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**Congregation
Beth Israel**

Daf Hashavuah

Parshat Vayikra, March 22-23

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This Shabbat



Drasha by Rabbi Elisha Ancselovits: Halakha as Practical Wisdom - An Alternative to the Idolatries of Ideology and Moralizing

Thursday, March 21 - Ta'anit Esther

5:49 AM // Fast Begins

6:45 AM // Shacharit

7:00 PM // Mincha

7:51 PM // Fast Ends

Friday, March 22

6:45 AM // Shacharit

5:50 PM // Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home

7:00 PM // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

7:05 PM // Candle Lighting

Shabbat Day, March 23

9:00 AM // Shacharit Morning Services

Greeters:

9:00 - 10:15 AM: Desmid Lyon

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Liberty Schubert

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM: Josh Kirsch

9:00 - 11:30 AM // Shabbat Youth Programming:

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

Age 3 years -4th grade @ Gan Shalom // 9:00 AM drop off, 10:00 AM snack

10:15 AM // JellyJam puppet show for kids age 3 - 1st grade upstairs at Gan Shalom

10:15 AM // Relay races for kids in 2nd-4th grade downstairs at Gan Shalom

Kiddush is sponsored by **Rachel Schorr, Josh Ladon & Yael Krieger, Matan Gilbert, Carol & Jim Cunradi, Rhoda Agin, Leora Lawton, Ory & Tamar Sandel, Darrell Cohn & Leah Kahn, Avraham & Ruchama Burrell, the Alper family, and Daniel Lewis** in memory of David Spieler on his birthday. He was kind and selfless, and devoted friend to the entire CBI community

4:00 PM // Book Talk: *When Jews Argue: Between the University and the Beit Midrash*, with Ethan Katz, Rav Elisha Ancselovits, & Sergey Dolgopolski



5:00 PM // Mincha

8:03 PM // Shabbat ends

8:15 PM // Ma'ariv followed by megillah reading

10:15 PM// Late megillah reading

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A KIDDUSH SPONSOR FOR:

April 23rd (Pesach Day 1)

April 24th (Pesach Day 2)

Please email the kiddush coordinator at kiddush@cbiberkeley.org if you'd like to sponsor one of these kiddushim. Donations of any amount can be made on our new EasyShul website. Select Kiddush from the drop-down menu: <https://cbiberkeley.easyshul.com/donation>.

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Purim Schedule

Saturday Night, March 23

8:03 PM // Shabbat ends

8:15 PM // Ma'ariv followed by megillah reading

10:15 PM // Late Megillah reading

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM // Shacharit followed by megillah reading

11:00 AM // Women's megillah reading

2:00 PM // Kid oriented megillah reading

3:00 PM // Carnival booths with the banot sherut

4:00 PM // **PARTY!** Featuring Saul Goodman's Klezmer band, BBQ, face painting, bubbles, photo booth, & more!

7:00 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @ CBI

Tentative: A separate shiva minyan may be held at the Greenberg residence at 7:00 PM Sunday. This minyan will be held either outside or masked due to a major upcoming family simcha.



Purim Sponsorships & Links

THANK YOU to the sponsors of this year's Purim seudah:

Daniel Lasman, James & Sarah Mitrani, Aliza Shapiro, Asaf Shor & Hilla Abel,

Marvin & Maxine Winer, the CBI Sisterhood, Noam & Shira Haber, Andrew Bestwick & Noga Ravid, Stephen & Joan Reich, Adam Rosenzweig & Jessica Fain, Daniel Isaacson & Liora Brosbe, Jim & Carol Cunradi, Joel Kosh & Baila Hall, Jacob Levy & Emily Sahm Levy, Rabbi Cohen & Frayda Gonshor Cohen

Important Purim Links:

- **You can still help sponsor the Purim seudah** with a donation of \$1000, \$540, \$360, or \$118 by choosing "Purim Seudah" in the dropdown menu on our new EasyShul platform [HERE](#).
- Donations for **matanot l'evyonim**, gifts to the poor, can also be made by choosing "Matanot levyonim" on our new easy shul EasyShul page [HERE](#).
- We could still use some volunteers to help **pour drinks** on Saturday night and Sunday. Sign up to help [HERE](#). As always, please drink responsibly.
- [Click Here](#) for Purim Guidelines.

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This Week

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Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM // Shacharit

11:00 AM // Women's megillah reading

2:00 PM // Kid oriented megillah reading

3:00 PM // Carnival booths with the banot sherut

4:00-7:00 PM // Seudah and Party

7:00 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

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Monday, March 25 - Thursday, March 28

6:45 AM // Shacharit

5:55 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv*

*On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, Mincha/Ma'ariv is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Greenberg Residence. The minyan will take place either outside or masked.

Friday, March 29

6:45 AM // Shacharit

Classes This Week

Daf Yomi Learning

8AM // Shabbat morning

7AM // Sunday

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

Tuesdays // 12PM

Midrash on the Parsha

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld

This class explores the weekly Torah portion through the lens of midrash. We will also discuss the history of midrash and study selections from both legal and nonlegal midrashic collections. We will consider how the rabbis developed unique and creative approaches to reading the biblical text. Come think about the Parsha on Tuesdays, and you'll always have a d'var Torah ready for your Shabbat table.

Tuesdays // 1PM

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 This class will not meet next week, on Friday March 29.

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.

Upcoming Events

Please note that the Shabbat with scholars-in-residence Rabbi Chaim & Suzie Marder (originally scheduled for March 30) has been postponed.

Confronting Israel's Environmental Challenges in Times of War: A Regional Response to Climate Change with [Alon Tal](#)

Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 PM @ CBI, Sign up [HERE](#)

Co-sponsored by Temple Sinai, Congregation Netivot Shalom, & the Jewish Coalition of Berkely (JCB)



Confronting Israel's Environmental Challenges in Times of War: A Regional Response to Climate Change

With Professor Alon Tal, a leading Israeli environmentalist and former member of the Knesset

Wednesday, April 3

8:00pm at Congregation Beth Israel
Co-sponsored by Temple Sinai and Congregation Netivot Shalom





Professor Alon Tal is a leading Israeli environmentalist and former member of the Knesset, where he chaired the subcommittee on climate and the environment. He has been working to promote cooperation in sustainability between Israel and its neighbors for almost 30 years. In this lecture, Professor Tal will assess the sustainability challenges of the region, discuss the profound implications of the outcome of the present conflict on the future and consider possible visions that can lead beyond the very painful and destructive present dynamics.

The CBI book club is back!

Tues, April 9 - [The Orchard](#), by Yochi Brandes (historical fiction)

Tues, June 4 - [Sacred Trash](#), by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole (non-fiction), as well as this podcast - <https://jewishunpacked.com/wuhsha-the-broker-excavations-from-the-cairo-geniza/>

Wed, Aug 7 - [Lamentations](#), by Yael Zeigler - Introduction and Chapter 1 (Torah commentary; Tisha B'Av is the following week)

Mon, Oct 21 (in a Sukkah) - **[Morality](#)**, by Jonathan Sacks

Wed, Dec. 4 - [Rise and Kill First, The Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations](#), by Ronen Bergman (non-fiction)

We encourage you to buy books through [Afikomen](#), our local Jewish bookstore.

Gatherings will be 7:30-9pm. Locations and moderators TBD, please email ilanamantell@gmail.com for that info.

Israeli Poetry Shabbat

A poster for "Israeli Poetry Shabbat" featuring a portrait of Dr. Rachel Korazim on the left. The background is orange with stylized yellow and purple flame-like shapes on the right. Text includes "SHABBAT SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE", "Israeli Poetry Shabbat", "With Dr. Rachel Korazim", "Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4", and "CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL קהילת בית ישראל".

SHABBAT SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

Israeli Poetry Shabbat

With Dr. Rachel Korazim

Friday, May 3 and
Saturday, May 4

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History & Stories Shabbat



SHABBAT SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

History and Stories Shabbat

With Rabbi Mike Feuer

Friday, May 24 and
Saturday, May 25

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Life Cycle Announcements

Mazal tov! To parents **Joel Kosh & Baila Hall** and big brothers Natan & Yadin on **the birth of a baby boy**, born Monday at 3:34 PM. Monther and baby are doing well. Be'H the bris will be on Monday, March 25th (Sushan Purim) after Shacharit, approximately 7:45 AM.

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

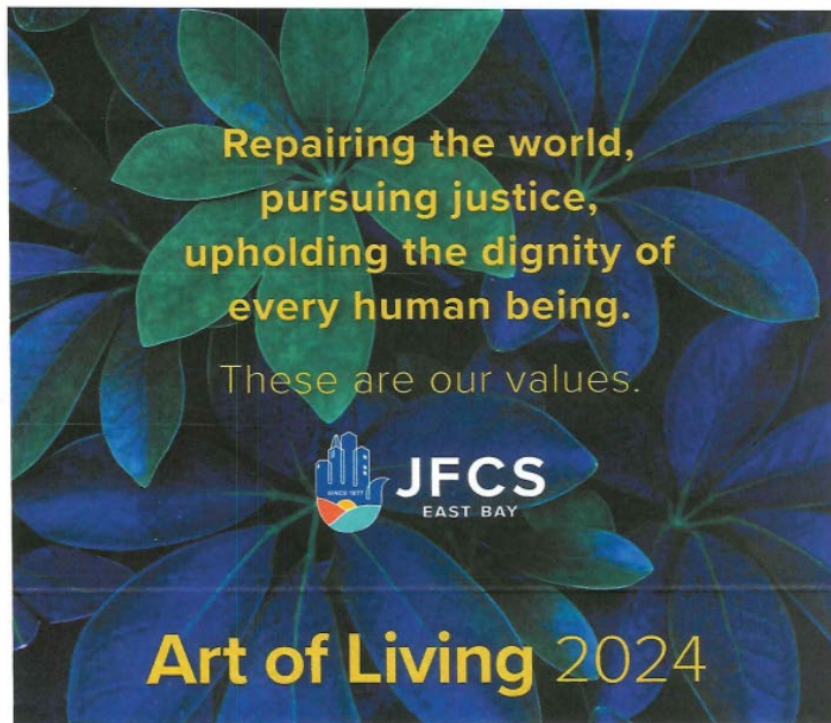
Mark these occasions with an act of tzedakah.

EasyShul

Last week we transitioned our synagogue management software to a new program called EasyShul. This exciting development allows our staff to be more organized, efficient, and effective. There is no action needed on your part, but you will see a few new things: Payment receipts and invoices will now be sent via EasyShul. You can already make your Purim donations via EasyShul [HERE](#). We thank you in advance for your patience as we undergo this adjustment. Yashar koach to the team that made this happen! Thank you to Jessica Fain and Ori Kanefsky for leading this charge with care, diligence, and meticulous attention. Thank you to our administrator Jen Bright for her unwavering perseverance and steadfast efforts essential to this transition.

CBI – General Announcements

JFCS East Bay's The Art of Living with Bestselling author Isabel Allende
Sunday April 14th, 2024, 5:30 PM at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette



Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay
Warmly Invites You To Our Seventeenth Annual Gala Benefit

Featuring Bestselling Author, Isabel Allende

Isabel Allende garnered worldwide acclaim with the publication of her first novel, *The House of the Spirits*. Since then, she has authored more than twenty-six bestselling and critically acclaimed books.

Her most recent book, *The Wind Knows My Name*, weaves together the stories of a Jewish boy escaping Nazi-occupied Europe and a young girl fleeing twenty-first-century El Salvador in a novel about family separation, war, and immigration.

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 5:30pm
Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette, CA 94549

Hors d'oeuvres will include a selection of vegetarian, dairy, and fish options.
Certified kosher option available upon request.

Vehicle Donation - Give your used vehicle new life when you donate it to CBI/Gan Shalom Preschool: 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 Rabbis Discretionary Fund and indicate shelter dinner:

- **by Paypal or credit card**, please pick the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- @CBI-Berkeley by Venmo
- to office@cbiberkeley.org by Zelle
- by check to "Congregation Beth Israel", 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703

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/>
