



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

December 20-24

Morning: Th 6:30 am
Evening: Th: 4:45 pm

December 27-31

Morning: Sun, Th 8:00 am • M-W 6:30 am
Evening: Su-Th: 4:45 pm

Thursday & Friday, December 24-25
Office Closed

Shacharit Thursday & Friday8:00 am

Friday, December 25th

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff Home 4:34 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 4:38 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 4:40 pm

Saturday, December 12th

Morning Service9:15 am
Torah Reader: **Na'aman Kam**
Haftorah Reader: **Benjamin Epstein**
Childcare9:30 am
Youth Programming.....10:45 am
Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona (K-2)nd grade): **Joel Resnikoff**
Negba (3-5th grade): **Ari Weber**
Drash by Maharat Victoria Sutton
Mincha 12:40 pm
Seudah Shlishit 4:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 5:40 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Carol & Jim Cunradi in memory of Carol's father, Chaim ben Mordechai haCohen v'Leah, on his 5th yearzeit

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Toby & Ezra Hendon

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner
Friday, January 8

Welcome Shabbat with song and movement, followed by a special dinner for families with young children.
RSVP to maharatvictoria@gmail.com
Payment can be made through the CBI Office. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, maximum \$50 per family

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.

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.

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 will not meet Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.**

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am

VISITING SCHOLARS & UPCOMING LECTURES



Shabbat Shalem with Dr. Elie Holzer — January 29-30, 2016

Dr. Elie Holzer serves as a Senior Lecturer at the Bar-Ilan University Churgin School of Education and as assistant editor of the International Journal of Jewish Education Research. Dr. Holzer holds a BA in psychology and Jewish thought from Bar-Ilan University, and an MA and PhD in Jewish Thought from the Hebrew University. He is the author of numerous publications in education and Jewish thought.



Professor Ori Aronson: "Constitutional Politics in a Jewish and Democratic State"

Tuesday January 12, 19, and 26 at 8 pm

The series will consider the state of Israel's constitutional politics twenty years after the "constitutional revolution" and the rise of judicial activism in the interpretation and enforcement of rights and values. The series will commence with an introduction to the forces, institutions, and individuals that have shaped Israel's constitutional structure. It will then turn to a consideration of several recent episodes in the ongoing culture war over Israel's identity, notably the introduction of "nationality law" drafts, and the treatment of undocumented migrants from Africa.

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.

Ori Aronson is the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation/Israel Institute visiting professor at the Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies, UC Berkeley School of Law. He is an assistant professor at the Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law in Ramat-Gan, Israel, where he is also a founding member of the Center for Jewish and Democratic Law. Ori received his LL.B from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and LL.M and S.J.D from Harvard Law School.



**An Evening with Consul-General Andy David
Sunday, March 13th 7:30 pm**

Dr. Andy David began his appointment as Israel's Consul General to the Pacific NorthWest in August 2012. In his last position, in Israel, he served as a policy advisor to the Foreign Minister. In the course of his diplomatic career, he has served Missions in Azerbaijan, Hong-Kong, and Chicago and the Midwest. His past domestic positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs include policy advisor to the Foreign Minister; the Ministry's Deputy Spokesman; and Head of the Euro-Asia section in Israel's Agency for International Cooperation.

Dr. David has a B.A. (magna cum laude) and M.A. in medical science, and a Doctorate in Dental Medicine, all attained at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. He served in the Israel Air Force and in RAFAEL, the Ministry of Defense's Armament Development Authority. He is a graduate of the Executive Combating Terrorism program at the National Defense University in Washington D.C.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Shul Directories: A draft directory was emailed to CBI members for updates and corrections by Monday, December 28. The finalized directory will then be emailed to our members. **Printed copies will be mailed only upon request to office@cbiberkeley.org.**

NCSY:

- **Winter Regional weekend** for NCSY high schoolers at the beautiful Hilton Torrey Pines in La Jolla, CA. Leaving December 24th at 8:30 AM from BJC Oakland and returning December 27th at 11:00 PM to Beth Jacob. Fee: \$375, registration closes on Friday December 18th. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.
- **Friday Night Light (FNL):** January 15th to January 16th in San Francisco. High schoolers celebrate Shabbat and come skate with us in the heart of Union Square. Enjoy friends, food and a lot of Ruach. Meeting: Friday at 4:00 PM at Adath Israel, 1851 Noriega St, San Francisco. End: Saturday night at 10:00 PM at Powell St Bart station. Fee: \$35 per person. Sign up at norcal.ncsy.org/events. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.
- **NCSY JUMP HIGH:** January 18th at Trapeze Arts. Middle schoolers come fly with us on the Trapeze. Drop off is Monday at 9:30 AM at 1822 9th St, Oakland. Pick up is at 1:30 PM.
- **NCSY TAP:** Tuesdays at 7:30 PM from February 2nd to March 8th at the Jewish Federation, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley. Teen Advocacy Program is a six week program in which high schoolers will learn about the legislative process, choose and research bills

they are passionate about, and lobby on March 8th in Sacramento. Apply at norcal.ncsy.org/events until January 18th.

▪ **Skibbaton:** February 12th to February 14th at Lake Tahoe. 9th-12th graders celebrate Shabbat, learn and come ski with us at the Granlibakken Resort. Starting Friday 8:30 AM at BJC Oakland. Ends: Sunday at 11:00 PM at BJC Oakland. Early Bird Price (until 11:59 PM on January 21st): \$265. Regular Price (after 12:00 AM on January 22nd): \$320. Sign up at norcal.ncsy.org/events.

For more information please contact cohen@ncsy.org or 310.978.5813.

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Teen Shabbat Lunch: Saturday January 9, in the home of Maharat Victoria and Adam, co-hosted by our Bnot sherut Lital and Yael.

Next Women's Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: January 9

Please see Tamara Beliak if you are interested in participating, reading Torah, teaching or sponsoring seudah shelishit.

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

In the Community

Kosher 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.