

## SHABBAT – APRIL 5-6

### HAPPENING THIS SHABBAT

- ◆ Shabbat Parshat Hachodesh - Rosh Chodesh Nissan
- ◆ Yesh Tikva Infertility Awareness Shabbat: Infertility Tefillah with Rabbi Aaron Finkelstein
- ◆ Bima Basics for Teens with Josh Kahn: “Two Moves Ahead: How to be a Gabbai Everyone Loves” in the Projection Room after davening
- ◆ Cocoa Club in the Conference Room at 10:15 AM
- ◆ Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by BDJ
- ◆ Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash sponsored by **Jillian and Stephen Isaacs** in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary; shiur with Rabi Joel Zeff (See below)

#### SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE RABBI DR. JOEL ZEFF

##### “A Totally Different Magical Mystery Tour”

##### Friday Night Dinner and Oneg

The Mystery of the Forbidden Fruit: The Meaning of God’s First Utterance to Humans (*Dinner at 7:30 for registrants; Oneg at 8:30 PM is open to all.*)

##### Shabbat Drasha

The Mystery of Rosh Chodesh: What’s So Special About Time?

##### Seudah Shlishit

The Mystery of Meaning: Reinvigorating Inspiration Through Our Sacred Texts



*Rabbi Dr. Joel Zeff is no stranger to Los Angeles, having served as the rabbi of the Westwood Kehilla before moving to Israel. Concurrent with his rabbinic work, he has completed a doctorate in Pastoral Counseling and advanced training in Cognitive Behavioral therapy, exploring the interface between psychology, spirituality, and ethics.*

#### SEDER NASHIM

Today! | 4:30 PM | Home of Amy Rabin | 1511 Cardiff Ave

##### “Labels and the Language of Identity”

Modern Orthodox, Open Orthodox, Halachic, Traditional, Conservadox, Flexidox, Yeshivish, Chasidish, Frum, Baal Teshuvah, Shomer Shabbos, Shomer Shabb-“ish”... Labels can be a shorthand to identify ourselves or others, but are they critical or constructive? Some of us find a particular label easier than going through a whole spiel, while others prefer not being put into a box! How are we in relation to particular labels and to the idea of labels in general? Is there really a way to quickly signal who you are at your core?

#### THIS WEEKEND!

##### WOMEN & MITZVOT

Sunday, April 7 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM | Home of Abigail Yasgur | 9607 Bolton Rd  
“Minyan” with Rabbanit Alissa

#### BDJ BROADCASTS

- ◆ Mazal Tov to **Leon Cohen** on the birth of a grandson in Israel this past Monday!
- ◆ Condolences to **Sarah Lee** on the passing of her grandfather, Joseph Lamport z”l.
- ◆ Welcome to our new members—the **Kalish family: Dara & Michael, and their children Stella and Sy!**
- ◆ A donation to the Kiddush fund has been made by **Sue and Larry Handman** in honor of the birth of **Leon Cohen’s** 13th grandchild, among 8 boys, and 5 girls.
- ◆ A donation to the Kiddush fund has been made by **Sarah Abraham** in memory of her grandmother Mrs. Pepi Gelb A’H Pesia bat Asher, on her fourth Yahrzeit.
- ◆ Please check the **Lost & Found** for unclaimed items by April 16 before donation.

- **Candle Lighting:** 6:59 PM
- **Mincha:** 6:30 PM | Beit Midrash
- **Kabbalat Shabbat:**  
Mayer Schames
- **Dvar Torah:** Rabbanit Alissa
- **8:25 Minyan:** Beit Midrash | Post Davening Learning with Rabbi Ari Schwarzbarg
- **Main Minyan:** 9:00 AM | Main Sanctuary
- **Teen Minyan:** 9:30 AM | Projection Room
- **Sof Zman Kriyat Shema:** 9:44 AM
- **Shacharit:** Michael Feldman
- **Kriyat HaTorah:**  
Alec Schramm
- **Torah:** Hertz p. 460 & Stone p. 608
- **Maftir:** Hertz p. 253 & Stone p. 348 (12:1-20)
- **Haftarah:** Hertz p. 1001 & Stone p. 1218
- **Drasha:** Rabbi Joel Zeff
- **Musaf:** Alex Fax
- **Concluding Services:** Eitan Bentsvi
- **Mincha:** 6:30 PM
- **BDJ BW Mincha:** 6:50 PM | Home of Shari and Jeff Fishman | 9635 Kirkside Rd
- **Havdalah:** 7:56 PM

#### APRIL 07 – APRIL 13

##### DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

##### SHACHARIT

Sunday	8:00 AM
Monday, Thursday	6:45 AM
Tuesday, Weds., Friday	7:00 AM

##### MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Sunday-Thursday	7:05 PM
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##### SHABBAT— April 13

Shacharit & Rechov Yeladim	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:45 PM

**PESACH**  
[WWW.BNAIDAVID.COM/PESACH](http://WWW.BNAIDAVID.COM/PESACH)

**PESACH AT BDJ**

Visit [www.bnaidavid.com/pesach](http://www.bnaidavid.com/pesach) for all Pesach programming, to sell your Chametz, ask questions, & learn about the Halachot of Pesach! **Deadline to sell Chametz: April 15.**

**KASHERING DAY**

Come to BDJ on **April 10th** from **11:00 AM - 6:30 PM** for all your Pesach Kashering needs! All are welcome. Members are given priority. Please bring a towel. For questions about kashering, please visit [www.bnaidavid.com/pesach](http://www.bnaidavid.com/pesach).

**HAGGADAH SEMINAR**

**Shabbat | April 13 | 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM | Beit Midrash**

Immediately following shul, all are invited to join Rav Yosef and Rabbanit Alissa for our annual Haggadah Seminar. Meaningful Haggadah takeaways to share at your Sedarim guaranteed! Plus, there will be a special Kiddush lunch.

*Rechov Yeladim will be open until noon for childcare.*

**PRE-PESACH FAMILY BEDIKAH PARTY!**

**Shabbat, April 13 | 4:30- 5:30 PM | BDJ**

Come join us for a family bedikah (scavenger hunt)! Followed immediately by kids' dinner and childcare during the Shabbat HaGadol Drasha, which will end at 6:45 PM. Please **RSVP** to [rachelkasirer@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkasirer@gmail.com) **by Monday, April 8th**. For more info, contact Naomi Schwarzberg and Rachel Kasirer.

**SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA**

**Shabbat April 13 | Main Sanctuary | 5:30 PM**

**"Of Empathy and Enmity: The Twin Legacies of the Story"**

A Note from Rav Yosef:

In the old days, rabbis would formally address their congregation twice a year—on the Shabbats before Yom Kippur & Pesach. The latter talk has become known as the "Shabbat HaGadol Drasha." As you can imagine, this drasha was a major community event & everybody came. Today of course, shul rabbis are perilously over-exposed & no one talk feels like a "must attend." But I truly believe that Shabbat Shuva and Shabbat HaGadol still *are*. My intention always is to develop an idea that will occupy a central place in our religious lives for a good time to come. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**PESACH PREPS**

Between Purim and Pesach, Rav Yosef and Rabbanit Alissa are sending out a special series of "Pesach Preps". These are short, easy to digest, relevant insights into halachic topics connected to our preparations for Pesach. If you are already signed up for Shabbat Shorts, you will automatically receive Pesach Preps (which will take the place of Shabbat Shorts during the weeks leading up to Pesach). If you would like to exclusively receive Pesach Preps and are not on the Shabbat Shorts list, please email [bdj@bnaidavid.com](mailto:bdj@bnaidavid.com) to sign up!

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**WOMEN'S WISDOM & WINE**

**Cancelled this month. Will resume on May 14.**

**MISHMAR**

At Jewish schools and shuls around the world, Thursday evenings are blocked off for special learning programs to commemorate the Mishmar days of old. Mishmar usually takes the form of an "open Beit Midrash" program, which allows individuals, pairs, or groups of people to fill the Beit Midrash with the sounds of their different strands of Torah learning. Chulent is often served at Mishmar as a means of ushering in the special scent and taste of Shabbat. At BDJ, Mishmar is a Thursday night learning event where we ensure Torah learning flows into our community before Shabbat.

**OUR LAST EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

**"Star Wars & Faith"**

All ages welcome! Join us on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30-8:30 PM, for a unique spin on the Mishmar experience.

**Esther Kustanowitz** and **Marium Mohiuddin** will share their insights on Star Wars and faith, exploring the intersection between Judaism, Islam, and American popular culture. **Stay tuned for next year's line-up, which will include bi-monthly traditional open Beit Midrash learning, as well as four additional special speaker events.**

*\*Esther Kustanowitz is a contributing writer at the Los Angeles Jewish Journal, a columnist at The Jewish Weekly of Northern California, was the founding editor of Grok-Nation.com, and has written for and worked with dozens of Jewish organizations.*

*\*Marium Mohiuddin has worked in communications and publishing for the last 20 years and is now the Communications Director for American Red Cross Los Angeles. She has been the editor-in-chief and managing editor of several magazines and an international manager for the American Heart Association. She has spoken to many audiences about inter-faith relations & civic engagement and has appeared on CNN, Foxnews.com, NPR, and other major media outlets.*

**SEDER NASHIM**

**Emotional Labor: Managing the Invisible To-Do List**  
**May 11 | 4:30 PM | Location TBD**

Emotional labor is often shouldered by women, and is the to-do list that goes unnoticed: tasks like managing schedules, checking in on others' moods, remembering to RSVP to a simcha, and keeping a running mental list of what has to happen in our homes. When added to cooking, cleaning, laundry, dishes, and work – there isn't enough time in the day! Let's join together to discuss the emotional support we provide in making sure all needs are met, and brainstorm how to lighten this hard-to-see and heavy load.

*BDJ's women-only series focuses on topics that touch us as Modern Orthodox women. All women are welcome. Events will be held at private homes in the community.*

## YOM HASHOAH

### Be sure to attend our annual SEDER YOM HASHOAH Wednesday, May 1

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

The Seder Yom HaShoah, like its Pesach namesake, is the annual ritual through which we retell a story of our people, through engaging our minds, hearts, & souls. We continue as well with the tradition of our Geshet students developing and presenting the Seder's main narrative threads. In addition, our friend **Beth Cohen** will be leading an interactive learning around two Halachic questions posed to, and answered by Rabbi Ephraim Oshry, who served as the spiritual leader of the Kovno Ghetto.

This year's Seder will also include a story from the life of Helen Gruenbaum (**Julie Fax's** grandmother), and we will hear recollections from **Peter Berlowitz** who was interred as a child in the Terzin concentration Camp.



## YOM HA'ATZMAUT

### SHABBATON SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: DR. TOVA GANZEL

Shabbat, May 3-4

**Friday Night Oneg: Sefirat Ha'Omer Mourning Customs in Times of Jewish Sovereignty | 8:45 PM | Home of Dorit Naftalin & Harry Nelson | 1538 S. Canfield Ave**

*The mourning customs of Sefirat Ha'Omer have changed and developed throughout the generations as we have faced different and various historical troubles. In current times, they actually include days of celebration, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim! What is the story of mourning during the Omer, and how can we integrate our current events into that story?*

#### **Shabbat Morning Drasha: When Halacha Meets Democracy: Contemporary Halachic Challenges in a Jewish State**

*How does Judaism address the challenge of bridging the gap between age-old tradition and modern, dynamic times? How do we deal with the moral and ethical implications of modern thought and institutions? How does one apply traditional concepts like social justice in the modern world? How do we engage the inherent tension between Judaism and Democracy?*

#### **Hebrew Shiur After Shabbat Morning Davening: The Responsibilities of Halachic Officials in Israeli Society**

#### **Shabbat Afternoon Shiur: The Rabbis Withdraw the Book of Ezekiel: Rabbinic Responses to the Challenge Posed by the Book of Ezekiel**

*Several Babylonian Talmudic sources call for the withdrawal of the book of Ezekiel from circulation. This shiur examines the development of this tradition and demonstrates how later rabbis integrated early texts in its creation and also used exegetical means to address the contradictions between Ezekiel and the Torah. Another area we will address is Ezekiel's prophetic status: some rabbinic texts granted Ezekiel the power of a lawgiver; others framed him as transmitting Mosaic traditions; and still others lowered Ezekiel's prophetic status.*



Dr. Tova Ganzel is the Director of the Midrasha in Bar-Ilan University where she completed her PhD in the Bible Department, as well as is one of Nishmat's first trained Yoatzot Halacha. She is the recipient of a number of other prestigious academic awards and grants, has published articles, and is the author & editor of various books.

## ANNUAL ISRAEL APPEAL

This year's featured organization is Lev LaChayal, an organization that provides training and a warm nurturing home for religious lone IDF soldiers throughout their years of service. As part of our Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on Shabbat morning, May 4th, we'll have the opportunity to learn about and show our support for Lev LaChayal.

For more information, visit [www.levlachayal.org](http://www.levlachayal.org) or contact Rabbi Kwalwasser at [bkwalwasser@levhatorah.org](mailto:bkwalwasser@levhatorah.org).

## EDUCATION

### LEARNING AT BDJ

- **Nothing But the Pshat**
  - During Seudah Shlishit | Various teachers | Beit Midrash
- **613, One Sunday at a Time**
  - Sundays | 8:30-9:15 PM with Rav Yosef | Schramm Home
- **Gemara Shiur: Tug-of-War**
  - Mondays | 7:30-9:00 PM with Rav Yosef | Beit Midrash
- **Midrash Group**
  - Tuesdays | 7:45-8:45 AM with Rav Yosef | Beit Midrash
- **Parsha Plug**
  - Tuesdays | 7:30-8:30 PM with Rabbanit Alissa | Beit Midrash
- **Briyut HaNefesh**
  - Thursdays | 7:30-8:30 AM with Rabbanit Alissa | Conference

Room | To join, email [rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com](mailto:rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com)

- **BDJ Babies: Women's Wisdom & Wine**
  - 2nd Tues. of the Month | 8:00 PM | Members' Homes | Will resume after Pesach
- **Women & Mitzvot**
  - First Sun. of the Month | 9:30-11:00 AM | Members' Homes
- **Mishmar**— Various dates | Last one of the year on 4/11!

### SHAVUOT PROJECT 2019

Essay submissions are in and our editors are hard at work to share our community's Torah teachings with you. We are excited to share our well-researched essays both within and beyond our shul. Stay tuned for more details and special shiurim for Shavuot. For more info, email [rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com](mailto:rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **BNEI AKIVA:** No snif this week due to our V'zach Shabbaton Yisraeli. Manhigut Program: For 9th graders who are interested in becoming leaders with Bnei Akiva Next year is starting next Sunday April 7 with a special session with the amazing Daniel Gottesman and a fun Master Chef activity. Info: contact Shlichim: 818-5406062. Coming up: Save the date for "Zikaron Basalon" Yom Hashoah event on Wednesday May 1st at 6:30 PM Upcoming: Last chance to sign up for IDP-NY Shabbaton (grades 9-12) on Motzei Shabbat. Sign up now at [www.bnaiakivala.org/shop/events](http://www.bnaiakivala.org/shop/events)
- ◆ **MOSHAVA ALEVY:** Registration for Summer 2019 is OPEN! Sign up today for an athletic, creative, inspiring, amazing summer of sports, arts, nature, friendship and ruach. office@MoshavaAlevy.org or 855-MOSHAVA
- ◆ **YOM HASHOAH:** Join the Federation and community members throughout Los Angeles on Sunday, April 28th at Pan Pacific Park from 2:00– 3:30 PM for a special ceremony in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Register & more info: [RZaiden@JewishLA.org](mailto:RZaiden@JewishLA.org).
- ◆ **ISRAELI-AMERICAN EXCHANGES:** UCLA & Soraya Nazarian Center for Israel Studies presents an "Israel in 3D" conference about the connections—in entertainment, religion, and Business & Technology— between Israel and the US, led by experts in the field. Sunday, May 5th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at UCLA Covel Commons Grand Horizon Ballroom. [international.ucla.edu/Israel](http://international.ucla.edu/Israel).
- ◆ **OU 50TH ANNIVERSARY:** Join the OU West Coast Banquet to honor Rabbi Alan & Sandy Kalinsky and to grant the OU Kashruth Award to Pat's Restaurant & Catering, on June 18th, 2019 at 5:45 PM in the Sephardic Temple.
- ◆ **HILLEL'S 1ST ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL:** Join us for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" —opening this weekend! BDJ member children will be performing, including Amichai Korn, Layla Nelson, Leah Cohen, Hannah Zelkha, and Aliza Katz. 3 shows: this Sunday 4/7 Matinee at 1:00 PM; This Sunday 4/11 at 7:00 PM; This Monday 4/8 at 7:00 PM. All at Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy. Tickets are \$20 & can be purchased at the door.

## BDJ FAMILY LISTERVE

We have just launched a new and improved listserve! This is a place for parents in the BDJ community to ask questions, support each other, and share ideas and programs relevant to parents with children of all ages. A perfect spot to crowd-source and connect with your BDJ Family! To sign up: [BDJFamily@googlegroups.com](mailto:BDJFamily@googlegroups.com). Please note that our old BDJ Babies Yahoo Listserve will no longer be active. Thank you to Sarah Lee for administering the group most recently and to Adi and Boaz Hepner for spearheading the transfer.

## BRING YOUR PARENTS TO SHUL DAY

Shabbat, April 13 | Social Hall | 9:30 AM

**Parents are invited to daven with their teens!**

## BDJ'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 7     | • Women & Mitzvot                         |
| April 9     | • Women's Wisdom & Wine                   |
| April 10    | • Kashering Day                           |
| April 11    | • Mishmar                                 |
| April 13    | • Haggadah Seminar                        |
| April 15    | • Deadline to Sell Chametz                |
| April 19-27 | • Pesach                                  |
| May 1       | • Seder Yom HaShoah                       |
| May 4       | • Scholar in Residence Dr. Tova Ganzel    |
| May 5       | • Women & Mitzvot                         |
| May 7       | • Tikkun Olam Lunch                       |
| May 8       | • Yom Hazikaron                           |
| May 9       | • Yom Ha'Atzmaut                          |
| May 11      | • Teen Girls' Tefillah                    |
| May 14      | • Women's Wisdom & Wine                   |
| May 16      | • Laundry Love                            |
| May 18      | • YP Minyan, BDJ East, Minyan for Minions |
| May 23      | • Lag B'Omer                              |

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## MISHEBERACH LIST

Chaya bat Tova Bleima (Sorel Lainer's mother) \* Esther bat Devorah Bella (Mayer Schames' mother) \* Emanuel ben Hinda (Mr. Sassover) \* Bella Rivka bat Rosa (Aharon Shimoni's sister) \* Shulamit bat Ruchel Sheina (Selma Framson) \* Liran Ben Aliza \* Michael ben Malka (Max Wozniak) \* Chaya bat Bela (Mayer Bick's mother) \* Tziporah bat Tova (Mrs. Sassover) \* Chayim Menashe ben Fruma (Manny Klein) \* Sarah Hindi bat Lily (Cary Glass' mother) \* Yakot bat Esther (Colette Volvovic) \* Baila Malka bat Aida Ette (Ze'ev Korn's mother) \* Yaakov ben Masha (Jack Plax) \* Chava bat Helen (Eva Magid) \* Chaim Aryeh ben Rivka \* Masha Hinda bat Malke Roisa \* Gittel bat Devora \* Yurachmiel Nussem Ben Reuben (Nan Gold's brother) \* Rachel Leah bat Freydel Chaya \* Tova Chaya bat Leah Malkah \* Chaim Simcha ben Bracha (Gary Linder's brother) \* Sarah bat Helene (Sonia Levitin) \* Hersh Yaakov ben Chaya Leah (David Stein's father) \* Saureet bat Yehudit (Saureet Hayill) \* Nechama Bracha Bat Yechiela \* Roben ben Parvin and Adam ben Aviva (Sabrina Balter's brother and son) \* Pinchas Ben Miriam \* Yente bat Rochel Chava Devorah (David Klausner's aunt) \* Moshe ben Shoshana (Martine Porter Zasada's uncle) \* Harav Yitzchak ben Tova \* Devora bat Sara Raizel (Dora Schwarzstein)

To add or remove a name from the list, please be in touch with Susan Fink at [stfink@gmail.com](mailto:stfink@gmail.com). Please note the BDJ Misheberch List policy states only BDJ members and their immediate family members may be added to the list.

## ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE: THIS SUNDAY'S MARATHON ON PICO BLVD

This Sunday, April 7, Pico Blvd will be closed from Motor Ave to Robertson Blvd from 4:00 AM to 10:00 AM due to "A Run to Remember Marathon."