



Weekday Morning and Evening Services — December 4-8

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am

Evening: Sun-Th 4:35 pm

Friday night, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home .....4:30 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting .....4:32 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI.....4:35 pm

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Morning Service .....9:15 am
Childcare .....9:15 am
Torah Readers: Raphael Magarik

Haftorah Reader: Issy Kipnis
Formal Group Time: .....10:30 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): Natan Kuchar/M. Victoria Sutton

Tzafona (K-2): Chani Levenberg and Hadassa Zenou

Negba (3rd-5th): TBD

Parent Supervisors: Beth & Jonathan Astmann

Tot Shabbat w/Natan Kuchar @ CBI Tree House .....11:00 am

Sermon by R. Cohen: "Beware, Lest you Take my Child There" — On the Limits of Exploration

Shabbat Mincha .....12:30 pm



Remember Him Well - A Seudah Shlishit Honoring the Life and Works of Leonard Cohen, z"l

Join us this Shabbat for a special Seudah Shlishit honoring the life and works of Leonard Cohen. With songs and personal reflections from both fans and personal friends, we will mark the recent passing from this world of this iconic Jewish poet.

Seudah Shelishit is kindly sponsored by Ronna Kabatnick & Peter Dale Scott in memory of their beloved friend, Leonard Cohen, z"l .....4:15 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... after 5:34 pm
Mishmash (see below)..... 6:15-7:15 pm

KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSOR

Fran Alexander in memory of Ernie Alexander and in celebration of her 96th birthday

Mishmash



CBI is excited to introduce Mishmash, a one-on-one parent-child learning program. Children in grades 1-8 and their parents are invited to participate. Guidance available in choosing learning materials best suited to each individual need.

Mishmash will meet twice a month, December- March, on Motzei Shabbat, 45 minutes after Shabbat ends. Food and snacks will be served.

Dec 3 6:15-7:15

Dec 17 6:15-7:15

Jan 7 6:30-7:30

Jan 21 6:30-7:30

Feb 4 6:45- 7:45 pm

Feb 18 6:45-8 pm

Mar 4 Siyum! 7-8 pm

Beth Israel Classes

SATURDAY

Zemirot of Shabbat with R. David Rue - Seudah Shlishit: Each Shabbat we will study one Zemer (Shabbat Song), learn the tune, study the text and ask some questions for further thought. Class will meet in the beit midrash during seudah shlishit.

R. David Rue has been a Dayan from 1989, Rosh Beit Din from 2000. He has taught extensively in Yeshivot Bnei Akiva, the premier religious Zionist education network in Israel with over 75 schools and 24,000 students. He is a close student of Rav Druckman. Class will not meet December 3, 17, 31.

R. David Rue — Saturdays during seudah shlishit

SUNDAY

The Zohar on Shabbat w/Reb Eliahu Klein: The most influential mystical text in the history of Judaism is without a doubt the Zohar. The questions: Who wrote it? When was it written? and other academic questions is not what the course is about. We will study the Zohar with the translation of Rabbi Yehudah Ashlag who composed the first complete Hebrew translation of the Zohar in the 1950's. The goal of the course is to show the profound influence of the Zohar on all aspects of the practice of Shabbat, specifically the Four primary meals of Shabbat, Friday night, Shabbat Morning, the Third Meal and the Fourth meal; the M'laveh Malka. The Zohar will show the mystical, poetical and romantic notions in all these meals. The focus of this course is not an academic analysis of the text, rather it is to show religious and spiritual meaning of the text as applied to religious practice.

R. Eliahu Klein • Every other Sunday Morning, 9:00-10:00 am Dec 4, Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 12, Feb 26

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.

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

Humility - A Modest Attempt to Go Deeper: Join us as we explore the concept of humility as it is discussed in major texts from the Mussar movement and Jewish philosophical writings. Is humility a spiritual or emotional disposition or a type of behavior? In developing personality traits, do we first focus on actions and deeds or on our internal state?

R. Yonatan Cohen – Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. December 12

WEDNESDAY

Midrasha's Tanach and Talmud (for Teens)

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.

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 -- Savor the Soup of the Week as you learn. Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact Maharat Victoria Sutton [maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com) with any questions, and we will help you find a partner and get started!

A Beit Midrash is a welcoming space to learn and discuss Jewish texts.

Looking forward to learning together!

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**Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:30—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. **(Class does not meet on November 25).**

**R. Yonatan Cohen • Fridays, 9:00 am, Dec. 9, 16**

## **EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In Beth Israel**

**Women's Tefilla December 10, 4:00 pm:** Join us for our monthly women's tefilla meeting, including Shabbat Mincha with Torah reading, followed by women's seudah shelishit and learning. All are welcome to stay for Maariv and havdallah at the conclusion of Shabbat.

4:00 pm - WT Shabbat Mincha with Torah

4:30 pm - WT Seudah shelishit and Learning with Leah Kahn, "Why Learn? The Power and Practice of Learning"

#### **CBI SISTERHOOD**

**Book Meeting: Sunday, December 18, 10:30 am # CBI.** We will discuss *Two Shea-Bears* by Meir Shalev. Please contact Rita Kohl [ritako3@gmail.com](mailto:ritako3@gmail.com) for information.

#### **Holiday Dinner Drive Benefiting the Alameda County Community Food Bank:**

116,000 people (1 in 5) residents of Alameda County rely on Food Bank services. These households are often faced with impossible decisions between rent or gas and food. A holiday meal is simply out of the question. Please give generously to this year's Holiday Dinner Drive, and help the Food Bank reach their goal of providing 16,000 of our neighbors with healthy holiday meals. Your donation of \$30 provides 6 family meals, your donation of \$100 provides 20 family meals. You can make your contribution online <https://donate.accfb.org/hdd-bethisrael>. If sending in a check to the CBI office, **please do not write your check to CBI but instead to "ACCFB."**

**Sunday, December 18th • 1:30-4:30 @ CBI**

#### **BOOM! Café Hour**

Baby Boomer? For baby boomers between 40 and 60! Tasty Bites, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert Liquor.

RSVP to [schnitzsa@gmail.com](mailto:schnitzsa@gmail.com) by Dec. 14

#### **CBI Cooks for Berkeley Men's Shelter, Wednesday, December 21st, 5**

**PM-7:30 PM:** With your help, CBI prepares and serves dinner to more than 50 clients at the Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter each month. Join us this month to cook, serve or clean up (see shifts below). Contact Maharat Victoria Sutton to sign up or learn more.

6:30 - Cooking Shift

6:3--7:30 Serve and Clean-Up Shift

#### **CBI Chanuka Game Night & 2nd Great Berkeley Bake-Off**

**Sunday, December 25th 5-7:30**

Get in the Maccabi Spirit with Games for grown-ups (families welcome as well)! We will also hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Berkeley Bake-Off. Contestants can show off their *sufganiyot* skills for a taste test - and everybody wins! If you want to try your hand, we have 3-4 slots, or if you would like to host a game table, please be in touch with Maharat Victoria Sutton.

## **In the Community**

**KLEZCALIFORNIA YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL, Sunday, December 4, 1:00**

-7:00 pm at the JCC East Bay, Berkeley. Workshops for kids/families, instrumental music, singing, dancing, lectures, theater. 5:00 pm Cabaret by the Bay featuring some of the Bay Area's greatest entertainers, Festival Pass savings, individual event tickets, program details: [klezcalifornia.org/events/2016-berkeley](http://klezcalifornia.org/events/2016-berkeley), KlezCalifornia Yiddish Culture Festival page on Facebook, or 415.789.7679.

#### **OHDS**

**Let's Celebrate At Covenant Winery!**

**Sunday, December 4th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

**1102 Sixth Street, Berkeley, CA**

Join the OHDS Community over delicious food and wine as we honor

Educator of the Year: Sarah Levine

Parent Volunteer of the Year: Robin Eig

Enter our Raffle to win Wine, Gift Baskets & More!

\$25 per person - Raffle Tix 1 for \$10, 3 for \$25

#### **Preschool Open Art Studio**

**Monday, December 5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

OHDS Art Studio

OHDS values a whole child approach, and our art program helps develop our students' creativity and joy. Bring your preschooler to engage in the wonder of our art room with a variety of fun materials to explore, and meet our wonderful art teacher, Esther Hilsenrad. Tour our art gallery and see some of the students' beautiful artwork.

#### **Bridge K & Kindergarten Info Night (for parents only)**

**Wednesday, December 14**

Bridge K: 6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten: 7:00 p.m.

Come and meet our bridge kindergarten and kindergarten teachers, and hear about the exciting activities and rich curriculum our programs offer. Our teachers have many years of experience and are happy to address any questions you may have. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other prospective parents.

#### **Middle School Open House**

**Thursday, December 8**

8:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Come and experience our middle school program! From Science to Hebrew, our middle school engages students in critical thinking, collaboration and problem-solving. Join us for tefillah at 8:15 a.m., followed by a middle school info session at 9:00 a.m. You will also meet some of our dynamic teachers and see our classes in action. Please RSVP to Philippa Lichterman: plichterman@ohds.org.

**Sign-Up for  
the NCSY Winter Regional TODAY!**

Grades: 9th-12th grade

Dates: Thursday, December 22nd- Sunday December, 25th

Location: Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines

Early bird-cost: \$350 (until December 5th), after is \$400

Scholarships available for CBI Teens. Contact R. Cohen directly.

