



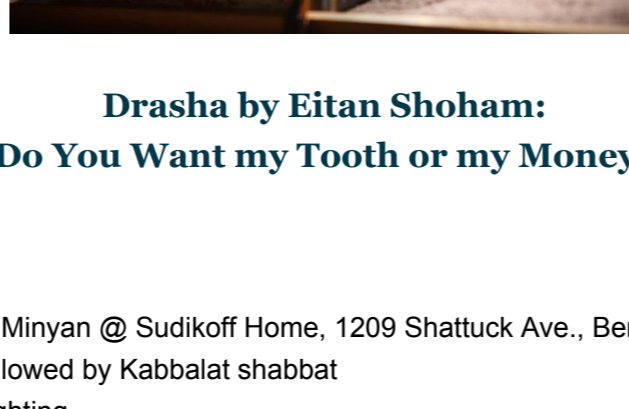
Daf Hashavuah

Parshat Emor, May 1-2
Bar Mitzvah of Eitan Shoham

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Shabbat Schedule



Drasha by Eitan Shoham: Do You Want my Tooth or my Money?

Friday, May 1
6:45 AM // Shacharit
7:00 PM // Northside Minyan @ Sutcliffe Home, 1209 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley CA
7:00 PM // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat
7:42 PM // Candle Lighting

Shabbat Day, May 2
09:00 AM // Shacharit Morning Services

Greeters:

- 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Ricki Landes

09:00 - 11:30 AM // Shabbat Youth Programming:

- Ages 0-3 @ CBI left space // Parent-and-me tot Shabbat Circle
- Ages 3 years -4th grade @ Gan Shalom // 9:00 AM drop off, 10:00 AM snack

This Shabbat lunch is in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of Eitan Shoham.

7:40 PM // Mincha followed by seudah shlishit
8:43 PM // Shabbat ends

The following dates are open for Kiddush Sponsors:

- May 16 - Bamidbar
- May 22 - Shavuot I
- June 20 - Korach
- June 27 - Chukat - Balak
- July 4 - Pinchas

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING ONE OF OUR KIDDUSH:
 Please email the Kiddush coordinator at ksiddush@bethisrael.org if you'd like to sponsor one of these kiddushim. You may sign up to sponsor kiddush here <https://www.bethisrael.org/connect/connector-a-kiddush/>

Sponsor Kiddush

Services This Week

Sunday, May 3
8:00 AM // Shacharit
6:25 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:30 PM // Class with Dr. Yifat Mozes, "Mizrahi-Ashkenazi Relations in Israel"

Monday, May 4
6:45 AM // Morning Service
6:25 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Tuesday, May 5
Lag BaOmer
6:45 AM // Morning Service
6:25 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday, May 6 - Thursday, May 7
6:45 AM // Morning Service
6:25 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 8
6:45 AM // Shacharit
6:15 pm // Early Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat
6:42 pm // Plag Hamincha (earliest time to light Shabbat candles)
7:15 pm // Dinner
8:15 pm // Talk: Will Mashiah Be a Kabbalist or a Rationalist?
 *\$30 Adults • \$20 Students & Young Professionals & Children (to 12) • \$75 max per family

Dinner Registration

Classes This Week

Nehama Leibowitz on the Parsha
Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld • Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
 In this class we'll study the weekly parsha, diving into traditional Jewish commentaries with the help of legendary teacher Nehama Leibowitz z"l (1905-1997).

Mah Jongg
Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm @ CBI

Men's Mishnah Chaburah
Rabbi Yonatan Cohen
April 17 & 24 | May 1 & 15

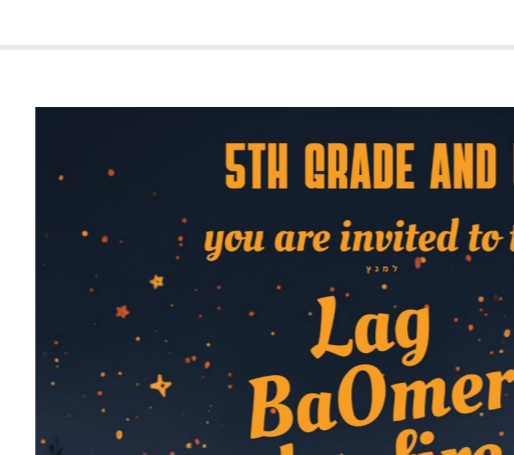
Join a dedicated group of men for weekly Mishnah study, meeting after weekday morning services and facilitated by Rabbi Cohen. This ongoing chaburah provides a consistent and inspiring framework for daily Torah learning — a chance to start your day grounded in text, discussion, and connection. Space is limited. If you're interested in joining or learning more, please reach out directly to Rabbi Cohen.

Life Cycle Announcements

Bar Mitzvah of Eitan Shoham
 Mazal tov to the Emanuel and Shoham families on the Bar Mitzvah of Eitan Shoham this week, Parshat Emor, May 2!
[Mark this occasion with an act of tzedakah.](#)

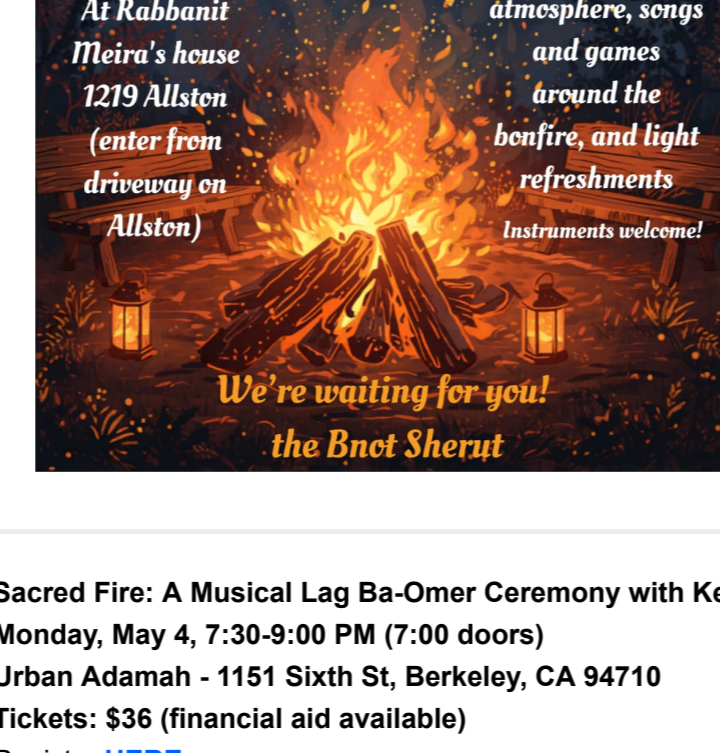
Upcoming Events

Mizrahi-Ashkenazi Relations in Israel



Dr. Yifat Mozes is a cultural researcher and a sociologist of social movements and political mobilization. She teaches courses on Israeli society at UC Berkeley.

Sundays in May:
May 3, 10, and 17 at 7:30 pm
 Many people outside Israel are unfamiliar with the major role that relations between Mizrahim and Ashkenazim have played in shaping Israeli society. Across three sessions, we will explore this relationship as one marked on the one hand, by cooperation, solidarity, and a sense of shared fate, and on the other by ethnic tension and conflict. We will examine the roots of this conflict and its different expressions over time, discuss the development of the Mizrahi movement, consider the continued relevance of ethnic discourse to some of the major divisions in Israeli society today, and reflect on the future of these relations.



Teen Lag BaOmer — 8th and up!
With the banot sherut @ the Wolkenfeld home
Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 PM
 songs, games, refreshments, instruments welcome!

Sacred Fire: A Musical Lag Ba-Omer Ceremony with Kedmah, US, and Shafa
Monday, May 4, 7:30-9:00 PM (7:45 doors)
 Urban Adamah - 1151 Sixth St, Berkeley, CA 94710
Tickets: \$36 (financial aid available)
 Register [HERE](#).

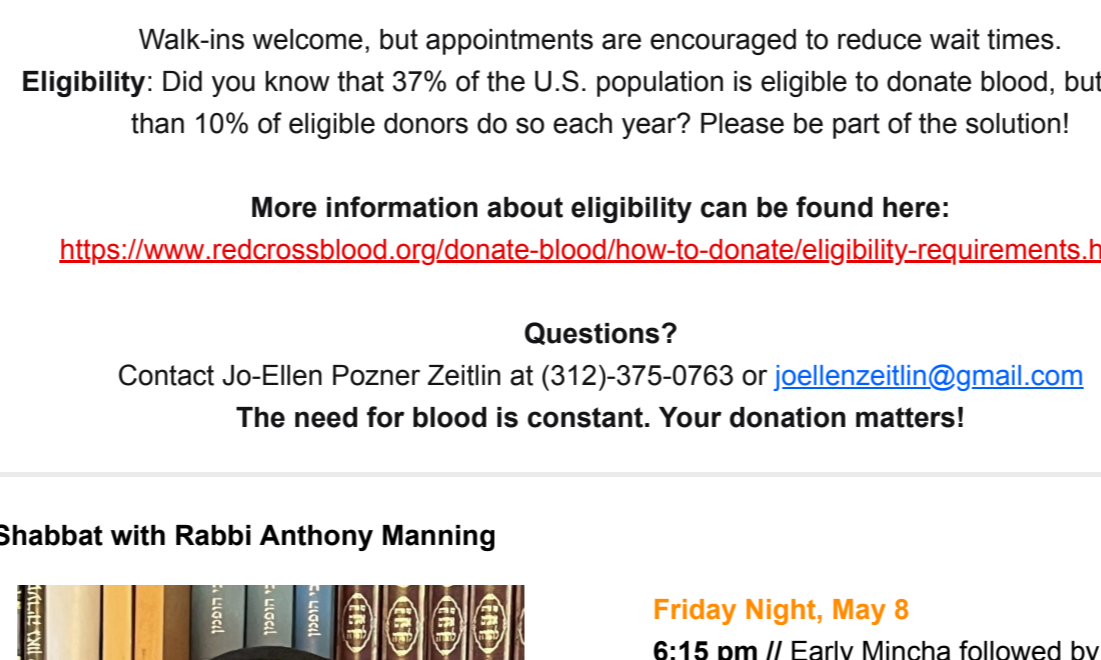
Lag BaOmer is a night of fire — bonfires, hidden light, the revelation of what has been quietly growing in us through the weeks of the Omer. Join us for a journey through contemplative and ecstatic song, sacred fire, kabbalistic teaching, meditation, and prayer.

Live devotional music from Mizrahi sacred song ensemble Kedmah (Rabbi Yosef Goldman and Yoni Avi Battat) is woven with mystical teachings from Rebecca Schuler, Rabbi Zac Kamenetz, and Jesse Ginzon, along with guided meditation, and prayer around a shared flame. The evening moves from stillness into communal voice, call-and-response, and powerful music and dance.

This event is c-sponsored by CBI, Nefvot Shalom, and Wilderness Torah.

Blood Drive at CBI

We are at a time of counting — counting the Omer and counting the days till the Beth Israel Blood Drive on **May 8th**. All 48 slots at CBI have been booked! We may have room for walk-ins. If you decide to give another time and place, let us know so you will be counted.
 -Naomi Stampfer and Jo-Ellen Zellin




Blood Drive at Congregation Beth Israel
 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703 (Social Hall)
Friday, May 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 To schedule an appointment visit:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html?drive-results?isSponsor=CBI>

Walk-ins welcome, but appointments are encouraged to reduce wait times.
Eligibility: Do you know that 37% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but fewer than 10% of eligible donors do so each year? Please be part of the solution!

More information about eligibility can be found here:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html>

Questions?
 Contact Jo-Ellen Pozner Zellin at (212) 375-0763 or joelcellin@gmail.com
The need for blood is constant. Your donation matters!

Shabbat with Rabbi Anthony Manning



Friday Night, May 8
6:15 pm // Early Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat
6:42 pm // Plag Hamincha (earliest time to light Shabbat candles)
7:15 pm // Dinner
8:15 pm // Talk: Will Mashiah Be a Kabbalist or a Rationalist?

Shabbat Day, May 9
9:00 am // Shabbat morning services with drasha by Rabbi Manning
6:30 pm // Talk: Looking After No. 1 — Balancing Altruism and Self-Care
7:40 pm // Mincha followed by seudah shlishit
8:51 pm // Shabbat ends

Rabbi Manning is Director / Rosh Midrasha of Midreshet Rachel v'Chaya, and also gives a regular weekly shur at the OU Israel Center in Jerusalem.

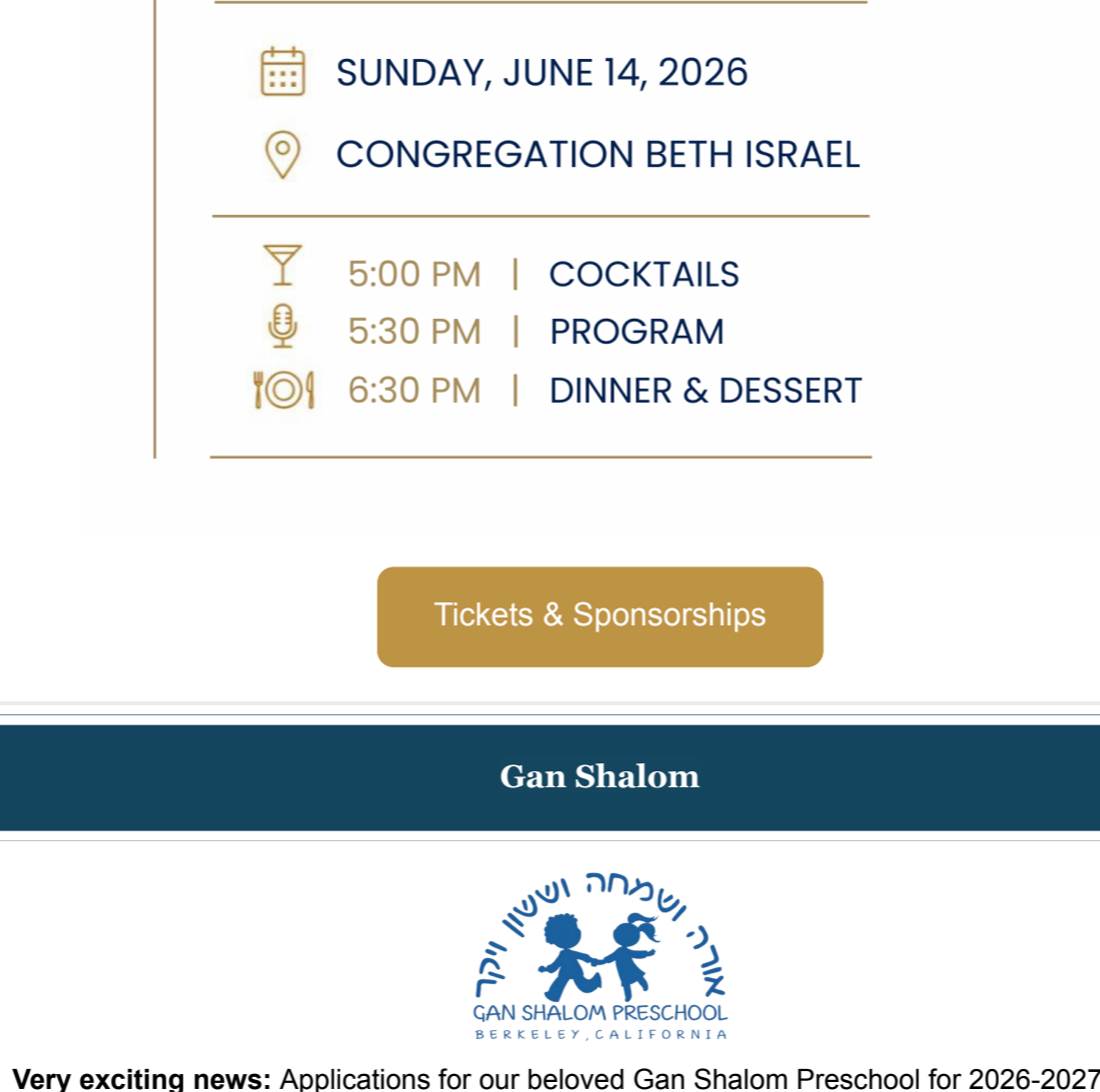
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May 15, 7:10 PM
Women's Kabbalat Shabbat

May 21-23
Shavuot with scholar-in-residence Rabbi Ben Greenfield

May 30
Teen Minyan

May 30
Women's Mincha



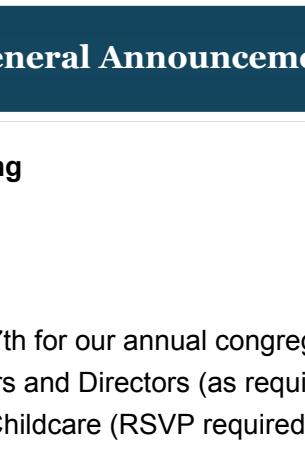
CBI CELEBRATES 20 YEARS with the COHENS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

5:00 PM | COCKTAILS
 5:30 PM | PROGRAM
 6:30 PM | DINNER & DESSERT

Tickets & Sponsorships

Gan Shalom



Very exciting news: Applications for our beloved Gan Shalom Preschool for 2026-2027 are now open! If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact our director Emma Schmur at director@ganshalomberkeley.org.

Applications can be filled out [here](#).

We also have a few precious spaces left for this year for children ages 2-5 years old. Feel free to reach out to Emma for more information!

Gan Shalom Preschool Application

General Announcements

Notice of Congregational Meeting

Dear CBI Family,

Please join us on Sunday, May 17th for our annual congregational meeting, where we will elect the 2024-2026 Board Officers and Directors (as required) by CBI's by-laws. A catered breakfast will be served at 9am. Childcare (RSVP required) will be offered at Gan. The congregational meeting will begin in the Sanctuary at 10am and conclude by 11:30am. [\(RSVP for board and childcare and meeting here\)](#) The nominating committee delivered the following list of nominees to the Board at its April meeting:

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| President | At-Large Directors |
| • Bryan Hara | • Jessica Fain |
| 1st Vice President | • Jack Halpern |
| • Josh Kirsch | • Naomi Kinder |
| 2nd Vice President | • Gabriela Kipnis |
| • Irene Resnikoff | • Thomas Lurquin |
| 3rd Vice President | • Susie Marcus |
| • Carol Cunnadi | • Michael Pearce |
| Secretary | • Nicholas Rohbart |
| • Karen Kadish | |
| Treasurer | Past President |
| • Ori Kanefsky | • Asaf Shor |

In addition to voting on the proposed Board slate, we will also ask the congregation to approve our biannual dues increase to help keep pace with rising expenses. These additional funds are essential to sustaining the outstanding programs and professional staff that make CBI such a vibrant community, while avoiding significant budget deficits. The increase will help us meet rising costs and keep CBI's dues in line with those of other congregations in the area.

CBI's Board recognizes that there is economic uncertainty in these times and that many members of our community may be experiencing financial strain. Therefore, rather than a one-time increase of 6% as we have done in the past, the Board is proposing a staggered increase of 6% over the course of the next two years (3% each year). It is the Board's hope that this will allow CBI to maintain its programming while also mitigating the impact of a larger dues increase on the community. CBI's Board has unanimously recommended approval of the following dues increase, and we hope our community will also approve this at the congregational meeting:

- Effective for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2026:
- Full dues for individual memberships will be increased from \$2,970 to \$3,060 (3%).
 - Full dues for family memberships be increased from \$3,680 to \$3,690 (3%).
 - Dues for those members who are unable to pay full dues will be increased by 3%.

- Effective for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2027:
- Full dues for individual memberships will be increased from \$3,060 to \$3,150 (3%).
 - Full dues for family memberships be increased from \$3,690 to \$3,810 (3%).
 - Dues for those members who are unable to pay full dues will be increased by 3%.

As is always our policy, no one will be turned away due to financial hardship. If you are in the position to contribute more than the full dues amount and would like more information about ways to support our community, please reach out to Ori Kanefsky, Jessica Fain, or Rabbi Cohen.

The by-laws stipulate that 15% of the CBI membership units in good standing shall constitute a quorum for meetings, and that a quorum is necessary for all matters requiring a vote of the members. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone who is available attend the meeting.

Warmly,
 Asaf Shor
 President, CBI

RSVP HERE



SAVE THE DATE
Creating Hope
 Pathways to Strength

Sandi Bragu & Jerome Rossen, Chairs

Celebration benefiting survivors of domestic violence in the Jewish Community

MAY 7, 2026 - 6PM
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO

More Information Here



Altkomen Ladies & Yoda Culture presents...
JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT
GOLDEN STATE VALKYRIES

Wed May 13th
Valkyries vs. Chicago Sky
5:30pm Pre-game Activities, 7:00pm Pre-Game Show
Chase Center, San Francisco

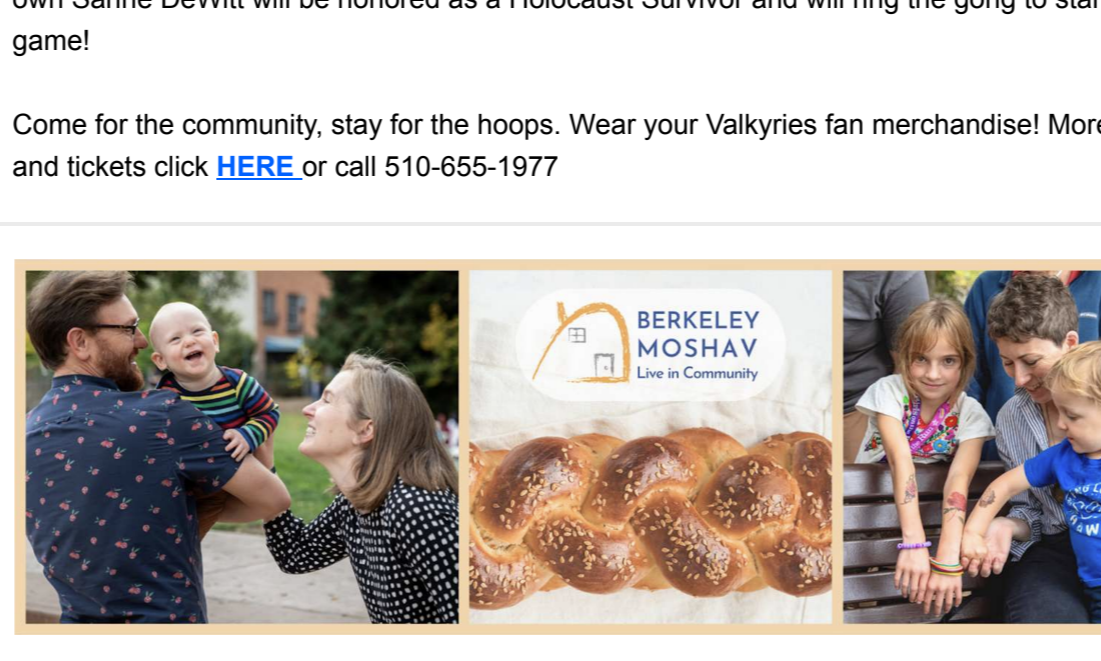
• **Waltape Night Ticket**
 • **Booth Bravos Bites**
 • **Courtesy Expenses for first 100 Tickets**
 • **Celebrates 57 Jewish Week**

Tickets & Info: www.waltape.com
 510-455-1977

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT with The Golden State Valkyries | Wednesday May 13, 5:30pm Community Gathering & Bagels
 6:45pm Pre-Game Show
 7:00pm Tip-off
 Chase Center, 1 Warriors Way, San Francisco

Reserve your tickets now for the best selection!
 Let's celebrate the WNBA Golden State Valkyries as they take on The Chicago Sky! Your ticket includes a custom T-shirt! Courtesy experience for the first 100 Tickets purchased! Our very own Sante DeVitt will be honored as a Holocaust Survivor and will ring the gong to start the game!

Come for the community, stay for the hoops. Wear your Valkyries fan merchandise! More info and tickets click [HERE](#) or call 510-655-1977



Discover Berkeley Moshav, a Jewish cohousing community under construction in the Bay!

Berkeley Moshav is building a modern Jewish village where daily life is shaped by diversity, community, and the rhythms of Jewish tradition. It's a unique cohousing community where each family has their own private cord—complete with kitchen, living space, and privacy. Just outside each door are shared spaces designed to bring people together: a big yard, a garden, a communal kitchen and dining room, and spaces for music, crafts, and conversation. Berkeley Moshav weaves Jewish life into every-day moments—not just holidays or synagogue. Children grow up with friends (just steps away), families support one another, and people of all ages share their hobbies and traditions.

Berkeley Moshav welcomes all levels of Jewish observance from secular to religious and welcoming of people from other traditions, and they proudly welcome families of all backgrounds and LGBTQ+! It's a place where neighbors become friends and community is built into daily life. Construction is well underway and move-in is scheduled for early 2027. Now is the perfect time to join!

To learn more, sign up for a Zoom info session at berkeleymoshav.org/events.

Stay Connected

CBI Connected Families
 To join a WhatsApp group, contact the CBI Office.

Subscribe to Congregation Beth Israel's weekly Daf Hashabbat for updates & info on events and programs.

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