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From the President

The summer is upon us and Rabbi Cohen's sabbatical is rapidly coming to an end. Time has quickly passed since January when we said *l'hitraot* to the Cohen family. As we prepare to welcome back our beloved rabbi, I think it's time to assess how we fared in his absence.

Rabbi Cohen left with the hope that his sabbatical would create space and opportunity for many to assume new roles. He posed the question: How will CBI-ers respond to opportunities to participate in the ongoing running of the shul? What do you think -- did we rise to the occasion?

We have had numerous volunteers and community members stepping into various aspects of shul life over the past months, and I would like to remind you of some of these vital members and efforts.

Every *sha"daf* (page announcer) kept us all on the right page in our three different siddurim on Shabbat and *chagim*. These members kept the flow of the davening on track, and made services feel just as accessible as when Rabbi Cohen assumed the role. Joel Resnikoff did not miss a beat while arranging for our *leyners* and haftarah readers, and many stepped forward to lead davening, in both the daily and shabbat services and in our vibrant women's *tefilah* group.

The daily attendees ensured that our three *tefillot* met regularly without fail.

Our newly-formed *chesed* committee worked in consultation with Maharat Sutton to care for community members in need of support, meals or *bikkur cholim* visits.

Scholars taught in weekly classes, in a mini-series format, and on Shabbat throughout the six month sabbatical period. We had the privilege to learn Maimonides, Zohar, Yehuda Amichai's poetry, Talmud, the Book of Ezra, and much more. Many of these classes were planned well in advance, and

(Beth Israel being Beth Israel) we even had some last minute additions such as Dr. Rachel Korazim, a personal favorite of Rabbi Cohen's.

We have been truly blessed to hear so many voices from the CBI community in the form of *drashot*. Members have shared their thoughts, words, and personal reflections on Torah. I have heard from many members and also the Board that this has been a real highlight, and a way to deeply encounter each other in a different way.

Our dedicated team of professionals -- Maharat Sutton, Joelle Yzquierdo, Laura Lipman, our janitorial staff (thank you for keeping the shul tidy!) -- all have worked tirelessly to ensure that CBI and Gan Shalom continue to run professionally and smoothly. With their efforts, they have!

CBI's mainstay of volunteerism remains a force to be reckoned with, a force of nature. CBI has been running at full steam thanks to the dedication of our Board, our Treasurer Ben Rose, Gala Chair Lois Marcus and her incredible team (Susie Marcus, Rebecca Landes, Irene Resnikoff, and Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin), those who pitch in with gardening, lend a helping hand at kiddush, welcome guests through *hachnassat*



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Hebrew's Nobel Prize

On the 50th Anniversary of S.Y. Agnon's acceptance speech

By Rabbi Jeffrey Saks

For the past six months R. Cohen had the good fortune of studying the works of S.Y. Agnon with R. Jeffrey Saks (Editor in Chief of the English Agnon series published by Koren Magid) as well as Bilha Ben Eliyahu (a leading Agnon lecturer at the Kerem Institute). R. Cohen looks forward to including Agnon's works in our shul educational series in the coming year. Below we include an article by R. Saks marking the 50th anniversary of Agnon's Nobel.

S.Y. Agnon, well past the prime of his life and capped by his large black yarmulke, looking somewhat ridiculous in his white tie and tuxedo tails, ascended the stage to receive his Nobel Prize on December 10, 1966. At the time he was the first Israeli and, to this day, the only Hebrew author so fêted. At the Nobel banquet, standing before the King of Sweden and reciting the customary blessing prescribed by the Talmud upon being in the presence of royalty, Agnon declared that he felt compelled to explain who he was and from whence he—and his art—had sprung. What resulted, however, was a most remarkable description of Jewish history (and presumably his place within it) and the impact of the arc of that history on Hebrew literature and Jewish storytelling. In telling his life's story he harked back nearly 2,000 years and said: "As a result of the historic catastrophe in which Titus of Rome destroyed Jerusalem and Israel was exiled from its land, I was born in one of the cities of the Exile. But always I regarded myself as one who was born in Jerusalem."

Agnon went on to explain that as a descendant of the Levites, the Temple choristers, he felt the destruction of Jerusalem most profoundly:

In a dream, in a vision of the night, I saw myself standing with my brother-Levites in the Holy Temple, singing with them the songs of David, king of Israel, melodies such as no ear has heard since the day our city was destroyed and its people went into exile. I suspect that the angels in charge of the Shrine of Music, fearful lest I sing in wakefulness what I had sung in dream, made me forget by day what I had sung at night; for if my brethren, the sons of my people, were to hear, they would be unable to bear their grief over the happiness they have lost. To console me for having prevented me from singing with my mouth, they enable me to compose songs in writing.

If taken at face value (and so little in Agnon should be taken only at face value), he is declaring that his literary gift and artistic output are some forms of divine compensation and consolation for the tragedies of destruction and exile. Destined to be a singer of the Temple Psalms, but prevented from his destiny by the vicissitudes of history, he has been divinely tasked to write in prose what was formerly sung in praise.

In the Nobel speech as well as in a variety of other places in his writing—both in the guise of autobiography as well as outright fiction—he described that his very first composition came to him almost prophetically as a statement of poetic longing and lamentation for his beloved father, traveling on business to the regional fair, absent from the happy home in Buczacz in which young Shmuel Yosef Czaczkes (Agnon's birth name) was raised. This theme, that writing and storytelling become a balm for pain, runs throughout Agnon's work. One need not be steeped in the working of Jewish *Midrash* to understand that a little boy's longing for his father might also be read on the national plane of Israel's pining for its Father in heaven. This type of multilayered writing (and reading) is at the core of Agnon's genius, and why a writer who—on the surface—is so steeped in the "old world" of eastern European Judaism, can be simultaneously read and understood as one of the greatest modernist authors. In almost every case, if reading any of the stories in his collected writings leads you to think Agnon has merely piously retold an old Hasidic tale, you are not fathoming what is



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written between the lines, nor are you hearing the ironic tones which accompany the work.

Perhaps no selection better demonstrates these themes than Agnon's 1954 short story *Forevermore*, among his most enigmatic works, and the object of continual fascination for critics. It contains a compelling "story within a story" as the hero's modern life in Jerusalem resonates with the ancient history that exercises a gravitational pull on the present. It is the story of a compulsive academic, searching for the "truth" that eludes him in his scholarly pursuits. Adiel Amzeh, that cloistered scholar, has been at work for 20 years attempting to unravel the secrets of an ancient city, now reduced to dust and ashes, and to uncover it he is willing to pay with his own life—a sacrifice he makes in the present in order to recover the past. *Forevermore* is an (unstable) allegory with meaning for today's readers and contemporary Jewish history, and part of that meaning is encased in the symbolism of books, writing, nature of the artist's calling of an author, and the relationship of all these to the "historic catastrophe," and personal and national pain, alluded to in Stockholm in 1966.

Forevermore is a heroically tragic tale (at least it can support one such reading), and Amzeh's encounter with the lost text he seeks can be read as a meta-reflection on

Agnon's view of books and reading, their power in our lives and the lives of nations and cultures, and their ability to harness their power to experience pain and draw consolation: And when Adiel Amzeh read the story, he shed many tears. How great is the true writer, he thought, who does not abandon his work even when the sword of death hangs over his neck, who writes with his very blood, in his soul's own script, what his eyes have seen! ... Yet learning bestows a special blessing on those who are not put off easily. Yes, Adiel Amzeh would ask himself for what and for whom he was working. But Wisdom herself would take hold of him and whisper: "Sit, my love, sit and do not leave me." So he would sit and discover new things which had been unknown to all the learned men of the ages until he came and revealed them. And since there were many things and learning is endless and there is much to discover and investigate and understand, he did not put his work aside and did not leave his place and he remained there forevermore.

The contemporary encounter with Agnon's writing, its artistry, richness, complexity, and sophistication, still has the power to demonstrate to the reader that Agnon was indeed one of the "great, true writers"—like that encountered so powerfully by Amzeh. I am often asked, usually by Israelis demonstrating their natural chauvinism for the most decorated Hebrew author, how anyone could possibly un-

derstand Agnon in translation. How could that Nobel committee have recognized his greatness without encountering him in the original? For readers unfamiliar with the complex weaving of Agnon's texts with the master texts of biblical and rabbinic literature, there is no doubt that much is lost in translation (as it is for contemporary Hebrew readers ignorant of those Ur-texts—a contingency which was all too rare in Agnon's heyday, and one whose current ubiquity would have caused him alarm). But for those concerned with the great issues of Jewish life, living, and learning—even at a remove of a half-century and more, the encounter with Agnon's fiction still provides a compelling treatment of those themes, done so through the distillation of millennia of Jewish scholarship and storytelling, recast into the mold of modern literature. "Sit, my love, sit and do not leave me," those ancient texts call to us from between the lines and across the transformation they have undergone in Agnon's writing.

Rabbi Jeffrey Saks is the founding director of the Academy for Torah Initiatives and Directions in Jerusalem. He translated S.Y. Agnon's 1939 story "Twofold" into English, and lectures at the Agnon House in Jerusalem.



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New Machzor Delves Into Heart of Rosh Hashanah

By Julie Gruenbaum Fax

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS, chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, has published enough books to earn his many titles — around 20 tomes, ranging from scholarly commentaries to analysis of contemporary culture. Widely viewed as one of the top Jewish leaders in the world, Sacks published the “*Koren Sacks Siddur*” in 2009, so named for the author and his famously authoritative publisher. That prayer book offered a new translation and commentary and has been making its way into wide use in Modern Orthodox synagogues.

Last month, Koren released the much-anticipated “*Koren Sacks Rosh HaShana Mahzor*” (\$34.95), integrating Koren’s elegant format and linear translation with Sacks’ scholarly insights into the High Holy Days. In the 1,120-page volume, Sacks offers an accessible, accurate and poetic translation and wide-ranging commentary to explain and augment the prayers and significance of the day. Sacks spoke to The Journal from his office in London.

Julie Gruenbaum Fax: You acknowledge in your introduction that the High Holy Days prayers are lengthy and sometimes obscure, with difficult-to-understand poetry and acrostics. How does your *machzor* make the service more accessible?

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks: We put a lot of work into the translation to, hopefully, bring out the power of the poetry and of the prose. And I constructed the commentary around the parts where there is time to reflect. ...

In my rather long introduction, I tried to tell the story of Rosh Hashanah, which almost nobody knows. I didn’t know the story until I started researching, because Rosh Hashanah doesn’t appear as Rosh Hashanah as we know it in the whole of *Tanach* [Bible]. So how did it evolve? I wanted to make it in some sense interesting and in some sense moving, to stop you and make you say, ‘Wow, I didn’t think about that before.’ Rosh Hashanah is one of those moments when you really think, ‘Who am I? What am I doing with my time? What have I added to the story of our people? What will I be remembered for?’

I think it’s an incredibly energizing thing to be able to review your life once a year. It just keeps you on track somehow. You know, if I ruled the world, I would make every country celebrate a Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I think they call it mission drift in military terms, when you get blown off track by events. So it’s just important to get back to first principles and say, ‘Why am I here and what does life ask of me?’

JGF: In looking at your *V’Chol Maaminim* (And All Believe) prayer, for the first time I realized that I’ve been singing the prayer incorrectly, parsing the couplets in the wrong way — a common practice, you point out on that page. In several instances in the stage directions and the commentary, you note subtle, almost academic nuances, yet these are differences that can really impact the way people pray.

JS: You know, you go around an ancient building and it looks old, and it looks spectacular, but if you know the history of the building, and know why this bit is in this style, and this bit is in that style, and what is the difference between Gothic and Baroque and Palladian columns, you see the building differently. It is that kind of architectural detail that I wanted people to have. I had the privilege once of being invited by Prince Philip to deliver a lecture at Windsor Castle, and I began by saying that Jews don’t have castles, but we have a story, and that is our castle. It isn’t built out of brick, but it is built out of words, and it’s four times as old as Windsor Castle. And that is where we live — that is our spiritual home. And I wanted to point out in the *machzor* this incredible structure of words, put together over many centuries.

But I also wanted to write in the commentary the questions that we are being asked. It’s not the questions we ask about Judaism, it is the questions that Judaism asks of us that are also important.

JGF: What are some of those questions?

JS: It all comes to a climax in ‘*Unetaneh Tokef*’ (Let Us Voice the Power). Here we are, ‘like fading grass, like shattered pottery, like a cloud that floats away.’ We’re here for so short a time. How can we make a difference? How can we connect with something that will live on after us? How can we experience eternity in the here and now? And these are questions that our very consumerist, individualist, secularist culture just doesn’t ask. So the mere fact that we’re sitting there through this extended choral symphony of Rosh Hashanah *tefillah* [prayer] just lifts us out of our everyday lives and really confronts us with the challenge of greatness.

Jews are a people of words — we just keep talking. And in the heart of it all comes this wordless cry of the *shofar*. Rabbi Akiva said the *shofar* is the cry of us to God, it’s the binding of Isaac, it’s the Jewish people saying to God, ‘Look at all the tears we shed in Your name.’ And Maimonides says it’s the opposite — it’s the cry of God to us, saying, ‘Wake up, get real.’ This whole thing of the wordless cry at the heart of this religion of words is tremendously dramatic. And I’ve tried in my commentary to bring that out a little bit. I hope you’ll read it and learn a little bit more about what it is to be Jewish and standing face to face with God at the very moment that he is acting as both sovereign of the universe and judge of our lives.

JGF: Your rabbinate has been focused on those two aspects — the universal, the place of Jews in the larger world on the one hand, and the particular, Jewish responsibility on the other. Tell me how you see these themes playing out in the *machzor*.

JS: The thing about Rosh Hashanah is it ties in this huge cosmology of God bringing the world into being, with this very intimate, personal thing God is asking us. We’re all passing before him, like sheep before a shepherd, and he is looking at us one by one — it’s eyeball to eyeball with infinity. So, on the one hand the cosmic, and on the other the very individual. And it is that contrast that makes Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur very different from Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, which are all to do with being a part of a particular nation and its history. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are sort of beyond history.

JGF: I found on a single page in your commentary references to Shakespeare, Rabbi Bunam of Pzhysha and S.Y. Agnon — people from all different parts of Jewish and non-Jewish life. What sort of research did you do, and how did you pull this all together?

JS: I believe in the particular and the universal. I’ve been a rabbi, and I’ve taught rabbis, and headed a rabbinical seminary, and on the other hand, I was educated in secular philosophy at Oxford and Cambridge and I’ve taught at universities around the world. Judaism is about vast horizons. Torah on the one hand, *chochmah*, the wisdom of the world, on the other. Why not integrate them? Why not bring them together on the page? I sometimes think we’ve become quite narrow in the way we represent Judaism. The psalmist says, ‘*Min hametzar karati ya, anani bamerchavyah*,’ ‘I cry to God from my confinement, and God answers me with wide open spaces.’ I tried to give this some intellectual breadth that says, ‘We are Jews, and that is our way of being citizens of the world.’ It’s going a bit against the grain of where Orthodoxy is at the moment. But that is fine. I enjoy going against the grain.

JGF: Did you get feedback about the experience people were having using the daily *siddur* that influenced what you put into the *machzor*?

JS: The feedback on the *siddur* was so positive that it really gave me the motivation to do the *machzorim*. Almost the first thing people said about the *siddur* is, ‘This really helped me *daven*.’

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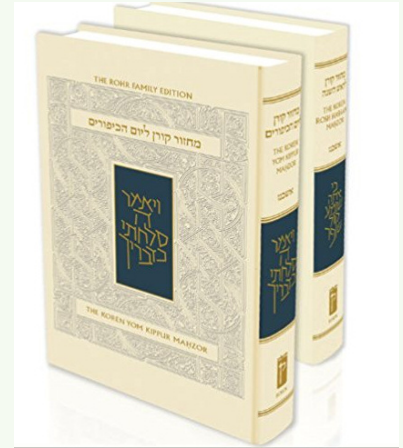
New to CBI: The Koren Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Machzor

By Leslie Valas, President

This year, as we anticipate the Yamim Noraim, we also can look forward to the adoption of the Koren Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Machzor in our community. We are fortunate to have acquired enough of these machzorim for wide use by the congregation, to the delight of those of us who have been using this machzor for the last several years. This set of Hebrew/English prayer books offers the insights and translation of the renowned modern Jewish thinker and scholar, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. The two volume set has introductions and commentary on the Hebrew text that allow for a refreshing and deeper understanding of the High Holiday prayer book.

Rabbi Cohen and Maharat Sutton will be facilitating opportunities to become acquainted with this new Machzor before the *chaggim*. And again, for those who are comfortable with our dear Birnbaum Machzor, those will still be available for use as well.

Dedication opportunities are available for these new machzorim with a personalized dedication plate in memory of a loved one or in honor of a simcha.



1 set \$54 • 2 sets \$100 • 5 sets \$400 • 10 sets \$800 • 18 sets \$1,000 • 36 sets \$1,800

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SCRIP does not take a summer vacation. If you are making purchases at retail stores this summer please get Scrip from Naomi Stamper (nstamper@sbcglobal.net) or Ruth Wittman (rh Witt72@aol.com). If you are looking to get to know your fellow congregants please consider joining the Scrip committee.

The only requirement is that you would like to raise money for the Shul, that you are under 70 years of age and pretty savvy with a computer. Thank you.

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orchim, wash our tablecloths... and everything else.

And lastly, I want to include all of the rest of you, who put your faith in CBI back in January and trusted that we would prosper even without Rabbi Cohen's presence in shul. You have continued to show up for Shabbat services, and for lectures and classes, for our Melava Malka, for Shabbat meals, for the Gala, and other celebrations. Thank you for your continued support and participation in all aspects of CBI life.

of community. We have truly flourished over these past six months. And now, like many of you, I am ready to welcome Rabbi Cohen and his family back to Berkeley. We cannot wait to learn more about his time away in Israel, to see first-hand how this time has (hopefully) renewed and refreshed him, and to enjoy his return as an anchor in our communal life once more.

Wishing you all a relaxing summer.
Leslie Valas, President

So, how did we fare? I think we passed with flying colors. Our dear CBI maintained our remarkable identity, sense of purpose, and sense

New Members • Eden Gerson & Chanan Zupnick

By Katrin Arefy

Eden Gerson and Chanan Zupnick are a young couple who moved to the Bay Area last summer. They both grew up in New York. “Long Iceland,” Eden said, “A very creative name! It’s an Iceland, and it’s long, so that’s what they call it!”

Creativity is a treasured part of Eden’s daily life. As a marketing consultant, Eden most enjoys helping her clients describe the essence of their product and then finding the most compelling way to communicate with their target audience. At home, Eden is busy exploring new recipes and new cuisines, using new ingredients that she found impossible to find back in New York.

Chanan’s work also involves marketing but in a different way than Eden’s. He is a software engineer for a marketing company. When Chanan is not working or exploring the hiking trails in the area, he is busy listening to one of the seventy podcast channels he follows. He listens at such a fast speed pace it sounds like gibberish to others.

“We are very appreciative that people in this community are so welcoming,” Eden said. “We came here not knowing anyone, and now we have many friends. We feel at home here, and we are planning to stay.”



Thank You & Nesiah Tovah

By Maharat Victoria Sutton

We thank **Chani Levenberg and Hadassa Zenou** for a wonderful year at CBI. Chani and Hadassa worked at OHDS during the week, ran the K-2 Shabbat group, teen programming and special events at CBI. We will miss them!

A special thank you to **Irene Resnikoff & Joel Resnikoff** for their incredible hospitality. Our *b'not* this year have a home away from home with Irene and Joel Resnikoff.

Yasher koach! to **Maharat Victoria Sutton and Rachel Perl** for their constant leadership and support.

We look forward to welcoming our new *b'not Sherut* in August!

Thank you and *nesiah tovah* to the **Goldberg family, Eliav and Ofra and their children Re'em, Ayala and Erez**, who return to Israel after 2 years as *shelichim* in OHDS, and living in the CBI community.

We want to thank them all for their contributions to our community in our common goal to teach our children Torah and *mitzvot* and to instill in them the love of Israel and its culture.

L'Hitraot!

Thank you!



Gan Shalom

By Laura Lipman

It's summer; school's out! For some this means free time, for most it means a short vacation and back to work or camp. I want to share some excerpts from an article by Alison Gopnik, a professor of psychology at UC Berkeley. It's about the importance of boredom, free time/down time.

"The more serious science we do, the more it comes out that very young children are not designed to do focused, goal-directed behavior we think of [as appropriate] for older children, but are to a phenomenal degree very sophisticated about learning from things and people around them." In other words, children need time to play, to daydream, to meditate, to doodle, to 'space out'... And then there's this familiar refrain. "I'm Bored!" But what does it mean when a child five years old or under says they are bored? Makes you feel put on the spot, right? You might even feel like you're a bad parent. Most of us feel responsible when we hear this from our children and want to solve this "problem" right away.... Children need to encounter and engage with the raw stuff that life is made of: unstructured time.

Why is unstructured time for children so important?

Unstructured time gives children the opportunity to explore their inner and outer worlds, which is the beginning of creativity. This is how they learn to engage with themselves and the world, to imagine and invent and create.

Even if you need to help your child come up with ideas for "what to do," shift the responsibility to her by creating a Boredom Jar stuffed with ideas written on pieces of paper. Whenever a child says s/he's bored, s/he picks three pieces of paper from the jar and chooses one of the activities. Here are some examples of ideas that might be in your "Boredom Buster jar."

- Build a fort with blankets and pillows
- Put on some music and dance
- Wash the mirror with a sponge
- Help wash the car
- Plan a treasure hunt; with help
- Make a scene in a cardboard box
- Make homemade wrapping paper
- Play dress up
- Cut out pictures from magazines and make a collage
- Cut up old holiday cards and make holiday stickers
- Make a zoo for your stuffed animals
- Start a collection (leaves, rocks, buttons)
- Make your room into a rainforest
- Make an obstacle course
- Decorate an old tee shirt with fabric pens
- Use old cardboard tubes and boxes to build a marble maze.
- Make a boat using a plastic soda bottle base & popsicle sticks (use duct tape) for the top, then float it.
- Create your own board game
- See if you can draw a picture with your foot
- Draw on the sidewalk with chalk
- Play hopscotch
- Play with bubbles in the sink
- Weed the garden
- Make puppets with old socks, buttons & markers
- Mix liquid hand soap, cornstarch and food coloring into paint and paint the bathtub.

Happy Summer!



THREE WEEKS AND NINE DAYS

The 17th of Tammuz, commemorating the fall of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Temple, marks the beginning of a three-week national period of mourning culminating with the 9th of Av. Our rabbis referred to the time period between the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av as “*Bein Hamitzarim*,” between the straits, based on the verse, “All her oppressors have overtaken her within the straits.” (Lamentations 1:3)

On Shabbat during the Three Weeks, the Haftorot focus upon the Temple’s destruction and the exile of the Jewish people.

THE FIVE EVENTS WHICH WE MOURN ON THE 17TH OF TAMMUZ ARE:

- Moshe broke the tablets at Mount Sinai, in response to the sin of the Golden Calf.
- The daily offerings in the First Temple were suspended during the siege of Jerusalem, after the Kohanim could no longer obtain animals.
- Jerusalem’s walls were breached prior to the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.
- Prior to the Great Revolt, the Roman general Apostamos burned a Torah scroll, setting a precedent for the burning of Jewish books throughout the centuries.
- An idolatrous image was placed in the Sanctuary of the Temple.

In addition, in 1942 the mass deportations of Jews from the Warsaw ghetto began on Erev Tisha B’Av.

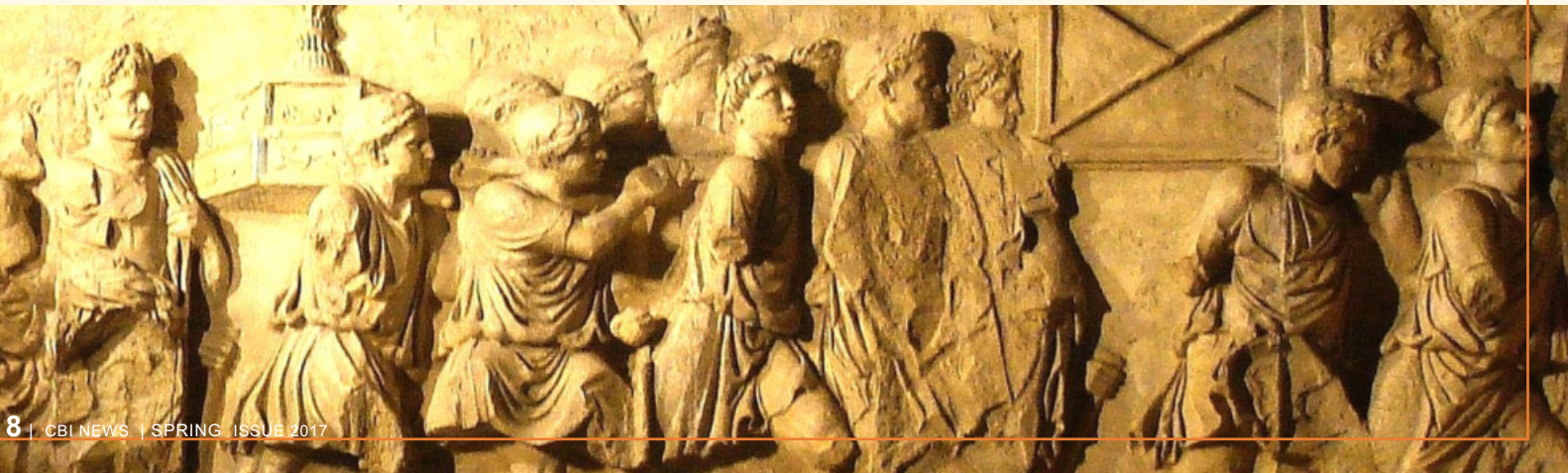
Aspects of mourning during the three weeks

- We do not get married, but one may get engaged.
- We avoid public celebrations, especially those which involve singing, dancing and musical accompaniment.
- We do not enjoy live music. This prohibition however does not apply if you make your living as a musician or teacher, or if you are a student practicing but not performing.
- We do not get haircuts. A person who usually shaves daily and would suffer business or financial loss by not shaving may continue to do so.

Aspects of mourning during the nine days

The period commencing with Rosh Chodesh Av is called the Nine Days. During this time, a stricter level of mourning is observed, in accordance with the Talmudic dictum, “When the month of Av begins, we reduce our joy.” (BT Taanit 26)

- We don’t eat meat (including poultry) or drink wine. These foods are symbolic of the Temple service, and are general expressions of celebration and joy. (Meat and wine are permitted on Shabbat. This also applies to any other *seuda mitzvah*, for example, at a *Brit Milah*, *Simchat Bat* or at the completion of a tractate of Talmud.)
- We do not bathe for pleasure, but one should continue to bathe for daily hygiene in a manner that is somewhat less enjoyable. Those taking swim lessons or who swim for medical reasons may continue to do so.
- We avoid purchasing any items that bring great joy, but one may buy things if they will be difficult to find after the 9th of Av, or even if they will be more expensive later. If possible, one should refrain from using or wearing these items until after this period. Purchases necessary for one’s livelihood are permitted.
- We do not say the *She-hechyanu* on new food or clothes, except on Shabbat.
- We postpone starting home improvements or the planting of trees and flowers until after the 9th of Av, as it would seem inconsistent to focus upon home decor as we mourn the destruction of God’s house.
- If one has the option, it is preferable to refrain from wearing newly laundered exterior garments, except on Shabbat. (If the “freshness” has been taken out of a garment prior to the Nine Days —by having worn it for even a few moments—it may be worn. For this reason, it is advisable to put on, however, briefly, any exterior garments you wish to wear during this time, prior to the Nine Days. The clothing of small children, which gets soiled frequently, may be laundered and worn in a normal fashion.)



THREE WEEKS AND NINE DAYS CONTINUED

THE NINTH OF AV, HISTORY AND LAWS

On the 9th of Av, we remember and mourn tragedies which occurred to our people throughout history.

The following events are said to have transpired or started on this very day:

- The sin of the spies caused God to decree that the Children of Israel who left Egypt would not be permitted to enter the land of Israel.
- The first Temple was destroyed.
- The second Temple was destroyed.
Betar, the last fortress to hold out against the Romans during the Bar Kochba revolt in the year 135, fell, sealing the fate of the Jewish people.
- One year after the fall of Betar, the Temple area was plowed.
- In 1492, King Ferdinand of Spain issued the expulsion decree, setting the 9th of Av as the final date by which not a single Jew would be allowed on Spanish soil.
- World War I, which began the downward slide to the Holocaust – began on the 9th of Av.

The central component of the day however is not only sadness and loss but also the hope for *teshuva* and the betterment of ourselves.

There are five major prohibitions (all of which are rabbinically ordained) that help create and reflect our sense of loss and introspection on the 9th of Av.

- We do not eat or drink. (Individuals who are ill, pregnant or nursing should in no way harm themselves.)
- We do not bathe even parts of our bodies. If part of the body becomes soiled, one may wash that area.
- After using the restroom and after waking up, one washes his or her hands up to the knuckles.
- We do not anoint our bodies with oils. This includes creams, cosmetics, cologne and perfume.
- We do not wear leather shoes.
- Marital relations are prohibited.

Other traditions include:

Greeting: We do not greet each other at all, because mourning is an introspective process, not a social one. One should be careful not to offend another person who may be unaware of this law. There is an added custom to minimize speech in general, at least until midday (known as *chatzot*, which falls precisely between sunrise—*neitz*—and sunset—*shkia*. See the *zmanim* chart for details).

Torah study: We do not study Torah, as it offers us our greatest joy. However, elements dealing with the destruction of the Temple or the laws of mourning should be studied.

Sitting on the floor: We sit on the floor or on a low chair until *chatzot*. One may also stand or lie down. There is an added custom to remove a pillow from one's bed, or to place a stone beneath the pillow.

Tallit and tefilin: Are not worn in the morning, but are worn for mincha.

Our tradition teaches that the process of redemption will also begin on the 9th of Av.



Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Key Books In Tanach

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

M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

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

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 pm

Women's Torah Leyning Class with Meena Viswanath (*please note: registration is closed*): 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:

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. **On summer hiatus.**

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

Zemirot of Shabbat with R. David Rue—Shabbat Day: Each Shabbat we will study one Zemer (Shabbat Song), learn the tune, study the text and ask some questions for further thought. Class will meet in the beit midrash during kiddush, **15 minutes** after kiddush begins.

R. David Rue • Saturdays during Kiddush



Calendar

SHABBAT PARSHAT BALAK

Friday & Saturday, July 7-8

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:16 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit	8:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:20 pm

FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ

Yahrzeit of Archie Greenberg, z"l

Tuesday, July 11

Fast Begins	4:16 am
Shacharit w/selichot	6:30 am
Mincha w/Torah reading & Haftarah	7:50 pm
Ma'ariv	8:50 pm
Fast ends	9:05 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT PINCHAS

Friday & Saturday, July 14-15

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:13 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit	8:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:16 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT MATOT-MASSEI

Friday & Saturday, July 21-22

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:09 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit	8:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:11 pm

ROSH CHODESH AV

Sun. night & Mon., July 23-24

Shacharit	6:30 am
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SHABBAT CHAZON PARSHAT DEVARIM

Friday & Saturday, July 28-29

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	8:03 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:40 pm
Seudah Shlishit	8:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	9:04 pm

FAST OF TISHA B'AV

Mon. night & Tues., July 31-August 1

Monday night, August 4th

Fast begins.....	8:14 pm
Mincha	8:15 pm
Ma'ariv & Eicha	8:35 pm

Tuesday, August 5th

Shacharit for Tisha B'Av	8:00 am
Kinnot	9:00 am
Special Tisha B'Av community learning	10:00 am
Chatzot (midday)	1:15 pm
Mincha with Tallit & Tefilin	7:40 pm
Maariv & Fast ends	8:48 pm

SHABBAT NACHAMU PARSHAT VAETCHANAN

Friday & Saturday, August 4-5

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:56 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:35 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:56 pm

TU B'AV

Sun. night & Mon, August 6-7

SHABBAT PARSHAT EIKEV

Friday & Saturday, August 11-12

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:48 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:25 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:47 pm

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT RE'EH

Friday night & Saturday, August 18-19

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:40 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:15 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:37 pm

ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Mon. night, Tues. & Wed., August 21-23

Shacharit	6:30 am
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SHABBAT PARSHAT SHOFTIM

Friday & Saturday, August 25-26

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:30 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Mincha	7:10 pm
Seudah Shlishit	7:30 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:27 pm

SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Friday night & Saturday, September 1-2

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:20 pm

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Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	6:55 pm
Seudah Shelishit	7:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:16 pm

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4	
Shacharit	8:00 am

SHABBAT PARSHAT PARSHAT KI TAVO

Friday night & Saturday, September 8-9

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:09 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	6:45 pm
Seudah Shelishit	7:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	8:05 pm

SHABBAT SELICHOT PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

Friday night & Saturday, September 15-16

Candle Lighting	6:58 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	7:00 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	6:35 pm
Seudah Shelishit	6:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:54 pm
Pre-Selichot Study and Song	9:30 pm
Selichot	11:00 pm

WEEKDAY SELICHOT

Monday-Tuesday, September 18-19

Selichot	6:15 am
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ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Thurs. & Fri., September 20-22

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20

Selichot & Shacharit	6:00 am
Annulment of Vows	7:45 am
Yom Tov Candle Lighting*	6:51 pm
Mincha & Ma'ariv	6:51 pm

**Note: Before a Yom Tov leading into Shabbat, we make an eruv tavshilin. Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/yahrzeit candle or a seven-day candle, so that on the second*

evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame.

1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 21

Morning Service	8:00 am
Youth Programming	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Torah Reading	10:00 am
Shofar* not before	10:30 am
Communal Tashlich @ Strawberry Creek	5:00 pm
Mincha followed by Ma'ariv	6:30 pm
Light candles from pre-existing flame	after 7:46 pm
<i>*Note: Hearing 30 blasts of the Shofar is a Biblically ordained commandment traditionally fulfilled by both men and women. Those who are within reasonable walking distance and cannot be at CBI and wish to hear the Shofar should contact Rabbi Cohen.</i>	

2ND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 22

Morning Service	8:00 am
Youth Programming	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Torah Reading	10:00 am
Shofar* not before	10:30 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Shabbat Ma'ariv services	6:30 pm
Light Shabbat Candles from pre-existing flame at	6:47 pm
<i>*Note: Hearing 30 blasts of the Shofar is a Biblically ordained commandment traditionally fulfilled by both men and women. Those who are within reasonable walking distance and cannot be at CBI and wish to hear the Shofar should contact Rabbi Cohen.</i>	

SHABBAT SHUVA PARSHAT HA'AZINU

Friday night & Saturday, September 22-23

Yom Tov Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 pm
Candle Lighting	6:47 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:50 pm
Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare	9:15 am
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha	6:25 pm
Seudah Shelishit	6:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after	7:43 pm

FAST OF GEDALIAH

Sunday, September 24

Fast begins	5:38 am
Selichot & Morning Service	8:00 am
Mincha w/Torah Reading & Haftorah	6:30 pm
Ma'ariv & Fast ends	7:30 pm



Calendar

WEEKDAY SELICHOT FOR TEN DAYS OF TESHUVAH

Sunday, September 24.....8:00 am
Monday-Thurs, September 25-286:15 am

SHABBAT AND YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29

Selichot and Morning Service6:20 am
Mincha with Vidduy 4:00 pm
Childcare.....6:30-9:00 pm
Tefillah Za'aka6:35 pm
Candle Lighting6:37 pm
Kol Nidrei.....6:51 pm
Fast Begins at..... 6:51 pm

YOM KIPPUR, SHABBAT

Saturday, September 30th

Morning Service 8:00 am
Educational Programming.....9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Yizkor11:15 am
Mincha4:30 pm
Childcare.....5:00-7:30 pm
Neilah6:00 pm
Shofar..... 7:32 pm
Ma'ariv & Havdalah*after 7:32 pm

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

— 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	JULY	AUGUST			
	29	5	12	19	26
Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn	4:58 am	5:04 am	5:10 am	5:16 am	5:22 am
Neitz Sunrise	6:10 am	6:16 am	6:22 am	6:28 am	6:34 am
Latest ideal time for the morning Sh'ma	9:43 am	9:45 am	9:48 am	9:50 am	9:52 am
Tefilah Latest time for prayer	10:54 am	10:55 am	10:57 am	10:58 am	10:58 am
Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha	1:51 pm	1:50 pm	1:48 pm	1:46 pm	1:43 pm
Sh'kia Sunset	8:20 pm	8:13pm	8:05 pm	7:56 pm	7:47 pm
Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall	9:02 pm	8:5 pm	8:47 pm	8:38 pm	8:29 pm

Week of	SEPTEMBER				
	2	9	16	23	30
Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn	5:28 am	5:34 am	5:40 am	5:46 am	5:52 am
Neitz Sunrise	6:40 am	6:46 am	6:52 am	6:58 am	7:04 am
Latest ideal time for the morning Sh'ma	9:54 am	9:56 am	9:58 am	9:59 am	10:01 am
Tefilah Latest time for prayer	10:59 am	10:59 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am
Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha	1:41 pm	1:38 pm	1:34 pm	1:31 pm	1:28 pm
Sh'kia Sunset	7:36 pm	7:26 pm	7:15 pm	7:04 pm	6:53 pm
Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall	8:18 pm	8:08 pm	7:57 pm	7:46 pm	7:35 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

7:00 pm

Morning Service 9:15 am

**MAY WE BE INSCRIBED
IN THE
BOOK OF LIFE**

This Rosh Hashana, share your blessings
with all of Beth Israel's friends!

A beautiful Rosh Hashana card will be
sent to all shul members for the High Holidays.

Have your family's name included among
the well-wishers on the inside of this card.

\$36 to have one or two names listed

Example: Bracha Berkeley, Mr. & Mrs. Berkeley,

Mr. Baruch & Mrs. Bracha Berkeley,

Bracha & Baruch Berkeley,

Bracha Albany & Baruch Berkeley, The Berkeley Family

*\$54 to include your entire (first generational) family
(i.e. Bracha, Baruch, Bilha, Bruria, and Benzion Berkeley)*

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES EXACTLY
AS YOU WOULD
LIKE THEM TO APPEAR IN THE CARD**

Name(s): _____

Don't Forget!

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE
MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

*All proceeds support
adult education programming at CBI.*



**IF I FORGET
THEE JERUSALEM...**

**SPECIAL
TISHA B'AV
PROGRAMMING
AT CBI**

Join us for a time of mourning
through prayer and learning.

Shacharit followed by kinnot, 8:00 am
Special Community-Wide Learning, 10:00 am

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 1**

**— A NIGHT OF —
FORGIVENESS**

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

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

**SATURDAY NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 16**

**MA'ARIV, HAVDALAH & SHABBAT
ENDS AFTER 7:54 PM**

**PRE-SELICHOT COMMUNITY LEARNING
9:30 PM**

**SELICHOT SERVICES
11:00 PM**



Shabbat Youth Programming

Parent Child Tefillah

10:30AM - 11:30AM

July 15th, and future selected Shabbatot

Gan Shalom Downstairs

On select Shabbatot, Irene and Natan will be co-leading a special one hour parent/child designed program for the Kedma group (pre-school aged 2.9-5). Please join your child at Gan this Shabbat for parent/child led tefillot, songs, dances, stories and discussion questions.

9:15-10:30 - Free Play at Gan (Children can be dropped off without a parent)

10:30-11:30- Parent-child Tefillah & Torah, followed by Kiddush, Motzi and snacks

11:30-12 - Outdoor Play in Gan Yard

CBI'S YOUTH GROUPS

From Natan Kuchar

CBI's Shabbat youth groups on Shabbat and *yom tovim* recently are easily seeing 40 kids regularly. Separated into four different age groups, spanning from babies through to 5th grade, our community's children enjoy excellent programming designed for them. This is an unbelievable feat and an exciting reminder of the future generation of Torah scholars to look forward to in our community. Pesach through Shavuot sparked incredibly vibrant group time across age groups, as we sang seder songs all the way till "Who Knows Thirteen?", read about our escape from *Mitzrayim*, danced with Israeli flags, drank milk with honey, tasted olives and dates, dreamed of cheesecake and then finally ate it as we celebrated receiving the Torah.



A huge thank you to our stellar education team including teachers Ari Weber, Chani Levenberg, Hadassa Zenou, assistants Veronica Gonzales, SueLao Barajas, our subs Saul Miranda, Tamara Beliak, Nechama Rappoport and our exceptional leader and mentor Maharat Victoria Sutton. We are looking forward to our summer Shabbat programming which will include nearby park trips and perhaps something cold and sweet to eat! We invite all of our youth to participate in programming during Shabbat and would like to extend our gratitude to the Gan Shalom community for the continued use of their wonderful space.

Parent Reflection:

Sara and Benni Darmoni

As parents of a preschooler, we usually drop off Yishai at the Gan and then see him at Kiddush with a big smile on his face. This time we were excited to participate in a program for both parents and children.

During free play time, Natan and our preschool children had set up a space for prayer with a *bimah* and chairs. There were special siddurim for the children. We sat down to the program, and Natan asked the children who wanted to lead *tefillah*! We were first shocked to see Yishai volunteer to lead services, and many other children asked as well. We really enjoyed seeing different children leading various parts of the *tefillah*, and parents and children praying together. This was followed by a special learning, Kiddush, motzi, snacks and play.

When we got home, we asked Yishai how did you know all those prayers and songs? He told us: from Natan. We were thrilled to see how much our children learn during our Gan Shabbat programs.

News from NCSY



Earlier this year, we extended our heartfelt thanks to our Interim Northern California NCSY Directors, Ariella and Eli Weinstein, and bid them a fond farewell. We are so grateful to Ariella and Eli for the outstanding job they did, dedicating their year to the students in Northern California. With the help of many in the Oakland and Berkeley communities, they made it work, even from a distance. We are sad to see the Weinsteins go, but are excited for them and their bright futures, and wish them the best of luck as they continue their schooling on the East Coast.

Turning our attention to the 2017-2018 calendar year, it is with an overwhelming sense of excitement that we welcome back Akiva Naiman as the Director of our NorCal Chapter of NCSY. R' Akiva's mark on the community is legendary, and we are so fortunate that the Naimans have decided to move back to the area and continue their amazing work with teens. Akiva, Chani, and their three boys will live in Oakland, and will visit and run programming in Berkeley often. The Naimans will arrive in August from New Zealand where they are running an NCSY summer program, and we can't wait to see them here!

We look forward to a year of growth and inspiration.

Rina Emerson

NCSY West Coast Regional Director

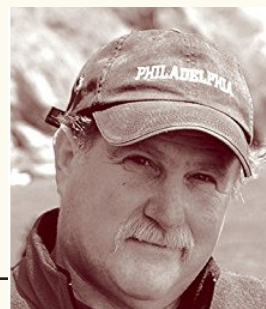
Book Talk and Signing with Bay Area Historian

RICHARD SCHWARTZ THE MAN WHO LIT LADY LIBERTY

Sunday, July 23rd 3:00 pm
at Afikomen Judaica

Richard's new book, *The Man Who Lit Lady Liberty: The Extraordinary Rise and Fall of Actor M.B. Curtis*, tells the amazing life story of immigrant actor M.B. Curtis. Curtis catapulted to overnight stardom in 1880 and was the first American Jewish actor to portray a Jewish character on stage, using his comedic talent to overcome common stereotypes and prejudices of the time. In gratitude for his life in America, Curtis also personally paid for the lighting of the Statue of Liberty at a time when Congress would not fund it. A story of stardom and great personal struggles, this book shines a torch on one actor's creativity and cultural influence that greatly impacted the East Bay area.

Books available for purchase - FREE event
More info call Afikomen Judaica 510-655-1977



High Holidays at CBI

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

ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Members

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

Non-Members - Regular

Rosh Hashanah Service only – \$150/person

Yom Kippur services only – \$150/person

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

Non-Members Full-Time Students

Rosh Hashanah services only – \$75/person

Yom Kippur services only – \$75/person

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

No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

MEAL MATCHING

We offer a meal matching program as in past years.

The process is simple:

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

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

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND CHILDCARE

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

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

YIZKOR BOOK

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

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

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

HIGH HOLIDAYS SHUL SETUP

If you wish to volunteer to set up our social hall and sanctuary on Saturday night and Sunday for the High Holidays, please contact the office (office@cbiberkeley.org, 510-843-5246).

PAYMENTS

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

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

HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

Dear CBI Parents and Families,

The High Holidays are approaching and we are thrilled to share important information about childcare and youth programming at the shul. As in every year, we hope our children will have a positive, fun, and educational experience during their time in groups. We are continually grateful for our beautiful Gan Shalom Youth Center, which will house most of our youth programming. In addition, we are exceedingly excited by the energy and talents that Natan and Lili Kuchar, along with our Bnot Sherut, bring to enrich and enliven our children's Shabbat and Yom Tov experience.

At this time we are deeply appreciative of your engagement as parents and look forward to working together with you and your family. We know that each of us will lend a hand to help make a successful High Holiday experience for everyone involved - children, parents, and the community at large. Below, please find information about parent volunteer shifts, a crucial part of making our programming work, as well as other pertinent information.

Programming will be available to the groups listed. Signs and schedules will be posted with clear designations of the various age groups and their assigned locations. Each room and space will be set up with age appropriate games and programming. When you register your child(ren), they will be assigned to the space appropriate for their age. The groups will be led by experienced educators, as well as parent and teen volunteers. The programs are structured around children's prayers, storytelling/singing, and activities relevant to the High Holidays. A full schedule, including volunteer shifts, will be sent in advance of Rosh HaShana, and will be posted throughout CBI.

In past years, a number of families have found hiring their own childcare for High Holidays to be a positive experience for the entire family. In that spirit we continue to encourage parents to make the decision that works best for their children and their family's needs over the High Holidays. Please feel free to contact Maharat Sutton with specific questions or concerns.

DATES:

Rosh Hashana Day 1: Thursday, September 21st, 9-1:30

Rosh Hashana Day 2: Friday, September 22nd, 9-1:30

Yom Kippur Evening/Kol Nidrei: Friday, September 29th, 6:30-9 pm

Yom Kippur Day: Shabbat, September 30th, 9-2 pm

Yom Kippur Evening/Neilah: Shabbat, September 30th 5-7:30 pm

HIGHLIGHTS:

*Rosh HaShana Seder

*Shofar Blowing

*Rosh HaShana Activities and Games

*Special programming with community educators

COST:

The cost is \$50 per child, with a maximum of \$110 per family, which covers the three days of Yom Tov as well as Kol Nidre and Neilah.

These fees cover the cost of snacks, materials and staffing for childcare. *No one will be turned away for lack of funds.*

All Aboard Israel CBI Gala A Success

Thank you to our Gala Chair Lois Marcus • And to our Gracious Hosts Lois and Gary Marcus

GALA COMMITTEE

Rebecca Landes, Susie Marcus, Irene Resnikoff, Leslie Valas, Jo-Ellen Zeitlin • Catering • Alan Finkelstein
Wine • Generously donated by Jodie and Jeff Morgan • Covenant Winery

COMMUNITY EVENTS HOSTS

Josh Ladon and Zac Kamenetz • Judith Bloom • Irene and Joel Resnikoff • Lois and Gary Marcus • Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein
Aliza Craimer and Nimrod Elias • Adam Berman and Urban Adamah • Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and Frayda Gonshor Cohen
Maharat Victoria Sutton and Adam Brelow • Elissa and Alan Kittner • Toby and Ezra Hendon

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Grand Prize - 2 round trip tickets to Israel and 1-week Jerusalem stay (donated by Noah & Hope Alper): **LUNA SCHECTOR**

2nd Prize - Large Handmade Quilt • **BELLA BARANY**

3rd Prize - Small Handmade Quilt • **ELISSA AND ALAN KITTNER**

Covenant wine raffle winner • **RENA AND MORDY ROSEN**



Morasha Legacy Society

Our commitment to our beloved community is evident in everything we do.
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Kiddush is where community happens. Sponsoring a kiddush helps us build and sustain community.

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April 15: Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein in honor of our 35th wedding anniversary; Violette & Henry Sibony in honor of Maharat Victoria Sutton for her hard work and taking care of the community; Seth & Lauren Greenberg and family in honor of our dear friend Joan Sopher

April 17: Deborah Pearl in honor of the Congregation; Cynthia Scheinberg, R. Eliahu Klein & Gavi Klein in honor of the 8th yahrtzeit of Cynthia's father, Israel Herbert Scheinberg

April 18: Lou Schubert in memory of his father, Wilfried Schubert, on his yahrtzeit and in honor of Pesach

April 22: Anonymous in appreciation of Leslie Valas, Joelle Yzquierdo, and M. Victoria Sutton!

April 29: Avraham Burrell in loving memory of his father Dr. Hugh Burrell; Saul Miranda in honor of the memory of his brother Francis Alan Miranda, and with gratitude to the CBI community and Maharat Victoria for their support, and to Avraham Burrell for helping to organize the kiddush

May 6: The Baranys in memory of the liberation of Amsterdam; Chaim & Nell Mahgel-Friedman in honor of the 9th birthday of their daughter Raizel; Judy & Bob Albietz in memory of Judy's sister Diana.

May 13: In honor of Laura Lipman: Paul & Serach Bracha Albert; Noah & Hope Alper; Rivka Amado & Malcolm Feeley; Jonathan Astmann & Beth Oelberger Astmann; Tony & Kathleen Bloom; Gilad Buchman & Rachel Perl; Benjamin & Sara Darmoni; **Jane Falk** (*omitted in Daf Hashavuah*); Michael Feiner & Jennifer Shy; Ben Feldman & Jenna Lewis; Sam & Rose Ginsburg; Jacob & Rachel Heitler; Ezra & Toby Hendon; Wendy Kenin; Eliahu Klein & Cynthia Scheinberg; Natan & Lili Kuchar; Janice Mac Millan; Gary & Lois Marcus; Glenn & Judith Massarano; David & Bat Sheva Miller: *Thank you, Laura, for keeping Gan Shalom alive and well, dynamic and focused on the big picture, welcoming and filled with care and love! Much love! Meredith Pollick;* Nadav & Nechama Rappoport; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes; Michael & Rona Rosen: *In honor of Laura Lipman for being a wonderful, caring leader of Gan Shalom;* Raphael & Jeanette Rosen; Daniel Schiffrin & Abby Friedman; Eric & Rachel Seder; Asaf Shor & Hilla Abel; Juliet & Birger Stamperdahl; Laila, Abe, Margaret & Elana Stone; Roger Studley & Chai Levy; M. Victoria Sutton & Adam Brelow; Jane Turbiner, Jonathan Lyon & Hannah Lyon: *Congratulations, Laura, for moving on to the next exciting chapter of your life! All the best;* Joshua & Piera Willner; Ben & Jo-Ellen Zeitlin; Joelle Yzquierdo

Jonathan Lyon: in memory of his father Kalonymus ben Aharon, z"l on his yahrtzeit

May 20: Shira Wakschlag & Eli Rosenblatt in honor of Eli's PhD graduation from UC Berkeley. We are so happy to be able to celebrate with the CBI community; Matan Gilbert in memory of his mother Natalie Rosenfield and father George Gilbert, on the occasion of their yahrzeits; Schweig Family

May 27: Yehonadav Bekenstein & Merav Heshin-Bekenstein; Gilad Buchman & Rachel Perl; Sara & Benni Darmoni; Jim & Carol Cunradi; Nimrod & Aliza Elias; Jory & Lisa Gessow; Matan Gilbert; Jacob &

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June 3: The Miranda Family in honor of Rebecca's bat mitzvah

June 10: The Kenin Family in honor of Millea's bat mitzvah

June 17 (Graduates Kiddush): Michael & Hannah Bennett; Tony & Kathleen Bloom; Benni Darmoni & Sara Schnittman; Nimrod Elias & Aliza Craimer-Elias; Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado-Feeley; Ofra & Eliav Goldberg; Michael Greenwald & Ronna Bach; Lev & Sarah Jasper; Na'aman Kam & Meechal Greenblum-Kam; Charles Koppelman & Deborah Sibony; Derek & Maureen Krantz; Natan & Lili Kuchar; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes, on behalf of Rebecca's late twin sister; Donald Light & Linda Diamond; Jonah Markowitz; Marilyn Markowitz; Chana Quastler; Ory & Tamar Sandel; Lou Schubert; Muni & Tania Schweig; Eric & Rachel Seder; Henri & Violette Sibony; Jeremy Smith & Iris Greenberg-Smith; Jeff & Doreet Stein; Abe & Laila Stone; David & Rikki Sudikoff

June 24: The Jasper Family warmly in honor of the bat mitzvah of their daughter Emunah Jasper

July 1: The Drori family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Orr Drori

July 8: Linda Diamond in memory of Richard Diamond; in celebration of the visit of my daughter, Danielle Diamond-Bongard and her husband, Ilan, and the birth of their daughter, Hallel; in memory of Leslie Ann Provence; Nae Golomb in memory of her father, Joel Simon Golomb; in memory of Leslie Ann Provence; Gladys & Phil Leider in memory of Jack and Margaret Weiss and Shirley Leider; All of us in honor of the 4th of July

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April 1: The Lyon/Turbiner family on the occasion of the *shloshim* of Jane's mother, Selma Parker Turbiner

May 13: Ronna Kabatznick in memory of Ada Silverman Wisch, z'l and Joan Silverman Kabatznick, z'l

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

To Issy & Patricia Kipnis on the engagement of **Hillel Kipnis and Sarit Toltzis**.

To Jodie & Jeff Morgan on the engagement of **Zoe Morgan and Guy Koelewijn**.

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

BIRTHS

To **Toby & Ezra Hendon** and to parents **Kenny & Aliza Hendon** and big sisters **Rena and Tehilla** on the birth April 12 of a baby girl, **Miriam Orah**.

To **Melissa & Guy Harel** and big brother **Judah** on the birth June 1 of a baby girl, **Shay Elle**.

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

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

To the Stein family as their son **Gil** was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Parshat Tzav, April 6.

To the Miranda family as their daughter **Rebecca** was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Parshat Nasso, June 3.

To the Kenin family as their daughter **Millea** was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Parshat B'ha'alotecha, June 10.

To the Jasper family as their daughter **Emunah** was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Parshat Korach, June 24.

To the Drori family as their son **Orr** was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Parshat Chukat July 1.

Baruch Dayan Emet Condolences

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of:

Sima Kipnis (Sima bat Natan v'Chasia), beloved mother of Issy Kipnis and mother-in-law of Patricia Kipnis in Mexico City. She is survived by her daughters Sandra Zukerman and Ana Tanur, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Jerry Libenson, beloved father of Ross Libenson; father-in-law of Susie Marcus; grandfather of Jake and Ari Libenson.

William Adam, beloved father of Andrea Adam Brott in Pittsboro, North Carolina. He is survived by Andrea's siblings, Joshua, Nicholas, and Jennifer and their families, and six grandchildren: Tirzah, Talya, Jasper, James, Natalia, and Liam.

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

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



Birthdays

Re'em Goldberg, July 2, 7th birthday
Nava Elias, July 5, 7th birthday
Niva Heitler Bamberger, July 5, 11th birthday
Emunah Jasper, July 5, 12th birthday
Noa Kam, July 5, 3rd birthday
Irene Resnikoff, July 5
Aaron Leon Kenin, July 8
Kate Haber, July 9
Jennifer Kamenetz, July 9
David Kenin, July 9, 11th birthday
Bernice Bradley, July 10
Judy Albietz, July 11
Rona Teitelman, July 12
Simon Zeitlin, July 12, 7th birthday
Corey Feldman, July 13, 3rd birthday
Rami Landes, July 13, 18th birthday
Michael Kaye, July 14
Yonim Schweig, July 14, 18th birthday
Rona Rothenberg, July 15
Ruth Wiseman, July 16
Chaim Spivak, July 17, 8th birthday
Hannah Turbiner Lyon, July 18, 17th birthday
Jo-Ellen Zeitlin, July 18
Shemaya Albietz, July 22, 7th birthday
Idit Solomon, July 23
Roger Studley, July 23
Ralph Sutton, July 24
Yaakov Albietz, July 25
Yakir Neumeier, July 25, 7th birthday
Gabriella Rosen Kellerman, July 26

Robert Stamper, July 29
Shachar Rappoport, July 31, 8th birthday
Lisa Blumenband, August 1
Marvin Winer, August 3
Denise Resnikoff, August 4
Rachel Schorr, August 4
Joan Brodsky, August 5
Zvika Krieger, August 5
Ronna Bach, August 6
Michael Steinman, August 7
Hilla Abel, August 8
Cyrus Davidi, August 9, 7th birthday
Naomi Lipman, August 9, 15th birthday
Noah Katler, August 10, 8th birthday
Jennifer Shy, August 10
Juliet Stamperdahl, August 12
Ruth Morris, August 13
Daniel Isaacson, August 14
Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal, August 14
Simone Schubert, August 16, 11th birthday
Udi Oster, August 18
Raina Pilania, August 18, 2nd birthday
Asaf Shor, August 19
Gavriel Cohen, August 23, 6th birthday
Alan Kittner, August 23
Nathaniel Weathersby, August 23
Donald Light, August 24
Rose Ginsburg, August 25
Asher Wisch Isaacson, August 25, 7th birthday
Dorielle Parker, August 25
Chanah Ella Kenin, August 26,

10th birthday
Akiva Jasper, August 30, 9th birthday
Menachem Neumeier, August 30, 10th birthday
Jesse Kellerman, September 1
Hope Alper, September 6
Deborah Fink, September 6
Frayda Gonshor Cohen, September 11
Lili Kuchar, September 11
Ravid Shor, September 11, 1st birthday
Aliza Weiss, September 11
Noam Reich, September 12, 3rd birthday
Oscar Kellerman, September 13, 8th birthday
Ezra Hendon, September 15
Coby Stein, September 15
Rebecca Angel, September 16
Benjamin Epstein, September 18
Rachel Gavriella Klein, September 22, 17th birthday
Gilad Buchman, September 23
Philip Tendler, September 24
Shalom Bochner, September 25
John Pilkington, September 25
Yael Krieger, September 26
Nimrod Elias, September 27
Toby Hendon, September 27
Levi Steinman, September 29, 11th birthday

Anniversaries

Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen, July 4, 12th anniversary
Daniel Isaacson & Liora Brosbe, July 4, 13th anniversary
Jesse Kellerman & Gabriella Rosen Kellerman, July 4, 13th anniversary
Joel & Joan Brodsky, July 5, 42nd anniversary
Darrell Cohn & Leah Kahn, July 13, 9th anniversary
Josh Fleet & Dorielle Parker, July 13, 4th anniversary
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Gregg & Ruth Morris, July 17, 40th anniversary
Marvin & Sara Engel, July 24, 50th anniversary
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Craig & Abigail Rudnick, July 29, 9th anniversary
Robert & Barbara Budnitz, July 30, 56th anniversary
Philip Rosenthal & Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal, August 3, 37th anniversary
Nimrod Elias & Aliza Cramer Elias, August 5, 10th anniversary
Lev & Sarah Jasper, August 5, 16th anniversary
Gary & Ilene Katz, August 7, 57th anniversary
Joel & Katya Gerwein, August 8, 21st anniversary
Natan & Lili Kuchar, August 9, 8th anniversary
Issy & Patricia Kipnis, August 11, 38th anniversary
Ron Reissberg & Janice Mac Millan, August 18, 25th anniversary
Ross Libenson & Susie Marcus, August 19, 27th anniversary

Yehuda Ben-Israel & Rona Rothenberg, August 20, 38th anniversary
Marvin & Maxine Winer, August 20, 56th anniversary
Gary & Lois Marcus, August 21, 57th anniversary
Sheldon & Marti Zedeck, August 21, 51st anniversary
Chanan Zupnick & Eden Gerson, August 21, 6th anniversary
Donald Light & Linda Diamond, August 23, 2nd anniversary
Elan Weinstock & Sarah Silverman, August 24, 3rd anniversary
John Pilkington & Linda Levy, August 26, 26th anniversary
Daniel & Robinn Magid, August 28, 34th anniversary
Aric Lasry & Johana Afenjar, August 29, 5th anniversary
Jeremy & Rachel Evnine, August 31, 41st anniversary
Robert & June Safran, September 1, 61st anniversary
Bob & Judy Albietz, September 2, 38th anniversary
Ken Bamberger & Sara Heitler Bamberger, September 2, 16th anniversary
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Ezra & Toby Hendon, September 7, 59th anniversary
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Isaac & Evelyn Grubner
Paul Hamburg & Mimi Weisel: in memory of Mimi's father, Mayer Weisel
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Yehudis Isenberg: thank you to the entire CBI community for being so welcoming to visitors - even though they're from New York. :)
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Arye Rosenstein & Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein: in deep appreciation of Rabbi Cohen's conducting of our brit mila ceremony, which was particularly meaningful thanks to his intimate involvement.
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