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From Maharat Victoria Sutton

“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.”

Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

“The only tyrant I accept in this world is the ‘still small voice’ within me. And even though I have to face the prospect of being a minority of one, I humbly believe I have the courage to be in such a hopeless minority.”

— *Mahatma Gandhi, The Essential Gandhi: An Anthology of His Writings on His Life, Work, and Ideas*

This past year, a group of us learned the book of Jeremiah, an often misunderstood prophet. Jeremiah’s mission becomes his life’s work, spanning a forty year prophetic career that would transport him from his childhood home in the priestly town of Anatot to the seat of power in Jerusalem. Best known as the prophet of the *Hurban* (*Destruction*), Jeremiah gained a reputation in his own day as one who did not mince words during the decades of prophecy leading up to the Destruction. His prophecies were usually in the form of rebuke, as he was tasked with delivering God’s critique of the people’s religious and moral hypocrisy. His penchant for bursting the bubble of complacency that enveloped the people put him in mortal danger more than once: from his own townspeople plotting to poison him to jail time and death threats in Jerusalem.

Nowhere is this more pronounced than in Jeremiah’s famous showdown at the Temple itself. God directs Jeremiah to stand in the gates of the Temple and decry the moral hypocrisy he fears is eroding those very gates. “Do not rely on false words, saying: The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord are they.” (7:4) Years before the physical destruction of the Temple, Jeremiah exposes the people for not being true to God, or to themselves. Rather, they

placed false hope in the now-empty institution of the Temple, relying on God’s protection and trust even as their corruption rendered closer it to a “den of thieves.”

Abraham Joshua Heschel, in his work *The Prophets*, comments on Jeremiah, “The prophet is an iconoclast, challenging the apparently holy, revered, and awesome. Beliefs cherished as certainties, institutions endowed with supreme sanctity, he exposes as scandalous pretensions.” No institution, be it the Temple or the Davidic royal dynasty, was spared.

Yet, despite his often scathing rebuke, Jeremiah remains a sympathetic figure. He is consigned to speak God’s truth to deaf or hostile ears. But he feels deeply for those he is sent to rebuke, even to the point of despair. It is this enduring love for his people that drives his demand for them to accept the truth, and this love that stings Jeremiah with pain and despair when they remain aloof, or worse, strike back at him.

“Ultimately, his passion for truth belied a depth of

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From the President

A decade ago, I first served the CBI community as president. I began my tenure with a new incoming rabbi and his wife; I did not know much about this rabbinic couple, but I had a very good feeling about them, and about what they would be able to accomplish in our community.

Now I am back as president again. Some things have changed in the last ten years, and other things remain the same — all while remaining true to our CBI spirit and character. Looking back, here are some highlights of what I remember:

Gan Shalom — At an early Parent Advisory Board meeting that Rabbi Cohen and I attended, Rabbi Cohen pledged to the parent group that he would rebuild the Gan building into a space that was more appropriate for educating CBI's young children. This statement was met with a certain amount of skepticism, and "Yes, we've heard this for years, but...". Now it's hard to imagine that it has been less than a year since the new Gan has re-opened, offering a quality pre-school and a new program for two-year-olds (both of which have a waiting list), a meeting place for teens, an incredible outdoor education area, and a vibrant Shabbat and holiday program for children throughout the year.

CBI Membership — Our shul community has grown tremendously in the last decade. While the numbers tell a part of the story, the true reflection of this growth is in the numerous ways that CBI uses our shul — a building that now, at times, feels a little cozy during a regular Shabbat service. Classes, minyanim, Shabbat dinners, aufrufs, simchas, as well as funerals all make up the fabric of our community, and many of these events happen in our well-used "new" (now twelve years old!) building. Every week on Shabbat our community hosts many guests and visitors, who tell us that they've never been to a shul like ours, and how special it is. Those of us lucky enough to be a part of CBI on a regular basis know this and appreciate it.

Clergy — Ten years ago, the notion of Orthodox women as clergy was not yet a reality. I remember Rabbi Cohen speaking about this from the bimah, saying that this was likely to change within our lifetimes. Little did we know then that Yeshivat Maharat's founding in 2009 would bring us to have Maharat Sutton as our teacher and spiritual leader. Her presence is felt throughout our community, giving drashot, at minyanim standing next to women in mourning, working with our children, supporting the homeless shelter volunteers, running the Beit Midrash program, and teaching her dynamic classes on Jeremiah and Eicha. Rabbi Cohen's vision for CBI included Maharat Sutton as a member of his team, and we have all benefitted from that vision.

All of this growth and development would not have been possible without the leadership, guidance and wisdom of Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor Cohen. CBI will celebrate their gifts to our community at the gala on September 18th. The weekend will be filled with words of Torah, tributes, and festivity.

I hope all of you will join me in our Gala Celebration in honor of our beloved Rabbi and Frayda. I hope the rest of your summer is enjoyable, whether you are staying here in Berkeley with our gentle mild temperature and summer breezes, or traveling to other less temperate zones. Either way, see you soon in shul!

Leslie Valas, President

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emotion for the very people who would have his head. Of all of the prophets, we are privy to the inner struggle of Jeremiah, who seeks truth from man and God alike. Impassioned with a sense of divine disturbance Jeremiah could condemn with a vehemence that was at times terrifying and devoid of charity. But his own heart was rich in tenderness and sensitivity to other people's suffering. He terrified in order to save. The disaster he threatened would be a disaster to him, sorrow and excruciating anguish. He had implored and warned them, he knew that if the people should remain dead to his words, he would drown in his own tears. (Heschel, The Prophets)."

In fact, it is sometimes ambiguous (perhaps intentionally so) whether the despair stems from Jeremiah's own soul, or from the Divine pathos burning within his prophetic being. Yet, it is clear that Jeremiah's conscience leads him to demand truth from both man and God alike. Jeremiah, like Moses before him, seeks fairness and truth from God. These moments of self-reflection and awareness make Jeremiah one of the most engaging and compelling prophetic figures, as we are let into the inner depths of his soul.

The Sages tell us that there were many more prophets throughout history, but only those necessary for future generations, those with an enduring message to guide us, were recorded in Tanakh (BT Megillah 14). This remained our directive in engaging with the entire work of Jeremiah: to explore an often difficult text wholly and completely. What was Jeremiah trying to say to his people then? And what does he have to say to us today? The parallels often leapt from the page, as Jeremiah's words spoke truth to events both political and personal, leading participants to often remark, "Isn't it the same today?" Human nature, human fallibility, and our capacity to rationalize our mistakes are no ancient relic.

Jeremiah spoke to hypocrisy and an unwillingness to upset a corrupt status quo, even if it was a facade masking a deeper truth that lurked in the shadows. He shed a bright light on those truths. Jeremiah became the conscience of a generation. He remains the voice of conscience for generations to come.



Halakha Q&A: Rabbi Eliezer Melamed

We are pleased to include a sample of *halakhic* Q&As from R. Eliezer Melamed. Rabbi Eliezer Melamed is rabbi of the community of *Har Bracha* and head of its *hesder yeshiva*. His *Peninei Halakha* series has sold over 500,000 copies in Hebrew and is used as a textbook in many schools. *Peninei Halakha* is a comprehensive series of books on Jewish law applied to today's ever-changing world. In this series, Rabbi Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear, and concise writing style brings the *halakha*, from principle to practical detail, to readers of all backgrounds. Parts of this ambitious series are now available in translation. In 2013 R. Melamed received the prestigious Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook Prize for Jewish Creativity.

Q: At what age should a child be taught to avoid Torah prohibitions?

A: It is a *mitzva* to train children to avoid prohibited activities from the time they begin to understand that certain things are permitted and certain things are prohibited. In other words, it is not enough that a child understands that he must stop what he is doing when he is told "no"; rather, he must understand that what he is doing is never allowed. Most children begin to understand this at approximately age three. From then on, if one sees his child engaged in a prohibited activity, such as eating non-kosher food or turning on a light on Shabbat, one must stop him from doing so (MB 343:3).

Once the child reaches the age of *hinukh* (education) – when we start teaching him Torah at about age six or seven – one should begin to explain more about the principles behind the prohibitions, so that he will know how to observe them properly.

There is no *mitzva* to teach one's child who is younger than three to avoid prohibitions. Therefore, if such a child finds prohibited food and wants to eat it, or if he wants to turn a light on or off on Shabbat, one does not need to stop him from doing so.

We must stress that the *mitzva* of *hinukh* must be done in such a way that the child will be receptive. Therefore, one should not force a child to begin keeping all the *mitzvot* and saying all the prayers properly at the age of six or seven. A child's early years are meant to allow him to get used to praying and keeping *mitzvot*. This way, by the time children reach *halakhic* maturity at the age of bar or bat *mitzva*, they will be capable of keeping all the *mitzvot* properly.

Q: May one place food on a *plata* (warming tray) or a *blekh* on Shabbat?

A: According to many *poskim* (*halakhic* authorities), one may not place even fully cooked food on these, because putting food on a heat source resembles cooking. How-

ever, if one places a pot or plate upside down on the *plata* (hot plate) or *blekh*, he may place food on them, because this is not a normal way to cook, as normally one would not place an obstruction between the heat source and the food. In practice, one may even rely upon a cover that lifts the food up only minimally (like the top from a metal coffee can) to serve as an obstruction between the *plata* and the food. However, aluminum foil, which does not lift the food up at all, is not acceptable. Those who are stringent maintain that one may not place even fully cooked food on an aluminum foil-covered *plata* or *blekh*.

In contrast, there are others who are lenient and maintain that since people do not normally cook upon a *plata* or a *blekh* but only over an open flame, when one places food on a *blekh* or *plata* it does not look like he is cooking, and therefore he may place cooked food directly on them on Shabbat. There are others who are lenient when it comes to a *plata* since it is especially designed for warming and not cooking, but are stringent regarding a *blekh* since it is hotter and can serve as a cooking surface.

In practice, since many *poskim* are stringent, it is preferable to be stringent and refrain from placing a pot with cooked food directly onto the *plata* or *blekh*. However, those who wish to be lenient may, since the law is rabbinic, and many important *poskim* have offered compelling reasoning in support of their lenient position. One who has a set family custom on the matter should follow his custom.

Q: If one forgot to say 'Ya'aleh VeYavo' while davening on Rosh Chodesh, what should he do?

A: The unique nature of Rosh Chodesh finds expression in our prayers. After all, *Chazal* instituted our prayers in place of the sacrifices, and the Torah commands us to offer a *musaf* sacrifice on Rosh Chodesh. Therefore, the Rabbis prescribed that we recite the *Ya'aleh VeYavo* prayer, in which we beseech God to remember us for good on Rosh Chodesh. They inserted it in the blessing of "Retzeh"

because that is where we ask God to restore the Divine service to the Holy Temple, and that is an appropriate place to mention Rosh Chodesh, for once the Divine service is restored, we will be able to actually offer the *musaf* of Rosh Chodesh. One who forgets to say *Ya'aleh VeYavo* in *Shacharit* or *Mincha* must repeat the *Shemoneh Esrei* (Shabbat 24a).

If one remembers immediately after completing the blessing of *Retzeh*, he should insert *Ya'aleh VeYavo* there, and then continue with *Modim*. If one already began *Modim*, but remembered before moving his feet back at the end of *Shemoneh Esrei*, he should return to the beginning of *Retzeh* and continue from there until the end. The preceding is true only regarding *Shacharit* and *Mincha*, but if one forgot to say *Ya'aleh VeYavo* in *Ma'ariv*, he does not go back, unless he remembers before saying God's name at the conclusion of *Retzeh*. The reason *Ma'ariv* is different is that the *Beit Din* did not sanctify the new moon at night. Thus, even though one should, ideally, say *Ya'aleh VeYavo* in *Ma'ariv*, he does not repeat the *Shemoneh Esrei*, or even just one blessing, in order to say it (*Berachot* 29b, 30b; *Shulchan Aruch*, *Orach Chaim* 422:1).



Gan Shalom

By Laura Lipman



Our summer camp program was a great success. We set up our summer this year based on the interests of the children. The first week we wanted to know more about horses, so we learned about what horses eat, invited Elijah's dad (who is a horse trainer at Golden gate fields), and teachers read stories about horses and made many models and pictures of different kinds of horses.

During the second week of July, the Stein brothers, led by Ami with help from Coby and Gili, made new picnic tables and benches for Gan Shalom. They even painted them the same color, so you might not even have noticed! Ami undertook this project as part of his Eagle Scout program. So along with our endless appreciation, Ami also gets points towards work on his Eagle Scout merit badge.

We love how CBI shows its love and respect for Gan Shalom with intergenerational acts such as this. This kind of caring shows the sense of respect and communal responsibility that is mutual between parents, teachers and children and all of our friends at CBI.

Thank you Ami, Coby and Gilli!



News from NCSY

Dear members of NCSY, Congregation Beth Israel, and Beth Jacob Congregation,

Once again, thank you to NCSY Director, R. Avia Cohen, and his wife, Amital, for their dedicated service in Northern California this past year. We are in the process of hiring a full-time NCSY Director for Northern California, and have interviewed and vetted candidates. In the interim, we are committed to ensuring the NCSY program remains successful and that our teens are inspired and involved through the transition.

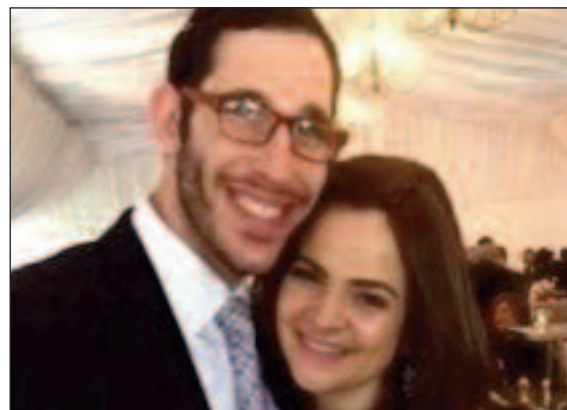
It is with great excitement that we announce that Ariella and Eli Weinstein are the Interim Directors of Northern California, until the full-time position is filled. Married in October 2015, Eli and Ariella reside in Washington Heights, NY. But they are no strangers to the Bay Area and even partly attribute their marriage to NorCal as it was the topic of their first ever conversation!

Eli was an advisor for the NorCal chapter from 2012-2013, missing Ariella by a year as she joined the NorCal team in Fall of 2013 until Summer 2015. This is Ariella's fifth year with West Coast NCSY. Having spent 3 years as an advisor, this past year she assumed the role of Assistant Advisor Coordinator. Eli is originally from West Hempstead, NY and began his career with NCSY at a very young age with Junior NCSY, continuing on to lead his chapter in high school, and then as an advisor and staff member for the past six years for the New York NCSY chapter.

Ariella and Eli will be coordinating the activities and programs in Northern California. Starting late summer. they will visit the Bay Area for Shabbat once a month, run Skype shuirim and meetings with the teens, and coordinate a team of advisors that will also come to the Bay once a month and facilitate all programming in the area.

We are looking forward to a strong start to the year and will keep you updated on the placement of a full-time director.

Rina Emerson, Regional Director of West Coast NCSY
Rabbi Gershon Albert, Beth Jacob Congregation - Oakland
Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, Congregation Beth Israel - Berkeley



New Member • Ray Lifchez

By Ronna Kabatznick

Ray, an architect, is professor of Architecture and City and Regional Planning, in the College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley. He offers courses in creative writing, field work methods, history, and community internships. His courses were conceived to inspire undergraduates to consider, and to discover, the personal relationship between their privileged academic interests and to acquire knowledge that will prepare them for a professional role. Ray also sponsors the Baccalaureate Prize for those who have in their four years found ways to take an active role in agencies committed to social causes. He seeks to accomplish these goals internationally through the BerkeleyPrize.org, an international digital essay competition for undergraduates, that encourages discovering and engagement with social organizations in the US or abroad..



Ray has found ways to be engaged with bettering the dire situation of homeless youth in our greater community. He has sponsored projects at YEAH (Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing) and Youth Spirit Art Works. YEAH is a shelter that also provides meals, and Youth Spirit Art Works is a workshop teaching employable skills. "I have been given opportunities to be involved, and would welcome the opportunity to meet those who may wish to become involved."

"I owe my social consciousness to my childhood in South Carolina, and to an Orthodox upbringing. In our household *tzedakah* was poignantly addressed by the family's commitment to Jewish communities in Palestine, and especially orphanages. The faces of the children on the several *pushke* in which pennies were ceremoniously dropped inspired me as a teacher and as a Jewish citizen.

He attends services at Beth Israel and at Netivot Shalom; he is also a member at Temple Sinai and attended Beth El for years. "My Hebrew education ended with my Bar Mitzvah and one of the pleasures and goals of attending shul is to regain Hebrew and that sense of community that I knew as a child. It was an extraordinary community, partly founded by my grandfather, who emigrated to South Carolina in 1892, from the Pale of Settlement. In Berkeley's Jewish community I have found warmth, kindness and generosity; especially at CBI and in my relationship with Rabbi Cohen, who in every encounter, makes an effort to make me feel welcome."

New Member • Miriam Barrere

By Carol Cunradi

Unlike so many in our community that were born and raised elsewhere but came to settle in the Bay Area, Miriam grew up in the Berkeley/Oakland area and attended Berkeley schools. She has continued to live here as an adult. Growing up, she and her family were members of Temple Sinai in Oakland.

After a year of college Miriam took the opportunity to go to Israel for a year, which provided her with an outstanding experience. Says Miriam: "I have several friends from that year to this day. It connected me with my amazing housemate and her loving family, and led me to grow both Jewishly and Zionistically." Later in college (at CU Boulder, go Buffs!) Miriam became involved with Hillel and a Conservative synagogue. Returning home after college, she started attending services at Beth Jacob in Oakland, and "grew to love the community and rabbis."



Professionally, Miriam is a registered nurse at UCSF Medical Center where she is a case manager for an adult medicine service. As part of her duties, she works with the interdisciplinary medical team to safely discharge patients from the hospital. Miriam states, "At times I miss providing direct health education, which is what led me into the profession. However, I do love working with my colleagues in my department and across the medical center."

When asked how she came to join the CBI community, Miriam explains, "I once heard the idea that one's Judaism is a path, leading you continually forward, but veering over hills, to the right or left at times. This idea has always resonated with me. About 9 months ago I was looking for a new Jewish community in the Bay Area. I had heard about how great CBI was, and started coming for Shabbat. I quickly found a place within the community and then an opportunity to move here fell in my lap."

Miriam is very honored to have been nominated and elected to a position on the CBI Board of Directors. She thinks it speaks to the membership and leaders of CBI that new people are made to feel welcome and that it's their space, too: "I am looking forward to helping to coordinate social events for the young professionals within our community. If you have an idea, please feel free to talk with me about making it work."

New Member • Willner Family

By The Willner Family

Josh, Piera and Judah Willner are thrilled to be new members of the CBI Community. The Willner family recently relocated to Berkeley from Seattle and are working toward establishing their new life in the Bay Area. Piera is a Berkeley native and attended Tehiyah Day School followed by Berkeley public schools. Though she did not grow up as a member of CBI, she had several classmates who did and she always enjoyed coming to shul with them. Piera's undergraduate degree in linguistics was earned at UC Davis. Next, she earned her master's degree in communication disorders and sciences at the University of Oregon, where she learned to combine her love of children, teaching, and language. After graduation, Piera returned to the Bay Area and started her career as a pediatric speech-language pathologist. She spent several Shabbatot at CBI and always felt it would be a great place to raise a family. Soon, however, she was pulled to SF and was a regular participant at the Mission Minyan. During the week, she ran a successful pediatric speech therapy practice. In 2010, Piera spent Pesach with friends, past CBI members Sonya and Etan Basseri, in Seattle, and they introduced her to Josh, a Seahawks loving-Mariners enthusiast and Sonics mourner (Josh is very excited to have Kevin Durant play for his home team again), and the two soon fell in love and ultimately were married in Seattle, on a quintessential Pacific Northwest crisp, rainy and windy autumn day.



Josh was born and raised in Seattle with family ties going back to the turn of the century in the area. Growing up, Josh attended the Seattle Hebrew Academy, Northwest Yeshiva High School and spent a year in Israel at Machon Lev in Jerusalem before continuing on to the University of Washington where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics. Josh has worked for various startups in the Seattle area and is currently in Internet marketing.

Living in Seattle in 2013, Josh and Piera were blessed with a baby boy and not a day goes by that Judah doesn't inspire them or make them laugh. Josh and Piera also helped found a modern Orthodox minyan in the Seward Park neighborhood named Minyan Ohr Chadash. The minyan started with seven families and has grown in only three years to close to 90 families. There, Josh served as Vice President, Gabbai and as a Shaliach Tzibur. But after six years of suffering through the rain (it really doesn't rain that much) and extremely short days in the winter, the family packed up everything and moved to the so called "greener pastures" of the Bay Area. Piera has now restarted her practice offering speech therapy for children and parent education opportunities in the Bay Area, with more information to be found at <http://www.speechtherapysf.com>. Josh is temporarily working remotely for his Seattle company, but is exploring local opportunities in internet marketing and search engine optimization. He is also contemplating going back to school.

Judah is a music enthusiast and loves the Beatles, especially Paul McCartney and even his solo work. Coincidence that his middle name is Paul? His current favorite tunes are Paperback Writer and Silly Love Songs. Soon after the family arrived, Judah started in Keshet at Gan Shalom and he quickly embraced the staff, the beautiful new facility and emergent curriculum. He has already made great friends that he talks about daily and requests play dates. Josh and Piera love that Judah gets to connect with his school friends at shul.

"We want to thank everyone in the CBI community who have helped us transition thus far and we look forward to meeting many more wonderful people in shul and at Gan and celebrating Shabbat, chagim, and simchat with all of you!"



Learning Torah from my Kidneys

By Yael Krieger

In Tanach, the word “kidneys” is mentioned over a dozen times to metaphorically describe one’s emotional and moral choices.



With a literal translation, Psalms 138:13 reads: “It was You who created my kidneys; You fashioned me in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am awesomely, wondrously made; your work is wonderful; I know it very well.” (Psalm 138:13) Such meaning this verse now has for me. It is wondrous that God created me with two functioning kidneys. It is awesome that God fashioned me to only need one. God’s work is indeed wondrous that on May 24th, 2016 I was able to donate a kidney to my father. And yes, I know this well!

This past September, when my dad’s kidney function dropped to 15%, I began the process of getting tested to see if I was a match. September to February was an emotionally challenging time. How could I voluntarily opt have major surgery when I had two young kids? How could I not help save my father’s life? So many moments I felt guilty for wanting to donate. So many moments I felt guilty for not wanting to.

In the Talmud (Berachot 61a) the rabbis describe the kidneys’ function as one of “advising.” They explain that “a person has two kidneys, one of which counsels him to do good, and the other counsels him to do evil.” Rosh HaShanah 26a, describes the kidneys as being the place where God gave us wisdom. I now turned to my kidneys for help. For wisdom. For counsel. Could my kidneys help me figure out what the good, responsible decision was?

In 2006 an organization called Renewal started, a comprehensive resource for kidney donors and recipients functioning mostly in the ultra-orthodox world. The first kidney donor to work with Renewal was Chaim Alter Berger, a young father of four. While compelled to donate, he called his Rebbe, the Boyaner Rebbe Shlita of Yerushalyim for consultation. His Rebbe’s response was “One who entertains such a *shaila* [question] is already beyond the level of doubt.” I too think that from the beginning I always knew I was going to do this, despite all the emotional and mental processing.

Deciding to donate my kidney was empowering. In a world that often feels perilous and random, I felt good about choosing to do something that could have such positive, tangible results. In a world where sometimes fear prevents us from acting, I took comfort knowing that I had overcome fears in order to try to do a great *mitzvah*. However, the ultimate reason why I felt comfortable donating my kidney was because I knew that there were so many people who would help my husband take care of our kids during my absence, help care and feed my family during my recovery, and continuously offer help in multiple ways. I do not take this for granted.

For the twelve days following the procedure, my sister Ronit took care of me. She slept with me in the hospital, escorted me to the bathroom, helped me shower, cooked my food, made photo books of my kids, and tended to my every need. The level of compassion and care that I received from her went above and beyond what I would have been capable of giving. I felt humbled in her presence. At one point I timidly told her that I was uncertain I would have been able to care for her like she cared for me. Her response was that she did not think she’d be able to donate her kidney; that different people are made to show their *chesed* in different ways, and that that’s okay.

The Hebrew phrase *mitzvah goreret mitzvah*, “one good deed will bring another good deed” (Pirkei Avot 4:2) has taken on new meaning for me. I had always understood this to mean that the reward for doing a *mitzvah* is doing another *mitzvah*, or that when people see you do a *mitzvah*, they will be inspired to follow in your footsteps. But what I experienced throughout this ordeal was hundreds of people extending tremendous acts of kindness to me and my family, without which I would never have been able to donate my kidney. That in fact, one person’s ability to do a *mitzvah*, is sometimes only possible if many people are willing to do mitzvot. Mitzvot do not happen in a vacuum. That only in communities where we are all committed to caring and supporting each other, can we overcome the fears that keep us from doing great things. In Midrash, we read that Abraham was taught the Torah by his kidneys (Bereishit Rabbah 61:1). Indeed, my kidneys have taught much Torah and have helped strengthen my ability to act in this world for good.

Cheshbon HaNefesh: The Arithmetic of My Soul

By Marcia Greenwald

Go figure. Maybe it's because I taught math for over forty years that numbers permeate my life. It's always been that way, but even more so since my husband, Manny, passed away in January. If he had lived another month, we would have celebrated our fifty-ninth anniversary.

On the eighth night of Chanukah, we celebrated Manny's eighty-seventh birthday with a festive family dinner. It's true that his mind, fortified by Torah study and a lengthy law career, was not as alert as it used to be. But he knew that he was surrounded by children and grandchildren, and a wife, who loved him. And I know that if they had come to me fifty-nine years ago and told me that I'd get fifty great years, seven so-so years and eighteen lousy months, I would have asked, "Where do I sign?"

Well, nobody told me, and I didn't sign, but I knew my life with Manny was a gift. And when I heard my sons saying Kaddish for their father, I remembered the fact that my father said Kaddish for his father as a twelve-year-old. And here were our sons, both in their fifties, saying Kaddish for their father. And I knew that they knew what a gift they had been granted.

As for me, since Manny passed away, numbers continue to shower me with comforting gifts. I find myself remembering that unlike me, spouting numbers at every turn, Manny kept the arithmetic of his life tightly under wraps. We were engaged to be married when someone mentioned that Manny had graduated first in his class. In all the months that we had known each other, it never occurred to Manny to divulge such a self-aggrandizing statistic.

Manny was an attorney, and he chose that profession because he wanted to help people. I have noticed that some choose to be lawyers to help themselves, but that wasn't Manny. Our kids used to joke about the fact that he just couldn't bring himself to charge high fees for his services. They never forgot the client who paid their father with gefilte fish.

During shivah and the weeks that followed, friends, neighbors and clients divulged Manny's numerous acts of *chesed* about which we were completely unaware. People in organizations he served told us how he not only did their legal work gratis, but also that he usually paid their filing fees. When his clients and friends discussed their own wills and estates, he encouraged them to remember to include *tzedakah* in their plans. I didn't have to know exact dollar amounts to be comforted by these posthumous reports.

His integrity shattered stereotypes about lawyers. A colleague wrote, "Manny never lost his *tzelem Elokim* in my dealings with him across the closing table. We've lost a fine member of the bar down here. We've gained a superb lobbyist Upstairs."

If you told Manny something in confidence, it stayed that way. Many a client, chatting on the phone with me, would mention facts and figures I knew nothing about. They would exclaim, "What? Manny never told you?" I would reply, "No, I had no idea." They often responded, "But I want you to know all the details." And filled with gratitude, they would describe how Manny helped them with a pending sale, purchase or loan.

As I continue to adjust to widowhood, numbers continue to offer me comfort. I find myself remembering that my maternal grandmother became a widow upon the birth of her first child; she was nineteen years old. My paternal grandmother became a widow in her thirties. Yes, my fifty-nine years with Manny were a gift.

Still, while riding on the bus to our Jerusalem suburb a few weeks after he passed away, I saw the hundreds of breathtakingly beautiful almond trees in blossom, just in time for Tu B'Shevat, and I cried because I knew that Manny was missing this.

And then I thought how he'd miss our twin granddaughters' bat mitzvah celebration held this past spring, and our twin grandsons' bar mitzvah celebration in five years and all the engagements and weddings along the way, and I kept crying until I heard him say, "I see the trees, I see them. Stop nagging!"

So I figure that if he can see the blossoming almond trees from his heavenly abode, Manny will surely see our family tree continue to blossom. I'm 100 percent certain of it.

Marcia Greenwald, beloved mother of CBI member Michael Greenwald, lives in Israel.

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The Book of Jeremiah

Class Reflections



Over the past year, we studied the Book of Jeremiah. Often taught as a survey course, we set out to learn the book in its entirety, together as a class, all 52 chapters. This course of study enabled us to do a deep dive into the book and figure of Jeremiah and for the participants to commit to the rigors, and joys, of completing a book of Tanakh.

We came together for a siyum to celebrate this accomplishment, and to share reflections on Jeremiah and our learning with each other. Some of those reflections are shared below.

ON HAVING STUDIED THE BOOK OF YIRMIYAHU PAUL PANISH

People tend to read the prophetic books of Tanach in three ways:
For religious/spiritual insight.
As inspired literature, especially for the poetry.
As history.

Nowadays, most readers of the Bible are either secular or are very far from being literalists. That is to say, they tend to be somewhat skeptical of the prophetic books as history, and, moreover, are comfortably eclectic in their use of the prophets as a spiritual, religious, or moral guide. They tend to read the prophets as inspired literature or as usefully antinomian tracts. Some decades ago it became fashionable for college literature departments to offer at least one course called "The Bible as Literature," or the like.

The book of Jeremiah pushes us in another direction, however. Archaeologists have discovered and translated the Babylonian court archives, which support Jeremiah's description of the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile. The result is to make Jeremiah much more vividly alive, which forces us to confront him as a living and an often uncomfortable presence.

Since we're forced to accept his description of history as veridical, his moral, religious and spiritual presence is unavoidable. Great and passionate poet as he is, he becomes much more than that.

THINKING ABOUT THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH • TOBY HENDON

In chapter one of the Book of Jeremiah, Hashem promises Jeremiah to protect and care for him. Very soon after the beginning chapters, Jeremiah begins to struggle.

Jeremiah suffers throughout his life. The people will not listen to him as he predicts the time of the coming destruction of the Temple and of the Jews, except for some rare moments when Josiah is king, but even then, the people seem to listen, but privately worship idols). No one believes that the Temple could ever be destroyed.

Many people want to kill Jeremiah, but someone always stops them. He lands in prison many times, the worst of which is the pit he is thrown into. He spends much of his life in one prison or another. At one point he even cries out to Hashem and asks to be allowed to die, rather than to have to continue to prophesy to people who won't listen.

Even after the destruction of the Temple and the exodus of many of the people, those who are left want to go down to Egypt. Jeremiah once again prophesies that they need to stay in Jerusalem and that they will do well there. However, even though they ask his advice, they decide to go to Egypt anyway, and Jeremiah goes with them, possibly to try to continue to guide them. He probably dies during his time in Egypt.

Jeremiah suffers greatly throughout his life. How is it that Hashem, who promised to be with him allowed him to suffer so much?

WHAT WOULD JEREMIAH SAY AND DO IN 2016, IF WALKING INTO OUR CLASSROOM? • BELLA BARANY

In our times, he would be more accepted in the role of a concerned and aware teacher than a prophet; but a good teacher has learned and earned the seeds of prophecy by observing students of all ages.

Would he look at our public governmental institutions, such as the Presidency and its Cabinet; Congress, Judicial and Court Systems, Educational and Social Welfare Departments and critique what appears as wrongdoing, corruption or carelessness? No, that would be an evaluation analysis of effectiveness. (Is this my nursing career talking?)

Obviously Jeremiah would stick to HIS subject: HaShem's Reign in Society and he would travel the religious institutions circuit. How much would people listen and change their ways this time around?

From how I understand Jeremiah, he saw himself as serious, idealistic and adventurous, when HaShem made him aware of being a prophet, reluctantly at first, but then growing into the job that became him. He is born in 640 into a Priestly family in Anathoth, a village near Jerusalem; the Priests in Anathoth live quiet lives and do not serve in the Temple. (Coincidentally his father's name was Hilkiah, my first serious boyfriend in Amsterdam was named Hielke; the only 2 people I know in all my 80 years who had the same name! Go figure.)

The reign of Josiah starts in 640 and after 8 years on the throne, there is a change in him, he starts to search for a connection with the God of King David and after a few years starts to purge his Kingdom Judah from Assyrian culture and worship. He has visions of reuniting Judah and Israel Kingdoms and reuniting the tribes like under David and Solomon. But the elders remember how the tribes in the 2 kingdoms fought with each other.

Jeremiah has 2 visions during his early years of prophecy:

- 1) The blossoming almond branch, which HaShem told him means building and planting;
- 2) The image of tumbleweed blowing southwards from the North, symbolizing disaster from the North befalling upon the inhabitants.

God is telling Jeremiah to be strong and "Speak up to the King and Priests and the Leaders of Judah," urging them to follow God's laws in their daily encounters with others; to take care of the orphans and widows.

Because Josiah had elevated the spiritual lives of Judah's inhabitants, Josiah's death came as a blow. The next 2 kings, Jehoiakim and Zedekiah were poor imitations of their predecessor in Jeremiah's eyes; his prophecies turn to doom, exile and destruction. He emphasizes that it is better to be under the yoke of Babylonian kings than to eventually be destroyed in Egypt.

But to no avail as it said in the chapter "Jeremiah's End" in the book "Jeremiah, fate of a Prophet" by Binyamin Lau on page 215: "The Convoy of displaced persons led by Johanan son of Kareah stops here in Tell Defenneh (in Northern Egypt) and the survivors of Jerusalem's destruction can finally rest."

BUT even here Jeremiah will not let them rest. I found this chapter "Jeremiah's End" the most provoking in its low point and the renewed hope for Israel's future.

From the Rabbi... 10 years ago

On the occasion of Rabbi Cohen's 10th anniversary, we reprint his first column in Chai Lights from August 2006

"Ma tovu ohalekha Yaakov, mishkenotekha Israel." "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel." There is a beautiful custom to recite these words as one enters the sanctuary of a shul. Rav Kook teaches that the *"Ma tovu"* prayer reflects the dual nature of the synagogue as both an *ohel* (a tent) and a *mishkan* (a tabernacle). A tent is open to the elements. So too the shul is a place openness and constant striving. It is a holy space that welcomes movement and change. It challenges us to become a community of seekers, engaged in the process of drawing closer and closer to the Ineffable. The tabernacle connotes a more permanent structure. As a tabernacle, the shul is a familiar home, a refuge and a safe haven for the tired soul. It assures us that our lives remain anchored in the Eternal.

As I prepare to enter the sacred space of Congregation Beth Israel, I invite each of you to join me. Together, let us enter the synagogue anew, reciting *"Ma tovu"*. Let us recognize and affirm what makes CBI so unique and successful, while also identifying new ways to grow and strengthen it. Together, let us engage in a process of transformation. Let us pitch tents as we set out to discover new paths to the Divine.

"Ma tovu ohalekha Yaakov, mishkenotekha Israel"—How goodly are your tents, your dwellings, O Congregation Beth Israel! I am deeply humbled and grateful for the opportunity to join and lead your community. Frayda and I were impressed by your diversity, your steadfast concern for the well-being of those in need, your passionate thirst for authentic prayer, and your commitment to creative youth and adult programming. All of these make CBI a true dwelling place of godliness. I look forward, with much anticipation, to meeting with each one of you. Your points of view are an integral part of the community's vision and my tent will always be open to your advice.

The words of *"Ma tovu"* continue with: *"Va'ani be'rov hasdekha avo beitekha"*—*"As for me, through Your abundant kindness, I will enter Your Home."* Generosity of the heart is necessary as we enter the home we share with each other and Hashem. May the Source of Compassion guide us on our journey. May we always sense the Holy Presence dwelling in our midst.

B'birkat HaTorah—with the blessing of our Torah,

Rabbi Yonatan



Shabbat Youth Groups Update

It has been an amazing first year in our new Gan Shalom Youth Center! We re-launched Shabbat groups one year ago, with a beautifully updated facility and our Shabbat Youth Educators, Natan and Lili Kuchar. Natan and Lili devoted energy, love and creative vision in developing and running Shabbat and holiday programming. From aesthetics to content, Natan and Lili brought their combined experience in formal and informal education to bear in ensuring every last detail was just right. Natan has been leading the Kedma (pre-school age) Shabbat group, as well as Tot Shabbat monthly, and will continue in this capacity in the coming year.

Our previous b'not sherut, Lital Nagar and Yael Birnbaum, lead the Tzafona (K-2) group with spirit and song. We are excited to welcome our new b'not sherut, Chani Levenberg and Hadassa Zenou, to the Shabbat education team!

Rabbi Ari Weber, a recent YCT grad living in Berkeley this past year for chaplaincy rotation, volunteered his skills and passion for tefillah each week leading the Negba (3-5 grade) group.

Our babysitters, Suelao Barajas (tot room) and Veronica Gonzales (Gan) each have years of professional childcare experience, and are looking forward to continuing to work with CBI Shabbat groups this coming year.

Thank you to our educators and childcare professionals, and to the parents and teens who volunteered each week to supervise and assist in leading groups and Tot Shabbat.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

Thank you to Irene Resnikoff, our outgoing president

Thank you Irene Resnikoff for your loving, caring, and inspiring leadership of our community. A small token of appreciation from the CBI Board and Family — a beautiful, colorful challah basket, porous yet firm (made from steel), with pomegranate designs. The bowl captures your love of life and commitment to growth (colorful trees), your love of CBI and *mitzvot* (pomegranates), incredible hospitality (challah), and firm (steel) yet open (porous) style of leadership.

May the Holy One bless you and your family with love and grace (*chesed*).

Mazel tov to incoming president, Leslie Valas and CBI Board of Directors.
From strength to strength.



Thank you to Yael & Lital

We thank Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagar for a wonderful year at CBI. A special thank you to Desmid Bendix Lyon and Irene Resnikoff & Joel Resnikoff for their incredible hospitality. Yasher koach to Maharat Victoria Sutton and Rachel Perl for their constant leadership and support.

Welcome to our new B'not Sherut

Welcome to our new b'not Sherut, Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou! Chani and Hadassah will be working at OHDS during the week, and will be running Shabbat groups, teen programming and special events at CBI. Our banot this year have a home away from home with Irene and Joel Resnikoff. Please let Maharat Victoria Sutton know if you would like to invite our banot for a Shabbat meal!



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WELCOME TO CBI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2018

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Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Preparing the High Holiday Machzor

In the weeks leading up to the High Holidays, we will use the liturgy as a springboard to our individual process of *teshuva*.

M. Victoria Sutton • Mondays • 12:00 pm & 8:00 pm, September 12 & 19

Daniel & Ezra with M. Victoria Sutton

These narratives tell the story of the Jewish people between the First and Second Temples. From the writing on the wall to the lion's den, we will explore the life and times of the prophet Daniel in the Babylonian court. Next, we turn to Ezra haSofer, the pivotal figure in returning the people, and Torah, from the Babylonian exile to Jerusalem. As we journey through this critical time in Jewish history, we will learn about these amazing figures, their challenges and choices, and how they can inform our own experiences both in the Diaspora and in Israel.

M. Victoria Sutton • Mondays • 12:00 pm • Course begins October 31

TUESDAY

Weeknight Learning with R. Yonatan Cohen

Join R. Cohen 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 • Tuesdays • 8:00 pm in October

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.

Mickey Davis • Wednesday • 4:15-5:45 pm • Resumes September 14

Open Sources: Beit Midrash

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah

An Open Beit Midrash for learning on all levels. You can come with a *chevruta* (learning partner) or we can help find the *chevruta* and area of learning that best fits. Start by filling out the form on our website. On site assistance with learning available. An optional class will be given each week on the parasha by Maharat Victoria Sutton, which includes guided *chevruta* learning of sources for the class followed by group discussion.

M. Victoria Sutton • Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm • Resumes November 2

Jewish philosophers: Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits

The class is currently reading and discussing selections from "Essential Essays on Judaism" presenting Berkovits' most significant essays, exploring vital issues within Judaism and Jewish society, including: Jewish morality and law, Jewish nationhood, and Jewish theology. No background necessary.

Muni Schweig • Wednesdays, 8:00 pm • The Schweig home

FRIDAY

Talmudic Wisdom

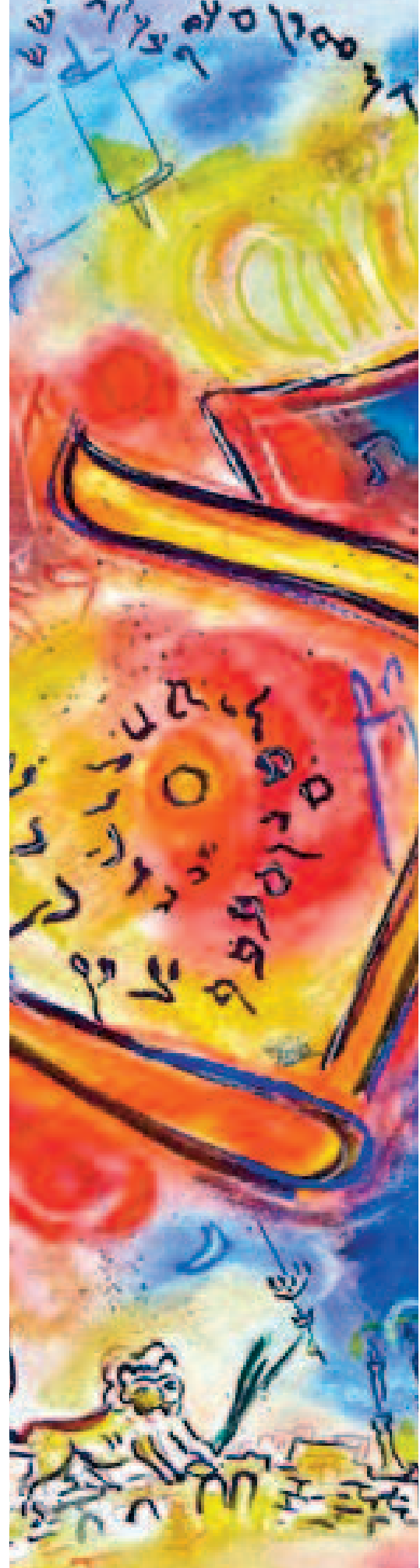
Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

R. Yonatan Cohen • Fridays, 9:00 am, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 (On break in Oct., resumes Nov. 4)

SATURDAYS

Zemirot with Rabbi Rue—Shabbat Morning During Kiddush

Each Shabbat we will study one Zemirot, learn the tune, study the text and ask some questions for further thought. We will start about 15 minutes after Kiddush starts to give people time to get food and eat when we study. Rabbi David Rue has been a Dayan from 1989, Rosh Beit Din from 2000. He has dealt with more than 400 cases of Agunot, and has been able to solve more than 95% of them. Rabbi Rue has dealt with many Rabbis of all kinds of affiliations, and his approach was formed by my contact with the luminaries of the Zionist movement. Rabbi Rue has taught extensively in Yeshivot Bnei Akiva, the premier religious Zionist education network in Israel with over 75 schools and 24,000 students. He is a close student of Rav Druckman.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Professionals Tu B'Av Get Together

Thursday, August 18 @ 7:30 PM

Take comfort in friends, old and new, on this day of love and joy. Enjoy music and comfort foods on the CBI outdoor patio. Free with RSVP. Please RSVP to M. Victoria Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com)

Evening on Israel & the Environment

Alon Tal

Sunday, August 21, 6:30 PM



Professor Alon Tal founded the Israel Union for Environmental Defense, Israel's leading green advocacy organization and the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies. A passionate advocate for local and global environmental protection, Israel's Haaretz newspaper has called him the country's most effective environmental leader. Tal has offered a range of stimulating and inspirational talks at over fifty universities worldwide. Between 2010 and 2013 he served as chair of Israel's Green Party. Israel's Ministry of Environment gave him a life achievement award at age 48. In 2005 he was the winner of the Bronfman prize, a humanitarian award for young leaders. He has held faculty positions at Ben Gurion, Tel Aviv, Harvard, Stanford, Michigan State and Otago Universities.

Leyl Selichot

Saturday night, September 24

9-10 PM Pre-Selichot Kumsitz

Join us for an evening of communal reflections and song, on the themes of *teshuva* (repentance), as we prepare ourselves for the selichot and upcoming High Holidays.

10 PM Selichot

KidPower Parent-Child Workshop

Sunday, September 11

9-11 AM @ CBI



For parents and their elementary school aged children (6-10).

In this active, upbeat workshop, kids practice using "People Safety" skills in everyday life situations familiar to people their age. People Safety skills help prevent problems with peers, family, and strangers. The skills also help strengthen important relationships by improving communication. Practicing People Safety skills can build confidence and improve safety with people at school, in the neighborhood, at home, online -- everywhere!

Childcare available for younger siblings (18 months and above), upon request with registration.

\$20, limited spaces available.

Co-sponsored by OHDS

Mitzvah Fair

Sunday, October 9, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

During the Ten Days of Repentance, we renew our focus and deepen our commitments. On October 9, the Sunday between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, join us for a *mitzvah* day. Hands on sessions with community members combined with opportunities to donate and contribute to our Annual Dinner Drive with Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Sunday, October 16, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Usher in Sukkot by decorating the CBI Sukkah, and participate in *hid-dur mitzvah* (beautifying the *mitzvah*) of Sukkot. We will have materials to make new decorations available. All ages welcome.

CBI COMMUNAL DINNERS IN THE SUKKAH

First Night of Sukkot • Sunday, October 16 at 6:56 pm

Second Night of Sukkot • Monday, October 17, at 7:00 pm

Join us as we fill Beth Israel's sukkah with warmth, and joy on Erev Sukkot. We will feast, learn, sing and gaze at the stars through the sukkah's *schach*.

—**Fleishig with vegetarian options** —

\$18 Adults • \$10 Children (up to 12) and Students

\$50 max. per family

Nobody will be turned away for lack of funds

Teen Movie Night in the Sukkah

Saturday Night, October 22



Women's Tefillah

Women's Tefillah will meet for Shabbat Mincha on the second Shabbat of the month, as well as for Simchat Torah and Megillat Esther. Please see dates below. To participate by leyning, gabbaing, leading tefillah or to learn more please contact Dr. Tamara Beliak (tbeliak@ohds.org) or M. Victoria Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com)

September 10 - Shabbat Mincha (Ki Teitze)

October 25 (Wed.) - Simchat Torah Women's Reading

November 12 - Shabbat Mincha (Vayera)

December 10 - Shabbat Mincha (Vayishlach)

January 21* - Shabbat Mincha (Vaera)

February 11 - Shabbat Mincha (Tu B'Svhat, Yitro)

March 12 (Sun.) - Purim Day, Megillat Esther Women's Reading

May 13 - Shabbat Mincha (Behar/Behukotai)

*(please note this is the 3rd Shabbat of the month)



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

Week of

Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn

Neitz-Sunrise

Latest ideal time for the morning **Sh'ma**

Latest time for prayer **Tefilah**

Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha

Sh'kia Sunset

Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall

Aug. 6

5:05 am

6:17 am

9:46 am

10:55 am

1:49 pm

8:12 pm

8:54 pm

Aug. 13

5:11 am

6:23 am

9:48 am

10:57 am

1:48 pm

8:04 pm

8:46 pm

Aug. 20

5:17 am

6:29 am

9:51 am

10:58 am

1:46 pm

7:55 pm

8:37 pm

Aug. 27

5:23 am

6:35 am

9:53 am

10:58 am

1:43 pm

7:45 pm

8:27 pm

Week of

Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn

Neitz-Sunrise

Latest ideal time for the morning **Sh'ma**

Latest time for prayer **Tefilah**

Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha

Sh'kia Sunset

Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall

Sept. 3

5:29 am

6:41 am

9:55 am

10:59 am

1:40 pm

7:34 pm

8:16 pm

Sept. 10

5:35 am

6:47 am

9:56 am

10:59 am

1:37 pm

7:24 pm

8:06 pm

Sept. 17

5:41 am

6:53 am

9:58 am

11:00 am

1:34 pm

7:13 pm

7:55 pm

Sept. 24

5:47 am

6:59 am

10:00 am

11:01 am

1:31 pm

7:02 pm

7:44 pm

Week of

Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn

Neitz-Sunrise

Latest ideal time for the morning **Sh'ma**

Latest time for prayer **Tefilah**

Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha

Sh'kia Sunset

Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall

Oct. 1

5:53 am

7:05 am

10:02 am

11:01 am

1:28 pm

6:51 pm

7:33 pm

Oct. 8

6:00 am

7:12 am

10:04 am

11:01 am

1:25 pm

6:41 pm

7:23 pm

Oct. 15

6:06 am

7:18 am

10:06 am

11:02 am

1:22 pm

6:31 pm

7:13 pm

Oct. 22

6:13 am

7:25 am

10:09 am

11:04 am

1:21 pm

6:21 pm

7:03 pm

Oct. 29

6:20 am

7:32 am

10:12 am

11:06 am

1:19 pm

6:13 pm

6:55 pm

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

5 minutes after candlelighting

Morning Service

9:15 am



TU B'AV

Thur. night & Friday, August 18th & 19th

Shacharit 6:30 am

SHABBAT NACHAMU PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN

Friday night & Saturday, August 19th & 20th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:38 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha 7:15 pm
Seudah Shelishit 7:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:36 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT EIKEV

BAR MITZVAH OF MAX BAMBERGER

Friday night & Saturday, August 26th & 27th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:28 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha 7:05 pm
Seudah Shelishit 7:25 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:25 pm

ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Fri night, Sat. & Sun. September 2nd to 4th

SHABBAT PARSHAT RE'EH

Friday night & Saturday, September 2nd & 3rd

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:18 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Pre Mincha Session with Robby Berman
of HODS 6:00 pm
Shabbat Mincha 6:55 pm
Seudah Shelishit 7:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:14 pm

LABOR DAY

September 5th

Shacharit 8:00 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT SHOFTIM

Friday night & Saturday, September 9th & 10th

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:07 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Women's Tefillah 5:00 pm
Shabbat Mincha 6:45 pm
Seudah Shelishit 7:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:03 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Friday night & Saturday, September 16th & 17th

Candle Lighting 6:56 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Shabbat Dinner (see details on page 19) 8:00 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha 6:35 pm
Seudah Shelishit 6:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 7:52 pm

10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA IN HONOR OF R. COHEN AND FRAYDA GONSHOR COHEN

Sunday, September 18th

(see details on page 20)

SHABBAT SELICHOT PARSHAT KI TAVO

Friday night & Saturday, September 23rd & 24th

Candle Lighting 6:45 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:50 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha 6:25 pm
Seudah Shelishit 6:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 7:41 pm
Pre-Selichot Study and Song 9:00 pm
Selichot 11:00 pm

WEEKDAY SELICHOT

Monday-Friday, September 26th – 29th

Selichot 6:15 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT NITZAVIM

Friday night & Saturday, September 30th & October 1st

Candle Lighting 6:35 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:35 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha 6:15 pm
Seudah Shelishit 6:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 7:30 pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Sun., Mon. & Tue., October 2nd – 4th

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, October 2nd

Selichot & Shacharit 8:00 am
Annulment of Vows 9:30 am
Yom Tov Candle Lighting* 6:32 pm
Mincha & Ma'ariv 6:32 pm

*Note: 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

Monday, October 3rd

Morning Service	8:00 am
Youth Programming	9:00 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	6:30 pm
Light candles from pre-existing flame	after 7:27 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

Tuesday, October 4th

Morning Service	8:00 am
Youth Programming	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Torah Reading	10:00 am
Shofar* not before	10:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha	6:35 pm
Yom Tov Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends after	7:25 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.*

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Wednesday, October 5th

Fast begins	5:47 am
Selichot & Morning Service	6:15 am
Mincha w/Torah Reading & Haftarah	6:25 pm
Ma'ariv & Fast ends	7:12 pm

WEEKDAY SELICHOT FOR TEN DAYS OF TESHUVAH

Th-Fri, October 6th & 7th 6:15 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYELECH

Friday night & Saturday, October 7th & 8th

Candle Lighting	6:24 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:25 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	6:05 pm
Seudah Shelishit	6:25 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:20 pm

WEEKDAY SELICHOT FOR TEN DAYS OF TESHUVAH

Sunday, October 9th 8:00 am

Monday, October 10th 6:15 am

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday night and Wednesday, October 11th & 12th

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 11th

Selichot & Morning Service	6:20 am
Mincha with Vidduy	4:00 pm
Yom Kippur Candle Lighting before.....	6:18 pm
Tefillah Za'aka	6:15 pm
Youth Programming (childcare will be provided during the Kol Nidrei services)	
Kol Nidrei.....	6:25 pm

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 12th

Morning Service	8:00 am
Educational Childcare	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Yizkor.....	11:15 am
Mincha.....	4:15 pm
Neilah	5:45 pm
Youth Programming	5:00-7:30 pm
Shofar	7:14 pm
Ma'ariv & Havdalah after	7:14 pm

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

SHABBAT – PARSHAT HAAZINU

BAR MITZVAH OF RAANAN SCHWEIG

Friday and Saturday, October 14th & 15th

Candle Lighting	6:14 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:15 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	5:55 pm
Seudah Shlishit	6:20 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:10 pm

SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, October 16th – Tuesday, October 25th

Throughout the 7 days of Sukkot please avail yourselves of the CBI sukkah. As always, no home cooked food may be brought in to the CBI kitchen, but the sukkah is open to all.



EREV SUKKOT

Sunday, October 16th

Yom Tov Candle Lighting	6:11 pm
Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv	6:15 pm
1 st Night Communal Sukkah Meal	7:00 pm
<i>Note: 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. There will be a fully catered meal in the sukkah. (See details on page 13)</i>	

YOM TOV - 1ST DAY OF SUKKOT

Monday, October 17th

Morning Service	9:15 am
<i>Note: Please remember to bring your four species to shul.</i>	
Educational Childcare	10:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha	6:10 pm
Yom Tov Ma'ariv	6:50 pm
2 nd Night Communal Sukkah Meal	7:00 pm
<i>(Please see details on page 13)</i>	
Light Candles by transferring from pre-existing flame after	7:07 pm

YOM TOV - 2ND DAY OF SUKKOT

Tuesday, October 18th

Morning Service	9:15 am
<i>Note: Please remember to bring your four species to shul.</i>	
Educational Childcare	10:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha	6:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah* & Yom Tov ends after	7:06 pm
<i>* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri HaGafen) followed by the particular blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.</i>	

1ST DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 19th

Morning Service	6:30 am
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2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Thursday, October 20th

Morning Service	6:30 am
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3RD DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

Friday, October 21st

Morning Service	6:30 am
Candle Lighting	6:05 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:05 pm

SHABBAT CHOL HA'MOED

Friday and Saturday, October 21st & 22nd

Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	10:30 am
Kohelet	11:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	5:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit in the Sukkah	6:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:01 pm

HOSHANA RABBA

Sunday, October 23rd

Morning Service	8:00 am
<i>Hoshanot (willow bundles) will be available for sale</i>	
Yom Tov Candle Lighting	6:02 pm
Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv	6:05 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 24th

Morning Service	9:15 am
Educational Childcare	10:30 am
Yizkor	not before 10:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha	1:20 pm
Yom Tov Ma'ariv	6:50 pm
Light Candles by transferring from pre-existing flame after 6:58 pm	
Kiddush, Yom Tov Meal & Hakafot at CBI	7:10 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, October 25th

Morning Service	9:15 am
Hakafot	9:45 am
Multiple Torah readings	11:00 am
Completion and Beginning of the Torah	12:00 pm
Mussaf	12:30 pm
Yom Tov Mincha	1:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah and Yom Tov ends after	6:57 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEREISHIT

Friday night & Saturday, October 28th & 29th

Candle Lighting	5:56 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	5:40 pm
Seudah Shelishit	6:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	6:53 pm

ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN

Mon, night, Tues. & Wed., October 31st - November 2nd

Shacharit	6:30 am
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SHABBAT PARSHAT NOACH

BAR MITZVAH OF YONATAN ALPERIN

Friday night & Saturday, November 4th & 5th

Candle Lighting	5:48 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	5:50 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
Seudah Shelishit	5:50 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	6:46 pm

Sunday, November 6th

Pacific Standard Time resumes; turn your clocks one hour back

SHABBAT PARSHAT LECH-LECHA

Friday night & Saturday, November 11th & 12th

Candle Lighting	4:42 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:45 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	4:25 pm
Seudah Shelishit	4:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:40 pm
Mishmash (see page 18)	6:30 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEIRA

Friday night & Saturday, November 18th & 19th

Candle Lighting	4:37 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:40 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	4:20 pm
Seudah Shelishit	4:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:36 pm
Mishmash (see page 18).....	6:30 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH

Friday night & Saturday, November 25th & 26th

Candle Lighting	4:34 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:40 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	4:20 pm
Seudah Shelishit	4:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	5:34 pm
Mishmash (see page 18).....	6:30 pm

Looking for Scrip?

A NEW YEAR, A NEW MITZVAH

The new year is a good time to thank all of you who support the shul by participating in the Scrip program.

We earn \$5,000 a year from Scrip.

Scrip means paying for your purchases with a gift card rather than cash or credit card. CBI makes a small profit every time you shop with Scrip. If you are not a Scrip supporter please think of committing to a new *mitzvah* this year by choosing at least one of the following retail stores using Scrip when you shop: Afikomen, Berkeley Bowl, CVS, Walgreens, Peets, Starbucks, Barnes and Noble, REI, Oakland Kosher, Ross, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic (a whopping 19% profit for us at this last one)

Questions? Contact Naomi Stamper or Ruth Wittman
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CBI is excited to introduce Mishmash, a one-on-one parent-child learning program.

Children in grades 1-8 and their parents are invited to participate.
 Guidance available in choosing learning materials best suited to each individual need.

Mishmash will meet twice a month.
November-March • On Motzei Shabbat • 45 minutes after Shabbat ends.

Food and snacks will be served. • Stay tuned for more details!

THE CBI GEMACH IS HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS!

We offer a variety of items for newborn babies and simcha events. To learn more, contact gemach@cbiberkeley.org.



CELEBRATING RABBINIC LEADERSHIP

with R. Berman, R. Silverman, and R. Cohen
A special 10th Anniversary Shabbat Shalem

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2016



Join our founding rabbi, R. Saul Berman, together with our immediate former rabbi, R. Yair Silverman, R. Cohen and several other special guests for a special Shabbat as we celebrate the Cohen family's ten year anniversary at CBI. We will have ample opportunities to learn, hear formative story's about our shul's history, and rejoice together as we mark this celebratory occasion.

FRIDAY DINNER • 8:00 PM

\$18 Adults

\$10 Children (to 12), Students & Young Professionals

\$50 max. per family

Rabbi Saul J. Berman is a leading Orthodox teacher and thinker. As a Rabbi, a scholar, and an educator, he has made extensive contributions to the intensification of women's Jewish education, to the role of social ethics in Synagogue life, and to the understanding of the applicability of Jewish Law to contemporary society. Rabbi Berman was the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley, California, from 1963 to 1969. He also served as the rabbi of the Young Israel of Brookline, Mass. (1969-1971) and as the Senior Rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan (1984-1990). In 1971, Rabbi Berman was appointed Chairman of the Department of Judaic Studies of Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University. Under his leadership over the next thirteen years, it grew into the largest undergraduate Department of Jewish Studies in the United States.

Rabbi Berman was ordained at Yeshiva University, from which he also received his B.A. and his M.H.L. He completed a degree in law, a J.D., at New York University, and an M.A. in Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley. He is married to Shellee Berman, who will be joining him this Shabbat, and they have four children.

Rav Yair Silverman preceded R. Cohen as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel. Since making aliyah in 2006, he has worked together with a grassroots community to build "Moed" a model for Jewish engagement that is a proven resource for communities inside and outside of Israel. Bringing a sensitivity and passion for Torah and the Jewish people, Rav Yair guides people toward their way of owning and expressing Jewish identity. He has crafted a curriculum in Jewish wisdom that is offered to Israeli public school teachers, pre-army training, and Hesder Yeshivot. Rav Yair is an active member of Beit Hillel, Rabbanei Tzohar and the Rabbinical Council of America among other organizations. Rav Yair holds an M.A. in Jewish Philosophy from the Bernard Revel Graduate School and ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. He also studied at Yeshiva Birkat Moshe in Maale Adumim, and served in a combat unit of the IDF. He is married to Ilana Fodiman-Silverman, and they have four children.

10 years CBI GALA

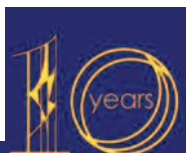


Please join us at
Congregation Beth Israel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016,

As We Honor
RABBI YONATAN COHEN &
DR. FRAYDA GONSHOR COHEN
for their 10 years of leadership,
dedication and devotion to our community

6:00 pm : Cocktails
7:00 pm : Dinner & Program
Couvert \$80 : Student Rate \$45
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High Holidays at CBI

We look forward to celebrating the high holidays with you this year.
Below please find information about our various services and programs.

ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Members

No cost with payment of at least half of membership commitment fees or with fee commitment payment plan in place. For friends, relatives and visitors, our fees are below.

Non-Members

Rosh Hashanah Service only – \$150/person

Yom Kippur services only - \$150/person

Both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services – \$250/person

Non-Members Full-Time Students

Rosh Hashanah services only – \$75/person

Yom Kippur services only – \$75/person

Both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services – \$125/person

No one is turned away for financial consideration.

MEAL MATCHING

We offer a meal matching program as in past years. The process is simple:

Hosts: Just let Sara Darmoni know if you have an extra place or 2, or 3, etc. at your table during Rosh HaShanah, and/or Sukkot.

Guests: Let Sara know if you need a place for a meal during Rosh Hashanah, and/or Sukkot

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND CHILDCARE

Childcare and youth programming will be available on both days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur eve, and Yom Kippur day/Neilah. Led by the boundless energy and incredible creativity of Natan and Lili Kuchar, along with our Bnot Sherut for this year, Chana Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou, our program enriches and enlivens our children's Shabbat and Yom Tov experience. Parents are assigned to a volunteer slot during the High Holidays, and can indicate preferred windows during sign-up.

The cost is \$50 per child, with a maximum of \$110 per family. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For complete information, to register your child(ren) and specify volunteer preferences, contact Maharat Victoria Sutton.

YIZKOR BOOK

Our community's Yizkor Book is dedicated to the memory of those who have passed from our lives. Revised annually and used four times during the year, the Yizkor Book is a meaningful way to honor, through *tzedaka*, the names and lives of loved ones of blessed memory. The cost is \$10 per name. New payment is required each year.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Loved ones may be remembered by having their names inscribed on a memorial plaque to be mounted on CBI's memorial wall in the sanctuary. This is a permanent way to remember those who have passed from our lives. The memorial light is lit annually during the week of *yahrzeit* of your loved one and at Yizkor services throughout the year. The cost of a memorial plaque is \$360.

ROSH HASHANAH CARD

With great appreciation to the community's generosity and support for the 10th Year Anniversary Gala in honor of the Cohen family, the Rosh Hashanah card this year is fully sponsored by our Board of Directors. We will not be soliciting your contributions to add your names to the New Year's card.

HIGH HOLIDAYS SHUL SETUP

If you wish to volunteer to set up our social hall and sanctuary on Saturday night and Sunday for the High Holidays, please contact the office.

PAYMENTS

1) You may send your check to: Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703.

2) Alternatively, you can make your online payment on our website.





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!

MAKING WAVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

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\$25 for adults

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Now each of us can extend our commitment into the future.
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For more information or to join the Society please contact:

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Memorial Plaques

To memorialize your loved one, you may wish to purchase a memorial plaque to be placed on the memorial board in the sanctuary.

Besides ensuring that Kaddish will be recited perpetually in the name of your beloved deceased, you will receive a notice annually of the date of the yahrzeit and the date the yahrzeit will be observed by the recitation of Kaddish.

The cost of a memorial plaque is \$360

To purchase contact
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Avraham will let you know the available dates and will help you with all details such as what to buy, where to shop, how the setup works, and any other questions you may have.

Kiddush is where community happens. Sponsoring a kiddush helps us build and sustain community.

Kiddush Sponsors

April 2: Joanie Brodsky in honor of the birthday of Joel Brodsky ("Will you still need me when I'm 64"); and in honor of the birthdays of AnnaBelle Panish and Debbie Lesser

April 9: Batya Schick in memory of her mother Hannah Raiza bat Mordechai Halevi on her second *yahrzeit*; Sabrina, Mark, Hannah & Levi Kabella in honor of Sabrina's birthday; Jeff & Doreet Stein in honor of Gili's 12th birthday, Jeff's birthday, and Jeff & Doreet's 21st anniversary. Farewell to Carol Shivel who is moving to Olympia from her many friends: Rhoda Agin, Paul & SerachBracha Albert, Noah & Hope Alper, Ron & Bella Barany, Bernice Bradley, Avraham & Ruchama Burrell, Jim & Carol Cunradi, Sanne Dewitt, Leah Emdy, Jane Falk, Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado, Jody Feld, Howard Felson, Efrat Campagnano and girls, Jory & Lisa Gessow, Sam & Rose Ginsburg, Nae Golomb, Ezra & Toby Hendon, Yvette Hoffer, Sabrina & Mark Kabella, Leora Lawton, Ken & Annetta Lipman, Laura Lipman, Charles Koppelman and Deborah Sibony, Gary & Lois Marcus, Marilyn Markowitz, Glenn & Judy Massarano, Rick McKenzie, Faith Meltzer, Mordechai, Julie & Eliyahu Mitrani, Paul & AnnaBella Panish, Deborah Pearl, John Pilkington & Linda Levy, Harry & Dorothy Rubin, Bob & June Safran, Muni & Tania Schweig, Henry & Violette Sibony, Hiram Simon, David Spieler & Rachel Schorr, Jeff & Doreet Stein, Justin & Sheba Sweet, Marvin & Maxine Winer, Fried & Ruth Wittman, Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund, Joelle Yzquierdo

April 15: Irene and Joel Resnikoff and family, and Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal and family, in memory of Eli Resnikoff; The Schickman family, in memory of Marks' mother, Esther Rachel bat Tuvia Russell Kassman, in honor of the 50th anniversary of his *bar mitzvah*

April 23: Arye Rosenstein and Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein on the first *yahrzeit* of Rachel's mother, Anna Lev-Toaff, MD; Yael Krieger and Joshua Ladon in honor of Zohar's first birthday.

April 24: Congregation Beth Israel

April 29: Lou Schubert in honor of his father's *yahrzeit*; Efrat & Eliav Goldberg in honor of Ayala's birthday

April 30: Cynthia Scheinberg, Rabbi Eliahu Klein and Gavi Klein in honor of the 7th *yarhtzeit* of Israel Herbert Scheinberg; Ronna Kabatznick and Peter Dale Scott in memory of Jeffrey Kabatznick, Joan and Norman Kabatznick; Deborah Pearl in gratitude to the congregation; The Sandel Family in honor of the fifth anniversary of Talya's *bat mitzvah*

May 7: Aron & Rejin Menda in honor of Beth Israel; Bella & Ron Barany celebrating the liberation of Amsterdam on May 5, 1945; Nell, R' Chaim and Bear Mahgel-Friedman in honor of Raizel Amidah's 8th Birthday

May 14: Rhoda Agin, Paul & SerachBracha Albert, Ronald & Bella Barany, Guy & Melissa Biton-Harel, Brian Blumenthal & Lisa Aremband, Avraham Burrell, CBI Sisterhood, Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen, Darrell Cohn & Leah Kahn, Jim & Carol Cunradi, Benjamin & Sara Darmoni, Avram & Tamar Davis, Alisa Einwohner, Nimrod Elias & Aliza Cramer Elias, Jane Falk, Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas, Matan Gilbert, Gabriel Greenberg & Abby Streusand, Sam Haber, Jacob & Rena Harari, Jacob & Rachel Heitler, Ezra & Toby Hendon, Yonit Hochberg, Yvette Hoffer, Susan Jacobson, Sam & Bathea James, Alan & Elissa Kittner, Eliahu Klein & Cynthia Scheinberg, Derek & Maureen Krantz, Leonard Kristal & Denise Resnikoff, Natan & Lili Kuchar, Leora Lawton, Zusha Leeds & SaraLeya Schley, Amalya Lehmann, Daniel Lewis, Ross Libenson & Susie Marcus, Donald Light & Linda Diamond, Laura Lipman, Desmid Lyon, Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner, Daniel & Robinn Magid, Chaim & Nell Mahgel-Friedman, Aaron Marcus, Gary & Lois Marcus, Jonah Markowitz, Glenn & Judith Massarano, Edward & Phyllis Miller, Esaul & Sarah Miranda, Adam & Elana Naftalin-Kelman, Udi & Sarit Oster, Miriam Petruck, Fran Quittel, Nadav & Nechama Rappoport, Joel & Irene Resnikoff, Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes, Mordecai & Rena Rosen, Arye

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May 21: Aaron Marcus in celebration of thanks for his work being exhibited in the newly re-opened San Francisco Museum of Modern art, his publishing five books through Springer UK in November 2015, and his 20th-year "anniversary" of his surviving a heart attack.

May 27: Steven and Idit Solomon in gratitude for all the meals provided after the birth of Yael; The Bamberger Family in honor of Rabbi Yonatan and Frayda Gonshor Cohen, Jacob and Rachel Heitler, Leslie and Alan Finkelstein, and the rest of our Berkeley family.

June 4: Graduates Kiddush: Yehonadav Bekenstein & Merav Heshin Bekenstein; Kathleen & Tony Bloom; Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen; Avram & Tamar Davis; Michael Feiner & Jenny Shy; Jory & Lisa Gessow; Seth & Lauren Greenberg; Michael Greenwald & Ronna Bach; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Rebecca Landes and Ben Rose; Mordechai and Ester Chaya Miranda; BatSheva & David Miller; Nadav & Nechama Rappoport; Ory & Tamar Sandel; Eric & Rachel Seder; Asaf Shor & Hilla Abel; Doreet & Jeff Stein; Rikki & David Sudikoff; Rona Teitelman; The Toaff-Rosenstein Family

June 11: Batya Schick in memory of her brother Victor ben Martin on his 13th *yahrzeit*; Rona Teitelman, in honor of her father Sam Teitelman's 94th birthday; in honor of Eli's graduation from Berkeley High; on her mother's first *yahrzeit*; Covenant Winery: dedicated to our dear friends and colleagues at Covenant--Eli Silins and Molly Nadav--who are getting married next week in Philadelphia. May they share a beautiful life together blessed with family, friends and everything else they desire.

June 12: The Families of the following celebrants born "1936 and a little earlier" wishing them Happy Birthday and Hag Sameach: Bella Barany, Sanne DeWitt, Marvin Engel, Rena Harari, Rose Ginsburg, Simon Hellerstein, Ezra Hendon, Sondra Markowitz, June Safran, Sheba Sweet

June 13: Nesiya tovah to our beloved *b'not sherut*, Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagar and immense gratitude to Desmid Lyon and Irene and Joel Resnikoff, who shared hosting Lital and Yael, the following families: Adam Brelow & Maharat Victoria Sutton; Joanie & Joel Brodsky; Racheli Perl & Gilad Buchman; R. Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen; Sara & Benni Darmoni; Aliza and Nimrod Elias; Jenny & Josh Kirsch; Cynthia Scheinbeg, Eliahu Klein & Gavi Klein; The Krantz Family; Amalya Lehmann; Jane Turbiner, Jonathan Lyon & Hannah Lyon; The Miranda family; Tamar Beliak & Zeev Neumeier; OHDS; The Rappoport family; Lou Schubert; Rachel & Eric Seder; The Schweig Family; The Stein Family; The Toaff-Rosenstein family; Jo-Ellen & Ben Zeitlin

June 17: SaraLeya Schley in celebration of her upcoming BIG birthday and trip to Israel to join the Hartman Rabbinic Leadership Initiative, plus family *simchas*; Zusha Leeds honors his recovery and current good health, his daughter Dana's 26th birthday and remembers his father Leon z"l; Yael Krieger and Joshua Ladon - as a thank you to the whole CBI community for all their support over the past month; Fred & Kate, Rick, Sam and SerachBracha Albert; Andrea Richards; Paula, Sean, Nathan & Annaliese Poremba; and Mickey Brydone-Jack in honor of Paul Albert's birthday; Marvin and Sheila Yudenfreund in honor of Marvin's fa-



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ther's and Sheila's mother's yahrzeits; Laura Lipman honors her 38th anniversary; Bella & Ron Barany, Sanne DeWitt, Paul Hamburg & Mimi Weisel, Leora Lawton, Judy & Glenn Maasarano, Bob & June Safran, and Justin & Sheba Sweet, have contributed to the kiddush in celebration of all these simchas.

June 25: The Schubert Family in honor of the bat mitzvah of Gabrielle Schubert

July 2: Kiddush lunch in honor of the Aufruf of Abe Fine and his upcoming wedding to Gabriela Kipnis and celebrating Rose and Sam Ginsburg's 50th wedding anniversary and Rose's upcoming 80th birthday.

July 9: Linda Diamond: in honor of Rav Cohen and Frayda Gonshor Cohen; in honor of the 4th of July; in memory of Leslie Ann Provence; in memory of Richard Diamond; Nae Golomb: in memory of her father Joel Simon Golomb; in memory of Leslie Ann Provence; in honor of the 4th of July; Gladys & Phil Leider: in memory of Margaret and Jack Weiss, and Shirley Leider

July 16: Yaakov & Tali Albietz; Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen; Benjamin & Sara Darmoni; Avraham & Laura Davis; Nimrod & Aliza Elias; Eliav & Ofra Goldberg; Jacob and Rachel Heitler; Zac & Jennifer Kamenetz; Jesse Kellerman & Gabriella Rosen Kellerman; Derek & Maureen Krantz; Natan & Lili Kuchar; Yael Krieger & Joshua Ladon; Nadav & Nechama Rappoport; Joel & Irene Resnikoff; Raphael & Jeanette Rosen; Alan Finkelstein and Leslie Valas; Kenny & Aliza Weiss; Ben Zeitlin & Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin

July 23: The Millers, The Yudenfreunds, and the Zedecks, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries.

July 30: in honor of Sandra and Ed Epstein, who after fifty years in Berkeley are moving to Redwood City. Sponsors include: Hope and Noah Alper, Rivka Amado and Malcolm Feeley, Judith Bloom, Barbara and Bobby Budnitz, Sara and Marvin Engel, Candace Falk, Jane Falk, Rose and Sam Ginsburg, Sam Haber, Rita Kohl and Steve Silberblatt, Deborah and Michael Lesser, Aaron Marcus, Sondra Markowitz, Phyllis and Ed Miller, Irene and Joel Resnikoff, Barbara and Sheldon Rothblatt, Joan Sopher, Naomi and Bob Stamper, Maxine and Marvin Winer, Lois and Joseph Wolf, Marti and Shelly Zedeck, and others.

August 6: Asaf Shor in honor of Hilla Abel's birthday; Sanne Dewitt: in memory of my beloved father, Dr. Samuel Kalter, and in memory of our wonderful and beautiful daughter, Laila Ruth DeWitt; Glenn and Judy Massarano: in honor of the yahrzeit of HaRav Moshe Eliezer ben David Eliyahu u'Fayga Nechama, Rabbi Moshe Rubinstein, father of Judy Massarano, marked on Monday night and Tuesday. May his memory be for a blessing, as he continues to inspire me lil'mod u'l'lamed lishma. The following sponsors in honor of Avraham Burrell's "social security birthday" and in recognition of all that he does for the community: SerachBracha and Paul Albert, Carol and Jim Cunradi, Sara and Benni Darmoni, Jane Falk, Malcolm Feeley and Rivka Amado, Matan and Nadav Gilbert, Sam and Rose Ginsburg, Preston and Anya Grant, Dan Lewis, Lois and Gary Marcus, Judy and Glenn Massarano, Batya Schick, Hiram Simon, David Spieler, Justin and Sheba Sweet, Rona and Eli Teitelman, Ruth and Fried Wittman, Joelle Yzquierdo

August 13: in honor of Ma'ayan & R. Elishav Rabinovich. Sponsors include: Paul & SerachBracha Albert; Bella & Ron Barany; Adam Brelow & M. Victoria Sutton; Jim & Carol Cunradi; Jane Falk; Rena & Yakov Harari; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Derek & Maureen Krantz; Gladys & Phil Leider; Laura Lipman; Judy & Glenn Massarano; Jonathan Purcell; Eric & Rachel Seder; Deborah Shaw; Henry & Violette Sibony; Avi Zinn & Cory Isaacson; Stanley Wulf & Linda Press Wulf; Marti & Shelley Zedeck

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Sara & Benni Darmoni
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Yael Krieger & Joshua Ladon
Laura Lipman
Judy & Glenn Massarano
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Judy & Glenn Massarano
Nadav & Nechama Rappoport
Joel & Irene Resnikoff
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Dear CBI Community,

We were truly overwhelmed by the warm welcome which we, Mimi and son-in-law Rabbi Nat received at services and Kiddush on July 30. We were hardly expecting the gracious mention of our community involvements during the fifty-two years we lived in Berkeley. Thank you Malcolm Feeley for arranging the Kiddush and your generous comments. Congregation Beth Israel was our Jewish home throughout this period despite the fact we were not often physically present for the past two decades since our venue became Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City where Mimi's husband is Rabbi. Congregation Beth Israel played a crucial role in our Jewish growth and commitment and in the Jewish education of our children Mimi and Dan. Mimi's Bat Mitzvah in 1973 was a beacon event not only for the family but for CBI and Modern Orthodoxy. To Rabbis Saul Berman, Joseph Leibowitz and Yonatan Cohen we give thanks for the important role they have played in our lives and to the members of the CBI community for their friendship dating back to the days of the one-room shul. We look forward to seeing you in years to come both at CBI and at our new home.

*We remain with warmest wishes,
Sandra and Ed Epstein*



Mazal Tov

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

To **Mimi Weisel & Paul Hamburg** on the wedding of Mimi's son Michael Shefrin to Shayna Reid.

To **Issy & Patricia Kipnis** on the wedding of their daughter Gabriela to Abe Fine.

To **Yehuda Ben-Israel and Rona Rothenberg** on the wedding of their son David Nathan Ben-Israel to Jamie Esther Rosen

To **Joel Finbloom and Rebecca Friedland** on their recent engagement

May the couples build homes filled with the light of Torah and mitzvot. May their families and our community have many more occasions to celebrate in simchah together.

BIRTHS

To parents **Meechal and Na'aman Kam**, big brother **Evyatar** and big sister **Noa** on the birth of a baby girl, Amital Sarah.

To parents **Tali & Yaakov Albietz**, big brothers **Yehoshua and Shemaya** and grandparents **Judy and Bob Albietz** and **Adi and Schlomo Aaron** on the birth of a baby boy, Yechezkel Modechai Chaim

To parents **Felisa & Jonathan Simon** and big brother **Gabriel** on the birth of a baby brother

To grandparents **Michael & Deborah Lesser** and **Yaron and Michal Shavit of Mevaserat Xion, Israel**, and to parents **Sarah Lesser Shavit and Yochai Shavit** on the birth of a baby girl, Yaelle Ma'ayan

May these children's lives be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal Tov!

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

To the **Bamberger Family** as their son Max (Matan Chaim) was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah in Zichron Yaakov, Israel on Parshat Mezorah, Shabbat Hagadol, April 16

To the **Schubert Family** on Gabrielle's bat mitzvah on Shabbat Parshat Beha'alotcha, June 25

Baruch Dayan Emet Condolences

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of:

Our beloved friend **Bracha Tova (Barbara) Knyper**. She is survived by her siblings Allan and Leonard Knyper.

Helene Della Mass Judd, beloved mother of Jodie Morgan and mother in law of Jeff Morgan, in Matthews, NC. She is survived by Jodie's siblings, Jamie Judd-Wall, Jason Judd and Jeramie Judd, 5 grandchildren (Ryan, Jesse, Jordan, Skye and Zoe) and 3 great grandchildren (Eytan, Leo and Sima).

Dr. William H. Seaton, beloved father of Leah Kahn and father in law of Darrell Cohn, in Nashville, TN. He is survived by Leah's siblings, David and Rachel.

Fred Engel (Pinchas Chaim Ben David and Shamuella), beloved brother of Marvin Engel and brother in law of Sara Engel in Denver, CO.

Carl Buchin, husband of Claudia Valas, father of Rabbi Josh Buchin and Kyla Wilson, and the beloved brother-in-law of Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein.

Golda Bas Rachel Leah, beloved mother of R. Eliahau Klein, mother-in law of Cynthia Scheinberg and grandmother of Gavi Klein.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.

May God comfort the families and all others who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.



Birthdays

Lisa Aremband, August 1
 Marvin Winer, August 3
 Denise Resnikoff, August 4
 Rachel Schorr, August 4
 Joan Brodsky, August 5
 Ronna Bach, August 6
 Michael Steinman, August 7
 Hilla Abel, August 8
 Cyrus Davidi, August 9, 6th b-day
 Naomi Lipman, August 9, 14th b-day Noah
 Katler, August 10, 7th b-day
 Jennifer Shy, August 10
 Juliet Stamperdahl, August 12
 Ruth Morris, August 13
 Daniel Isaacson, August 14
 Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal, August 14
 Simone Schubert, August 16, 10th b-day Udi
 Oster, August 18
 Raina Pilania, August 18, 1st b-day
 Asaf Shor, August 19
 Gavriel Cohen, August 23, 5th b-day
 Alan Kittner, August 23
 Donald Light, August 24
 Rose Ginsburg, August 25
 Asher Wisch Isaacson, August 25, 6th b-day
 Chanah Ella Kenin, August 26, 9th b-day
 Chanah Ella Kenin, August 26, 9th b-day
 Akiva Jasper, August 30, 8th b-day
 Menachem Neumeier, August 30, 9th b-day
 Jesse Kellerman, September 1
 Hope Alper, September 6
 Deborah Fink, September 6
 Frayda Gonshor Cohen, September 11
 Lili Kuchar, September 11
 Aliza Weiss, September 11
 Noam Reich, September 12, 2nd b-day
 Oscar Kellerman, September 13, 7th b-day
 Ezra Hendon, September 15
 Karen Chana Quastler, September 15
 Rebecca Angel, September 16
 Benjamin Epstein, September 18

Rachel Gavriella Klein, September 22,
 16th b-day
 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 Daniel Steinman, September 29,
 10th b-day
 Isaiah Heitler Bamberger, October 1,
 12th b-day
 Nevo Naftalin-Kelman, October 2, 9th b-day
 Ashira Bloom, October 3, 15th b-day
 Jeff Morgan, October 3
 Raanan Schweig, October 3, 13th b-day
 Dorothy Richman, October 5
 Binyamin Krantz, October 6, 6th b-day
 Nathan Zachary Magid, October 8, 15th b-day
 Robert Safran, October 8
 Judith Williams, October 8
 Ezra Gideon Bamberger, October 9, 8th b-day
 Jonah Koppelman, October 9, 17th b-day
 Judith Massarano, October 9
 Eliana Greenberg, October 10, 26th b-day
 Miriam Simon, October 12, 9th b-day
 Ilene Katz, October 15
 Yishai Samuel Darmoni, October 16, 4th b-day
 Joshua Ladon, October 16
 Judah Paul Willner, October 17, 3rd b-day
 Elisheva Maayan Ladon, October 18,
 4th b-day
 Philip Rosenthal, October 18
 Sara Heitler Bamberger, October 19
 Nechama Rogozen, October 19
 Edward Miller, October 20
 Yehoshua Tzvi Albietz, October 21, 8th b-day
 Lev Jasper, October 21
 Jacob Bear Mahgel-Friedman, October 24,

11th b-day
 Orly Binah Heitler, October 25, 3rd b-day
 Yonatan Alperin, October 26, 13th b-day
 Aaron Katler, October 26
 Eitan Rappoport, October 26, 1st b-day
 Violette Sibony, October 30
 Bob Albietz, November 1
 Oded Angel, November 3
 Ari Weber, November 4
 Sam Rudnick, November 5, 6th b-day
 Joan Sopher, November 7
 Leif Stamperdahl, November 7, 9th b-day
 Meyer Lewis, November 8, 10th b-day
 Eytan Sandel, November 8, 3rd b-day
 Etai Naftalin-Kelman, November 10,
 5th b-day
 Daniel Roi Schweig, November 10,
 10th b-day
 Jake Libenson, November 12, 18th b-day
 Nina Smith, November 12, 14th b-day
 Allen Caleb Rosen, November 13, 3rd b-day
 Shamira Kenin, November 16, 3rd b-day
 Shamira Kenin, November 16, 3rd b-day
 Laura Lipman, November 17
 Evyatar Shalem Kam, November 18,
 4th b-day
 Patricia Kipnis, November 18
 Gregg Morris, November 18
 Dorothy Rubin, November 19
 Susanne DeWitt, November 20
 Celia Haber, November 20, 17th b-day
 Joel Finbloom, November 21
 SerachBracha Albert, November 25
 Elissa Kittner, November 25
 Wendy Kenin, November 26
 Eli Silins, November 27
 Yaffa Jelen, November 29, 4th b-day
 Jodie Morgan, November 29
 Joel Gerwein, November 30

Anniversaries

Philip Rosenthal & Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal, Au-
 gust 3, 36th anniversary
 Nimrod Elias & Aliza Cramer Elias, August 5, 9th
 anniversary
 Lev & Sarah Jasper, August 5, 15th anniversary
 Gary & Ilene Katz, August 7, 56th anniversary
 Joel & Katya Gerwein, August 8,
 20th anniversary
 Natan & Lili Kuchar, August 9, 7th anniversary
 Issy & Patricia Kipnis, August 11,
 37th anniversary
 Ron Reissberg & Janice Mac Millan, August 18,
 24th anniversary
 Ross Libenson & Susie Marcus, August 19,
 26th anniversary
 Yehuda Ben-Israel & Rona Rothenberg,
 August 20, 37th anniversary
 Marvin & Maxine Winer, August 20,
 55th anniversary
 Gary & Lois Marcus, August 21,
 56th anniversary
 Sheldon & Marti Zedeck, August 21,
 50th anniversary
 Donald Light & Linda Diamond, August 23,

1st anniversary
 Elan Weinstock & Sarah Silverman, August 24,
 2nd anniversary
 John Pilkington & Linda Levy, August 26,
 25th anniversary
 Daniel & Robinn Magid, August 28,
 33rd anniversary
 Jeremy & Rachel Evnine, August 31,
 40th anniversary
 Robert & June Safran, September 1,
 60th anniversary
 Bob & Judy Albietz, September 2,
 37th anniversary
 Ken Bamberger & Sara Heitler Bamberger,
 September 2, 15th anniversary
 Alan & Elissa Kittner, September 6,
 18th anniversary
 Ezra & Toby Hendon, September 7,
 58th anniversary
 Udi & Sarit Oster, September 11,
 5th anniversary
 Derek & Maureen Krantz, September 14,
 13th anniversary
 Howard Felson & Efrat Campagnano,

September 23, 8th anniversary
 Joshua & Pierra Willner, September 25,
 5th anniversary
 Aaron Katler & Deborah Fink, October 27,
 14th anniversary
 Oded & Rebecca Angel, November 17,
 42nd anniversary
 Terence & Olga Gordon, November 20,
 42nd anniversary
 Paul & Anna Belle Panish, November 22,
 54th anniversary
 Sam & Bathea James, November 25,
 40th anniversary





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Lenny Kristal and Denise Resnikoff: mazel tov to Max and the whole Bamberger family on Max's bar mitzvah

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Dina Betser: to the Young Professionals Program Fund, in honor of M. Victoria Sutton and her incredible approachability and friendliness. A big thank you to her and her family for their amazing, extensive *hachnassat orchim*

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sion of M. Victoria Sutton; in honor of the bar mitzvah of Max Bamberger; in honor of the wedding of Michael Shefrin & Shayna Reid; in honor of the Kam family on the birth of their baby girl, Amital; in memory of Anita Silberblatt; in memory of Dan Dorfman; in memory of Fred Engel

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Madeline Weinstein: in honor of Rose Ginsburg's 80th birthday, and Sam and Rose's 50th anniversary

Marvin & Maxine Winer: mazel tov to Joan So-pher & Family on the birth of a new great-granddaughter in Jerusalem; happy 80th birthday to Rose Ginsburg; in honor of the 50th wedding anniversaries of Ed & Phyllis Miller, Shelly & Marti Zedeck, Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund

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Rhoda Agin

Paul & SerachBracha Albert: in honor of Rabbi Yonatan, Frayda, Jody Feld, M. Victoria, Lois Marcus, Debbie Lesser, Susie Marcus, and Sondra Markowitz, to mention only a few of the cast of thousands who helped make our wedding so extraordinarily special

Oded & Rebecca Angel

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 men's shelter program
 Sam & Rose Ginsburg: in memory of Anita
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 R. Cohen for Passover hospitality
 Jacob & Rachel Heitler
 Reena James: thank you to R. Cohen and the
 congregation for making me feel so welcome
 Alison Jordan: with gratitude to Carol Cunradi and
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 Scott; with gratitude to R. Yonatan Cohen; in
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 Alan & Elissa Kittner: in honor of the yearzeit of
 Esther Burkhardt, Alan's beloved grandmother
 Yehuda & Liba Klein: we enjoyed our visit to
 Berkeley, and wish CBI continued growth and
 success. Kol Tuv!
 Leonard Kristal & Denise Resnikoff: mazal tov to
 Mimi Weisel and Paul Hamburg on the mar-
 riage of Mimi's son Michael Shefrin to Shayna
 Reid
 Satya Levine: in memory of Lawrence H. Fuchs,
 z"l
 Jonathan Lyon: today was the 8th day
 of the Omer - the day the Nazis came to my
 mother's parents' door to take them to
 Auschwitz. My grandmother was preparing
 bread and had to abandon it rising in the bread
 trough on their precipitous journey into
 bondage and worse. This donation is in mem-
 ory of my father and grandparents, but also un-
 cles, aunts, and many cousins, many of whom I
 never met because of the Holocaust. But also
 in memory of my grandfather's Yizkor book that
 went on for pages and pages with names of
 those who never came back to his home town
 from the Sho'ah. He stood there for hours say-
 ing Yizkor... May their memory be for a bless-
 ing... and a goad.
 Chaim & Nell Mahgel-Friedman: in memory of
 Nell's father, Hanoch Yakov ben Beryl Dov v'
 Faiga Gissa
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 Markowitz; thanks to the Hendon's and Barbara
 Schick for Shabbat lunches
 Allen Mayer: in honor of Harry Rubin's 90th birth-
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 Paul & Roni Melmed: thank you for your inspiring
 services on Shabbat
 Edward & Phyllis Miller: mazal tov to the Rosen

family on the bar mitzvah of Eytan Rosen;
 mazal tov to Rose Ginsburg on her special
 birthday; mazal tov to Rose & Sam on their
 50th wedding anniversary
 Jeff & Jodie Morgan
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 Thank you for the sale of my chametz - A
 happy, healthy Kosher Pesach
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 Marti & Shelly Zedeck, and Sheila & Marvin Yu-
 denfreund on the occasion of their
 50th wedding anniversaries
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