



Weekday Morning and Evening Services — April 16-20

Morning

Su 8:00 am • Mo, Tu 9:15 am • W-F 6:30 am

Evening

Mo, Tu 7:25 pm • W-Th 7:30 pm

Friday night, April 14

4th Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 7:00 pm

Northside minyan ..... 7:00 pm

1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)

Candle Lighting ..... 7:26 pm

Saturday, April 15

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Childcare ..... 9:15 am

Parent Supervisors: Sarah & Lev Jasper

Torah Reader: Na'aman Kam

Haftorah Reader: Eliav Goldberg

Board Representative: JoEllen Zeitlin

Park Outing with Pesach Games ..... 10:45-11:45 am

All children 3+ invited to join. Children under 3 with parental supervision.

Meet at Gan at 10:30 am to walk over to Becky Temko Park.

Shir Ha'Shirim ..... 11:30 am

1. Talya Sandel

2. Maya Resnikoff

3. Rebecca Landes

4. Talya Sandel

5. Rona Teitelman

6. Andrea Brott

7. Sarah Silverman

8. Desmid Lyon

Shabbat Mincha ..... 7:05 pm

Seudah Shelishit ..... 7:25 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 8:26 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein in honor of our 35th wedding anniversary;

Violette & Henry Sibony and Seth & Lauren Greenberg and family in

honor of our dear friend Joan Sopher.

4TH DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED PESACH

Sunday, April 16

5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service ..... 8:00 am

YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH

6th Day of the Omer

Sunday Night April 16

Mincha and Yom Tom Ma'ariv ..... 7:30 pm

Candle Lighting\* ..... 7:28 pm

Monday, April 17

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Childcare ..... 9:15 am

Parent Supervisors: Nell & Chaim Mahgel-Friedman

Torah Reader: Dov Weinstock

Haftorah Reader: Philip Tendler

Sermon by Eliav Goldberg

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv ..... 7:25 pm

Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER ..... 8:28 pm

\*NOTE: Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/ yearzeit candle so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame

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Deborah Pearl in honor of the Congregation

Cynthia Scheinberg, R. Eliahu Klein and Gavi Klein in honor of the 8th

yearzeit of Cynthia's father, Israel Herbert Scheinberg

YOM TOV - 8TH DAY OF PESACH

Tuesday, April 18

7th Day of the Omer

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Childcare ..... 9:15 am

Parent Supervisors: Maureen & Derek Krantz

Torah Reader: Dov Weinstock

Haftorah Reader: David Sudikoff

Sermon by Maharat Victoria Sutton

Yizkor ..... 10:30 am

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Ma'ariv and Havdalah\* ..... 7:25 pm

Havdalah\* & Conclusion of Yom Tov ..... 8:29 pm

\* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri HaGafen) followed by the particular blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.

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Lou Schubert in memory of his father, Wilfried Schubert, on his yearzeit and in honor of Pesach.

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Daniel & Ezra with M. Victoria Sutton: These narratives tell the story of the Jewish people between the First and Second Temples. From the writing on the wall to the lion's den, we will explore the life and times of the prophet Daniel in the Babylonian court. Next, we turn to Ezra haSofer, the pivotal figure in returning the people, and Torah, from the Babylonian exile to Jerusalem. As we journey through this critical time in Jewish history, we will learn about these amazing figures, their challenges and choices, and how they can inform our own experiences both in the Diaspora and in Israel. On hiatus until April 24.

M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm.

NCSY LNL – Latte & Learning (for Teens; Grades 9-12): Latte & Learning brings Judaism to local coffee shops and serves up Torah in a relaxed and fun setting. LNL is the place for teens to ask questions, voice their feelings, and connect with each other.

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. • Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley

Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scented products as there are congregants for whom these products are an irritant due to allergies or as a result of chemotherapy or other medical treatment. Thank you.

## TUESDAY



### **Rachel Brodie – Land Mine: Nationalism & Other Unnatural Disasters In The Poetry Of Yehuda Amichai:**

Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai 's (1924-2000) extensive explorations of land and landscape in their material and metaphorical states are permeated with explosive matters and subversive ideological positions. Join us for a close look at some of Amichai's poems and a discussion of what

happens to an Amichai poem about Jerusalem when it is read in San Francisco or an Amichai poem about San Francisco when it is read in San Francisco.

**Rachel Brodie — Tuesday @ 7:30 – 9:00 pm, May 2, 9, 16, 23**

## WEDNESDAY

**Midrasha's Tanach and Talmud (for Teens):** This course is an informal but intensive study group focusing on close thematic readings of the Tanach and Talmud in translation.

**Mickey Davis • Wednesday • 4:15-5:45 pm**

**Open Sources - Beit Midrash:** Learn independently with a *hevruta* (study partner) OR study the weekly Torah portion with Maharat Victoria Sutton Learners of all levels welcome. Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact M. Victoria Sutton ([maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com)) with any questions, and we will help you find a partner and get started! **On hiatus until April 26.**

**Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 pm**



### **Women's Torah Leyning Class with Meena Viswanath — Register by Thursday, April 20th with Maharat Victoria Sutton:**

Learn to leyn in time for Simhat Torah women's reading! Should be able to comfortably read Hebrew (with punctuation). No previous Torah reading experience or musical ability necessary. Cost: Class is free, class workbook is \$25, payable to CBI office.

*Meena Viswanath moved to Berkeley last summer with her husband and son. She has been leyning regularly since her bat mitzvah, and can leyn torah, haftarah, Eicha, Esther, and the other Megillot (with Ashkenazic te'amim). She taught a torah leyning class last year in Young Israel of Atlanta, and is excited to teach a torah leyning class here in CBI.*

**Meena Viswanath -- Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm -8:30 pm, May 3 – August @CBI (10-12 sessions)**

**Jewish philosophers:** The class is currently reading "**A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism**" by world-renowned philosopher and social activist, Dr. David Hartman (z"l), the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

**Muni Schweig — Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm @ the Schweig home**

## FRIDAY

**Talmudic Wisdom @ 9:00 AM:** Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) on major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

**M. Victoria Sutton • May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9, 16 • 9:00 am**

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Beth Israel

**Condolences:** We regret to inform you of the death of **Dr. Hugh Burrell**, beloved father of Avraham Burrell, father-in-law of Ruchama Burrell, on

Monday night after a long illness. He was 90. He was a loving father and grandfather, a dedicated physician and a talented musician. *HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.* May God comfort the family and all others who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

**Mazal Tov! to Toby & Ezra Hendon, and to parents Aliza and Kenny Hendon, and big sisters Rena and Tehilla** on the birth of a baby girl! **Miriam Orah.** Mother and baby are in good health, b"n. 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. Mazal Tov!

**SCRIP News!** A scrip seller's life is not an even one! I underestimated our need for Oakland Kosher scrip so I felt sad. I got a second amount of Oakland Kosher scrip and I felt glad. I overestimated the amount this time so I am sad again as I look at over \$1,000 of yellow gift certificates in the denomination of \$25. This scrip can be used for supplies for the end of Pesach, Lag B'Omer cookouts, brisket bashes or Rosh Hashanah turkeys. Buy scrip and I am sure I will be happy again. Thank you, Naomi Stamper



### **Breakfast and Lecture with R. David Forhman Sunday, April 23, 9:15 am @ CBI: *Shavuot and the Omer: Making Sense of Jewish Values in our Times.***

Rabbi David Forhman is the founder and CEO at Aleph Beta Academy. He is author of "The Beast that Crouches at the Door," finalist for the 2007 National Jewish Book

Award, and "The Queen You Thought You Knew." Rabbi Forhman seeks to open layers of meaning of Biblical text and to help the reader develop a relationship with the texts that make us who we are. For more of his work, see [www.alephbeta.org](http://www.alephbeta.org). The lecture is in memory of his father: Moshe Yechiel Ben David Yitzchak Halevi z'l.



### **Lecture with Dr. Rachel Korazim—Thursday, April 27th • 8pm**

#### **The Mizrahi (Sephardic) Voice in Israeli Literature**

Since the mass immigration waves of the 50th, Israeli literature is addressing the issues of Jews from Moslem countries and their integration into its society. The long way, from their early marginalized situation to the assumption of empowered strong voices of the present, is expressed in rich and creative literature. The session will offer critical reading of works by Nathan Alterman, Balfour Hakak, Shimon Adaf, Roni Somek, Ariela Azulai and others.

*Dr. Rachel Korazim is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Until 2008 she had been the Academic Director of Distance learning programs at The JAFI Department of Education Born in Israel, she had served in the I.D.F as an officer in the central training base for women and was later, a member of the I.D.F delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education. Rachel has vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and the Diaspora. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for soldiers from disadvantaged background, she was responsible for creating the educational framework and training teachers for the implementation of the program.*

*Since her first Shlichut to Canada where she was the head of JAFI delegation from (1985 to 1988) she is involved with Jewish education worldwide; creating and implementing in-service training programs for educators, writing educational materials, counseling and teaching. Rachel teaches at Israel's well known learning centers such as Pardes and the*

Shalom Hartman Institutes as well as numerous

### **Fifth Annual EBTOCD (East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day)**

Join your fellow Jews from around the East Bay as they engage in acts of *chedsed* (kindness) and *tikkun olam* (repair of the world). Sign up for volunteer opportunities on two different days, May 7th and June 25th. For more information and to register, please sign-up by April 28th at <http://ebtocd.weebly.com/>

**Packing for the Homeless at Beth Israel, Sunday May 7, 10 am-12 pm—please register here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-our-neighbors-packing-for-the-homeless-at-beth-israel-tickets-33021935498>

**Donate your car/boat/vehicle** to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Proceeds benefit Gan Shalom Preschool Scholarship Fund. Contact David Spieler: 510-849-0961.

## **In The Community**

### **City of Berkeley 15th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Honoring Yakov Harari**

**Sunday, April 23rd, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Magnes Collection, 2121 Allston Way—Public parking garage on Kittredge, exit on Allston  
Refreshments will be served

### **Sunday, May 7, 2017 — Ruth Wiseman Book Release Party & Signing @ Afikomen: *How the Moon Became Dim***

is a children's book, with gorgeous pictures, inspired by the story of the Sun and Mon's creation found in Kaballah. CBI member Ruth Wiseman uses this story to teach young readers the importance of self-acceptance and the value of their own particular talent -- their Light for the World. Joins us for this wonderful celebration for all ages  
1:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Light refreshments \* FREE \* All Welcome

**Afikomen Judaica 3042 Claremont Ave. Berkeley CA 94702**



**Sunday, May 7 at 7 PM - 9 PM: Isaac: Blindness & Blessing with Dr. Avivah Zornberg, @ Chochmat Halev, 2215 Prince St, Berkeley, California 94705:** Isaac survives the Akeda – his Binding on an altar; he marries and fathers children. But what does it mean to survive death? In midrashic tradition, the trauma of the Binding induces in him a delayed blindness. With the help of midrashic,

psychoanalytic and literary sources, we will explore the enigma of Isaac's survival, and the ways this experience shapes his blind blessing of Jacob.

*Dr. Avivah Zornberg is one of the most dynamic and compelling interpreters of the Bible alive. She weaves together ideas from literature, secular philosophy, psychology and the ancient teachers' take on the texts. It is entirely engaging and built for the 21st century. \$15 members of co-sponsoring organizations, \$20 general public. Co-sponsored by: Kevah, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth El, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Urban Adamah.*

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