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Congregation
Beth Israel

Pesach 5784

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Pesach Schedule



Please note that the skywall between the sanctuary and social hall has been lowered for Pesach.

Monday, April 22

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA'ANIT BECHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

FIRST SEDER

7:00 PM // Mincha, Yom Tov Ma'ariv & Hallel

7:34 PM // Candle Lighting*

8:20 PM // Fast ends

After 8:20 PM // Begin First Seder

** 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.*

Tuesday, April 23

YOM TOV -1ST DAY OF PESACH

9:00 AM // Morning Services @ CBI

9:00-11:15 AM // Shabbat Youth Programming

Drasha by Rabbanit Wolkenfeld: An Ode to Parsley

7:00 PM // Yom Tov Mincha, Ma'ariv & Hallel*

AFTER 8:34 PM** // Light Candles from pre-existing flame

AFTER 8:34 PM // Begin Second Seder

AFTER 8:34 PM // Count the first night of Sefirah

Wednesday, April 24

YOM TOV -2ND DAY OF PESACH

1st Day of the Omer

9:00 AM // Morning Services @ CBI

9:00 -11:15AM // Shabbat Youth Programming

Drasha by Rabbi Cohen: R. Akiva's Insistence on Hope

7:30 PM // Yom Tov Mincha, followed by Shabbat Ma'ariv

8:35 PM // Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends

** 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 Havdalah candle.*

Thursday, April 25

2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH -

2nd Day of the Omer

6:45 AM // Morning Service

6:10 PM // Mincha & Maariv Services

Friday, April 26

3RD DAY CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

3rd Day of the Omer

6:45 AM // Morning Service

7:00 PM // Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv

Saturday, April 27

SHABBAT 4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

4th Day of the Omer

9:00 AM // Morning Service

11:00 AM // Shir Ha'Shirim

7:30 PM // Shabbat Mincha

8:39 PM // Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends

Sunday, April 28

5TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH -

5th Day of the Omer

8:00 AM // Morning Service

Sunday night & Monday, April 28-29

YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH -

6th Day of the Omer

7:23 PM // Candle Lighting*

7:00 PM // Mincha and Yom Tom Ma'ariv

9:00 AM // Morning Service

7:00 PM // Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv

After 8:22 PM // Light Candles from pre-existing flame

** 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.*

Monday night & Tuesday, April 29-30

YOM TOV - 8TH DAY OF PESACH

7th Day of the Omer

7PM // Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv

After 8:41PM // Light Candles from pre-existing flame

9AM // Morning Service

Youth Programming

10:15AM // Yizkor

7:40PM Yom Tov Mincha followed by Ma'ariv & Havdalah*

8:42PM // Yom Tov ends

** 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 Havdalah candle.*

If you sold your chametz through CBI and have not been contacted by 8:50 pm, you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

Pesach Kiddush Sponsors

Thank you to all of the generous sponsors of our Pesach kiddushim.

First Day, Tuesday, April 23

Oded & Rebecca Angel: the Ladon Krieger family in honor of Zohar's 9th birthday; Rabbanit Meira & Ezra Wolkenfeld in honor of the visiting Wolkenfelds and Ezra and Shira's birthday; Joel and Joan Brodsky in honor of the 60th anniversary of Joel Brodsky's bar mitzvah

Second Day, Wednesday, April 24

Ben & Lauren Fleishman; Josh, Piera, & Judah Willner in gratitude to the Cohen family; Rabbi Daniel Isaacson and Liora Brosbe

Shabbat Chol HaMoed, April 27

Norm, Sam, & Jeremy Winer in honor of their mother Maxine Winer's birthday; Ory & Tamar Sandel in honor of the 13th anniversary of Talya's bat mitzvah and Talya and Eyal's visit

Seventh Day, April 30

Lou Schubert in honor of his father's Yahrzeit on the seventh day of Pesach

Eighth Day, April 30

Jim & Carol Cunradi; Stephen & Joan Reich; Jenny & Josh Kirsch

Please email the kiddush coordinator at kiddush@cbiberkeley.org if you'd like to join as a sponsor on April 23 (Pesach Day 1), April 24 (Pesach Day 2), or April 30 (Pesach Day 8). Donations of any amount can be made on our new EasyShul website. Select the appropriate Kiddush from the drop-down menu: <https://cbiberkeley.easyshul.com/donation>. Please note that our office manager will be out of the office this week. If you join as a kiddush sponsor after noon on Friday, April 19, please [email our kiddush coordinator](#) so that we can properly acknowledge you.

SPONSOR KIDDUSH

Classes This Week

Daf Yomi Learning

8AM // Shabbat morning

7AM // Sunday

7:45AM // Monday-Friday (after Shacharit)

Tuesdays // 12PM **Class will not meet on April 23 and 30.**

Midrash on the Parsha

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld

This class explores the weekly Torah portion through the lens of midrash. We will also discuss the history of midrash and study selections from both legal and nonlegal midrashic collections. We will consider how the rabbis developed unique and creative approaches to reading the biblical text. Come think about the Parsha on Tuesdays, and you'll always have a d'var Torah ready for your Shabbat table.

Tuesdays // 1PM

CBI's Mah Jongg group meets weekly and is open to players that know how to play and already have their National Mah Jongg Play Card. Beginners are welcome to join as well. Marti Zedeck will be teaching every Tuesday. To join, please be in touch with

Marti.

Fridays // 9AM Class will not meet on April 19.

Talmudic Wisdom: Tractate Sotah

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

Tractate Sotah primarily explains the ritual of the bitter water, a trial by ordeal of a woman suspected of adultery by providing close Halakhic readings of biblical verses. Rich in Aggadic references, Sotah also includes material relating to central biblical figures and events. Time and time again, talmudic discussions offer a lens into the rabbis' views on religious, moral, and theological questions.

Upcoming Events

Israeli Poetry Shabbat with Dr. Rachel Korazim

Friday, May 3

6:40 // Mincha followed by kabbalat Shabbat

7:40 // Dinner and talk: Poems For Our Days

Shabbat Morning, May 4

9:00 AM // Morning services followed by drasha: Two Poems About Remembrance

6:30 PM // Class before mincha: Poetry in the Wake of October 7th In Conversation with our Sacred Sources

Sunday, May 5

12:00 - 2:00 PM // Workshop: Amichai at 100

7:30 PM @ Beth El Congregation // Berkeley Synagogues Yom HaShoah Observance. Dr. Korazim will speak on: Memories

- **Friday Night Dinner:** \$30 Adults • \$20 Students & Young Professionals & Children (2-12) • \$80 max. per family
- **Sunday Poetry Workshop:** \$20
- **Lecture Sponsorship:** Sponsor one of the weekend lectures with a donation of \$500.

Register today by making a payment using the dropdown menu on our EasyShul page [HERE](#). Payments can be made under "Korazim Dinner Friday 5/3," "Korazim Class Sunday 5/5," and "Korazim Lecture Sponsorship."



SHABBAT SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

Israeli Poetry Shabbat

With Dr. Rachel Korazim

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
קהילת בית ישראל



Dr. Rachel Korazim created an online global community of hundreds of people who meet to study Israeli poetry. Through her teaching, she opens a window into Israeli society through literature, stories, poems and songs.

Save the Date: Honoring the Hendons

Shabbat, May 4, Kiddush

A kiddush lunch is planned for shabbat on May 4 to honor and wish best tidings to our very dear friends and long-time CBI members Toby and Ezra Hendon who will be moving to Seattle later in May. Those who wish to contribute toward this special kiddush may do so via [this link](#) ("Hendon Kiddush May 4") or by contacting the CBI office.

Yom Hashoah Berkeley Synagogues Commemoration

Sunday, May 5, 7:30 PM @ Beth El



Yom HaShoah

Berkeley Synagogues Observance

Sunday, May 5th at 7:30 pm
Congregation Beth El

In person & on Zoom

Meeting ID: 848 4813 1467
Passcode: 477772

CONGREGATION BETH EL

NETIVOT SHALOM
נתיבות שלום

Congregation Beth Israel

Dr. Rachel Korazim will speak on: Memories.

Erev Shira for Yom HaZikaron

Sunday, May 12

Please reach out to [Achinoam Aldouby](#) if you are interested in requesting a song or sharing a little bit about why a song is meaningful to you, in Hebrew or English.

Yom HaZikaron Commemoration and Transition Ceremony to Yom HaAtzmaut
Monday, May 13

Berkeley Community Wide Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
Tuesday, May 14, 5:30-9:00 PM
Register [HERE](#).

SPECIAL
EDITION

Berkeley, CA



JOIN US FOR

YOM HAATZMAUT

When
May 14, 2024

Time
5:30-9:00 PM

Where
Location given with registration



PROGRAM

Let's find JOY in our culture, our community, and our connections!

5:30pm: Activities for kids, teens, adults

6:30pm: Dinner, music, Israeli dancing

7:30pm: Activities for for teens & adults

8:30pm: Communal singing

9:00pm: L'hitraot & Lila Tov

PARTNERS

Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Jewish Coalition of Berkeley, JCC East Bay

COST

\$18 per individual

\$36 per family (up to 4 people)



PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

SAVE THE DATE-CBI Congregational Meeting & Election of Board of Directors

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM // Catered breakfast

9:30-11:00 AM // Congregational meeting

History & Stories Shabbat



SHABBAT SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

History and Stories Shabbat

With Rabbi Mike Feuer

Friday, May 24 and
Saturday, May 25

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Friday night dvar Torah/tisch: Torah's Heroic Journey

Shabbat morning drasha: Behar/Bechukotai - Reward or Punishment? Living in a World of Happenstance

Shabbat afternoon shiur: Memory, History and Heroic Stories – Lessons from 1492 for a Post-10/7 World

Seudah Shlishit: Healer as a Jewish Hero

Griefcase

Monday, May 27, 8:00 PM



Memorial Day
Monday May 27, 8 p.m.
CBI Berkeley

Griefcase volume 2

Stories, Songs & Poetry
of Loss Carried by the
Members of Our Community

In memory of Dr. Dennis Kuchar on the occasion of his second yartzheit

The CBI book club is back!

Tues, April 9 (Postponed, Stay Tuned for New Date) - [The Orchard](#), by Yochi Brandes (historical fiction), moderated by: Achinoam Aldouby and Ilana Mantell.

Tues, June 4 - [Sacred Trash](#), by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole (non-fiction), as well as

this podcast - <https://jewishunpacked.com/wuhsha-the-broker-excavations-from-the-cairo-geniza/>

Wed, Aug 7 - [Lamentations](#), by Yael Zeigler - Introduction and Chapter 1 (Torah commentary; Tisha B'Av is the following week)

Mon, Oct 21 (in a Sukkah) - [Morality](#), by Jonathan Sacks

Wed, Dec. 4 - [Rise and Kill First, The Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations](#), by Ronen Bergman (non-fiction)

We encourage you to buy books through [Afikomen](#), our local Jewish bookstore. Gatherings will be 7:30-9pm. Please email ilanamantell@gmail.com for location.

Life Cycle Announcements

Mazal tov! To great-grandmother **Fran Alexander**, grandparents **Irene and Joel Resnikoff**, and new parents **Dorit and Neriyah Ritblatt** on the birth of a baby boy born on Shabbat.

May this child's life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessings of peace and good deeds.

[Mark this occasions with an act of tzedakah.](#)

Israel Trip

Please RSVP for the CBI & Beth Jacob Congregation Israeli Solidarity Mission by Thursday, April 18th. The mission's core focus is on volunteerism, with an educational emphasis on "Voices of Israel since October 7th." We are planning this as a two-track mission: one for adults interested in volunteering and another for families with children. The feasibility of each track will rely on the level of commitment from participants in each demographic group. In order to ensure the viability of the trip, RSVP's are requested by Thursday, April 18th. Please reach out if you are interested in a scholarship. A recording of the information session can be found [HERE](#). Itinerary, pricing, and RSVP [HERE](#).

[ISRAEL TRIP INFO & RSVP](#)

Pesach Shopping Guides

CRC: <https://consumer.crckosher.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Shopping-Guide-2024-1.pdf>

Kosherquest: <https://kosherquest.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Pesach-5784->

OU: <https://oukosher.org/passover/the-ou-guide-to-passover-2024/>

CBI – General Announcements

Vehicle Donation - Give your used vehicle new life when you donate it to CBI/Gan Shalom Preschool: Donating your car, truck or boat is easy; any assets are welcome (jewelry, coins, etc.). We'll provide free pick-up, and your gift is tax-deductible and will benefit Gan Shalom's Scholarship Fund. We will provide release of liability, DMV and IRS documents, and handle any title, or ticket issues. Call Morton Thomas Rand at (650) 629-4000 or email mtrans25@yahoo.com.

CBI AT THE SHELTER: CBI has been making regular donations in lieu of meals. Please donate to the Rabbis Discretionary Fund and indicate shelter dinner:

- [by Paypal or credit card](#), please pick the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- @CBI-Berkeley by Venmo
- to office@cbiberkeley.org by Zelle
- by check to "Congregation Beth Israel", 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703

The Berkeley Eruv

Berkeley's Eruv status is posted every Friday generally by 1:30PM.

For the Eruv's map and more information, please consult <https://www.berkeleyeruv.org/>

Stay Connected



CBI Connected Families

To join a WhatsApp group contact the [CBI office](#).
