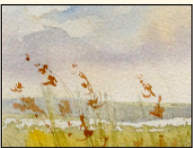


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## From the Rabbi

This year during our very joyous celebrations of Simchat Torah, we had the unique opportunity to honor some of our shul's most devoted life-long learners: Bella Barany, Yaakov Harari, Jory Gessow, and Preston Grant.

Each has exemplified an unrelenting attachment to Torah learning and exhibited their resolute commitment to mastering areas of Torah study.

In my eleven years at CBI, I can hardly identify a single class that was not attended by Bella Barany as well as by Yaakov Harari. Bella, as some know, learns at CBI's Beit Midrash on a daily basis, sometimes with a study partner and sometimes on her own.

Besides attending classes at CBI, it seems like Yaakov attends any Jewish-related lecture at UC Berkeley as well as other local Jewish institutions. Yaakov has also been a part of a reading group that has focused on Jewish topics for several decades.

Jory is a different sort of learning hero in my eyes. It is well known that R. Akiva only began his Yeshiva studies when he turned forty years old. Following in R. Akiva's footsteps, only a bit older than 40, Jory began attending Yeshivah Darche Noam (Shapell's) in Israel several years ago during the summer months. During the year, Jory remains after the morning services in the CBI library, meticulously going through a tractate of Talmud together with a variety of other CBI members.

Preston Grant has been an independent learner of Tanach for many years. If you visit his home office, you will quickly be struck by various charts, hanging around the room, which outline the literary structure of several chapters and books of Tanach. This is in keeping with Preston's deep involvement in CBI's class on Psalms that took place in our community long ago, as well as Preston's critical involvement in helping to create and launch M. Victoria Sutton's classes on the books of Tanach.

On the Shabbat right after Simchat Torah, I returned to a series of questions that I raised on Kol Nidre night:

How many of us have studied the same Torah again and again over the past few years, without ever discovering something new at all?

Even worse, how many of us have completely neglected our Torah study over the past few years?

In a similar vein, how many of us are a bit too comfortable in our observance of mitzvot? How many of us have not deepened our commitment to prayer, or kashrut, or Shabbat, or Torah study over the past few years?

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I believe that in answering these questions, each of us can draw some strength and inspiration from our Simchat Torah honorees.

In addition, I think that as a first step, many of us can begin anew or at least deepen our journey in learning by committing to studying at least one of the books outlined below, with the goal of choosing an area of study that seems daunting or unfamiliar to us.

*Books are available to order at Afikomen Judaica.*

### **1. Rabbi Eliezer Melamed's "Laws of Shabbat" (Vol. 1 & 2)**

*Peninei Halakha* is a comprehensive series of books on Jewish law applied to today's ever-changing world. In this series, Rabbi Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear, and concise writing style brings the halakha, from principle to practical detail, to readers of all backgrounds. With over 500,000 copies in circulation, *Peninei Halakha* stands as one of the most popular and useful halakha series in Israel today.

### **2. Rabbi David Brofsky's "Hilkhos Mo'adim - Understanding the Laws of the Festivals"**

The dynamic Jewish calendar provides constant religious challenges and spiritual opportunities. It allows us to focus on the birth of our nation, our travels in the desert, our relationship to God, and the giving of the Torah. Through the in-depth study of the Torah and the halakhot of the holidays, one can and should enrich one's personal religious, and spiritual experience. That is the primary purpose of this book.

I would suggest reading one section each month of the year, starting thirty days before the onset of a holiday.

### **3. Nechama Leibowitz's "Studies in the Weekly Parasha" (Multi-volume set)**

Nechama Leibowitz has become widely recognized as one of the most influential Torah scholars of the 20th century. For approximately thirty years, Nechama published *gilyonot* (study sheets) on the weekly Torah portion, which she distributed to students throughout the world. In these *gilyonot*, Nechama presented selections from the Torah text and accompanying commentaries along with probing questions designed to guide the readers through a textual analysis that would deepen their understanding of the passage.

I would suggest committing to at least one essay per Parsha every week.

### **4. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks's "Covenant & Conversation" (4 Volumes)**

This collection makes Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' brilliant essays on the weekly Torah portion available in book form for the first time. Rabbi Sacks fuses Jewish tradition, Western philosophy and literature to present a highly developed understanding of the human condition under God's sovereignty.

I would suggest committing to at least one essay per Parsha every week. Note that the final volume on the Book of Deuteronomy has not yet been published.

### **5. Rabbi Dr. Binyamin Lau's "The Sages - Character, Context & Creativity" (4 Volume Set)**

This multi-volume series offers fresh perspectives on the individual characters of the sages, the historical contexts in which they lived, and the creativity they brought to the pursuit of Jewish wisdom. These volumes examine the teachings of the Men of the Great Assembly, Yosi Ben Yoezer, Hillel, Shamai and others of the Second Temple Period. Binyamin Lau paints vivid portraits of some of the most central figures in the Talmud and he addresses questions of communal leadership in times of economic hardship, social inequity, cultural tension, and political struggle, issues entirely relevant to today's sociopolitical climate.

I suggest reading Vol. 1 which describes the early rabbinic period and hopefully then committing to reading other books in the series.

### **6. Rabbi Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel's "Heavenly Torah: As Refracted through the Generations"**

Heschel's great insight is that the world of rabbinic thought can be divided into two types or schools, those of Rabbi Akiva and those of Rabbi Ishmael, and that the historic disputes between the two are based on fundamental differences over the nature of revelation and religion. Furthermore, this disagreement constitutes a basic and necessary ongoing polarity within Judaism between immanence and transcendence, mysticism and rationalism, neo-Platonism and Aristotelianism. Heschel then goes on to show how these two fundamental theologies of revelation may be used to interpret a great number of topics central to Judaism.

With the blessings of Torah,  
R. Yonatan Cohen

## From the President

We recently celebrated Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. Some sources make note of the fact that this month is the only month without any holidays, and as such could be considered “*mar Cheshvan*” — bitter Cheshvan. Others note this month as well-needed rest and recovery from the pageantry of the month of Tishrei.

Reflecting on Beth Israel over the holidays, our community certainly did have pageantry and grandeur. If you ever want to experience the essence of CBI at its fullest, come to the shul during the High Holidays. After Kol Nidre, I was taken aback by the awe I felt in the room. And throughout the *chagim*, we experienced inspirational davening, enjoyed communal Sukkot meals and gatherings, participated in spirited celebrations at Simchat Torah with men and women having the opportunity for *aliyot*, and learned from Rabbi Cohen’s inspiring *drashot*. I am grateful to everyone who had a hand in making the *chagim* so wonderful and meaningful: to Maharat Sutton; to the many hands who set up the shul, organized *kiddushim*, acted as greeters, led *davening* and read Torah, kept our children engaged at Gan Shalom, and opened their homes to guests — *Todah Rabah*. CBI is the ultimate communal endeavor, and we could not do it without you!

I want to also share one moment in particular that happened at the end of the women’s Torah reading on Simchat Torah. At the end of the reading, before everyone joined together for *kiddush* and lunch, women had the opportunity to witness the winding of the Torah from the final *parsha*, *V’Zot HaBerachah*, to the beginning of the Torah at *Bereishit*. Along the way, Meena Viswanath was our guide, skillfully calling out various *parshas* and other notable landmarks like *Shirat HaYam*, the inverted nuns of *Beha’alotka*, and the ten commandments. It was like looking at a road map of where we had been over the past year, as well as where we would be going in the coming year.

This year, I had the privilege of holding my granddaughter while all of this was going on, and sharing this amazing moment with her. It was a moment of experiencing the past and future of my family’s life, and also the past and future of *our communal life* within the Beth Israel family.

Now we are in the present: the month of Cheshvan. Cheshvan is decidedly *not* without “happenings” at CBI, even given the month’s reputation as a quieter time in Jewish life. Rabbi Cohen launched our adult education classes with a series on the stories of Shai Agnon, as he continues to bring his Israel sabbatical experience back to Berkeley. Much of this year’s course offerings of teachers and scholars — both local and out of town guests — continue Rabbi Cohen’s spirit of Israel dialogue, with top-



ics ranging from Ashkenazi and Sephardi thinkers, Israeli poetry, the Six Day War, and how we stand in relationship to Israel. I encourage you all to take a thorough look at CBI’s Annual Program Guide, and plan your learning for the year. There are many notable scholars that you won’t want to miss!

Though the days grow shorter, the light of CBI continues to nourish and enrich me. Through our continued endeavors to learn Torah, engage in *mitzvot*, and occupy ourselves with communal needs, we bring the inspiration of Tishrei into Cheshvan.

Leslie Valas,  
President



## Gan Shalom Announcements

Starting Nov 1 we are accepting applications for the 2017- 2018 school year. Please call 848-3298 or e-mail Laura Lipman at [gsberkeley@gmail.com](mailto:gsberkeley@gmail.com) for information or to set up an appointment to visit the school.



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## Volunteer of the Year at OHDS: Naomi Stamper

We are blessed at OHDS to have an incredible volunteer community who devote many hours to helping our students in the classrooms, building community through a variety of fun family and parent activities, and supporting the school in its many efforts. Our volunteers range from parents to grandparents to community friends, and they are all role models for the *middot* (Torah values) that we teach our students.

This year, OHDS honored one particular volunteer - Naomi Stamper - who has shown extraordinary efforts to help our students in the classroom.

Naomi received her teaching degree from Teacher's College in NY. She worked as a learning specialist in San Francisco for over 30 years, including at the Town School for Boys. She has volunteered at OHDS since her grandson, Leif, started kindergarten in 2013. Every week, Naomi comes to OHDS to work with children in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade who need extra support in English, phonics, reading and math. Naomi is always flexible and is happy to help wherever she is needed. The students love learning with her and the teachers appreciate her commitment to helping the students take on challenges and build skills.

"For some it is coffee, for others wine. I get my highs from teaching children," says Naomi. "Seeing first-hand the dedication of the teachers and staff at OHDS gives me many 'chai' moments."





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**Middle School  
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Thursday, Dec 7  
9:00 a.m.

**Bridge Kindergarten  
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Tuesday, Dec 12  
6:00 p.m.

**Kindergarten Info  
Night**  
Tuesday, Jan 9  
7:00 p.m.

Contact Philippa  
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and to RSVP:  
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(510) 531-8600 ext. 12  
[www.ohds.org](http://www.ohds.org)



## New Members • R. Ariel Mayse & Adina Pollen

By Katrin Arefy

Recently I had the honor of interviewing Adina Polen for *Chai Light* and learned a lot from her in that interview. Adina is originally from Boston and moved to Berkeley with her family about two months ago.

“One thing that impresses me about Berkeley is when you walk down the street people tend to make eye contact and smile at you. On a day-to-day basis, it’s such a positive thing, along with the weather and the natural beauty, which are very nice. It is like people are saying ‘Nice that you are here.’ I also like the entrepreneurial atmosphere here. It feels like everyone here is working on building something, and new ideas are welcome and supported, both in the CBI community and in Berkeley in general,” she said.

Adina is working on a venture (nonprofit business) that aims to provide artists with a framework for collaboratively creating experiential Jewish items for families. These “items,” as Adina named them, are intended to spark questions and a personal path of engagement with the Jewish tradition.

“If you can’t access the meaning underneath [our tradition], then it just ends up being details. We are opening up perspectives within Judaism that come from the deepest part of tradition, and we are making [them] available to families and children. In this way we are trying to make new forms of physical inheritance.”

When I asked what Adina likes about CBI, she said “The actual space of the shul. You can feel so much insight. I feel that people are so focused on what they are doing, and that makes me tap into that easier and faster. You sit down, and you are immediately enveloped in this sphere of davening.”

Adina is married to Ariel Mayse, and they have three sons—Ezra (four and a half), Nahum (two and a half), and Daniel (one)

“Each person in the family is busy with something, and we all support each other. Ezra inherited a hand-me-down bike, and he is very excited to learn how to ride that. Nahum is learning new words every day, and Daniel is working on his standing and making his way toward walking. Ariel is working on turning his doctorate into a book. His thesis was on circle of the Maggid of Mezritch, and the nature of language in mystical experiences.”

Ariel, who is a professor of Hasidut and Kabbalah in Stanford’s religion department, grew up in California.

Adina plays the saxophone and is excited about joining Berkeley’s Awesome Orchestra. In that orchestra, anybody can show up with an instrument, take a seat, and play. “There usually is a pretty high bar for entry into any music group, so this is really a good opportunity,” she said.





## New Members • Eliezah & R. Daniel Hoffman

By Eden Gerson

To me a Jewish community is somewhere that you know a lot of the people, the kind of community that encourages initiative.”

This was just one of the insights into Eliezah and R. Daniel Hoffman which I garnered from a recent conversation we shared. These particular words came from Daniel, the new *Mashpia Ruchani* at Oakland Hebrew Day School. Daniel is excited about the role at OHDS as he sees it as an opportunity to combine his previous experience in both formal and informal education. “Everyone that I spoke with told me how amazing [OHDS] is,” Daniel shared. “It is nationally known and now that I’m there I understand why and I’m looking forward to getting rolling.”



Having participated in Teach for America in Nashville, Eliezah also has a background in education. This experience, combined with a year of text study at Pardes and a dual degree Master of Public Administration and Master of Arts in Judaic Studies, informs Eliezah’s current career goals as she looks to transition to the Jewish professional world.

When I asked about their motivations for moving to Berkeley, Eliezah remarked, “[We wanted to join a community] where our talents would be an asset to the community as opposed to just one in a million.” And they have quite a few talents to share. In addition to an extensive knowledge of which products on Disney Cruises are certified kosher, Eliezah has been playing clarinet since fourth grade and Daniel thoroughly enjoys *chazanut*.

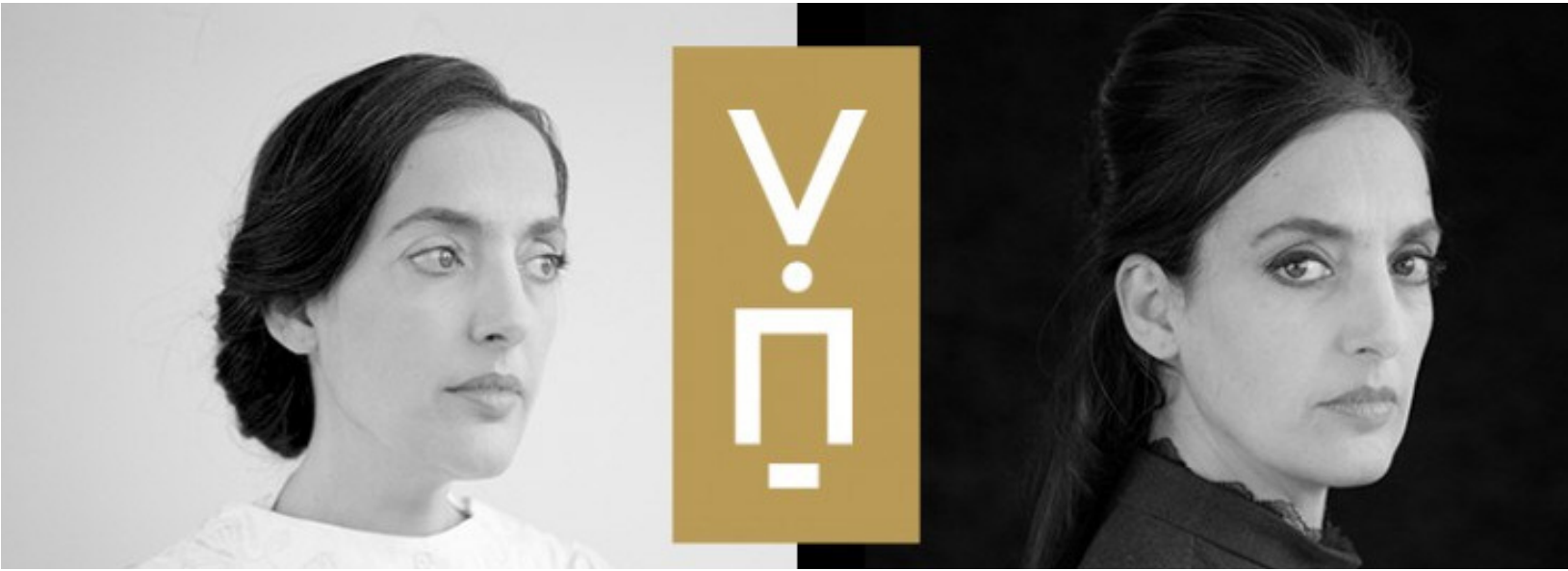
Daniel and Eliezah share an intense passion for chocolate—especially chocolate ice cream. They also enjoy playing games, hosting people for meals, and hiking with their very friendly dog, Bissli. Some fun facts: Eliezah has visited most of the countries in Europe and Daniel loves all things relating to airplanes.

When I spoke with the Hoffmans, they were eagerly awaiting their first child who has since arrived! We wish them a huge mazal tov on the birth of their baby boy named Yarden Aviel, born on September 11. May they follow in the family tradition of helping to build engaged Jewish communities.

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## VICTORIA HANNA

By Katrin Arefy

Having read that the singer I was going to meet stuttered as a child, and that she grew up in an Orthodox family, I already knew I was about to be in the presence of a talented and brave woman. Victoria Hanna greeted me at the door of the house where she resides in Berkeley, and asked if I wanted some tea.

"I am half Iranian, you know?" she said, as she walked to the kitchen. We sat at the dining table, and her passion about her creative work led us to our conversation.

"Is it fair to say that in your music there is some sort of personification of each letter and then letters come together to make a story that is a word?" I asked.

"Yes, exactly. You've gotten it completely. In Hebrew, a letter is called *ot*, and it also means a sign from above [*be-otot ubemof-tim*]."

"You speak Farsi too, right?"

"Very little," she said, and then recited Song of Songs in Hebrew and Farsi.

"Is there a language in which these stories [words] are more meaningful to you? Is *ahavah* more meaningful to you than *eshgh* in Farsi or *love* in English?"

"You know Hebrew is my mother tongue, so it's built in the system. But I am very curious about other languages. I tell you this is my mother tongue, but every day I discover revelations about it. This language is like a living being, and I drink a lot of knowledge just from the language. I am also working with Aramaic," she said.

"The Kabbalistic approach to language is very interesting because the language is not only the way to deliver information. It is beyond that. The world was created by speech."

"These days, in the class I am co-teaching with Francesco Spagnolo at UC Berkeley, most of the students are not Jewish, but they are also often multi-cultural and multi-lingual. Together, we try to apply this approach to their own languages and see what is revealed.

"Because every letter offers to us a sound, and a sound is a vibration, I take that vibration and try to feel it in my body and re-search it. I also get some inspiration from the way the letters look."

I learned that she was invited by Francesco Spagnolo to teach in his course on "Jewish Nightlife," and to create with him a special artistic project based on Hebrew amulets in The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life. Francesco's invitation was for the singer to work with the amulets as if they were "musical scores," and to compose new music based on their texts and visual elements.

She then brought a copy of one of the amulets and told me about the project.

"I am using amulets to build a new performance repertoire. This specific amulet is about protecting a woman who is giving birth. Francesco and I chose seven amulets in the Magnes Collection. We are working with them, creating a musical dialogue with each amulet. It is very much based on the work that I have done before. It is dealing a lot with the power of the letters and words."

"At Congregation Beth Israel I am going to give a presentation and a vocal workshop that will explore how we can feel the Hebrew alphabet in our mouth and in our body. We will examine how that approach can change our prayer and how to use this approach as a means for inner discovery."

"I am going to present the Book of Creation,

the most ancient Kabbalistic book.

According to this book, every letter is located in an organ of the human body. I am going to talk about what happens when we pronounce certain words using this technique."

*Victoria Hanna is married to Guy Biran, a theater director who ran a theater in Jerusalem until recently. They have three children, and Victoria Hanna was pleased by the warm welcome the children received at the Oakland Hebrew Day School.*

During her fall 2017 residency at The Magnes, Victoria Hanna will also present her work at the following venues:

Contemporary Jewish Museum • November 3  
Graduate Theological Union • November 8  
Congregation B'nai Israel, Sacramento • November 19  
UC Davis • November 27  
Stanford • November 29

## MAGIC SPELLS

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## HALAKHA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

### R. Eliezer Melamed

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

#### Q: Rabbi, is it permitted to make tahini on Shabbat?

A: The Torah prohibition of *Lash* (kneading) applies to forming a thick mixture. This means that many discrete particles become one solid mass that will not flow or spread out if left on a plate or bowl. In contrast, it is not forbidden by Torah law to form a loose mixture that can be poured from utensil to utensil and that spreads outward if left on a plate or bowl. This is because making such a mixture does not involve kneading, but only stirring. However, since one might mistakenly assume that if one may make a loose batter he may also make a thick dough, the Sages created a fence around the Torah and forbade forming a loose mixture. But one may make such a mixture with a *shinui* (performing it in an irregular manner) that serves as a reminder that there is a prohibition involved, ensuring that no one will end up making a thick mixture.

The *shinui* may be in the order the ingredients are added to the mixing bowl. If normally the dry ingredients are added first, followed by the wet ingredients, the wet ingredients should be added first, followed by the dry ingredients. If normally the wet ingredients would be added first followed by the dry ingredients, that order should be reversed. When following this procedure, one must make sure to add the liquid all at once so that a thick mixture will not be formed in the process of making a loose one.

Some maintain that it is unnecessary to incorporate an additional *shinui* during the stirring stage, as long as the mixture is not stirred as vigorously as one does during the week. Others are more stringent and require a *shinui* during the stirring as well. For example, instead of stirring the batter using a circular motion, one may stir in straight lines, from side to side, or perpendicularly. Alternatively, one might mix the batter with one's finger, by shaking the bowl, or by pouring the batter from bowl to bowl. *Le-khatfila* (ideally) it is proper to comply with all the *poskim* (Jewish legal authorities) and change both the order the ingredients are added and the way the batter is stirred.

When the ingredients are not usually added in any particular order, the dry ingredients should be added first, followed by the wet ingredients. Additionally, the way the mixing is done should be changed.<sup>[1]</sup>

One may add liquid to a thick mixture to make it thinner, since

this is the opposite of kneading. Kneading leads to discrete units coalescing, while adding water weakens the cohesiveness of the component parts (BHL 321:15, s.v. "yakhol").

According to this, water may be added to raw tahini, since that makes it more liquid. However, some prohibit doing so, since during the process there is a stage in which the mixture becomes a bit harder (SSK 8:31). Nevertheless, *halakha* in practice follows those who are lenient, since the eventual result is a loose mixture. Additionally, since the sesame seeds in the tahini were ground and mixed before Shabbat, according to many the prohibition of *Lash* no longer applies (SA 321:15). In order to avoid any doubt, it is proper to mix with a *shinui*.

#### Q: Rabbi, I was told by a physiotherapist to do certain exercises every day for a month for my lower back pain. May I do them on Shabbat?

A: Physical therapy exercises are often meant to restore function to limbs or muscles that have atrophied as a result of injury or paralysis. If it is not strictly necessary to do the exercises on Shabbat, one should not do them then, because this is a weekday activity. For example, if one is not always careful to do the exercises regularly during the week, one may not do them on Shabbat. Even if no equipment is used, since these exercises are undertaken with professional guidance, they are considered a weekday activity. One should instead exercise on Friday before Shabbat begins, and on Saturday night after Shabbat ends. However, if the exercises are indeed necessary for the patient, and during the week he takes care to do them several times a day, he may do them on Shabbat as well. One may even use equipment, as long as it does not require electricity to operate. These exercises have the same status as pills that must be taken for several consecutive days: one may take them on Shabbat as well (n. 4 above; *Nishmat Avraham* 328:93 in the name of R. Shlomo Zalman Auerbach).

One may do gentle stretches to loosen his back or neck or to refresh himself. This is not considered medicinal, nor is it considered a weekday activity. However, one may not do calisthenics, which maintain or improve one's fitness, as they are a weekday activity (see above, 22:8).

One may not give a professional massage to someone who is ex-



periencing discomfort in his back or another limb. Since such aches are treated with pills and ointments, their treatment is included in the rabbinic enactment against medicine on Shabbat. In addition, a professional massage is considered a weekday activity. Nevertheless, if the ailment is truly painful, one may give a professional massage in order to relieve it. As we have already seen (section 5), since medications today are generally mass-produced, one who is in pain may use such medications. Certainly, then, one may provide treatments that do not involve medication at all. Furthermore, the prohibition on weekday activities does not apply when pain is involved.

One may always give a non-professional massage. Since it is not professional, it is not considered medicinal, nor is it considered a weekday activity. Even a professional masseur may give his family members a non-professional massage that is meant to be soothing. Since they are not in pain and the massage is not done in a therapeutic context, it is not prohibited.

Acupressure is a treatment in which one applies pressure to various parts of the head or body in order to relieve pain and restore the health and vitality of the body and its limbs. When there is no great need, one may not perform it on Shabbat, both because of the enactment against medicine and because it is a weekday ac-

tivity. However, one who is in pain may undergo acupressure, either manually or with an instrument designed for this purpose.

One may not administer acupuncture on Shabbat even for one who is in pain, because the needles are *muktzeh mehamat hesron kis* (items that have no use on Shabbat because they are valuable and one does not want them to break or become ruined). However, a patient who needs acupuncture very badly may be treated. As we already have seen (n. 2 above), the Sages suspended their enactments for the sake of caring for a sick person. Even for a sick person, acupuncture is only permitted on condition that the treatment will not necessarily cause bleeding, which is prohibited by Torah law.

In circumstances where a professional may provide treatment (of pain or illness) on Shabbat, he may not accept payment for his services. However, if he provides treatment during the week as well, the Shabbat payment may be subsumed within the weekday payments (above, 22:12). When a professional is summoned to provide treatment on Shabbat, one may not discuss the arrangements for subsuming his fee. Rather, one may say that after Shabbat they will discuss the details that they may not discuss on Shabbat. This is because when necessary, the Sages permitted alluding to such matters (above, 22:3, 10).

## 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 R. Cohen 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 R. Cohen 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.







## REVIEW OF LAWS OF CHANUKAH & LIGHTING YOUR CHANUKIA GENERAL GUIDELINES

**Chanukah begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev  
Tuesday, December 12, and continues for eight days.**

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For the entire eight days of Chanukah it is forbidden to fast or to eulogize.

During morning prayers, *Shacharit*, one should recite the full *Hallel* every day.

"*Al hanissim*" the special paragraph of prayers for Chanukah is added in the silent prayers, *Shmoneh Esreh* and also in Grace after meals. If one forgot to say this addition, one should not repeat either *Shmoneh Esreh* or Grace.

### PREPARING THE CHANUKIA

If a number of people are lighting in one household they should make a slight separation between their *Chanukias* so that there is no confusion to the observer as to the number of candles.

Ideally, the *Chanukia* should be placed outside the house to the left of the entrance. Since anti-Semitism was so common throughout Jewish history it became customary among many communities to place the *Chanukia* inside the house, near the entrance or on the table. In many families it is the custom to place the *Chanukia* in a window facing the public, especially where many people share one entrance (e.g., apartment building).

The *Chanukia* should be no lower than three *tfachim* from the floor (approx. 10.5 inches) and should be no higher than 20 *amot* from ground level (35.5 ft). Ideally, it should be about 10 *tfachim* high (40 inches).

The *Chanukia* should have all the candles or wicks on the same level, none higher or lower than the others.

It is customary to have an additional candle (the *shamash*) with which to light the other candles and in order to use its light. The *shamash* should be placed in a way that shows that it is not one of the Chanukah candles.

It is preferable to have the candles in a straight line, and not in a semi-circle, however it is permitted to have them in a semi-circle providing each candle is clearly separated from the others.

It is prohibited to light the *shamash* from the Chanukah candles.

It is obligatory to light candles, and one should even borrow money to fulfill this *mitzvah*. If a poor person needs money for Chanukah candles the community is obligated to provide for him.

The minimum obligation is that every household should have one candle burning every night. It is customary to be scrupulous regarding this *mitzvah*: to have one candle on the first night and an additional candle every night

(1-8), and for everyone in the house as well.

Any type of oil is acceptable for use in the *Chanukia*, however, it is best to use olive oil.

Wax candles are also acceptable, providing they have a single wick.

Place first candle on the extreme right of the *Chanukia*. On the second night add a candle on the left. Light the newest candle first and proceed to the right.

There are different customs regarding the placement of the candles, some follow the right and left of the observer from outside, some follow the right and left of the person lighting inside.

### ORDER OF BLESSINGS AND SONGS

On the first night three *brachot*, blessings are recited. "*Lehadlik ner shel Chanukah*", "*Sheasa nissim*" and "*Shehecheyanu*." Page 709 in the Birnbaum Siddur, page 782 in the Artscroll Siddur, or page 897 in the Koren Siddur.

On the other nights only the first two blessings are said.

All the blessings should be recited before actually lighting the candles. First light the *Shamash* before the blessings to avoid delay. It is forbidden to speak between the recitation of the blessings and the completion of can-



dle lighting.

"*Haneirot Halalu*" is recited either during or after the lighting of the additional candles.

"*Maoz tsur yeshuaty*" is then sung.

### NOW THAT IT'S LIT...

The *Chanukia* should not be moved after it has been lit.

If the *Chanukia* was lit in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and it was extinguished, one is not obligated to relight it, but one may relight it without reciting a blessing.

If the *Chanukia* was not lit properly in the first place, or was lit in a windy place and blew out then one is obligated to relight if it went out within 1/2 hour after nightfall.

It is permitted to work; however it is customary for women not to do any work for the entire time that the candles are burning.

It is forbidden to derive benefit from the light of the *Chanukia* just as it was forbidden to derive benefit from the *Menorah* in the Temple, and also in order to show that the purpose of the *Chanukia* is for a *Mitzvah*, and not for illumination.

### WHEN TO LIGHT

There are different customs as to the lighting of the *Chanukia*. Some light at sunset. Some light about ten minutes after sunset and some at nightfall. Here in Berkeley one should try to light as soon as possible after 5:35

p.m. (except for Shabbat, see below).

It is obligatory to put in enough oil, or a long enough candle to burn for at least 1/2 hour after nightfall (i.e. the appearance of three medium size stars).

In exceptional circumstances one may light one and a quarter hours before sunset with a blessing. However one should be careful to put in more oil or to use longer candles. If possible it is better to appoint an agent to light candles at the correct time, than to light early.

If one forgot or was not able to light at the correct time, one may light as long as people are still awake in the house in which one is lighting.

It is best to light in the presence of many people in order to publicize the miracle.

If one is a guest at someone's house (and staying there), one should give the owner a small amount of money to buy a portion in their candles and one may fulfill the obligation through the owner. Alternatively the guest may light his own *Chanukia*.

If one is eating out then one should light the *Chanukia* at their place of residence.

### CHANUKAH & SHABBAT

On Friday afternoon, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candle-lighting time (if one accepted Shabbat early, it is forbidden

to light Chanukah candles). *Mincha* should be said before lighting, if possible.

Remember to put in more oil or bigger candles on Friday, so that they burn 1/2 hour after nightfall. Try to light just before the Shabbat candles, (without of course delaying the lighting of the Shabbat candles)

After Shabbat one should first recite *Havdalah* at home and only then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the *Chanukia* as the candle for *Havdalah*.

Warm blessings for a joyous and safe Chanukah!

*Adapted from the laws of Chanukah by Rabbi Mordechai Beche*



## Ask Goldie - Advice for the Scriplorn

**Dear Goldie:** What is this scrip stuff you are always hak'ing us about?  
*Confused in Berkeley*

**Dear Confused:** Scrip means gift cards or certificates bought at a discount by CBI for retail stores and sold to members and friends at full face value.

**Dear Goldie:** Why should I bother buying scrip from you since I spend so very little?  
*Poor in Albany*

**Dear Poor:** at the last board meeting a check from the scrip account for \$9,000 was given to the CBI main account. This amount came from lots of little bits of money earned when folks just like you. Lots of little profits from scrip add up to real money.

**Dear Goldie:** I need to know which retail stores deal with scrip.  
*Curious in Oakland*

**Dear Curious:** Our most popular scrip sales are for Berkeley Bowl, Safeway, Peets, CVS, Walgreens and Bed, Bath and Beyond. A complete list of what can be made available is online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Click on the merchants list where you will find hundreds of stores. Please write me again with specific questions.

**Dear Goldie:** : Isn't there a more efficient way to have our members use scrip and have us members contribute to the shul?  
*Creative in the Community*

**Dear Creative:** Thank you. I thought no one would ever ask. The members of the scrip committee are a little old fashioned. They work very hard...nagging, advertising, ordering scrip, delivering scrip, picking up checks, depositing checks and keeping records. Much of this could be better done by a computer savvy person who could teach members how to get scrip instantly on line and pay for it directly. Imagine standing on line at REI and making a few clicks on your cell phone and then be able to pay for your purchase with scrip and give Beth Israel a nice 8% profit. So please let us know if you or someone you know is willing to bring us up to date with a modern scrip program! Email [nstamper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nstamper@sbcglobal.net).



*Naomi Stamper presents a \$9,000 check from SCRIP proceeds to Ben Rose. Kudos to the CBI members who make this program possible.*

### Looking for Scrip?

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.

**Questions?**  
**Contact Naomi Stamper or Ruth Wittman**  
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## Beth Israel Classes

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### 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**

### TUESDAY

**Laws of Shabbat:** In this class we will re-use R. Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear and concise *halakhic* (Jewish legal) writings as a springboard to deepen our understanding and our observance of the laws of Shabbat. Each class will focus on a specific area of religious practice and move from general principle to practical details.

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm.**

**Voices of Zionism w/Steve Zipperstein:** In a series of presentations, we will explore the full range of Jewish voices wrestling within the Zionist movement. We'll examine Zionist dreams and realities, concepts of home, refuge, liberation and catastrophe in a complex and fractious movement. Among the thinkers evaluated will be Leon Pinsker, Ahad Ha'am, Theodor Herzl, Jabotinsky, and Rav Kook.

*Steven J. Zipperstein is the Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History at Stanford. He is the author and editor of eight books including "Elusive Prophet: Ahad Ha'am and the Origins of Zionism" (1993) which won the National Jewish Book Award and has been translated into Hebrew. His most recent book, published by WW Norton early next year, is entitled "Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History." Zipperstein is an editor of Yale's "Jewish Lives" series, an editorial board member of Jewish Review of Books and lives in Berkeley with his wife Susan Berrin.*

**Steve Zipperstein — Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm, November 14, 28, December 5**

**Latte N Learn:** at the Starbucks at 2128 Oxford St. in Berkeley. Rabbi Akiva can carpool to and from Beth Jacob if you reserve a spot that day. Also parental permission must be given via email. Carpool leaves at 7:10 and is back by 9:00. 8th graders invited too!

**R. Akiva Naiman — Mondays @ 7:30 pm @ Starbucks**

### WEDNESDAY

**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**

**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**

### FRIDAY

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

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am**

## Beth Israel Classes Continued

### 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.

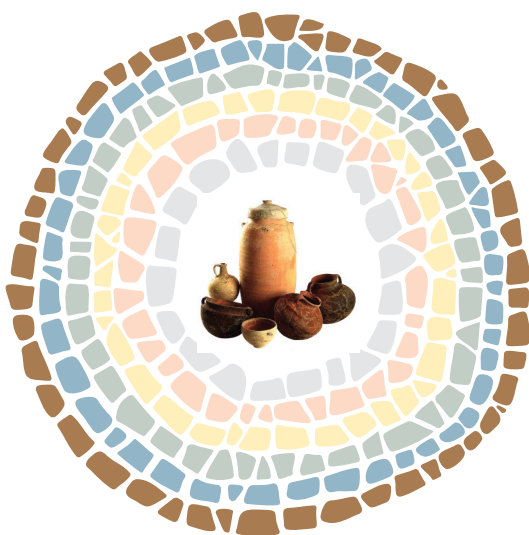
**R. David Rue • Saturdays @ 8:30 am-9:15 am**

**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**



### BERKELEY HADASSAH DONOR BRUNCH 2017 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3



*The Lost Book of Moses:  
The Hunt for the World's Oldest Bible*  
WITH AUTHOR CHANAN TIGAY

All are Welcome • Men & Women • Please Join Us  
**CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL • 11:00 AM**

REGISTRATION ONLINE • [BERKELEYHADASSAH.ORG](http://BERKELEYHADASSAH.ORG)

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For every \$1 you donate, the Alameda County Community Food Bank can provide \$6 worth of food.

You can donate online to the Beth Israel Donation site:  
[share.accfb.org/team/140350](http://share.accfb.org/team/140350)

Or send a check payable to ACCFB to:  
Congregation Beth Israel,  
Attention Holiday Dinner Drive  
(do not make your check payable to CBI).

Thank you for investing in a stronger,  
more nourished Alameda County  
this holiday season and beyond.



## SHABBAT CHAYEI SARAH SHABBAT SHALEM WITH PROF. ELISHEVA BAUMGARTEN

Friday & Saturday, November 10-11

Candle Lighting .....	4:43 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:45 pm
Dinner w/Elisheva Baumgarten .....	5:30 pm
Learning w/Elisheva Baumgarten .....	6:45 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Mincha .....	12:30 pm
Learning w/Elisheva Baumgarten .....	4:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	5:41 pm
Mishmash Kickoff.....	6:15 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT TOLDOT

Friday & Saturday, November 17-18

Candle Lighting .....	4:38 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:40 pm
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & dinner .....	4:45 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Mincha .....	12:30 pm
Women's Seudah Shlishit and Learning w/Dr. Esther Fisher @ home of MVS.....	4:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	5:37 pm
Mishmash .....	6:15 pm

## ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Saturday night & Sunday, November 18-19

Shacharit Sunday .....	8:00 am
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## THANKSGIVING & FRIDAY

November 23-24

CBI Office closed

Shacharit Thursday/Friday.....	8:00 am
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## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEITZEI

Friday & Saturday, November 24-25

Candle Lighting .....	4:34 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:35 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Mincha .....	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	5:34 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYISHLACH SHABBAT SHALEM WITH VICTORIA HANNA

Friday & Saturday, December 1-2

Candle Lighting .....	4:32 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:35 pm
Shabbat Dinner.....	5:20 pm
Learning w/Victoria Hanna.....	6:45 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am

Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Mincha .....	12:30 pm
Weomen's Mincha & Torah .....	4:00 pm
Women's Seudah Shelishit .....	4:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	5:33 pm
Program with Victoria Hanna .....	7:00 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEISHEV

Friday & Saturday, December 8-9

Candle Lighting .....	4:32 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:35 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Mincha .....	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	5:33 pm
Mishmash .....	6:10 pm

## CHANUKAH

Tue. night, December 12 through Wed. day, December 20

Throughout the week, candles should be lit at 5:22 pm

except for Friday and the conclusion of Shabbat.

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM CHANUKAH PARSHAT MIKETZ BAR MITZVAH OF ISAIAH BAMBERGER

Friday and Saturday, December 15-16

Chanukah Candle Lighting before* .....	4:33 pm
Shabbat Candle Lighting .....	4:33 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:40 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:30 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	5:35 pm
Chanukah Candle Lighting after** .....	5:35 pm
Chanukah Mishmash .....	7:30 pm

\* Remember to put in more oil or use bigger candles on Friday, so that they burn 1/2 hour after nightfall. Try to light just before the Shabbat candles (without of course delaying the lighting of the Shabbat candles).

\*\* After Shabbat one should first recite Havdalah at home, then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the Chanukia as the candle for Havdalah.

## Chanukah Game Night

Sunday, December 17, 5:30-7:30 pm

Come celebrate Chanukah at CBI with menorah lighting, games of all kinds, delicious catered Chanukah fare, music and more! If you would like to organize a game, please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton at maharatvictoria@gmail.com

## ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Sunday night, Mon. & Tue., December 17-19

Shacharit.....	6:30 am
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## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYIGASH

Friday and Saturday, December 22-23

Candle Lighting.....	4:36 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:40 pm
Morning Service.....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:33 pm
Seudah Shlishit.....	4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends.....	5:38 pm

## OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 25

Shacharit.....	8:00 am
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## FAST OF TEVET

Thursday, December 28

Fast begins .....	5:57 am
Shacharit.....	6:30 am
Mincha @CBI.....	4:35 pm
Fast ends .....	5:29 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYECHI

Friday and Saturday, December 29-30

Candle Lighting.....	4:41 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:45 pm
Morning Service.....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:36 pm
Seudah Shlishit.....	4:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends.....	5:43 pm

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1

Office Closed

Shacharit.....	8:00 am
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## SHABBAT PARSHAT SHEMOT

Friday and Saturday, January 5-6

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner .....	4:45 pm
Candle Lighting.....	4:46 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:50 pm
Morning Service.....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:39 pm
Women's Mincha & Torah .....	4:00 pm
Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning.....	4:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit.....	4:45 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends.....	5:48 pm
Mishmash .....	6:15 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT VAIERAH

Friday and Saturday, January 12-13

Candle Lighting.....	4:53 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:55 pm
Morning Service.....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:43 pm
Seudah Shlishit.....	4:50 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends.....	5:55 pm

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, January 15

Office Closed

Shacharit.....	8:00 am
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## ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT

Tues. night & Wed., January 16-17

Shacharit.....	6:30 am
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## SHABBAT PARSHAT BO

## SHABBAT SHALEM WITH R. HAIM OVADIA

Friday and Saturday, January 19-20

Candle Lighting.....	5:00 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:05 pm
Shabbat Dinner.....	5:45 pm
Learning w/R. Ovadia .....	7:00 pm
Morning Service.....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:45 pm
Learning w/R. Ovadia .....	4:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit.....	4:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends.....	6:01 pm

## SHABBAT SHIRAH PARSHAT BESHALACH

Friday and Saturday, January 26-27

Candle Lighting.....	5:08 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:10 pm
Morning Service.....	9:15 am
Childcare.....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:48 pm
Seudah Shlishit.....	5:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends.....	6:08 pm



## TU B'SHEVAT

Tuesday night & Wednesday, January 31

Tu B'Shevav Seder, Tuesday .....7:30 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT YITRO

Friday and Saturday, February 2-3

Candle Lighting ..... 5:16 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat  
(celebrating the Bat Mitvah of Shoshana Katler) . 5:20 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am  
Formal Group Time .....10:30 am  
Mincha .....12:49 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:10 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 6:16 pm  
Mishmash .....6:40 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM SHEKALIM PARSHAT MISHPATIM

Friday and Saturday, February 9-10

Candle Lighting ..... 5:24 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:30 pm  
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner .....5:30 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am  
Formal Group Time .....10:30 am  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:50 pm  
Women's Mincha & Torah .....4:00 pm  
Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning .....4:30 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:15 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 6:23 pm

## ROSH CHODESH ADAR

Wed. night, Th. & Fri., February 14-16

Shacharit on Friday .....6:30 am

## SHABBAT PARSHAT TERUMAH

### SHABBAT SHALEM WITH R. NATHANIEL HELFGOT

Friday and Saturday, February 16-17

Candle Lighting ..... 5:31 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:35 pm  
Shabbat Dinner .....6:30 pm  
Learning w/R. Helfgot .....7:45 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am  
Formal Group Time .....10:30 am  
Shabbat Mincha .....12:51 pm  
Learning w/R. Helfgot .....4:30 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:25 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 6:30 pm  
Mishmash .....6:30 pm

## SHABBAT ZACHOR PARSHAT TETZAVEH

Friday and Saturday, February 23-24

Candle Lighting ..... 5:39 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:40 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am

Formal Group Time .....10:30 am  
Shabbat Mincha .....12:50 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:30 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....6:37 pm

## FAST OF ESTHER – TA'ANIT ESTHER

Wednesday, February 28

Fast begins ..... 5:21 am  
Morning Service .....6:30 am  
Fast day Mincha .....5:30 pm  
Ma'ariv followed by Megillah reading .....6:30 pm  
Fast ends .....6:30 pm  
*Please consult our weekly bulletin (Daf Hashavuah) for details for our late Megillah reading*

## PURIM

Wed. night & Thurs., February 28 & March 1

Ma'ariv followed by Megillah reading .....6:30 pm  
*Please consult our weekly bulletin (Daf Hashavuah) for details for our late Megillah reading*

Shacharit .....8:00 am  
Megillah reading .....8:30 am  
Women's only Megillah Reading ..... 12:00 pm  
Seudah Purim BBQ .....3:00 pm  
Mincha and Ma'ariv .....5:45 pm

## SHUSHAN PURIM

### SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TISA

Friday and Saturday, March 2-3

Candle Lighting ..... 5:46 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:50 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am  
Formal Group Time .....10:30 am  
Shabbat Mincha .....12:50 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:40 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....6:44 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARAH

### PARSHAT VAYAKHEL- PEKUDEI

Friday and Saturday, March 9-10

Candlelighting .....5:53 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....5:55 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am  
Formal Group Time .....10:30 am  
Shabbat Mincha .....12:50 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:45 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....6:51 pm

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, March 11

Move your clocks one hour forward on Saturday night.

## 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, Pacific Standard Time after November 5

Week of	NOVEMBER				DECEMBER	
	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i>	5:26 am	6:34 am	6:41 am	6:48 am	6:55 am	7:01 am
Dawn						
<i>Neitz</i>	6:38 am	7:46 am	7:53 am	8:00 am	8:07 am	8:13 am
Sunrise						
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	9:15 am	10:19 am	10:24 am	10:28 am	10:38 am	10:37 am
<i>Tefilah</i>	10:08 am	11:11 am	11:15 am	11:18 am	11:21 am	11:26 am
Latest time forprayer						
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i>	12:19 pm	1:19 pm	1:19 pm	1:21 pm	1:23 pm	1:26 pm
Earliest time for Mincha						
<i>Sh'kia</i>	5:07 pm	6:00 pm	5:55 pm	5:52 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm
Sunset						
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	5:49 pm	6:42 pm	6:37 pm	6:34 pm	6:32 pm	6:32 pm

Week of	DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i>	7:06 am	7:10 am	7:12 am	7:13 am	7:12 am	7:09 am
Dawn						
<i>Neitz</i>	8:18 am	8:22 am	8:24 am	8:25 am	8:24 am	8:21 am
Sunrise						
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	10:42 am	10:45 am	10:48 am	10:50 am	10:51 am	10:51 am
<i>Tefilah</i>	11:29 am	11:33 am	11:36 am	11:38 am	11:40 am	11:41 am
Latest time forprayer						
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i>	1:29 pm	1:32 pm	1:36 pm	1:39 pm	1:43 pm	1:45 pm
Earliest time for Mincha						
<i>Sh'kia</i>	5:51 pm	5:55 pm	5:59 pm	6:05 pm	6:12 pm	6:19 pm
Sunset						
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	6:33 pm	6:37 pm	6:41 pm	6:47 pm	6:54 pm	7:01 pm

Week of	JANUARY	FEBRUARY				MARCH
	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Alot Ha'Shachar</i>	7:05 am	6:59 am	6:52 am	6:44 am	6:35 am	6:26 am
Dawn						
<i>Neitz</i>	8:17 am	8:11 am	8:04 am	7:56 am	7:47 am	7:38 am
Sunrise						
Latest ideal time for the morning <i>Sh'ma</i>	10:50 am	10:47 am	10:44 am	10:40 am	10:35 am	10:29 am
<i>Tefilah</i>	11:40 am	11:39 am	11:37 am	11:34 am	11:31 am	11:27 am
Latest time forprayer						
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i>	1:48 pm	1:49 pm	1:50 pm	1:51 pm	1:50 pm	1:50 pm
Earliest time for Mincha						
<i>Sh'kia</i>	6:27 pm	6:35 pm	6:43 pm	6:50 pm	6:58 pm	7:05 pm
Sunset						
<i>Tzeit Ha'kochavim</i> Nightfall	7:09 pm	7:17 pm	7:25 pm	7:32 pm	7:40 pm	7:47 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



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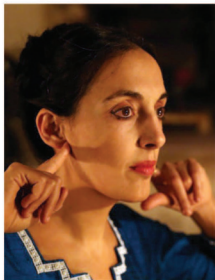


### Dr. Elisheva Baumgarten

NOV. 10-11

Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten holds the Prof. Yitzhak Becker Chair for Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She teaches in the Department of Jewish History and the Department of History. She is a social historian who specializes in the history of the Jews in medieval Germany and Northern France. Her first book, *Mothers and Children: Jewish Family Life in Medieval Europe*, was published by Princeton University Press in 2004 and received several prestigious awards.

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### Victoria Hanna

DEC. 1-2

Jerusalem based artist, Victoria Hanna, is a world-renowned composer, creator, performer, researcher, and teacher of voice and language. The daughter of an ultra-orthodox rabbi, she has been greatly influenced by her childhood environment. In her work, she deploys a variety of vocal techniques in the performance of ancient and modern Hebrew texts, among them Sefer Yetzirah (*Book of Creation*), an early Kabbalistic treatise.

*Victoria Hanna's residency at The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life is made possible in partnership with the Schusterman Visiting Artist Program of The Israel Institute, which is dedicated to enhancing knowledge and study of modern Israel.*



### R. Haim Ovadia

JAN. 19-20

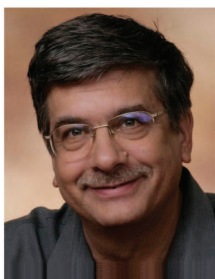
R. Haim Ovadia is the Rabbi of Magen David Sephardic Congregation in Rockville, MD. He was born in Jerusalem to an Iraqi family. R. Ovadia served in the Israeli Army and holds a BA in Talmud from Bar Ilan University and a MA in Near East languages and Cultures from UCLA. R. Ovadia received *semikha* from Chief Rabbi Mordekhai Eliyahu through SSC Shehebar Sephardic Center in the Old City of Jerusalem. He went on to serve pulpits in Israel, Colombia, and the United States – in Deal, NJ, and Brooklyn, NY.



### R. Nathaniel Helfgot

FEB. 16-17

R. Nathaniel Helfgot is the Chair of the Department of Talmud and Rabbinics at SAR High School and is the Spiritual Leader of Congregation Netivot Shalom in Teaneck, NJ. He is a member of YCT's faculty in the Department of Bible and Jewish Thought and is the convener of the department's Yemei Iyun. He is the editor of *Community, Covenant, and Commitment: Selected Letters and Communications of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* and the author of *Mikra and Meaning* among several other works.



### Dr. Zvi Zohar

APR. 27-28

Zvi Zohar is a senior research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He is the Chauncey Stillman Professor of Sephardic Law and Ethics at Bar-Ilan University, where he teaches in the Faculties of Law and Jewish Studies and is editor in chief of the international Journal of Law, Religion and State. At Shalom Hartman Institute, he heads the Alan and Loraine Fischer Family Center for Halakha.



# Israel at 70

POLITICAL THOUGHT, PROSE, & POETRY



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## The Land of the Living: Agnon's Israel

7:30 PM, TUESDAYS, OCT. 24, 31 & NOV. 7

The series will explore three allegorical short stories by S.Y. Agnon, Israel's sole recipient of the Nobel Prize in literature, and delve into the insights that these stories offer about Zionism and the founding of the State of Israel.

*R. Yonatan Cohen serves as the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley. He received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.*

## Voices of Zionism

7:30 PM, TUESDAYS, NOV. 14, 28, & DEC. 5

In a series of presentations, we will explore the full range of Jewish voices wrestling within the Zionist movement. We'll examine Zionist dreams and realities, concepts of home, refuge, liberation and catastrophe in a complex and fractious movement. Among the thinkers evaluated will be Leon Pinsker, Ahad Ha'am, Theodor Herzl, Jabotinsky, and Rav Kook.

*Steven J. Zipperstein is the Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History at Stanford. He is the author and editor of eight books including Elusive Prophet: Ahad Ha'am and the Origins of Zionism (1993) which won the National Jewish Book Award. His most recent book, published by WW Norton early next year, is entitled Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History. Zipperstein is an editor of Yale's "Jewish Lives" series, an editorial board member of Jewish Review of Books and lives in Berkeley with his wife Susan Berrin.*

## Power, Land and God: The Six Day War and its Meaning

MONDAY, DEC. 4

This lecture will explore the way the Six-Day war produced, for the Jewish people, a sense that God reentered into history. We will investigate the way Israel and global Jewry reacted to this new sense of power and how reverberations from the war's outcome are still felt today.

*Dr. Tal Becker is a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and a leading member of the Institute's iEngage Project. Tal also serves as principal deputy legal adviser at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team.*

*This lecture is offered in partnership with the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.*

## The Silver Platter: The Birth of an Iconic Text

TBD, FEB. 2018

Natan Alterman's "The Silver Platter" acquired an iconic position as the ritual text of commemoration for soldiers fallen for the defense of the state. After unveiling the secrets of its creation, we shall study the poem in depth uncovering references to the past and prophetic visions of the future for the State of Israel.

*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. Korazim is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education.*

## Highway 70: Poems from Northern Israel

7:30 PM, MONDAYS, FEB. 5, 12, 19

The series will explore the development of modern Israeli poetry from its early days to contemporary times with a special focus on unique voices emerging from Northern Israel.

*Rachel Brodie holds a master's degree in Rabbinic Literature from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a B.A. in Literature and History from Brown University. Rachel lives in Berkeley with her de facto "bashert" Adam Weisberg and their two de jure daughters, Sophia and Ariella.*

## Covenant and Land

7:30 PM, THURSDAYS, MAY 10, 17, 24

From Abraham to the present, Israel has been a constituent component of God's covenant with the Jewish people. Jewish thinkers throughout the ages have struggled hard to understand the meaning and claim of this covenant within the ups and downs of Jewish history. During this course, we shall explore classical and modern Jewish sources on the meaning and purpose of Israel within the overarching framework of covenant.

*Dr. Bernie Steinberg, Director Emeritus, Harvard Hillel, teaches at the Graduate Theological Union, and Kevah in Berkeley, and M2 The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education, based in Chicago. He recently wrote an essay on Maimonides for Oxford University Press Bibliographies.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CBI CHANUKA GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 5:30-7:30 PM



Get in the Maccabi Spirit with Games for grown-ups and families!

**5:30 pm • Menorah Lighting and Singing**

**6:00 pm • Games & Savory Delights**

**in the spirit of Chanukah**

**7:00 pm • Sufganiyot Tasting: Contestants can show off their sufganiyot skills for a taste test**

Come celebrate Chanukah at CBI with menorah lighting, games of all kinds, delicious catered Chanukah fare, music and more! If you would like to organize a game or help with setup or decorations, please contact M. Victoria Sutton at maharatvictoria@gmail.com

### KABBALAT SHABBAT & DINNER FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

**November 17, January 5, February 9**

Families are invited to welcome Shabbat together with song and prayer, followed by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner. Geared to families with tots and young elementary school age children.

**November 17**

**Tot Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45 pm**

**Dinner: 5:20 pm**

**January 5**

**Tot Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:45 pm**

**Dinner: 5:20 pm**

**February 9**

**Tot Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:30 pm**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm**

Dinner will have meat and vegetarian options

Payment can be made through the CBI Office.

\$15 for adults, \$10 for children, maximum \$50 per family.

Register by the Tuesday night before each dinner to reserve your spot.

### COMMUNAL TU B'SHVAT SEDER

**January 30**

The CBI community is warmly invited to a T'u B'Shevat Shabbat Seder. Immerse yourself in the flavors and song of the Land of Israel through a Tu B'Shvat themed dinner and traditional seder.

**7:30 pm - Tu B'Shvat Dinner and Seder**

**Free of charge • RSVP requested with the CBI office.**



### WOMEN'S TEFILLAH

#### Women's Mincha and Seudah Shelishit

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

**November 4, 4:00 pm**

**November 18, 4:00 pm with Dr. Esther Fisher @ home of M. Sutton**

**December 2, 4:30 pm**

**January 6, 4:00 pm**

**February 10, 4:00 pm**

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 ma'ariv and havdallah at the conclusion of Shabbat.



### MISHMASH

**A one-on-one parent-child learning program.**

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

**Mishmash will meet twice a month through March, on Motzei Shabbat, 45 minutes after Shabbat ends. Food and snacks will be served.**

**Nov. 11 • Nov. 18**

**Dec. 9 • Dec. 16 (Chanukah)**

**Jan. 6 • Jan. 20**

**Feb. 3 • Feb. 17**

**March 3 (Siyum!)**



## Morasha Legacy Society

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

*For more information or to join the Society please contact:*

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### Memorial Plaques

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

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

The cost of a memorial plaque is \$360

To purchase contact  
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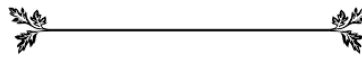
*The past Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur services at Beth Israel  
were infused with kavanah (intentionality and focus),  
simchah (joy), and kedushah (sanctity).*

None of these would have been possible without proper *hachanah* (preparation).

We take this moment to single out those individual members of our community whose *avodat kodesh* (sacred service and volunteerism) allowed us to enjoy our own.

Please make an effort to express personal gratitude to each of these individuals and to consider joining CBI's ever expanding community of *ovdei kodesh* (volunteer workers).

*You can also honor them with a donation to Congregation Beth Israel.*



### *Adult Education*

R. Yonatan Cohen  
R. Zac Kamenetz  
R. Haggai Resnikoff  
M. Victoria Sutton  
Meena Viswanath  
Aron Wolgel

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#### *Meal Matching*

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M. Victoria Sutton

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Gustavo Rios  
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Nimrod Elias  
Benjamin Epstein  
Jory Gessow  
Guy Harel  
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Mark Schickman  
Steve Silberblatt

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The Burrells

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Sara Darmoni  
Nimrod Elias  
Malcolm Feeley  
Matan Gilbert  
Jen Kamenetz  
Rebecca Landes  
Matty Lichtenstein  
Daniel Magid  
Lois Marcus  
Susie Marcus  
Sarah Miranda  
Racheli Perl  
Irene Resnikoff  
Eric Seder  
Rona Teitelman  
Leslie Valas  
Sheila Yudenfreund

### *High Holiday Flowers*

The Haber Family  
In memory of Jan Haber, z"l

### *Kiddush Captains for Break Fast*

Lisa Gessow  
Doreet Stein  
Linda Press Wulf

### *Kiddush Wine*

Covenant Winery with special  
thanks to the Morgan Family

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Seth Greenberg

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Judy Massarano

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Andrea Brott  
Morey Garelick  
Gavi Klein  
Yael Krieger  
Desmid Lyon  
Judy Massarano  
Sarah Silverman  
Rona Teitelman  
Meena Viswanath

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Joelle Yzquierdo

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Bob Budnitz  
R. Daniel Hoffman  
R. Zac Kamenetz  
R. Josh Ladon  
Ze'ev Neumeier  
Mark Schickman  
Steve Silberblatt  
Aron Wolgel

### *Shofar Blower*

Jonathan Lyon

### *Shofar Blowing at Gan*

Adam Brelow  
Jacob Schwartz



## *Toda Rabah Our Utmost Gratitude*

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### ***Sukkah Builders***

Ronnie Azuara  
Nae Golomb  
Douglas Walters

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Joel Resnikoff

### ***Sanctuary Setup***

Bella Barany  
Boaz Buchman  
Sharon Bernstein  
R. Yonatan, Hoshaya  
and Gavriel Cohen  
Carol Cunradi  
Michael Diamond  
Malcolm Feeley  
Hillik Frank  
Joe Friedman  
Natan Goldstein  
Susan Jacobson  
The Kam Family  
Aaron Kenin  
Leora Lawton  
Desmid Lyon  
The Miranda Family  
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Racheli Perl  
Jonathan Purcell  
The Rappaport Family  
Irene Resnikoff  
Abi and Sam Rudnick  
Asaf Shor  
Francesco & Ariel Spagnolo  
Naomi and Bob Stamper  
M. Victoria Sutton

### ***Torah and Haftarah Readers***

Jamie Conway  
Benjamin Epstein  
Michael Feiner  
Na'aman Kam  
Isaac Kaplan  
Daniel Lewis  
Glenn Massarano  
Ze'ev Neumeier  
Nadav Rappoport  
Zvi Rosen  
Mark Schickman  
Raanan Schweig  
Aron Wolgel

### ***Readers \****

Jenny Kirsch  
Yael Krieger  
Hannah Lyon  
Nell Mahgel-Friedman  
Judy Massarano  
Nava Schweig  
M Victoria Sutton  
Rona Teitelman  
Meena Viswanath

*\*Hakarat HaTov (gratitude) to Meena  
Viswanath for teaching a women's  
leyning class at CBI, and preparing  
several women from the class to leyn  
on Simchat Torah in the women's  
Torah reading.*

### ***Women's Simchat Torah Reading Coordinators***

Judy Massarano  
Meena Viswanath

### ***Yeah! Sock & Underwear Drive***

Jennifer Kamenetz

### ***Yizkor Book***

Lois Marcus  
Susie Marcus

### ***Yizkor Lights***

Carol Cunradi  
Jory Gessow  
Seth Greenberg

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Natan and Lili Kuchar  
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Shira Desta  
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High Holiday sermons  
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Kiddush is where community happens. Sponsoring a kiddush helps us build and sustain community.

## Kiddush Sponsors

**July 15:** Anonymous; Laya Cooperman; Matan Gilbert in honor of Dan Lewis and the blessing of *parnassah*; Leora Lawton with gratitude for Joelle and Avraham; Desmid Lyon for the first yahrzeit of her aunt, Stefanie Bendix Barchat

**July 22 in honor of the return of R. Cohen & family sponsored by the CBI family and the following:**

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Yzquierdo; Sheldon & Marti Zedeck; Ben & Jo-Ellen Zeitlin

**June 29:** Aaron Marcus in honor of the visit of his children and their families (Joshua Marcus, Karen Marcus, Lily Marcus, and Owen Marcus; Elisheva Marcus, Henning Schaefer, Frieda Schaefer) and in honor of his donations to CBI for the redecoration of the upstairs classroom/office of Maharat Victoria Sutton and for a new Memorial/Yahrzeit Tablet.

**August 5:** Ari Weber with gratitude to the CBI community;

Paul & SerachBracha Albert, Anonymous, Miriam Barrere, Adam Brelow & M. Victoria Sutton, Andrea Brott, R. Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen, Jamie Conway & Meena Viswanath, Benjamin Epstein, Jory & Lisa Gessow, Michael Kaye, Wendy Kenin, Leora Lawton, Amalya Lehmann, Dan Lewis, Raphael Magarik, Glenn & Judith Massarano, Shaya Potter, Nadav & Nechama Rappoport, Dean & Lauren Robinson, Luna Schector, Lauren Schuchart, Muni & Tania Schweig, Chanan Zupnick & Eden Gerson, wishing a fond farewell to Ari Weber

Marvin and Sara Engel and Rhoda Agin in honor of Marv and Sara's 50th Anniversary

Shaya Potter thanking the community for their hospitality on his last Shabbat in Berkeley

Nimrod and Aliza Elias in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary and in honor of Rabbi Cohen, who married us ten years ago today, and his wife Frayda Gonshor Cohen.

**August 12:** Batya Schick in memory of her father Martin ben Victor on his 19th yahrzeit.

Mimi Weisel and Paul Hamburg in honor of their children and grandchildren who are all visiting.

**August 19:** Hilla Abel in honor of her husband Asaf Shor's birthday

Rebecca Angel honoring the CBI family

Anonymous

Ken and Sara Bamberger celebrating their first Shabbat back in Berkeley after two years in Israel

Miriam Barrere in memory of my loving grandparents Judith and Herman Garlan, on her 5th and his 20th yahrzeit ר"ה

Carol and Jim Cunradi in memory of Jim's dad, George Cunradi, z"l, on his 13th yahrzeit

Regina Kirsch in honor of Jory and Lisa Gessow

Brinah Krelstein in memory of her husband Murray

Michael Krelstein In honor of my father's טיציאָן this Shabbat Murray Krelstein ז"ל

Annetta and Ken Lipman in honor of their 24th anniversary

**August 26** in honor of Tania Schweig as OHDS head of school:

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Harry & Dorothy Rubin; Robert & June Safran; Bruno Salama & Rachel Factor; Ory & Tamar Sandel; Peter Dale Sco□ & Ronna Kabatznick; Aliza Shapiro; Gabriel & Deborah Shapiro; Steven Silberbla□ & Rita Kohl; Birger & Juliet Stamperdahl; Jenna Sta□eld; Ari Weber; Stanley Wulf & Linda Press□Wulf

Judith Bloom in honor of Dan Bloom, ז"ל, supporter of Jewish education on his yahrzeit

Jory & Lisa Gessow in honor of their 24th anniversary

**September 2:** The Stein Family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Gili Stein

**September 9 in honor of Maharat Victoria Sutton:** Paul & SerachBracha Albert; Noah & Hope Alper; Oded & Rebecca Angel; Katrin Arefy; Ronald & Bella Barany; Yehuda Ben-Israel & Rona Rothenberg; Tony & Kathleen Bloom; Brian & Lisa Blumenband; Robert & Barbara Budnitz; Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen; Darrell Cohn & Leah Kahn; Jim & Carol Cunradi; Benjamin & Sara Darmoni; Susanne DeWitt; Alisa Einwohner; Nimrod Elias & Aliza Craimer Elias; Frank & Lisa Elias; Marvin & Sara Engel; Benjamin Epstein; Jane Falk; Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado; Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas; Jory & Lisa Gessow; Terence & Olga Gordon; Preston & Anya Grant; Paul Hamburg & Mimi Weisel; Jacob & Rena Harari; Jacob & Rachel Heitler; Ezra & Toby Hendon; Alison Jordan; Aaron Katler & Deborah Fink; Doni Katz & Stephanie Shelan Katz; Josh & Jenny Kirsch; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Eliahu Klein & Cynthia Scheinberg; Derek & Mau-

reen Krantz; Amalya Lehmann; Daniel Lewis; Ross Libenson & Susie Marcus; Laura Lipman; Desmid Lyon; Gary & Lois Marcus; Jonah Markowitz; Miriam Petruck; Ed & Phyllis Miller; Jonathan Purcell; Dean & Lauren Robinson; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes; Mordecai & Rena Rosen; Philip Rosenthal & Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal; Robert & June Safran; Luna Schector; Barbara Schick; Muni & Tania Schweig; Peter Dale Scott & Ronna Kabatznick; Aliza Shapiro; Henry & Violette Sibony; Steven Silberblatt & Rita Kohl; David Spieler & Rachel Schorr; The Schuberts; Muni & Tania Schweig; Jeff & Doreet Stein; Joshua & Piera Willner; Fried & Ruth Wittman; Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund; Joelle Yzquierdo; Simon & Rochelle Zak; Sheldon & Martha Zedeck; Ben & Jo-Ellen Zeitlin

**September 16 in Honor of Benjamin Epstein's birthday:** Paul & SerachBracha Albert; Brian & Lisa Blumenband; Yonatan & Frayda Cohen; Eden Gerson & Chanan Zupnick; Jeremy Halpern; Dave Held; Stephanie & Doni Katz; Elissa Kittner; Amalya Lehmann; Dina Levitan; Raphael Magarik; Lois & Gary Marcus; Noah & Melissa Nathan; Dorit Resnikoff; Irene & Joel Resnikoff; Lauren & Dean Robinson; Nehama Rogozen; Zvi Rosen & Matty Lichtenstein; Luna Schector; Lauren Schuchart; Sarah Silverman & Elan Weinstock; Tali Singer; M. Victoria Sutton & Adam Brelow; Rachel Treisman & Noam Saper; Rona Teitelman; Meena Viswanath & Jamie Conway

**September 21 Rosh Hashana Day 1:** Jim & Carol Cunradi; Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado; Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas; Stephanie Green; Ezra & Toby Hendon; David & Hanna Hindawi; Alison Jordan; Josh & Jenny Kirsch; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Ross Libenson & Susie Marcus; Laura Lipman; Gary & Lois Marcus; Jonah Markowitz; James Mitrani; Mordy & Rena Rosen; Bob & June Safran; Peter Dale Scott & Ronna Kabatznick in memory of Jeffrey, Joan and Norman Kabatznick; Aliza Shapiro; Jeff & Doreet Stein; Joshua & Piera Willner; Shelly & Marti Zedeck

**September 21 Rosh Hashana Day 2: Jim & Carol Cunradi; Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado; Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas; Ezra & Toby Hendon; David & Hanna Hindawi; Alison Jordan; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Laura Lipman; Gary & Lois Marcus; Jonah Markowitz; James Mitrani; Mordy & Rena Rosen; Peter Dale Scott & Ronna Kabatznick** in memory of Jeffrey, Joan and Norman Kabatznick; **Jeff & Doreet Stein; Joshua & Piera Willner; Shelly & Marti Zedeck**

**September 22:** Congregation Beth Israel

**September 30 Break Fast Sponsors:** Jory and Lisa Gessow; Chaim and Nell Maghel-Friedman; Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal and Philip Rosenthal in memory of Helen & Jack Rosenthal, Phil's

grandparents and Sherrin's father Jordan packer who gave us a foundation in Judaism and k'lal yisroel and in memory of our friends we lost in the Yom Kippur war and cousin Shelby Lerner who fought a brave fight against brain cancer and left the world with so many people's lives enriched with Judaism and kindness and Mrs Shapiro, a wonderful friend and neighbor who celebrated Jewish holidays and had a great British and Yiddish sense of humor. And in honor of all those who have hosted or offered to host us for a Shabbat or yom Tov meal: Marti & Shelly Zedeck, Naomi & Bob Stamper, Sheila & Marv Yudenfreund, Bathea and Sam James, Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas, Irene and Joel Resnikoff, Ronna Kabatznick & Peter Dale Scott, Sara & Benni Darmoni, and the hachnassat orchim volunteer hosts and Rabbi Rue's wonderful Shabbat class. And finally to those who have made us feel welcome at CBI: Dorothy and Harry Rubin; Bob and Naomi Stamper; Jeff and Doreet Stein; Wulf Family

**October 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Day Sukkot:** Rebecca & Oded Angel in honor of Marie Angel's 32nd birthday; Saul & Sarah Miranda in honor of Judy Massarrano for teaching Torah to Josue, and Ariel Wolgel for preparing Rebecca for her Bat Mitzvah; Philip Rosenthal & Sherrin-Packer Rosenthal

**October 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Sukkot:** Nae Golomb in memory of her mother, Faye Feldman Golomb, Faiga bas Avraham; Isaac Kaplan in memory of his father, Arthur Kaplan, Avraham ben Moshe

**October 7:** Yehuda Ben-Israel and Rona Rothenberg in honor of Hope and Noah Alper; Batya Schick

**October 12 Shemini Atzeret:** Irene Unterberger; Congregation Beth Israel

**October 12 Simchat Torah Light Meal Sponsors:** Adam Brelow and M. Victoria Sutton; Leora Lawton in honor of her father's 95th birthday; Batsheva and David Miller in honor of Rebbe Nachman's 207th yortzeit; Debbie Pearl; Cynthia Scheinberg

and Gavi Klein in honor of Eliahu's Birthday; the Schubert Family; the Schweig Family

**October 13 Simchat Torah:** Bella and Ronald Barany; Robi & Miriam Cohen; Yoni & Laya Cooperman; Jim & Carol Cunradi ; Alisa Einwohner; Ezra & Toby Hendon; Gladys & Phil Leider; Ray Lifchez; Laura Lipman; Glenn Massarano in honor of Judy's Hebrew birthday (on Sh'mini Atzeret); Jeff & Jodie Morgan; Jeff & Doreet Stein; Irene Unterberger; Dov Weinstock; Josh and Piera Willner

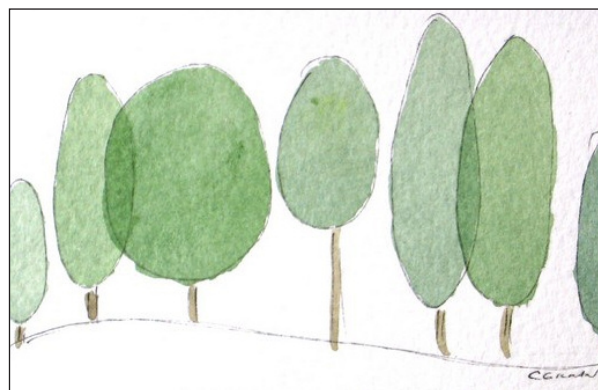
**October 14:** Irene Unterberger 10th yearzeit of her mother Theodora Lichtenstein Unterberger; Miriam R L Petruck in honor of her father, R. Marvin Petruck z"l, and his lifelong passion in learning Torah.

**October 21: Jeff and Jodie Morgan:** In honor of Jeff's Bar Mitzvah one year ago and the end of a successful harvest. Our thoughts are with all those who have suffered as a result of the wine country fires and we offer prayers for their success in recovering, rebuilding and replanting.

**October 28: In memory of Leonard Cohen, Eliezer Ben Nissan HaKohen v Masha — May he have endless aliyot in Hashomayim:** Paul & Serach Bracha Albert, James Bisso & Judith Schwartz, Judith Bloom, Sheila Braufman, Avraham & Ruchama Burrell, Jacob & Diane Cohen, R. Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen, Jim & Carol Cunradi, Sanne DeWitt, Marvin & Sara Engel, Terry & Olga Gordon, Alison Jordan, Brian Kabatznick, Brinah Krelstein, Elizabeth Levinsky, Ray Lifchez, Dan & Robinn Magid, John Pilkington & Linda Levy, Marc Roth, June & Bob Safran, Ory & Tamar Sandel, SaraLeya Schley, Peter Dale Scott & Ronna Kabatznick, David Spieler & Rachel Schorr, Laila Stone, Joelle Yzquierdo & Benjamin Norton

Jonathan Purcell in honor of the 15th yearzeit of his Father Simcha Purcell z"l

Ronna Kabatznick in honor of the 24th yearzeit of her brother, Jacob Avraham ben Natan Mich'l, z'l





## Hachnassat Orchim

Shabbat Lunch Hospitality • In Appreciation

Miriam Barrere • Jory & Lisa Gessow • Jacob & Rachel Heitler • Toby & Ezra Hendon  
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## Seudah Shlishit

Sponsored by Avraham Burrell, Josh Kirsch, Dan Lewis, in honor of  
Yonim Schweig's last Shabbat in Berkeley before heading off to study in Israel



## Homeless Shelter

### Upcoming Dates • Please Join Us

November 22 • December 27 • January 24 • February 21 • March 28 • April 25 • May 23

Thank you to all those who shopped, cooked, served and cleaned up:

Oded & Rebecca Angel

Ronna Bach

Miriam Barrere

Zach Cardin

Daniel & Inbal Cohen

Carol Cunradi

Malcolm Feeley

Gabriel Feiner

Ezra Furman

Jesse & Katya Gerwein

Lisa Gessow

Yakov Harari

Bathea James

Ronna Kabatznick & Peter Dale Scott

Maureen & Shai Krantz

Linda Levine

Aaron Marcus

Judy Massarano

Melissa & Noah Nathan

Sarah Pace

Elliot Onn

Adi Rappoport

Rona Rothenberg

Deborah Shaw

Naomi Stamper

Coby, Doreet & Gili Stein

Marvin Yudenfreund

Marti Zedeck





## Baruch Dayan Emet Condolences

*We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of:*

**Michael Fuss**, beloved father of Ilan Fuss, Ari Breakstone, and Rina Breakstone.

**Ziva Fassberg (Ziva bat Naftalie & Miriam Dolgich)** beloved mother of Hanna Hindawi and mother-in-law of David Hindawi. Ziva was beloved by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ziva also served as a Gan Shalom teacher during the preschool's early years and was deeply loved by the Gan's children.

**Meir Halwani (Meir ben Eliyahu u'Miriam)** beloved husband of Sarah Halwani and beloved father of Eli Halwani, Miriam Cohen, Levana Kerem, and Chaim Halwani. The beloved grandfather of our rabbi, Yonatan Cohen, Meir was blessed with 13 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

**Johanna Schnittman**, beloved mother of Sara Darmoni and mother-in-law of Benjamin Darmoni. She is survived by her husband Irv Schnittman, Sara's siblings Evan and Ronald and five grandchildren, among them Yishai Darmoni.

**Peter Lantos (Avraham ben Yosef v' Fruma)**, beloved father of Linda Lantos and her brother Robert, father-in-law of Joshua Reich, and adoring grandfather of Noam and Niva. He is also survived by two siblings in Israel, Eva and Laszlo.

**Jack Schaps**, beloved husband of Peggy Schaps, father of Lauren Greenberg and Susan Schaps, father-in-law of Seth Greenberg and Rob Shelton, and beloved grandfather of Eliana, Molly, and Roni Greenbeg, and Matthew and DJ Shelton.

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

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

## Mazal Tov

### BIRTHS

To **Sarit and Udi Oster** on the birth of a baby boy, Arbel on July 6.

To **R. Daniel and Eliezhah Blumenthal Hoffman** on the birth of a baby boy on September 11.

To **Naomi Kincler and Sagar Pilania and big sister Raina** on the birth of a baby girl, Kiren on September 24

To grandparents **Avraham & Ruchama Burrell** on the birth of a baby girl to Avraham's son, Zalman Krems & his wife Simcha big sister Devorah and big brothers Ari, Izzy, Mordi & David.

To first-time grandmother **SaraLeya Schley**, and her son and daughter-in-law Carl and Jennifer Harrington on the birth of a baby girl Hazel Ann Harrington

To **Tamar and Ory Sandel big sisters Talya and Gaby and big brother Eytan** on the birth of a baby boy on November 2.

*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 **Gili Stein** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Ki Teitzei

### MAZEL TOV

L'chaim to **Michael Kaye**: Kaye Malvasia took Double-Gold and Silver for his wines at the California State Fair.





## Birthdays

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Bob Albietz, November 1  
Oded Angel, November 3  
Sam Rudnick, November 5, 7th birthday  
Leif Stamperdahl, November 7, 10th birthday  
Johana Afenjar, November 8  
Meyer Lewis, November 8, 11th birthday  
Eytan Sandel, November 8, 4th birthday  
Etaï Naftalin-Kelman, November 10, 6th birthday  
Daniel Roi Schweig, November 10, 11th birthday  
Eden Gerson, November 11  
Nina Smith, November 12, 15th birthday  
Allen Caleb Rosen, November 13, 4th birthday  
Aric Lasry, November 14  
Shamira Kenin, November 16, 4th birthday  
Lauren Robinson, November 16  
Laura Lipman, November 17  
Evyatar Shalem Kam, November 18, 5th birthday  
Patricia Kipnis, November 18  
Gregg Morris, November 18  
Dorothy Rubin, November 19  
Susanne DeWitt, November 20  
Celia Haber, November 20, 18th birthday  
Joel Finbloom, November 21  
Rachel Factor, November 22  
SerachBracha Albert, November 25  
Elissa Kittner, November 25  
Meena Viswanath, November 25  
Wendy Kenin, November 26  
Eli Silins, November 27  
Yaffa Jelen, November 29, 5th birthday  
Jodie Morgan, November 29  
Joel Gerwein, November 30  
Judah Ariel Biton-Harel, December 1, 3rd birthday  
Ayala Pearl Felson, December 4, 8th birthday  
Jenny Kirsch, December 4  
Jeremy Smith, December 4  
Fanya Fenton, December 6, 12th birthday  
Koby Fenton, December 6, 12th birthday  
Dean Robinson, December 6  
Molly Kinstle, December 7, 14th birthday  
Ory Sandel, December 7  
Ezra Studley, December 7, 7th birthday  
Jamie Conway, December 8  
Josh Fleet, December 8  
Racheli Perl, December 8  
Noga Bekenstein, December 9, 6th birthday  
Muni Schweig, December 10  
Nogah Riva-Leah Felson, December 12, 5th birthday  
Derek Krantz, December 12  
Ayelet Krieger, December 13  
Daniel Simon, December 17, 8th birthday  
Noah Alper, December 18  
Batyah Menuchah Jasper, December 18, 15th birthday  
Doreet Stein, December 18  
Gaby Sandel, December 19, 16th birthday  
Roni Rappoport, December 22, 6th birthday  
Shai Jonah Steinman, December 22, 13th birthday  
Maureen Krantz, December 24  
Jonathan Lyon, December 25  
Yael Solomon, December 25, 2nd birthday  
Yaakov Yosef Miranda, December 26, 7th birthday  
Louis Schubert, December 26  
Gary Boland, December 27  
Fran Alexander, December 31  
Joan Ominsky, December 31  
Steven Ominsky, January 1  
Bruno Meyerhof Salama, January 1  
Sarah Jasper, January 2  
Craig Rudnick, January 3  
Irene Smith, January 3  
Samuel Lawrence Tendler, January 3, 7th birthday  
Elisha Sherman Tendler, January 4, 5th birthday  
Orli Hellerstein, January 5, 16th birthday  
Elisheva Davidi, January 6, 5th birthday  
Menashe Kirsch, January 7, 8th birthday  
Margaret Stone, January 7, 9th birthday  
Jane Turbiner, January 9  
Talia Dorothy Bamberger, January 10, 5th birthday  
Hannah Rose Kabella, January 10, 16th birthday  
Jeff Shannon, January 10  
Jed (Selah) Kuchar, January 11, 1st birthday  
Peter Dale Scott, January 11  
Piera Willner, January 12  
Sam James, January 13  
Gary Katz, January 13  
Barbara Schick, January 13  
Henry Sibony, January 15  
Marvin Yudenfreund, January 17  
Mira Kittner, January 18, 18th birthday  
Stav Shor, January 18, 6th birthday  
Hodayah Tal Miller, January 20, 18th birthday  
Gideon Gray Zeitlin, January 20, 5th birthday  
Masha Rose Kellerman, January 21, 2nd birthday  
Carmel Bekenstein, January 22, 3rd birthday  
Amarya Cohen, January 22, 3rd birthday  
Judah Tendler, January 25, 3rd birthday  
Rebecca Landes, January 27  
Allen Mayer, January 27  
Michael Alperin, January 31, 10th birthday  
Leah Kahn, January 31  
Iris Greenberg-Smith, February 2  
Rena Harari, February 2  
Linda Levy, February 2  
Matan Gilbert, February 3  
Janice Mac Millan, February 5  
William Solomon Rosen, February 6, 2nd birthday  
Hiram Simon, February 7  
Phyllis Miller, February 8  
Milo Lasry, February 10, 1st birthday  
Darrell Cohn, February 11  
Ayala Kuchar, February 12, 6th birthday  
Jonathan Purcell, February 12  
Asa Kittner, February 14, 16th birthday  
Terence Gordon, February 16  
Nell Mahgel-Friedman, February 16

Steven Solomon, February 17  
Elisheva Malka Wiseman, February 17, 10th birthday  
Olga Gordon, February 18  
Meir Shlomo Yedidiah Miller, February 18, 16th birthday  
Sam Ginsburg, February 19  
Adam Brelow, February 22  
Dahlia Hellerstein, February 22, 13th birthday  
Issy Kipnis, February 22  
Joshua Fenton, February 23  
Jonah Markowitz, February 23  
Joel Resnikoff, February 23  
Sarah Silverman, February 24  
Katya Gerwein, February 25  
Ruth Brelow, February 27, 3rd birthday  
Judah Isaacson, February 27, 3rd birthday  
Victoria Sutton, February 27  
Anshel Astmann, February 28, 5th birthday  
Maya Heitler, February 28, 2nd birthday

## Anniversaries

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Oded & Rebecca Angel, November 17, 43rd anniversary  
Terence & Olga Gordon, November 20, 43rd anniversary  
Paul & Anna Belle Panish, November 22, 55th anniversary  
Sam & Bathea James, November 25, 41st anniversary  
Aaron Marcus, December 15, 32nd anniversary  
Muni & Tania Schweig, December 22, 20th anniversary  
Mark & Susan Schickman, December 25, 38th anniversary  
Elie Hassenfeld & Talia Falk, January 1, 9th anniversary  
Kenny & Aliza Weiss, January 5, 13th anniversary  
Jeff & Jodie Morgan, January 9, 30th anniversary  
Harry & Dorothy Rubin, January 14, 66th anniversary  
Roger Studley & Chai Levy, January 14, 11th anniversary  
Adam Brelow & Victoria Sutton, January 15, 4th anniversary  
Joshua Ladon & Yael Krieger, January 17, 8th anniversary  
David & Bat Sheva Miller, January 22, 27th anniversary  
Chaim & Nell Mahgel-Friedman, February 2, 15th anniversary  
Sagar Pilania & Naomi Kincler, February 14, 4th anniversary







## Donations

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### GAN SHALOM BUILDING FUND

Tony & Kathleen Bloom  
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### GAN SHALOM PRESCHOOL

Paul & SerachBracha Albert  
Nimrod & Aliza Craimer Elias  
Jacob & Rachel Heitler

### GENERAL FUND

Paul & SerachBracha Albert: in honor of the birth of Avraham Burrell's grandchild  
Anonymous  
Edwin & Diane Bernbaum: in memory of Michael Fuss  
Aaron Blumenfeld: for tzedakah; on the yahrzeit of his beloved wife, Barbara  
Barry & Carol Brelow: with gratitude for the aliyah and the warm welcome  
Joan Brunswick: welcoming to the community R. Ariel Mayse and Adina Polen, and their three young sons, Ezra, Nahum and Daniel  
Robert & Paula Cohen  
Jamie Conway & Meena Viswanath: for kapparot  
Jim & Carol Cunradi: in honor of the birth of Avraham's new granddaughter; in memory of Meir Halwani, z"l  
Susanne DeWitt: in memory of Laila Ruth Dewitt  
Alisa Einwohner: in memory of R. Cohen's grandfather Meir Halwani, z"l  
Jane Falk: in honor of Sara and Marv Engel's 50th wedding anniversary; in memory of Jack Schaps, z"l; in memory of R. Cohen's grandfather Meir Halwani, z"l; in memory of Sara Darmoni's mother, Johanna Schnittman  
David D. Feldman: thank you for your welcome during Yom Kippur  
Shoshana & Dov Glickman: in honor of Rena and Mordy Rosen with gratitude for their *hachnassat orchim* this summer  
Elizabeth Goldwasser: thank you for your welcome at Neilah  
N. R. Golomb: for yizkor on Yom Kippur and Shemini Atzeret  
Aron & Anna Gonshor: in memory of Nono Meir Halwani

Terence & Olga Gordon: in memory of Meir Halwani, beloved grandfather of R. Cohen

Yuval & Sigalit Hamburg: thanks to Hope and Noah Alper for their hospitality

Howard & Sharon Hirt: Daven for Eitan Zev

Sam & Bathea James: in memory of Diane James

Aaron Katler & Deborah Fink: for yizkor

Izyaslav & Raisa Kreymer: in memory of our dear parents

Leonard Kristal & Denise Resnikoff: in memory of my father Irving Lipton

Avi Langer: shanah tovah!

Boaz & Liya Levanda: to the Kids education fund

Ross Libenson & Susie Marcus & family: in memory of Ziva Fassberg (Ziva bat Naftalie & Miriam Dolgich) beloved mother of Hanna Hindawi and mother-in-law of David Hindawi, with love

Donald Light & Linda Diamond: in memory of Jack Schaps, may his memory be a blessing

Abraham Magidish

Aaron Marcus: in honor of Hiram Simon for his kind loan of child equipment while my kids and grandkids visited

Tzvi. Marx

Shymona, Michael and Adiya Nyberg: thank you to M. Victoria Sutton and CBI for your warm hospitality during our stay last summer; in honor of M. Victoria Sutton, the Sudikoff and the Kirsch families

Daniel Ordan: in appreciation of R. Cohen's gracious welcome, and of the CBI community

Udi & Sarit Oster: in honor of the birth and naming of their son Arbel; celebrating his *pidyon haben*

Sagar Pilania & Naomi Kincler: in honor of the birth of their daughter Kiren Faye Pilania

Marshall & Sigla Potter: for the Kohen aliya for Marshall Potter on Shabbos Nachamu, Parashat Va'etchanan; We enjoyed our Shabbos at CBI with our son and the whole community

Joel & Irene Resnikoff

Steve Safier: Thank you for your hospitality and warmth. A special thanks to Maharat Sutton, to her husband Adam, Avraham Burrell, David Spieler, who helped set up the Kiddush and walked with me Friday night after shul and, of course, Ruthie. Your shul is very special and I hope to return and to meet Rabbi Cohen, too



## Donations

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Edna Schechtman: with gratitude for the welcome during my visit

Barbara Schick: in memory of Andrea Brott's father, in memory of Avraham Burrell's father, and in recognition of the good deeds of the Darmonis; in memory of R. Cohen's grandfather, Meir Halwani

Joe & Laura Schickman

Yoel & Channa Schwartz

Eric & Rachel Seder: in honor of the wedding of Terry & Olga Gordon's son Kevin to Laila Rubin; in honor of Gili Stein's Bar Mitzvah

Aliza Shapiro: in appreciation of M. Victoria Sutton; in honor of Meena Viswanath's generous sharing of leyning; wishing a sweet new year to CBI

Henry & Violette Sibony: for aliya; for yiskor

Claudia Valas

Marvin & Maxine Winer: in memory of Rachmiel Goodstein, of Joe Simon, Norman Winer, Jenny Goodstein

Aron & Ariel Wolgel

Hilah Zohar: for kapparot for Hilah bat Frayda, Melissa Leah bat Brenna Rivka, Anya Sarah bat Melissa Leah, Emunah Bracha bat Melissa Leah; for tzedakah; in gratitude to Hashem for the health of my family: Melissa Leah bat Brenna Rifka; Anya Sarah bat Melissa Leah; Emunah Bracha bat Melissa Leah; Doreen Hilah bat Frances Frayda

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Paul & Serach Bracha Albert: in memory of Meir Halwani

Oded & Rebecca Angel: in memory of Meir Halwani (Meir ben Eliyahu u'Miriam)

Anonymous

Jerome & Muriel Beck: in honor of the bar mitzvah of Gili Noam Stein

Edwin & Diane Bernbaum: In memory of Meir Halwani, grandfather of Rabbi Cohen

Bernice Bradley

Jim & Carol Cunradi: in memory of Jack Schaps, father of Lauren Greenberg; in memory of Norman Kabatznick, father of Ronna Kabatznick

Ron Elkayam: in appreciation of the community

Marvin & Sara Engel: In memory of Meir Halwani (Meir ben Eliyahu u'Miriam)

Inna Gerlovina

Matthew Gershuny: in memory of Andrea Brott's father, William Adam

Daniel & Eliezah Hoffman

Alison Jordan: in honor of R. Yonatan Cohen, M. Victoria Sutton and the congregation; in memory of Johanna Schnittman, mother of Sara Darmoni; in memory of Meir Halwani, z"l, grandfather of Rabbi Cohen

Lisa King: in memory of Michael Fuss

Alan & Elissa Kittner

Leonard Kristal & Denise Resnikoff: in memory of R. Cohen's grandfather Meir Halwani (Meir ben Eliyahu u'Miriam)

Avi Langer

Philip & Gladys Leider

Ray Lifchez: for the Homeless Shelter fund

Kennard & Annetta Lipman: in honor of Naomi Lipman's 15th birthday

Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner: in memory of Meir Halwani

Daniel & Robinn Magid: in memory of Meir Halwani (Meir ben Eliyahu u'Miriam)

Daniel Markowitz & Deborah Sopher

Glenn & Judith Massarano: in memory of all for whom we say Yizkor, and in honor of new life! Mazal tov to Savta Sara Leya Schley!

David & Bat Sheva Miller: Mazal Tov to Tania Schweig! Looking forward for an amazing year!!!

Edward & Phyllis Miller: in honor of everyone who made our holiday services so special; in memory of Johanna Schnittman; in memory of Meir Halwani

Esaul & Ana Sarah Miranda

James Mitrani

Michael & Sarah Mrejen: Pidyon Kapparot

Nancy Nelson: in memory of Salma Turbiner, mother of Jane Turbiner, from CalSWEC (Jane's employer)

Jay & Randi Rothman: Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: In deep gratitude for the support R. Cohen and the wonderful CBI community during the difficult days after Jesse's accident. Thank God he is fully recovered. He is now engaged to be married to wonderful Chloe.

Peter Dale Scott & Ronna Kabatznick: for Ray Lifchez's speedy healing and recovery; in honor of Sara and Marv Engel's 50th wedding anniversary; in memory of Jack Schaps, father of Lauren Greenberg; in

memory of Meir Halwani (Meir ben Eliyahu u'Miriam); Mazel Tov to SaraLeya Schley on the birth of her granddaughter, Hazel Ann Harrington; in memory of Johanna Schnittman, mother of Sara Darmoni; on the yahrzeit of Minna Kabatznick, z"l  
 Aliza Shapiro  
 Deborah Shaw  
 David & Rikki Sudikoff: in memory of Michael Fuss  
 Friedner & Ruth Wittman: with gratitude for the *misheberach* said for Leah Ruth ben Chaim v' Binya Lieb  
 Randy Wohl: with gratitude for the extraordinary hospitality of Seth and Lauren Greenberg  
 Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund: In memory of Margo, dear sister-in-law of Phyllis and Ed Miller

Steve Zipperstein & Susan Berrin: in support of the wonderful work of R. Yonatan Cohen and M. Victoria Sutton

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Hiram Simon



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 Anonymous  
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 Kirsten Barrere  
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 R. Yonatan & Frayda Cohen  
 Richard Cohen  
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