



Daf Hashavuah

Shabbat Parashat Toldot

November 25-26, 2022

This Shabbat

Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Wednesday night-Friday, November 23-25

The CBI office will be closed.

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving

8:00AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:40PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

Friday, November 25

8AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:34PM // Candle Lighting

4:35PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

4:35PM // Northside Minyan at Sudikoff Home

1209 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

Saturday, November 26

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Greeters:

9-10AM: Carol Cunradi

10-11:15AM: Josh Kirsch

Sermon by Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld, "An Early Jewish Thanksgiving"

9-11:15AM // Shabbat Youth Programming

Ages 0-3 @ CBI loft space // 10:40AM parent-and-me tot Shabbat circle

Age 3 -2nd graders @ Gan Shalom // 9AM drop off, 10AM program

3rd and 4th graders @ Gan Shalom // 10:00AM drop off at stairs inside Gan gate

Kiddush Sponsors

The Haber Family, in loving memory of Sam Haber on his yahrzeit

4:30PM // Mincha and learning with Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld, "The Scent of Blessing"

5:34PM // Maariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends

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December 3 (Vayeitzei)
December 31 (Vayigash)
January 7 (Vayechi)
January 21 (Va'eira)

Donations of any amount can be made on the CBI website, go to the Giving page and select Kiddush from the drop-down menu: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/>. Please email kiddush@cbiberkeley.org with any questions.

This Week

Sunday, November 27

8:00AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:35PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

Monday-Thursday, November 27-December 1

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:35PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

Friday, December 2

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

Weekly Classes & Events

Tuesdays // 12PM // in person @ CBI

Topics in Talmud: Baba Kamma, Perek HaChovel
Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld

The eighth chapter of tractate Baba Kamma deals with compensation for personal injury. It begins with a discourse on the verse "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" which the rabbis of the Talmud interpret as referring to the requirement of monetary compensation. They struggle with whether their interpretations of the verse are convincing, providing a model for thinking about difficult biblical passages. The chapter deals with topics relevant to creating a just society in the modern world, including retributive versus restorative justice, and how to conceptualize and calculate compensation for shame.

Tuesdays // 1PM // in person @ CBI

CBI's Mah Jongg group meets weekly and is open to players that know how to play and already have their National Mah Jongg Play Card. Beginners are welcome to join as well, Marti Zedeck will be teaching every Tuesday. To join, please be in touch with Marti.

Fridays // 9AM // in person @ CBI

Talmudic Wisdom: Tractate Sotah
Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

Tractate Sotah primarily explains the ritual of the bitter water, a trial by ordeal of a woman suspected of adultery by providing close Halakhic readings of biblical verses. Rich in Aggadic references, Sotah also includes material relating to central biblical figures and events. Time and time again, talmudic discussions offer a lens into the rabbis' views on religious, moral, and theological questions, delving into major themes, such as the futility of sinning in secret, the harmfulness of pride, the evil of flattery, divine retribution, and the superiority of the service of God from love over the service from fear. What starts as an analysis of marital infidelity ultimately turns into a profound reflection on Israel's

own infidelity and the state of deterioration into which the Jewish people sank in the period immediately before and after the fall of the Temple. **Class will not meet on Friday, November 25.**

Upcoming Highlights

Shabbat Climate Series

December 3 after mincha



Our year-long speaker series on the critical realities of climate change continues with a talk by Dr. Joel Gerwein.

Judaism and Climate Justice: the Torah of Global Galut

Join Dr. Joel Gerwein to explore texts related to the causes of exile and what they can teach us about a Jewish response to climate change. Joel manages environmental projects for the California State Coastal Conservancy and loves to study Judaism's teachings about the environment.

Lifecycle Announcements

Condolences

We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of **McKee Lee** in Berkeley on Wednesday, November 16. McKee was the father of Mollie Lee, father-in-law of Michael Mettler, grandfather of Addison and Lillian, and former husband of Ilene Lee.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.

May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov!

To new parents Shelley Lazar and Nati Kanovsky on the birth on Tuesday, November 22 of a baby boy.

Mother, father and baby are all doing well.

May this child's life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds.

CBI's Holiday Dinner Drive

This year, your support is as important than ever.

- With the ongoing effects of the pandemic, compounded by inflation, we estimate 1 in 4 of us is experiencing food insecurity.
- ACCFB isn't immune to inflation: We will pay nearly \$400,000 more for chickens this holiday than we paid last year.
- In total, we will provide nearly 50 million meals worth of food this year – 70% higher than before the pandemic.
- Donate online: <https://donate.accfb.org/dinner/Donate>
- By mail by check payable to ACCFB, write "Congregation Beth Israel" on memo line and mail to ACCFB, Attn. Holiday Dinner Drive, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621

General Community Announcements

Enrollment at Gan Shalom Preschool for 2023-2024 is now open! Applications are being accepted for our beloved preschool's academic year 2023-2024. Please schedule a tour of Gan Shalom with our director, Emma Schnur (director@ganshalomberkeley.org). Applications can be filled out on the Gan website. CBI members are granted priority enrollment if applying by December 16.

Attention Warriors Fans! Jewish Heritage Night is scheduled for Dec 27, when many of us will be away, myself included. We could go as a group on another night, here are two available dates:

- Sunday, Feb 26 vs Minnesota Timberwolves, game time 4:30 pm (*Tickets are \$80 each for section 214 in the Upper Bowl*)
- Thursday, March 2 vs LA Clippers, game time 7 pm (*Tickets are \$90 section 214, \$100 section 223, or \$150 section 20, all in the Upper Bowl*)

We need 10 tickets to get a group rate. Please let me know asap if you are interested in either game. Go Dubs! [Hope Alper](#)

CBI SISTERHOOD STITCH MEETING

Thursday, December 1 // 10AM-1PM // @ Barbara Budnitz's home. Please let Barbara know whether you can come.

Celebrate Life! Hanukkah Party: Celebrate with Afikomen on the Fourth Night of Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 21 @ 3:00–5:00pm

Menorah Lighting @ 4:30pm

Join us for music, giveaway prizes, sufganiyot & public menorah lighting w/ Rabbi Chaim

Music with Ben Kramarz and Singlam friends

FREE - In person event at Afikomen. Masks optional

Location: 3042 Claremont Ave. Berkeley www.afikomen.com

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Vehicle Donation to CBI: Donating your car, truck or boat is easy; any assets are welcome (jewelry, coins, etc.). We'll provide free pick-up, and your gift is tax-deductible and will benefit Gan Shalom's Scholarship Fund. We will provide release of liability, DMV and IRS documents, and handle any title, or ticket issues. Call Morton Thomas Rand at (650) 629-4000 or email mtrans25@yahoo.com.

CBI AT THE SHELTER: CBI has been making regular donations in lieu of meals. Please donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and indicate "shelter dinner".

The Berkeley Eruv: Berkeley's Eruv status is posted every Friday generally by 1:30PM. For the Eruv's map and more information, please consult <https://www.berkeleyeruv.org/>

Stay Connected

CBI Connected Families

To join a WhatsApp group sharing ideas for caring and creative parenting please contact the **CBI office**.