



Daf Hashavuah

Shabbat Mevarchim Hachodesh

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei

March 17-18, 2023

This Shabbat

Friday, March 17

Musical Shabbat w/Dr. Elli Kranzler

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

9AM // Talmudic Wisdom: Tractate Sotah with R. Yonatan Cohen

6:45PM // Northside Minyan at Gessow Home

1315 Bonita Ave., Berkeley

7PM // Candle Lighting

7:05PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, March 18

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Greeters:

9-10AM: Joseph Friedman

10-11AM: Adam Rosenzweig

11AM-12PM: Lisa Gessow

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

Sermon by R. Yonatan Cohen: "Moses' Threefold Blessing for...Joelle"

Farewell Luncheon for Joelle Yzquierdo is Sponsored by:

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7PM // Shabbat Mincha followed by learning with Rabbanit Meira, "Are Women Obligated in the Fast of the Firstborn?"

7:58PM // Ma'ariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends

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April 22 (Tazria-Metzorah)
April 29 (Acharei-Kedoshim)

Pesach
April 7 (Pesach II)
April 13 (Pesach VIII)

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This Week

Sunday, March 19

8AM // Shacharit @ CBI

7PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday-Wednesday, March 20-22

6:45AM // Shacharit at CBI

7PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday Night-Thursday, March 22-23

Rosh Chodesh Nissan

6:45AM // Shacharit at CBI

7PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, March 24

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

Weekly Classes & Events

Daf Yomi Learning // in person @ CBI

8AM // Shabbat morning

7AM // Sunday

7:45AM // Monday-Friday (after Shacharit)

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 March 24.**

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 25, 8:30PM Concert @ Beth Jacob

Please join us at Beth Jacob for a Havdala Concert with Jewish Bluegrass group Jacob's Ladder, formerly Kol Kahol. Free concert, RSVP required here: <https://www.bethjacobakland.org/form/Jacob'sLadderconcert.html>

Please join us Wednesday March 29th @ 7:30 PM at CBI for the launch of the Ethical Wills Workshop

"Ethical wills, sometimes called spiritual or legacy letters, are resources Jews have used for centuries to articulate and pass on deeply held values and beliefs."

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld will launch this series with an informative talk about the history of Jewish ethical wills and why they are relevant today.

The informational session will launch a six to eight session workshop (we'll have a doodle poll available at the launch to find the best time for meeting) where we explore how to articulate our values and the moral legacies we want to leave. The program is for people of all ages to think about, navigate, and articulate what they want to share of their lives with their families, friends or communities.

The workshops will be facilitated by Desmid Lyon and Susan Berrin. Each session will create a safe space and provide appropriate prompts to explore how we tell our stories, histories & life lessons. We welcome anyone who wants to engage in this effort. We recognize that grappling with emotional and spiritual issues can be difficult, and we plan to provide an environment of trust, with opportunities to share the writing process for those so inclined.

Feel free to reach out to [Susan](#) or [Desmid](#) with any questions.

Passover at CBI

Pesach Kashering Help from the CBI Community

With Pesach on the horizon, we know that there are members of our community who may have some physical limitations that make kashering their home for Pesach a challenge this year. Please reach out to us either by filling out [this form](#) or e-mailing Karen Kadish (krkadish@gmail.com) if you would like assistance with kashering your kitchen for Pesach this year or with Pesach grocery shopping. Please reach out to Karen Kadish (krkadish@gmail.com) if you or a teen in your household can provide this important chesed for members of our community.

CBI Seder Hospitality

Pesach sedarim are the perfect opportunity to gather as a community.

Guests: Please e-mail hospitality@cbiberkeley.org if you would like to join another household's table for either seder this year. Specify: how many people are in your group, any dietary needs, and which seder(s) you would like to be hosted for.

Hosts: Please email hospitality@cbiberkeley.org if you have space at your table for a guest. Specify: how many people you have space for and which seder(s) you are able to host.

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Come join us for one of our biggest events of the year!
Sunday, March 26th for our annual limo scavenger hunt!
(Limited seating available!)

fun. games. ice cream. prizes!

Drop-off & Pick up

Oakland: Beth Jacob Congregation

3778 Park Blvd, Oakland, CA 94610

Walnut Creek: TBD

Palo Alto: 2416 Leghorn St. Mountain View

<https://westcoast.ncsy.org/events/454512/Limo-Scavenger-hunt-2023/>

General Community Announcements

Beth Jacob Congregation happily invites our friends from CBI to join us at our annual dinner and auction on Sunday March 19th at 5:30 PM in our Upstairs Social Hall (3778 Park Blvd., Oakland). Enjoy seeing old friends, meeting new ones, dining on an Epic Bites Asian banquet (fleshing with vegan and gluten-free options), partaking of a well-stocked bar, and perhaps securing a slot at a dinner party or bird-watching outing! Click **Back to Basics - 2023 Auction (tiptopauction.com)** to RSVP (deadline is Tuesday, March 14th). There are plenty of spaces for adults at the auction. If you need/want childcare, please email Deborah Sosebee (deborah@sosefam.com).

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**.