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The Evolving Practice of Judaism in the Bay Area

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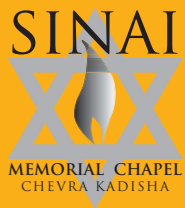


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Jewish Calendar for 5783
תשפ"ג 2022-2023



A Shabbat service at Urban Adamah in Berkeley



L'shana Tovah and best wishes for a Happy New Year from the Board of Directors and Staff of SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL CHEVRA KADISHA. As appreciation for your support, enclosed is our 5783 Jewish calendar.

How Judaism is practiced has evolved over thousands of years. It has been influenced by changing demographics, historical circumstances, the experiences of Jewish immigrants around the world, societal changes, and even technology.

In response to changing times and needs, entrepreneurial and innovative Jews in the Bay Area have created a variety of institutions that enable people to explore and express their Judaism. Whether these groups sponsor ceremonies in the desert or marches for climate change, they are all finding ways that people throughout the area – of all ages, identities, and backgrounds – have a home in Judaism.

This calendar features these kinds of organizations, which remind us of the diverse ways in which local Jews consider themselves Jewish.

The calendar – and the new year – are also reminders to all of us to rededicate ourselves to new beginnings. Just as Rosh Hashanah and the sound of the *shofar* usher in the holiest time of the year, at SINAI we take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to our holy work and to identify opportunities for *tikkun*, improvement, to better serve our entire Bay Area Jewish community.

In the past year, we provided advance planning, funeral and burial services, and bereavement and grief counseling services to over 1,000 individuals and families. A continuing hallmark of SINAI is our commitment to providing to the entire community – regardless of means – the same dignity and quality of funeral service.

Our members support the *tzedakah* and community-building activities of SINAI, one of the few community-owned, nonprofit Jewish funeral services nationwide. Your membership and donations help ensure that we never turn away any Jewish person because of means. Please consider becoming a member.

If you would like more information about the work of SINAI, our range of services, the importance of membership, or the opportunity to make a legacy gift, please visit our website, www.sinaichapel.org.

Again, I wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Salkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Samuel J. Salkin
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A photograph of two women sitting in a garden. The woman on the left is wearing a grey sweater and sunglasses, and the woman on the right is wearing a red jacket. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The garden is filled with various plants, including green leafy vegetables and pink flowers. In the background, there are wooden buildings and a sign that says "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF" with Hebrew text below it.

Urban Adamah

Exploring Judaism through Nature

Urban Adamah's mission is to connect people to Jewish values, rituals, and celebrations by engaging them in the age-old Jewish tradition of agrarianism – with its emphasis on land, food, and the natural world.

Founded in 2010 as the first urban Jewish community farm in the United States, Urban Adamah honors Jewish laws that proscribe using resources wisely, helping those in need, and treating animals with kindness.

Its social action efforts include growing vegetables and fruits at its two-acre farm in Berkeley, where participants take part in the full cycle from planting seeds to harvesting and composting. Volunteers also help at other community and school gardens in the area.

At Urban Adamah workshops, participants explore issues like the connections between Jewish law and environmental ethics. Celebrations of Jewish holidays and Shabbat often take place in nature, and participants in all of its activities are encouraged to practice mindful awareness of themselves and their surroundings.

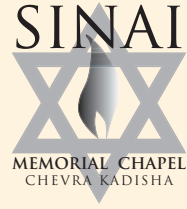
Urban Adamah's programs engage adults, teens, and children in learning, celebrating, working, and building community together.

urbanadamah.org

SEPTEMBER

2022

אלול תשפ"ב - תשרי תשפ"ג
ELUL 5782 - TISHREI 5783



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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 ה Elul 5

2 ו Elul 6 Light 7:08

3 ז Elul 7 Shofetim Ends 8:06

4 ח Elul 8

5 ט Elul 9 Labor Day

6 י Elul 10

7 יא Elul 11

8 יב Elul 12

9 יג Elul 13 Light 6:57

10 יד Elul 14 Ki Teitze Ends 7:54

11 טו Elul 15

12 טז Elul 16

13 יז Elul 17

14 יח Elul 18

15 יט Elul 19

16 כ Elul 20 Light 6:45

17 כא Elul 21 Ki Tavo Ends 7:42

18 כב Elul 22

19 כג Elul 23

20 כד Elul 24

21 כה Elul 25

22 כו Elul 26

23 כז Elul 27 Light 6:33

24 כח Elul 28 Nitzavim Ends 7:30

25 כט Elul 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah Light 6:30

26 א Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Light after 7:27

27 ב Tishrei 2 Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Ends 7:25

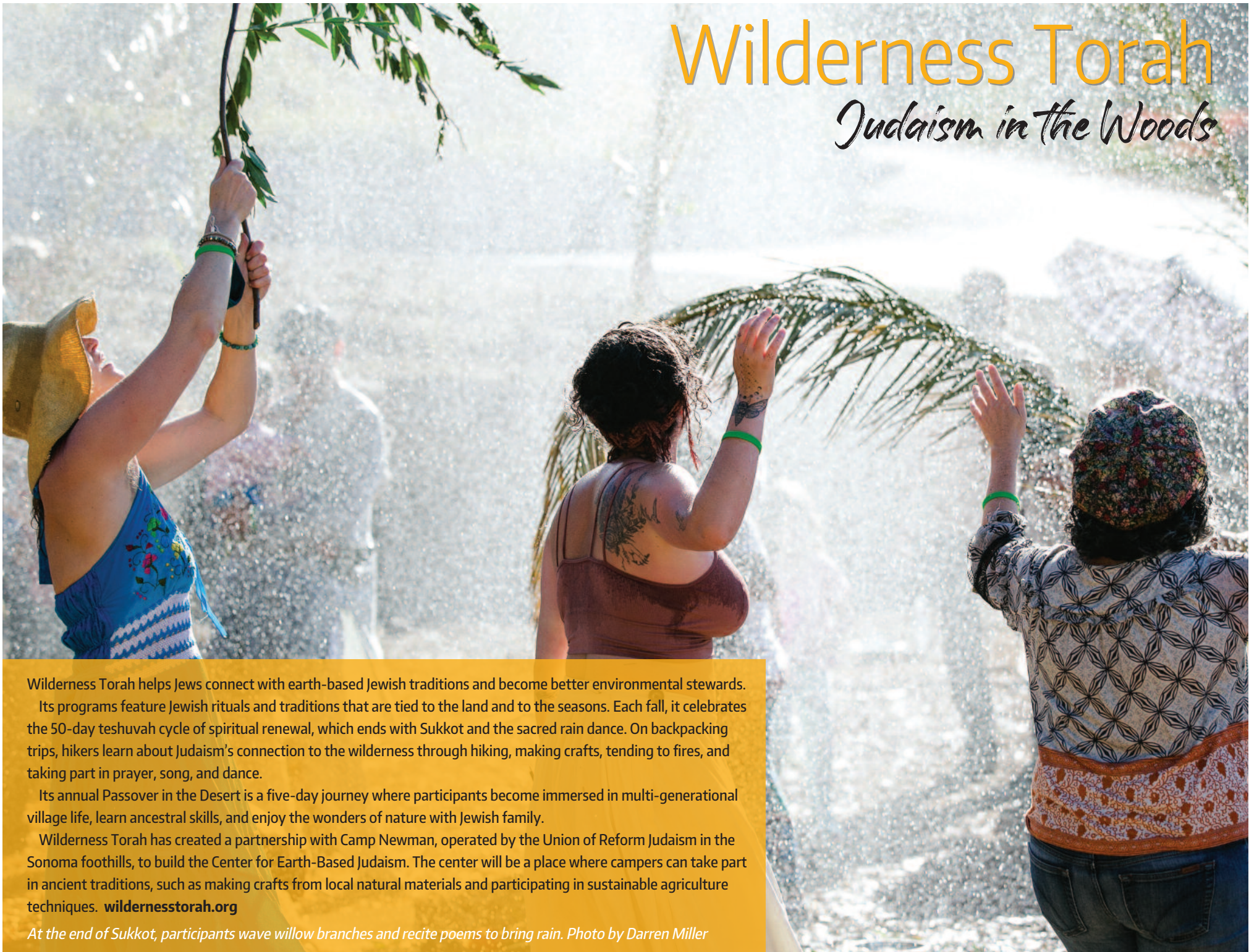
28 ג Tishrei 3 Tzom Gedaliah Fast 5:23 -7:11

29 ד Tishrei 4

30 ה Tishrei 5 Light 6:21

Wilderness Torah

Judaism in the Woods



Wilderness Torah helps Jews connect with earth-based Jewish traditions and become better environmental stewards.

Its programs feature Jewish rituals and traditions that are tied to the land and to the seasons. Each fall, it celebrates the 50-day teshuvah cycle of spiritual renewal, which ends with Sukkot and the sacred rain dance. On backpacking trips, hikers learn about Judaism's connection to the wilderness through hiking, making crafts, tending to fires, and taking part in prayer, song, and dance.

Its annual Passover in the Desert is a five-day journey where participants become immersed in multi-generational village life, learn ancestral skills, and enjoy the wonders of nature with Jewish family.

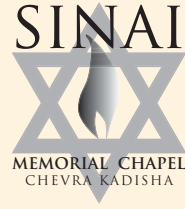
Wilderness Torah has created a partnership with Camp Newman, operated by the Union of Reform Judaism in the Sonoma foothills, to build the Center for Earth-Based Judaism. The center will be a place where campers can take part in ancient traditions, such as making crafts from local natural materials and participating in sustainable agriculture techniques. wildernesstorah.org

At the end of Sukkot, participants wave willow branches and recite poems to bring rain. Photo by Darren Miller

OCTOBER

2022

תשרי - חשוון תשפ"ג
TISHREI - CHESHVAN 5783



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SUNDAY



MONDAY



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WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY

1 6 Tishrei ו
Vayelech
Shabbat Shuvah Ends 7:18


2 7 Tishrei ז

3 8 Tishrei ח

4 9 Tishrei ט
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre Light, fast begins 6:15



5 10 Tishrei י
Yom Kippur
Yizkor
Shofar is blown Ends 7:12



6 11 Tishrei יא


7 12 Tishrei יב Light 6:10

8 13 Tishrei יג
Ha'azinu Ends 7:10


9 14 Tishrei יד
Erev Sukkot Light 6:07




10 15 Tishrei טו
1st day of Sukkot
Columbus Day Light after 7:04



11 16 Tishrei טז
2nd day of Sukkot Ends 7:02



12 17 Tishrei יז
Chol Hamoed Sukkot



13 18 Tishrei יח
Chol Hamoed Sukkot



14 19 Tishrei יט
Chol Hamoed Sukkot Light 5:59



15 20 Tishrei כ
Chol Hamoed Sukkot Ends 6:56



16 21 Tishrei כא
Sukkot
Hoshanah Rabah
Erev Shemini Atzeret Light 5:56



17 22 Tishrei כב
Shemini Atzeret
Yizkor
Erev Simchat Torah Light after 6:53



18 23 Tishrei כג
Simchat Torah Ends 6:52



19 24 Tishrei כד

20 25 Tishrei כה

21 26 Tishrei כו Light 5:49

22 27 Tishrei כז
Bereshit
Birkat Hachodesh Ends 6:46

23 28 Tishrei כח

24 29 Tishrei כט

25 30 Tishrei ל
Rosh Chodesh



26 1 Cheshvan א
Rosh Chodesh



27 2 Cheshvan ב

28 3 Cheshvan ג Light 5:39

29 4 Cheshvan ד
Noach Ends 6:37

30 5 Cheshvan ה

31 6 Cheshvan ו



Kehilla Community Synagogue

A Focus on Social Justice

Kehilla Community Synagogue, begun in Piedmont in 1984, sees social justice as a spiritual mandate to heal and repair the world and as a central theme in Judaism.

This commitment pervades every aspect of Kehilla, including its services, music, advocacy, social action, and educational programs. For example, in addition to using traditional texts, it incorporates prayers that reflect feminism, egalitarianism, and concerns for the health of the planet.

Committees at Kehilla address issues like homelessness, economic justice, immigration, and the environment.

At its weekly Kehilla School, elementary students are encouraged to develop their own perspectives, understand the contributions of the Jewish past, and grapple with the values and challenges of today's world.

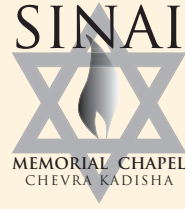
Calling itself a "community synagogue," Kehilla emphasizes the importance of sharing life's challenges as well as its joys, and creating together the world its members want to see. kehillasynagogue.org

Photo by
Lea Delson

NOVEMBER

2022

חשוון - כסלו תשפ"ג
CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5783



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SATURDAY

1 7 Cheshvan ז
Yom HaAliyah

2 8 Cheshvan ח

3 9 Cheshvan ט

4 10 Cheshvan י Light 5:30

5 11 Cheshvan יא Lech Lecha Ends 6:30

6 12 Cheshvan יב Daylight Savings Time ends

7 13 Cheshvan יג

8 14 Cheshvan יד

9 15 Cheshvan טו

10 16 Cheshvan טז

11 17 Cheshvan יז Veterans Day Light 4:23

12 18 Cheshvan יח Vayera Ends 5:23

13 19 Cheshvan יט

14 20 Cheshvan כ

15 21 Cheshvan כא

16 22 Cheshvan כב

17 23 Cheshvan כג

18 24 Cheshvan כד Light 4:17

19 25 Cheshvan כה Chaye Sarah Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:18

20 26 Cheshvan כז

21 27 Cheshvan כח

22 28 Cheshvan כט

23 29 Cheshvan ל

24 30 Cheshvan ל Rosh Chodesh Thanksgiving Day

25 1 Kislev א Rosh Chodesh Light 4:13

26 2 Kislev ב Toledot Ends 5:15

27 3 Kislev ג

28 4 Kislev ד

29 5 Kislev ה

30 6 Kislev ו

The Z3 Project is a program of the Oshman Family JCC of Palo Alto that brings Jews together around a single issue, but one that is often very divisive: the relationship between Israel and the diaspora.

Z3 embraces the idea that while people have vastly different opinions on this topic, that should not preclude finding ways to connect and share ideas, under the notion that Jews throughout history have disagreed on all kinds of issues, including deeply religious ones. The goal is to achieve a shared sense of peoplehood and common destiny.

For six years Oshman JCC brought people together at conferences to discuss these issues. The most recent gathering was both in-person and online and attracted people from around the world. Registration fees supported grants to relevant nonprofit groups.

Participants at the most recent event took part in a simulation game, where people representing various perspectives – military, media, philanthropic, government, and academic – wrestled with how they would respond to a left-wing American group publishing an anti-Zionist Haggadah. z3project.virtualjcc.com



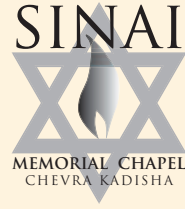
Z3 Project

Reimagining Diaspora - Israel Relations

DECEMBER

2022

כסלו - טבת תשפ"ג
KISLEV - TEVET 5783



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SATURDAY

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1 7 Kislev ז

2 8 Kislev ח Light 4:11

3 9 Kislev ט Vayetze Ends 5:13

4 10 Kislev י

5 11 Kislev יא

6 12 Kislev יב

7 13 Kislev יג

8 14 Kislev יד

9 15 Kislev טו Light 4:10

10 16 Kislev טז Vayishlach Ends 5:14

11 17 Kislev יז

12 18 Kislev יח

13 19 Kislev יט

14 20 Kislev כ

15 21 Kislev כא

16 22 Kislev כב Light 4:11

17 23 Kislev כג Vayeshev Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:15

18 24 Kislev כד Erev Chanukah Light 1st candle

19 25 Kislev כה Chanukah Light 2nd candle

20 26 Kislev כו Chanukah Light 3rd candle

21 27 Kislev כז Chanukah Light 4th candle

22 28 Kislev כח Chanukah Light 5th candle

23 29 Kislev כט Chanukah Light 6th candle

24 30 Kislev ל Miketz Chanukah Light 7th candle Rosh Chodesh

25 1 Tevet א Chanukah Light 8th candle Rosh Chodesh

26 2 Tevet ב Chanukah

27 3 Tevet ג

28 4 Tevet ד

29 5 Tevet ה

30 6 Tevet ו Light 4:19

31 7 Tevet ז Vayigash Ends 5:23

SVARA

Torah Study through a Queer Lens



SVARA describes itself as “a traditionally radical yeshiva dedicated to the serious study of Talmud through the lens of queer experiences.”

Its name comes from a 2,000-year-old Talmudic term meaning “moral intuition,” a source of law that gave rabbis the ability to make radical moves in order to make Judaism more meaningful and responsive to the human condition. For SVARA, this means engaging “people at the margins” to study Torah in the original Hebrew and Aramaic and make the Torah relevant and engaging for the queer community.

SVARA believes that this approach to Talmud study gives learners the motivation, tools, and courage to bring about a more just and equitable world.

In the Bay Area, SVARA has held several Queer Talmud Camps in Marin County, where “queer folks, radicals, and seekers come together for five days to immerse themselves in rigorous yeshiva-style learning in warm, loving, and joyful community.”

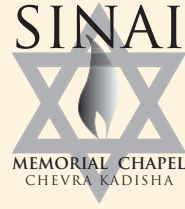
The San Francisco Jewish Community Center offers a class called QueerCore Talmud, based on SVARA’s approach to the study of Torah. svara.org

Studying Torah at Queer Talmud Camp in Marin County. Photo by Laurel Cohen

JANUARY

2023

טבת - שבט תשפ"ג
TEVET - SHEVAT 5783



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SUNDAY

1 8 Tevet ח
New Year's Day

MONDAY

2 9 Tevet ט

TUESDAY

3 10 Tevet י Fast
Tzom 5:47
Asarah B'Tevet -5:12

WEDNESDAY

4 11 Tevet יא

THURSDAY

5 12 Tevet יב

FRIDAY

6 13 Tevet יג Light
4:25

SATURDAY

7 14 Tevet יד Ends
Vayechi 5:29

8 15 Tevet טו

9 16 Tevet טז

10 17 Tevet יז

11 18 Tevet יח

12 19 Tevet יט

13 20 Tevet כ Light
4:33

14 21 Tevet כא Ends
Shemot 5:36

15 22 Tevet כב

16 23 Tevet כג
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

17 24 Tevet כד

18 25 Tevet כה

19 26 Tevet כו

20 27 Tevet כז Light
4:41

21 28 Tevet כח Ends
Vaera 5:44
Birkat Hachodesh

22 29 Tevet כט

23 1 Shevat א
Rosh Chodesh

24 2 Shevat ב

25 3 Shevat ג

26 4 Shevat ד

27 5 Shevat ה Light
4:49
International
Holocaust
Remembrance Day

28 6 Shevat ו Ends
Bo 5:51

29 7 Shevat ז

30 8 Shevat ח

31 9 Shevat ט

Edah

Studying Torah with the Grandkids on Zoom

Torah study has taken many forms for thousands of years. In the past several years, the pandemic made possible an intergenerational approach that otherwise might not have happened.

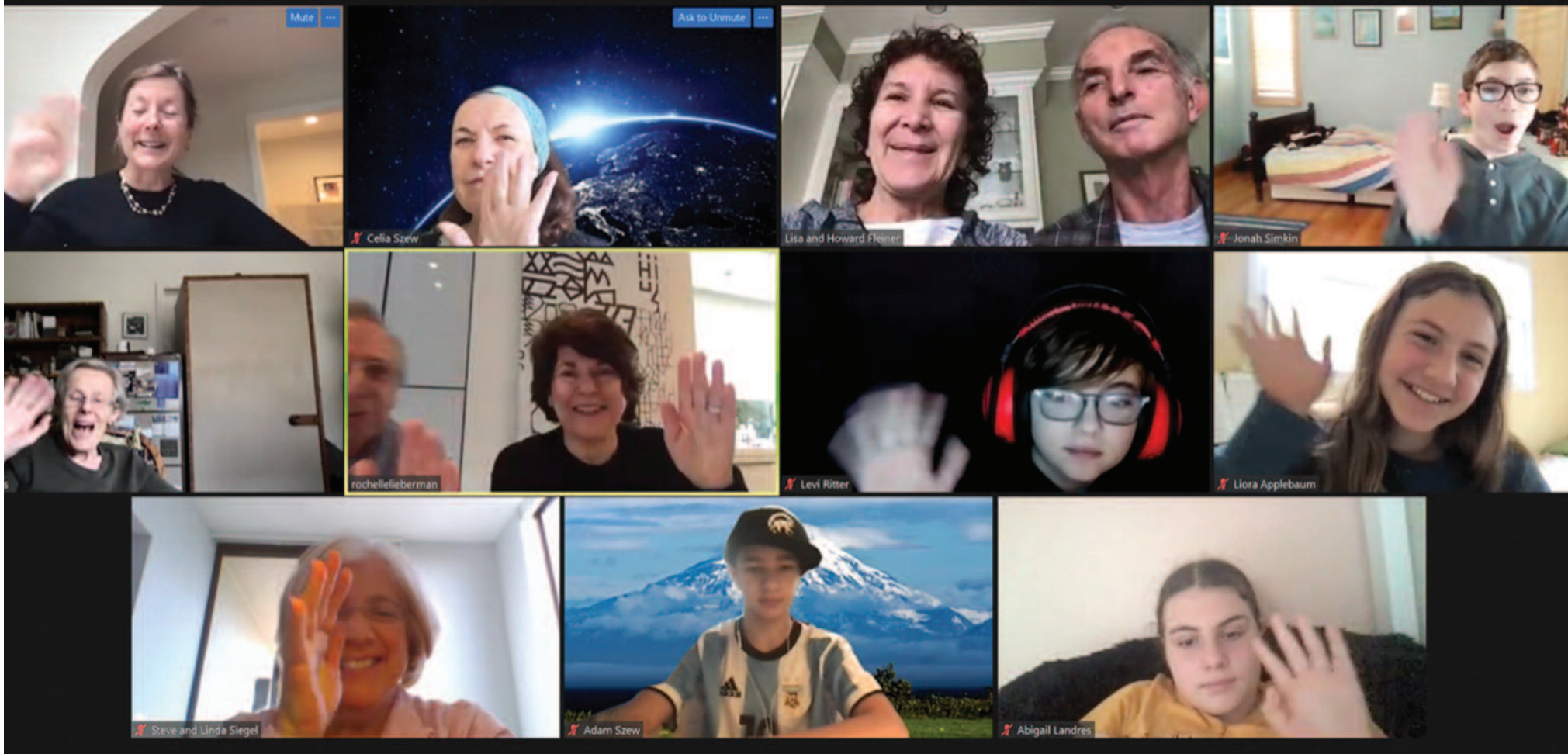
Edah, an immersive Hebrew after-school program of the nonprofit Studio 70 in Berkeley, involved grandchildren and their grandparents – some living as far away as Israel – in studying Torah together via Zoom in a program called Midor Ledor (from generation to generation).

Educators from Edah first led a group study – sometimes using puppets and videos for younger children – before shifting to individual family breakout rooms, where everyone took part in lively conversations and made connections between the text and their daily lives.

At the close of these sessions, everyone usually sang together.

Subsequently, Edah started a program for young teens and their grandparents. One exercise asked the grandparents to talk about an object in their homes that had a connection to their being Jewish.

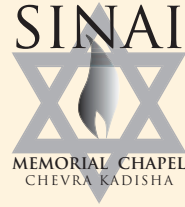
Although it started with Torah study, Midor Ledor went further – by helping family members stay connected and engaged during challenging times. studio-70.org/teen-family/midor-ledor



FEBRUARY

2023




שבט - אדר תשפ"ג
SHEVAT - ADAR 5783



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|-----------------|---|---|--|-----------------|---|---|
| | | | 1 10 Shevat י | 2 11 Shevat יא | 3 12 Shevat יב <small>Light 4:58</small> | 4 13 Shevat יג <small>Ends 5:59</small> Beshalach Shabbat Shira |
| 5 14 Shevat יד | 6 15 Shevat טו <small>Tu BiShevat*</small>  | 7 16 Shevat טז | 8 17 Shevat יז | 9 18 Shevat יח | 10 19 Shevat יט <small>Light 5:06</small> | 11 20 Shevat כ <small>Ends 6:07</small> Yitro |
| 12 21 Shevat כא | 13 22 Shevat כב | 14 23 Shevat כג | 15 24 Shevat כד | 16 25 Shevat כה | 17 26 Shevat כו <small>Light 5:15</small> | 18 27 Shevat כז <small>Ends 6:15</small> Mishpatim Birkat Hachodesh Shabbat Shekalim |
| 19 28 Shevat כח | 20 29 Shevat כט <small>Presidents Day</small> | 21 30 Shevat ל <small>Rosh Chodesh</small>  | 22 1 Adar א <small>Rosh Chodesh</small>  | 23 2 Adar ב | 24 3 Adar ג <small>Light 5:23</small> | 25 4 Adar ד <small>Ends 6:23</small> Terumah |
| 26 5 Adar ה | 27 6 Adar ו | 28 7 Adar ז <small>Zayin Adar</small> | | | | |

Mission Minyan is a lay-led, non-denominational congregation based in San Francisco's Mission District. Reflecting its neighborhood, Mission Minyan prides itself on its diversity, with members representing a wide range of backgrounds and identities.

The congregation has traditionally gathered for services at the Women's Building on 18th Street but since the pandemic has met at Grace Fellowship Community Church.

A feeling of community pervades the activities of Mission Minyan. Its Shabbat services are lively, participatory gatherings with lots of singing. People share a community meal following some Friday night services. And following some Saturday morning services, it hosts "lunch and learn" sessions on topics related to Jewish life and teachings.

In the spirit of inclusiveness, Mission Minyan considers a minyan as 10 men *and* 10 women; certain prayers are not recited if those numbers are not reached. Men and women lead services.

In addition to weekly Shabbat services, Mission Minyan hosts high holiday services, an annual Purim celebration, and a weekly Talmud Club. missionminyan.org



Mission Minyan

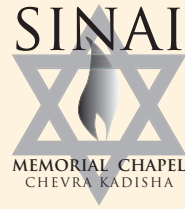
Diversity, Inclusiveness, and Singing

Mission Minyan's 2022 Purim celebration.
Photo by Fred Silverman

MARCH

2023

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ADAR - NISSAN 5783



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| | | | 1 8 Adar ח | 2 9 Adar ט | 3 10 Adar י Light 5:31 | 4 11 Adar יא Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor Ends 6:31 |
| 5 12 Adar יב | 6 13 Adar יג Ta'anit Ester Erev Purim Fast 4:57 -6:20  | 7 14 Adar יד Purim  | 8 15 Adar טו | 9 16 Adar טז | 10 17 Adar יז Light 5:39 | 11 18 Adar יח Ki Tissa Shabbat Parah Ends 6:39 |
| 12 19 Adar יט Daylight Savings Time begins | 13 20 Adar כ  | 14 21 Adar כא  | 15 22 Adar כב | 16 23 Adar כג | 17 24 Adar כד Light 6:46 | 18 25 Adar כה Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat Hachodesh Birkat Hachodesh Ends 7:46 |
| 19 26 Adar כו | 20 27 Adar כז | 21 28 Adar כח | 22 29 Adar כט | 23 1 Nissan א Rosh Chodesh  | 24 2 Nissan ב Light 6:54 | 25 3 Nissan ג Vayikra Ends 7:54 |
| 26 4 Nissan ד | 27 5 Nissan ה | 28 6 Nissan ו | 29 7 Nissan ז | 30 8 Nissan ח  | 31 9 Nissan ט Light 7:01 | |

All times listed are for the 94115 zip code and adjusted for Daylight Savings Time.

Jewish Youth for Community Action

Learning to Make a Difference



Jewish Youth for Community Action is a multi-cultural, multi-racial youth-led organization that empowers Jewish youth to take action for social justice. It gives high-school students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, undertake community organizing, and learn about social issues.

It sees its action campaigns as expressions of the Jewish ideals of tikkun olam (the aspiration to act beneficially) and tzedakah (charitable giving and justice). JYCA's hope is that the young people taking part in its programs will see their Jewish heritage and commitment to social justice as one.

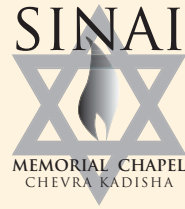
Participants in JYCA have taken part in protests against the rerouting and expansion of the Line 3 oil pipeline, called voters to discuss climate change issues as part of a national Jewish-led movement around climate change called Dayenu, advocated for an ethnic studies program in California high schools, and created a guide for bringing a multicultural perspective to Passover.

Through its Jews Against Marginalization project, JYCA welcomes people who identify as people of color, mixed-race, Sephardic, or Mizrahi – groups that have traditionally been marginalized or underrepresented in the Jewish community. jycajustice.org

APRIL

2023

ניסן - אייר תשפ"ג
NISSAN - IYAR 5783



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1 10 Nissan י
Tzav
Shabbat Hagadol
Ends 8:02

2 11 Nissan יא
Count Omer 1 tonight

3 12 Nissan יב
Count Omer 2 tonight

4 13 Nissan יג
Bedikat Chametz
Count Omer 3 tonight

5 14 Nissan יד
Ta'anit Bechorot
Erev Pesach
1st Seder
Light after 7:07
Count Omer 4 tonight

6 15 Nissan טו
1st day of Pesach
2nd Seder
Count Omer 1 tonight
Light after 8:07

7 16 Nissan טז
2nd day of Pesach
Count Omer 2 tonight
Light 7:09

8 17 Nissan יז
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 3 tonight
Ends 8:09

9 18 Nissan יח
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 4 tonight
Light 7:13

10 19 Nissan יט
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 5 tonight
Light 7:16

11 20 Nissan כ
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 6 tonight
Light 7:18

12 21 Nissan כא
7th day of Pesach
Count Omer 7 tonight
Light after 8:14

13 22 Nissan כב
8th day of Pesach
Yizkor
Count Omer 8 tonight
Ends 8:15

14 23 Nissan כג
Count Omer 9 tonight
Light 7:16

15 24 Nissan כד
Shemini Birkat Hachodesh
Count Omer 10 tonight
Ends 8:18

16 25 Nissan כה
Count Omer 11 tonight

17 26 Nissan כו
Count Omer 12 tonight

18 27 Nissan כז
Yom Hashoah*
Count Omer 13 tonight

19 28 Nissan כח
Count Omer 14 tonight

20 29 Nissan כט
Count Omer 15 tonight

21 30 Nissan ל
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 16 tonight
Light 7:23

22 1 Iyar א
Tazriya / Metzora
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 17 tonight
Ends 8:26

23 2 Iyar ב
Count Omer 18 tonight

24 3 Iyar ג
Count Omer 19 tonight

25 4 Iyar ד
Yom Hazikaron*
Count Omer 20 tonight

26 5 Iyar ה
Yom Ha'Atzmaut*
Count Omer 21 tonight

27 6 Iyar ו
Count Omer 22 tonight

28 7 Iyar ז
Count Omer 23 tonight
Light 7:31

29 8 Iyar ח
Aharei Mot / Kedoshim
Count Omer 24 tonight
Ends 8:34

All times listed are for the 94115 zip code and adjusted for Daylight Savings Time.

*commences prior evening

Chabad

A Welcoming Home for All Jews



Chabad's mission is to provide a place for Jews of all affiliations and experiences – including ones who are alienated from many Jewish traditions – to enhance their experience of being Jewish.

Chabad is founded on the principle that there should be a place for all Jews to develop a sense of community, to learn, and to have fun, with the goal of providing both physical and spiritual support.

Chabad of El Cerrito, one of 45 Chabad centers around the Bay Area, offers a wide range of programs that engage local Jews. It offers monthly Shabbat services, visits people who are homebound or ill, tutors Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, and offers one-on-one and weekly Torah lessons.

Holiday events often have a festive atmosphere: gatherings to make hamantaschen and matzos, a brunch and ice cream party for Shavuot, and a shofar-blowing event for Rosh Hashana.

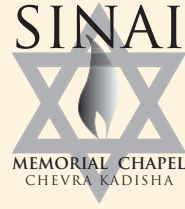
The curriculum at its Ganeinu preschool is infused with ways that encourage children to discover the joys of their Jewish heritage and celebrate the holidays through hands-on activities. chabadelcerrito.com

Rabbi Yanky Bell, Rebetzin Shternie Bell, and their family at Chabad of El Cerrito

MAY

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IYAR - SIVAN 5783



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SATURDAY

1 10 Iyar י
Count Omer 26 tonight

2 11 Iyar יא
Count Omer 27 tonight

3 12 Iyar יב
Count Omer 28 tonight

4 13 Iyar יג
Count Omer 29 tonight

5 14 Iyar יד Light
Pesach Sheini 7:38
Count Omer 30 tonight

6 15 Iyar טו Ends
Emor 8:42
Count Omer 31 tonight

7 16 Iyar טז
Count Omer 32 tonight

8 17 Iyar יז
Count Omer 33 tonight

9 18 Iyar יח
Lag Ba'omer*
Count Omer 34 tonight

10 19 Iyar יט
Count Omer 35 tonight

11 20 Iyar כ
Count Omer 36 tonight

12 21 Iyar כא Light
Count Omer 37 7:45
tonight

13 22 Iyar כב Ends
Behar / 8:51
Behoukotai
Count Omer 38 tonight

14 23 Iyar כג
Count Omer 39 tonight
Mother's Day

15 24 Iyar כד
Count Omer 40 tonight

16 25 Iyar כה
Count Omer 41 tonight

17 26 Iyar כו
Count Omer 42 tonight

18 27 Iyar כז
Count Omer 43 tonight

19 28 Iyar כח Light
Yom 7:52
Yerushalayim*
Count Omer 44 tonight

20 29 Iyar כט Ends
Bemidbar 8:59
Birkat Hachodesh
Count Omer 45 tonight

21 1 Sivan א
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 46 tonight

22 2 Sivan ב
Count Omer 47 tonight

23 3 Sivan ג
Count Omer 48 tonight

24 4 Sivan ד
Count Omer 49 tonight

25 5 Sivan ה Light
Erev Shavuot 7:57

26 6 Sivan ו Light
1st day of 7:58
Shavuot

27 7 Sivan ז Ends
2nd day of 9:06
Shavuot
Yizkor

28 8 Sivan ח

29 9 Sivan ט
Memorial Day

30 10 Sivan י

31 11 Sivan יא

The Kitchen

Torah and Transformation



The Kitchen, based in San Francisco, strives to make Jewish traditions and teachings modern and relevant for people living in today's world. Its name reflects this, the kitchen being a place that is not imposing and where people gather to converse and work together.

The Kitchen describes itself as a religious start-up, but one that builds upon the generations that have come before to pursue justice and fight oppression. Its central belief is that Jewish religious experiences can transform lives.

Members of The Kitchen are active in many ways: They partner with GLIDE's efforts to break the cycles of poverty and addiction. Its Rainmakers group focuses on environmental justice. Others are in a giving circle that makes charitable contributions guided by Jewish ideals and values.

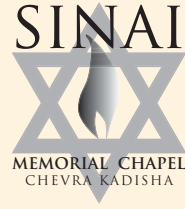
In a typical month, The Kitchen's calendar lists classes in Torah study, workshops on topics such as community organizing through a Jewish lens, discussions of books by Jewish feminists and Jewish-themed films, Shabbat services, performances connected to Jewish holidays, and other gatherings that engage a wide variety of people with a range of interests. thekitchensf.org

The Kitchen's Friday-morning challah team at GLIDE

JUNE

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SATURDAY

1 יב Sivan 12

2 יג Sivan 13 Light 8:04

3 יד Nasso 14 Sivan Ends 9:12

4 טו Sivan 15

5 טז Sivan 16

6 יז Sivan 17

7 יח Sivan 18

8 יט Sivan 19

9 כ Sivan 20 Light 8:08

10 כא Beha'alotecha 21 Sivan Ends 9:17

11 כב Sivan 22

12 כג Sivan 23

13 כד Sivan 24

14 כה Sivan 25

15 כו Sivan 26

16 כז Sivan 27 Light 8:11

17 כח Shelach Birkat Hachodesh 28 Sivan Ends 9:20

18 כט Father's Day 29 Sivan

19 ל Rosh Chodesh Juneteenth 30 Sivan

20 א Rosh Chodesh 1 Tamuz

21 ב Tamuz 2

22 ג Tamuz 3

23 ד Tamuz 4 Light 8:13

24 ה Korach 5 Tamuz Ends 9:22

25 ו Tamuz 6

26 ז Tamuz 7

27 ח Tamuz 8

28 ט Tamuz 9

29 י Tamuz 10

30 יא Tamuz 11 Light 8:13

Chochmat HaLev

Exploring Jewish Mysticism



Chochmat HaLev, begun in Berkeley in 1995, follows Jewish mystical traditions, which teach that we live simultaneously in four worlds: action, emotion, thought, and spirit. The name Chochmat HaLev reflects this belief – it means Wisdom of the Heart.

Chochmat HaLev emphasizes the diversity of its congregation – explicitly welcoming people regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, racial and ethnic background, and economic status.

Its observances of Jewish holidays and events, including Shabbat, incorporate meditation, which it embraces as an ancient tradition that “revitalizes and transforms Judaism from the blasé familiar into a profound and constantly renewing spiritual practice.”

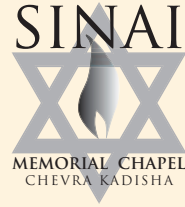
Other programs include studying Torah and learning ancient, ecstatic dances from Sephardic and other traditions.

Chochmat HaLev is part of the Jewish Renewal movement, seen as “a doorway through which we can access all branches of Judaism to explore how they might inform our contemporary vision of a socially progressive, egalitarian, and celebratory connection with the Divine and with each other.” chochmat.org

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FRIDAY



SATURDAY

1 12 Tamuz יב
Chukat / Balak Ends 9:21

2 13 Tamuz יג

3 14 Tamuz יד

4 15 Tamuz טו
Independence Day

5 16 Tamuz טז

6 17 Tamuz יז
Tzom Shiv'a Assar B'Tamuz Fast 3:36 -9:03

7 18 Tamuz יח Light 8:12

8 19 Tamuz יט
Pinechas Ends 9:19

9 20 Tamuz כ

10 21 Tamuz כא

11 22 Tamuz כב

12 23 Tamuz כג

13 24 Tamuz כד

14 25 Tamuz כה Light 8:09

15 26 Tamuz כו
Matot / Massei Birkat Hachodesh Ends 9:15

16 27 Tamuz כז

17 28 Tamuz כח

18 29 Tamuz כט

19 1 Av א
Rosh Chodesh

20 2 Av ב

21 3 Av ג Light 8:04

22 4 Av ד
Devarim Shabbat Chazon Ends 9:09

23 5 Av ה

24 6 Av ו

25 7 Av ז

26 8 Av ח
Erev Tisha B'Av Fast begins 8:18

27 9 Av ט
Tisha B'Av Fast ends 8:48

28 10 Av י Light 7:58

29 11 Av יא
Vaetchanan Shabbat Nachamu Ends 9:01

30 12 Av יב

31 13 Av יג



Moishe House

Living and Learning Together



For young Jews just out of college, it can be a challenge to stay connected with other Jews and their Jewish roots. One solution to this is Moishe House, a program that began in Oakland in 2006 when four Jewish friends formed a household and invited friends to a Shabbat meal.

Since then, Moishe House has become an international phenomenon, providing not only homes for young Jews but places where others in the community can come together to experience and explore many aspects of Judaism.

There are eight Moishe Houses in the Bay Area. While each one is different, based on the interests of its residents, they all take part in four kinds of activities that involve the larger community: Jewish learning, culture and holidays, repairing the world, and social activities.

Local events have included storytelling, baking challah for those in need, hosting Shabbat dinners for neighbors, making hamantaschen, discussing current events, singing Jewish songs, and discussing movies with themes related to Judaism. moishehouse.org

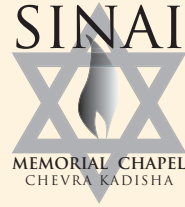


Residents and guests discuss the concept of death at the Moishe House in Berkeley.

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| | | 1 יד 14 Av | 2 טו 15 Av Tu B'Av | 3 טז 16 Av | 4 יז 17 Av Light 7:50 | 5 יח 18 Av Ekev Ends 8:52 |
| 6 יט 19 Av | 7 כ 20 Av | 8 כא 21 Av | 9 כב 22 Av | 10 כג 23 Av | 11 כד 24 Av Light 7:41 | 12 כה 25 Av Re'eh Birkat Hachodesh Ends 8:43 |
| 13 כו 26 Av | 14 כז 27 Av | 15 כח 28 Av | 16 כט 29 Av | 17 ל 30 Av Rosh Chodesh | 18 א 1 Elul Rosh Chodesh Light 7:32 | 19 ב 2 Elul Shofetim Ends 8:32 |
| 20 ג 3 Elul | 21 ד 4 Elul | 22 ה 5 Elul | 23 ו 6 Elul | 24 ז 7 Elul | 25 ח 8 Elul Light 7:21 | 26 ט 9 Elul Ki Teitze Ends 8:20 |
| 27 י 10 Elul | 28 יא 11 Elul | 29 יב 12 Elul | 30 יג 13 Elul | 31 יד 14 Elul | | |



New Lehrhaus

Preserving a Jewish “House of Learning”

First known as Lehrhaus Judaica and then as HaMaqom, New Lehrhaus constitutes a revival of this center for Jewish learning, which began in 1974.

New Lehrhaus' offerings cover a wide range of topics, including interfaith housing, Jews of color, Biblical and modern Hebrew, Yiddish, and Talmud study. Other programs feature discussions of films and books, an exploration of Jewish environmental ethics, and the reading and writing of poetry.

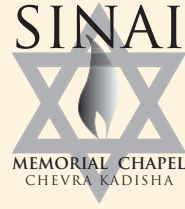
New Lehrhaus – calling itself a “Lehrhaus without walls” – will hold classes at local synagogues, organizations like Urban Adamah and The Kitchen, Jewish community centers, and online. Its teachers include professors at U.C. Berkeley, U.C. Davis, Graduate Theological Union, as well as scholars, historians, clergy, professional Jewish educators, and artists.

New Lehrhaus honors the vision of Franz Rosenzweig, the founder of the original Lehrhaus Judaica in Frankfurt a hundred years ago, for “a new Jewish learning... one that no longer starts from the Torah and leads into life, but the other way round: from life... back to the Torah.” newlehrhaus.org

SEPTEMBER

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1 15 Elul טו Light 7:10

2 16 Elul טז Ki Tavo Ends 8:09

3 17 Elul יז

4 18 Elul יח Labor Day

5 19 Elul יט

6 20 Elul כ

7 21 Elul כא

8 22 Elul כב Light 6:59

9 23 Elul כג Nitzavim / Vayeilech Ends 7:56

10 24 Elul כד

11 25 Elul כה

12 26 Elul כו

13 27 Elul כז

14 28 Elul כח

15 29 Elul כט Erev Rosh Hashanah Light 6:47

16 1 Tishrei א Rosh Hashanah Light after 7:44

17 2 Tishrei ב Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Ends 7:43

18 3 Tishrei ג Tzom Gedaliah Fast 5:12 -7:28

19 4 Tishrei ד

20 5 Tishrei ה

21 6 Tishrei ו

22 7 Tishrei ז Light 6:35

23 8 Tishrei ח Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva Ends 7:32

24 9 Tishrei ט Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Light, fast begins 6:32

25 10 Tishrei י Yom Kippur Yizkor Shofar is blown Ends 7:29

26 11 Tishrei יא

27 12 Tishrei יב

28 13 Tishrei יג

29 14 Tishrei יד Erev Sukkot Light 6:24

30 15 Tishrei טו Sukkot Light after 7:20



CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSING FOR SHABBAT

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת.

Baruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam A-sher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav
Vi-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbat.

Blessed are You, Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with
His commandments and commanded us to light the candles of Shabbat.

CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR HOLIDAYS

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו
להדליק נר של (שבת ושל) יום טוב.

Baruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam A-sher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav
Vi-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel (Shabbat V-shel) Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with
His commandments and commanded us to light the candles of (Shabbat and of) the holiday.

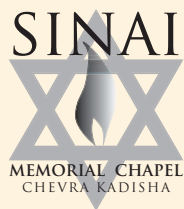
*ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-he-che-ya-nu
Vi-kee-yi-ma-nu Vi-hi-gee-ah-nu Laz-man Ha-zeh.

*Blessed are You, Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and
sustained us and let us reach this time.

*Recited by Ashkenazim. Most Sephardim recite Shehecheyanu over Kiddush instead of over candles.

Mourner's Kaddish and Yahrzeit Candle Lighting Prayer



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Mourner's Kaddish

This prayer is said by mourners at the burial, during the shiva and shanah mourning periods, at the unveiling, and when observing Yahrzeit and Yizkor.

Glorified and sanctified be G-d's great name throughout the world
which He has created according to His will.

May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days,
and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored,
adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He,
beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world;
and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel;
and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel;
and say, Amen.

יְתַגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֲלָמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעֲגָלָא וּבְזִמְנוֹ קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי וְלְעַלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא

יְתַבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחְמָתָא דְאִמְרֵינוּ בְּעֲלָמָא.
לְעֲלָא מוֹ כֹּל בְּרַבְתָּא וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מוֹ שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yahrzeit Candle Lighting Prayer

The human soul is a light from God. May it be your will that the soul of (insert name)
enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca,
Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen.

*Neir Adonai Nishmat Adam. Yehi Ratzon Milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu Veilohei Avoteinu,
Shetehei Nishmat (insert name) Tzerurah betzeror hachayim, im nishmot Avraham
Yitzchak ve'Ya'akov, Sarah Rivkah, Rachel VeLeah. Tehi Menutchatah kavod, Selah.*

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A ceremony during Wilderness Torah's Passover in the Desert "multi-day journey."

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