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## From The President

Here I am finally, in the place I thought I could avoid forever. I have been sitting in the last row at shul for the last three decades, listening with my eyes closed to the drashot of Rabbis Forman, Finkelman, Silverman and Cohen, actively and passively participating in the spiritual, social and functional operation of the shul.

Fully enjoying and benefiting from the courage and guidance of leaders in the community. But destiny has a way of finding you even in your most secret hiding place. Destiny, in my case, came disguised in the soft voices of Leslie Valas, Stan Wulf and Rabbi Cohen. And so it is finally my turn for the next two years, to lead the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Israel. I am honored to be working with the Board whose members are very talented, dedicated, with a deep love for Beth Israel and generous with their time.

Patricia and I joined CBI when we first moved to Berkeley in 1987, and shortly thereafter we found ourselves totally immersed and committed to this Holy congregation. CBI has been a pillar of the Jewish identity of our family. Starting from the naming of our children and their first taste of Jewish education in Gan Shalom, *bonei mitzvah* in the old building, an *Aufruf* in this new building, and I went through the cycle of mourning for my parents and marrying the children under the spiritual compass of Rabbi Cohen and Maharat Victoria.

My parents dedicated their lives to organizations that are pillars of the Jewish Community in Mexico City. I have a full understanding that a Jewish community can only flourish under the umbrella of strong Jewish institutions. For the next two years I will lead the Board with the goal to ensure that CBI continues into the future to be the foundation of our Orthodox Jewish community in Berkeley for us, our children and grandchildren.

CBI is in the best position it has been over the last 30 years. We have a newish, beautiful and inspiring Sanctuary building, a brand new Gan Shalom building with a new highly respected Gan Director. We have outstanding clergy leadership – and I mean outstanding clergy – in Rabbi Cohen and Maharat Victoria, and we have an established, experienced shul administrator. We sometimes hear complaints – *kvetching* really – that the shul is too full on Shabbat, *halevai va'iter*, may we only continue to have that problem.

In Beth Israel we actively engage our Judaism on many aspects: in prayer, in youth education, in adult education, in community building and outreach,

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in the love for Israel. If you have not attended as of late an evening service or a Shabbat services or a class with Rabbi Cohen or Maharat Victoria, or a Festival at their appointed time, come, you will be inspired. Just look at the annual program that is on your seat to get an indication of the depth and breadth of Torah studying going on at Beth Israel.

But maintaining and advancing this privileged position is not free, not even cheap. To retain our outstanding clergy we have entered into long term contracts, a 3 year contract with Maharat Victoria and a 10 year contract with Rabbi Cohen. These obligations will strain the financial resources of the shul, as they will increase the shul's budget about 25% above current levels over the next 10 years. One of the activities of the Board over the next year will be to prepare a 10-year plan to address the financial outlook and we will be asking you to join us on this 10-year commitment.

With your permission, on this Holy day of Yom Kippur, I will take just a few minutes to talk about the financial resources of the shul. All of the income of CBI comes from every one of you, from the people sitting in this room. In Berkeley, in the Bay Area, different from other places in the world, there is no Federation, there is no *Kehila*, there is no government supporting the synagogues. 100% of the income of CBI comes from you. Please look around, it is us and no one else that makes CBI possible. About 60% of our income comes from dues with the other 40% coming from donations. For better or for worse, CBI has a tradition of depending significantly on our donations. And today's appeal, the Yom Kippur Appeal, is our largest source of donations.

If you have been a member of Congregation Beth Israel for decades, or if this is your first day in our Sanctuary, I ask you to engage with us, to engage to the fullest in this vibrant institution. If you are a young professional who just moved to the Bay Area, or a family with young children in Jewish Schools, or a couple with children in college or if you are retired, I ask you to engage with us, to engage to the fullest in this vibrant institution. If you are visiting and find Beth Israel a warm, welcoming shul, I also ask you to engage with us.

And part of the engagement with your community is a financial engagement. In Beth Israel we follow the giving principle that has been established since the days of the Temple: everyone according to what he can give, according to the blessing that God gives you - *ish kemahtat iado, kebirkat hashem elohecha asher natan lach*. Everyone according to his or her means, but always to the best of our ability and capacity.

Let's ensure that Congregation Beth Israel continues to be our thriving Modern Orthodox shul in Berkeley under the outstanding spiritual leadership of Rabbi Cohen and Maharat Victoria.

If you didn't return your pledge card for the Yom Kippur Appeal, please call the office and make a pledge. If you can fold the tab of \$1000 or more, please do so. If you can fold the tab of \$144 please do so. And then consider folding one or two more tabs to the right. In this Yom Kippur, please consider your means and give to the best of your ability.

I wish the congregation a happy and sweet New Year. Shana tova.

## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL BOARD MEMBERS 2018-2020

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Marti Zedeck  
Sisterhood Representative,  
Susie Marcus  
Past President, Leslie Valas

*The voting results are as follows:*

*Membership dues increase:*

*65 yes, 4 no, 7 abstain*

*Board slate:*

*75 yes, 2 write-in candidates*

*We want to extend a huge thank you to our outgoing President, Leslie Valas, and the entire outgoing Board for their tireless commitment over the past two years. Additionally, we wish a hearty congratulations to our incoming President, Issy Kipnis, and the entire incoming board — we look forward to their wonderful contributions to our community!*

## From Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

Our community recently launched this year's educational program which focuses on the theme of storytelling, titled "*Telling Stories (& Stories That Are Telling)*".

During our course of study we will have multiple opportunities to delve into the centrality of storytelling as a major genre in our tradition.

In developing our vision for the year, Maharat Victoria and I were greatly aided by insights and ideas provided by several members of our community, including R. Joshua Ladon, Natan Kuchar, Adina Polen, and Dr. Bernie Steinberg. We are indebted to their thoughtfulness, creativity, and spirit of volunteerism. In our correspondence on this topic, Dr. Bernie Steinberg offered the following succinct summation of our goals: "Human beings are story-telling creatures. We discover and reveal who we are —our very identities— through our personal stories. We connect with others personally by sharing stories. We form and strengthen our communities through collective narratives that articulate the ethos and mission of our community. We bond with Jews through time and around the globe, and we are inspired to large senses of historic and transcendent purpose through the classical and modern narratives of the Jewish people."

Our year-long course of study will explore the meaning of stories from a variety of perspectives. We'll devote the coming year to telling and listening to stories; to discussing and interpreting stories; to actively exploring and creating stories through various media such as art and creative writing; and to probing and reflecting on the power of stories — how and why they work.

Raizy Lichtenstein's class on Psalms, "*The Hart Yearns: The Inner Life of King David*," which took place in October, explored the relation between these poetic expressions and the stories that depict the life of King David in the Tanach. Maharat Sutton's class, "*What's in a Name?*" in January will continue our focus on Tanach and storytelling by exploring the ways in which the rabbinic tradition offers stories and biographies that fill in or complete the biblical narrative. In addition, in April we will welcome R. Alex Israel (Frayda Gonshor's favorite Tanach teacher!), whose teachings will further examine the ways in which the Tanach tells stories.

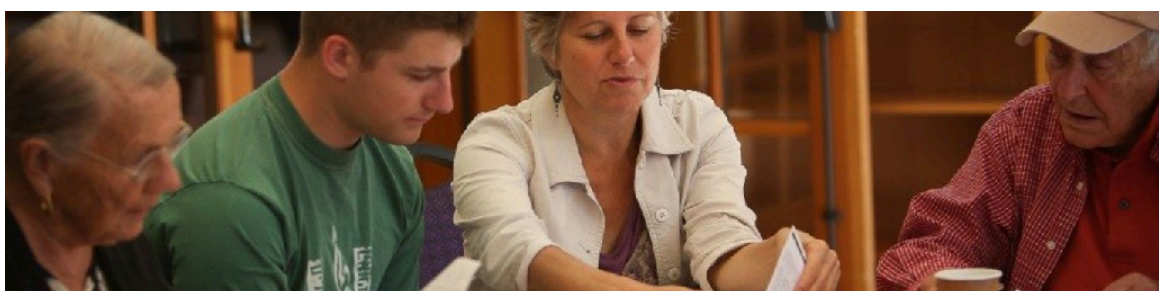
Our series will also delve into storytelling in the world of the rabbis. In November and in March, my class on "*The Most Telling Rabbinic Stories of Dispute*" will enrich our understanding of rabbinic culture in its early and later stages of formation. Rabba Wendy Amsellem's visit in January will present stories that are telling from the treasure-trove of our rabbinic literature and R. Ariel Mayse's series in February, titled "*Narrative in the Jewish Mystical Tradition*" will delve into stories as they are presented in the Zohar and major Hassidic writings.

R. Saks' visit in late October, which focused on the writings of Agnon, as well as Dr. Miriam Udel's visit in March, which will focus on Yiddish literature and folklore, will take us into the world of Hebrew and Yiddish storytelling. Dr. Bernie Steinberg's series in May on "*Lovesick: Dark Tales of Friendship*" will trace a journey from biblical texts, through the bible, to the writing of Franz Kafka.

Finally, Adina Polen's art workshop, "*People of the (Artists') Book*", and Michael Kaye's class on storytelling, "*Tell Your Story: Redemption and Revelation*," will invite members of our community to tell our own stories through these unique creative mediums.

Throughout the year in ChaiLights we will attempt to highlight authors within our community as well as share the stories of some of our newest members as well as some of our long-standing members in the belief that sharing each other's stories will not only strengthen our sense of community but will also enrich or inspire the trajectory of each of our own stories — stories of our own life that are yet to be written.

There is a Hassidic tale that teaches that one arrives to a place of *Teshuva*, of repentance and return, of authenticity and wholesomeness, when one is ready to both hear and tell their own story. My hope for the year is that through engaging in storytelling (and stories that are telling) we will come to better understand our own story, as a community and as individuals, and that we will also become better equipped to tell the story that future generations must learn to hear and transmit.



## Board Member Profile

### Marti Zedeck

By Katrin Arefy

Entering Shelly and Marti Zedeck's beautiful house in Kensington, I was wrapped in a warm greeting that was followed immediately by Marti asking if I had eaten dinner and if I would like something to eat or drink. "How about some water?" she asked, sounding exactly like my mother.

We took our seats in the living room, and Shelly said, "We joined CBI in 1977, after spending a year in Israel. When we came back, we decided that the children needed Jewish education. It was time. So we visited a few synagogues, and we chose CBI. They had a Hebrew school back then. We have been members ever since."

Marti added, "Having been in Israel and having all the holidays come up that I wasn't familiar with, we decided that we wanted our children to be more familiar with Jewish knowledge, tradition, and culture. I grew up next to a synagogue, and I could hear the songs from my fifth-floor window. So the liturgy was familiar to me even though I couldn't read Hebrew."

Shelly grew up going to Hebrew school, after public school, where he learned Jewish history and how to read Hebrew. "I knew how to read Hebrew but not how to speak it. The language we spoke was Yiddish," he explained.

Marti and Shelly grew up in Brooklyn, met at Brooklyn College, and moved here when Sheldon got a position in the psychology department at UC Berkeley in 1969. His focus was industrial psychology.

"Industrial psychology is the study of the behavior of people in the work environment," Sheldon explained. "I was involved in strategies for developing different kinds of tests for various organizations, and I taught related courses at UC Berkeley for over forty years."

Marti studied speech and language therapy and worked as a speech therapist at schools.

They have three children. Cindy, married to Jason Singer, an educator, is project director for the Pediatric Weight Control Program at Lucille Packard Hospital; they have two children, Aidan and Noah. Son Jason, married to Stacey, a nurse, practices law in LA; they have three children, Molly, Ella, and Lilly. Tracy, the youngest, is an aerial firefighter and this past summer she fought the Carr and Mendocino field fires, and is now fighting wild fires in Northern California.

"Our other daughter, Elizabeth, passed away when she was three years old," said Marti. "This was 1978, only months



after we had joined CBI, and people were extremely supportive, helping us get through it. And these were people we didn't even know."

Sheldon retired in 2010, but he still works with professional organizations as well as on UC Berkeley campus with emeriti.

"I review articles for journals, and I am an adviser for several organizations. I am also working on a program to help faculty transition from being a faculty member to being a retired person. It is not an easy transition," Sheldon said.

"Our grandchildren keep us busy, and we travel a lot. We have been to all seven continents. I had five sabbaticals, and we lived in places such as Israel, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, Sweden, New Jersey, and New York. We let our children go to the local schools in the places where we lived, so that they could experience different cultures."

I asked Marti what she does these days. She smiled and with her kind, humble look said "I keep myself busy." Marti is a CBI board member. She also belongs to the University Section Club, which, in part raises money for students in emergency situations. "She is also in their bird-watching group, the art-museum group, the walking group, and the book club," Shelly added. She also has taught some CBI members how to play Mah Jong. And last year, she began to volunteer at Oakland Hebrew Day School, helping students improve English language skills.

"When we had just arrived here, there was no Gan, and the Hebrew school was held in the synagogue. Marti was the leader of the youth education group and helped the classes transfer to the Jefferson building, where the Hebrew school and Gan Shalom co-existed for years."

Marti and Shelly walked me to their doorstep and suggested that I hold on to the railing as I walked down the stone steps. On my way home my heart was full of their warmth and kindness, and my mind was captivated by thoughts of their fascinating lives and journey.



## New Member Profile Betty and Thom Seaton

By Carol Cunradi

Betty attended Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and Boston University. Thom attended Antioch College in Ohio and spent a year abroad at Tel Aviv University in 1968-1969. They met in March 1970 while Betty was pursuing her masters in education and Thom was pursuing his Police Academy training in New Haven. They married that August and in 1971 traveled on the overland route to Berkeley where Betty was later to begin her studies toward a Master's Degree in Information Science (Library Science), focused on school librarianship and Thom would begin law school at what was then called Boalt Hall. Betty had a career as a school librarian at a number of Catholic and public schools in San Francisco and Berkeley. Thom worked at various firms over his career, retiring from full-time employment in 2011 but later was able to assist in a successful Innocence Project case. He volunteers as a docent in the History Gallery of the Oakland Museum of California (thanks to Naomi Stamper). He has audited courses at Cal taught by Israeli scholars brought to Berkeley under the aegis of Ken Bamberger's program. He's a long-suffering Cal football and basketball season ticket holder. He also is a Club Member of AIPAC.

The Seatons have two children. Jonathan lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and does political consulting. Phoebe lives in Sacramento and co-directs the Leadership Counsel for Law and Accountability which, with a staff of about 20, advocates for bringing clean water and government services to underserved towns and cities in the Central Valley.



Thom shared "As those who know us can attest — ask the Harari's — we are somewhat obsessed with accompanying our Golden Doodle Posy wherever she takes us in town and on various trails in the hills. She admits that she has spoiled us. Betty is also involved in various volunteer endeavors, including the Jewish Literacy Project.

We were drawn to CBI by the character, wisdom and humility of Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and by our connection with member families we have known for many years, including Fran Alexander, and the families Harari, Marcus, Panish, Stamper, Budnitz, DeWitt, Kabatnick-Scott, Magid, Miller, Resnikoff, Wittman, among others."

Thom tries to attend shul several weeks per month and has enjoyed the Rabbi's Talmud class and other education offerings. The couple has enjoyed the warmth and fellowship of the Congregation as well.

### *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.*

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## New Member Profile Ruth Phillips Teitelbaum

By Katrin Arefy

Ruth is an artist whose body of work includes graphic design, painting, murals, and photography. She has taught art at schools and has worked in the Jewish Community at Hebrew Schools, camps and women's workshops at Beth Abraham in Oakland. At OHDS she has worked with children with set design and scenic painting for their musical productions.

"The mural in the Discover Room at OHDS is my artwork. [It's] not my usual style, but they wanted to show the animals in their environment, so I painted more realistically"

"I grew up in New Jersey and lived in Israel for a year when I was in eighth grade. I grew up with traditions but was not Orthodox. Being in this community has guided our family more towards feeling at home in an Orthodox community."

Ruth has recently moved from Piedmont to Berkeley and found it more like home. She started to come to CBI about a year ago. "[We chose CBI] because it is a warm community, and my children and I knew some people here already. CBI made sense for my family."

She has three children; Levi is twenty years old, Walter, eighteen, and Sara Aviva, twelve.

## New Member Profile Yossi Ben-nun

By Katrin Arefy

As I sat with Yossi Ben-nun in a coffee shop for his ChaiLights interview, I asked if he was Israeli. He said that he was born and raised in Acco, Israel.

"For me, Israel is my root, my shelter," he said. "It is who I am. I am very passionate about Israel. I came to the USA in 1989 and lived in the Bay Area, but I had always had an urge to go back to Israel. I really wanted to live in Jerusalem. Finally I went back to Israel in 2015 [and lived there] for two years. It was hard to make a living, and it was expensive to live there."

Yossi had been a member at Megan David in San Francisco and Beit Jacob in Oakland. When I asked him why he decided to join Beth Israel, he said, "I was looking for a fresh start, and since I live in Richmond, I thought CBI would be a good choice."

"And how do you like it so far?" I asked.

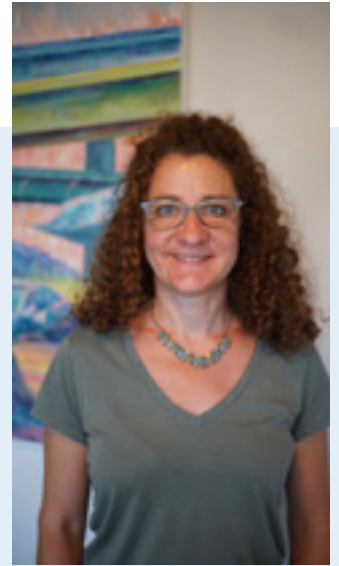
"I like that at Beth Israel people do greet you when you walk in. People acknowledge you for who you are. Being single in an Orthodox community is not easy. Friday nights are

"Even though I didn't grow up Orthodox, my older son went to yeshiva in Israel, and now he will be at Yeshiva University in Manhattan. My daughter is at OHDS and will have her Bat Mitzvah this year. My other son is going to UC Santa Cruz this year. Walter plays the bass and is a runner. Levi plays trumpet. Sara Aviva is very creative and likes to sing. I also play fiddle sometimes."

"I am a trail runner, and I like being outdoors. I also like to bake."

I asked Ruth if she liked anything particular about CBI, and she answered, "I like the feeling of *kavanah* and intellectual learning opportunities at CBI."

"These days I'm working on having an art show. My recent artwork's subject is a view from underneath the freeways."



very important for me, and I get invited for Shabbat dinner. People's doors are more open and [they're] accommodating. [At CBI] there is even a committee that takes care of this, and I really like that."

Yossi's parents immigrated to Israel from Turkey in 1958. Unlike Yossi, the youngest, his siblings were born in Turkey. Yossi speaks Ladino.

Yossi works for 911 Restorations as a project manager and in sales, responding to emergency calls. He loves travel, wine, and food.



## New Member Profile Johana Afenjar and Aric Lasry

*By Katrin Arefy*

Both Johana Afenjar and Aric Lasry come from a Moroccan background, and while they both grew up in Paris, they met in New York, where Johana had moved for school and Aric for work. Together they moved to Berkeley three years ago. They now have two children: Milo who is almost two years old, and Amos who was born in September.

“We moved to the West Coast because Aric’s start-up, Pro-ducteev, was acquired by Jive Software. Aric now works for another start-up, Drive.ai. It develops technology that is related to self-driving cars.” Johana explained.

Johana works for a renewable energy company that builds wind and solar projects. She works with financing for the projects.

Johana said that “One reason we like it here is we love outdoor activities like hiking and swimming. Aric also likes biking and climbing. We like it here because we can do all that.”

Aric added, “Also Berkeley is in some ways similar to France. It is charming, and there is fine food. There are many aspects of Berkeley that remind us of home.”



The young family joined CBI about a year ago.

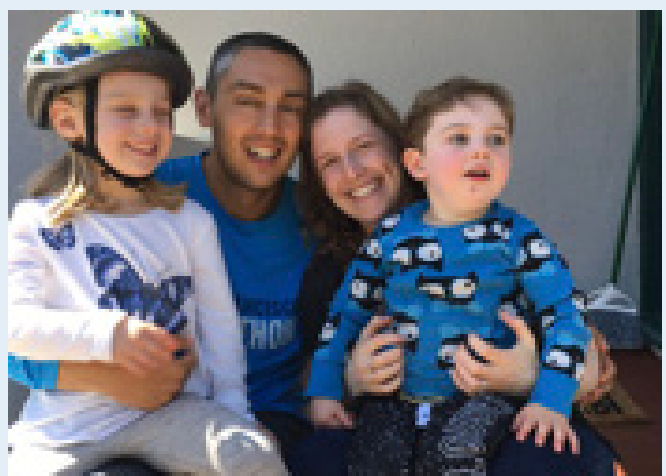
“We love CBI because it is very open, and it is a beautiful place. I love the fact that the members of the community are educated. I love that it is modern Orthodox that is close to the rituals that we knew in France. But in France [our synagogue] was more traditional. I like that here men and women are sitting in a more open area.”

Aric explained that in France women have much smaller place in synagogue. “I didn’t know how bad it was and to what extent [women were marginalized] until I saw that it could be different.”

## New Member Profile Talía and Elie Hassenfeld

*Interview by Eden Gerson*

Talia and Elie moved to Berkeley from San Francisco because they were looking for a place with more space, a high walk score, and were interested in joining the CBI community. With their three children, Noa, Julian and new baby Siena, the Hassenfeld family’s favorite parts of Berkeley are Totland, Tilden Park, Fourth Street, the train in Ace Hardware, and Berkeley Family Camp. If you don’t find them at one of those locations, check out local hiking trails (they like urban and nature hikes) or SFMOMA. Still having trouble tracking down the Hassenfeld crew? Well, you just may find the Hassenfelds at home where they’ll be dancing around their living room to the Moana soundtrack. Once you catch up with them, be sure to ask the Hassenfelds about visits from their extended family or — you guessed it — Moana!



## Gan Shalom: Preparing for Rosh Hashanah: Doing Good Deeds, Cleaning up our Gan and Neighborhood

Posted by: Ann Litwack, Gan Shalom Teacher

Gan Shalom blog, <https://ganshalomberkeley.org/blog/>  
September 2018

*We are very lucky to have Ann back at Gan Shalom as a lead teacher of the afternoon program. Ann worked at Gan in the 1990's and taught Molly Greenberg, one of the current teachers at Gan, when she was a child, as well as children's of current CBI members. Ann is an experienced Jewish educator, with a specialization on special needs education. This year, Ann has been focusing on the children's socio-emotional development, and in teaching them about Kavod (respect), Kehillah (community), and Tikkun Olam - some of the key values at Gan Shalom. To see more of Ann's work, please visit our school blog at <https://ganshalomberkeley.org/blog/>*

In preparation for Rosh Hashanah, in the afternoon at Gan Shalom, we blew the shofar each day. We talked about how it wakes us up to realize that Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the whole wide world, is almost here. To prepare we decided that we should take care of the world. The children became their, "Best Self Super Heroes" and took care of our Gan Shalom yard, cleaned-up the Shul yard, and our neighborhood. We began our exploration of Rosh Hashanah with very concrete activities, cleaning and taking care of the world, in which the students could see the results of their hard work. The children were excited and eager to take part in this important work and were proud of themselves when they completed it. The first job that we did was to clean and take care of the Gan Shalom. The children chose one of several jobs: raking, sweeping, watering the plants, or picking up trash. After completing these jobs, we walked around to see how much nicer our Gan looked after our hard work.



One day we picked up trash in the Shul yard. The children became their "Best Self Superheroes" and used their x-ray vision to find trash. They were excited and eagerly ran up to the trash bag and showed many how many pieces of trash they found. Teachers and children were so involved in this project that we unfortunately did not get any photos but you can see what a big bag trash we collected.

Once again the children became their "Best Self Superheroes", put on their pretend capes and used their x-ray vision to search for trash in the neighborhood. This particular activity was the most exciting for the children because they were not just taking care of their space but doing something in the world to make a difference for the whole neighborhood.

After completing all of our cleaning jobs, I had the children share some of the things they did that made the world a better place. Then the children drew pictures and shared words about the things that they did or would like to do to make the world a better place.

Sam: 'I am cleaning up leaves. I am raking them.'  
Yonatan: 'I am going to help Ima make cookies.'  
Eytan: 'I am raking leaves with my rake.'  
Ruthie: 'I am cleaning up the park.'





## The Eruv in Berkeley and Albany

By Leora Lawton

The Eruv in Berkeley is one of the great resources of our community and clearly is one of the reasons behind CBI's flourishing. It has been up and running every Shabbat since its inception, going on 13 years. With so many new members to CBI, it is likely that some families are unaware of the specifics of the Eruv here, even if it influenced their decision to move to our community. You can learn about the Eruv from the website, [www.berkeleyeruv.org](http://www.berkeleyeruv.org), where you can download a map of the boundaries and sign up for the weekly status announcement (<http://berkeleyeruv.org/listserv.html>). The only use of the email list is for timely postings regarding the status of the Eruv for the upcoming Shabbat. You can also visit the [www.isitintheeruv.com](http://www.isitintheeruv.com) website, created by Jonathan Simon. Please note that the map and the website may not have the most up-to-date boundaries as things can change without warning, so if you are wondering about a home on the border, please contact us.

The Eruv doesn't happen on its own. Rabbi Cohen provides *halachic* direction, sometimes just before Shabbat. Every

week inspectors make the entire round of the Eruv – about 8 miles – to make sure it's completely intact. Avraham Burrell coordinates this effort. Sam Ginsburg ensures financial reports are made, and assists with repairs and decisions around the eruv boundaries. Some inspectors run, some walk, and some ride on bikes, or are chauffeured around. Whatever your style, it's a great *mitzvah*, and new inspectors are almost always needed, especially when some of our most reliable inspectors graduate or move back to Israel.

Most importantly of all, it is through your support that the Eruv is up and running. It costs about \$5,000 each year in operating costs, mostly to pay our inspectors. We hold our annual fund drive after the fall *chaggim*, but donations are appreciated any time. Also, we are part of the Amazon Smile program, so please include the Eruv as your designated non-profit. Visit our website to donate online, [www.berkeleyeruv.org](http://www.berkeleyeruv.org) or send a check made payable to the EastbayshoreEruv Corporation, to Leora Lawton, 2371 West Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

## HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

The homeless shelter has moved to 2140 Dwight Way and now includes both men women. We're serving more guests each month, with your support and volunteer efforts. Todah!

Upcoming Dates  
November 28, 2018  
December 26, 2018  
January 23, 2019  
February 27, 2019  
March 27, 2019

Please Join Us!



# Laws of Chanukah & Lighting Your Chanukiya

## GENERAL GUIDELINES



Chanukah begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev – Sunday, December 2, and continues for eight days.

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 CHANUKIYA

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

Ideally, the *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya* inside the house, near the entrance or on the table. In many families it is the custom to place the *Chanukiya* in a window facing the public, especially where many people share one entrance (e.g., apartment building).

The *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya*, 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 *Chanukiya*. 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.

# Laws of Chanukah & Lighting Your Chanukiya

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### ORDER OF BLESSINGS AND SONGS

On the first night three *brachot*, blessings are recited. “*Le-hadlik ner shel Chanukah*”, “*She’asa nissim*” and “*Shehechey-anu*.” 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 candle 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 *Chanukiya* should not be moved after it has been lit.

If the *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya* is for a *Mitzvah*, and not for illumination.

### WHEN TO LIGHT

There are different customs as to the lighting of the *Chanukiya*. 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 5:21 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 *Chanukiya*.

If one is eating out then one should light the *Chanukiya* 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 *Chanukiya* as the candle for *Havdalah*.

Warm brachot for a joyous and safe Chanukah!

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





## Our Neighbors Stand With Us

In the days following the vicious anti-Semitic attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, our community has been heartened by the supportive and loving response of our neighbors. We include below photos of letters we received from our shul neighbors. At this time, we are also appreciative of CBI's Councilmember, Kate Harrison, who shared the following note with her district constituents, including in it, an email R. Cohen sent on Sunday to our shul's neighbors. See both letters below.

*From Kate Harrison:*

"On Saturday morning, the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh was the victim of a senseless and heartbreaking act of anti-Semitic violence. All people have the right to worship how they desire without fear of persecution. While we mourn, we must also support our Jewish family here in Berkeley. Rabbi Yonatan Cohen, who is the rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel on Bancroft Way, wrote the following note on how best to support the congregation. It is printed with his permission, and I sincerely hope that the residents of District 4 and all of Berkeley are able to find the love and support they need during this difficult time."

Dear Neighbors,

I wanted to express my utmost gratitude to many of you who contacted our community with messages of care and concern since news broke yesterday of the horrible, anti-Semitic, and vicious attack on a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh. At this time of deep grief, shock, and fear, it is comforting and helpful to feel the love of our neighbors.

In your messages, many of you inquired whether there is anything you can do to show your support and I wanted to share two suggestions.

Earlier this morning, some neighbors left cards by the entrance to our synagogue with blessings of comfort. Worshippers who attended services this morning, found these cards uplifting and life-affirming. I would love to collect as many of these cards in the coming days and display them either in our social hall or on the synagogue's external fence over the Jewish Sabbath. How wonderful for our community members, some of whom now feel fearful about exhibiting their Jewish way of life publicly, to be greeted this way at the end of this coming week, when we gather for the Sabbath prayer services.

In addition, the Beth Israel community is particularly committed to combating hunger in our city and county. In this time of darkness, we invite you to also leave non-perishable food items by the entrance of our synagogue (a good way to hold down the cards from flying away!).

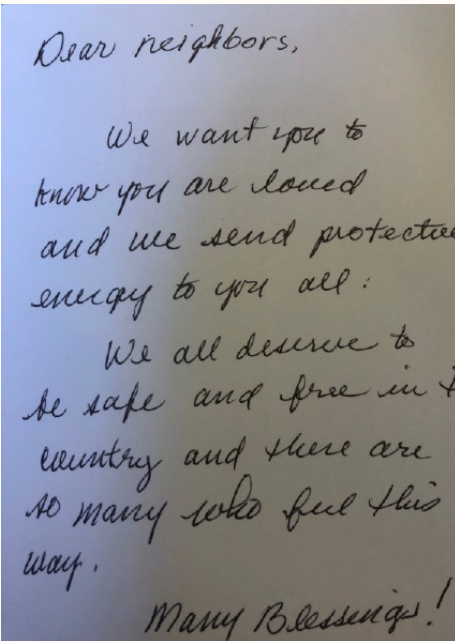
We will donate these items to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. As a neighborhood, let's respond to radical

hatred with radical love and help mend what is broken in our own city.

This is a trying time for Jews in America and indeed a trying time for all Americans. We recognize that an invisible string ties this shooting to the shooting in Orlando two years ago and the shooting in Charleston three years ago. Hate is hate and we know all too well the destructive power of inflammatory and divisive rhetoric.

I thank you once again for being our neighbors. The diversity of our neighborhood enriches my life daily, my personal connection with so many of you is a true blessing, and the America that we try to create in our own few blocks is a place I call home.

Warmly,  
Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

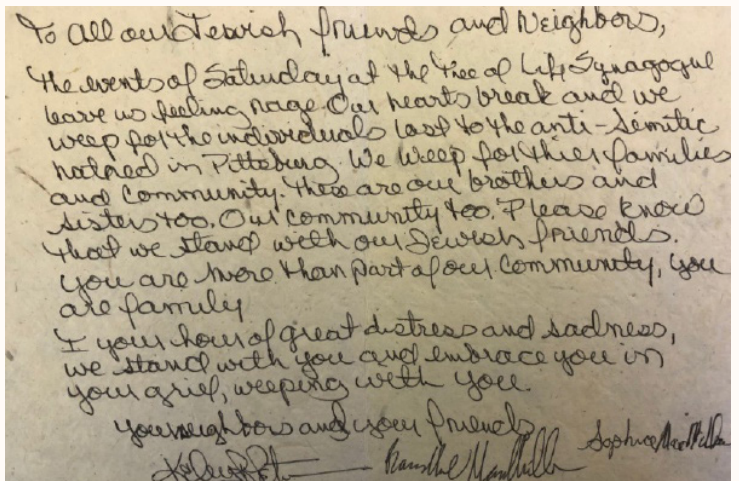


Dear neighbors,

We want you to  
know you are loved  
and we send protective  
energy to you all.

We all deserve to  
be safe and free in  
country and there are  
so many who feel this  
way.

Many Blessings!



To all our Jewish friends and neighbors,

The events of Saturday at the Tree of Life Synagogue leave us feeling rage. Our hearts break and we weep for the individuals lost to the anti-Semitic hatred in Pittsburgh. We weep for their families and community. These are our brothers and sisters too. Our community too. Please know that we stand with our Jewish friends. You are more than part of our community, you are family.

In your hour of great distress and sadness, we stand with you and embrace you in your grief, weeping with you.

your neighbors and your friends

*[Signatures]*



# Times for Action

— 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 4

Week of	DECEMBER					JANUARY	
	1	8	15	22	29	5	12
Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn	5:54 am	6:00 am	6:06 am	6:10 am	6:12 am	6:13 am	6:12 am
Neitz Sunrise	7:06 am	7:12 am	7:18 am	7:22 am	7:24 am	7:25 am	7:24 am
Latest ideal time for the morning Sh'ma	9:32 am	9:37 am	9:41 am	9:45 am	9:48 am	9:50 am	9:51 am
Tefilah Latest time for prayer	10:21 am	10:25 am	10:29 am	10:32 am	10:36 am	10:38 am	10:40 am
Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha	12:22 pm	12:25 pm	12:28 pm	12:32 pm	12:35 pm	12:39 pm	12:42 pm
Sh'kia Sunset	4:50 pm	4:50 pm	4:51 pm	4:55 pm	4:58 pm	5:04 pm	5:11 pm
Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall	5:32 pm	6:32 pm	5:33 pm	5:36 pm	5:40 pm	5:46 pm	5:53 pm

Week of	JANUARY		FEBRUARY			
	19	26	2	9	16	23
Alot Ha'Shachar Dawn	6:10 am	6:06 am	6:00 am	5:54 am	5:46 am	5:37 am
Neitz Sunrise	7:22 am	7:18 am	7:12 am	7:06 am	6:58 am	6:49 am
Latest ideal time for the morning Sh'ma	9:51 am	9:50 am	9:48 am	9:45 am	9:41 am	9:36 am
Tefilah Latest time for prayer	10:41 am	10:41 am	10:39 am	10:38 am	10:35 am	10:31 am
Mincha Gedolah Earliest time for Mincha	12:45 pm	12:47 pm	12:49 pm	12:50 pm	12:51 pm	12:50 pm
Sh'kia Sunset	5:18 pm	5:26 pm	5:34 pm	5:41 pm	5:49 pm	5:56 pm
Tzeit Ha'kochavim Nightfall	6:00 pm	6:08 pm	6:16 pm	6:23 pm	6:31 pm	6:38 pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### SHACHARIT

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

### MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Five minutes after candlelighting

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5 minutes after candlelighting

Morning Service 9:15 am

# Beth Israel Classes

## MONDAY

**Key Books in Tanakh: Sefer Shoftim/Judges** The cycle of the period of the Judges spans several hundred years from the days of Joshua to the prophet Samuel. In the absence of strong, central leadership, individuals rose up to meet the challenges facing the nation. Some of these leaders are larger than life, such as Samson and Deborah, while others' stories are less known yet compelling and thought provoking. Through learning the book of Shoftim, we will compare and contrast these diverse leaders and gain an understanding of this liminal period in Jewish history.

**M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm**

## TUESDAY

**The Most Telling Rabbinic Stories of Dispute:** Every page of the Talmud is replete with rabbinic disagreements concerning Jewish law and practice. At several points, the Talmud also provides detailed descriptions of some of the more critical controversies that both plagued and enriched the rabbinic culture of dispute in its early and later stages of formation. This series will examine some of the most telling stories that best characterize this feature of our rabbinic inheritance.

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 7:30-9:00 pm • November 6, 13, December 4**

**What's in a Name?** Some of the most well-known and critical characters in Biblical narratives remain anonymous, leaving us to wonder why we never learn their names. Names and identities are essential to our understanding of various personalities in Tanakh, and their enduring legacies. We will explore why these significant individuals remain anonymous. As many of these unnamed characters are women, we will also touch on the larger issues of how women's stories are told, and how they are not told, in Tanakh.

**M. Victoria Sutton — Tuesdays @ 7:30-9:00 pm • January 8, 15, 29**

**Narrative in the Jewish Mystical Tradition:** This three-part series will explore the rich tradition of storytelling and narrative in Jewish mysticism both medieval and modern. Our first class will examine the idea of narrative in the Zohar, looking at specific tales about mystical teachers in this work as well as the poetics of interpreting biblical stories. The second session will look at storytelling in Hasidic thought and culture, with a particular focus on the fantastic tales of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav. Finally, our third class will engage with Neo-Hasidic thinkers like Martin Buber and Elie Wiesel, who have drawn upon Hasidic stories to spark contemporary renewal and to deal with the deepest existential questions. Class time will be devoted to hevruta learning as well as group text-study and discussions. *Ariel Evan Mayse joined the faculty of Stanford University in 2017 as an assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies, after previously serving as the Director of Jewish Studies and Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. He holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Studies from Harvard University and rabbinic ordination from Beit Midrash Har'el in Israel.*

**Ariel Evan Mayse — Tuesdays @ 7:30-9:00 pm • February 5, 12, 19**

## WEDNESDAY

**Teen Beit Midrash with Oren Yirmiya:** This class affords the opportunity to engage with the unfiltered foundational Jewish texts—Torah, Tanach, Talmud—in an atmosphere that encourages curiosity and multiple readings. For 8th-12th graders. All experience levels welcome. Oren Yirmiya is a PhD student in the Near Eastern Studies Department of UC Berkeley where he studies Hebrew literature. He holds an MA in Hebrew Literature from Tel Aviv University and has extensive teaching and mentoring experience from both inside and outside of academia.

**Oren Yirmiya — Wednesdays 4:30-6:00**

**Nine Talmudic Readings by Emmanuel Levinas:** Nine readings of the Talmud by the French Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas translate Jewish thought into the language of modern times. Here Levinas applies a hermeneutic that simultaneously allows the classic Jewish texts to shed light on contemporary problems and lets modern problems illuminate the texts. Besides being quintessential illustrations of the art of reading, the essays express the deeply ethical vision of the human condition that makes Levinas one of the most important thinkers of our time.

**Muni Schweig — Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm @ the Schweig home**

## FRIDAY

**Talmudic Wisdom:** Weekly class that explores key sugyot (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

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



# Calendar

## ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

Wed. night, Th. & F, November 7-9

Shacharit ..... 6:30 am

## SHABBAT PARSHAT TOLDOT

Friday & Saturday, November 9-10

Candle Lighting ..... 4:44 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:50 pm

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Childcare ..... 9:15 am

Formal Group Time ..... 10:30 am

Mincha ..... 12:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:45 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:42 pm

Mishmash ..... 6:30 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEITZEI

Friday & Saturday, November 16-17

Candle Lighting ..... 4:39 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:40 pm

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Childcare ..... 9:15 am

Formal Group Time ..... 10:30 am

Mincha ..... 12:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:40 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:38 pm

Mishmash ..... 6:15 pm

## THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 22

Shacharit ..... 8:00 am

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYISHLACH

Friday & Saturday, November 23-24

Candle Lighting ..... 4:35 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:40 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 ..... 5:35 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT VAYEISHEV

Friday & Saturday, November 30-December 1

Candle Lighting ..... 4:33 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

Women's Mincha & Torah ..... 4:00 pm

Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning ..... 4:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:30 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:33 pm

Mishmash ..... 6:15 pm

## CHANUKAH

25 Kislev-Tevet 2

December 2-8

Throughout the week, candles should be lit after 5:21 pm except for Friday & Motz'ei Shabbat (see below).

## SHABBAT CHANUKAH ROSH CHODESH TEVET PARSHAT MIKETZ

### YAAKOV FENTON BAR MITZVAH

Friday & Saturday, December 7-8

Chanukah Candle Lighting before ..... 4:32 pm\*

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

Shabbat Mincha ..... 1:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:30 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 5:33 pm

Chanukah Candle Lighting after ..... 5:33 pm\*\*

\* We light the Chanukah Menorah home before lighting the Shabbat candles. One must be careful to use enough oil or light a large enough candle that will remain lit until thirty minutes after 5:32 pm (i.e. after the appearance of three stars).

\*\* There are various opinions concerning the order of Havdalah and Chanukah menorah lighting in the home. Rav Henkin, z"l recommends to make Havdalah first, and then to light the Chanukah menorah.

## ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Fri. night, Sat. & Sun, December 7-9

Shacharit Sunday ..... 8:00 am

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYIGASH

Friday & Saturday, December 14-15

Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... 4:33 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:35 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

Shabbat ends, Ma'ariv & Havdalah ..... 5:35 pm

Mishmash ..... 6:15 pm

# Calendar

## FAST OF TEVET

*Tuesday, December 18*

Fast begins .....	5:52 am
Shacharit .....	6:30 am
Mincha .....	4:20 pm
Fast ends .....	5:23 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYECHI

*Friday & Saturday, December 21-22*

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.....	12:32 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	4:35 pm
Shabbat ends, Ma'ariv & Havdalah .....	5:38 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT SHEMOT

*Friday & Saturday, December 28-29*

Candle Lighting .....	4:40 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
Shabbat ends, Ma'ariv & Havdalah .....	5:42 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT VAIERAH

*Friday & Saturday, January 4-5*

Candle Lighting .....	4:45 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
Shabbat ends, Ma'ariv & Havdalah .....	5:47 pm

## ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT

*Sun. night & Mon., January 6-7*

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

*Friday & Saturday, January 11-12*

Candle Lighting .....	4:52 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 .....	5:53 pm
Mishmash .....	6:30 pm

## SHABBAT SHIRAH PARSHAT BESHALACH

*Friday & Saturday, January 18-19*

Candle Lighting .....	4:59 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:05 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:46 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	6:00 pm

## TU B'SHEVAT

*Sunday night & Monday, January 20-21*

Tu B'Shvat Seder, Sunday.....	6:30 pm
Tu B'Shvat Family Project, Monday.....	10 am-12:30 pm
Taking Care of our Environment: Join CBI Families and Friends of Five Creeks for a family-friendly clean-up of a local nature preserve	

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

*Monday, January 21*

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

### A SPECIAL SHABBAT SHALEM SERIES

### TELLING STORIES & STORIES THAT ARE TELLING

**Rabba Wendy Amsellem**

*Friday & Saturday, January 25-26*

Candle Lighting .....	5:07 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:10 pm
Dinner .....	6:00 pm
Learning.....	7:00 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Sermon .....	11:00 am
Shabbat Mincha.....	12:48 pm
Learning w/ Rabba Amsellem.....	4:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	6:07 pm
Mishmash .....	6:45 pm



# Calendar

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT MISHPATIM

Friday & Saturday, February 1-2

Candle Lighting .....	5:15 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:20 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Mincha .....	12:50 pm
Women's Mincha & Torah .....	4:00 pm
Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning .....	4:30 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	6:14 pm

## ROSH CHODESH ADAR I

Mon. night, Tu. & Wed., February 4-6

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

Friday & Saturday, February 8-9

Candle Lighting .....	5:22 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:25 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:51 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:20 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	6:22 pm
Mishmash .....	7:00 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT TETZAVEH

Friday & Saturday, February 15-16

Candle Lighting .....	5:30 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:35 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:51 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:25 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends .....	6:29 pm

## SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TISA

Friday & Saturday, February 22-23

Candle Lighting .....	5:37 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:40 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:51 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:30 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	6:36 pm
Mishmash .....	7:00 pm

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM SHEKALIM PARSHAT VAY-AKHEL

Friday & Saturday, March 1-2

Candle Lighting .....	5:45 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	5:50 pm
Morning Service .....	9:15 am
Childcare .....	9:15 am
Formal Group Time .....	10:30 am
Shabbat Mincha .....	12:51 pm
Women's Mincha & Torah .....	4:30 pm
Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning .....	5:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit .....	5:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after .....	6:43 pm

## Tu B'Shevat

SUNDAY NIGHT & MONDAY  
JANUARY 20-21

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER  
Sunday • 6:30 pm

TU B'SHVAT FAMILY PROJECT  
Monday • 10 am-12:30 pm

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# CBI TEENS IN ISRAEL


TALYA SANDEL

I spent most of this past year, from September to June, in Israel. I learned at *Nishmat*, a renowned women's learning institution in the tiny Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Safafa. Over the course of the year, I learned lots of *Gemara*, *Tanach*, and so much more, and I got to more time seeing and living in Israel than I ever had before. I developed my learning skills and learned to take on a *daf* (page) of *Gemara* myself. Since my program was shared with Israeli girls and my classes were in Hebrew, I practiced and learned Hebrew in a way that I would have never been able to achieve in high school. From Tzfat to Eilat, I got to see and experience the land of Israel and it fostered my deep connection and love for Israel. Meeting the people and seeing the sights- the holy places and the everyday visions like the shuk- was an incredible experience and I'm thankful to have been able to do it. Now, as I return to Israel for further learning and to draft to the IDF (following in the footsteps of several CBI teens and families who have made *Aliyah* before me), I am happy to have had this year of learning at *Nishmat*.



YONIM SCHWEIG

I step out onto the Yeshiva Balcony. Rays of light like spears and an oppressive heat. As I feel my throbbing head begin to regulate, I look out onto the scape and take in what the horizon has to offer. Anticipation, expectation, a place and a time of promise.



My year in Israel was not just a gap year or yeshiva “experience”, it was a forty days on the mountain. Everything I learned, did, and saw, was part of an immersive opportunity for reevaluating my place in the Jewish worlds of nationhood, text, and self: **יוב וריבחל סדא** and **סוקמל סדא**.

I learned in the *Gemara Shiur of HaRav Shmuel Reiner*, where we learned *Gitin*, *Bava Metzieh*, and a daily poem. My *Talmud shiur* initially presented a big challenge for me. While my Jewish schooling provided me with indispensable tools, nothing could have prepared me for the Israeli style of learning, which required following mazes of sources, replete with dense and nuanced *Rishonic* back

and forth, all in a slang-stuffed Israeli vernacular.

I deeply treasure the breakthrough moments I had in these *Shiurim*. They alone justify my entire Yeshiva experience. Beyond what I specifically learned, these moments heightened my solidarity with the Jewish ethos of *Lamdas*, giving me an access point to the spirit and core of centuries of Jewish learning. This connection was heightened by the people who I was surrounded by. Rav Bigman initiated raucous discussions with students, imitating the *Talmudic* academies of old; Rav Elisha showed us how to challenge the status quo within the *Halakhic* system while still adhering to ancient modes of values interpretation; all my teachers modeled how to learn *Tanach*, *Chasidut*, Academic study, *Gemara*, and Philosophy side by side- *Elu Veelu Divrei Elokim Chayim!*

Socially, Maale Gilboa was unparalleled. Almost every Friday, I hitchhiked with my Yeshiva buds to one or more of the local natural springs, followed by all you can eat hummus. I fondly remember driving up the Mountain treacherously close to the start of Shabbat, feeling the goodness of the land emanating from the sun-soaked hairpin curves and grazing cows. Shabbat and holidays were always deeply impressionable experience, whether in Yeshiva with my host family the Shifrovitzes, or couch crashing Jerusalem friends, namely Netz and Hannah Sapir of Bay Area fame.

One highlight was Simchat Torah, in which Ami Stein and I *haka-fah* hopped around Jerusalem, and impromptu got invited to a Yom Tov meal by the Feld's in Nachlaot. During the same break I took on a three day backpacking trip, *Yam LeYam*, in which I hiked from the Mediterranean to the *Kinneret*. Strenuous, hot, and totally worth it. Learning the Torah of the land is only heightened by sweating the sweat of the land.

This year was simultaneously an experiment with a personally unprecedented level of physical and intellectual independence as well as an anchoring of self with the trans-generational Jewish mind. I would highly recommend this experience to anyone looking to further their grasp of what it means to be a part of the Jewish study tradition, in specific to all you young folk who are at the beginning of that quest. דמלו אצו

RAMI LANDES

Last May, I returned from nine months in Israel on *Habonim Dror's* Workshop program. *Habonim Dror*, a movement I have been involved with since the summer of 2014, is the amalgamation of multiple old Zionist youth movements. It currently exists in sixteen countries worldwide, and still to this day believes in the teachings of Judaism and in the ideals of Labor Zionism.

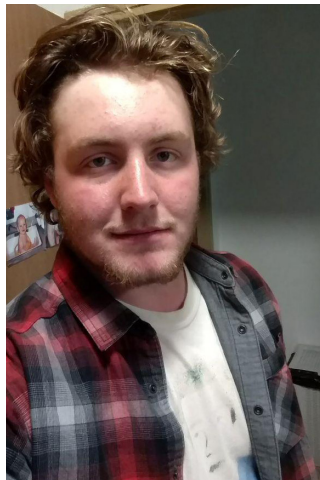
Our *kvutza* (group) was twenty-eight strong, four from England, three from Canada, and twenty-one Americans. When I first met our group at Ben-Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, I was greeted with a fair mix of familiar friends, one-time acquaintances, and complete strangers. We were quickly whisked away to Kibbutz Ravid, near the Sea of Galilee. An educational center for Habonim Dror's sis-



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ter movement *Hanoar Haoved Vehalomed* (NOAL for short), Kibbutz Ravid played host to our opening seminars and provided the backdrop for my earliest memories of some who would become my closest friends.

After two weeks of blistering heat on Ravid, we packed up and made our way to Kibbutz Givat Oz, a small kibbutz in the north of Israel. Our *kvutzah* moved into cramped quarters in a small house there and began the first main segment of the year, the aptly named *Shorashim* (roots). It was a process of education that was designed to establish a base of knowledge and experience for us to employ in the next part of our year. We spent our days learning the history of the Jewish people and of our denominations, studying Hebrew and familiarizing ourselves with Israeli politics, and developing our skills of *hadracha* (leadership). We grew closer, both as friends and as a *kvutzah*, and started to act as a team in our daily lives.



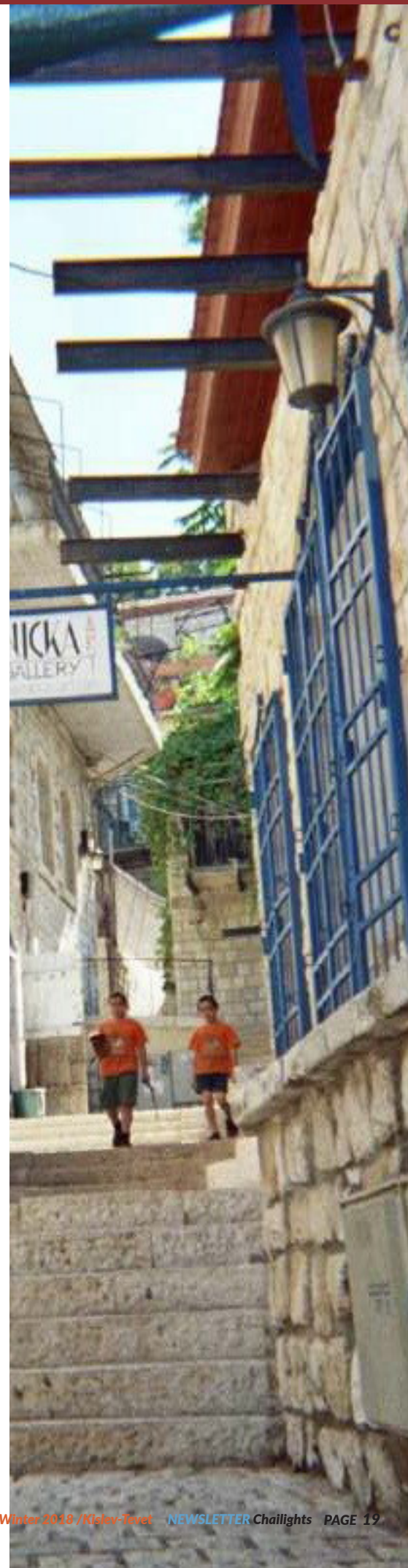
After two and a half months we moved to Hod Hasharon and began the month of November, which someone had nicknamed Noveminar. This odd nickname exists because the entire month was spent in back-to-back seminars about the next segment of our year, Chava (collective living). It was towards the end of Noveminar that the four of our number from England departed to South Africa for a month to act as *madrichim* for Habonim Dror South Africa. I can point to that event as the first time I realized that I had started to consider these people as friends more than *kvutzah*-mates, and would miss them as such.

At the close of Noveminar, we began our *messima* (mission/quest). NOAL, Habonim Dror's Israeli sister movement, is structured in a way reminiscent (to me, at least) of the Boy Scouts. There are multiple *kenim* (nests) scattered across Israel, in a variety of communities, where youth of multiple ethnic groups have activities run for them by older youth from the movement. Our *kvutzah* was divided into small groups and pairs and were assigned to various *kenim* in the area. My partners and I wound up in downtown Tel Aviv, and we spent a good deal of time enjoying ourselves there.

*Messima* consumed a majority of the rest of our year. We lived together as a group and learned to deal with problems that arose from that. We developed schedules and systems to keep us sane, and had exciting excursions in small groups. It was a complicated but happy time.

In late February, we went to Poland. It was an emotionally charged walk through Jewish history, both old and new. We saw Warsaw, Krakow, and Bedzin, and we paid our respects in Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek, and Treblinka. I don't want to say that I enjoyed it, but I label that journey as a highlight of my year because of the weight it carried and the experiences it gave.

As the year wound down, we took some time as a *kvutzah* to reflect on the past year. It was a tumultuous time for all, and as we departed for Leeds, Toronto, Philadelphia, and beyond, we knew that none of us were the same person who had boarded a plane in August. It was a year I don't expect to forget.



## OHDS NEWS

### What does a week at OHDS look like?

Our students are always doing something interesting! From field trips to enrichment classes to math problem-solving groups, the school is buzzing with activity and excitement.

So what does a week at OHDS look like? Here's an example:

During one recent week, our middle schoolers spent three days at Robb Hill Campground in San Francisco taking part in the middle school retreat. Thanks to thoughtful planning by our Dean of Student Life, Ms. Davi, students took part in meaningful learning related to disability awareness, participated in removing invasive species from the nearby beach ecosystem, worked in teams to create beautiful banners for their advisory groups and spent relaxed time enjoying each other's company in the beautiful campground setting.

Meanwhile, back at OHDS our fourth graders threw off their shoes and stomped on grapes as part of their learning about the wine-making process. (Huge thanks to Josh Fleet, husband of Ha Morah Dori, for bringing the grapes and sharing his knowledge with our students!) And as if that wasn't enough, the fourth graders also got the chance to head out the door for a highly engaging field trip to Peralta Hacienda, where they took part in hands-on activities to better understand what life was once like for the local Ohlone tribe.

And finally, the week ended with the launch of our second grade enrichment class in our third floor flex lab. Facilitated by our middle science teacher, Dave Jackson, second graders now have a weekly opportunity to experiment with hands-on engineering projects in their tinkering class. If the size of those smiles was any indication, this new program will be quite a hit.

Interested in finding out more? Come join the fun by attending an event or dropping in for a visit.



## OHDS UPCOMING EVENTS

### LET'S CELEBRATE OHDS:

November 4, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

### CHAGIGAT HASIDDUR:

December 7, 2018, 9:15 a.m.

### CHAGIGAT HACHUMASH:

March 7, 2019, 9:15 a.m.

### GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY:

March 8, 2019

### OHDS MUSICAL:

March 10, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

### ART SHOW & OPEN HOUSE:

May 30, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

### END OF YEAR SUMMER BBQ:

June 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

### 8TH GRADE GRADUATION:

June 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m.







## WOMEN'S TEFILLAH

At CBI November 3, 5:00 pm: Join CBI's women's community for a series of unique opportunities to pray, sing and learn Torah together. Mincha and Torah reading will be followed by se'udah shlishit and learning.

### Upcoming Dates:

Women's Tefillah will meet for Shabbat Mincha on the following dates (1st Shabbat of the month):

**December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4**

Please contact M. Victoria Sutton ([maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com)) if you want to serve as a gabbayit, read Torah, lead prayers, teach during the meal, or sponsor se'udah shlishit or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ya3fzulq>



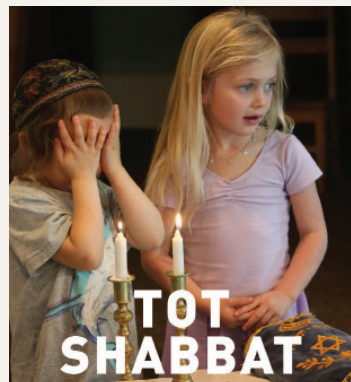
## MISHMASH

Mishmash offers parents and children an opportunity to study in pairs in a unique beit midrash atmosphere. For guidance in choosing learning materials best suited to each individual need, please contact M. Victoria Sutton at [maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com). Children in grades K-8 and their parents are invited to participate.

The evening begins with pizza, as parents and children settle into their learning spaces. At the close of each Mishmash, a Dvar Torah is given by one of the children.

Mishmash meets twice a month, November to March, on Motzei Shabbat (begins about 30 min after Shabbat ends):

**Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15, Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 9 - Siyum**



## TOT SHABBAT at CBI

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat is open to families with young children. Registration required for dinner.

November 26, Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 4:40 pm, Dinner at CBI at 5:15 pm

December 14th, Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 4:30 pm, Dinner at CBI at 5 pm

January 11, Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 4:55 pm, Dinner at CBI at 5:30 pm

February 8, Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 5:20 pm, Dinner at CBI at 6:00 pm

## Holiday Dinner Drive Benefiting Alameda County Community Food Bank

The Food Bank serves 1 in 5 of our neighbors. The Koret Foundation is generously matching all gifts, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000, to support this year's Holiday Dinner Drive in Alameda County. For every \$1 you give, the Food Bank will donate \$14 worth of food with the match!

- Your donation of \$36 provides 7 holiday meals
- Your donation of \$100 provides 20 holiday meals
- Your donation of \$60 provides 12 holiday meals

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## A SPECIAL SHABBAT SHALEM SERIES



### Rabbi Jeffrey Saks

OCT. 19-20

Rabbi Jeffrey Saks is the founding director of ATID – The Academy for Torah Initiatives and Directions in Jerusalem, and its WebYeshiva.org program. He is an Associate Editor of the journal *Tradition*, Series Editor of The S.Y. Agnon Library at The Toby Press, and Director of Research at the Agnon House in Jerusalem. A three-time graduate of Yeshiva University (BA, MA, Semicha), Rabbi Saks has published widely on Jewish thought, education, and literature. He was formerly on the faculties of the YU High School for Girls in New York, and in Israel at Yeshivat Hamivtar, Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalayim, Machon Gold, and currently teaches at Midreshet Amudim.



### Rabba Wendy Amsellem

JAN. 25-26

Wendy Amsellem teaches Talmud and Halakha at Yeshivat Maharat and is the Editor of Yeshivat Maharat's *Keren* journal. She is also a faculty member at Drisha Institute and Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, and she is an editor at *The Lehrhaus*. Wendy is the former Director of the Dr. Beth Samuels Drisha High School Program and she was the Rosh Kollel of the Drisha July Kollel. She has been a Wexner Graduate Fellow and a Mandel Jerusalem Fellow. Wendy is an alumna of the Drisha Scholars Circle and she has a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University. She is currently pursuing a PhD in rabbinic literature at NYU.



### Dr. Miriam Udel

MARCH 8-9

Miriam Udel is associate professor of German Studies and Jewish Studies at Emory University, where her teaching focuses on Yiddish language, literature, and culture. She holds an AB in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University, as well as a PhD in Comparative Literature from the same institution. She is the author of *Never Better! The Modern Jewish Picaresque* (University of Michigan Press, 2016), winner of a National Jewish Book Award in Modern Jewish Thought and Experience. Her annotated, translated anthology of Yiddish children's literature, *Honey on the Page*, is slated to appear with New York University Press in Fall 2019. She is also part of the first cohort of Yeshivat Maharat's Executive Kollel Track.

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### Rabbi Alex Israel

APR. 5-6

Rabbi Alex Israel teaches Tanakh at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi, Matan, and Midreshet Lindenbaum. He is Director of Community Education, the Summer Programs, and Online Learning, at the Pardes Institute. Rabbi Israel gained rabbinic ordination from the Israeli Chief Rabbinate following several years of study at Yeshivat Har Etzion. He holds degrees from the London School of Economics, the Institute of Education, London, and Bar Ilan University. His first book *I Kings - Torn in Two* was published in 2013. The companion volume *II Kings - In a Whirlwind* will be published in 2019. See his shiurim and his weekly "Parsha Discussion" at [www.alexisrael.org](http://www.alexisrael.org).

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43 NCSYers enjoyed an amazing Shabbaton together at the Larkspur Hotel in South San Francisco! 45 middle-schoolers from OHDS, CCJDS, and various other schools came together for our kickoff middle school event! Sukaton - 27 Berkeley Middle School and High Schoolers had a fun and educational time learning about Sukkot and enjoying our first NCSY Sukka Hop!

## Todah Rabah - Our Utmost Gratitude:

The past Rosh Hashanah 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 CBI.

*Wholeheartedly from Mikol HaLev*

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**June 30:** Nae Golomb in memory of my father Joel S. Golomb, in memory of Leslie Provence, and in honor of the 4th of July. Linda Diamond in memory of my late husband, Shmuel Mayer, in memory of my father Yisrael Menachem Munish, in memory of Leslie Provence, in honor of the 4th of July, and in honor of my birthday. Gladys & Philip Leider in memory of Jack and Margaret Weiss and in memory of Shirley Leider.

**July 7:** Jeff & Jodie Morgan in honor of their daughter Zoë's upcoming wedding in Israel.

**July 14:** Darmoni, Elias, Fenton, Frank, Gessow, Goldstein, Kabatznick & Scott, Kabella, Kam, Kenin, Kirsch, Massarano, Miranda, Morgan, Neumeier, Perl & Buchman, Rosen & Lichtenstein, Shor & Abel, Sudikoff, Wolgel, and Zeitlin families with best wishes and thanks to the Rappaport family who are going back home to Israel after 3 years in our community, and to Jonathan Lyon & Jane Turbiner who are making aliyah to Israel this August. Both families are such wonderful hosts and always opened their homes for families in our community and people who visit our community. Sarit & Udi Oster: We want to thank this amazing community for being our home away from home the past four years, a welcoming, unique and inspiring family. We'd like to end with a quote that represents the feeling we had when we first came here and likely the one we will have when we are back: "Toto, I've (got) a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." Jane Turbiner in honor of her mother, Selma Parker Turbiner, entertainer extraordinaire, who would have turned 91 this past Monday, July 9th. Janice MacMillan in honor of the 10th yearzeit of her mother, Isabel Johannesen MacMillan on July 12th. Sondra Markowitz and Yvette Hoffer in honor of Judy Miller and Dr. Robert Miller, former CBI board officer.

**July 21:** SerachBracha & Paul Albert, Anonymous, Avraham Burrell, Tamar & Avram Davis, Susan Jacobson, Meechal & Na'aman Kam, Michael Kaye, Na'amah Kenin, Jenny & Josh Kirsch, Maureen & Derek Krantz, Daniel Lewis, Janice MacMillan, Sarah & Saul Miranda, Adina Polen & Ariel Mayse, Tamara Beliak & Zeev Neumeier, Dorothy & Harry Rubin, Hilah Zohar, in honor of R. David Rue who has been supporting many of our members and generously teaching regular classes at our shul. R. Rue is Av of The Los Angeles Beit Din and a Dayan. We are honored to have a Talmid Chacham in our community.

**July 28:** Dr. Jay & Sara Rosen in honor of the upcoming marriage of their son Yosef to Amy Rae Ruben. Robert Bonem with thanks to the community and hope for a refu'ah shleima.

**August 4:** The Schubert Family in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Simone Shubert.

**August 11:** Batya Schick in memory of my father Martin ben Victor on his 20th yearzeit. Abraham & Gabriela Fine, Hillel & Sarit Kipnis, and Adam & Amira Goldberg in honor of the incoming 2018-2020 Board of Directors, our parents' wedding anniversary, and the second yearzeit of our grandfather, Yoshua ben Naftali Ha'levi. Melissa & Noah Nathan with thanks to the wonderful CBI community on our first year anniversary of moving to Berkeley. Judith Bloom: Dan Bloom cared deeply about CBI, Jewish Education and his family. We are celebrating his life by honoring his yearzeit.

**August 18:** Paul & SerachBracha Albert, Bach & Greenwald Family, Sara & Kenny Bamberger, Bella Barany, Andrea Brott, Carol & Jim Cunradi, Lisa & Jory Gessow, Na'aman & Meechal Kam, Jonah Markowitz, Ed & Phyllis Miller, Miriam Petruck, Jonathan Purcell, Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal, Irene & Joel Resnikoff, Bob & June Safran, Tania & Muni Schweig, Deborah Shaw, Juliet Stamperdahl, Doreet & Jeff Stein, Sheila & Marvin Yudenfreund, Linda Press Wulf & Stan Wulf, Marti & Shelly Zedeck in honor of Elishav and Ma'ayan Rabinovich and Family. We are thrilled to welcome back Elishav and Ma'ayan Rabinovich, who together with their family served as shlichim in our community as our Youth Directors, at OHDS, and at the Merkavah Torah Institute from 2011 to 2014. Elishav & Ma'ayan live in Tel Aviv where they both work in the field of education and in building a vibrant community in the city. They are excited to be back in Berkeley together with their five daughters Uri, Hallel, Raz, Shiri, and Tenne Rivka. Yossi Ben-nun in memory of my mother's yearzeit Rivka bat Chana (Rivka Ben-nun).

**August 25:** Sara & Kenny Bamberger in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Niva Bamberger.

**September 1:** Russell Kassman celebrating 40 years of schlepping pianos.

**September 8:** From families with new babies to express our appreciation to the CBI community, and to honor Maharat Victoria, who organized Shifra Puah meals, and everyone who provided meals and other forms of support: Leah, Darrell, & Hadar for the community's amazing support over the last year; R. Yonatan & Frayda Cohen; Nimrod, Aliza, Nava, Maya, & Adiv Elias; Rachel Factor & Bruno Salama; Jessica Fain & Adam Rosenzweig; Rachel & Jacob Heitler; Josh Fleet & Dori Parker; Eliezh, Daniel, & Yarden Hoffman; Ori & Rena Kanefsky; Jesse & Gavri Kellerman; Ory & Tamar Sandel; Jeannette Wickelgren & Rafi Rosen; Maharat Victoria Sutton; with thanks to all those who lovingly feed and

support new families.

**September 10/Rosh Hashanah Day**

**1:** Hilla Abel & Asaf Shor in honor of Ravid's second birthday; Rivka Amado & Malcolm Feeley, Rebecca & Oded Angel;; Bob & Barbara Budnitz;; Carol & Jim Cunradi, Jane Falk, Talia Falk & Elie Hassenfeld;; Terry & Olga Gordon, Hanna Hindawi in memory of her father in-law Salim Hindawi, Phyllis & Ed Miller, Elliot Onn, Mordy & Rena Rosen, Shelley & Marti Zedeck, Jo-Ellen & Ben Zeitlin.

**September 11/Rosh Hashanah Day**

**2:** Rivka Amado & Malcolm Feeley, Bob & Barbara Budnitz, Judith Bloom, Carol & Jim Cunradi, Talia Falk & Elie Hassenfeld, Hanna Hindawi in memory of her father in-law Salim Hindawi, Sam & Bathea James, Phil & Gladys Leider, Mordy & Rena Rosen, Violette & Henry Sibony, Marvin & Maxine Winer, Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund, Shelley & Marti Zedeck, Jo-Ellen & Ben Zeitlin

**September 15:** In honor of Toby and Ezra

Hendon's 60th Wedding Anniversary and Ezra's birthday: Rhoda Agin, Paul & SerachBracha Albert, Noah & Hope Alper, Rivka Amado & Malcolm Feeley, Bella Barany, Judith Bloom, Adam Brelow & M. Victoria Sutton, Joel & Joanie Brodsky, Bob & Barbara Budnitz, Robi & Miriam Cohen, R. Yonatan & Frayda Cohen, Carol & Jim Cunradi, Linda Diamond, Jane Falk, Feiner-Shy Family, Kayla & Morey Garelick, Lisa & Jory Gessow, Seth & Lauren Greenberg, Yaakov & Rena Harari, Rachel & Jacob Heitler, Na'aman & Meechal Kam, Issy & Patricia Kipnis, Philip & Gladys Leider, Desmid Lyon, Aaron Marcus & Sandy Speier, Glenn & Judy Massarano, Phyllis & Ed Miller, Miriam Petruck, John Pilkington & Linda Levy, Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal, Irene & Joel Resnikoff, Mordy & Rena Rosen, Delphine Sherman & Philip Tandler, Rita Kohl & Steve Silberblatt, Doreet & Jeff Stein, Rikki & David Sudikoff, Rona Teitelman, Mimi Weisel & Paul Hamburg, Maxine & Marvin Winer, Fried & Ruth Wittman, Stan & Linda Wulf, Sheldon & Marti Zedeck.

**September 19/Break Fast:** Deena

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**September 22:** The Stein Family in honor of Cobi's birthday and Ami's visit home; Lisa Gessow in honor of Sam's 21st birthday.

**September 24:** Bella Barany in honor of EVERYONE who brought us meals when Ron Barany passed away. My deepest THANKS TO YOU ALL.

**September 25:** 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.



**September 29:** Rebecca & Oded Angel; Avi Daman to thank and offer Hakaras Hatov to the beautiful and vibrant CBI community for their warm hospitality this summer with special thank you to Maharat Sutton, Zeev & Tamara Neumeier and family, the Burrell family, Nehama Rogozen, Josh Fleet and family, and Melissa & Noah Nathan; Yehuda Ben-Israel & Rona Rothenberg in honor of M. Victoria Sutton; Itay Zeman with hakarat haTov to the CBI community.

**October 1/Shemini Atzeret:**

Anonymous; Judy Massarano in honor of her Hebrew birthday; James Mitrani; Renee & Harriet Rosenthal in memory of Gertrude Packer, beloved mother of Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal, mother-in-law of Dr. Philip Rosenthal.

**October 2/Simchat Torah:** Yossi Ben-nun, Robi & Miriam Cohen, Carol & Jim Cunradi, Hanna Hindawi to celebrate her granddaughter Daniella's 2nd birthday, the Kittner family, Talia Falk, Irene Unterberger on the 11th yahrzeit of her mother Theodora Lichtenstein Unterberger.

**October 6:** Young Folks of CBI in honor of the community: Miriam Barrere, Lisa

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**October 13:** The Mahgel-Friedman family in celebration of Yakov Bear Simcha Mahgel-Friedman's bar mitzvah.

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**October 13/Shloshim for David Spieler:**

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**To Yael Krieger and R. Joshua Ladon, big sister Elisheva and big brother Zohar** on the birth of a baby girl, Yona Sima on July 2.

**To parents Gabriella Rosen Kellerman & Jesse Kellerman, big brother Oscar and big sister Masha, grandparents Mordy & Rena Rosen and Jonathan & Faye Kellerman** on the birth of a baby boy, Edgar Leo (Teddy) on July 6.

**To great-grandparents Sheba & Justin Sweet and parents Chaim (Allegra's son) and Kinereth**, in Israel, on the birth of a baby boy.

**To parents Meechal & Na'aman Kam, big brother Evyatar and big sisters No'ah and Amital**, on the birth of a baby boy, Elad Chaim on July 26.

**To new parents Rena Greenfield and Ori Kanefsky**, on the birth of a baby girl, Ayala, on August 9.

**To grandmother R. SaraLeya Schley and new parents Joshua and Jessica Harrington** on the birth of a baby boy, Gavriel Yosef, which took place in the Vancouver area.

**To grandparents Hiram Simon, Susan Stanfield and Rivka & Ya'akov Gruber** of Monsey, New York and to new parents Rivkah & Yehuda Gruber on the birth of a baby boy.

**To Johana Afenjar and Aric Lasry and big brother Milo** on the birth of a baby boy, Amos, on September 18.

**To grandparents BatSheva & David Miller and Michael & Deborah Sosebee (of Oakland) and new parents Netzach (Miller) and Hannah (Sosebee) Sapir** on the birth in Israel of a baby girl.

**To R. Zahav & Shulamis Green**, on the birth of their new grandson Aaron Yehudah Leib Green

**To Talia Falk & Elie Hassenfeld, big sister Noa and big brother Julian**, on the birth of a baby girl, Siena Lee (Sarah Tziviah) on October 7

**To new parents Talya & Paul Marcus** on the birth of a new baby boy, Solomon Max (Shlomo Hillel) on October 28.

### BAR/BAT MITZVAH

**Simone Schubert** on Shabbat Eikev, August 4th  
**Niva Bamberger** on Shabbat Ki Teitzei, August 25th  
**Bear Mahgel-Friedman** on Shabbat Noach, October 13th

*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!*

**To Jodie and Jeff Morgan** on the wedding of Zoë Morgan & Guy Koelewijn in Israel.

*May the couple build a home filled with the light of Torah and mitzvot. May their families and our community have many more occasions to celebrate in simchah together. Mazal tov!*

## BARUCH DAYAN EMET CONDOLENCES

We mourn the passing of **Gloria Sieradzki**, long-time member of CBI, in Maryland. She is survived by her sons David Sieradzki & Michael Sarid.

We mourn the passing of **Frederick Alper** (Ephraim Ben David), on August 9 -28 Av, in Boston, MA, beloved brother of Noah Alper, Spike Alper, and Judith Smith, and brother-in-law of Hope Alper.

We mourn the passing of **Rivka Lehmann**, beloved mother of Amalya Lehmann and Gil Lehmann, mother-in-law to Ariel Weiss, and beloved wife of Dr. Harold Lehmann.

With a very heavy heart, we send our deepest condolences to Rachel Schorr on the sudden passing of **David Spieler**. David was beloved by his children, Heidi Mathat, Gretchen Spieler, Philip Spieler and Leah Spieler, and deeply loved by his grandchildren.

We mourn the passing in LA of **Gertrude Packer**, beloved mother of Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal and mother-in-law to Philip Rosenthal.

We mourn the passing of **Helen Stern**. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her beloved husband of 73 years, Ben Stern, to her daughter, Charlene Stern, and son-in-law, Michael Irwin, to children Norman and Susan, and to their entire family, including seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

We mourn the passing of Phyllis Bamberger. She is survived by husband of 53 years Michael; sons Kenneth (Sara) and Richard (Kristin); grandchildren Maddie, Max, Isaiah, Ella, Niva, Quinn, Ezra and Talia; brothers Edward Skloot (Suzanne) and Robert Skloot (JoAnn) and their families; and sister-in-law Gabrielle Bamberger.

We mourn the passing of Rita Plesset (Rivka bat Michael v' Dalia) beloved mother of Andy Tikofsky and Melissa Tikofsky, z'l, beloved grandmother to Shira Tikofsky.

*HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim. May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem.*



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