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FROM OUR MAHARAT

ROSH HASHANA'S DUAL IDENTITY

By Maharat Victoria Sutton

As we approach Rosh Hashana, we are flooded with a mix of emotions. We reflect on the past year and look towards the year ahead. Through our *tefillot* (prayers) and the custom of eating *simanim* - the symbolic foods that represent the kind of year we hope to have - we celebrate the new beginnings to come as sweet, plentiful, successful and peaceful. The Torah readings commemorate new beginnings as well with the revelations to Sarah and Chana that they would each have a child after years of prayer and yearning. Although the verses of Ma'ase Bereishit, the Creation narrative, are not read, Rosh Hashana is referred to as the birthday of the world in the refrain after the blowing of the shofar which states, "*Hayom Harat Olam*" - "Today the world was born". This new beginning is full of excitement, optimism and eager anticipation of all that is to come. On a personal note, as I look forward to all that is new in the year ahead, I am filled with this very sense of anticipation. I am deeply appreciative of the trust the CBI Family has placed in me and in my continued growth.

The coming of Rosh HaShana brings anxiety, as well. Rosh Hashana represents *Yom HaDin* (the Day of Judgment), a time of introspection and reckoning. With the dawning of a new year, we look back on the past year and engage in *heshbon hanefesh* (an accounting of the soul). We ask ourselves, "Did we measure up"? The *Netivot Shalom* (Rabbi Sholom Noach Berezovsky, Slonimer Rebbe in the late 20th century) highlights this psychological tension we feel around Rosh HaShanah. It is at once *Yom HaDin*, the Day of Judgement, which inspires awe, solemnity and trepidation, and a *chag*, a festival, which inspires *simbah* and *hoda'ah*, joy and gratitude. He cites a little known story from *Nehemiah*, describing the Rosh HaShana proceedings at the beginning of the Second Temple period.

This was a period of intense renewal led by *Ezra HaSofer* (Ezra the Scribe), as the fledgling community that returned from the Babylonian exile had lost their bearings. Ezra gathered the entire community, men, women, and children on Rosh Hashana, "*k'ish*

ehad" as one person (8:1) as he read to them from the Torah. The listeners remained attentive and respectful throughout the reading, and began to understand the lessons of the Torah. When Ezra made a blessing at the end of the reading, the community responded, "Amen", as expected. Yet, they also bowed their heads and fell to the ground, a sign of lament, and wept at the Torah words they had just heard. Ezra and Nehemia, and the Levites who were teachers of Torah, comforted the crowd (8:9-12):

9... 'This day is holy unto the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' 10 Then he said to them: 'Go your way, eat rich foods, and drink sweet things, and send portions to those who have nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our God; do not be sad; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' 11 So the Levites calmed the entire nation, saying, 'Hold your peace, for the day is holy; do not be sad.' 12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

This striking story embodies the nature of Rosh HaShana. We spend our mornings deep in solemn prayer and reflection. We then go off to celebrate the *chag* with food and friends. This shift in mood evokes the stark contrast between the dual messages of the day: a reckoning and a celebration of life. It seeks to answer the question of how to reconcile a day that embodies the specter of judgement with the joy and celebration of renewal.

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TEMPER JUDGMENTS WITH EMPATHY

By R. Yonatan Cohen

The following column was first published in the J. Weekly on Aug. 28, 2014. R. Cohen's Torah columns are set to appear in the J. every couple of months, with the next one falling on Parshat Noah.

Earlier this summer, my 3-year-old son zoomed through our home on his scooter. Though he was well aware of our household rule — no scooting in the house — he nonetheless made his way speedily around the kitchen, where I was sitting. As I prepared to set a limit and insist on our family's rule, I suddenly heard him whimsically sing, as though to himself: "I'm scooting in the house! I'm scooting in the house!"

In that single moment, his sheer joy, his brazen independence and his sense of adventure all caught my attention. After all, wasn't I just like him as a child (or so I am told)? My initial desire to uphold the rules of our home quickly faded away as love and empathy filled my heart.

Our Torah contains the imperative to appoint judges in Israel — upright individuals who would embody God's law, and who would adjudicate, arbitrate and help deliver a fair verdict through an objective interpretive lens. Though a balance of boundless love and a capacity to set boundaries are certainly required in any healthy relationship, and certainly between parent and child, one might argue that a partial heart should nevertheless refrain from sitting in judgment. In other words, a necessary divide must be established between the empathic parent and the unbiased judge.

A quick review of several biblical verses seems to support this very notion. For example, Exodus 23:3 teaches, "You shall not favor a poor man in his cause." Similarly, we read in Leviticus 19:15, "You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not favor a person of the poor." The Torah's insistence in these verses on strict judgment challenges judges to act impartially at all times and to remain blind even to the disadvantaged person standing before them.

Still, many rabbinic commentators seem to tilt the balance from strict justice toward social justice. In Mishnah Avot 2:4, Hillel teaches, "Do not judge your fellow until you have reached his place." In a sense, Hillel urges us to consider matters from the perspective of the other — to enter their world and not remain confined to the world of law alone. Rabbi Israel Lifschitz (1782–1860), author of "Tiferet Yisrael," a commentary on the Mishnah, plainly states, "You should judge him with compassion."

The idea of empathy as an important element in judgment is perhaps most aptly captured in Maimonides' code of law, the Mishnah Torah. In a section describing the qualities of judges, Maimonides rules that "One may not appoint to the *Sanhedrin* [the supreme rabbinic court] one who has no children — in order to ensure that he will be compassionate" (Mishnah Torah, Laws of *Sanhedrin* 2:3). Though the requirement may not seem politically correct today, Maimonides believed a judge must have a parental nature. Indeed, this very empathic parental instinct seems to be critical for the execution of justice itself.

Empathy in judgment is a key feature of the High Holy Days season as well. In a few weeks' time, we will hear the call of the shofar during the Rosh Hashanah services. In describing the sound of the shofar, our rabbis draw an unexpected comparison, explaining that the shofar's blast cries out in the same manner that Sisera's mother did as she awaited her son's return from battle (Rosh Hashanah, 33b). Sisera, as some may recall, was Israel's bitter enemy during the time of Deborah the prophetess. By all accounts, he was a cruel and corrupt oppressor. And yet still, his own mother remained blind to his evil ways — her heart cried out to him, longing for his return though he never did return from that fateful battle.

My dear teacher and the founding rabbi of our shul, Rabbi Saul Berman, offers a profound explanation of this teaching. Perhaps the shofar blast serves as a reminder to God, as it were, to view and judge us with the same parental compassion that Sisera's mother had for her wayward son. In the spirit of Sisera's mother's boundless love, we ask God to judge us with empathy and to continue to wait for our return despite any failings.

Our tradition has many voices when it comes to the question of empathic judges. Nevertheless, we can still agree about judgment in the heavenly court. This year, let us pray that the ultimate Judge will deliver the verdict with empathy and parental love.



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Taking stock of all the mistakes we made and people we might have wronged in the past year is daunting. We begin with *din* - we engage in self-judgement and objectively assess our actions. Although intimidating, we recognize the value of imposing justice in our lives. Self-judgement is only the beginning of a process in which we seek to right those wrongs, wherever possible, and to seek *mehila* (forgiveness) from those who might have been hurt by us.

I believe employing the the dual qualities of justice and mercy are the key. *Rahamim* (mercy), to temper judgement, is a gift for which we are grateful. The world could not stand on pure, strict justice alone (see *Bereishit Rabbah* 12:15). *Din* is valuable, and essential in guiding our decisions in any given situation. On a global level, we yearn for justice in the world. In many ways, justice *is* something to celebrate. But it is not sufficient on its own. Without mercy, the path of *teshuva* (repentance) and true forgiveness would not be possible. Without the ability to forgive, let go and move forward, we would be stuck in a vicious cycle, mired in the mistakes of the past.

We are entering into the season of intense self reflection, building up from Elul and culminating in Yom Kippur. Rather than being drained and dejected, one can feel renewed and energized, ready for a fresh start. “True *teshuvah* not only

achieves *kapparah* (atonement), it should also be about... liberating man from his hard-hearted ignorance and insensitivity. Such *teshuvah* restores man’s spiritual viability and rehabilitates him to his original state.” (Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik, *On Repentance*, edited by Pinchas H. Peli, 49).

As we approach the *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe) and embark on the spiritual journey ahead, bear in mind the message from the Rosh HaShana centuries ago of Ezra and Nehemia. This is a time for acknowledging mistakes and righting wrongs, but we should not get mired in the past. We are hopeful in the ability of people, and God, to forgive and so our hearts and spirits can begin to unburden themselves. This message echoes in the words which are traditionally recited in Sephardic communities at the close of Yom Kippur. For me, it is one of the most meaningful moments of the *Yamim Noraim*. We are assured that our earnest self-reflection and attempts at seeking forgiveness enable us to enter the New Year with renewed joy.

לך אכל בשמחה לחמך ושתה בלב-טוב יינד
כי כבר רצה הא-להים את-מעשיך:

Go and eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already accepted your works. (*Kohelet* 9:7)



A CBI RECORD ON SEPT 20!

*More than sixty-five co-sponsoring families
are joining together to celebrate the*

70TH BIRTHDAY OF ALAN FINKELSTEIN

*To show him how we appreciate the uncountable times he has fed all of us
with his culinary talent and his unending, quiet generosity to the community.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALAN!



KOSHER SANDWICHES AT UC BERKELEY

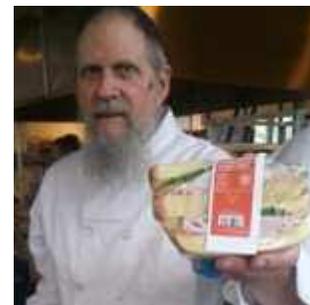
Freshly made kosher sandwiches are now available!

**11:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and 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 Burrellavraham@mindspring.com



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Dear CBI Parents and Families,

The High Holidays are coming soon. A lot of time and effort was put into creating the HHD program to make sure our children have a positive, fun, and educational experience during their time in the groups, and a meaningful experience of their own centered around the High Holidays. With the Gan under renovation, youth programming will be mostly based at CBI with park outings, the use of a nearby indoor play area and the Gonshor-Cohen home. We are blessed to have a full house this year, and despite the unique logistics, we know that each of us will lend a hand and help make a successful High Holiday experience for everyone - children, parents, and the community at large praying in the sanctuary/social hall. See below for information about parent volunteer shifts.

In past years, a number of families have found hiring their own childcare for High Holidays to be a positive experience for the entire family. In that spirit we continue to encourage parents to make the decision that works best for their children's and their own needs over the High Holidays. I have put together some FAQ, below, about how to hire childcare within halacha. We will also have a HHD discussion session for parents this Shabbat, September 20, after kiddush. Please feel free to contact me with specific questions or concerns.

Programming will be available to the groups listed below. Signs will be posted as to where various age groups will be located around the shul grounds. Each room and space will be set up with age appropriate games and programming. Please be mindful of which group best suits your child's age, and direct him or her to that space.

KETANIM (ages 1 ½ - 3 years old):

Gonshor-Cohen Home/Upstairs Attic

We will have two locations for the Ketanim. Childcare is available for children 1.5-3 years old. 0-1.5 year old children need parental supervision.

The Gonshor-Cohen home is available as a play area for children 18 months to 3 years old. Parents with children from 0-1.5 months are invited to use the space, but should not be left without a parent. We will have childcare professionals, as well as parental volunteers (see below to sign up for your slot below) to cooperatively provide care for the 1.5-3 year olds. To ensure that we have sufficient coverage, all children planning to attend should be signed-up in advance and volunteer slots indicated. Parents are welcome to be there as long as needed for their child to feel comfortable.

The Upstairs Attic (Treehouse) at CBI will be designated as a quiet area in the synagogue for parents to be with their young

children (0-3), either for nursing, quiet play or rest. This area is designated for children who will have a parent with them. A childcare professional will be available to lend support to parents.

YELADIM/GAN (Pre-school, 3-5 years old)

Gan Room

TALMIDIM ALEF (K-2nd grade)

Playhouse across from the Shul

TALMIDIM BET (3th-5th grade)

Shul Club

The groups will be led by experienced educators, parent and teen volunteers. We are excited to have Tati Argue from Gan Shalom joining us, as well as our bnot sherut Michal and Na'ama. The programs are structured around children's prayers, storytelling/singing, and activities relevant to the High Holidays. A full schedule, including volunteer shifts, will be sent in advance of Rosh HaShana, and be posted throughout CBI.

Highlights include:

- Physical Theater & Puppetry by Risa Lenore of Jelly Jam Time
- Rosh HaShana Seder
- Shofar Blowing
- Rosh HaShana Activities and Games

Snacks will be provided periodically throughout the day.

Cost:

The cost is \$50 per child, with a maximum of \$110 per family, which covers the three days of Yom Tov as well as Kol Nidre and Neilah. These fees cover the cost of snacks, materials and staffing for childcare. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Parent Supervision Duties:

Parents are asked to spend a couple of hours throughout the High Holidays helping out with the children's program. This will be broken up into shifts one hour, within which you will assist the educator or group leader. We expect that all parents with participating children will contribute some time, to ensure the best experience for everyone participating. We will try to be flexible with scheduling so that members can balance child care and joining the service in the main shul.

How do I register?

To sign up:

1. Sign up for childcare and volunteer shift preferences at shul website: www.cbiberkeley.org.
2. Submit payment to the CBI Office.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Shana Tova!

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ARRANGING FOR CHILDCARE ON SHABBAT OR YOM TOV

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Earning and paying wages for work done on Shabbat/Yom Tov, for both Jewish and non-Jewish employees and employers, are part of the prohibition of doing business on Shabbat. This prohibition applies whether the salary is paid before, during, or after Shabbat. There are halakhic ways to employ someone to do things that are permitted on Shabbat/Yom Tov. Below are the FAQ for arranging childcare on Shabbat/Yom Tov. Please feel free to follow up with any questions or specific situations.

1. What is the proper way to pay my babysitter if they will be working on Shabbat/Yom Tov?

Generally, when one hires an employee with an hourly wage, the employee may not be paid specifically for the hours worked on Shabbat or Yom Tov (*sechar* Shabbat). This applies whether they are paid in advance or afterwards. The way to halakhically hire and pay an hourly employee who will be working on Shabbat/Yom Tov is to use the principle of *havla'ah*: to pay the employee one lump sum for the time worked on Shabbat/Yom Tov and the time worked on a regular day. (There is an idea of giving the employee a little extra salary as a gift, when paying the salary for time worked on Shabbat/Yom tov, which renders the money given not strictly payment for work done on Shabbat/Yom Tov).

Regular Babysitter:

If you have a regular employee who usually works during the week, and they babysit for you on Shabbat/Yom Tov, then the payment should be in one lump sum for that entire week or month.

Hired only for Shabbat/Yom Tov:

If it is someone who you are hiring specifically for Shabbat/Yom Tov, then its appropriate to ask the employee to work some time that is not Shabbat/Yom Tov, for example, another day that week, or coming before candle-lighting, or staying after havdalah. Another possibility is to ask the person to do some prep during the week (bringing a book, some diapers, etc...) so that they are employed by you at a time that is not Shabbat/Yom Tov.

Daycare Centers:

If you send your child to a daycare facility on a regular basis, and pay on a weekly or monthly basis (rather than hourly) and it is within walking distance, you can drop your child off to daycare on Rosh HaShana. Even if the rate is hourly, as long as the payment is in one lump sum, that is considered *havla'ah*. Remember that carrying is permitted on Yom Tov, so there are no *eruv* issues involved.

Paying employees on time:

The Torah instructs us to pay employees on time, especially for workers that are hired on a set basis (daily/weekly/monthly). If one will not be able pay a babysitter who was only hired for a day or two on that same day, the arrangement should be stipulated in advance with the babysitter.

2. What is the proper way to ask a babysitter to work on Shabbat/Yom Tov?

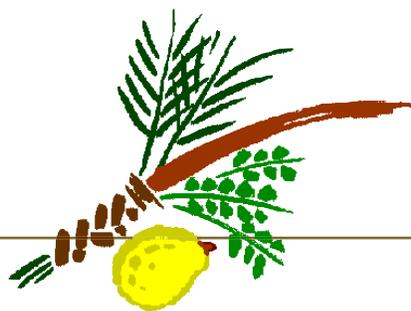
Setting a time and a fee: One should not set a fee with an employee on Shabbat, Jewish or non-Jewish. You can ask if they are available, and leave the discussion of fee for a time that is not Shabbat/Yom Tov. When you discuss the fee, please use the principle of *havla'ah* described in question 1, arranging the salary as a lump sum for the week or for the month, rather than for the specific hours being worked on Shabbat/Yom Tov.

3. Can my non-Jewish nanny do things that I cannot do on Shabbat/Yom Tov?

The general rule is that one cannot ask a non-Jew to do anything that a Jew cannot do on Shabbat/Yom Tov (exceptions would apply for a sick person or for a communal or *mitzvah* need; please ask about specific situations). Hinting or gesticulating still count as asking, except in specific situations. You may ask an employee to do something that is permissible for a Jew to do on Shabbat/Yom tov (washing dishes, for example), and then the employee can do it in whichever way is easiest for them (hot water or soft sponges on Shabbat, for example), even if it is a Shabbat violation. The same goes for turning on/off lights and other appliances - a non-Jew can turn things on and off as they need for their own use, but should not be directly asked to do so for you or your family's needs. A non-Jewish babysitter can do things that violate Shabbat/Yom Tov that are important for a young child's safety and well-being if they are necessary (such as turning on a light for a child who is scared).

*Further reading: Rambam Hilkhos Shabbat Chapter 6:25
• Mishnah Brurah 306:4(15-18) • Yalkut Yosef Shabbat Vol II 306:4(1-3) • 39 Melachos Vol IV, pp 971-974*





BUILDING A SUKKAH — THE BASICS —

YOU SHALL DWELL IN SUKKOT FOR SEVEN DAYS;
ALL THE COMMUNITY OF ISRAEL SHALL DWELL IN A SUKKAH (VAYIKRA 23:42)

1. The Location

Ensure a site that is opened to the sky, and has nothing hanging above it — i.e., a roof or a tree. The *sukkah* floor space must be at least 7 *tefachim* by 7 *tefachim* (28 inches by 28 inches), the minimum space considered for most of a person's body to sit with a small table.

2. The Walls

A *sukkah* needs at least two complete, continuous walls and 1 *tefach* (4 inches) of a third wall. The walls can be of any material, as long as they are sturdy enough to withstand a normal wind. The walls must be at least 10 *tefachim* (40 inches) high, and should not be more than 20 *amot* (30 feet) tall. Any or all of these walls may be permanent pre-existing walls, i.e. the side of your home. If you can find an area that is already enclosed by 2 or 3 walls, then it can make your *sukkah* building much simpler.

Note: if you are using the side of your home as a wall for your *sukkah*, ensure that there is no roof overhang greater than 4 *amot* (6 feet). Any cover smaller than that may still allow your *sukkah* to be okay, but one cannot sit under the covered part to fulfill your mitzvah.

3. The *Schach* or Roof

We cover the *sukkah* with *schach*. The *schach* must be made from material that grew from the ground, i.e. branches or leaves of any tree are acceptable, as long as they have been completely cut from the ground before they are placed on top of the *sukkah*. If you choose to collect branches and leaves from around town, you must make sure that you do not inadvertently take (steal) property that is not your own without permission, i.e. that of the city or another private owner. One may not use any material that has been formed by human hands into a vessel or “thing,” i.e. wooden blinds as *schach*. However, you can use narrow (less than 1 *tefach*, 4 inches wide) unfinished wood boards as *schach*, as they are not considered a created vessel or thing.

You may purchase a mat composed of strung together pieces of bamboo or other unfinished wood, but **not every mat** is constructed according to *Halacha*, i.e. such that it contains no metal, and was not crafted for some other purpose. You can order kosher *schach* mats online but be sure that it comes with a reputable rabbinic certification.

The *schach* material should only be added **after** the requisite number of walls are in place. The *schach* may not be nailed down, nor tied down. You may pile pieces of wood that are also valid as *schach* over the *schach* to weigh it down and keep it from blowing away. The *schach* should be sufficiently covered so that it gives more shade than sun during the daytime. Yet it should be sufficiently open so that some stars could be visible through at night.

It is a good custom to hang decorations to beautify your *sukkah* and add joy to the holiday.

If you have another question regarding your *sukkah*, please feel free to contact Rabbi Cohen. May we merit God's presence sheltering us in the *sukkah*, and may we rejoice together as a community.

Chag Sameach!

GAN SHALOM UPDATE

By Laura Lipman

Rosh HaShana is approaching, just as we are getting accustomed to our new school year. A new year, and soon, a new building to replace our old one. Our new building is growing and becoming more of a reality every day. I feel as if I went away for the summer and when I returned, a new home sprouted in a few short months, maybe from the magic beans the children planted last year! Meanwhile we are planning for a new two-year-old program in our new building.

Nine new students have joined us this year, as we said good-bye to ten old ones. And we now have two new teachers on-staff that have joined our old teachers, Robin and Miriam—Tati Argue and Gavriel Strauss.

Tati started her career in ECE in 1996. Eighteen years later she still finds every new day spent with young children full of won-

der and new insights (not to mention humor). She also has been teaching hip-hop dance to children and adults of all ages for many years in many venues, but most notably at the Berkeley YMCA. She is a native Berkeleyan.

Gavriel brings a big heart and a lot of love and new energy to the children he works with as he joins them in exploring the exciting mysteries of life (which are very old). He has been working with children from his very first vocational pursuits, and is thrilled to assist in guiding children through their first new experiences of formal education.

The entire staff is so excited to participate in this new adventure: in the new year, in a new building at our old site, with all our old friends and soon some new ones! (I managed to use the word 'new' 18 times in this article!)





Mazal Tov to R. Joshua Ladon and R. Akiva Naiman,
this year's recipients of the Diller Educators Award.

Our teens and youth (at JCHS, NCSY, OHDS, CBI and BJC)
are truly blessed by their tireless devotion,
expansive vision, and thoughtful teachings.

NCSY DIRECTOR OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

R. Akiva Naiman



My name is Akiva Naiman and I have the privilege of being able to do what I love, all day long - Jewish education. I am the NCSY director for Northern California, and throughout the year I facilitate programming where teens can bond with other Jewish teens, create relationships with Jewish role models, and participate in programming such as Shabbatons, *chavruta* sessions, and Jewish summer camps.

I am proud to be here today, representing what I think is imperative for the continuity of American Jewry – informal education. For teens in non-Jewish schools this venue is crucial for their Jewish identity – for most, they do not have a Jewish club in their school, and to be able to attend weekly and online Jewish programming is, to quote a Berkeley High senior – “the single most important aspect of her Jewish life these past 4 years”. Equally, for those in Jewish high schools, it is so powerful to be part of a Jewish organization outside of the classroom. In addition to strengthening their Jewish identity, it gives them the space to learn about their heritage in a safe and fun atmosphere, and create important Jewish connections that last for years into the future.

I want to mention two NCSY programs that have made a large impact here in our NCSY chapter. T.A.P – Teen Advocacy Program – offers 20 students the opportunity to gain critical organization, presentation, and leadership skills for political advocacy. They become well versed in the state government and the legislative process through participation in interactive sessions, focusing on issues of concern to the Jewish community. T.A.P. closes with a lobbying session with politicians in Sacramento, and a gala dinner. This program is made possible with the help of the East Bay Federation and we will be running it for our second time starting this January.

Additionally, Over the three years that I have been here, I have seen 44 NorCal NCSYers sign up for NCSY summer programs to Israel, and 10 seniors go to Gap Year Programs in Israel – either learning programs or volunteer in the IDF. Summer programs in Israel are truly turning points for many Jewish teens.

I am truly honored and humbled to be chosen to represent the amazing journey that is a Jewish teens life. I look forward to continuing an expanding my involvement with the Jewish community of Northern California. I would also like to thank Julie Levine and the entire selection committee for this opportunity.

HELLEN DILLER FAMILY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

R. Josh Ladon



This past month, I was honored to be selected as one of the recipients of a Helen Diller Family Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. Rabbi Cohen has asked me to share with the CBI community, the remarks I made at the award ceremony. I am thrilled that I get to share these ideas with my CBI family, which consistently engages in the study of Torah together

and inspires me to be a better person through acts of *gemilut chesed*, *tzedaka* and *tefillah*.

I want offer my deepest gratitude to Helen and Sanford Diller, to the Helen Diller Family Foundation and to the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation & Endowment Fund as well as the Federations from both the East Bay and Silicon Valley. I am humbled that my teaching has been found worthy by the Helen Diller Family Foundation to be recognized. As a relatively new teacher with a young family, this prize provides great ability for me to continue my commitment to Jewish education in the classroom as well as in my home. Abraham Joshua Heschel once spoke to a group of educators and administrators saying, “The significance of Judaism... does not lie in its being conducive to the survival of this particular people but in its being a source of spiritual wealth, a source of meaning relevant to all peoples.” As Jewish educators and supporters of Jewish education, we have a responsibility for the soul of Judaism and the souls of the Jews. It is through awards like this that the Hellen Diller Family demonstrates such a serious commitment to the betterment of the Jews.

I am able to teach because of all of the people who have taught me. Firstly, I would like to thank my parents, Edward and Barbara Ladon who raised me in a home where the dinner conversation moved seamlessly from health care policy to questions of spirituality, from psychology to Seinfeld episodes. It was a house committed to curiosity, community and spiritual growth. I also want to thank my wife, Yael Krieger, who, in her own right is a great educator and works tirelessly to support and advocate on behalf of students with learning differences. She is a great partner, friend, *chevruta* and mother. I am a better teacher because of our partnership.

I also want to thank all of my teachers and students. Since my first job as a teacher’s assistant at my family’s synagogue at age 14, through the years I have spent learning and teaching, I have collected mentors who have shared their wisdom and guidance. I am particularly indebted to the Conservative Yeshiva and the

Helen Diller Family Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN JEWISH EDUCATION

Shalom Hartman Institute, both in Jerusalem for many years of Torah study.

Finally, I am blessed to teach at a school that is dedicated to the betterment of the Jewish people, that is committed to serious study of Jewish texts and ideas and that recognizes both teachers and students have room to grow. There is a famous *baraita* in the Talmud that states:

Issi b. Judah used to specify the distinctive merits of the various Sages:

- R. Meir [he said], was wise and a scribe.
- R. Judah was wise when he desired to be.
- R. Tarfon was a heap of nuts.
- R. Ishmael was a well-stocked shop.
- R. Akiba was a storehouse with compartments.
- R. Yohanan b. Nuri was a basket of fancy goods.
- R. Eleazar b. Azariah was a basket of spices.
- The Mishnah of R. Eliezer b. Jacob [the Elder] was little and good.
- R. Jose always had his reasons.
- R. Simeon used to grind much and let out little...

While we probably all wish we were like R. Meir who was was and a scribe, many of us are more like R. Judah who was wise when he desired to be. This reminds us that just as the Rabbis of the Talmud learned and thought in different ways, so too, must we make our classrooms havens for Torah learning of different stripes and flavors. We must draw together Jews who think differently, who act differently, in pursuit of a better world. What is so powerful about the JCHS community is that in drawing upon so many communities, schools, synagogues, and other places of learning in the Bay Area, the learning differences, these thinking differences are not a stumbling block, but a foundation for us to build upon. Through the interactions of different Jews and different learners, Torah is made great and the Jewish people are strengthened.

SCIENCE IS ALIVE AT OAKLAND HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

Scientific inquiry is at the heart of the OHDS science program. Students learn best by exploring the world around them through hands-on learning, building models, designing their own experiments and generating questions. Whether it's visiting the Lawrence Hall of Science to make their own "slime", inviting a parent to share real fossils and artifacts, or working with UC Berkeley engineering students to lead a robotics session - it is imperative that our students understand that science is all around us. Not only do OHDS students explore the world with their hands, but they gain the critical reading, research and writing skills to engage with a wide variety of information. Our students are given the tools to become scientifically literate - they learn to inquire and report on a range of relevant scientific topics, organize research notes, cite peer-reviewed evidence, and present their findings.

For our Sixth Grade 7-billion project, students collaborate with one another to research the effect of population growth on the global economy, food and water supplies, and general sociological factors. Students then present their findings in different forms, from prezis to newscasts, and the presentation is streamed live for parents to submit questions and comments. In this way, students are involved in real-world problems. Other areas of curriculum are also integrated into the scientific process, such as math, language arts and technology.

In Kindergarten, students explore the wonder of nature around them. They enjoy many field walks around the school in our Oak Woodland habitat where they can observe the small ani-

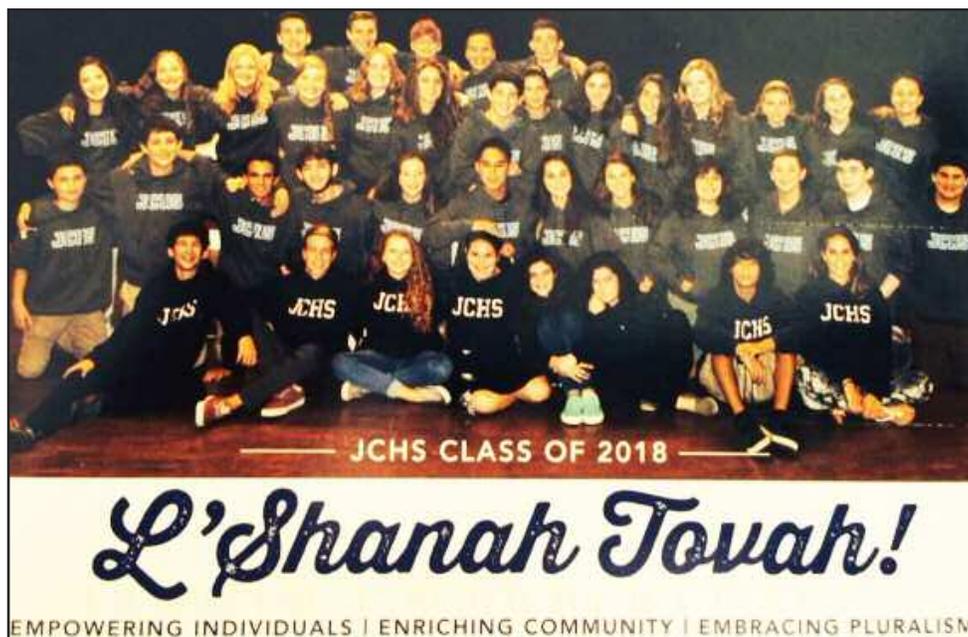
mals and trees around them, and collect artifacts to take back to the classroom for further discussion. Integrating art, students learn how to observe the details of a leaf, draw their observations, and compare their findings. They learn how to build a nest, study the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly, and sew their own home-made raccoons.

From Kindergarten to Middle School, science at OHDS comes alive! The powerful combination of exploration and skills-based learning gives our students the confidence to pursue their innate curiosity about our ever-changing world.

If you would like to find out more about the OHDS science program:

- 1) Bring your preschooler to our family-friendly "Science Alive!" event, where little ones can engage in fun, hands-on science in our wonderful Discovery Room.
- 2) Contact Philippa Lichterman in the Admissions Office at plichterman@ohds.org or (510) 531-8600 to schedule a tour of our campus.

SCIENCE ALIVE!
Preschool Family Event
Tuesday, October 21
2:30 - 3:30pm
OHDS Discovery Room



BERKELEY MIDRASHA UPDATE

By R. Jennifer Flam

Shalom Congregation Beth Israel! My name is Rabbi Jennifer Flam, and I am the new Executive Director of Berkeley Midrasha. I am so honored to have been chosen to lead this very special organization.

What is Midrasha? It is our Berkeley-wide Jewish Community High School for teens in 8th-12th grade.

What makes Berkeley Midrasha so special? I have seen the many ways teen education and identity development can transform our young people's lives. In our program, teens from all different Jewish backgrounds come together to explore, discuss and learn about each other and themselves. Berkeley Midrasha provides teens with a warm, safe community to learn about who they are and make choices about who they are to become. Our educators have been carefully handpicked to teach and guide teens along their growth path towards a Jewish future.

Our teachers are not just teachers. They are mentors, guides and role models. They dedicate themselves to supporting our teens through some of the most challenging questions of adolescence through the development of supportive community.

At Berkeley Midrasha, we pride ourselves on a commitment to fun, diverse and often rigorous learning experiences, each with their own distinctive lens. Where else can you study Rabbinic texts, learn to understand tradition through Yoga and Jewish

foods, or get your advanced Hebrew on? All while building dynamic, impactful relationships with peers, mentors, while having the time of your life! You will find our 2014-2015 Catalog and Registration Information on-line at www.Midrasha.org. No, it is not too late to register!

This year at Midrasha, we look forward to building on the excellence of our current program, by engaging the teens in a process of community development. This will include the development of new community spaces and forums for our teens to apply their experience in ways that transform the world.

I reemphasize my honor to have been chosen to lead this sacred endeavor. Berkeley Midrasha is the product of all of all of its supporting communities. Thank you to the Beth Israel Community for your unwavering commitment to teen education and development.

I welcome you to drop by my office or make an appointment so that we can get to know one another. Or join us for our community wide Midrasha Brunch on November 16 at 9:30 am. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about Midrasha. I look to to a wonderful year together!

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Jennifer Flam

CBI MORASHA (LEGACY) SOCIETY

Our commitment to our beloved community is evident in everything we do.
Now each of us can extend our commitment into the future.

Shana tova u'metukah from the members of the
CBI MORASHA (LEGACY) SOCIETY
Won't you consider joining us in 5775?

Paul Albert; Fran Alexander; Noah and Hope Alper; Anonymous (2); Ron & Bella Barany;
Judith Bloom; Benjamin and Sara Darmoni; Nimrod and Aliza Elias; Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado;
Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas; Sam Ginsburg; David & Diane Gould; Ezra & Toby Hendon;
Gary & Ilene Katz; Jesse and Gabriella Kellerman; Seymour Kessler; Alan & Elissa Kittner;
Gary & Lois Marcus; Ed & Phyllis Miller; Joel & Irene Resnikoff; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes;
Mordy & Rena Rosen; Bob and June Safran; Carol Shivel; Steve Silberblatt & Rita Kohl;
Bob & Naomi Stamper; Linda & Stanley Wulf

*For more information or to join the Society please contact
Noah Alper at noahalper@gmail.com or Rena Rosen at t.rosenfamily@comcast.net.*





— WEEKDAY SERVICES —

— SHACHARIT —

Monday-Friday, 6:30 am
 Sunday & Legal Holidays • 8:00 am

— MINCHA/MA'ARIV —

Five minutes after candlelighting

— SHABBAT SERVICES —

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat • Five minutes after candlelighting • Morning Service • 9:15 am

— TIMES FOR ACTION —

Many commandments need to be performed during particular times of the day; here is a list of those times
All times are for Berkeley Daylight Savings Time before November 2.

Week of	SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				
	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn	5:31 am	5:37 am	5:43 am	5:49 am	5:55 am	6:02 am	6:09 am	6:16 am	6:23 am	5:30 am	5:38 am	5:45 am	5:52 am
Neitz Sunrise	6:43 am	6:49 am	6:55 am	7:01 am	7:07 am	7:14 am	7:21 am	7:28 am	7:33 am	6:42 am	6:50 am	6:57 am	7:04 am
Latest ideal time for the morning Sh'ma	9:55 am	9:57 am	9:59 am	10:00 am	10:01 am	10:05 am	10:07 am	10:10 am	10:14 am	9:17 am	9:22 am	9:26 am	9:31 am
Tefilah Latest time for prayer	10:59 am	10:59 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:01 am	11:02 am	11:03 am	11:04 am	11:07 am	10:09 am	10:12 am	10:16 am	10:20 am
Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha	1:39 pm	1:36 pm	1:33 pm	1:30 pm	1:27 pm	1:24 pm	1:22 pm	1:20 pm	1:19 pm	12:19 pm	12:19 pm	12:20 pm	12:22 pm
Sh'kia Sunset	7:31 pm	7:20 pm	7:09 pm	6:58 pm	6:47 pm	6:37 pm	6:27 pm	6:18 pm	6:10 pm	5:03 pm	4:57 pm	4:53 pm	4:51 pm
Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall	8:13 pm	8:02 pm	7:51 pm	7:40 pm	7:29 pm	7:19 pm	7:09 pm	7:00 pm	6:52 pm	5:45 pm	5:39 pm	5:35 pm	5:33 pm



CBI CLASS SCHEDULE



— SUNDAY —

Sunday Morning Talmud Class

A class structured to appeal to Talmud students of all levels, from beginners to more experienced. *On hiatus.*

Sunday • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

— 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

— TUESDAY —

Week Night Learning with Rabbi Yonatan Cohen or Maharat Victoria Sutton

Join R. Cohen or Maharat Sutton for a series addressing issues of Jewish thought, biblical interpretation and or law.

Please consult our weekly bulletin, Daf HaShavuah, for exact topics and dates.

R. Yonatan Cohen or Maharat Victoria Sutton – Tuesday • 7:30 p.m.

— 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 • Wednesday • 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.

No background necessary. The class is facilitated by our resident scholar, Muni Schweig at his home.

Muni Schweig • 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

— THURSDAY —

The Kevah CBI Beit Midrash: Join a Beit Midrash atmosphere for a weekly night of learning at CBI.

We will do our best to match you up with a *chevrutah* (study partner) or *chavurah* (a group of learners).

A weekly Parsha class takes place at 8:00 p.m. each week.

Please consult our weekly bulletin, Daf HaShavuah, for exact topics and dates.

Thursday • 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. Please consult our weekly bulletin, Daf HaShavuah, for exact topics and dates.

R. Yonatan Cohen • Friday • 9:00 a.m.

CALENDAR

SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Friday & Saturday, September 5th – 6th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:14 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	7:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:20 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:10 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TAVO

Friday & Saturday, September 12th – 13th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:03 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	6:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:59 pm

SHABBAT SELICHOT PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH

Friday & Saturday, September 19th – 20th

Candle Lighting	6:53 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:55 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	6:40 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:48 pm
Pre-Selichot Community Gathering	9:00 pm
Selichot services	11:00 pm

WEEKDAY SELICHOT

Monday – Tuesday, September 22nd – 23rd

Selichot	6:15 am
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HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Thurs. & Fri., September 24th – 26th

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 24th

Selichot & Shacharit	6:00 am
Annulment of Vows	7:45 am
Yom Tov Candle Lighting*	6:45 pm
Mincha & Ma'ariv	6:45 pm

**Note: Before a Yom Tov leading into Shabbat, we make an eruv tavshilin.*

Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/yahrzeit candle or a seven-day candle, so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame.

1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 25th

Morning Service	8:00 am
Youth Programming	8:30 am – 1:30 pm
Torah Reading	10:00 am

Shofar* not before	10:30 am
Communal Tashlich @ Strawberry Creek	5:00 pm
Mincha followed by Ma'ariv	6:35 pm
Light candles from pre-existing flame.....	after 7:40 pm

**Note: Hearing 30 blasts of the Shofar is a Biblically ordained commandment traditionally fulfilled by both men and women. Those who are within reasonable walking distance and cannot be at CBI and wish to hear the Shofar should contact Rabbi Cohen.*

2ND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 26th

Morning Service	8:00 am
Educational Programming	8:30 am – 1:30 pm
Torah Reading	10:00 am
Shofar* not before	10:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Shabbat Ma'ariv services	6:35 pm
Light Shabbat Candles from pre-existing flame at	6:42 pm

**Note: Hearing 30 blasts of the Shofar is a Biblically ordained commandment traditionally fulfilled by both men and women. Those who are within reasonable walking distance and cannot be at CBI and wish to hear the Shofar should contact Rabbi Cohen.*

SHABBAT SHUVA PARSHAT HA'AZINU

Friday & Saturday, September 26th – 27th

Yom Tov Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:35 pm
Candle Lighting	6:42 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
R. Cohen's Shabbat Shuvah Drasha will be given	
following services	11:30 am
Mincha	6:25 pm
Seudah Shlishit	6:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:37 pm

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Sunday, September 28th

Fast begins	5:29 am
Selichot & Morning Service	8:00 am
Mincha w/Torah Reading & Haftarah	6:25 pm
Fast ends	7:27 pm

WEEKDAY SELICHOT FOR TEN DAYS OF TESHUVAH

Sunday, September 28th	8:00 am
Mon.-Thurs., September 29th – October 2nd	6:15 am

SHABBAT AND YOM KIPPUR

Friday, October 3rd

Selichot and Morning Service	6:20 am
Mincha with Vidduy	4:00 pm
Candle Lighting	6:31 pm
Fast begins at	6:45 pm
Tefillah Za'aka	6:40 pm
Youth Programming.....	6:45 – 9:00 pm
Kol Nidrei	6:45 pm

CALENDAR

YOM KIPPUR, SHABBAT

Saturday, October 4th

Morning Service	8:00 am
Youth Programming	8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Yizkor	11:15 am
Mincha	4:15 pm
Childcare	5:00 pm
Neilah.....	5:45 pm
Shofar	7:26 pm
Ma'ariv & Havdalah*	after 7:26 pm

*Note: One is obligated to hear Havdalah after Yom Kippur before eating or drinking.

SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 8 - Friday, October 17th

EREV SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 8th

Yom Tov Candle Lighting*	6:23 pm
Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv	6:25 pm
Communal Sukkah Meal	7:20 pm

Note: Before a Yom Tov leading into Shabbat, we make an eruv tavshilin. Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hourlyahrzeit candle or a seven-day candle, so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring fire from this pre-existing flame. Eating on the first two nights of Sukkot a minimum of a portion of bread and reciting the kiddush in the sukkah is a Biblically ordained commandment. If you do not have access to a sukkah, and wish to perform this mitzvah, please contact the CBI office ASAP or join CBI's Sukkah Meal on the first night. (If you have space in your sukkah for guests, kindly let the office know.) Throughout the 7 days of Sukkot please avail yourselves of the CBI sukkah. As always, no home cooked food may be brought into the CBI kitchen, but the sukkah is open to all.

YOM TOV -1ST DAY OF SUKKOT

Thursday, October 9th

Morning Service	9:15 am
Note: Please remember to bring your four species to shul.	
Educational Programming.....	11:00 am
Yom Tov Mincha and Ma'ariv	6:10 pm
Light candles from pre-existing flame	after 7:19 pm

YOM TOV- 2ND DAY OF SUKKOT

Friday, October 10th

Morning Service	9:15 am
Note: Please remember to bring your four species to shul.	
Educational Programming.....	11:00 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Shabbat Ma'ariv services	6:10 pm
Light Shabbat candles from pre-existing flame at	6:11 pm

SHABBAT CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Saturday, October 11th

Morning services.....	9:15 am
Educational Programming	10:30 am
Kohelet	11:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	5:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit	6:15 pm
Ma'ariv & Havdalah & Shabbat ends	7:16 pm

2nd - 4th DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Sunday, October 12th – Tuesday, October 14th

Morning Service Sunday	8:00 am
Morning Services Monday & Tuesday	6:30 am

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Wednesday, October 15th

Morning Service	6:30-8:00 am
Hoshanot (willow bundles) will be available for sale @CBI	
Yom Tov Candle Lighting	6:13 pm
Mincha & Yom Tom Ma'ariv.....	6:15 pm
Note: Before a Yom Tov leading into Shabbat, we make an eruv tavshilin. Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24- hourlyahrzeit candle or a seven-day candle, so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring fire from this pre-existing flame.	

SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday night & Thursday, October 15-16th

Morning Service	9:15 am
Yizkor	10:30 am
Educational Programming.....	11:00 am
Yom Tov Mincha	6:10 pm
Yom Tov Ma'ariv.....	6:45 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame	after 7:09 pm
Light Yom Tov Meal followed by Hakafot @CBI	7:10 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday night & Friday, October 16 – 17th

Morning service	9:15 am
Hakafot.....	10:00 am
Multiple Torah readings	11:15 am
Kiddush	11:45 am
Completion and Beginning of the Torah	12:15 pm
Mussaf	12:45 pm
Yom Tov Mincha	1:30 pm
Light Shabbat candles from pre-existing flame at	6:11 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEREISHIT

Friday & Saturday, October 17th – 18th

Candle Lighting	6:11 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	6:15 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	5:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit	6:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:07 pm

ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN

Friday & Saturday, October 24th – 25th

CALENDAR

SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN PARSHAT NOACH

Friday & Saturday, October 24th – 25th

Candle Lighting	6:02 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	5:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit	6:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	6:58 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT LECH-LECHA

Friday & Saturday, October 31st – November 1st

Candle Lighting	5:53 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	5:35 pm
Seudah Shlishit	5:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	6:50 pm

Sunday, November 2nd

Pacific Standard Time resumes; turn your clocks one hour back

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEIRA

Friday & Saturday, November 7th – 8th

Candle Lighting	4:46 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:50 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit	4:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:44 pm

SHABBAT CHAYEI SARAH

Friday & Saturday, November 14th – 15th

Candle Lighting	4:40 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:45 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit	4:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:39 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT TOLDOT

Friday & Saturday, November 21st – 22nd

Candle Lighting	4:36 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:40 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:35 pm

ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Saturday night & Sunday, November 22 – 23rd

Shacharit Sunday	8:00 am
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SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEITZEI

Friday & Saturday, November 28th – 29th

Candle Lighting	4:33 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:35 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	11:00 am
Mincha	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:33 pm

— A NIGHT OF — FORGIVENESS

THE *SELICHOT* SERVICE BEGINS OUR PROCESS OF
TESHUVA AND SELF REFLECTION.

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE THROUGH SONG & STUDY
FOR THIS NIGHT OF FORGIVENESS.

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 20

PRE-SELICHOT COMMUNITY GATHERING

9:00 PM

SELICHOT SERVICES

11:00 PM

THE DRIVE THROUGH HISTORY

By Yonim Schweig

JCHS rising sophomores Sasha Manus and Yonim Schweig (of CBI) were named winners of PBS' "The Story of the Jews" National High School Essay Contest. Twenty students nationwide were honored, which means that 10% of the total came from the Bay Area's JCHS! We couldn't be more proud. Kol HaKavod! Below we include Yonim Schweig's winning essay, "The Drive Through History."

The fires crackle, destroying years of nature's hard toil by way of flame and smoke-- a horrible death. Trees that once stood erect, proud in their purity, now lie amidst wind-blown ashes. Had they been capable, the trees would have fought back; but armed with only cracking branches, they inevitably succumb to fiery doom. The fires are finished- a dot in the masses of cindered foliage, but for a survival mechanism embedded deep within their genetic code. As the flames once more splash on the shores of the trees' bark, they exude a foray of seeds from their burning cones. The cones, purposeless, are left to watch the fire leave, but have accomplished their mission and found a womb of dirt for their seed.

Some years later, I sit in the passenger seat of my grandpa's blue Prius, winding through the hills and admiring the beautiful handiwork of survival. My grandpa, with obvious passion, tells the story of the trees, triumphant in his tale of survival. A young man when the fire tore the scenic hills, my grandfather witnessed the destruction, growth, and survival of the living miracles.

I had always listened attentively to the words that paired illustration with the beauty in which I marveled. However, I looked

merely with a spyglass of anticipation to the moments when barriers of glass and synthetic leather would unleash me to the freedom of our destination. In my eyes, the story of the douglas fir was nothing more than a tale, perhaps displaying the resilient nature of this species. My ignorance blocked the fact that those trees are symbolic of much more than met my impatient eye.

In all our years, there has never been a time in which Judaism was absent of fire, independent of the burns. Despite the millions who themselves became one with flame, Jewish meaning has prevailed. We cannot say that our destroyers did not lick the bark of our tree with flames; we cannot deny that forced, we forfeited boiling sap from our wooden innards. But we have survived. Our comfort in demise was that each time fire engulfed our branches, we managed to shoot out a seed of our essence and fertilize our name, until it too became a tree.

One may only guess as to where our tree has gone. We could be sprouting, we may be burning, none of this matters. The only thing important is that we are living the story told by my grandfather. This is a story of fire and escape; death and redemption; embers and growth. This is a story of centuries past and centuries present, in which we live from the legacy of those who burned before us. We must learn that as the survivors of those burnt trees, our objective is to continue digging our lucky roots deep, find meaning in our burnings, and wish for a day in which we can caress the twisting roads, marveling at the forests that dance in the wind before us.

SISTERHOOD • THANK YOU FOR COMING • SAKE & SUSHI NIGHT





COMMUNAL SUKKAH MEAL

Join us as we fill Beth Isrel's sukkah with love,
warmth, and joy on Erev Sukkot.

We will feast, learn, sing, dance and gaze at
the stars through the sukkah's schach.

—Fleishig with vegetarian options • RSVP by Friday, October 3 —
\$18 Adults • \$7 Children • \$50 max. per family
Nobody will be turned away for lack of funds.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 • 7:00 PM

Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv • 6:25 pm
Followed by Communal Sukkah Meal • 7:20 pm

— SCRIP NEWS —

A NEW YEAR, NEW SCRIP LADY AND YOU

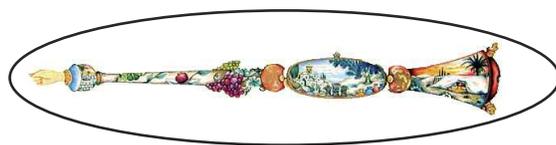
Rebecca Landes has enthusiastically offered to be the scrip person to help you order scrip online.
This means quicker access for you and more profit for CBI.

The same “old” scrip ladies, Naomi Stamper and Ruth Wittman,
will still be selling scrip for Berkeley Bowl, Peets Coffee, Afikomen and CVS.

For the High Holidays and Pesach we will have Oakland Kosher Scrip available.

Our goal is to increase the amount that the shul makes from the scrip program by 20% this year.
And yes, this is where *you* come into the plan.

Please call or email Naomi Stamper, Ruth Wittman or Rebecca Landes with any and all questions.
Naomi Stamper, 525-8259 • Ruth Wittman, 525-9530 • Rebecca Landes, rlandes799@gmail.com



CBI SPECIAL PROGRAMS

A NIGHT OF FORGIVENESS

*The Selichot service begins our process of Teshuva and self reflection.
Join us as we prepare through song and study for this Night of Forgiveness.*

Saturday Night, September 20

Pre-Selichot Community Gathering • 9:00 pm

Selichot Services • 11:00 pm

BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS

A Call for Blessings and Prayers

Sunday Sept. 21, 4:30 pm

In just a few short weeks, we will begin closing walls in our rebuilt
CBI Youth Center and Gan Shalom Preschool.

Before we do that, we wanted to invite members of our entire
CBI and Gan Shalom Family to come to the new building and leave a blessing
by writing something on the inside of the walls before we close them up.

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Yair Harel received an orthodox-yeshiva education and studied music with Roger Yishai, Andre Hajdu, Piris Eliyahu, Meir Atiyah and Haim Louk.



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 Chloe Zilberstein, September 3, 5th birthday
 Carol Brass, September 5
 Hope Alper, September 6
 Deborah Fink, September 6
 Sarah Bloom, September 7
 Frayda Gonshor Cohen, September 11
 Aliza Weiss, September 11
 Oscar Kellerman, September 13, 5th birthday
 Coby Stein, September 15, 17th birthday
 Ezra Hendon, September 15
 Chana Quastler, September 15
 Rebecca Angel, September 16
 Samuel Gessow, September 19, 17th birthday
 Theresa Kaplan, September 21
 Gavriella Klein, September 22, 14th birthday
 Gilad Buchman, September 23
 Philip Tendler, September 24
 Shalom Bochner, September 25
 John Pilkington, September 25
 Yael Krieger, September 26
 Nimrod Elias, September 27
 Toby Hendon, September 27
 Levi Steinman, September 29, 8th birthday
 Isaiah Heitler Bamberger, October 1,
 10th birthday
 Nevo Naftalin-Kelman, October 2, 7th birthday
 Raanan Schweig, October 3, 11th birthday
 Ashira Bloom, October 3, 13th birthday
 Anyah Schachter-Brooks, October 3, 3rd birthday
 Jeff Morgan, October 3
 Dorothy Richman, October 5
 Benjamin Krantz, October 6, 4th birthday
 Joshua Ladon, October 6
 Amir Amado Feeley, October 7
 Nathan Magid, October 8, 13th birthday
 Robert Safran, October 8
 Judith Williams, October 8
 Jonah Koppelman, October 9, 15th birthday
 Clara Cunradi, October 9
 Ezra Bamberger, October 9, 6th birthday
 Judith Massarano, October 9
 Eliana Greenberg, October 10
 Miriam Simon, October 12, 7th birthday
 Ilene Katz, October 15
 Yishai Darmoni, October 16, 2nd birthday
 Hillel Kipnis, October 17
 Eidan Schachter-Brooks, October 17,
 9th birthday
 Bella Barany, October 17
 Elisheva Ladon, October 18, 2nd birthday

Sara Heitler Bamberger, October 19
 Edward Miller, October 20
 Yehoshua Albietz, October 21, 6th birthday
 Lev Jasper, October 21
 Shira Tikofsky, October 22, 17th birthday
 Bear Mahgel-Friedman, October 24, 9th birthday
 Orly Heitler, October 25, 1st birthday
 Avrumy Reissberg, October 25
 Leo Davis, October 25, 2nd birthday
 Yonatan Alperin, October 26, 11th birthday
 Aaron Katler, October 26
 Ami Wulf, October 28
 Zvi Rosen, October 29
 Violette Sibony, October 30
 Sam Markowitz, October 31
 Bob Albietz, November 1
 Oded Angel, November 3
 Leif Stamperdahl, November 7, 7th birthday
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 Rebeccah Simon, November 8, 18th birthday
 Eytan Sandel, November 8, 1st birthday
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 Daniel Schweig, November 10, 8th birthday
 Nina Smith, November 12, 12th birthday
 Jake Libenson, November 12, 16th birthday
 Carol Shivel, November 12
 Allen Rosen, November 13, 1st birthday
 Sam James, November 13
 Noa Mrejen, November 15, 8th birthday
 Kenny Hendon, November 16
 Dvir Tsivion, November 16, 4th birthday
 Lauren Robinson, November 16
 Laura Lipman, November 17
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 Patricia Kipnis, November 18
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 Dorothy Rubin, November 19
 Celia Haber, November 20, 15th birthday
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 Yonatan Hashay, November 25, 8th birthday
 Elissa Kittner, November 25
 SerachBracha Richards, November 25
 Scott Feigelson, November 26
 Wendy Kenin, November 26
 Benjamin Feiner, November 29
 Yaffa Jelen, November 29, 2nd birthday
 Sergio Andermann, November 29
 Jodie Morgan, November 29
 Joel Gerwein, November 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & June Safran, September 1,
 58th anniversary
 Bob & Judy Albietz, September 2,
 35th anniversary
 Ken & Sara Heitler Bamberger, September 2,
 13th anniversary
 Alan & Elissa Kittner, September 6,
 16th anniversary
 Ezra & Toby Hendon, September 7,
 56th anniversary
 Derek & Maureen Krantz, September 14,
 11th anniversary
 Howard Felson & Efrat Campagnano,
 September 23, 6th anniversary
 Aaron Katler & Deborah Fink, October 27,
 12th anniversary
 Sergio Andermann & Noemi Yoselevitz,
 October 29, 9th anniversary
 Oded & Rebecca Angel, November 17,
 40th anniversary
 Terence & Olga Gordon, November 20,
 40th anniversary
 Paul & Anna Belle Panish, November 22,
 52nd anniversary
 Joe & Laura Schickman, November 24,
 1st anniversary
 Sam & Bathea James, November 25,
 38th anniversary



— MAZAL TOV! —

To Meechal & Na'aman Kam and big brother Evyatar on the birth of a baby girl, Noa Channa.

To former CBI members Julie and Raphael Londner, and big brother and sister Lior and Ava, on the birth of a baby girl, Noa, this past July 15th.

To grandparents Lenny Kristal & Denise Resnikoff on the August 12th birth of a baby girl, Lyra Alecia Bradley, to Keren & Adam Bradley, and sisters Meira, Kalila, Lielle & Ammy.

To Noemi Yoselevitz & Sergio Andermann and big sister Ilana on the birth of a baby boy, Alexander Joshua.

To grandparents Aaron Marcus and Leslie Becker on the birth of a baby girl, Frieda Grace Schäfer (Orli Margalit, **אָרלי מַרְגַּלִּיט**), to Elisheva Marcus and Henning Schäfer, Berlin, Germany on August 20

May their lives be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds.

— BARUCH DAYAN EMET/CONDOLENCES —

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Barbara Ann Markowitz**, beloved mother of Sarah, sister of David Sudikoff, sister-in-law of Rikki, and aunt of Eliana & Uriel. The funeral took place on August 14 in West Roxbury MA. Barbara (z"l) requested for donations to be made to the CBI Rabbi Discretionary Fund or to the PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation.

We regret to inform you of the passing of **David Matthew Freehling**, beloved brother of Shira Freehling.

With sadness we inform you of the passing of **Rabbi Hershel Yolles, Yehuda Tzvi ben Eliezer Ha Kohen, the Samborer Rebbe**, of blessed memory. R. Yolles frequently visited Beit Midrash Ohr HaChaim and had many students and followers in the East Bay Jewish community.

We regret to inform you of the passing on August 19 in Sacramento of **Phyllis Koppelman**, born April 8, 1922 in Brooklyn NY, beloved mother of Charles Koppelman, and Lillian Koppelman of Medford, OR, mother in law of Deborah Sibony and grandmother of Walker Koppelman-Brown, Gabriella & Jonah Koppelman.

May the Holy One comfort the family among all the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem.

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June 21: Congregation Beth Israel in honor of our Youth Educators

June 28: Hannah & Eliezer Perl, Gilad Buchman, Racheli Perl and Boaz, in honor of Racheli's completion of her Ph.D.

July 5: Linda Diamond, in memory of my husband, Richard diamond, z"l and in honor of July 4th; Nae Golomb, in memory of my father, Joel S. Golomb. Both Nae and Linda in memory of Leslie Ann Provence; Gladys & Phil Leider

July 12: Ben and Jo Ellen Zeitlin in honor of Simon Zeitlin's 4th birthday today, Ben Zeitlin's birthday, and Ben and Jo Ellen Zeitlin's 5th wedding anniversary; SaraLeya Schley in honor of her daughter Elie's 25th birthday today and acceptance to grad school and in memory of her dear teacher Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi; Rona Teitelman in honor of her birthday today and 5 years cancer free

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July 26: Jeremy & Rachel Evnine, in honor of the -11th anniversary of Rafael's bar mitzvah (it's never too early to hear one's parsha!); Justin & Sheba Sweet

August 2: The Schickman Family in observance of the *yahrzeit* of Mark's father, Yaakov Mayer Ben Chaim Shlomo

August 9: The Sudikoff family & the whole Beth Israel community in honor of our departing *b'not sherut*, Or'ly & Renana, with love and thanks!

August 16: Linda Diamond in honor of Danielle and Ilan's first visit to the United States since their wedding in Israel; Joel & Irene Resnikoff and Frances Alexander in honor of the upcoming wedding of Ariel Resnikoff and Rivka Weinstock; Sheila & Marvin Yudenfreund in memory of Marvin's mother Rose Yudenfreund.

August 22: The CBI Board of Directors in honor of the Hashay family and Maharat Victoria Sutton and Adam Brelow, and our *b'not sherut* Michal Goldfarb & Naama Mayzlish

August 30: Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas, in memory of Alan's mother Elizabeth Abend Finkelstein

September 6: Shira, Eli, & Maerav thanking the CBI community for an amazing 7 years! We will miss you all very much - please keep in touch! The Young 'Uns in gratitude for the warmth and love of our wonderful CBI community (Lisa Aremband; Brian Blumenthal; Arabella Bangura; Andrea Brott; Benjamin Epstein; David Hartman; Matty Lichtenstein; Shivaram Lingamneni; Jana Loeb; Raphael Magarik; Ariel Margulies; Zvi Rosen; Eli Silins; Jonathan Thirman; Arielle Tonkin; Sara Weissman); Hope & Noah Alper in honor of Hope's birthday today; Jonah Markowitz

September 13: Congregation Beth Israel in honor of our new members and newcomers

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