

## HALACHA HOW TO: SEFIRAT HAOMER

We are about to begin the Omer period, which stretches from Pesach to Shavuot. It's important to separate the various strands of Halachic observance that characterize the Omer period, in order to clear up a variety of potentially (and perennially) confusing issues.

We'll begin with the item most often overlooked. Ironically it's the only one that is actually mentioned in the Torah - the counting of the Omer (see page 284 in the Artscroll Siddur). This count is a Mitzvah that appears in Vayikra (Perek 23), & is intended to link the barley offering of the second day of Pesach to the wheat offering of Shavuot. As a unit, these two offerings comprise our expression of thanksgiving to God for the renewal of the agricultural season. The two offerings are so linked to each other in fact, that Shavuot is thought of as being the "Shmini Atzeret" of Pesach (delayed by 6 weeks to allow the wheat to mature). The counting is what enables us to maintain the sense of linkage between the two.

The counting of the Omer is ideally to be performed each night after dark (though in shul we count anytime after sunset, lest people go home & forget to count after dark). If one has forgotten to count at night, one should count during the day, though without reciting the Bracha.

There is a classic Halachic dispute as to whether each night is its own Mitzvah, or whether the 49 nights are one collective Mitzvah. The difference between the two positions becomes important if you have forgotten to count one day altogether. The "collective Mitzvah" opinion would now hold that it's time to "wait 'till next year." If however each night is its own Mitzvah, you should of course continue counting. The dispute never gets fully resolved & so the proper practice is to continue counting, but without reciting the Bracha any longer this year.

**To emphasize, one should absolutely, positively count each night, regardless of having missed previous nights.**

## PESACH APPEAL

Each Yom Tov appeal throughout the year strives to raise needed funds for efforts & programs that embody who we are as a shul community. There is one such effort that we've never specifically focused on before, but which deserves & requires our support. Throughout the year we work continuously to create new & more learning & leadership opportunities for women & girls, and of course proudly employ Rabbanit Alissa as a member of our clergy. This year's Pesach Appeal will therefore be dedicated to **"Supporting Female Leadership"** at BDJ. The funds raised through the Pesach appeal will enable us to both celebrate all the professionals & volunteers who make this happen, & also to increase the resources available for continued innovative programming. We thank you in advance for your support!

<https://www.bnaidavid.com/form/supportingfemaleleadership>



## BDJ'S UPCOMING EVENTS

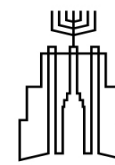
- March 31-April 7 - Pesach
- April 11 - Seder Yom HaShoah
- April 12 - Yom HaShoah
- April 13-14 - Rav David Stav Shabbaton
- April 14 - Teen Girls' Tefillah
- April 15-29 - Jewish Wisdom & Wellness Festival
- April 17 - Jewish History in One Hour with David Solomon
- April 17 - Night of Remembrance
- April 18 - Yom HaZikaron
- April 19 - Yom Ha'atzmaut
- April 21 - YP Minyan
- April 21 - YP Chulent Cook Off / Luncheon
- April 21 - Seder Nashim
- April 22 - Earth Day Beach Cleanup
- April 25 - Tikkun Olam Lunch
- April 28 - Breaking Bread as a Community
- April 28 - Minyan for Minions
- June 3 - BDJ Blood Drive

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב ואמותינו שרה רבקה רחל ולאה הוא יברך וירפא את החולים בעבור שאנחנו מתפללים בעבורם בשכר זה הקדוש ברוך הוא ימלא רחמים עליהם להחלימם ולרפואתם להחזיקם ולהחיותם וישלח להם מהרה רפואה שלימה מן השמים לכל אבריהם ולכל גדיהם בתוך שאר חולי ישראל רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף שבת היא מלועוק ורפואה קרובה לבוא השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב ונאמר אמן

## Misheberach List

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Chaya bat Tova Bleima (Sorel Lainer's mother) \* Pessie bat Chana (Martine Porter-Zasada's sister) \* Esther bat Devorah Bella (Mayer Schames' mother) \* Emanuel ben Hinda (Mr. Sassover) \* Bella Rivka bat Rosa (Aharon Shimon's sister) \* Shulamit bat Ruchel Sheina (Selma Framson) \* Arlene bat Mollie (Kara Roberts' grandmother) \* Michael ben Malka (Max Wozniak) \* Chaya bat Bela (Mayer Bick's mother) \* Tziporah bat Tova (Mrs. Sassover) \* Reina Alfaro \* Alicia Webster \* Chayim Menashe ben Fruma (Manny Klein) \* Yitzchak Avraham ben Devorah (Deb Mizrahi Smith's uncle) \* Mordechai ben Dina \* Yitzchak ben Raizel (Ira Grose) \* Sarah Hindi bat Lily (Cary Glass's mother) \* Tila bat Miriam \* Pinchus Shalom Tzvi ben Ze'eva (Daniella Platt's friend's son) \* Menachem Mendel Ben Chaya (Sarah Abraham's grandfather) \* Hadassah Bat Lea \* Eitan Zev ben Nachama Sara Beilah \* Shmuel ben Miriam (Rica Bercovic's nephew) \* Aharon ben Rosa \* Helen Avivah bat Marietta Ruth \* Anna Louise bat Barbara Feige \* Tova Chaya bat Leah Malka \* Leah bat Liba \* Yosef Hiskiya ben Chaya \* Matisyahu Yoel Baruch ben Gittel (Marcus Freed) \* Carmi Adina bat Malka \* Tamar Pnina Gittel bat Aliza Rachel \* Shoshana Malka bat Shifra Yona (Shani Rotkovitz) \* Yaacov Moshe bet Sarah \* Yakot bat Esther (Colette Volvovic) \* Chana Gittel bas Dvora Masha (Chanie Kravitz) \* Yaffit Bat Monira \* Leah Rachel Bat Miriam Bat-tzion \* Ohad Chanan ben Malka \* Shirli Malka bat Aliza \* Achiya Binaymin ben Shirli Malka \* Elkana Asher ben Shirli Malka \* Yosefa Ariel bat Sarah (Kelila's mom) \* Rina Ariane bat Ayelet \* Henoch ben Hensha Perl (Aryeh Hoenig's father) \* Yarachmiel Nessem Ben Reuben (Nan Gold's brother) \* Menachim ben Rachel \* Chaya Liel bat Tali \* Susan bat Rut.



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## PESACH BULLETIN

March 31—April 7, 2018 | 14-22 Nisan 5778

### EREV PESACH – FRIDAY, MARCH 30

- ◆ Shacharit: 6:30 AM
- ◆ Siyum: 6:55 AM - Sheldon Kasdan
- ◆ Last Eating of Chametz: 10:52 AM
- ◆ Last Time for Biyur Chametz: 11:55 AM
- ◆ Candle Lighting: 6:55 PM
- ◆ Mincha: 6:55 PM  
⇒ D'var Torah: Rav Yosef
- ◆ Ma'ariv: 7:25 PM
- ◆ Seder Commences: no earlier than 7:49 PM

### FIRST DAY OF PESACH – SHABBAT MARCH 31

- ◆ Shacharit: 9:00 AM — Mayer Shames  
⇒ Drasha: Rena Selya Cohen: *The Makot*  
⇒ Musaf & Tal: Josh Sharfman  
⇒ Concluding Services: Noah Elad
- ◆ Mincha: 6:30 PM  
⇒ Eat seudah shlishit before you come for Mincha.  
⇒ Shiur: 6:55 PM — Alex Fax: *Crowdsourced Insights for the Seder from Arami Oved Avi*  
⇒ Ma'ariv: 7:40 PM — Daniel Rabin
- ◆ Candle Lighting: 7:51 PM  
⇒ Preparations for 2nd Seder should begin **after** candle lighting.
- ◆ Omer: Count 1

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### SECOND DAY OF PESACH – SUNDAY, APRIL 1

- ◆ Shacharit: 9:00 AM — Joey Lipner  
⇒ Drasha — Rav Yosef: *Law As Redemption*  
⇒ Musaf — Gil Melmed  
⇒ Concluding Services — Rami Melmed
- ◆ Mincha: 6:45 PM  
⇒ Shiur: 7:00 PM — Rav Yosef: *The Kabbalistic Influence on Duchening*  
⇒ Ma'ariv: 7:45 PM
- ◆ Havdalah: 7:52 PM
- ◆ Omer: Count 2

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### CHOL HAMOED – MONDAY, APRIL 2

- ◆ Shacharit: 6:30 AM
- ◆ Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:00 PM
- ◆ Omer: Count 3

### CHOL HAMOED – TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- ◆ Shacharit: 6:30 AM
- ◆ Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:00 PM
- ◆ Omer: Count 4

### CHOL HAMOED – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- ◆ Shacharit: 6:30 AM
- ◆ Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:00 PM
- ◆ Omer: Count 5

### EREV YOM TOV – THURSDAY, APRIL 5

- ◆ Shacharit: 6:30 AM
- ◆ Candle Lighting: 6:59 PM
- ◆ Mincha: 7:00 PM  
⇒ D'var Torah: Nick Merkin  
⇒ Ma'ariv: 7:20 PM
- ◆ Omer: Count 6

### SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH – FRIDAY, APRIL 6

- ◆ Shacharit: 9:00 AM — Tzvi Wolf  
⇒ Drasha: Joey Lipner  
⇒ Musaf: Michael Mendelson  
⇒ Concluding Services: Zane Mendelson
- ◆ Teen Minyan: 9:30 AM
- ◆ Mincha: 6:20 PM  
⇒ Shiur: 6:35 PM — David Nimmer: *What Counts? Reexamining the Omer.*  
⇒ Ma'ariv: 7:20 PM — Jeff Rabin
- ◆ Candle Lighting: 7:00 PM
- ◆ Omer: Count 7

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### EIGHTH DAY OF PESACH – SHABBAT, APRIL 7

- ◆ Shacharit: 9:00 AM — Josh Singer  
⇒ Shir HaShirim: TBA  
⇒ Yizkor / Pesach Appeal: 10 AM — Alec Schramm  
⇒ Musaf: Alex Fax  
⇒ Concluding Services: Zachary Schechter
- ◆ Teen Minyan: 9:30 AM
- ◆ Mincha: 6:20 PM  
⇒ Seudah Shlishit & Shiur: 6:45 PM — Charles Abrams: *A Brief History of Jewish Time.*
- ◆ Havdalah: 7:57 PM  
⇒ Please wait **half an hour** before eating chametz that you've sold.
- ◆ Omer: Count 8

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Check out this Teen Wellness Seder Supplement made by Zach Morrow: <https://tinyurl.com/teenwellnessseder>

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## WEEKLY LEARNING AT BDJ

### Half Hour of Halacha:

Sun. 8:30-9:15 PM with Rav Yosef — Gill Home. Resumes after Pesach.

**Gemara Shiur: The Brachot We Recite and Live**  
Mon. 7:30-9:30 PM with Rav Yosef — Beit Midrash. Resumes after Pesach.

### Midrash Group

Tues. 7:45-8:45 AM with Rav Yosef — Beit Midrash.

### Parsha Plug

Tues. 7:30-8:30 PM with Rabbanit Alissa — Beit Midrash. Resumes after Pesach.

### Briyut HaNefesh

Thurs. 7:45-8:45 AM with Rabbanit Alissa — Conference Room. Contact [rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com](mailto:rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com) to attend. Resumes after Pesach.

### Nothing But the Pshat

During Seudat Shlishit. Various teachers. — Beit Midrash.

### Shabbat Shorts

By Rav Yosef & Rabbanit Alissa, Tues. & Thurs. in your inbox. Sign up: email [bdj@bnaidavid.com](mailto:bdj@bnaidavid.com). Resumes 4/10.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### YP MINYAN

**April 21 at 9:30 AM**  
BDJ Beit Midrash

No YP Kiddush.

See Cook-Off >>>>

To get more involved or sponsor YP Kiddush:

email Rabbanit Alissa at

[rabbanitalissa@](mailto:rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com)

[bnaidavid.com](mailto:bnaidavid.com)

or visit

[www.bnaidavid.com/yp](http://www.bnaidavid.com/yp).

### 2ND ANNUAL CHULENT COOK-OFF!

**Shabbat, April 21  
after YP Minyan**

**Competition & Lunch**

Hannah and Ilan Cohen's  
Backyard (1064 S. La Jolla Ave.)

Adults \$20. Children over one \$5

**Sign up by April 15!**

**Register here:** <https://tinyurl.com/YPchulent>

[RachelKasirer@gmail.com](mailto:RachelKasirer@gmail.com)

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

### NOMINATE A SCHOLAR!

**Deadline April 14**

Our Education Committee is taking a fresh approach as it begins to plan for 2018-2019.

Email [cindyf.kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:cindyf.kaplan@gmail.com) a short bio of the nominee, and why s/he would be great for BDJ.

## JEWISH WISDOM & WELLNESS

### A FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2018 Sunday, April 15 - Sunday, April 29

Cedars-Sinai & the Kalsman Institute of HUC-JIR present this interdenominational learning festival. The goal is to explore crucial health (mental, physical & spiritual), illness, & healing topics from a Jewish lens. Programs with BDJ:

**Tuesday 4/17 at BDJ at 7:30-8:30 PM: Parsha Shiur with Rabbanit Alissa.** Topic: "Being the Physical, Psychological or Spiritual 'Other': Tazria Metzora." What insight does our tradition give into the experience of 'the other'? We'll explore how the laws of purity in Tazria-Metzora influence how we heal personal & communal hurts & how we empathize with each other.

**Sunday 4/22 at the Yasgur/Lipner Home at 10:30 AM - 2 PM: Brunch with Rabbanit Alissa, Rabba Ramie Smith & Ms. Atara Segal.** Topic: "Women's Mitzvot." (Women only). What makes a mitzvah a 'woman's mitzvah'? How can we deepen our connection to the femininity within our halachic & spiritual tradition? How do we find our voice in & love of the tradition even at times when we are struggling with it? Join us in learning & confidential discussion.

**Tuesday 4/24 at BDJ at 7:30-8:30 PM: Parsha Shiur with Rabbanit Alissa.** Topic: "Jewish Mourning, Memorializing & Grieving a Loss: Acharei Mot." What does our tradition teach us about the process of grief? Through the lens of Aaron & Moses' responses after the death of Aaron's sons, we'll unpack the wisdom & sensitivity our tradition offers in painful moments.

**Thursday 4/26 at BDJ at 7-9 PM: Workshop with Cindy Steinschreiber.** Topic: "Leading to Foregone Inclusions: Mapping & Manifesting our Dreams for Special Needs Adults in our Jewish Community." This is an opportunity for family members & adults with special needs, as well as Jewish community leaders to create a practical vision for greater inclusion & participation. We'll look at Jewish views toward disabilities & learn some principles of Dream Building – tapping into the power we each have to co-create our vision with the Infinite.

## SEDER NASHIM

### #METOO: April 21 from 4:30-5:30 PM

Rena Katrikh's home (1637 S. Bedford St.)

Society has recently reached a tipping point in saying enough is enough. The #metoo movement has been an important catalyst for this change. We at BDJ value having these same important conversations within our walls. How does this conversation apply to our community, what resources for support can we draw on, & what obstacles may arise? As Modern Orthodox women, what are our reflections on this moment in the history of gender relationships? Please join us as we listen & plan a path forward with BDJ's informal women-only discussion group.

More info: [daria@dariadesign.com](mailto:daria@dariadesign.com) or see back table flyer.

**Save the dates: May 5 & June 9.**

## YOM HA' ATZMAUT

### SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBATON

**Shabbat, April 13-14**

**RAV DAVID STAV, FOUNDER OF TZOHAR**

Friday Night Oneg at 8:45 PM, at Rosie & Mark Rosenbaum's home (9122 Monte Mar Dr.)

**"How Tzohar is Transforming Religious Life in Israel":** We're familiar with the challenges that Israelis face in the areas of marriage & proving Jewish identity, often due to a bureaucratic & sometimes insensitive official Rabbinate. Tzohar has proven to be one of the most creative & effective organizations in facing & overcoming these difficulties. Rav Stav shares how Tzohar has created a new, broadly-embraced address for religious services in Israel, including most recently for kashrut. Learn about Tzohar's exciting impact upon the lives of countless Israelis & their families!

Shabbat Morning Drasha

**"A Vision for the Next 70 Years: What Medinat Yisrael's Next Chapters Can Be."**

Special Treat Following Tefillah: Rav Stav continues our new BDJ tradition by offering a mini-shiur in Hebrew.

Shabbat Shiur at 5:30 PM, at BDJ (Childcare Provided!)

**"The Changing Faces of Families and Marriage"**

More modern forms of family & marriage increasingly exist side-by-side with more traditional ones. What are the Halachic & philosophical implications of the evolution of these time-honored institutions. How is it impacting Israeli Jewish life? Rav Stav shares selections from I Shall Come to Your Home: Responsa on Matters of Relationships & Family, which he recently co-authored with his son.

**Rabbi David Stav** is Chief Rabbi of Shoham, Chairman of Tzhor & Co-Chancellor of Ohr Torah Stone. He's a graduate of Yeshivat Mercaz HaRav & is Dayanut qualified. Rav Stav lectures in Bar Ilan University's women's Judaic program, authors a weekly column in Israel Hayom & has published several books.



### JEWISH HISTORY IN ONE HOUR

with **DAVID SOLOMON**

**April 17 at 7:30 PM in the Social Hall**

David literally maps out the unique scale and amazing contours of Jewish History around the audience – and beyond – in one continuous narrative.

**RSVP: [www.bit.ly/inonehour](http://www.bit.ly/inonehour)**



## COMMUNITY

### BREAKING BREAD AS A COMMUNITY

BDJ is a family & we strive to care for each other, both spiritually & physically. We are in the beginning stages of drafting a policy to make our shul & community safer for those with life-threatening allergies.

We'll highlight this effort on Shabbat morning, **APRIL 28.**  
Email [director@bnaidavid.com](mailto:director@bnaidavid.com) to join the discussion.

## TEENS

### TEEN GIRLS TEFILAH

**April 14 at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash**

For teen & tween girls (grades 6+) & their female fans!

To sign up: email Sara Smith

[smsmith15@gmail.com](mailto:smsmith15@gmail.com) or

Julie Fax [juliefax@gmail.com](mailto:juliefax@gmail.com).

## TIKKUN OLAM

### EARTH DAY BEACH CLEANUP

**April 22 from 12-2 PM**

Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Tower 27.

RSVP to Jessica Kurzban at

[jkurzban@gmail.com](mailto:jkurzban@gmail.com).

### TIKKUN OLAM LUNCH

**April 25 from 12-1 PM at BDJ**

Made possible by the Max & Anna Baran, Ben & Sarah Baran, & Miton Baran Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles.

### BLOOD DRIVE

**June 3 from 10-4 PM at BDJ Social Hall**

BDJ \*always\* surpasses our expectations!

Let's do it again!

Make your appointment at

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) & enter sponsor code

"BDJ" or contact Mina Rush at (310) 351-8742.

## YOM HASHOAH

Let us come together as a community for our annual

### SEDER YOM HASHOAH

**Wednesday, April 11**

Mincha at 7:15 PM. Seder Yom HaShoah at 7:30 PM.

The Seder Yom HaShoah, like its Pesach namesake, is the sacred ritual through which we engage mind, heart & soul in the retelling of our people's story. This year, we will continue the tradition of our Geshet students developing the Seder's main narrative thread. We will also be introducing a new element, as our members **Lou Gordon & Ezequiel Bacher** each present short, interactive teachings in their respective areas of Shoah expertise.

This year's Seder will include the stories of **Rabbi Charles Kraus** (Audrey's father) & **Lola Sassover**. We will hear recollections from Shoah survivor **Amrom Deutsch**, great-grandfather of Geshet student Keira Deutsch.

## RECHOV YELADIM

### MINYAN FOR MINIONS

**Shabbat, April 28 at 5:00 PM**

Calling all 2nd-4th graders & their parents!

Special Mincha followed by a **parent-child** learning activity led by Rav Yosef in Rechov Yeladim. Refreshments will be served! There are opportunities for all kids to lead parts of the special Mincha service.



Contact Gail at [gail\\_katz@yahoo.com](mailto:gail_katz@yahoo.com) or

Rachel at [rachelalerner@gmail.com](mailto:rachelalerner@gmail.com)

## YOM HAZIKARON

### COMMUNITY-WIDE

**NIGHT OF**

**REMEMBRANCE**

**April 17 at 6:45 PM**

**8440 Wilshire Blvd**

Free Admission.

No RSVP Necessary.

See flyer on back wall

for more info, or email

[lauren.faber@fidf.org](mailto:lauren.faber@fidf.org).

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