



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

# SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYISHLACH SHABBAT SHALEM WITH VICTORIA HANNA

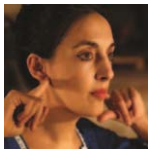
DECEMBER 1-2, 2017 — 14 KISLEV, 5778

### Weekday Morning and Evening Services

#### December 3-7

**Morning:** 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M-Th

**Evening:** 4:40 pm Sun-Th



### **Shabbat Shalem with Victoria Hanna, December 1-2**

*Jerusalem based artist, Victoria Hanna, is a world-renowned composer, creator, performer, researcher, and teacher of voice and language. The daughter of an ultra-orthodox rabbi, she has been greatly influenced by her childhood environment. In her work, she deploys a variety of vocal*

*techniques in the performance of ancient and modern Hebrew texts, among them Sefer Yetzirah (Book of Creation), an early Kabbalistic treatise. Victoria Hanna's residency at The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life is made possible in partnership with the Schusterman Visiting Artist Program of The Israel Institute, which is dedicated to enhancing knowledge and study of modern Israel.*

#### **Friday Night, December 1**

Candle Lighting ..... 4:32 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:35 pm  
Communal Dinner (*registration is closed*)..... 5:20 pm  
"Let Me Hear Your Voice" - "*Hashmieni et Kolekh*": Workshop with Victoria Hanna on the Hebrew Alphabet focusing on the poetic text of Shir HaShirim, Song of Songs ..... 6:45 pm

#### **Saturday December 2**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare ..... 9:15 am  
Torah Readers: **Jamie Conway**  
Haftorah Reader: **Isaac Kaplan**  
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am  
Kedma: **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona (K-2): **Shira Desta**  
Negba: **Jacob Schwartz**

Parent supervisor: **Beth Oelberger & Jonathan Astmann**

#### **Sermon by R. Cohen: #MeToo and the Fear of Sin**

Mincha ..... 12:30 pm  
Women's Mincha (led by **Bella Barany**) & Torah Reading ..... 4:00 pm  
Torah readers: **Eliezah Hoffman, Vered Frank, Lisa Blumenband**  
Women's Learning w/ M. Victoria Sutton & Seudah Shelishit (*see details below*)..... 4:25 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:35 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah @ CBI & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:33 pm  
"God Open My Lips" - "*Hashem Sefatai Tiftach*": Musical Exploration and Performance with Victoria Hanna..... 7:00 pm

#### **KIDDUSH SPONSORS: in celebration of Rita Kuhn's 90th birthday**

Rita's Daughters: Rachel Durling, Sarah Durling, Ruth Wiseman  
Paul & Serach Bracha Albert; Anonymous; Marily Benson; Avraham & Ruchama Burrell; Sanne DeWitt; Jane Falk; Sam & Rose Ginsburg; Yaakov & Rena Harari; Wendy Kenin; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Glenn & Judith Massarano; Bob & June Safran; Tania & Muni Schweig; Henry & Violette Sibony; Abe & Laila Stone; Fried & Ruth Wittman; Marvin & Sheila Yudenfreund

#### **Kiddush Wine**

Covenant Winery with special thanks to the Morgan Family

### **Women's Tefillah and Torah Reading**

We are excited to continue regular Women's Tefillah and Torah reading at CBI this year! Thank you to all those who participated at our last meeting on November 4th. Women's Tefillah will meet for Shabbat Mincha, including Torah reading, on the first Shabbat of the month, followed by Women's Seudah shelishit & Learning. Schedule for this year:

(Nov 4th - 4 pm)

Dec 2nd - 4 pm

Jan 6th - 4 pm

Feb 10\* - 4 pm

May 5 - 5 pm

\* Note this is the 2nd Shabbat of the month

To participate by \*leyning \*gabbaiing \*leading tefillah \*teaching during seudah shelishit \*sponsoring seudah shelishit, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/yde5tfut>

To learn more, please contact Dr. Tamara Beliak ([tbeliak@ohds.org](mailto:tbeliak@ohds.org)) or Maharat Victoria Sutton ([maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com)).



#### **Dr. Tal Becker**

#### **Power, Land and God: The Six Day War and its Meaning MONDAY, DEC. 4**

This lecture will explore the way the Six-Day war produced, for the Jewish people, a sense that God reentered into history. We will investigate the way Israel and global Jewry reacted to this new sense of power and how reverberations

from the war's outcome are still felt today.

Dr. Tal Becker is a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and a leading member of the Institute's iEngage Project. Tal also serves as principal deputy legal adviser at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team.

**RSVP requested to <https://www.tfaforms.com/4644992>**

*This lecture is offered in partnership with the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.*



#### **Next week's Shabbat drash will be given by R. Nehemia**

**Polen**, a leading expert in Hasidism and Jewish thought. A widely published author, his books include "The Holy Fire: The Teachings of Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira, the Rebbe of the Warsaw Ghetto" (Jason Aronson Inc., first ed., 1977); "The Rebbe's Daughter" (Jewish Publication Society, 2002), based on Polen's research as a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow and recipient of a National Jewish

Book Award; and "Filling Words With Light: Hasidic and Mystical Reflections on Jewish Prayer" (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2004), written with Lawrence Kushner. Polen holds a doctorate from Boston University, where he studied with and served as a teaching fellow for Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel. Prior to his career in Jewish academia, Polen served for 23 years as a congregational rabbi.

## **Beth Israel Classes**

### **MONDAY**

**Key Books in Tanach: Daniel, Ezra & Nehemiah with Maharat 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

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court. Next, we turn to Ezra and Nehemia, pivotal figures in the establishment of the Second Commonwealth. 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.

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

### TUESDAY

**Laws of Shabbat:** In this class we will re-use R. Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear and concise *halakhic* (Jewish legal) writings as a springboard to deepen our understanding and our observance of the laws of Shabbat. Each class will focus on a specific area of religious practice and move from general principle to practical details.

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm.**

**Voices of Zionism w/Steve Zipperstein:** In the last of a series of presentations, we will explore the full range of Jewish voices wrestling within the Zionist movement. We'll examine Zionist dreams and realities, concepts of home, refuge, liberation and catastrophe in a complex and fractious movement. Among the thinkers evaluated will be Leon Pinsker, Ahad Ha'am, Theodor Herzl, Jabotinsky, and Rav Kook. *Steven J. Zipperstein is the Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History at Stanford. He is the author and editor of eight books including "Elusive Prophet: Ahad Ha'am and the Origins of Zionism" (1993) which won the National Jewish Book Award and has been translated into Hebrew. His most recent book, published by WW Norton early next year, is entitled "Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History." Zipperstein is an editor of Yale's "Jewish Lives" series, an editorial board member of Jewish Review of Books and lives in Berkeley with his wife Susan Berrin.*

**Steve Zipperstein — Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm, December 5**

**Latte N Learn:** at the Starbucks at 2128 Oxford St in Berkeley. Rabbi Akiva can carpool to and from Beth Jacob if you reserve a spot that day. Also parental permission must be given via email. Carpool leaves at 7:10 and is back by 9:00. 8th graders invited too!

**R. Akiva Naiman — Mondays @ 7:30 pm @ Starbucks**

### WEDNESDAY

**Open Sources - Beit Midrash: Beit Midrash:** Learn independently with a hevruta (study partner). Learners of all levels welcome. Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact M. Victoria Sutton with any questions maharatvictoria@gmail.com and we will help you find a partner and get started!

**Hilchot Shabbat Chabura** - Guided small group study of the Laws of Shabbat: Parallel to Rabbi Cohen's Laws of Shabbat class, the group will use R Eliezer Melamed's Laws of Shabbat to deepen their understanding of Shabbat observance. Please let Maharat Victoria Sutton know if you would like to join. Book available for order at Afikomen.

**M. Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:45 —9:00 pm.**

**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:** Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am**

### SATURDAY

**Study of Kima Kima (Step by Step) by Rabbi Chaim Drukman:** Kima examines the sources that deal with the redemption of the Jewish people from the Bible, Talmud, Midrashim and the early Rabbinic sources. Kima Kima provides deep insights into modern Israeli Orthodox thought and philosophy of delivery from exile to redemption and the important part that the State of Israel has played in this process.

**R. David Rue — Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am**

**The Poetry of Rav Kook with R. David Rue—Shabbat Day:** We will be studying the poetry (primarily) of Rav Kook that has been turned into songs. Each class will meet in the beit midrash 5 to 7 minutes after kiddush begins.

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## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Beth Israel

**CBI'S HOLIDAY DINNER DRIVE FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY:** 1 in 5 people in Alameda County rely on the food bank. For every \$1 you donate, the Alameda County Community Food Bank can provide \$6 worth of food. Please give generously! This year, your contribution will go twice as far thanks to the Koret Foundation, which is matching all gifts, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000. You can donate online here: <https://share.accfb.org/team/140350> or send a check payable to ACCFB to Congregation Beth Israel, Attention Holiday Dinner Drive (please do not make your check payable to CBI).

**DVD Donations for Holiday Care Packages:** The dear brother of one of our Beth Israel and Gan Shalom neighbors has been in the Naval Reserves for almost 20 years, and was deployed this fall to Afghanistan. He is the Chief of Civil Affairs, working with the Afghan army and NATO. His sister is preparing a holiday care package to send to him and let us know he made a special request that the service members there could use DVDs. The family had a video call with him on Thanksgiving, and their barracks are pretty bleak. If anyone has any used DVDs that they would be willing to donate, please bring them to shul or Gan Shalom no later than this Saturday night (CBI will be open late Saturday as we are hosting the Victoria Hannah event at 7:00 pm). We will have boxes at CBI and at Gan by the sign-in board. Please refrain from bringing DVD donations on Shabbat as they are Muktzah. The DVDs will be greatly appreciated!  
R. Yonatan Cohen

### NCSY—UPCOMING EVENTS

**Israel Scholars Program:** Join our FREE online course with educators from America and Israel. We will also be going to AIPAC for those who are interested. Click here for more info and to sign up: <https://goo.gl/r8kfbG>

**iLearn:** iLearn is back! No need to do anything differently - just come to all the NCSY events that you already love, and get points for everything you do! Prizes ranging from SWAG package to flying an airplane! Check it out here! <https://goo.gl/5wYeh8>

**National Yarchei Kallah! BEST. WINTER BREAK. EVER.**

**December 25th - 31st at the Stamford Hilton, in Connecticut**

**Exploring the Power of our Thoughts and Prayers**

Yarchei Kallah in New York is "The Ultimate Learning Experience." Join your friends for the best and most meaningful week of your life!

Meet teens from across North America - Relax in a beautiful hotel - Explore your Jewish heritage in creative and engaging ways - Spend time touring and shopping in New York City!

Regular Price: \$699 (Available from November 27th) - Includes airfare, all lodging, food and activities. (Requires a deposit of \$500) If you would like to fly on frequent flyer points, the price for the Shabbaton is \$299. Please be in touch with Rabbi Akiva Naiman @ naimana@ncsy.org directly to set that up.

Sign up here!!! <https://westcoast.ncsy.org/events/196020/national-yarchei-kallah-nyc/>

**December 16th:** Chanuka Shabbaton in Oakland! Shabbaton will end Saturday night with an EPIC Chanuka party!

**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

#### **OHDS**

#### **Film: Screenagers—Viewing & Discussion with Sarah Lefton**

**Monday, Dec 4, 7:30-9:00 pm:** Screen time on your mind? How much is too much for your child? Come join the discussion as we explore the impact screen time is having on our kids. No fee, but RSVP required: plichterman@ohds.org.

**Channukah Open Art Studio (for preschoolers), Tuesday, Dec 5, 3-4 pm:** Bring your 4-5 year old for a magical Channukah experience in our art studio. Come and meet our art teacher, Ms. Esther, and immerse yourself in the holiday of lights. Your child will have a choice of a few different projects to create and take home for Channukah. Story time and holiday food tasting included! RSVP to Philippa Lichterman, Admissions Director: plichterman@ohds.org.

**GTU—Tuesday, December 5th 2017, 5:30pm: Six Cities: A Last Glimpse Of Jewish Life In Poland, Summer 1939 with Prof. Gideon Greif.** This lecture is based on original, rare documentary films presenting Jewish communities in Poland, shortly before their annihilation by Nazi Germany in the Holocaust providing the possibility to gain an authentic, visual insight into a vanished world, three months before the beginning of the catastrophe of Polish Jewry. The lecture is accompanied by the presentation of the five films, and supplies background information on the flourishing Jewish film industry and the Jewish film productions between the two world wars.

*Prof. Gideon Greif is the Chief Historian and Researcher at the "Shem Olam" Institute for Education, Documentation and Research on Faith and the Holocaust, Israel, and Chief Historian and Researcher at the Foundation for Holocaust Education Projects in Miami, Florida. Since August 2011 he is Professor for Jewish and Israeli History at the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas in Austin. Considered one of the world renowned historian-experts on the history of Concentration and Extermination Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. His most famous contribution to the history of Auschwitz is his pioneer, groundbreaking research on the "Sonderkommando", a special Jewish prisoner squad in Auschwitz-Birkenau.*

#### **Hannukkah Storytelling with Joel ben Izzy**

**Saturday December 9th, 2017, 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

Berkeley Public Library, North Branch, 1170 The Alameda  
Join us for an early Hanukkah celebration at North Branch! World-renowned, Berkeley-based storyteller Joel ben Izzy will recount the story of the holiday in his own wild and inimitable way. This event is FREE and open to all, great for kids and adults, Jews and non-Jews, and everyone in between!



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