Federman and his grandchildren.

Michael Wankum, beloved brother of Rose Ginsburg and husband of Charlene Wankum - father, grandfather, uncle.

Judge Leon Brickman (Eliezer ben Chayim Menachem Ha-Levy), beloved husband of Roslyn Brickman, z"l, father of Rena Rosen and father-in-law of Mordecai Rosen. Judge Brickman is survived by his second wife Ruth Brickman, his sister Lillian Brickman Koenig, his daughter Zahavah Straus and husband Moshael Straus, and son Noah Brickman and wife Barbara Brickman. Our condolences also go out to Michael & Deborah Rosen, Gabriella Rosen Kellerman & Jesse Kellerman, and Raphael & Jeanette Rosen. Judge Brickman was a beloved grandfather of 8, and a doting great-grandfather of 9.

Rabbi Dan L. Dorfman, beloved husband of Laurie Zoloth, loving father of Natan (Ariella) Levy, Noah (Margaux) Levy, Ben, Josh and Sarah Dorfman, proud grandfather of Chava Temima, Sa'adya, Emuna, Ezra and Lola.

Anita Silberblatt (Chana bat Menachem Mendel v'Shifra), beloved mother of Steven Silberblatt and mother in law of Rita Kohl. She is survived by Steve's brothers, Mark and Neil, and 7 grandchildren, including Rafi & Leila Silberblatt.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.

May God comfort the families and all others who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazel Tov

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

To **Issy & Patricia Kipnis** on the engagement of **Gabriela Kipnis & Abe Fine**.

To **Zusha Leeds and SaraLeya Schley** on the wedding of **Dana Leeds & Avrohom Chaim Erbllich**.

To **Paul & SerachBracha Albert** on their wedding.

To the **Lichtenstein and Rosen families** on the engagement of **Matty Lichtenstein & Zvi Rosen**.

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

BIRTHS

To **Idit and Steven Solomon** and big sisters **Orly and Nili** on the birth of a baby girl, Yael.

To parents **Ariana Heller & Jesse Grant**, big brother **Elan Max Grant**, and grandparents **Anya & Preston Grant** and **Jack & Susan Heller** on the birth of a baby girl, Hannah Celia.

To parents **Gabriella Rosen Kellerman & Jesse Kellerman**, big brother **Oscar**, and grandparents **Mordy & Rena Rosen** and **Jonathan & Faye Kellerman** on the birth of a baby girl, Masha Rose.

To parents **Jeanette Wickelgren & Raphael Rosen**, big brother **Allen Caleb**, and grandparents **Mordy & Rena Rosen** and **Norma Graham** on the birth of a baby boy, William Solomon.

To parents **Rachel & Jacob Heitler**, big sister **Orly Binah**, grandparents **Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein** and **Susan & Bruce Heitler** on the birth of a baby girl, Maya Sephirah.

To parents **Dan & Angela Engel**, big sisters **Maya and Anita**, and grandparents **Marv & Sara Engel**, on the birth of a baby girl, Raquel Antonia.

To **Avraham Burrell's son Zalman Krems & his wife Simcha**, big sister **Devorah** and big brothers **Ari, Izzy & Mordi**, and grandparents **Avraham & Ruchama Burrell**, on the birth of a baby boy, David Chaim.

To parents **Beth Oelberger Astmann & Jonathan Astmann**, and big brother **Anshel** on the birth of a baby boy, Sigmund Meyer.

May these children's lives be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal Tov!



Birthdays

Katrin Arefy, April 5
Joel Brodsky, April 5
Deborah Lesser, April 5
Anna Belle Panish, April 5
Joshua Reich, April 5
Tania Schweig, April 6
Fran Quittel, April 7
Laya Cooperman, April 8
Chaim Mahgel-Friedman, April 8
Naomi Kincler, April 9
Glenn Massarano, April 9
Roni Greenberg, April 10, 18th b-day
Max Heitler Bamberger, April 10, 13th b-day
Nitzan Loewenberg, April 10, 14th b-day
Miriam Petruck, April 11
Robinn Magid, April 12
Ayala Goldberg, April 13, 4th b-day
David Miller, April 13
Zohar Ladon, April 19, 1st b-day
Maayan Fenton, April 20, 2nd b-day
Liora Brosbe, April 23
Maya Frayda Elias, April 23, 4th b-day
Hoshaya Cohen, April 25, 7th b-day
Michael Greenwald, April 25
Bina Zinn, April 25, 1st b-day
Roni Alperin, April 26
Boaz Buchman-Perl, April 27, 9th b-day
Bat Sheva Miller, April 27
Kochava Neumeier, April 27, 3rd b-day
Maxine Winer, April 28
Jesse Matan Gerwein, April 29, 12th b-day
Jennifer Panish, April 29
Carol Cunradi, April 30
Elijah Isaacson, April 30, 8th b-day
Aliza Craimer Elias, May 1
Arye Rosenstein, May 1
Hedva Rose Felson, May 4, 5th b-day
Sagar Pilania, May 4
Ben Rose, May 4
Adene Sacks, May 4
Maya Berman, May 5, 1st b-day
Sam Haber, May 5
Raizel Mahgel-Friedman, May 5, 8th b-day
Claire Fenton, May 7
Yonatan Cohen, May 8
Norman Winer, May 8
Viola Katz, May 9, 3rd b-day
Daniel Magid, May 10
Josh Kirsch, May 11
Marvin Engel, May 12
Bathea James, May 13
Shai Krantz, May 14, 10th b-day
Dorit Resnikoff, May 14
Elan Weinstock, May 15
Jacob Cohen, May 16
Ben Zeitlin, May 16
Guy Biton-Harel, May 17
Cory Isaacson, May 17
Dror Neumeier, May 21, 11th b-day
Aaron Marcus, May 22
Ayelet Jelen, May 24, 1st b-day
Miriam Barrere, May 25
Alexandra Weiss, June 1, 2nd b-day
Phyllis Emanuel, June 2
Natan Kuchar, June 2
Gaby Schubert, June 2, 12th b-day
Nili Solomon, June 2, 4th b-day
Orly Solomon, June 2, 4th b-day
Linda Nied, June 3
Hazel Kirsch, June 5, 9th b-day
Eli Shannon, June 5, 18th b-day
Brian Blumenthal, June 7
Joseph Hellerstein, June 7
Eliza Smith, June 7, 16th b-day
Ezra Bolton, June 8, 16th b-day
Marvin Metviner, June 8
Sarit Oster, June 8
Yael Steinman, June 8, 6th b-day
Sheldon Zedeck, June 8
June Safran, June 10
Woody Bolton, June 12
Shalom Spivak, June 13, 11th b-day
Shira Berman, June 14, 4th b-day
Anya Shannon, June 14, 15th b-day
Nava Schweig, June 15, 15th b-day
Ken Bamberger, June 17
Milea Kenin, June 18, 11th b-day
Kenny Weiss, June 18
Jacob Harari, June 20
Matya Menda, June 21, 4th b-day
Elana Stone, June 21, 4th b-day
Paul Albert, June 22
Satya Levine, June 22
Ron (Ami) Stein, June 22, 17th b-day
Abraham Quastler, June 23, 11th b-day
Harry Rubin, June 23
Akiva Davis, June 24, 8th b-day
Maytal Bach, June 26, 16th b-day
Andrea Brott, June 28
Ronna Kabatznick, June 29
Linda Diamond, June 30

Anniversaries

Benjamin & Sara Darmoni,
April 2, 4th anniversary
Steven & Joan Ominsky,
April 4, 51st anniversary
Michael & Deborah Lesser,
April 6, 47th anniversary
Jack Cohen & Noa Silver,
May 18, 2nd anniversary
Noah & Hope Alper,
May 25, 30th anniversary
Asaf Shor & Hilla Abel,
May 26, 11th anniversary
Gilad Buchman & Racheli Perl,
May 31, 13th anniversary
Joseph Hellerstein & Adene Sacks,
June 2, 20th anniversary
Dean & Lauren Robinson,
June 7, 7th anniversary
Mordecai & Rena Rosen,
June 10, 43rd anniversary
Sam & Rose Ginsburg,
June 11, 50th anniversary
Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner,
June 15, 19th anniversary
Edward & Phyllis Miller,
June 19, 50th anniversary
Glenn & Judith Massarano,
June 23, 30th anniversary
Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund,
June 25, 50th anniversary
Ben & Jo-Ellen Zeitlin, June 28,
7th anniversary
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June 29, 13th anniversary





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Norman Feldman: in honor of Paul Albert & Ser-achBracha's wedding
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Jane Falk

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