



Daf Hashavuah

Parashat Shemini, Mevarchim, April 25-26

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Shabbat Schedule



Drasha by Rabbi Cohen: On What and Who is Left

Friday, April 25
Day 12 of the Omer

6:45 AM // Shacharit
7:00 PM // Northside Minyan @ Gessow Home, 1315 Bonita Ave, Berkeley CA
7:00 PM // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI
7:37 PM // Candle Lighting

Shabbat Day, April 26
Day 13 of the Omer
Shabbat Mevarchim

9:00 AM // Shacharit Morning Services

Greeters:

- 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM: Jack Halperin
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Josh Kirsch

9:00 - 11:30 AM // Shabbat Youth Programming:

- Ages 0-3 @ CBI loft space // 10:40 AM parent-and-me tot Shabbat circle

- Ages 3 years -4th grade @ Gan Shalom // 9:00 AM drop off, 10:00 AM snack

Kiddush this week is sponsored by **Liberty Schubert**, in honor of Nicholas Rothbart on the occasion of their second anniversary.

7:30 PM // Mincha followed by seudah shlishit

8:37 PM // Shabbat ends

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING ONE OF OUR KIDDUSHIM:
April 26, 2025 Shmini

Please join us in wishing **Bella Barany** L’Hitraot before she makes Aliyah, later this year. We are planning to honor Bella at a Kiddush on **Shabbat morning, May 3**. If you would like to join in sponsoring this Kiddush, make a donation under "Bella Barany Goodbye - May 3rd **HERE**.

Please email the kiddush coordinator at kiddush@cbiberkeley.org if you'd like to sponsor one of these kiddushim. 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>.

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This Week

SERVICE SIGN UP

Sunday, April 27

Day 14 of the Omer

8:00 AM // Shacharit

6:20 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, April 28 - Tuesday, April 29

Days 15 & 16 of the Omer

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

6:45 AM // Shacharit with Hallel

6:20 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday, April 30

Day 17 of the Omer

Yom HaZikaron

6:45 AM // Shacharit

7:00 PM // Mincha followed by Yom HaZikaron Commemoration

8:00 PM // Ma'ariv followed by Hallel & Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration

Thursday, May 1

Day 18 of the Omer

Yom HaAtzmaut

6:45 AM // Shacharit with Hallel

6:20 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 2

Day 19 of the Omer

6:45 AM // Shacharit
7:00 PM // Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Classes This Week

Daf Yomi Learning

8AM // Shabbat morning
7AM // Sunday
7:30AM // Monday-Thursday (after Shacharit)

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.

Life Cycle Announcements

Condolences/Baruch Dayan Emet
Sondra Naomi Markowitz (Sarah Naomi bat Zelig v’Ruchel)

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of Sondra Naomi Markowitz — Sarah Naomi bat Zelig v’Ruchel — on Tuesday, April 22, in Seattle. Sondra was 93 years old and passed away peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by loving care from family, friends, and the extraordinary staff at the Mary Schwartz Summit.

Sondra was the beloved mother of Michael (Claudia), Daniel Markowitz (Deborah Sopher), and Jonah Elliott Markowitz. She was the cherished grandmother of Antonia and Noah, Elan and Aviv Markowitz, as well as Elan’s fiancée, Molly Roklen. She is also survived by her two brothers, Alan Diamond and Harold Diamond, and her sister-in-law, Debra Diamond.

A lifelong member of CBI, Sondra was one of our founding visionaries. Through her devoted service as president of CBI’s Sisterhood and her leadership in countless areas of communal life, she helped establish CBI as a center of prayer, Torah learning for all ages, and enduring commitment to Israel and the Jewish people.

Funeral services will be at CBI on Friday, April 25, at 11:00 AM. Kohanim can attend this service. This service will also be streamed on Zoom here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5108435246?pwd=AyGihVY6anU3TfEE0bnnWbjepXznCD.1>

Burial services will take place at 1:30 PM at Home of Peace, 4712 Fairfax Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.

All shiva gatherings and services will take place at Congregation Beth Israel. Mincha/Maariv services will be held each evening at 6:20 pm. Community members are warmly invited to visit with the Markowitz family at CBI during the following days and times:

- Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Monday, April 28, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Community members are also warmly invited to join Jonah Markowitz after services during the following gatherings at CBI:

- Tuesday, April 29, *After Morning and Evening Services*
- Wednesday, April 30 & Thursday, May 1, *After Morning Services*

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.
May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem.

Mark this occasion with an act of tzedakah.

Upcoming Events

Note: *This lecture series will be rescheduled due to unforeseen scheduling challenges.*

New Series: Halakhic Perspectives on Tragedy: Responding to Loss and War in Contemporary Contexts

with Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

~~April 28, May 5, & May 12, 7:30 PM at CBI~~

This class delves into the halakhic responsa related to the tragic events of October 7 and the war in Gaza, addressing pressing questions such as the initiation of mourning practices when a corpse remains missing, the participation of a kohen commander in the funeral of a soldier, and the laws of redeeming captives (pidyon shvuyim) in the context of modern warfare. We will explore how Jewish law navigates these complex issues and their implications for individuals and communities facing unprecedented challenges.

Yom HaZikaron with the Consulate General of Israel

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 PM, San Francisco (the exact location will be shared with those who RSVP)

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yom-hazikaron-israels-memorial-day-tickets-1295901429059?aff=oddtcreator>

Wednesday, April 30

Yom HaZikaron Commemoration & Transition to Yom HaAtzmaut



- 6:20 PM** // Mincha
 - 6:40 PM** // Yom HaZikaron Commemoration
 - 7:30 PM** // Maariv with Hallel for Yom HaAtzmaut
 - 7:50 PM** // Light Dinner
- Sign up for the ceremony and dinner [HERE](#).
- Sponsor Yom HaAtzmaut dinner with a donation of any amount under

"Yom HaAtzmaut" [HERE](#).

Save the Date! Community Wide Yom HaAtzmaut

May 1, 5:30-8:30 PM

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yom-haatzmaut-2025-tickets-1317614603749?aff=oddtcreator>



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YOM HA'ATZMAUT

<i>When</i> May 1, 2025	<i>Time</i> 5:30-8:30 PM	<i>Where</i> Location given with registration <i>Pre-registration required</i>
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Presented by: JCC East Bay, Berkeley Hillel, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Jewish Coalition of Berkeley

"From Screening to Survivorship: Supporting Loved Ones Through Cancer"

May 4th, from 4:30–6:30 PM at Beth Jacob Congregation

- Speakers:
- Dr. Pamela Munster, Co-Director, UCSF, BRCA Center for Research
 - Karen Newcomb, MS LMFT, Therapist & Breast Cancer Survivor
 - Naomi Tucker, Breast Cancer Survivor
 - Miriam Barrere, Breast Cancer Survivor

Moderated by and in partnership with Sharsheret. Everyone is welcome. Childcare is available.

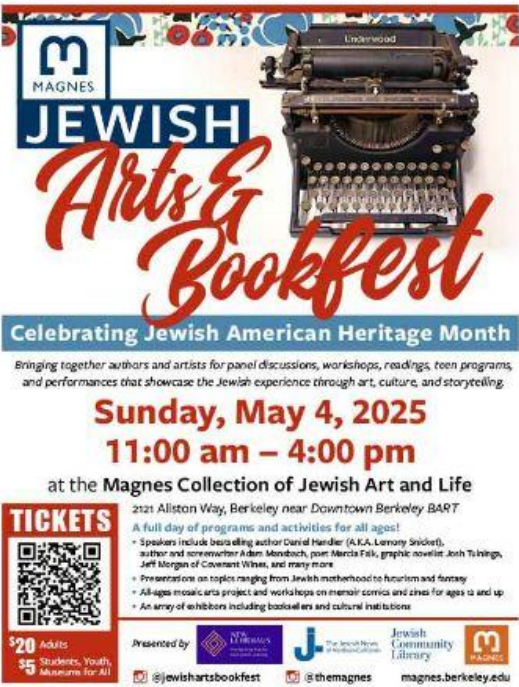
Register here: <https://sharsheret-org.givecloud.co/product/BAYAREA2025/oakland-panel>



On Sunday, May 4, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life will host the inaugural **Jewish Arts & Bookfest** in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month!

In the Magnes tradition of incubating Jewish cultural events, the Arts & Bookfest will bring together over 30 authors and artists for panel discussions, workshops, readings, teen programs, and performances that showcase the Jewish experience through art, culture, and storytelling.

Presented in partnership with New Lehrhaus, J. The Jewish News of Northern California, and Jewish Community Library.



Lag BaOmer Bonfire & Jam

Thursday, May 15, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Free

Bring your friends, bring your families, bring your instruments, and bring your voices to join the East Bay community for **Sacred Music Fellowship's** 2nd annual Laq BaOmer Bonfire & Jam.

Featuring music leaders from: Afikomen Judaica & Bookshop, Berkeley Hillel, Beth Jacob Congregation, Camp Tawonga, Chochmat HaLev, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Kol Retreat, Minyan Dafna, Olamim, Temple Sinai, and Urban Adamah.

Song sheets and chord charts will be provided to make it easy to sing and play along. This event is free and open to all ages.

More information here: <https://urban-adamah.my.salesforce-sites.com/WebEvent?eid=lag-bomer2025>

Sacred Music Fellowship
Unity Through Music
sacredmusicfellowship.org



Friday Night Dinner with R’ Yaffa Epstein - May 16

Join us for an inspiring and memorable Shabbat evening!

- Adults: \$30
- Students, Young Professionals, and Children (up to age 12): \$20
- \$75 per family

You can also sponsor a lecture (\$500) or sponsor the whole weekend (\$1,000) by making a donation on EasyShul.



Shabbat Scholars–in–Residence

**TEACHING TORAH
TEACHERS**

Rabba Yaffa Epstein

**Friday, May 16 to
Saturday, May 17**

CONGREGATION
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General Announcements

Coat Drive: Coats for donation can be left in the bin at the entrance to CBI



**Give Essentials,
Make an Impact**

As we prepare for Passover and clean out the breadcrumbs (*chametz*) from our kitchen, let's also clean our closets! Join Repair the World and Berkeley Hillel in uplifting those experiencing homelessness through a Jewish community-wide coat drive.



**JOIN US IN ENGAGING
YOUR COMMUNITY!**
During the Month of April

Partnering with Rogers and Rosewater, we're collecting coats during the month of April to distribute to those in need. Your hands-on support makes a meaningful difference!

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/>

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