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From Rabbi Cohen

This past Shushan Purim, Frayda and I experienced a personal miracle. As the day was winding down, our children were enjoying some much needed down time (after all, Purim celebrations commenced two weeks earlier at their schools). The older boys were playing a quiet game together, when we suddenly noticed that they were speaking Hebrew to one another.

Though I have spoken to them in Hebrew from the day they were born, and they basically understand the language fluently, they have been reticent or resistant to speaking back to me in Hebrew. It was wonderful to see how these many years of dedication were now finally bearing fruit in the immersive context of our sabbatical. As Frayda and I relished the moment, we noted to one another that if this was the sole accomplishment of our six-month stay in Israel... *Dayenu!*

In truth, this has been a wonderful and enriching learning experience for all of us.

On my end, I have been blessed to spend several hours learning *Gemara* every day on my own (some of you may have seen my recent message about completing *Tractate Chagigah* on the same day our family joined the 5K run at the Jerusalem Marathon). In addition, each day I have at least one two-hour chevrotah session with different teachers and colleague-friends around Jerusalem (a chevrotah on *Tractate Makkot*, a session on Rav Kook and prayer, an in-depth study of the teachings of Reb Nachman of Breslov, etc.). During this time, I have also been able to further pursue my passion for modern Israeli poetry and literature by attending two different courses (one at the Kerem Institute for Teacher Training and another at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies) on the writings of S.Y. Agnon. When we first arrived in Jerusalem, I was also able to attend a series of classes on grief and mourning in modern Israeli poetry given by my dear teacher Rachel Korazim (who will be visiting our shul on April 27). On Shabbat after-

noons, I've been attending a thought provoking class on contemporary *Halakhic* Responsa (we've covered such topics as adoption, learning Torah in the shower, and cross-dressing).

Though I have been truly blessed over the past 11 years to learn and teach Torah at CBI on a daily basis, I must admit that it has been wonderful to return to learning purely *lishema* (for its own sake); to simply immerse myself in a page of *Gemara* without constantly thinking about how I might use my learning in a *Drash*, a class, or a quick vort. At the same time, every once in a while I do feel an itch or a deep longing of sorts, to return to teaching Torah full time (I can already imagine how much I'll enjoy teaching it once again at our beloved shul once we return to Berkeley).

Our time in Israel has also bestowed the blessing of quality family time. Though much of Frayda's work is done from 8 pm to the wee hours of the night each day (so as to keep up with colleagues and clients in America), the two of us still manage to go out for coffee at least once a week as well as enjoy regular evening dates. The shorter school days here also mean plenty of family outings, treats and adventures.



Rabbi Cohen's Sabbatical Journal Entries

JANUARY 15 WHEN COMFORT FINDS YOU

Earlier today, Elishav Rabinovich and I went for a light, unplanned hike in Ein Karem. Heading down to the valley, which we later learned is populated by Yemenite families since 1948 (a story worth hearing!), we asked a woman for directions and for advice about where to get the best coffee in the neighborhood (at which point I jokingly said, "Yours is probably the best coffee in the neighborhood, but we'll settle for second best"). The lady kindly pointed at my white shirt (worn in honor of the bris of Shoshana Nacass and Daniel Feld's newborn son) and my black knitted kippah and said, "He wouldn't drink anywhere around here...so why don't you come back here for coffee." Without skipping a beat, she then pulled out knitted kippahs from her purse and said, "I made these....do they please you? Would you like one? Have you got any children?" Moments later we parted ways, with a new kippah on Elishav's head and new kippot gifts for my boys in my pocket.

An hour or so later, we returned to the same spot and hesitated for a moment...should we or shouldn't we knock...when Elishav noticed a small white note on the mail box listing a few names, with one familiar name among them. We immediately knew we had to knock.

The lady came glowing to the gate, "Welcome back! Please call me Nechama." "Nechama, does so and so live here...is he home?" Moments later, Nechama calls our dear friend (he rents a studio from Nechama!) and we're all on the phone together. Years ago, this dear friend was a student at Berkeley for two years and spent many shabbatot and chagim with both of our families (he also introduced me to many secret spots in Jerusalem, including Shalom Falafel). Though our friend was at work, Elishav and I stayed for the next hour or so with Nechama, drinking coffee with hawaj (a Yemenite spice), and hearing stories about Ein Karem's Yemenite community (among them, the family's patriarch who fathered a child at age 90 in 1967 - with a Yediot Acharonot article from that time to prove it - who then lived until age 112 in good health; as well as the story about the same man who shortly after the end of Israel's war of Independence, found a grenade in the outdoors and mistook it as a weight. The

grenade eventually exploded on the kitchen table, and "only through divine intervention" nobody was seriously hurt).

Elishav and I parted ways in the late afternoon feeling elated and aided from below and above on our path. If you find yourself in Ein Karem, try to lose your way, it is likely the best way to find Nechama and a measure of divine comfort and presence as well.



FEBRUARY 6 A PILGRIMAGE TO TEL-AVIV

On the way to Tel-Aviv this morning our car broke down. We had promised our children a few monthly day-trips and this was supposed to be our very first adventure.

First, we found ourselves stranded on the side of the highway in a car that refused to reignite (with a bit of smoke coming out of the hood). Then, at the request of the police (which we called immediately), we all moved to



the middle of two cement protective barriers right by our car, with two highways on both sides. Fear, panic, and tension all set in.

We spent the next few minutes trying to figure out where we were: What highway is this? 431. Great...one of the more dangerous ones in Israel...Where on the highway are we? Right by the HaRishonim train station, still about 25 minutes from Tel-Aviv and about 40 minutes from our Jerusalem home.

The police came.
The highway patrol came.
A few tears came and went.

A cab came and Frayda and the kids went on to Tel-Aviv. The tow truck that the highway patrol contacted came, and minutes later, the tow truck that my brother-in-law called came as well. Yoav, the tow truck driver, and I made our way to a car mechanic nearby. I left the car there, got in a cab and went on to Tel-Aviv.

And then...oh then! We all found ourselves on the beach, right by the old Dolphinarium, and each wave softly caressed the sand on the shore and quietly whispered to us: "Breathe in. Breathe in..." And each wave meticulously carried away all the tension, and all the fear, and all the stress deep into the sea.

Oh Jerusalem, you are so holy, but Tel-Aviv will always have the sea.

Postscript

Then our children ran into the water and got all wet and all sandy and all the tension and all the stress set right back in and we found ourselves longing for Jerusalem's stones. And oh, how we longed for Jerusalem's stones! But that is a different pilgrimage and a different story all together.

MARCH 17 ASCENDING JERUSALEM IN BODY & SPIRIT – A HADRUN

This morning Frayda, our almost 8 year old son, and I completed the 5k run as part of the Jerusalem marathon. A few hours later, our other two children joined us for the family 2k run, along with our dear friends from Montreal who made Aliyah years ago.

As I was running this morning through Jerusalem's streets and hills, surrounded by thousands of other Israeli runners, I could not help but feel as though we were all joining on a 2000 year old run, edging closer and closer to the finish line. It was moving to see the many runners bearing on the back of their shirts photos and names of soldiers killed in the line of duty and victims of acts of terror - a mingling of the living and the dead and a reminder of our freedom and its price.

This afternoon, as we returned home, I also had the great merit of completing tractate *Chagigah* (leaving just a few lines for the fast of the First-borns on the Eve of Passover, the time of our redemption). Tractate *Chagigah* powerfully describes Israel's ancient pilgrimage to Jerusalem on the three pilgrimage holidays. Though I have not merited to join this pilgrimage as described by our sages, I do feel that I have been blessed through this morning's run and this afternoon's Hadran, to ascend just a bit higher, in body and spirit, and reach modestly closer, to the finish line.

At this time, I feel particularly appreciative of our beloved CBI Family and this unique opportunity to spend quality time in Israel renewing body and soul.



From Maharat Victoria Sutton

The Land of Egypt has exerted a gravitational pull on the Jewish people from the outset. It was only mere hours after leaving Egypt that the People of Israel first express their (albeit rhetorical) desire to return. They said to Moses, "Was it for want of graves in Egypt that you brought us to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us be, and we will serve the Egyptians, for it is better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness'?" (Exodus 14:11-12)

But Moses said to the people, "Have no fear! Stand by, and witness the deliverance which the LORD will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again." (Exodus 14:13) Rav Yoel Bin-Nun reads the verse "as you have seen Egypt today" - in the manner that slaves look up to their masters - "you will never see them again." God promises they will never again see that look in the eyes of a master, never again be subjected to the slavery of Egypt.

Throughout their years in the desert, the people of Israel complained they wanted to return to the creature comforts in Egypt - the pots bubbling with meat, the abundant fresh produce. Following those contentious years in the desert, God's promise is transformed into a prohibition.

In Deuteronomy, Moses exhorts the People of Israel, on the verge of their entering the Land of Israel, "Moreover, [the king] shall not keep many horses or send people back to Egypt to add to his horses, since the LORD has warned you, 'You must not go back that way again' (Deuteronomy 17:16)." As the commentators note, this is in fact the first time this prohibition is mentioned in the Torah, despite the text implying "the Lord has warned you" previously.

The lure of Egypt was a powerful force for the generation of the Exodus, and remained so for generations to follow. The Rabbis tell us: "The Torah warned Israel three times against returning to Egypt ... but Israel returned to Egypt three times, and as is written, 'Woe to those who descend to Egypt for aid;' three times they failed. (Mechilta Beshalach)." The rabbis here transform even the verses of God's promise that they will not return into a prohibition, counting them among the three warnings.

How did the Divine promise of freedom from Egyptian tyranny mutate into a prohibition not to return to Egypt? And as we prepare to celebrate Pesach, the holiday celebrating the Exodus from Egypt, what can we learn from the prohibition never to return there?

The Ishbitzer (R. Mordechai Yosef Leiner) comments on the prohibition in Deuteronomy, "The idea of Egypt is that which is filled with every good, and all the good things of the world, and is not lacking anything, as it says, 'Egypt is like the garden of G-d (Genesis 13:10)." The lure of Egypt is that it would completely surround a person with physical desires and charms until it "restricted them" (*mamtzir* - play on the word *mitzrayim*, Egypt), and like a slave, they are unable to flee (Likutei Mei HaShiloach, Shemini 2). The Ishbitzer then expands on the prohibition "Do not go back that way". He warns that anyone who habituates themselves to a physical good, to the point that they have difficulty separating themselves from it, violates a derivative of the prohibition to not go back to Egypt. Egypt represents the individual weakness to the lure of what is comfortable, which grows habitually to the point that one cannot move themselves away from it. They are in effect enslaved to it, to the detriment of essential values. Egypt is a hard habit to break.

Avivah Zornberg discusses this tension towards freedom from Egypt, in citing another teaching of the Ishbitzer, on who may eat the Pesach offering. "The meaning/taste - *ta'am* - of the Passover offering is that one should feel the taste/meaning of freedom." Not everyone regards leaving Egypt as a good thing. As we have seen, there is a strong counter-narrative, an undertow carrying the people back to Egypt ("It is good for us to return to Egypt"), which the Torah itself describes as "the garden of God" (Genesis 13:10). One who has spiritually left the world of Egypt and accepted the term can realize the "goodness of leaving Egypt" (The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus, p. 187).

May we always taste the true meaning of Passover, and the goodness of leaving Egypt.



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From the President

Post Purim and pre-Pesach finds us almost at the halfway point of Rabbi Cohen's six month sabbatical. It's a little dizzying trying to recap all that has happened since their departure at the end of December; suffice to say, Beth Israel has had an abundance of riches in classes, drashot, scholars, dinners and much more.

Many people have approached me at kiddush or at other times and have asked me, "How is it really going without Rabbi Cohen?" My answer has been that from my perspective, as president, the ongoing work of the congregation continues to run incredibly smoothly. We are blessed to have an outstanding team of professional leadership with Maharat Sutton and Joelle Yzquierdo, and are blessed as well to have the many volunteers who contribute to this enterprise. The sabbatical experience for those of us "holding down the fort" has been a bit of an experiment with a question at its heart: would we continue to grow, develop and thrive without the physical presence of our dear rabbinic family?

I think the answer to this question is a resounding yes. Looking back at this past Purim's celebrations, CBI was vibrant. I circulated through the Purim seudah and saw CBI-ers enjoying the feast, chatting with other members, sharing mishloach manot, dancing to the lively music of Shamati, and of course, contributing generously for Matanot L'evyonim (gifts to the poor). This was in addition to our two main megillah readings, the annual women's reading, a late-night reading for those who could not attend the regular one, and several private readings for those unable to attend the other offerings.

So what is coming in the next few months at CBI? As I write this, it is exactly one month until Pesach. Feeling anxious about seder prep? You're right on time! As you start to plan for Pesach cleaning, cooking and hosting, I would like to make a pitch for CBI's SCRIP program, the gift card purchasing program that raises money for the shul. You can help CBI thrive when you shop with SCRIP gift cards for the upcoming holiday; nothing would make our diligent SCRIP chair, Naomi Stamper (nstamper@sbcglobal.net or 510 525-8259) happier than to be flooded with requests for Berkeley Bowl, Oakland Kosher Foods, GAP, Old Navy and Bed Bath and Beyond SCRIP. By participating, you can shop, clean and have new clothes for Pesach -- and support Beth Israel all at the same time.

CBI classes continue throughout the next few months. A new addition to our spring line-up includes a return visit from Dr. Rachel Korazim,

renowned Israeli educator, on Thursday evening April 27th. As many of you know, she is a favorite of Rabbi Cohen's, and part of his sabbatical learning has included a class taught by her. Following a hiatus for Pesach, the month of May will bring us Rachel Brodie's class on the poetry of Yehuda Amichai and a special shabbat and Sunday session with R. Jason Weiner on end-of-life issues and advance directives.

The final upcoming event that I want to inform you about is CBI's Gala on June 11th. This year we have a very different format planned with an afternoon cocktail party at the home of Lois and Gary Marcus. An exciting offering will be a raffle for the grand prize of two round trip open tickets to Israel! We will also have some very popular community dinners and events for purchase during a silent auction. Look for all of the details in the next month, including how to buy tickets for the raffle and admission to the cocktail party.

All in all, CBI continues to flourish and thrive during this sabbatical time, just as Rabbi Cohen and his family are doing as well. That's just what the rabbi and I expected and hoped for as we planned his time away.

Wishing all of you a meaningful and rewarding Pesach, and hoping that you find continued opportunities to make CBI a part of your lives,

Leslie Valas, President



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In addition, it has been wonderful for us to spend quality time with my maternal grandparents, Nona and Nono (may they live and be well till 120!) as well as with my sister's family and my many cousins throughout Israel. Our family also spent several *Shabbatot* with various CBI alumni families throughout Israel (in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Mazkeret Batya, and Zichron Yaakov, to name a few). At each of these places, we were welcomed as royal emissaries of our shul with great warmth. Though this welcome was bestowed upon our own family, it felt to us as though it was extended in truth to the entire community, returning the same warm welcome received years ago at so many CBI homes. It is nothing but a blessing to witness how CBI has impacted the life of these many individuals and families (who certainly enriched our own CBI community as

well) and to see how CBI has claimed through these people a share in the land of Israel.

Before signing off, I must take the opportunity to express my utmost gratitude to the countless individuals who have stepped up during the past three months as leaders and volunteers. I am particularly indebted to Maharat Victoria Sutton, Leslie Valas, and Joelle Yzquierdo for their steadfast leadership and dedication (always and especially at this time). As incredible as it is has been for us to be in Israel, it has also been incredible to watch our community from afar, knowing confidently that our community is strong, healthy, and thriving. May the Holy One continue to bless us so and may we merit to reach ever higher.

Gan Shalom • Tribute to Laura Lipman

By Robin Mendelson & Inbal Cohen-Sadi

At the February 2017 Early Childhood Educator conference, our Gan Shalom director, Laura Lipman, was honored for her work. Gan Shalom head teachers Robin Mendelson and Inbal Cohen-Sadi presented the following tribute.

Robin: We are here today to talk and honor our Gan Shalom director Laura Lipman, about her great impact upon the Gan Shalom community, and the teachers who worked with her over the years. After 10 years in Gan, Laura has decided to move on to the next chapter of her life, and we will miss her dearly.

In the beginning, Laura worked both as a teacher AND a director for two years. She took on all the responsibilities and commitments involved in both jobs... and then eventually the "Powers that Be" recognized the need for a change, and Laura's job shifted into a full time Director position.

Inbal: As the years went on, Gan continued to develop, grow, and flourish under Laura's guidance. And then a few years ago, one of Laura's biggest projects and challenges began: physically rebuilding Gan Shalom from the ground up. The magnitude of this undertaking became Laura's Labor of Love. She was involved in many committees and meetings, traversing many different lines of communication. Laura was now fund-raising, planning, collaborating & envisioning the future of the new Gan building. She worked closely with the synagogue, Rabbi Yonatan, the City of Berkeley, the larger community, the neighbors of Gan and many more. She had to accommodate many needs and maneuver many opinions, which she did with great humility and perseverance. Laura worked hard to bridge through many differences, and was able to create communication between different personalities, temperaments, and cultures.

Laura did all of the above while continuing her every day job as the Director of Gan. She did it with much grace, humor, patient, intentionality, and respect כבוד (Kavod).



Through all of this, Laura remained our day-to-day educational director of the school, supporting staff, continuing parent communication, curriculum planning, and all in all the millions of ways a top notch Jewish Preschool Program runs. We are forever grateful for her contributions.

Robin: I've worked with Laura for many years at Gan, and I have grown to know her and love her. She brings with her a unique knowledge. Her love for dancing, movement, Torah, Talmud, Kabbalah and being "Every day Jewish" is present in all her exchanges with the Gan Community.

One of Laura's attributes that we admire so much is the way she integrates ideas from the Torah and Talmud within the preschool. On our Parent Education days, Laura talks to parents through the lens of Kabbalah and Torah - moral ideas and philosophy, and she inspires us, the teachers, to continue our search and learning of social and emotional development through a Jewish context.

Inbal: As a Director to her staff of teachers, we feel that Laura has given each and every one of us support, autonomy, trust, a place to grow, and room to discover our own strength. By doing so, she has allowed us as Early Childhood Professionals to improve ourselves as teachers. In essence, she gives us the space and the trust we need to become better versions of ourselves. Thank you for this precious gift, Laura. We are all better teachers because of your skillful direction.

Robin: As we move forward into our future, we can only hope to find someone to count on as much as we count on Laura. We will miss Laura's humility and quiet strength. We will miss our friend, our confident, our co-worker, and our director- who also changes diaper when we need a helping hand!

Finally, we send Laura all our love. We wish her lots of time with her grandchildren, we wish her to find a time to go and learn Hebrew as she wishes to do. We wish her to find the time to soak herself in Torah and Jewish study, and spend as much time as she wishes with her husband George. Lastly, we wish Laura to keep on dancing through the journey of her life.

We love you and will miss you.



*Thank You
Laura*



Gan Shalom Mishloach Manot

By Yael Krieger

Gan Shalom's Mishloach Manot fundraiser was a great success thanks to the support of many Gan families and CBI community members.

Some specific thank you's must be extended.

Aliza Davidi masterfully managed the purchasing and design of the mishloach manot package. Dov Jelen expertly supported the technological elements of our program. Gabe Sinkin was an invaluable support in creating and printing out mailing labels. Debbie Becker's clear-headed calm, routing expertise, and general brilliance helped design a smooth running operation. Adina Allen enthusiastically reached out to local organizations to help procure many of our purchases. Elana Naftalin-Kelman beautifully recruited and coordinated our volunteers.

The PAC committee (Sara Darmoni, Piera Wilner, Brianna Coffino, Dafna Finkler, and Laura Lipman) were incredibly supportive throughout the process. Many, many parent and community volunteers helped with the preparation, packing, and delivering of the mishloach manot. Udi Tsivion led our Saturday night box building prep. Laura Lipman ensured childcare for families on packing day.

And also great thanks to Maharat Victoria Sutton for her unfailing support at every step along the way. Frayda Gonshor Cohen also provided numerous consults (and assurances) from afar as I figured things out. I will add a personal thank you to my husband, Joshua Ladon, who expertly managed my higher levels of stress during this time. And most of all, thank you to the CBI community for participating and supporting our children's growth and development.



New Member • Ruth Wiseman

By Katrin Arefy

As a Berkeley native, Ruth Wiseman is not exactly a “new member” at Beth Israel. Ruth joined CBI when she first became shommer Shabbat in her early twenties. Ruth says that ever since she married and moved away from California, she has always felt nostalgic about the Berkeley community.

“Some CBI members will remember our wedding in 2003, in the CBI old garden. There was so much dancing that it was shaking the old building.”

Ruth has returned to the Bay Area after being away with her husband, Daniel, and their two daughters, Irit (twelve) and Elisheva (eight). David is still on the East Coast and flies back and forth. Ruth is a busy mother and daughter, taking care of the children and her mother, who also lives with them.

“For me, it is very important to raise my children in a community where everyone is welcome no matter their level of observance, a community where people can be honest about their spiritual growth and feel that they are in a loving place. I want my children to grow up in a place where they feel that they can be authentic,” Ruth said when I asked what she likes about Beth Israel.

“My mother is a survivor from Berlin. We didn’t talk about being Jewish growing up. Beth Israel became my spiritual home, and it continues to be. Also, because I have two daughters, I want a place where women are more active and involved,” Ruth added.

Ruth received her degree in Russian and International Service from UC-Davis and worked in the Russian Jewish community in the Bay Area for a long time. She now works at Oakland Hebrew Day School in the business office. Her calling is writing children’s books and poetry. Her new book *How the Moon Became Dim*, which is based on a Jewish Midrash, is coming out next month. More information can be found on her website Ruthwiseman.wordpress.com.



How I Fell In Love with Tutoring

By Nava Schweig

It was my first day at Greenleaf Elementary School in Oakland, and anxiety was building up inside me as I walked the halls of the unknown school. The kids here were different. They were from a different religion, different races and a different age-group from students at my own school. Yet, as a reading tutor, I was expected to be their role model and teacher. Just a week later – and I still find this hard to believe – I would walk the same halls with an excited bounce in my step, cherishing the 45 minutes to come.

I came to Greenleaf from Oakland Hebrew Day School as part of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy’s Reading Buddies peer tutoring program. Along with 14 of my 8th grade classmates, I brought new activities and ideas, and was assigned two 2nd grade buddies. And now, long after that first intense day and the six all-too brief tutoring sessions that followed, I’ve chosen to continue tutoring outside of school, simply from my own desire.

What helped me overcome my fears and fall in love with tutoring?

At first my intent was to follow the lesson plans rigidly, and I had great expectations for myself. But after I got to know the two girls I was to tutor something in me shifted. I suddenly understood that I was not the point of this program, nor was my elaborate lesson plan. Rather, it was about these two little girls – learning, growing and reaching into the world of reading. My role was not to teach or preach to them, it was to nurture them as individuals – individuals who love learning.

As soon as it stopped being about me and my self-confidence, and became about the girls as creative and thoughtful individuals, I began to adapt my ways of reaching out to them to fit their needs. I saw that while one was learning better by repetition and memorization, the other needed to draw and ask questions. The light-bulb moment that followed is what led me continue tutoring past my middle-school experience and into my

high school years at the Jewish Community High School in San Francisco. I realized that I could make reading exciting and engaging for students by helping them to experience learning in a personalized, creative and enthusiastic way. In a mere six weeks, I came to understand what it takes to transform a child’s perception of learning and in the process I transformed my own perception of teaching.

Some of the kids I’ve tutored have never experienced a moment where they enjoyed learning, and I find myself eager to help them reach this point. I no longer look at myself as an authoritative teacher-figure. Yes, I’m still their tutor, but I feel more like a friend.

Stepping into this position of a tutor allowed me the opportunity to help others see their potential and grow into it. I suppose for every teacher, there is something that keeps them going, a reason they haven’t stopped despite occasional frustration. For me, it is seeing kids have an “aha” moment, watching them come to love reading and the beauty of a challenge. What I find so amazing is that, before I was given this transformative volunteering opportunity, I never saw myself as someone who could make a difference in the lives of young children. But now I can’t ever imagine stopping.

Nava Schweig is a student at Jewish Community High School of the Bay. She was inspired to begin tutoring by Jewish Coalition for Literacy.



CBI Camp Scholarship Fund

We are pleased to remind you that an anonymous donor made a generous gift to our community to offer scholarships for CBI children who wish to attend Jewish sleep-away summer camps. Scholarships will be made available to every CBI family that applies with a special focus on first time camp participants. Please contact M. Sutton directly for scholarship information or if your family wishes to learn more about options for Jewish Summer Camps.

Our CBI Family has always focused on passing along a rich sense of Jewish connection, commitment, and level of engagement to the next generation. We do so every day through our support of our beloved Gan Shalom, our Jewish Day Schools and High School, afternoon programs, NCSY, and Midrasha, along with our robust Shabbat youth programming at the shul.

Jewish summer camps offer fully immersive educational experiences. According to a 2010 study by the Foundation for Jewish Camp, *Camp Works: The Long Term Impact of Jewish Overnight Camp*, there is compelling evidence that overnight Jewish camp is a proven means of building Jewish identity, community, and leadership. In an article titled *The Secret Ingredient of Summer Camp Magic*, Benjamin Kramarz argues that Jewish camps "effectively harnesses what anthropologists call 'liminality,' the state of being in transition, the middle stage between one place and the next. [...] Take transitional people in transitional time, put them in a transitional place, add a generous portion of positive communal intention and you have a recipe for magic."

We have contacted several Jewish immersive summer camps and we were assured that additional scholarships are readily available for children in our community.

Feel free to contact M. Sutton with any questions as we are eager to help more children in our community benefit from the gift of Jewish summer camps. Our deep gratitude to our anonymous donor for this meaningful and impactful gift. May our community's children benefit from it for many years to come.



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.

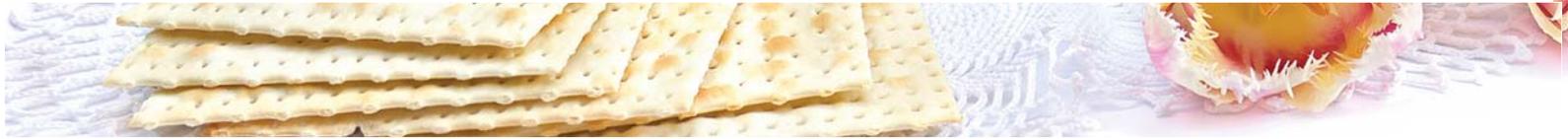


Looking for Scrip?

CBI has \$3,000 of Oakland Kosher Foods scrip in the denomination of \$25. When you buy the scrip from CBI the shul makes 5%. Last year we ran out well before the holiday began so please contact Naomi Stamper or Ruth Wittman and let us know how much you wish to purchase. We can also easily provide you with Berkeley Bowl, Afikomen and Safeway scrip. Happy cleaning and happy shopping!

***Donate your car/boat/vehicle to Beth Israel. Full tax write off.
Proceeds benefit Gan Shalom Preschool Scholarship Fund. Contact David Spieler: 510-849-0961.***

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A Guide for Pesach

By Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

The purpose of this essay is to briefly present some of the *mitzvot* and practices relating to Pesach.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should any question arise.

1. THE PROHIBITION OF CHAMETZ

The Torah outlines three types of foods that are prohibited during Pesach: Chametz (leavened bread), Seor (leavening agent, e.g. yeast), and Machmetzet (a mixture of other foods with chametz).

The Prohibition of Chametz during Pesach is Threefold:

1. One is forbidden to eat chametz (including any amount of chametz mixed into other foods).
2. One is forbidden to derive any benefit from chametz (sell it, give it to someone, feed it to one's animal, make ink from it, etc.).
3. One is forbidden to own any chametz or have any visible chametz on one's property.

The only exception to this rule is chametz that is no longer in a state fit to be eaten by a dog (chametz sh'nifsal me'achilat kelev).

The practical application of this exception is found in household products that contain grain, starches or grain alcohol. According to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, toothpaste — even if unsupervised — can be used because it is nifsal me'achilat kelev. Similarly, soap may be used even if it contains chametz. Medicine in tablet form, which is swallowed whole, also is not a problem. However, liquid medicine such as cough syrup is problematic because it many contain grain alcohol, which is pure chametz. Throat lozenges also are a problem. In case of need, please feel free to consult with me personally.

2. KITNIOT

The consumption of rice, peas, beans, corn, and legumes (kitniot) was prohibited by rabbis in medieval Europe. The origins of this practice are not clear, though two common theories are that these items are often made into products resembling chametz (e.g. cornbread), or that these items were normally stored in the same sacks as the five grains and people worried that they might become contaminated with chametz. It is also possible that crop rotation would result in the forbidden chametz grains growing in the same fields, and being mixed in with the kitniot.

Jews of European origin have maintained this tradition. In the Talmud, we are instructed Minhag Avoteinu B'yadeinu, to heed the customs of our ancestors. As these foods are not biblical chametz, one may benefit from and possess kitniot during Pesach. Yemenite and some Sephardic Jews do not hold by this custom. If you have any questions, please contact Maharat Sutton.

3. STRINGENCIES OF CHAMETZ VIS-A-VIS OTHER PROHIBITED FOODS

The eating of chametz during Pesach is punishable by karet, eternal excommunication — it is a more severe transgression than other prohibited foods.

One may derive benefit from many other prohibited foods — sell them, feed them to the dog, etc. — but not chametz. Furthermore, chametz that is in the possession of a Jew during Pesach is forever prohibited to any Jew and must be destroyed. (Giving it away to a non-Jew is considered a benefit, as it gains good will). Chametz that is found in one's

possession during Chol Hamoed (intermediate days of Pesach) must be destroyed immediately. If it is found during Yom Tov or Shabbat, it must be covered up, and destroyed immediately after the end of Yom Tov or Shabbat.

Finally, most other prohibited foods are, under certain circumstances, "cancelled out" if there is a preponderance of permitted food that "overwhelms" the prohibited food (as, for example, one part in sixty parts in many cases). Chametz that gets mixed with permitted foods during Pesach is never "cancelled out" in such a manner, and any bit of chametz makes the entire pot of food prohibited.

It is therefore advisable to buy foods like milk, pure fruit juices and eggs before Pesach when any added vitamins can be "canceled out" (me'vutal) in sixty parts of liquid.

4. THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

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For this sale to be binding, there are several necessary criteria: The seller must truly believe that he or she is in fact selling something and that he or she views these goods as no longer theirs. The lack of this mental state invalidates any bill of sale, including this one. There must be access for the buyer to the chametz during Pesach. Accordingly, if a person plans to be out of town during the holiday, then he or she must leave keys with a neighbor or with the agent performing the sale, with proper instruction. Please note, the significant act of kinyan should take place between each individual and the agent.

Those who wish to sell their chametz through CBI should enact a kinyan with Maharat Sutton.

She will be available:

Sunday April 2, 8:40-9:15 am @ CBI and 2:00-5:00 pm at the

Sisterhood Wine Sale

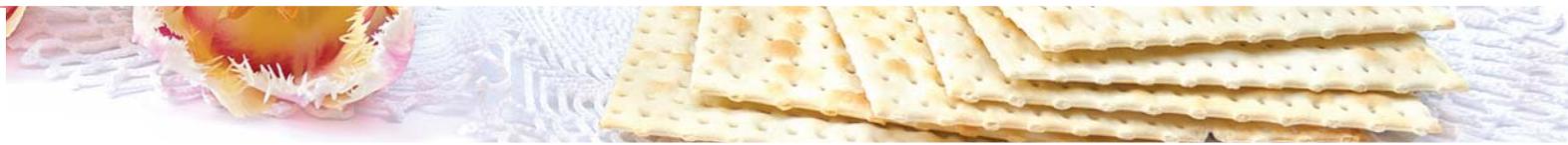
Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am-12 pm

as well as at other times by appointment.

Chametz that has been sold must be put in a completely sealed-off place, not readily accessible to the seller during Pesach. Any chametz held over Pesach under Jewish ownership may not ever be used, eaten, or sold after Pesach. Selling one's chametz before Pesach to a non-Jew avoids Jewish ownership during Pesach and therefore is not subject to this injunction.

5. STORE-BOUGHT FOODS

Even while we are careful all year long to consume only food with appropriate supervision, during the week of Pesach there is a need to be more vigilant.



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Below is a partial list of food that **REQUIRE SPECIAL PESACH SUPERVISION**

Please note, this list only includes items one might otherwise assume did not require special Pesach supervision, but in fact do.

APPLESAUCE
BABY FOOD
BAKING POWDER and SODA
BUTTER with coloring added
CANDY and CHOCOLATE
CHEESE — HARD
CHEESE SPREADS
COTTAGE CHEESE/RICOTTA
CRANBERRY SAUCE
CREAM CHEESE
FISH – GEFILTE, HERRING,
SMOKED SALMON, & ALL CANNED
FRUITS – CANNED & FROZEN
HONEY
HORSERADISH (RED AND WHITE)
ICE CREAM
JAMS AND JELLIES
JUICES — WITH ANY ADDITIVES, OR IF NOT BOUGHT BEFORE
PESACH
KETCHUP
MARGARINE
MAYONNAISE
MILK — IF NOT BOUGHT BEFORE PESACH
NON-DAIRY CREAMER
NUT BUTTERS
OILS & SHORTENINGS — EVEN PURE
OLIVES
PICKLED PRODUCTS
SAUERKRAUT
SOUR CREAM
SPICES & SEASONINGS
ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS
SYRUPS
TEAS—FLAVORED
TOMATO PRODUCTS
VEGETABLES — CANNED & FROZEN
VINEGAR
WINES & LIQUORS
YOGURT

A full list of foods that **DO NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL PESACH SUPERVISION** appears at www.kosherquest.org. The list will be available at the CBI office a few weeks before the holiday.

In addition, the following items **DO NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL PESACH SUPERVISION**:

MEAT: Fresh packaged meat (non-processed) and chicken purchased at our local kosher supermarkets prior to Passover is Kosher for Passover even without specific KFP labeling.

MILK & LACTAID MILK: May be used on Passover if purchased before Passover. Lactaid Non Chewable Pills are permissible for use on Passover as well.

6. CLEANING OF HOMES/PROPERTIES

It is important to note that dirt is not considered chametz (although it is strongly advisable to maintain high standards of hygiene!). The obligation to remove chametz applies strictly to chametz, and not anything else. One must remove chametz from all owned properties, including offices, cars, boats, and so forth.

Please note, while cleaning, the ideal manner in which to dispose of chametz foodstuffs is to donate them to non-Jews in need such as food banks and homeless shelters.

7. METHODS OF KASHERING HOUSEWARES FOR PESACH

Once one has bought Kosher for Pesach food, one must prepare this food in a Kosher for Pesach manner. Jewish Law dictates that utensils and location used in food preparations affects their tastes and halakhic status. These laws are complex and, in cases of even the slightest doubt, do not hesitate to contact Maharat Sutton.

Here are some basic principles for Pesach:

Sinks: If stainless steel or metal, should be cleaned with cleaning substance, followed with boiling water poured over the entire surface. Porcelain sinks cannot be kashered in this way and one should use a sink insert.

Stovetop Burners: Should be cleaned with a cleaning substance and not used for 24 hours (one may kasher different burners at different times). Turn to the highest temperature setting for 20 minutes. The base of the stovetop should be covered with tinfoil.

Ovens: Self-cleaning ovens should be set to a full self-cleaning cycle. Others should be cleaned well with a strong cleaning substance, not used for 24 hours, then turned to the highest temperature for a longer than usual cooking period.

Microwaves: To kasher a microwave oven, clean thoroughly until absolutely no debris is left. Special attention must be given to the internal vent of the microwave. After you are satisfied that there is no debris, the following steps need to be taken. After 24 hours of non-use, place a mug of water inside and turn microwave on and allow the microwave to be filled with steam. Repeat the same procedure with the mug in a different spot.

Countertops and Tables: Should be cleaned and covered.

Refrigerator: Should be cleaned.

8. METHODS OF KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PESACH

This area of practice has many complex details and nuances. It is therefore certainly preferable and admirable to maintain separate utensils for Pesach. That being said, before kashering a utensil, one needs to clean it thoroughly and be certain there is no food on it. At this point it must be put aside for a full 24 hours. After this step the paths diverge, depending upon the substance and usage.

Glass: According to some positions, glass may be kashered for Pesach by soaking it in water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours. Other Ashkenazic authorities maintain that this is not a valid option. One should follow his or her custom and practice of past years. How-



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ever, glass utensils used in cooking or baking should not be kashered.

Metals: Metal utensils that come in direct contact with a heat source or that are only used for boiling may be kashered by using ha'galah (placing them in boiling water). However, metal pans that one fries, bakes, or roasts in will need libun (burning). The most readily available libun is placing the utensil in a self-cleaning oven on self-clean.

This year, we will be hosting a Communal Ha'galah at CBI on Sunday, April 9, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. One may do his or her own ha'galah at home, by kashering a burner, filling a pot with water, making sure the water is in a full boil, then fully immersing the utensil, and rinsing in cool water.

9. KITCHEN ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE KASHERED FOR PESACH

The following kitchen items and or materials cannot be kashered for Pesach:

Ceramic, China, Colanders, Corning Ware, Crockpots, Dishwasher — with an interior of porcelain enamel, Grater (any), Knives with loose wood or loose plastic handles, Porcelain, Porcelain Enameled Pots, Pyrex, Teflon, Toaster/Toaster Oven, Stoneware, Wood.

10. THE STATUS OF MEDICINES DURING PESACH (ACCORDING TO THE CRC)

1. All pill medication (with or without chametz) that one swallows is permitted without special supervision (including Lactaid pills). Vitamins and food supplements do not necessarily fall into this category. Please consult M. Sutton regarding your specific situation.
2. Liquid and chewable medications that may contain chametz should only be used under the direction of a Doctor and Rabbi, who will judge the severity of the illness, the likelihood that the medicine contains chametz, and the possibility of substituting a swallowable pill. Important: Do not discontinue use of liquid, chewable or any other medicine without consulting with your Doctor, Rabbi and or Maharat.
3. Liquid and chewable medications that contain kitniot may be consumed by someone who is ill. An otherwise healthy person, who would like to consume a liquid or chewable medicine to relieve a minor discomfort, should only do so if the product is known to be free of kitniot.

11. THE STATUS OF COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES DURING PESACH (ACCORDING TO THE CRC)

1. All varieties of body soaps, shampoos, and stick deodorants are permitted for use on Pesach regardless of their ingredients.
2. All types of ointments, creams, nail polish, hand lotions, eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, blush, foot and face powders, ink or paint may be used regardless of their ingredients.
3. Colognes, perfumes, hairspray, shaving lotions and deodorants that have denatured alcohol (listed as SD, SDA, [or with a number or letter i.e. SD29C or SD40], SD Alcohol, Alcohol, Denatured Alcohol or Ethyl Alcohol) cannot be used on Pesach unless they appear on a reliable list. This only applies to products in a pure liquid state.
4. Lipsticks, toothpaste and mouthwash that contain chametz should not be used.

12. FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

The "Fast of the Firstborn" is usually held on Passover eve. This year, Erev Pesach falls on Monday, April 10. It begins at 5:14 am and ends at 8:08 pm. Those obligated to fast include a firstborn son and the father of a firstborn son who is too young to fast (according to custom).

A person is permitted to break this fast by attending a Seudat Mitzvah — such as a Bris Milah or Pidyon Haben. It has become customary to schedule the completion of a Talmudic tractate (siyum) on this day, since those who join in the accompanying meal are exempted from fasting. We will be leading a siyum on Monday morning immediately following morning services.

13. BEDIKAT CHAMETZ - SEARCHING FOR CHAMETZ

One of the most beautiful and meaningful ceremonies associated with Passover is bedikat chametz—the search for chametz. The ceremony is composed of five parts:

1. Reciting a special blessing over the mitzvah of the removal of chametz.
2. The search of the house by the light of a candle or flashlight to find vestiges of chametz.
3. The reciting of the formula of nullification of chametz.
4. The burning or disposal of any chametz found during the search.
5. The reciting of a final, more inclusive formula of nullification.

This year, the search for chametz is held on Sunday evening, April 9, immediately at 8:08 pm. Prior to the search, we make the blessing of "Al biyur chametz," and after the checking we declare the nullification of chametz (bitul). The texts for the bedikat chametz can be found on page 654 of the Artscroll siddur or in the opening pages of many Passover Haggadahs.

14. BIYUR CHAMETZ - DESTROYING THE CHAMETZ

One is only permitted to eat chametz until 10:56 am on the Eve of Passover (Monday, April 10). All chametz must be burned or destroyed by 11:56 am of the same day. This requirement is limited to foods under Jewish ownership. Chametz that has been transferred to a non-Jew need not be destroyed. Kol chamiro is recited at this time.





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15. CANDLE LIGHTING FOR PESACH

Candle lighting time for the first night of Passover (Monday, April 10) is 7:23 pm. A 24-hour candle should be lit at this time as well so that we may light from an existing flame on the second night of Passover. Candle lighting time for the second night of Passover (Tuesday, April 11) is after 8:22 pm. We light from an existing flame.

16. THE SEDER NIGHT

There are five primary mitzvot of the seder night:

1. The essence of the seder is the recounting, learning, and delving into the experience of the Exodus. The Haggadah is filled with many words and ideas. Our challenge over the evening is to make them come alive, to internalize the teachings, and inspire thought and open discourse. The *ma nishtana* questions are meant to allow us to understand the importance of asking questions in this process of retelling.
2. The eating of Matzah, the bread of liberation. To fully fulfill this mitzvah one needs to eat four *ke-zayitim* of Matzah (*kezayit* literally means an olive's worth of flour) - often understood to be 1/2 of a machine made matzah, or a 1/3 of a hand-made matzah for each *ke-zayit*. One should eat two *ke-zayitim* right after the hand washing, the 3rd as the Korach sandwich, and the 4th as the Afikoman. All of these eatings of Matzah should be done while leaning on your left side as an expression of luxury and freedom.
3. The Eating of Maror: One should eat two *ke-zayitim* (if you are using romaine lettuce, each *ke-zayit* is one large leaf). One should eat one *kezayit* after the blessing on maror, and a second portion in the Korach sandwich.
4. The drinking of four cups of wine or grape juice. The cup should hold at least a *rivi'it* (which is 3.3 ounces). One should drink most of each of these cups. While drinking, we lean to the left as an expression of luxury and freedom.
5. Praise and Hallel: Thanksgiving is the final and ultimate element of the Seder. One should strive to genuinely experience this fundamental sensation of gratitude.

17. SEFIRAT HA'OMER – THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

On the night of the second seder, Tuesday, April 11, we begin counting the 49 days towards the festival of Shavuot. The count takes place each night after dark. It was initially intended as a joyous period leading up to the holiday of Shavuot, however, subsequent developments in Jewish history mark parts of this time as one of mourning. One of the tragedies that occurred in this time was the death of 12,000 pairs of Torah students who did not treat each other with proper respect.

18. PESACH SEDER MATCHING

We are offering a meal matching program, as we did over the High Holidays. The process is simple. Just let us know if you have an extra place or 2, or 3, etc. at your table for the First or Second Seder. Also let us know if you need a place for the First or Second Night of Passover, and any dietary restrictions you may have. We'll make all the matching happen. Email Sara Darmoni (schnitzsa@gmail.com) whether you want to host or be a guest.

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There must be access for the buyer to the *chametz* during *Pesach*. That is to say, if you will be out of town you must leave a way to get into your home with proper instruction (e.g. keys with a neighbor), or you may deposit a set of keys with the agent performing the sale.

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If you have not been contacted by the buyer by 9:00 pm Tuesday night, April 18, the buyer has reneged on the full payment and the *chametz* reverts to your ownership. However, all sellers should be aware that in past years, there has always been at least one lucky winner who has had their *chametz* bought and taken away by the buyer. If you plan to sell your *chametz* through CBI, please fill out the back of this form. It is ideal to meet with Rabbi Cohen to enact the *kinyan* at one of the listed times. In case of hardship, one can enact the sale by simply mailing this form back to the CBI office without the *kinyan*.

CBI OFFICE FAX NUMBER • 510/843-5058



The Sale of Chametz Authorization

AUTHORIZATION

DELEGATION OF POWER AND AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

(and the Bill of Sale executed in connection with such sale)

I/ We,

_____,
hereby fully empower and authorize Maharat Victoria Sutton, and anyone she may designate as a substitute in her stead, to sell, transfer and convey before the upcoming "Pesach" all legal right and title to my "Chametz" to a non-Jew of their choice.

The term "Chametz" is intended and shall be understood to include, without limitation, any product made of wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt and any mixture or derivative thereof, as more particularly defined in and by Torah and Rabbinic Law and Jewish Tradition. Additionally, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Chametz" may include the following items: schnapps and spirits; beer; cereals; noodle and pasta products; barley; ingredients used in baking; frozen foods; crackers; baked products; pet food; vitamins; wheat germ; pickles; mixes; condiments (e.g. ketchup, vinegar, etc.); cosmetics; toiletries; medicine and medicinal preparations; assorted groceries; canned foods; "Chametz" that may be affixed or attached to utensils, toys, books and seforim, appliances, baking tools, etc.

The aforementioned "Chametz" items are located and may be found primarily in the following areas (please check all areas that may apply.):

- Kitchen cabinets
- Desk
- Investment property located at: _____
- Breakfront/China closet
- Attic
- Liquor cabinet
- Pantry
- Car (which will **not** be used on "Pesach")
- Briefcase/Knapsacks
- Garage which is stored at: _____
- Refrigerator/Freezer
- Closet/Cabinets
- Neighbor's or relative's house located at: _____
- Shed, Basement or Storage area
- Locker at school
- Medicine/Bathroom cabinets
- Chest or Bureau
- Other: _____

and shall include all "Chametz" and/or mixtures containing "Chametz" that is or may be knowingly or unknowingly in my possession (as "possession" is defined in and by Torah and Rabbinic Law and Jewish Tradition), or to which I have or may have legal responsibility in whole or in part (including corporations or other business entities which own or deal in "Chametz" in which I may have an ownership interest), or transit goods which may be delivered to me during the period commencing Monday, April 10, 2017 through Tuesday night, April 18, 2017.

I further empower and authorize Maharat Victoria Sutton, and anyone she may designate as a substitute in her stead, to lease or to sell, in the manner and for the time period they may deem appropriate, the places and areas where the "Chametz" items may be located. In addition, the key necessary to gain access to said places and areas where the "Chametz" items may be located can be obtained by contacting (if you will be here for "Pesach", please state "me at the address below", or, if you will be away for "Pesach", indicate whether a neighbor or Maharat Victoria Sutton has the keys; also, include the location of car keys, if applicable):

I hereby understand and agree that the buyer of the aforementioned "Chametz" items shall have, with the assistance and cooperation of Maharat Victoria Sutton, and anyone she may designate as a substitute in her stead, free access to the "Chametz" items which he/she will be acquiring and to any area that will be leased or sold to him/her.

The "Chametz" items located in the areas set forth above have an approximate value of \$_____. The buyer's deposit in connection with the purchase of the "Chametz" will be paid to Maharat Victoria Sutton, or anyone she may designate as a substitute in her stead.

My authorization and delegation of power set forth in this Authorization shall become binding upon my execution of this Authorization in the space set forth below, and this Authorization, when delivered to the buyer with the bill of sale, shall have the same force and effect as if I had personally executed such bill of sale. In addition, my authorization and delegation of power to Maharat Victoria Sutton, and anyone she may designate as a substitute in her stead, shall be given further legal force and effect by my performance of "Kinyan Suddar" – "Taking hold of garment" with Maharat Victoria Sutton. This Authorization is also intended to conform to the criteria and requirements of secular law.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____



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M. Victoria Sutton • Mondays • 12:00 pm. • On hiatus, resumes April 24

NCSY LNL – Latte & Learning (for Teens; Grades 9-12): Latte & Learning brings Judaism to local coffee shops and serves up Torah in a relaxed and fun setting. LNL is the place for teens to ask questions, voice their feelings, and connect with each other.

Mondays • 7:30-8:30 p.m. • Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley

TUESDAY

Rachel Brodie – Land Mine: Nationalism & Other Unnatural Disasters In The Poetry Of Yehuda Amichai: Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai's (1924-2000) extensive explorations of land and landscape in their material and metaphorical states are permeated with explosive matters and subversive ideological positions. Join us for a close look at some of Amichai's poems and a discussion of what happens to an Amichai poem about Jerusalem when it is read in San Francisco or an Amichai poem about San Francisco when it is read in San Francisco.

Rachel Brodie • Tuesday • 7:30 – 9:00 pm, May 2, 9, 16, 23

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Open Sources - Beit Midrash: Learn independently with a hevruta (study partner) OR study the weekly Torah portion with Maharat Victoria Sutton. Learners of all levels welcome. Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact M. Victoria Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com) with any questions, and we will help you find a partner and get started!

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesday • 7:30—9:00 pm • On hiatus, resumes April 26

Women's Torah Leyning Class: With Meena Viswanath: Learn to leyn in time for Simhat Torah women's reading! Should be able to comfortably read Hebrew (with punctuation). No previous Torah reading experience or musical ability necessary. Cost: Class is free, class workbook is \$25, payable to CBI office. Sign up by Thursday, April 20th with Maharat Victoria Sutton. Meena Viswanath moved to Berkeley last summer with her husband and son. She has been leyning regularly since her bat mitzvah, and can leyn torah, haftarah, Eicha, Esther, and the other Megillot (with Ashkenazic te'amim). She taught a torah leyning class last year in Young Israel of Atlanta, and is excited to teach a torah leyning class here in CBI.

Meena Viswanath • Wednesdays • 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm, May 3 – August @CBI (10-12 sessions)

Jewish philosophers: The class is currently reading "A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism" by world-renowned philosopher and social activist, Dr. David Hartman (z"l), the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

Muni Schweig • Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm @ the Schweig home

FRIDAY

Talmudic Wisdom @ 9:00 AM: Join us for a weekly class that explores key sugyot (talmudic units) on major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

M. Victoria Sutton • May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9, 16 • 9:00 am

SATURDAY

Study of Kima Kima (Step by Step) by Rabbi Chaim Drukman: Kima examines the sources that deal with the redemption of the Jewish people from the Bible, Talmud, Midrashim and the early Rabbinic sources. Kima Kima provides deep insights into modern Israeli Orthodox thought and philosophy of delivery from exile to redemption and the important part that the State of Israel has played in this process.

R. David Rue • Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am

Saturday Night Live With Chassidic Masters, as taught by Rabbi Eliahu Klein: Master seminar group text study with the Ishbitzer Rebbeh and Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev. Meets at R. Klein's home. Stay tuned for Pre-Pesach class details.

R. Eliahu Klein • Saturday @ 8:00 pm, final meeting April 1



Calendar

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYIKRAH

Friday, March 31 & Saturday, April 1

Candle Lighting	7:13 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:15 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	6:55 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends	8:12 pm

SHABBAT HAGADOL PARSHAT TZAV

Friday & Saturday, April 7 & 8

Candle Lighting	7:20 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:25 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Pre-Pesach Drasha in memory of Eli Resnikoff, z"l delivered by after services	11:30 am
Mincha	7:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:20 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends	8:19 pm

COMMUNAL HA'GALAH @CBI

Sunday, April 9

Communal Ha'galah	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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BEDIKAT CHAMETZ – SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

Sunday, April 9

Search for chametz at	8:08 pm
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PESACH - PASSOVER

Monday, April 10 – Tuesday, April 18

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA'ANIT BECHOROT -

FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN FIRST SEDER

Monday, April 10

Fast Begins at Alot HaSchachar	5:14 am
Morning Service	6:30 am
Siyum for Firstborns after morning services	7:15 am
Eat chametz until	10:56 am
Burn chametz until	11:56 am
Candle Lighting*	7:23 pm
Mincha, Yom Tov Ma'ariv & Hallel	7:25 pm
Fast ends	8:08 pm
Begin First Seder after**	8:08 pm

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

YOM TOV – 1ST DAY OF PESACH

Tuesday, April 11

Morning Service	9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha, Ma'ariv & Hallel	7:15 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER	8:22 pm
Begin Second Seder AFTER	8:22 pm
Count first night of Sefirah AFTER	8:22 pm

YOM TOV – 2ND DAY OF PESACH

Wednesday, April 12

1st Day of the Omer

Morning Service	9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha	7:20 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends at	8:23 pm

* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri ha'gafen) followed by the particular blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.

1ST DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Thursday, April 13

2nd Day of the Omer

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

Friday, April 14

3rd Day of the Omer

Morning Service	6:30 am
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SHABBAT 3RD DAY CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Friday & Saturday, April 14 & 15

4th Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:26 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shir Ha'Shirim	11:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:05 pm
Seudah Shelishit	7:25 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:26 pm

4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Sunday, April 16

5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service	8:00 am
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YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH

Sun. Night & Monday, April 16 & 17

6th Day of the Omer

Mincha and Yom Tom Ma'ariv	7:30 pm
Candle Lighting*	7:28 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv	7:25 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER	8:28 pm

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

YOM TOV - 8TH DAY OF PESACH

Tuesday, April 18

7th Day of the Omer

Morning Service	9:15 am
Yizkor	10:30 am
Shir Ha'Shirim	11:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Ma'ariv and Havdalah*	7:25 pm
Havdalah & Conclusion of Yom Tov	8:29 pm

* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri Ha-Gafen) followed by the particular blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.

If you sold your chametz through CBI and have not been contacted by 9:00 pm, you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

Calendar

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT SHEMINI

Friday April 21 & Saturday, April 22

11th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:33 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:15 pm
Seudah shlishit	7:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:33 pm

YOM HA'SHOAH

Sunday night & Monday, April 23-24

Shacharit	6:30 am
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ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Tues. night, Wed. & Th, April 25-27

Shacharit	6:30 am
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SHABBAT PARSHAT TAZRIAH-METZORAH

Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29

18th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:39 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:20 pm
Seudah shlishit	7:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:40 pm

YOM HAZIKARON/

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS

Sunday night & Monday, April 30 & May 1

Shacharit	6:30 am
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YOM HA'ATZMA'UT

Monday night, May 1

Mincha	7:45 pm
Tekes Maavar with Celebratory Maariv and Hallel for Yom Ha'atzma'ut	8:00 pm (alternate Maariv directly following Mincha in the Library)
Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration (food and festivities)	8:45 pm

Tuesday, May 2

Celebratory Shacharit w/Hallel	6:30 am
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SHABBAT PARSHAT ACHAREI-KEDOSHIM

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6

25th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:46 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:25 pm
Seudah shlishit	7:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:48 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT EMOR

Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13

32nd Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:52 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	7:35 pm
Seudah shlishit	7:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:55 pm

LAG B'OMER

Saturday night & Sunday, May 13-14

33rd Day of the Omer

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI SHABBAT SHALEM WITH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

R. JASON WEINER

Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20

39th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:58 pm
Communal Shabbat Dinner	8:00 pm
Learning with R. Jason Weiner	9:00 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Learning with R. Jason Weiner	11:00 am
Pre-Mincha learning with R. Jason Weiner	6:30 pm
Mincha	7:40 pm
Seudah Shlishit	8:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:02 pm

ADVANCED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES WITH R. JASON WEINER

Sunday, May 21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

An opportunity to learn about advanced medical directives from the perspective of Jewish Law with practical guidance from R. Jason Weiner.



Calendar

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Tuesday night & Wednesday, May 23-24

43rd Day of the Omer

Shacharit w/Hallel6:30 am

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

Thursday night & Friday, May 26

45th Day of the Omer

Shacharit6:30 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

Friday & Saturday, May 26 & 27

49th day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:03 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Formal Group Time10:30 am

Mincha7:45 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:05 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:08 pm

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29th

OFFICE CLOSED

Shacharit8:00 am

SHAVUOT

Tuesday night, May 30 – Thursday, June 1

EVE OF SHAVUOT

Tuesday, May 30

Mincha at CBI8:05 pm

Candle Lighting*8:06 pm

Yom Tov Ma'ariv at CBI8:56 pm

Community-wide Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot after CBI services until dawn at Berkeley Richmond JCC, 1414 Walnut @ Rose.

Orthodox Morning services @ the JCC

FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT

Wednesday, June 1

Early Shacharit @ JCC*5:25 am

Netz Hachamah5:49 am

Regular Yom Tov Shacharit9:15 am

Yom Tov Mincha** & Ma'ariv6:40

Communal Yom Tov Dinner at CBI7:20 pm

Candle Lighting after***9:11 pm

*The Amidah service will be recited at Netz Hachamah

(sunrise) at 5:49 am

**Plag Hamincha is at 6:58 pm

***Light from a pre-existing flame

SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOT

Thursday, June 2

Regular Yom Tov Shacharit9:15 am

Yizkor10:30 am

Megillat Ruth11:30 am

Yom Tov Mincha8:10 pm

Ma'ariv9:00 pm

Havdalah, Ma'ariv & Yom Tov end after9:12 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT NASSO

BAT MITZVAH OF REBECCA MIRANDA

Friday & Saturday, June 2 & 3

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:08 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Formal Group Time10:30 am

Mincha7:50 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:13 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT BEHA'ALOTCHAH

BAT MITZVAH OF MILEA KENIN

Friday & Saturday, June 9 & 10

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:12 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Formal Group Time10:30 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:18 pm

CBI GALA

Sunday, June 11 • 4:00-6:30 pm

See details on page 28.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT SH'LACH

Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:15 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Educational Childcare10:30 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:21 pm

SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ PARSHAT KORACH

BAR MITZVAH OF EMUNAH JASPER

Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:17 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Formal Group Time10:30 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:22 pm

ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ

Sunday, June 25

Shacharit8:00 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT CHUKAT

Friday & Saturday, June 30 & July 1

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat7:00 pm

Candle Lighting8:17 pm

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Formal Group Time10:30 am

Mincha7:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit8:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after9:22 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

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	APRIL					MAY	
	1	8	15	22	29	6	13
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	5:42 AM	5:31 AM	5:21 AM	5:12 AM	5:03 AM	4:55 AM	4:48 AM
<i>Neitz</i> Sunrise	6:54 AM	6:43 AM	6:33 AM	6:24 AM	6:15 AM	6:07 AM	6:00 AM
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	10:03 AM	9:57 AM	9:51 AM	9:46 AM	9:41 AM	9:37 AM	9:33 AM
<i>Tefilah</i> Latest time for prayer	11:07 AM	11:02 AM	10:57 AM	10:53 AM	10:49 AM	10:46 AM	10:44 AM
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:45 PM	1:43 PM	1:42 PM	1:41 PM	1:41 PM	1:41 PM	1:41 PM
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	7:32 PM	7:39 PM	7:45 PM	7:52 PM	8:58 PM	8:05 PM	8:11 PM
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	8:14 PM	8:21 PM	8:27 PM	8:34 PM	8:40 PM	8:47 PM	8:53 PM

Week of	MAY		JUNE			JULY	
	20	27	3	10	17	24	1
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i> Dawn	4:43 AM	4:39 AM	4:36 AM	4:34 AM	4:35 AM	4:36 AM	4:39 AM
<i>Neitz</i> Sunrise	5:55 AM	5:51 AM	5:48 AM	5:46 AM	5:47 AM	5:48 AM	5:51 AM
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	9:30 AM	9:29 AM	9:28 AM	9:28 AM	9:28 AM	9:30 AM	9:32 AM
<i>Tefilah</i> Latest time for prayer	10:42 AM	10:41 AM	10:41 AM	10:41 AM	10:42 AM	10:44 AM	10:46 AM
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i> Earliest time for Mincha	1:42 PM	1:43 PM	1:44 PM	1:46 PM	1:47 PM	1:49 PM	1:50 PM
<i>Sh'kia</i> Sunset	8:17 PM	8:22 PM	8:27 PM	8:31 PM	8:34 PM	8:35 PM	8:35 PM
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	8:59 PM	9:04 PM	9:09 PM	9:13 PM	9:16 PM	9:17 PM	9:17 PM

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERIES

LECTURE WITH DR. RACHEL KORAZIM

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH • 8PM

THE MIZRACHI (SEPHARDIC) VOICE IN ISRAELI LITERATURE

Since the mass immigration waves of the 50th, Israeli literature is addressing the issues of Jews from Moslem countries and their integration into its society. The long way, from their early marginalized situation to the assumption of empowered strong voices of the present, is expressed in rich and creative literature. The session will offer critical reading of works by Nathan Alterman, Balfour Hakak, Shimon Adaf, Roni Somek, Ariela Azulai and others.

Dr. Rachel Korazim is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education.



Until 2008 she had been the Academic Director of Distance learning programs at The JAFI Department of Education Born in Israel, she had served in the I.D.F as an officer in the central training base for women and was later, a member of the I.D.F delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education. Rachel has vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and the Diaspora. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for soldiers from disadvantaged background, she was responsible for creating the educational framework and training teachers for the implementation of the program.

Since her first Shlichut to Canada where she was the head of JAFI delegation from (1985 to 1988) she is involved with Jewish education worldwide; creating and implementing in-service training programs for educators, writing educational materials, counseling and teaching. Rachel teaches at Israel's well known learning centers such as Pardes and the Shalom Hartman Institutes as well as numerous

AVIVAH ZORNBERG

ISAAC: BLINDNESS AND BLESSING

SUNDAY, MAY 7 • 7:00 PM

CHOCHMAT HALEV • 2215 PRINCE ST, BERKELEY

\$15 members of co-sponsoring organizations • \$20 general public
Register at chochmat.org



Isaac survives the Akeda - his Binding on an altar; he marries and fathers children. But what does it mean to survive death? In midrashic tradition, the trauma of the Binding induces in him a delayed blindness. With the help of midrashic, psychoanalytic and literary sources, we will explore the enigma of Isaac's survival, and the ways this experience shapes his blind blessing of Jacob.

Dr. Avivah Zornberg is one of the most dynamic and compelling interpreters of the Bible alive. She weaves together ideas from literature, secular philosophy, psychology and the ancient teachers' take on the texts. It is entirely engaging and built for the 21st century world Jewish communities.

RACHEL BRODIE

LAND MINE: NATIONALISM & OTHER UNNATURAL DISASTERS IN THE POETRY OF YEHUDA AMICHAI

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 • 7:30–9:00 pm

Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai's (1924-2000) extensive explorations of land and landscape in their material and metaphorical states are permeated with explosive matters and subversive ideological positions. Join us for a close look at some of Amichai's poems and a discussion of what happens to an Amichai poem about Jerusalem when it is read in San Francisco or an Amichai poem about San Francisco when it is read in San Francisco.



Rachel Brodie is a Jewish educator who works primarily with adult learners and specializes in designing and facilitating professional development opportunities for other Jewish educators. From 2011 to 2016 she served as the Chief Jewish Officer of the JCC of San Francisco. Prior to that Rachel was the co-founder and Executive Director of Jewish Milestones—a not-for-profit, educational resource for Jewish life cycle ceremonies. Currently, Rachel teaches Jewish literature, history, and ethics at a wide variety of Bay Area institutions and as a scholar-in-residence around the country.

UPCOMING SHABBAT SHALEM

SHABBAT SHALEM WITH R. JASON WEINER SHABBAT, MAY 19 – SUNDAY, MAY 21

Rabbi Jason Weiner, BCC, serves as the senior rabbi and manager of the Spiritual Care Department, where he is responsible for the chaplaincy team and all aspects of spiritual care at Cedars-Sinai. Rabbi Weiner is the president-elect of the Southern California Board of Rabbis and has been honored with Rabbinic Leadership Awards from the Orthodox Union and Chai Lifeline. He is a member of the Cedars-Sinai End of Life Committee, the Organ Donor Council and the Bioethics Committee, for which he serves on the internal advisory board. Rabbi Weiner is also the rabbi of Knesset Israel Synagogue of Beverlywood, he teaches a Talmud class at Shalhevet High School, and he frequently serves as a scholar-in-residence at conferences and synagogues throughout the nation on topics related to Jewish medical ethics, pastoral care, health and wellness. He is the author of *Guide to Observance of Jewish Law in a Hospital* (Kodesh Press) and has published more than two dozen scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as a number of "popular" pieces.



FRIDAY, MAY 19

MINCHA & KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting 7:58 pm

Communal Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm

RSVP by May 16 – Dinner fills up quickly, please register early!

\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$50 maximum per family

Learning with R. Jason Weiner 9:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 20

MORNING SERVICE 9:15 AM

Learning with R. Jason Weiner 11:00 am

Pre-Mincha learning with R. Jason Weiner 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ADVANCED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES WITH R. JASON WEINER

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**BANOT MIDDLE SCHOOL PIZZA NIGHT
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SPORTS & GAMES
Congregation Beth Israel**

Sunday, April 2 • 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Our beloved Bnot Sheirut Chani and Hadassa will lead social/educational programming monthly on Sundays. All Beth Israel, Beth Jacob, and OHDS middle schoolers are invited to attend!

Please RSVP to chanilev7@gmail.com by Friday, March 31
This will be the second of four Middle-school events led by our Bnot Sheirut that will rotate between the Beth Israel and Beth Jacob communities.

Please save the following dates throughout the rest of the year:
Sunday, April 2nd at CBI, Sunday, May 7 at Beth Jacob Congregation, Sunday, June 4th at CBI. Questions/Information: rabbialbert@bethjacobakland.org and maharatvictoria@gmail.com.

GREAT GRAPES! WINE TASTING & ART
Sunday, April 2 • 2 -5 pm • \$10
Artists Works Will Be On Display
Sample delectable Kosher for Passover wines!
Orders placed at event.
Wine pick-up at CBI Sunday, April 9.
Wine provided by Hiram Simon, WineWise



**CITY OF BERKELEY
15TH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
HONORING YAKOV HARARI**

Sunday, April 23d, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Magnes Collection, 2121 Allston Way
Refreshments will be served
Public parking garage on Kittredge, exit on Allston

**TEKES MA'AVAR - TRANSITION CEREMONY
MONDAY, MAY 1ST @ CBI**

Join us as we mark the transition from commemorating Yom Ha'Zikaron, Memorial Day, to celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Independence Day. We will honor the memories of those who have fallen this year, and express our gratitude for the Land of Israel.

7:45 PM- Mincha

8:00 PM- Tekes Maavar with Celebratory Maariv and Hallel (alternate Maariv directly following Mincha in the Library)

8:45 PM Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration - food and festivities

**FIFTH ANNUAL EAST BAY TIKKUN OLAM CHESSED DAY
Sunday, May 7th**

Join your fellow Jews from around the East Bay as they engage in acts of chessed (kindness) and tikkun olam (repair of the world). Sign up for volunteer opportunities ranging from planting and clean-up projects to working with seniors. Note: this year there are events scheduled on two different days with most events on May 7th but the Food Bank and Painting projects are on June 25th. Co-sponsored by Beth Jacob Congregation, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Temple Beth Abraham, Temple Sinai, JCC of the East Bay, Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay, Midrasha, Oakland Hebrew Day School, and Tehiyah Day School. Funded by a grant from The Jewish Federation of the East Bay. Pastries courtesy of Semifreddi's.

Visit the website for full program details: <http://ebtocd.weebly.com/>. Please contact Shelley Zak (thezakpack@gmail.com) for more information and to find out about leadership positions for that day.



**WOMEN'S TEFILLAH
Women's Mincha and Seudah Shlishit**

May 13

Join us for our monthly women's tefilla meeting, including Shabbat Mincha with Torah reading, followed by women's seudah shelishit and learning. All are welcome to stay for Maariv and havdallah with community.

5:00 pm - WT Shabbat Mincha with Torah

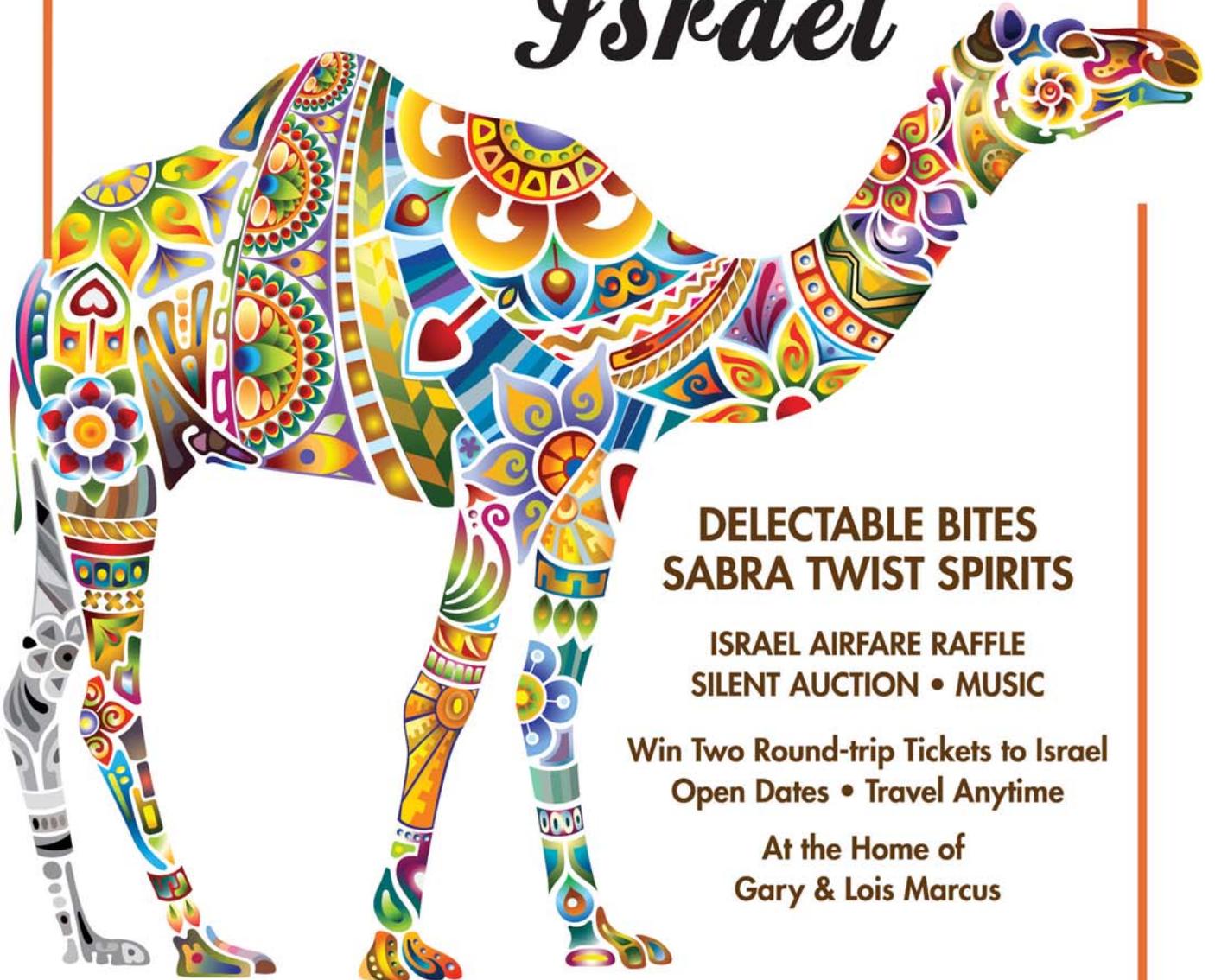
5:30 pm - WT Seudah shelishit and Learning

**SAVE THE DATE
SHAVUOT 2ND NIGHT DINNER
Wednesday Night, May 31st**



SAVE THE DATE

All Aboard Israel



**DELECTABLE BITES
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**At the Home of
Gary & Lois Marcus**

**GALA 2017 COCKTAIL PARTY
SUNDAY • JUNE 11 • 4:00-6:30**

A Season of CBI Events

By Rabbis SaraLeya Schley and Mimi Weisel

How do we harvest a lifetime of living? Conscious eldering is an ongoing opportunity for inner growth and exploration of our values and of the meaning of the lives we have lived so far. We can transform the changes that the aging brings to our bodies and minds into openings to ever-deepening meaning, and even delight – and certainly not stagnation.

Meaning, vibrancy and creativity can especially be cultivated when we live with a sense of our time being finite. We are conducting groups at CBI that involve deep sharing, text study, journaling and conversation. We keep the groups small enough to assure intimacy and confidentiality.

We use a Jewish lens in teaching about these 5 areas of interest:

Coming to terms with mortality. This is a personal journey of knowing that we are in the last phase of living – whether you are a 60 or 80 years old, or someone with a life-challenging illness. The practical matters of Advanced Directives, Powers of Attorney, funeral plans, etc., are not the content of this class. Rather we offer a place for the deep psycho-spiritual work that can lead to a sense of fulfillment, completion and replenishment. We acknowledge the challenges of living in an aging body and keeping our minds sharp and insightful.

Harvesting a life. In our program we do an extensive life review, including journaling and reflective exercises, identify key events and people, and begin the recording of our stories.

Forgiveness and other unfinished business. Acknowledging relationships and situations with unresolved hurt or anger, the work of teshuva, forgiveness, re-contextualization, and even reconciliation, are important to approaching death with less regret. There is no greater gift for a family to have worked out some of their conflicts before someone dies.

Mentorship. When seniors become elders there is a potential transformation of their role in community and society from peripheral to essential, from irrelevant to wisdom-holders.

Leaving a legacy. As we deepen into this work, we come to understand what unique contributions our living has made to the world. We can share the legacy of our values and creativity – in our writing, and in the culling of our creativity, art, and relationships.

We have been blessed with predecessors paving the way for us in this work: Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's, z"l, Aging and Saging project, the Wise Aging curriculum of the Institute of Jewish Spirituality, and, locally, Debbie and Barry Barkan's Elder's Guild.

Mishmash Reflections

Mishmash is a one-on-one parent-child learning program launched at CBI this past winter. Children in grades 1-8 and their parents met twice a month, December - March, on Motzei Shabbat, to study Torah together over pizza and snacks. Parent-child chevrotas learned from a variety of sources: the weekly parasha, Mishna and Talmud, prayer and more. The CBI social hall and library were transformed into a beit midrash filled with the sounds of Torah study, as more than a dozen families participated weekly. A child delivered the closing D'var Torah at the end of each Mishmash session, sharing something they had learned that week. Below are some reflections from participants.



R Chaiml Mahgel-Friedman & Raizel Mahgel Friedman

The learning that Raizel and I did in *Kitzur Shulchan Oruch* covered the Laws of Shabbat Candle Lighting and then the Laws of Kiddush. In the Laws of Kiddush we learned that if someone is going to have their obligation to recite Kiddush fulfilled by another person who will say the blessing, the first person ought not to say the phrase *Baruch Hoo u'Varuch Shmo*, which could be considered an interruption in the listening to the brocha. Two weeks after this learning, at our Shabbos table, we were discussing options for one of our guests who was not going to be drinking the wine from kiddush. I suggested they could recite their own kiddush over the challah. At this point Raizel brought up our previous learning about the above halacha of listening to kiddush and not saying the phrase *Baruch Hoo U'vruch Shmo*. This was such a great moment when Raizel recalled the learning about listening to another make kiddush and brought it up in the right context of our discussion. Mishmash has not only brought more Torah learning into our family while there at Shul, that learning has really come home with us as well. Well done Raizel; Well done Maharat Victoria!

Aya Krantz

I enjoy going to Mishmash. I like studying with my friends, and I definitely like eating the pizza! Usually I learn with my Abba. Sometimes my friend Chana Ella helps me. Last week we studied Purim and it was fun because we first read the English story and then found the same words in the Hebrew megillah. It was like a word hunt! I also liked the excitement of the community when Chana and I presented our dvar torah to the community.

Derek and Maureen Krantz

As parents of children who attend both Jewish day school and public school, it was fun to sit down with all of our children and study with them in a fun, casual environment. Every week we saw friendly faces around us, and in a few instances even learned with children of other families. We used the experience to start a new tradition for our family - Mishmash and Frozen Yogurt! It was an activity we all looked forward to throughout the winter.

Dr. Tamara Beliak

I enjoyed sitting with my youngest son and listening to him read Hebrew. We would choose a new text each time we met. His general wonder was precious to experience for me. It was powerful to be in a room full of kids and parents all coming together for one purpose. Learning together as a community and creating shared expectations for our children is a strong value and an important part of building up the next generation of Observant Jews.

Community Wide Melaveh Malkas

ON FEBRUARY 25, 2017, THE CBI FAMILY GATHERED FOR MELAVEH MALKAS IN HOMES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY

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Leora Lawton • Judy & Glenn Massarano • Sarah & Saul Miranda • Jo-Ellen & Ben Zeitlin

From Eden, Chanan, Miriam, and Dorit

Our guests brought their favorite board game to play at our combined Melaveh Malka. However, we were having such a great time munching on homemade goodies and getting to know one another that we didn't get a chance to crack open the games! Looking forward to playing another time!

From Ronna Kabatznick and Peter Dale Scott

It was an evening of blessings. About 24 CBI folks graced our home with their warm and friendly presence, bonded by love of our community, in shul and out. The evening included Havdalah, singing, led by Benjamin Epstein and of course, eating and laughing. Everyone delighted in getting to know one another and now during Kiddush, we have even more people to talk with.

From Rebecca Landes & Ben Rose

We had a really nice gathering, shared our stories of how we come to be at CBI and answered the bonus question - what's the most unusual job you've ever had? It was fun!

From Leora Lawton

We shared tales – some of them pretty wild and daring - of our histories and got to know each other much better. It's amazing how many paths we have explored as individuals and yet made it all to the same congregation.

From Judy & Glenn Massarano

Ours was the Singing melaveh malkah! We received so many thank you's, it seemed people really enjoyed themselves. My favorite part was how seamlessly we went from piyutim to Some Enchanted Evening, to The Beatles. Thanks, everyone!

From Sarah & Saul Miranda

Saul and I hosted the one at shul, we had a great and lively crowd with several families with young children -- plus members of the community who needed to have a place that was wheelchair accessible were very excited to join our group!

From Jo-Ellen & Ben Zeitlin

We had an intimate evening with friends in San Leandro. It was a reminder that, although we are no longer in the eruv, we are still connected to the CBI family!



JOFA Conference in New York

By Maharat Victoria Sutton

I was 18 when my family's rebbetzin, and a handful of other women, packed into a car and drove into NYC for the First International Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy. A vivid memory comes to mind of sitting on the floor in the front of a filled beyond capacity hotel ballroom, mesmerized by the brilliant and poised woman at the podium. The energy was high, and the feeling that this was the beginning of something big was palpable. I can't admit to having understood much of what Dr. Tamar Ross shared that afternoon, but what has stayed with me was that feeling of excitement and sense of mission. The First International Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy took place in 1997, and was a catalyst in the creation of JOFA (Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance).

Fast forward 2 decades. I am the Maharat at an Orthodox synagogue, a position I could not even have dreamed would exist when I was 18. A group of teens approached me about attending this year's JOFA conference. They very much wanted to experience this energy for

themselves and be part of the conversation. CBI, along with JOFA, helped to subsidize the travel, and we joined the over 1200 participants at the conference. It was inspiring to see the star-struck faces of our teens when they got to meet those women who they had read about and admired for their commitment to women's involvement in Jewish life. Fittingly, the plenary at this 20th year conference honored the work and vision of Blu Greenberg, JOFA's founding president, and was entitled, "From Vision To Reality: Orthodox Women Rabbis and the Woman Who Willed it Into Being." I am filled with gratitude at those visionary leaders who not only dreamed, but willed, women's leadership in the Orthodox community.

You can see the program of the First International Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy at this link: https://www.jofa.org/sites/default/files/uploaded_documents/1997_conference_program.pdf

Talya Sandel & Eliana Aiken

Two months ago we had the privilege of traveling together to New York for the JOFA conference where we met up with everyone's favorite Maharat, Victoria Sutton! CBI and JOFA subsidized our flight and allowed us to attend the conference for free. We truly felt the support from our community as well as a larger community of Orthodox Jewish feminists to want to instill the values of female empowerment into the next generation of strong girls. At the conference we met many of our role models including Blu Greenberg, the queen of everything and also the founder of JOFA, Rabbi Lila Kagedan, the first Yeshivat Maharat-ordained woman to take the title of Rabbi, Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, scholar and husband to the aforementioned Blu, Sharon Weiss-Greenberg, Executive Director of JOFA and many more.

We attended seminars on body image, sex education in Jewish day schools, post-Orthodoxy, trans Jews, LGBTQ+ inclusion in Orthodox feminism, and more! The conference started at 8:15 am and went until 5:45 pm- a full day of seminars on every Orthodox feminist topic we could think of, and some that we couldn't. The opening ceremony took place in a large room filled with over a thousand people who share each other's passion for creating a more inclusive Judaism. The excitement was palpable; both of us cried when Blu Greenberg stood up to speak, and with every speaker the inspiration increased. We took copious notes throughout the conference, not wanting to forget any powerful sentiment. For us, the most powerful part of the conference was looking out over the huge crowd knowing that we were surrounded by people from all over the world who believe in the values of Orthodoxy and feminism just as strongly as we do. Sometimes, it feels like people don't understand our beliefs and don't want to see the Orthodox feminist movement succeed, since there are so many voices against it, but being surrounded by over a thousand people who do support this movement, and want to actively work towards women's equality in Judaism, was reassuring and positive. We are so thankful that this opportunity was presented to us as high school students and since then, we have and will continue to work towards women's equality in Judaism. The JOFA conference provided inspiration, education, and general awesomeness to us and we are so thankful we were able to attend.



Purim!

What a spirited and uplifting Purim at CBI Berkeley!
Thank you to everyone who came out, old friends and new, with hearts open,
feet ready to dance, hands outstretched to give to others, and ruach!

— SPECIAL THANK YOU —

Ari Weber for leading a Pre-Purim Oneg and Shiur • Jamie Conway for leyning on Shabbat and multiple readings of Parshat Zachor
Melita Music for getting our tots and young families in the Purim spirit • Aron Wolgel for a lively Ma'ariv Na'aman Kam, Glenn Massarano, Ari Weber, & Rabbi Yehuda Ferris for Megillah Reading
All of you who read Megillah around town for those who could not make it to shul - you know who you are!
Our women's megillah readers: Ariel Wolgel, Andrea Brott, Hannah Lyon, Gavi Klein, Julie Seltzer, SaraLeya Schley, Yael Krieger, Nehama Rogozen, Meena Viswanath & Judy Massarano
Yael Krieger for gracefully spearheading the Gan Mishloach Manot from ordering to delivery, and all of our Gan and CBI volunteers
Shamati Music for amazing energy & hours of dancing • Janice Mac Millan and crew for a delicious BBQ Seudah
Jeff Morgan and Jody Morgan & Covenant Wines for generously donating wine for Purim and CBI programs
Our bnot sherut Chani Levenberg and Hadassa Zenou for baking Purim treats for the community
Tere Nativitas and crew for set-up, clean up - Purim programming could not go smoothly without you!



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And thank you of course to all of our generous donors listed below! *Toddah-Rabbah!* May we go from Strength to Strength!

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December 31: Rebecca Landes & Ben Rose in memory of Carmi Landes on her third yearzeit; The Beliak-Neumeier family is celebrating Dror's siyum mishnayot of Masechet Sanhedrin.

January 7: Shabbat Shalem with Alan Morinis: Ronna Kabatznick and Peter Dale Scott in honor of Peter's birthday; The Kabella and Davis families in memory of our Papa Leo's 20th yearzeit, Hannah's 15th birthday, the birth of our newest Davis, Amelia Bella to Joe and Andrea and the upcoming wedding of David Davis and Ayana Bracha; Janice Mac Millan & Ron Reissberg in memory of Isabel Mac Millan

January 14: Carol and Jim Cunradi in memory of Carol's father, z"l, Chaim Behr ben Mordechi ha Cohen v'Leah, on his 6th yearzeit.

January 21: Women' Tefillah group participants honoring all women of all ages who participate in the Shabbat mincha services and women's prayer services at CBI throughout the year: Serach Bracha Albert, Deena Aranoff, Tamara Beliak, Judith Bloom, Laura Lipman, Judy Massarano, Susie Marcus, SaraLeya Schley, Meena Viswanath, Victoria Sutton

January 28: Hiram Simon in honor of Rivkah's marriage to Yehuda Gruber in Monsey, NY on January 12; Suzanna & Stephen Goldblatt Clark with gratitude for making us feel so welcome at CBI for the short time we lived in the East Bay. We miss the community there a lot, everyone was wonderful. This is in honor of the warm hearted people we met at CBI and in honor of our three children, Reuben Joseph, Marta Rose, and Elizabeth Dahlia; The Zeitlin family in honor of Gideon's 4th birthday and Robert Burns Day.

February 4: Michael Sopher, Ruth Sopher, and Debbie Sopher and their families in honor of Joan Sopher; Jane Turbiner, in honor of the 4th yearzeit of her father, Meir Ben Shlomo Mordechai v' Malka, Milton Turbiner

February 11: Rena and Mordy Rosen in honor of the upcoming first yearzeit of Rena's father Leon Brickman z"l; The Sandel Family in honor of the third anniversary of Gaby's bat mitzvah; David E. Davis in honor of the 30th anniversary of his bar mitzvah at CBI.

February 18: Shabbat Shalem with Dina and R. Naftali Brawer: Leora Lawton in honor of the mida (character trait) of gratitude; The S. Markowitz Family in honor of Jonah's birthday, Leora's birthday, and all others observing February birthdays.

February 25: Paul and Serach Bracha Albert in gratitude to our CBI family for their support in making the first year of our marriage amazing! Rita Kohl and Steven Silberblatt in honor of the upcoming first yearzeit of Steve's mother Anita Silberblatt; Jonathan Purcell in honor of Maharat Victoria Sutton, Adam, and Ruth; Darrell Cohn and Leah Kahn in honor of his father's yearzeit

March 4: M. Victoria Sutton & Adam Brelow in honor of the Chevra Kadisha; Marti and Shelly Zedek: in memory of our daughter, Elizabeth Laurie and in honor of the members of the Chevra Kadisha; Benjamin & Sara Darmoni, Jory & Lisa Gessow, Ezra & Toby Hendon, Lev & Sara Jasper, Wendy Kenin, Laura Lipman, Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner, Nadav & Nechama Rappoport, Arye Rosenstein & Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein, Roger Studley & Chai Levy: in honor of the Davis family, their contribution to the community, especially their gracious hospitality, wishing them mazal tov on the birth of their newest child, Shiraz and much hatzlacha with their Aliya; SaraLeya Schley in honor of my mother Adele Krone Schley, z"l, on her 3rd yearzeit, and in honor of the Davis family; Matan Gilbert in recognition of Nadav Gilbert's 4th birthday this Sunday the 5th, of the many wonderful meals shared with the Davis family, and of Spring!

March 11: Bella Barany in honor of Ron Barany's 89th birthday; Sanne Dewitt in memory of her mother Clara Kalter on her yearzeit and in honor of Ron Barany's birthday; Avraham & Ruchama Burrell in gratitude to the community for their support during Avraham's recovery from a heart attack; Joelle Yzquierdo with gratitude to Avraham Burrell and Bella Barany for everything they do for the community

March 18: Rebecca Landes and Ben Rose in honor of Ephraim Landes and Albert Rose

March 25: Lisa & Brian Blumenband; Miriam Barrere; Jamie Conway & Meena Viswanath; Benjamin Epstein; Joel Finbloom; Benjamin Gammage; Eden Gerson & Chanan Zupnick; Amalya Lehman; Shivaram Lingamneni; Raffi Magarik; Jordan Miodownik; Shaya Potter; Dorit Resnikoff; Nehama Rogozen; Benjamin Schaub; Lauren Schuchart; Sarah Silverman & Elan Weinstock; Tali Singer; Ariel Strauss; Jonathan Thirman; Ari Weber, in gratitude to the community for everything you give to the students and young professionals of CBI

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December 10: Serach Bracha Albert

February 4: The Green-Heda Family in honor of the shloshim of their dear mother, Edythe Heda, Ita Basha bat Moshe, of blessed memory. The Seudah is also in honor of their dear father's yearzeit, Dr. Burton Heda, Chaim Tzvi Hirsch, ben Ephraim, of blessed memory.

February 29: Saul & Sara Miranda

March 18: R. SaraLeya Schley in honor of her parents' yearzeits

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Mazal Tov

To grandmother **Ljuba Davis and the whole Davis family** on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Bella to Joe and Andrea

To parents **Tamar and Avram Davis**, and big brothers Akiva and Zushya on the birth of a baby girl, Shiraz Esther Davis.

To grandparents **Linda Diamond, Donald Light, Rivka Bongard and Yehuda Bongard-Rosenzweig** on the birth of a baby girl. Hallel Rivka, to Danielle Diamond-Bongard and Ilan Bongard-Rosenzweig.

To **Lili and Natan Kuchar** and big sisters Ayala and Katriel on the birth of a baby boy, Selah.

To grandparents **Desmid Lyon, Jonathan Lyon and Jane Turbiner, and Debbie and Mark Snoyman (of Ma'alot)**, and new parents **Miriam (Lyon) and Michael Snoyman** on the birth in Israel of Lavi Snoyman.

To **Jen & Zac Kamenetz** on the birth of a baby girl, Adi Penimah Miryam

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.

To **Hiram Simon, Susan Stanfield and to Rivka & Yaakov Gruber of Monsey**, New York on the wedding of their children Rivkah Simon & Yehuda Gruber.

To **Ljuba Davis and the whole Davis family** on the wedding of David Davis and Ayana Bracha.

To the Lehmann and Weiss Families on the engagement of Amalya Lehmann and Ariel Weiss.

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

Hadran Alach to **Miriam Petruck and R. Mimi Weisel** on completing learning Tractate Mo'ed Katan! This is the second complete Tractate they have completed together in memory of Miriam Petruck's father (B'rachot was the first).

To our very own **Tania Schweig** on being selected as the new Head of School for OHDS! Tania is the current general studies director at OHDS and a nationally recognized educational leader in the Jewish day school world. She is excited to transition to her new role, which begins July 1st. Please join us in wishing her mazel tov!

Baruch Dayan Emet Condolences

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of:

Yvonne Sadane, beloved sister of Violette Sibony and sister-in law of Henry Sibony; she is also survived by siblings Edmond, Albert, Helene and their families.

Edythe Heda, long time CBI Sisterhood member, died in Oakland at age 93. She is survived by her children: Elizabeth Heda, Shelby Heda, Jonathan Heda, Stephanie (Shulamit) Green, and Margo Heda.

Gabriel ben Noach, beloved father of Michael Piotrkowski and father-in-law of Chanah Piotrkowski.

Mary Ella Johnson, beloved mother of Barbara Schubert and grandmother of Liberty, Gabby and Simone Schubert. She is survived by four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Selma Turbiner (Selma bat Meir), mother of Jane Turbiner, mother-in-law of Jonathan Lyon, and grandmother of Hannah Lyon in West Melbourne, Florida.

Frances Alan Miranda, beloved brother to Saul Miranda and brother-in-law to Sarah Miranda. He is survived by his parents Jose and Sylvia Miranda, his siblings Jose, Saul and Oscar and his children: Matthew, Brenda, Reiko and Eva.

Stan Felson (Zalman ben Yosef), beloved father of Howard Felson and father-in-law of Efrat Campagnano, grandfather to Ayala, Hedva and Nogah.

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

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 Katrin Arefy, April 5
 Joel Brodsky, April 5
 Deborah Lesser, April 5
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 Robinn Magid, April 12
 Ayala Goldberg, April 13, 5th birthday
 David Miller, April 13
 Aaron Blumenfeld, April 18
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 Maayan Fenton, April 20, 3rd birthday
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 Liora Brosbe, April 23
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 Maxine Winer, April 28
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 Jennifer Panish, April 29
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 Carol Cunradi, April 30
 Aliza Craimer Elias, May 1

Hedva Rose Felson, May 4, 6th birthday
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 Raizel Amidah Mahgel-Friedman, May 5, 9th birthday
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 Claire Fenton, May 7
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 Daniel Magid, May 10
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 Bathea James, May 13
 Shai Krantz, May 14, 11th birthday
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 Jacob Cohen, May 16
 Ben Zeitlin, May 16
 Guy Biton-Harel, May 17
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 Aaron Marcus, May 22
 Hodayah Weathersby, May 23, 7th birthday
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 Ariella Davis, May 30, 2nd birthday
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 Gaby Schubert, June 2, 13th birthday
 Nili Solomon, June 2, 5th birthday
 Orly Solomon, June 2, 5th birthday
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Linda Nied, June 3
 Hazel Kirsch, June 5, 10th birthday
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 Noah & Hope Alper, May 25, 31st anniversary
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 44th anniversary

Sam & Rose Ginsburg, June 11, 51st anniversary
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 Glenn & Judith Massarano, June 23,
 31st anniversary
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