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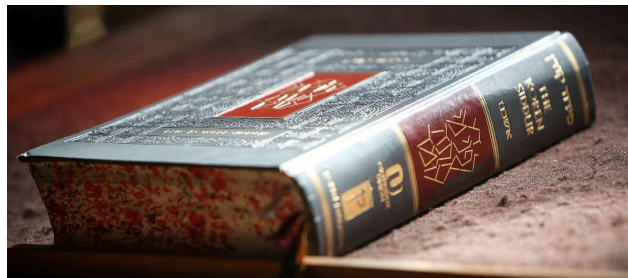
Daf Hashavuah

Pesach & Shabbat, April 7-11

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Shabbat and Pesach Schedule



Yizkor : Important Correction & Updated Schedule

Yizkor was mistakenly listed on both Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that Yizkor is observed only on the final day of Pesach, which this year falls on Thursday.

Kindly refer to the corrected schedule below. Thank you for your understanding, and we apologize for any confusion.

5TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH & EREV YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH

Tuesday, April 7

5th Day of the Omer

6:45 AM // Morning Service

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

7:20 PM // Candle Lighting*

- *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.*

Wednesday, April 8

9 AM // Morning Service and Youth Programming

Drasha by Rabbanit Wolkenfeld: **"What's So Bad About Bread?"**

Kiddush is sponsored by **Lou Schubert** in honor of the Jahrzeits of his parents.

YOM TOV – 8TH DAY OF PESACH

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

After 8:19 PM // Light Candles from pre-existing flame

Thursday, April 9

7th Day of the Omer

9 AM // Morning Service and Youth Programming

Drasha by R. Yonatan Cohen: **"You Will Bring Them": Unwitting Prophecy and the Generation That Will Not Enter**

10:15 AM // Yizkor

Kiddush is sponsored by **Adam Rosenzweig & Jessica Fain; Jack Halperin & Tamasin Partridge; Kaellyn Moss; Aron & Anna Gonshor** in appreciation for CBI; **the Kamenetz family** in honor of all the generous seder hosts in the community; **Ariel Mayse & Adina Polen** in honor of Rabbi Nehemia Polen and Lauri Wolff visiting for Pesach; and **Rabbi Nehemia Polen and Lauri Wolff** in honor of Ariel Mayse being promoted to full professor at Stanford University.

7:00 PM // Yom Tov Mincha followed by Mashiach Seudah and then Maariv and Havdala

8:20 PM // 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 8:30 PM, you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.*

Friday, April 10

6:45 AM // Shacharit

7:00 PM // Mincha followed by Kabbalat shabbat

7:23 PM // Candle Lighting

Shabbat Day, April 11

09:00 AM // Shacharit Morning Services

Drasha by Rabbi Nehemia Polen: **"Three Moments of Holy Silence"**

Greeters:

- 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Ricki Landes
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Liberty Schubert

09:00 - 11:30 AM // Shabbat Youth Programming:

- *Ages 0-3 @ CBI loft space // Parent-and-me tot Shabbat Circle*
- *Ages 3 years -4th grade @ Gan Shalom // 9:00 AM drop off, 10:00 AM snack*

Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by **Heshy Fried** in gratitude to the Cohens and Ladons for hosting us for the Seders!

Hachnassat Orchim: Each week, a different household following CBI's kashrut standards hosts Shabbat meals, welcoming newcomers, visitors, and members of our community. You can contact the hosts for that week (info below) or come to shul for Kabbalat Shabbat.

Shabbat Dinner is graciously hosted by [Heshy Fried](#). **Shabbat Lunch** is graciously hosted by the [Konikoff Family](#). Thank you for your warm hospitality, and to [Kinneret Katz](#) for leading this effort. If you would like to host, please reach out to Kinneret.

7:20 PM // Mincha followed by seudah shlishit

8:22 PM // Shabbat ends

The following dates are open for Kiddush Sponsors:

April 11 - Shemini

May 16 - Bamidbar

May 22 - Shavuot I

May 23 - Shavuot II

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. You may sign up to sponsor kiddush here: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/sponsor-a-kiddush/>

Sponsor Kiddush

Services Next Week

Sunday, April 12

8:00 AM // Shacharit

6:10 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, April 13 - Thursday, April 16

6:45 AM // Morning Service

6:10 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, April 17

6:45 AM // Shacharit

Classes This Week

Nehama Leibowitz on the Parsha **Class will not meet on April 7.**

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld • Tuesdays, 12:00 pm

In this class we'll study the weekly parsha, diving into traditional Jewish commentaries with the help of legendary teacher Nehama Leibowitz z"l (1905-1997).

Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm @ CBI

Life Cycle Announcements

Condolences/Baruch Dayan Emet - Linda Segal (Sudikoff Family)

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of **Linda Segal (Shayna Leah bat Lev v'Hinda Frayda)**, of Philadelphia, PA, who passed away in Marlton, New Jersey on Friday, April 3, 2026. Linda was the beloved sister of CBI member **Rikki Sudikoff (David)**, cherished mother of Jennifer Coatsworth (Walt), and devoted grandmother to Drew and Logan. The funeral will take place on **Monday, April 6**, in Southampton, PA. Rikki will be sitting shiva in Baltimore, Maryland on April 10, 12, and 13, and will return to the Bay Area to continue shiva in Berkeley on **Tuesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 15**. Details regarding shiva services in Berkeley will be shared after the holiday, as soon as they are available.

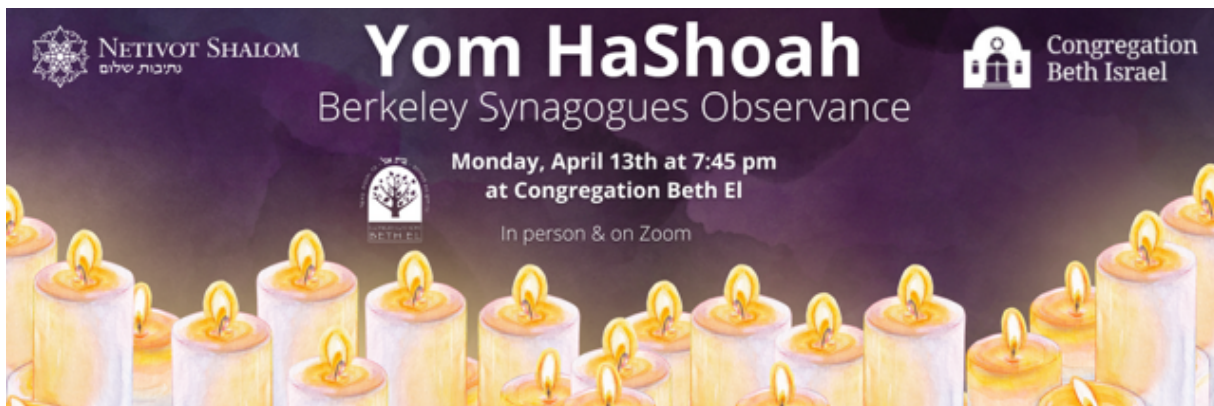
*HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.
May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem.*

Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Katz

Mazal tov to the Katz and Caspi families on the Bar Mitzvah of **Daniel Katz** on Shabbat Parshat Tazria-Metzora, April 18.

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

Upcoming Events



Berkeley Synagogues Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Monday, April 13, 7:45pm at Congregation Beth El

With Congregation Netivot Shalom and Congregation Beth Israel

Featuring speakers Alex Bergtraun, Allen Samelson, and Lisa Tabak, second generation descendants of Holocaust survivors, and members of the Holocaust Story Project, which provides personal oral histories to students in East Bay classrooms and conveys lessons on the dangers of bigotry, the importance of empathy and courage, and the strength of maintaining hope and resilience in response to intolerance and oppression.

Erev Shirah for Yom HaZikaron

Monday, April 20, 8:20 PM @ CBI

Yom HaZikaron Commemoration & Transition to Yom HaAtzmaut

Tuesday, April 21 @ CBI

6:15 PM // Mincha

6:35 PM // Yom HaZikaron Commemoration

7:25 PM // Maariv with Hallel

7:50 PM // Light Dinner

		
JOIN US FOR		
YOM HA'ATZMAUT		
<i>When</i> April 22, 2026	<i>Time</i> 5:30-8PM	<i>Where</i> Location shared with registration Pre-registration required
Presented by: JCC East Bay, Berkeley Hillel, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Jacob, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Jewish Coalition of Berkeley, Oakland Jewish Alliance, Temple Sinai		

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Wednesday, April 22 | 5:30-8pm

Join the JCC East Bay, Berkeley Hillel, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Jacob, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Temple Sinai, Oakland Jewish Alliance and Jewish Coalition of Berkeley to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). This family-friendly, fun-filled evening will include live music, activities, Israeli dinner and dancing! Pre-registration is required. Location shared after registration. **Pre-registration is required.** Location shared after registration. [Learn more here.](#)

To help make this event successful, we will need the support of volunteers. Please consider signing up using this [form](#).

Sacred Fire: A Musical Lag Ba-Omer Ceremony with Kedmah, IJS, and Shefa

Monday, May 4, 7:30-9:00 PM (7:00 doors)

Urban Adamah - 1151 Sixth St, Berkeley, CA 94710

Tickets: \$36 (financial aid available)

Lag BaOmer is a night of fire — bonfires, hidden light, the revelation of what has been quietly growing in us through the weeks of the Omer. Join us for a journey through contemplative and ecstatic song, sacred fire, kabbalistic teaching, meditation, and prayer.

Live devotional music from Mizrahi sacred song ensemble Kedmah (Rabbi Yosef Goldman and Yoni Avi Battat) is woven with mystical teachings from Rebecca Schisler, Rabbi Zac Kamenetz, and Jessie Gerzon, along with guided meditation, and prayer around a shared flame. The evening moves from stillness into communal voice, call-and-response, and powerful music and dance.

This event is c-sponsored by CBI, Netivot Shalom, and Wilderness Torah.

The Blood Drive at CBI

Get Ready to Roll up your sleeves! Not for Pesach cleaning but for our Blood drive at CBI on May 8th. We have 50 appointment slots to fill for that day. You can certainly be counted if you wish to give another day or at another location. If you have never donated before and have any questions Jo-Ellen Zeitlin, Naomi Stamper and Thom Seaton can answer many questions and also be there to hold your hand.



Blood Drive at Congregation Beth Israel
1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703 (Social Hall)
Friday, May 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Schedule your appointment today:
Scan the QR code



Or Visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CBIB>

Walk-ins welcome, but appointments are encouraged to reduce wait times.
Eligibility: Did you know that 37% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but fewer than 10% of eligible donors do so each year? Please be part of the solution!

More information about eligibility can be found here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html>

Questions?

Contact Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin at (312)-375-0763 or joellenzeitlin@gmail.com

The need for blood is constant. Your donation matters!

Gan Shalom



Very exciting news: Applications for our beloved Gan Shalom Preschool for 2026-2027 are now open! If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact our director Emma Schnur at director@ganshalomberkeley.org.

Applications can be filled out [here](#).

We also have a few precious spaces left for this year for children ages 2-5 years old. Feel free to reach out to Emma for more information!

Gan Shalom Preschool Application

General Announcements



Hand-drawn animation brings the past to life as an eyewitness to murder and a Holocaust survivor reveal their nation's darkest secret.

Recommended for ages 12 and up.

Produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker Yoav Potash (*Crime After Crime*, Sundance Film Festival)
Executive Produced by Anita Friedman

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**Film Screening with Filmmaker Q&A
moderated by Rabbi Yonatan Cohen**

Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 PM

**Rialto Cinemas El Cerrito
10070 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito**

[TICKETS & INFO at RialtoCinemas.com](https://www.rialtocinemas.com)

Hand-drawn animation brings the past to life as an eyewitness to murder and a Holocaust survivor reveal their nation's darkest secret. Combining magical realism with traditional documentary techniques, ***Among Neighbors*** examines the mystery of a small, rural town where people of two different faiths lived side by side for centuries—until the bloodshed began.

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[WATCH THE TRAILER](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Creating Hope

Pathways to Strength

Sandi Bragar & Jerome Rossen, Chairs

Celebration benefiting survivors
of domestic violence in the Jewish Community

MAY 7, 2026 ~ 6PM
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO

[More Information Here](#)



Discover Berkeley Moshav, a Jewish cohousing community under construction in the Bay!

Berkeley Moshav is building a modern Jewish village where daily life is shaped by connection, community, and the rhythms of Jewish tradition. It's a unique cohousing community where each family has their own private condo—complete with kitchen, living space, and privacy. Just outside each door are shared spaces designed to bring people together: a big yard, a garden, a communal kitchen and dining room, and spaces for music, crafts, and conversation. Berkeley Moshav weaves Jewish life into everyday moments—not just holidays or synagogue. Children grow up with friends just steps away, families support one another, and people of all ages share their hobbies and traditions.

Berkeley Moshav welcomes all levels of Jewish observance from secular to religious and welcoming of people from other traditions, and they proudly welcome families of all backgrounds and LGBTQ+! It's a place where neighbors become friends and community is built into daily life. Construction is well underway and move-in is scheduled for early 2027. Now is the perfect time to join!

To learn more, sign up for a Zoom info session at berkeleymoshav.org/events.

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