

KEHILLA

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Recommendations**

RESOURCE GUIDE

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Balloons

Balloon Thrills

(925) 671-6961

(Contact: Leann)

www.balloonthrills.com

The Balloon Man

(925) 934-3186

1942 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Walnut Creek, 94596

(Greg & Holly Beck)

Paper Plus (talk to Don)

(510) 525-1799

1629 San Pablo Ave

Berkeley, Ca

www.paperplusoutlet.com

“Great”

Caterers

Aaron Jonas

415-846-9565

aaronbjonas@gmail.com

“Yummy”

www.aaronjonascatering.com

Baja Taqueria

4070 Piedmont Ave.

Oakland, CA 94611

(510) 846-8047

www.bajaonpiedmont.com

Fair Trade Chocolate Fountain

www.sanjosechocolatefountain.com

Fist of Flour Pizza Co.

www.FistofFlour.com

james@wheresthefist.com

Cheerfully & enthusiastically recommend.

Italian Colors

2220 Mountain Blvd.

Oakland, CA 94611

(510) 482-8094

Italiancolorsrestaurant.com

Janet Jacobson

1627 Liberty Street, El Cerrito, 94530

510-234-6824 hm

510-965-3090 cell

janetsue.jacobson@gmail.com

Janet was introduced to the Kehilla Community in the fall of 2003. She came recommended by Blue Heron Catering where she worked in professional event service capacities for many years and gained the foundations for her catering work today. Before her work with Blue Heron she was a founding member of the Swallow Collective restaurant in Berkeley, the "sister" to The Cheese Board and Juice Bar collectives. Janet also worked for the Verbrugge Family Seafood Restaurant for 5 years. Food service and culinary worlds are of deep interest to her. She loves to bring her resourcefulness, heart and soul to your mitzvas and parties!

La Mediterranee

www.cafelamed.com

Margaret Rich

536-5448

Margaret_rich@hotmail.com

Works well with your party concept, responsible, reliable, reasonable, and experienced. Can save you money by making accurate estimates. Has catered many Kehilla Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies.

Market Hall Caterers

5655 College Ave.

Oakland 94618

547-4066

(Contact: Jude McDaniel

Lisa Quaid - *Fabulous*)

www.rockridgemarkethall.com

Caterers [continued]

Poulet
1685 Shattuck Ave
Berkeley 94709
(510) 845-5932
www.pouletdeli.com

Rick & Ann's
(510) 649-0869
www.rickandanns.com

Saul's
1475 Shattuck Ave
Berkeley, CA 94709
(510) 848-3354
www.saulsdeli.com
"We had them cater lox and bagels."

Savoy Catering
3110 35th Ave
Oakland, CA 94619
(510) 533-9588
www.savoyevents.com

Soup to Nuts
528-3332
Contact: Elaine Binger
souptonuts@binger.com
Does events up to 50 people- can also drop off food of larger quantities.

Ver Brugge
6321 College Ave.
(510) 658- 6854
"Beautifully poached fresh salmons approximately \$80 per 10-11 lbs Well packaged."

Compostable Paper Goods

We suggest using ecologically sensitive compostable paper goods.

We at Kehilla purchase ours from the following:

www.ecoproducts.com

Closer to home, you can also get many supplies at:

www.greenearthofficesupply.com

DJs

DJK Productions
(510) 352-8020
(Contact: Daryl Grace, Ken Maas)
\$250/hr.
www.djkproductions.com

Galaxy Mobile DJs
Matt Deutchman: 1-877-994-5994
www.GlaxyMobileDJ.com
Cheerfully & enthusiastically recommend.

Joel Abramson Orchestra
(510) 891-9980
"Great party facilitator!"
www.joelabramson.com

Miguel "Hightop" Fonseca
www.djhightop.com
"Knows how to involve adults & kids at the same time."

Shindig
Contact: Diane Meltzer
(510) 658- 6654
"Party Planner Extraordinaire! She is flexible, but very business-like and hard working. Keeps track of everything efficiently – really reduces your stress and is funny and helpful!"
www.shindighome.com

DJs [continued]

Ira Scott Levin aka Uncle Eye
Available solo or with a band.
Great music. Lively spirit.
510-390-4903
www.uncle-eye.com

Whatley Crew
510-814-0817
(Reid Whatley, owner)
Fantastic to work with, great with kids, will do whatever you want with the music
www.misterspin.com

ZS DJ Productions
We'll bring the party and the desserts.
zsalsburg_frank@thecollegepreparatoryschool.org
"Zach is a graduate of the Kehilla Bar/Bat Mitzvah program and knows what kids and parents want to celebrate. Having been to many Kehilla events as participants, they know how to help create a fun event for all."

Engravers

Given Gold Jewelers
4156 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland 94618
(510) 652-4186
(Contact: Dan)

Event Coordinator

Janet Jacobson
Catering, Event Planning & Management
janetsue.jacobson@gmail.com
"Extremely helpful in planning the party. Very highly recommended. Very reasonable rates. I couldn't have done it without her."

AJ Pell-Peridot Events
www.peridot-events.com

Shindig!
"Be a guest at your own party"
Making your happening happen
Diana Meltzer
658-6654
diane@shindighome.com
www.shindighome.com
Diane has successfully planned many Kehilla Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations

Flowers

Bloomies
5655 College Avenue, Oakland
(510) 547-0444
www.bloomiesflowers.com
"Her arrangements are amazing."

Glenview Florist
4224 Park Blvd., Oakland
(510) 482-2392
www.glenvueflorist.com
"Great flower arrangements."

Svenja Brotz
Chestnut & Vine
(510) 693-4347
www.chestnutandvine.com
"Awesome!"

Hotels

Doubletree Hotel
200 Marina Blvd
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 548-7920
www.doubletree.com
"For out of town guests we reserved a group of rooms at Doubletree and got a good special rate. We arranged a van for transportation."

Sheraton Four Points Hotel

1603 Powell Street
Emeryville, CA 94608
(510) 547-7888

Offers a "commission" to Kehilla for any families who book rooms there for out-of-town BBM guests. Just mention Kehilla.

Westwind Lodge

336 West MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94609
(510) 654-1235

Within 25-minutes walking distance of Kehilla. The most pleasant route, with the easiest hills: west on MacArthur past the hospital to Piedmont. North on Piedmont to Linda, West on Linda to Grand Ave. then south on Grand for a block and a half.

Photographers

Michele Dorntge

524-5753

She has been a professional photographer (a lot of experience doing weddings and kids) for many years. She takes a lot of photos- is really good at natural shots, is friendly and helpful. She can create a photos disc which the family can have and decide for themselves what they want to print out.

Lea Delson

(510) 528-6725

lea@delsonphoto.com

www.delsonphoto.com.

"If you are looking for a photographer to capture the spirit of your special event, consider Lea. The album is a work of art, and most of the extra photos that weren't included are still too good to discard.

She knows her equipment and works well with all types of subjects, whether posed or caught in the midst of a dance. And she was careful to understand what we wanted ahead of time, so it's no accident that we were so happy with the result."

Hope Hutman

hutman@sbcglobal.net

510-978-1955

Having been through the BBM Program at Kehilla with her son, Hope Hutman has a great view from both sides of the lens. Her prices are reasonable and she tries to make it work for every family. hutman@sbcglobal.net; 510-978-1955.

Nadine Samuels

(510) 910-4383

"Great pictures!"

Has photographed many Kehilla ceremonies.

Julie Mikos

(510) 681-7616

www.juliemikos.com

"Artsy, photojournalistic style."

Michael Mejia

(510) 541-7880

932 Yuba St.

Richmond, CA 94805

www.mejiaphoto.com

Michael@mejiaphoto.com

Erica Oriya

(415) 845-3019

<http://www.ericauriya.com/home>

"I have a great deal of experience with all kinds of B'nai Mitzvah, and a strong connection to my own Judaism."

Smile City Photo Booth

John Davies

owner/operator

415-484-1920 |

John@smilecityphoto.com |

www.SmileCityPhoto.com

Drawing upon his expertise as a photographer, designer and cabinetmaker, John has combined modern materials and state-of-the-art technology to create a one-of-a-kind photo booth experience.

Reception Spaces

Bellevue Club
(510) 451-1000
www.bellevueclub.org

Berkeley Hillel
2736 Bancroft Way
Berkeley 94704
(510) 845-7793
Berkeleyhillel.org
Limited kitchen – all food must be kosher.

Brazil Building
Tilden Park
www.ebparks.org

The Faculty Club (UC Berkeley)
www.berkeleyfacultyclub.com

David Brower Center, Berkeley
www.browercenter.org
(510) 809-0900
(Like an art gallery that honors the environment)

The Marsh Arts Center
2120 Allston Way, Berkeley 94704
(510) 704- 8291

Hornblower Yacht
Berkeley Marina
1-888-467-6256
www.hornblower.com/port
“Even in December, this was a lovely setting.”

Joaquin Miller Community Center
3594 Sanborn Drive
(510) 238-3187
(Rent through Oakland Parks & Recreation)

Kensington Community Center
(510) 526-4141
59 Arlington Ave, Kensington 94707

(Contact Helen 10-12pm most days)

Lake Merritt Hotel
(510) 903-3771
“The room is beautiful.”
www.theterraceroom.com

Netivot Shalom
www.netivotshalom.org
“Great party space for 120 max. – outdoor space, too.”

Party-Time Catering and Rockefeller Lodge
San Pablo
(510) 235-7344
(Contact: Debbie)
www.rockefellerlodge.com
“Excellent food, excellent setting, excellent assistance.”

Preservation Park
1233 Preservation Park Way
Oakland 94612
(510) 874-7580
(Contact: Barbara Ackerman)

Scott’s Seafood Restaurant
2 Broadway
Jack London Square
Oakland
(510) 444-3456
www.scottsjls.com
(Contact: Barbara Vernon)
“Barbara is unflappable.”
“The food and bar service were great, and setting at Scott’s is beautiful.”

Sequoia Lodge
2666 Mountain Blvd.
Oakland (510) 238-7931
(Contact Sally Meyes, catering director)
www.oaklandnet.com

Reception Spaces

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You're Invited: Estelle Baum
(510) 482-2315

Snow Building at Knowland Park Zoo
Oakland
(510) 632-9525
www.oaklandzoo.org

Temple Beth Hillel
(510) 223-2560
Templebethhillelrichmond.org

Good info about places at
www.HereComestheGuide.com

Spengers- Berkeley Has several different packages. Talk to Shiloe 510-845-7777

Rentals for Home Receptions

Alameda Rental Center
1532 Buena Vista Ave
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 522-2110

Tents and Fabric Structures

"Had the lowest prices. They delivered, picked up and did not require cleaning as I believe is the norm for most centers. They also have an estimator on their website."
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Stationery

Papyrus
1795 Fourth Street
Berkeley 94710
(510) 524-4580

Sendsationals
(510) 527-8123

Tallit Making with Arella Barlev

Materials are stretched silk, silk dyes and the resist used in a basic batik process. The colors are vibrant and inviting; the process is geared for creative success with personally meaningful design. A variety of silk and rayon fabrics are available or participants may bring their own fabrics.

home: (510) 233-6739

mobile: (510) 705-3770

arellabarlev@yahoo

www.arellabarlev.com/tallit-making/

Stu Sweetow
Audio Visual Consultants
Video Production, Editing DVDs
3640 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94610
Phone (510) 839-2020
Fax (510) 839-6464
www.avconsultants.com

Thomas Hughes Productions
(415) 257-2600
www.tomashughesfilms.com

Tallit Restorations

Hannah Riley

UKIC accredited conservator/restorer

1020 Peralta Street

Oakland

(510) 390-6233

*"Beautifully restored a tallit that was around
100 years old."*

Videographer

Bachman Productions/

Kim Bachman

925-899-0080

bachmanpro@sbcglobal.net

Lang Video Art

(510) 834-7550

info@langvideoart.com

www.langvideoart.com