



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

February 14-18

Morning: Sun & Mon 8:00 am • Tu-F 6:30 am

Evening: Mon-Th: 5:30 pm

Friday, February 12

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home 5:20 pm

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

Candle Lighting 5:26 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 5:30 pm

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Young Family Dinner

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat..... 5:30 pm at Gan Shalom

Dinner 6:15 pm at CBI

Registration is now closed for this event

Saturday, February 13

Morning Service9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Zeev Neumeier**

Haftorah Reader: **Elan Weinstock**

Board Member: **Jo-Ellen Zeitlin**

Youth Programming9:15 am

Formal Group Time: 10:45 am

Yama (0-3): Tot Shabbat with Natan Kuchar @ 11 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): Maharat Victoria Sutton

Tzafona (K-2): Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagor

Negba (3rd-5th): Ari Weber

Sermon by R. Cohen: A Community without a Chevra Kaddisha is not a Community

Mincha 12:50 pm

Seudah Shelishit is sponsored by **Darrell Cohn and Leah Kahn** in memory

of Darrell's father, Yaakov Eliyahu ben Chaim Mordechai HaKohen,

on his first yahrzeit 5:20 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 6:25 pm

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Olga & Terry Gordon in honor of Terry's 70th birthday and in honor of the members of the Chevra Kadisha

The following CBI member in honor of the Chevra Kadisha: **Paul Albert & SerachBracha Richards; Adam Brelow & Maharat Victoria Sutton; R. Cohen and Frayda Gonshor Cohen; Jane Falk; ; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Daniel & Robinn Magid; Miriam R L Petruck; SerachBracha Richards; Rona Rothenberg and family** in memory of Selma Rothenberg; **Batya Schick; Muni & Tania Schweig; Peter Dale Scott & Ronna Kabatznick; Steven & R. Idit Solomon; Jeff & Doreet Stein; Shelly & Marti Zedeck** in honor of the Chevra Kadisha and in memory of our daughter, Elizabeth

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Aliza & Kenny Weiss

Presidents Day

Monday, February 16, 2016

Shacharit.....8:00 am

Middle School Lunch (5th—8th grade), February 20

All middle schooler are invited next Shabbat, February 20, to the home of

Maharat Victoria and Adam for a Shabbat lunch. Our B'Not Sherut Lital and Yael will be co-hosting. Food, fun & Games! RSVP to maharatvictoria@gmail.com

February 20th - Women's Mincha and Seudah Shelishit

In celebration of SerachBracha Richards' Shabbat kallah (Shabbat preceding the wedding), women are invited to join a Women's Mincha and Seudah Shelishit.

Mincha and Torah Reading: 4:30 PM

Seudah Shelishit and Learning: 5:10 PM

There will be an opportunity for all to offer blessings and brief words of Torah during seudah shelishit.

All are welcome to join with the rest of the CBI community for Maariv and Havdallah at 6:33 PM.

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

TUESDAY

The Numbers Breakdown: The forty-year wilderness journey was a time of complaint and crisis, national formation and leadership challenges. We will discuss complaint, conflict, rebellion and mutiny, highlighting the leadership challenges Israel faced in the desert. In addition, we will compare and contrast two episodes from the beginning and the end of Israel's time in the wilderness and attempt to identify the ways in which the nation of Israel was transformed by this forty-year journey. Finally, we will look at the close of Deuteronomy, the death of Moses and the appointment of Joshua as the new leader of Israel, with a unique focus on succession and the transfer of leadership from one generation to another.

R. Yonatan Cohen -- Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm, Feb. 23, March 1, 8, & 15

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

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.

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.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am

SATURDAY

Saturday night live w/R. Eliahu Klein, February 20

Master seminar group text study on the verses of B'shalach with the teachings of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, Rabbi Natan of Breslov, and the Baal Shem Tov on the topic of *galut* and *geulah*—exile and redemption.

This is an ongoing *shiur* [class] that will meet every other week through the winter months. We will focus on Chassidic commentaries on the weekly Torah portion and Jewish holidays. The class meets at the home of R. Klein, 2610 California street - between Parker and Carleton - 510-206-4395 7:30 pm 206 4395 *M'lave malka* refreshments will be served. Come to learn and experience the fellowship of chassidim

UPCOMING LECTURES



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

Mazal Tov! to parents Jeanette Wickelgren & Raphael Rosen, big brother Allen Caleb, and grandparents Mordy & Rena Rosen and Norma Graham on the birth of a baby boy. Mother and baby are in good health, b"n. The Bris will take place on **Sunday, February 14, 11:00 am** at Congregation Beth Israel.

A great way to support the family at this time is to bring them a meal. Signup on the calendar here:

<http://mealmein.com/helpout/jh31u>.

Please email Maharat Victoria Sutton if you need help with sign up. 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.

Please note the Sisterhood Event "Comer Tamales" has been rescheduled. A new date and time will be announced shortly.

Mishloach Manot: In a little over a month from now, our community will gather to celebrate Purim. One of the critical *mitzvot* that define the nature of the day is the giving of *mishloach manot* (literally "gifts of portions") to one another. As in past years, our Gan Shalom Preschool will be sending out personal codes for ordering *mishloach manot*. Look for their email soon! **NEW LOWER PRICE** - return of some classic favorite items! If you do not receive a code, please contact the CBI office. All proceeds of this initiative go to support scholarships for our Gan Shalom children.

To Till and Tend It (*Leovdah u'Leshomra*): Work in our shul's yard is almost complete. Old weeds were weeded out and new plants were planted. This past Thursday, Gan Shalom children and their parents toured the yard and helped with some of the work, in the spirit of raising consciousness, awareness, a sense of ownership and responsibility. This Shabbat, our youth educators will be learning with our CBI children about the special *mitzvah* of tilling and protecting the earth and expressing *kavod* (respect) to communal property.

We invite our entire CBI Family to partake in the *mitzvah*, add sanctity to our shared space, and help turn our yard into an echo of the Garden of Eden.

Special thanks to Steve Silberblatt, Cecily Hunter, Michael Feiner, R. Yonatan Cohen and Paul Albert on their steady leadership and hands-on approach in bringing this project to fruition.

NCSY weekly programs and upcoming events

- **Latte and Learning:** Mondays at 7:30 PM at Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley.
- **Dinner and Learn:** Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at Adath Israel, 1836 Noriega St., San Francisco

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

Now Accepting Applications: Tikvah High School and College Programs

The Jewish Idea: Morality, Politics, and Culture, June 16, 2016— August 3, 2016

A Tikvah Summer Fellowship for College Students

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2016

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.

Israel Focus

For your interest, information, protest, or counter-protest *Israel Focus* is designed to inform our members about a broad range of local area events concerning Israel. It is expected that you will find events that you would support and others that you would not, yet we trust that they will all inform. Beth Israel does not necessarily endorse any particular event.

StandWithUs presents An Evening with Roseanne

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Temple Beth Abraham, 327 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland

Dessert Reception - 7:30 pm x Program 8 pm

Roseanne Barr and her personal journey to becoming a supporter of Israel, in conversation with Kristal, well known local advocate for Israel and former radio talk show host in London.

Tickets: Student with valid ID \$10, Community Members \$25, VIP \$100 includes VIP cocktail reception with Roseanne at 7:00 pm and reserved seating for the event. To RSVP please visit www.StandWithUs.com/RoseanneNorcal. Please contact johannaw@standiwthus.com for more information.

We invite you to submit announcements for inclusion in Israel Focus to the office at office@cbiberkeley.org. Announcements will be edited for length and content (to comply with the Announce List Guidelines).