



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

April 17-21

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • Mo-F 6:30 am

Evening: Sun-F: 7:30 pm

Friday, April 15

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home 7:00 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:27 pm

Saturday, April 16

Morning Service9:15 am
Torah Reader: Zeev Neumeier
Haftarah Reader: Russell Kassman
Youth Programming9:15 am
Formal Group Time:10:45 am
Kedma (3-5 years old): Natan Kuchar
Tzafona (K-2): Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagar
Negba (3rd-5th): Maharat Victoria Sutton
Parent Supervisor: Juliet Stamperdahl

Pre-Pesach Drasha in memory of Eli Resnikoff, z”l and Edith Schickman, z”l delivered by Rabbi Cohen after services: Becoming Pharaoh

Mincha 7:15 pm
Seudah Shlishit sponsored by R. Pam Frydman, in honor of R. Cohen’s teachings and the warmth of the CBI Community..... 7:35 pm
Ma’ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:27 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Irene and Joel Resnikoff and family, and Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal and family, in memory of Eli Resnikoff
The Schickman family, in memory of Marks’ mother, Esther Rachel bat Tuvia
Russell Kassman, in honor of the 50th anniversary of his bar mitzvah

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Laura Lipman

COMMUNAL HA’GALAH @ CBI

Wednesday, April 20
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ—SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

Thursday, April 21st
Search for chametz at 8:20 pm

PESACH - PASSOVER

Friday night, April 22nd – Saturday, April 30th

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA’ANIT BECHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

FIRST SEDER

Friday, April 22nd
Fast Begins4:54 am
Morning Service6:30 am
Siyum for Firstborns after morning services.....7:15 am
Eat chametz until 10:48 am

Burn chametz until 11:50 am
*Candle Lighting7:34 pm
Mincha, Yom Tov Ma’ariv & Hallel7:30 pm
Fast ends.....8:20 pm
**Begin First Seder after8:20 pm
* NOTE: Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/ yahrzeit candle so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame.
** We begin the Seder with Kiddush of Yom Tov adding all the insertions for Shabbos



SHABBAT 1ST DAY OF PESACH & SUNDAY
April 23-24, 11:00 am

Sermon & Lecture by Devorah Evron

Devorah Evron, aunt of our shlichah Ofra Goldberg, is Director of the Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Studies at HaMidrasha, where she is empowering Israeli women towards social equality and progressive leadership. Using the platform of gender and Judaism, Evron teaches in various forums, including study groups, community centers and women’s organizations. In the Rabin pre-military “mechina” leadership program and other mechinot, Evron educates and inspires young women to seek opportunities for influential and non-traditional posts in military service, and to strive for standards of gender equality in the IDF.

YOM TOV – SHABBAT 1ST DAY OF PESACH

Saturday, April 23rd

Morning Service.....9:15 am
Youth Programming.....9:15 am
*Shabbat Yom Tov Mincha, Ma’ariv & Hallel7:20 pm
**Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER8:34 pm
***Begin Second Seder AFTER 8:34 pm
Count first night of Sefirah AFTER8:34 pm
*CBI will not host a communal Seudah Shlishit. On the eve of the Seder, the entire meal should take place prior to Plag Hamincha using matzah (6:32 pm).

**If a person has not recited Maariv with the prayer “Va’todieinu,” hear she must say “Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le’kodesh” before lighting candles or cooking.

***The same procedures are followed at the Seder as the previous night, however, in Kiddush, after we recite “Borei peri ha’gafen” and “Asher bachar banu,” we make the blessings: “Borei meorei ha’esh” and “ha’mavdeil,” followed by “she’hecheyanu.”

YOM TOV –2ND DAY OF PESACH

Sunday, April 24th - 1st Day of the Omer

Morning Service.....9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha7:20 pm
*Ma’ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends at.....8:35 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.

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.

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Book of Jeremiah with Maharat Victoria Sutton: Jeremiah's prophetic career spanned over thirty years and succession of several kings, through the Babylonian's conquest of Israel and ultimate destruction of the First Temple. The prophet risks his life to bring truth to Jerusalem and provide guidance to leaders and the nation. At times despondent, the book beautifully depicts the inner life of Jeremiah and his mission. Together, we will study the text and themes of the Book of Jeremiah. **Class is on hiatus until after Pesach.**

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm

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 — Wednesdays @ 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Open Sources: Beit Midrash

co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah

An Open Beit Midrash for learning on all levels. You can come with a *hevruta* (learning partner) or we can help find the *hevruta* and area of learning that best fits. Start by filling out the form on our website. On site assistance with learning available.

An optional class will be given each week on the parasha by Maharat Victoria Sutton, which includes guided *hevruta* learning of sources for the class followed by group discussion. **Class is on hiatus until after Pesach.**

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

Jewish philosophers: Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits: The class is currently reading and discussing selections from "Essential Essays on Judaism" presenting Berkovits' most significant essays, exploring vital issues within Judaism and Jewish society, including: Jewish morality and law, Jewish nationhood, and Jewish theology. No background necessary.

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

FRIDAY

Talmudic Wisdom: Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought. **Class is on hiatus until after Pesach.**

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Mazal tov! to Mimi Weisel & Paul Hamburg on the wedding of Mimi's son Michael Shefrin to Shayna Reid. May the couple build a home filled with the light of Torah and mitzvot. May their families and our community have many more occasions to celebrate in simchah together.

Mazal Tov! to the Bamberger Family as their son Max (Matan Chaim) is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. The celebration will take place at R. Yair Silverman's Moed shul in Zichron Yaakov, Israel Parshat Mezorah, Shabbat Hagadol, April 16, 2016.

Pesach Seder Matching: I urge all of us to make no assumption,

invite everyone. Let's expand our tables even more, let's add another chair and another, to heed the call of "*Kol dichfin*"—to ensure that we all experience true freedom on this night.

In addition, we are offering a meal matching program, as we did over the High Holidays. The process is simple. Just let us know if you have an extra place or 2, or 3, etc. at your table for the First or Second Seder. Also let us know if you need a place for the First or Second night of Passover and any dietary restrictions you may have. In the next week or two, we'll make all the matching happen. Email Sara Darmoni (schnitzsa@gmail.com) whether you want to host or be a guest.

This year we are here, next year, may we be in the land of Israel. This year we are slaves, next year, may we merit to be free.

Wednesday, April 20 5-7:30, CBI Cooks at Berkeley Men's Shelter (1931 Center Street): As Pesach approaches, our sensitivities to those in need are heightened. Please consider taking an hour to help

serve dinner at the Berkeley Men's Shelter.

With your help, we will prepare and serve dinner to more than 50 clients at the Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter.

Due to generous food donations from Janice MacMillan and Sara and Benni Darmoni, our dinner menu is almost complete!

To sign up for one of the volunteer shifts below, please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton or see the CBI website.

5:30-6:30 - Cooking Shift

6:30-7:45 Serve and Clean-Up Shift

BERKELEY HADASSAH INVITES YOU TO:

Bade Museum Tour — Tuesday May 3, 10:00 am Free

Join Us to Explore the Biblical Artifacts Collection with Director Aaron Brody At the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Box lunch included following tour. Rsvp marcusdesign@sbcglobal.net

SISTERHOOD CJM DOCENT TOUR

Tuesday, May 10, 10:30 am

The Sisterhood is having a docent led tour at the CJM. We will be seeing the Bill Graham Rock and Roll Experience.

All are welcome. Email sabrinadkabella@gmail.com

YOM HA'ZIKARON/YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Wednesday, May 11

Tekes Ma'avar

Join us as we mark the transition from commemorating Yom Ha'Zikaron, Memorial Day, to the celebratory Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Independence Day. We will honor the memories of those who have fallen this year, and express our gratitude for the Land of Israel.

7:50 pm - Mincha

8:15 pm - Tekes Maavar with Celebratory Ma'ariv and Hallel (alternate Ma'ariv directly following Mincha in the Library)

NCSY:

Six Flags on Sunday May 15th from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

\$57 for daily ticket, lunch and transportation.

RSVP before April 28 at : cohen@ncsy.org

Save the Date – Spring Regional: May 27th – May 30th in Anaheim.

SISTERHOOD & HADASSAH INVITE YOU TO:

NOVEL DEBUT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 PM

Special reading by Jay Greenfield of his debut novel *Max's Diamonds*. A man is forced to confront his moral culpability, the

legacy of impossible loss and the claims of his Jewish identity.

TEA, COOKIES, DEATH

Join the Conversation @ CBI
Tuesday, May 24, 7:30-9:00 pm
with Edna Stewart

Join us for this popular Bay Area happening only with a Jewish bent. The objective of the Death Café is “to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their” remaining years. There are no expectations or intention to lead anyone to any course of action or conclusions about life or death. It is an unstructured, open, respectful space free of discrimination where people may safely express their views – or not. It is a respectful dialogue that allows people to explore their questions, hopes, fears and consider how their Jewish heritage may influence their reflections on dying, death and afterlife. Be curious! Have fun! Group size is limited. There is no charge but you MUST RSVP to maharatvictoria@gmail.com
In memory of Anna S. Lev-Toaff, MD

Early and Late Shoppers: From selling scrip for the past 25 years I have learned that there are two kinds of Passover shoppers. I am always surprised by how early some folks shop for the holiday and then equally amazed how some can wait until the last moments before shopping. Whichever type you are or somewhat in the middle, please know that we have Oakland Kosher Foods scrip in denomination of 25 dollars available. Buying scrip for OKF ensures that our shul makes a profit of 5%. Enjoy both your cleaning and your shopping. The Scrip Committee

Donate your car/boat/vehicle to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Beth Israel. Contact David: 510-849-0961

In the Community

It's time to reserve your Shmurah Matzah: Call Afikomen Judaica at 510-655-1977 or go to www.afikomen.com—Same Price as Last Year! Shmurah Matzah: (lit. "matzah that has been watched"); matzah prepared under exacting supervision from the time the wheat is harvested through the end of the baking to guard against the minutest moisture

Shmurah Matzah Menu (Pre-order)
Wheat Handmade Shmura Matzah 1lb, Kfar Chabad
Oat Machine Shmura Matzah 1lb
Spelt Handmade Shmura Matzah 6 Pieces

The City of Berkeley 14th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Event will take place on Sunday, May 1st at 11:30 AM at the Magnes Museum. Honorees are Marika and Laszlo Somogyi. Music by David Czernyavsky, SFO and Markus Pawlik. Refreshments will be served.

Yom HaShoah V'HaGevurah, Community Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Resistance

Sunday, May 1, 2016, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette

Tuesday, MAY 3, 2016, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, Temple Sinai, 28th and Webster, Oakland

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, BEN STERN

Ben Stern is a Holocaust survivor for whom the past is never past. Ben's courage, kindness, and faith remain intact, and were tested — once again — in a fiercely public battle against the Nazis in Skokie, Illinois. Admission is free to both commemorations. For more information, contact Jessica Sterling at jessica@jfed.org or 510.809.4903. These commemorations are made possible by a grant from the Tillie and Rene Molho Fund for Holocaust Remembrance of The Jewish Community Foundation.

Beth Jacob Women's Mikvah Opening Celebration: The CBI community is warmly invited for a slideshow presentation on the architecture and halachic process behind the construction of Beth Jacob's new Women's Mikvah along with guided tours of the new mikvah facility. **Sunday, May 8th from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

Tehiyah Day School Community Events: The mission of Tehiyah Day School is to inspire curiosity, a strong sense of community, and a vibrant connection to Judaism. We would love to have you visit our school in El Cerrito, where we provide private bus service to families in Berkeley and Oakland. For more information, Michelle Tirella-Ventura, Director of Admissions, mtventura@tehiyah.org
Sunday, May 15, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Think Tehiyah, Learn, Build, Create. A Free Community Maker Event!

DR. AVIVAH ZORNBERG
Is Redemption Possible?
Sunday, May 15, 7:00 pm

The Egyptian exile is described in mystical sources as the Exile of the Word. If the Israelites are to be released from Egypt, an inner process of recovery will be necessary. Can the traumatic constrictions of a personal world find a new language that will open up larger possibilities?
Chochmat HaLev • 2215 Prince Street, Berkeley

Scattered Among the Nations, by Bryan Schwartz
Sunday May 22, 3:00pm

Scattered Among the Nations introduces readers to the diverse faces and places that comprise the hidden Jewish world at the dawn of the new millennium. With sixteen chapters profiling different communities, and hundreds of large, color photographs and never-before told stories, the book will make readers feel that, like the artists themselves, they have become intimate friends with Jews in places they never dreamed existed.

Bryan Schwartz, an Oakland based civil rights attorney, conceived Scattered Among the Nations in the spring of 1999, visiting Jews in 30 countries and over 100 towns and villages on five continents over the following several years. Through their unshakable devotion and unbounded warmth and kindness, these communities inspired Bryan with new enthusiasm for Jewish practice.

Bryan will be at Afikomen Judaica to sign books and share a brief, multi-media presentation to introduce you to the isolated communities from Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Former Soviet Union, and elsewhere featured in this stunning new book.

Books available for purchase at Afikomen Judaica
Co-sponsored by Lehrhaus Judaica
Afikomen Judaica 3042 Claremont Ave Berkeley
510-655-1977 www.afikomen.com

Sandwiches @ UC Berkeley: Freshly made kosher sandwiches will be available at 11:30 am Monday through Fridays at the following locations: Crossroads at the Den (Channing & Bowditch), Golden Bear Cafe, and Cafe Ramona. Choices available: one meat, one poultry, and an egg salad. For any questions, contact Avraham Burrell avraham@mindspring.com.