



Weekday Services March 29-April 2

Sun. 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am
Mon -Th 7:20 pm

Shabbat Shalem

A complete Shabbat experience including communal learning and meal, activities for children, and joyful Shabbat celebration

Scholar-In-Residence R. Dov Linzer
Friday & Saturday, March 27-28



Rabbi Dov Linzer is the Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, and the primary architect of its groundbreaking curriculum of Torah, Halakha, pastoral counseling and professional training. He teaches regular classes in advanced Talmud, advanced Halakha and the thought of Modern Orthodoxy, and serves as a religious guide to the yeshiva's 47 rabbinical students and its close to 100 rabbis currently serving in the field. Rabbi Linzer has been a leading rabbinic voice in the Modern Orthodox community for over 20 years, and teaches a Daf Yomi shiur which is available on YouTube and iTunes. He was most recently the convener of the 2012 Modern Orthodox Siyyum HaShas.

Friday March 27

6:50 pm Northside Minyan @ Alper home, 910 Oxford St.
7:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
8:00 pm Shabbat dinner at CBI (by RSVP only)
Text Study with visiting scholar, R. Dov Linzer: *Maggid, Talking Halakha or Telling a Story?*

Saturday Morning, March 28

8:30 am Pre-Prayer text study with visiting scholar, R. Dov Linzer: *Matzah – Bread of Affliction or Bread of Freedom?*
Torah Readers: **Benjamin Epstein, Zvi Rosen**
Haftarah Reader: **Mark Schickman**
11:20 am Educational program
Yeladim & Tot Shabbat: **Yael Krieger**
Talmidim Aleph: **David Hartman**
Talmidim Bet: **Michal Goldfarb & Naama Mayzlish**
11:30 am Text Study with visiting scholar, R. Dov Linzer: *From Sacrifice to Story*

Saturday Evening, March 28

6:00 pm Text Study with visiting scholar, R. Dov Linzer: *Korban Pesach Nowadays*
6:55 pm Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit co-sponsored by **Katya Gerwein in memory of her mother Karen Weiner z"l 1st yahrzeit**
8:07 pm Ma'ariv and Havdalah

Kiddush Sponsors:

The Schickman family, in memory of Marks' mother, Esther Rachel bat Tuvia
Irene & Joel Resnikoff and Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal in memory of Eli Resnikoff z"l on his 26th yahrzeit
Barbara Schick in honor of her mother's (Hannah Raiza bat Mordechai HaLevi) first yahrzeit
Congregation Beth Israel in honor of R. Dov Linzer

Hachnassat Orchim

Cory Isaacson & Avi Zinn

SAFETY AND SHABBAT

Statement from the OU

The tragedy this past Shabbat in Brooklyn has left all of us reeling in pain and utter shock. We must keep praying for the speedy recovery of the seriously injured mother and surviving child (their Hebrew names are Gila bat Frances and Tziporah bat Gila) as well as strength and consolation for their father and extended family.

This tragedy must serve as a reminder to all of us to be as conscious as possible of our own safety and the safety of our family and neighbors, particularly on Shabbat, Yom Tov, and especially at Pesach time.

- Working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. As we clean our homes for Pesach and carefully go from room to room making sure all is in order, this is a perfect time to ensure that appropriate alarms are installed in the proper locations with fresh batteries.
- Safety Certification. Please ensure that the electrical appliances we use, especially over Shabbat and Yom Tov are properly certified for safety. We are, correctly, particular to ensure that the food we eat is properly certified and to ensure that electric kettles, hot plates and so on have passed the "UL" - Underwriters Laboratories - inspection.
- Please remember that in many instances hot plates can be used with heavy duty time switches to ensure that they do not need to stay on for an entire Shabbat in accordance with rabbinical approval.
- Kashering utensils for Pesach can be dangerous. Please check with your local synagogue regarding public kashering availability
- While the custom is to use a candle for *Bedikat Chametz* (Searching for Chametz the night before Pesach) in any areas where it is even remotely dangerous to do so, such as closets, near flammable furniture etc, a flashlight must be used.

Please see the following resources for more information. May the Almighty keep us all safe, send healing to the injured and wipe away the tears from every face.

- <http://www.jewishfireprevention.org/>
- http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/safety/fire_safety_education/2010_02/12_fire_safety_for_jewish_observance_english.pdf
- http://www.teaneckshuls.org/files/Home_FireSafety_Checklist_Teaneck_Fire_Dept.pdf
- http://www.jcrny.org/what-we-do/security_emergency_preparedness/blog/

**Those who wish to sell their chametz through CBI should enact a kinyan with Rabbi Cohen who will be available:
Sunday March 29 8:40 – 9:00 a.m. @CBI
Thursday April 2 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. @The Cohen/Gonshor residence
(see CBI directory for home address)
as well as at other times by appointment.**

COMMUNAL HA'GALAH

Wednesday, April 1st

Ha'galah at CBI.....7:00 - 10:00 pm
Please Note: 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 immerse the utensil, and rinse in cool water.

Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scented products as there are congregants for whom these products are an irritant due to allergies or as a result of chemotherapy or other medical treatment. Thank you.

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ—SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

Thursday, April 2nd

Search for chametz at.....8:04 pm

PESACH - PASSOVER

Friday, April 3rd – Saturday, April 11th

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA'ANIT BECHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

FIRST SEDER

Friday, April 3rd

Fast Begins5:31 am
Morning Service.....6:30 am
Siyum for Firstborns after morning services7:15 am
Eat chametz until11:01 am
Burn chametz until12:00 pm
Candle Lighting*7:16 pm
Mincha, Yom Tov Ma'ariv & Hallel7:00 pm
Fast ends8:05 pm
Begin First Seder after**8:05 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 -1ST DAY OF PESACH

Saturday, April 4th

Morning Service.....9:15 am
Educational Program11:00 am
Shabbat Yom Tov Mincha, Ma'ariv & Hallel*7:00 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER**8:14 pm
Begin Second Seder AFTER8:14 pm
Count first night of Sefirah AFTER8:14 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 (6:14 pm).*

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

YOM TOV –2ND DAY OF PESACH

Sunday, April 5th

1st Day of the Omer
Morning Service.....9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha.....7:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends at8:15 pm

* *Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei peri ha'gafen) 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 6th

2nd Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH –

Tuesday, April 7th

3rd Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

3RD DAY CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Wednesday, April 8th

4th Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH –

Thursday, April 9th

5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service6:30 am

YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH –

Thursday night, April 9th - Friday, April 10th

6th Day of the Omer

Candle Lighting*7:21 pm
Mincha and Yom Tom Ma'ariv7:25 pm
Morning Service9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv7:20 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame AT7:22 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 10th - 11th

7th Day of the Omer

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv.....7:20 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame AT7:22 pm
Morning Service9:15 am
Yizkor10:30 am
Educational Program11:00 am
Shir Ha'Shirim11:30 am
Shabbat and Yom Tov Mincha7:00 pm
Seudah Shelishit7:20pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah, Shabbat & Yom Tov ends*8:21 pm

If you sold your chametz through CBI and have not been contacted by 8:45 pm you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

Beth Israel Classes

MONTHLY ON SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

Practical Issues in Contemporary Halakah: Join us for a monthly class that explores specific topics in contemporary Halakah. Each class is offered during the day and nighttime to allow for greater participation.

Topics:

Is the Use of Timers Permitted on Shabbat? **(Sunday May 10 at 8 pm or Monday May 11 at 11 am)**

Blessings and Altered States: Powerbars, Soups, and Mashed Foods **(Sunday June 14 at 8 pm or Monday June 15 at 11 am)**

R. Yonatan Cohen

MONDAY

Women's Dance Nights at CBI! Come dance to a blend of world music, jazz, klezmer, hip hop and more. No moves to remember, no cost either. Just a chance to let loose and get some good exercise in a fun way!

2nd & 4th Mondays @ 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.

David Henkin – Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Jewish Writings of Emmanuel Levinas: The Levinas Study Group meets at 8 pm at the Schweig home to discuss various essays of the Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. The group is currently reading selections of Franz Rosenzweig. No background necessary.

Muni Schweig - Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. @ the Schweig home

THURSDAY

Open Sources: Beit Midrash

Learn independently with a *hevruta* (study partner) or join in a *shiur* on the weekly *parsha*. If you are interested in finding a *hevruta*, email Maharatvictoria@gmail.com. **Please note the Beit Midrash will not meet April 2 or 9.**

Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Talmudic Wisdom: Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought. **Class is not meeting April 3.**

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 a.m.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Lost & Found: All the lost & found items at shul will be picked up by Monday, March 30, please make sure to retrieve your belongings!

Todah Raba! Wednesday our volunteers met at the Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter and provided 50 clients with a dinner of tossed salad supreme, steamed veggies, spaghetti & meatballs with sauce and all the "fixins," garlic bread & dessert. Most of our chefs also stayed to serve dinner. Thanks to **Deborah Shaw, Carol Cunradi, Aaron Marcus (who supplied the photos), Ronna Bach, Marti Zedeck, Sarah Lesser, Marge Green, Yonatan Taylor, Kathleen & Talia Bloom**, and special thanks to our newest volunteers, **Laya & Yoni Cooperman** who cleaned up the kitchen. **Rabbi Simchah Green** provided us with a wonderful pre-seder d'var Torah. You can sign up to help us with our April 22 dinner at the link provided in our emails. You can also support us financially with a donation too the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

The volunteers who ran the Sisterhood wine tasting last Sunday did a superlative job. There were over 30 varietals to taste, and Covenant's Jeff & Jodie, Eli & Jonathan and our wine expert extraordinaire, Hiram Simon supplied rich commentary on all of the vintages. You would be hard pressed to find a comparable wine event at any of the top wineries of Napa & Sonoma. Shabbat Shalom & a Happy, Kosher Pesach

Beth Israel Sisterhood

Hiram Simon & Covenant Winery

5TH ANNUAL PESACH WINE SALES

Please pick up your orders at shul

this Sunday, March 29, between 10 and 12

All profits donated by Hiram Simon/Winewise to CBI

Dedicating Our Gan Shalom Youth Center

Please join us for a festive celebration on **April 12, 2015 from 10 am – 12 pm** to mark the opening of our new Gan Shalom Youth Center.

We invite the entire CBI community – members young and old, friends, donors, alumni – to please join us for a festive breakfast at CBI followed by a multi-generational parade down the block to our new building at 2330 Jefferson St. for a celebratory mezuzot affixing and Torah dedication.

We thank each and every one of you who has given of your time, resources, patience and perseverance.

SCRIP: Oakland Kosher scrip is available now. Please get some before you shop at OKF so that the shul can make a profit from your Pesach shopping. You can pick it up at the office or get it delivered to you by Ruth Wittman or Naomi Stamper. Scrip will also be available at CBI on Sunday morning from 10 to 12 during the wine pick up hours, so you can get your wine and then go shopping. You can email nstamper@sbcglobal.net with questions and orders. Shop now or later, but shop with scrip.

Donate your car/boat/vehicle to Beth Israel/Midrasha. Full tax write off. Beth Israel/Midrasha share proceeds from sale. Contact David: 510-849-0961 or Midrasha: 510-843-4667.

In the Community

Shmurah Matzah at Afikomen Judaica

Kfar Chabad Wheat Hand Made Shmurah Matzah: 1 pound \$21

Gluten Free Oat Machine Made Shmurah Matzah: 1 pound \$29

Gluten Free Oat Hand Made Shmurah Matzah: 3 Matzahs \$32

SOLD OUT

100% Organic Whole Spelt Shmurah Matzah: 6 Matzahs \$32

SOLD OUT

Machine Made Wheat Shmurah \$10.25

Reservations highly recommended call 510-655-1977 or visit our website www.afikomen.com

Please note: we do NOT ship Matzahs, all orders will be available for pick-up at Afikomen Judaica

Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day: The City of Berkeley will be sponsoring the 13th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day event on **April 12, 2015 at 12pm**. The event will be hosted at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life located at 2121 Allston Way. This year, we will be honoring Distinguished Survivor Honoree Sonia Korn-Grimani. Musical performances include Jennie Chabon, Eliana Kissner, and Benji Marx along with selected readings by Stephanie Anne Johnson, PhD and Susan D. Felix.

IZZY SHER Garden Art Sale. Outdoor metal sculpture of our beloved late member, whose work is owned by the Oakland Museum, will be offered for sale on Sunday, April 19th. \$25 and up. 1312 Virginia St.. For more info, see http://izzysher.com/?page_id=9

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - Saturday, May 23rd - Sunday, May 24th, from dusk 'til dawn

@ JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut St, Berkeley 94709

A unique community-wide celebration and night of learning, a spiritual journey bringing together people of all varied perspectives and affiliations. Stay for an hour—or stay until dawn! We will be led in study by teachers from our diverse Bay Area Jewish community.

Childcare: We are offering childcare and a sleeping room (for ages 2 and up) until the end of the Tikkun. Parents must provide bedding, stay on-site, and pre-register online.

Volunteer Request: We are looking for volunteers for this year's Tikkun Leyl Shavuot! Whether you have volunteered in the past or are new to

the Tikkun, there are so many opportunities. Please contact Lauren Greis at tikkun@jccceastbay.org. Join us in celebrating Shavuot!
Contact: Lauren Greis at tikkun@jccceastbay.org or 847-606-0744

Limmud Bay Area 2015! Taking place on June 26-28, 2015 at Sonoma State University, Limmud offers hundreds of educational opportunities on everything from ancient wisdom and text study to modern filmmaking and Jewish yoga. And this year, for the first time ever, Limmud Bay Area celebrates a joyous and meaningful Shabbat together through a multi-denominational experience with something for everyone. Registration opens soon, but be sure to put it on your calendars now! More info at <http://www.limmudbayarea.org/>

MOSHAVA MALIBU - Register Early & Save! Bnei Akiva's coed religious overnight camp has excellent sports, arts, water sports, nature & more. Grades 3-10. Session: July 13 to Aug 10, 2015. Irvine Visit www.moshavamalibu.org or call 855-MOSHAVA for more info.

Camp Urban Adamah, August 10-14, 2015
Earth Builders, Co-Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel.
Explore, create, taste! It's summer on the farm. Enroll online at urbanadamah.org

Kosher Sandwiches @ UC Berkeley: Freshly made kosher sandwiches will be available at 11:30 am Monday through Fridays at the following locations: Crossroads at the Den (Channing & Bowditch), Golden Bear Cafe, and Cafe Ramona. Choices available: one meat, one poultry, and an egg salad. For any questions, contact Avraham Burrell avraham@mindspring.com.

Israel Focus

For your interest, information, protest, or counter-protest *Israel Focus is designed to inform our members about a broad range of local area events concerning Israel. It is expected that you will find events that you would support and others that you would not, yet we trust that they will all inform. Beth Israel does not necessarily endorse any particular event.*

Monday, March 30, Ruth Calderon, Talmudic Scholar, Founder of ALMA Home for Hebrew Culture, Member of Knesset *Talmud For Everyone*, location & time TBD.

We invite you to submit announcements for inclusion in Israel Focus to the office at office@cbiberkeley.org. Announcements will be edited for length and content (to comply with the Announce List Guidelines).