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**Congregation
Beth Israel**

Daf Hashavuah

Parashat Chukat, July 4-5

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Shabbat Schedule



Drasha by Karen Kadish: Moral Injury and David HaMelech

Friday, July 4

6:45 AM // Shacharit

7:00 PM // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

08:17 PM // Candle Lighting

Shabbat Day, July 5

9:00 AM // Shacharit Morning Services

Greeters:

- 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM: Joseph Friedman
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Amitai Cohen
- 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM: Kinneret Katz

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

This week's **Kiddush** is sponsored by **Nae Golomb** in memory of her father, Joel S. Golomb and her friend, Leslie Ann Provence; **Joelle Yzquierdo** in honor of the CBI community; **Joel Resnikoff** in honor of Irene's birthday; **Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado** in honor of their son and his family visiting from Cynwyd, PA. Jacob, Elana, Zev and Ariav.

Hachnassat Orchim: Each week, a different household following CBI's kashrut standards hosts a Shabbat lunch, welcoming newcomers, visitors, and members of our community. Thank you to Kinneret Katz for leading this effort. If you'd like to host, please reach out to **Kinneret!** This Shabbat Lunch is graciously hosted by the **Kirsch Family**—thank you for your warm hospitality.

8:15 PM // Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit

9:21 PM // Shabbat Ends

The following dates are open for Kiddush Sponsors:

July 19 • Pinchas

July 26 • Matot- Massei

August 2 • Devarim

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING ONE OF OUR KIDDUSHIM:

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, July 6

8:00 AM // Shacharit

6:50 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, July 7 - Thursday July 10

6:45 AM // Shacharit

6:50 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, July 11

6:45 AM // Shacharit

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 HaEmet

Gerald Leroy Naftalin (Levi Yitzchak ben Avraham Moshe v'Deborah)

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of **Gerald Leroy Naftalin** (לוי יצחק בן אברהם) (משה ודבורה), who passed away in Los Angeles on Wednesday, July 3, 2025.

Gerald was the beloved husband of Nessa Naftalin, and a cherished father and father-in-law to Howie and Teri Naftalin, Lenny Naftalin and Eliane Barrington, Dorit and Harry Nelson, CBI members Rabbi Adam and Elana Naftalin-Kelman, and Ilana and Nick Jurkowitz. He was also the proud grandfather of 15 grandchildren, all of whom brought him great joy.

Funeral (Levaya):

Sunday, July 6 at 12:00 PM at Beth Jacob Congregation, LA.

Graveside Burial:

2:00 PM at Hillside Memorial Park, LA.

Shiva Information:

The family will be sitting shiva at the Naftalin family home, 157 S. Swall Drive, Beverly Hills.

- Mincha: Sunday–Thursday at 7:55 PM
- Shacharit: Monday–Friday at 7:30 AM
- No visitation from 11:00 AM–2:00 PM and 6:00–7:00 PM daily.

An opportunity to perform the mitzvah of nihum avelim in person will be announced when Adam returns to Berkeley after shiva is completed.

*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.

Unveiling - In Memory of Anna Belle Panish

In loving memory of Anna Belle Panish, we invite you to gather to remember her and unveil her headstone.

Gan Shalom Cemetery
1100 Bear Creek Road, Briones

July 6 • 11:00 am

Light refreshments afterwards at the Panish's:
5255 Locksley Ave, Oakland.

Upcoming Events

Join Us for "Shimmy with Kiki" – Belly Dance Classes for Women

Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood invites you to energize your mornings with **Shimmy with Kiki!** These fun and welcoming belly dance classes are open to women and girls ages 10 and up.

Class Dates:

July 6 | 10:00–11:00 AM @CBI



Whether you're completely new to dance or have some experience, Kiki brings over 10 years of passion and joy in Middle Eastern and Israeli dance to every class.

Suggested donation: \$5–\$20 per class. You can send your donation [HERE](#).

Drop-in style – no sign-ups or advance notice needed.

Have questions? Contact Kiki at (818) 795-6840 or kinnereteskatz@hotmail.com.

Come move, laugh, and connect!

Jewish Public Safety in Berkeley

We're excited to announce this very important event that is the result of a close collaboration between the Jewish Coalition of Berkeley and the American Jewish Committee (AJC Northern CA).

Amidst the rising tide of anti-Jewish hate across the country, we will be joined by the new **Alameda County District Attorney, Ursula Jones Dickson**, as well as representatives of the **Berkeley Police Department** to for a community discussion on public safety for the Berkeley Jewish community.

WHEN: Wed. July 16th, 7:00-8:30pm

WHERE: Location will be shared before event with those who **RSVP**.

With the backdrop of a sharp rise in antisemitic assaults, threats, and harassment nationwide — including high-profile acts of violence — Jewish communities across the country are grappling with deep concerns about safety. While Berkeley has so far been spared the worst of these incidents, the climate of fear has nonetheless touched our city. This event offers a chance to hear directly from local law enforcement and legal officials about their efforts to protect Jewish life and uphold public trust.

Join District Attorney Jones Dickson and representatives from Berkeley PD for an evening of information-sharing, dialogue, and trust-building..

We will discuss:

- What law enforcement is doing to counter antisemitic violence and intimidation
- How the community can stay informed and protected
- What partnerships can strengthen safety for all

Please RSVP and tell your

friends: <https://www.jewishcoalitionofberkeley.org/events/jewish-public-safety>



AJC San Francisco

Jewish Public Safety in Berkeley

Protecting our Community in a Time of Rising Hate

**An evening of dialogue and community
engagement with Alameda County District
Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson and
representatives from the Berkeley PD**

**WHEN: Wednesday, July 16th
7-8:30 pm**

**WHERE: Location to be
provided upon Registration**

- Hear directly from law enforcement and the prosecutor's office
- Ask questions and voice concerns
- Strengthen community trust and public safety

Registration Required

[Register](https://www.jewishcoalitionofberkeley.org/events/jewish-public-safety)

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General Announcements

Rabbi Out of Town – Availability Update

Please note that Rabbi Cohen will be out of town for a wedding, followed by vacation, starting June 29. While away, he remains fully available by email and, if necessary, by phone. Rabbi Cohen will return to the office on Friday, July 11.

The CBI Gala Auction Is Still Open!

Didn't get a chance to sign up for some of our amazing auction items?
Good news — you still can! You can still participate by filling out the form here:

From unique experiences to community-hosted events, there's something for everyone. Be sure to reserve your spot soon before they're gone!

Welcoming the Hartman Institute to CBI This Summer

We are honored to share that the Shalom Hartman Institute will be hosting its *Rabbanut North America* program at CBI this summer, from June 30 through July 24. This intensive learning and leadership seminar was originally scheduled to take place in Israel and has pivoted to our campus during this time of war.

This is a formal rental of our facilities, with Hartman using the building Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Please note:

- All weekday services, daf yomi classes, and regular CBI programs will continue as scheduled.
- Ongoing community gatherings, such as our Mahjong group, will retain their regular time slots.
- No Hartman programming is planned over Shabbat.

While we expect a smooth and respectful co-use of the space, some minor hiccups may arise. We ask for your flexibility and patience, and most of all, your warm hospitality in welcoming our guests.

For Congregation Beth Israel of Berkeley's Network— A Program for This Moment

Hi Congregation Beth Israel of Berkeley,

I hope you're doing well, and that any loved ones in Israel are safe and okay.

I'm reaching out to share an important and timely opportunity for college-aged students in Congregation Beth Israel of Berkeley's network. [Campus Commons](#) is a semester-long leadership and dialogue program for Jewish college students across North America. The program focuses on bridge-building, empathy, and navigating difference- skills that feel especially vital right now.

The priority deadline to apply is June 30, with rolling admissions through September 19.

Would you be willing to share this opportunity with your members and include it in your newsletter? [Here is our media toolkit with sample language and graphics](#). Or, you can [nominate a student directly here](#).

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

All the best,

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