



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

# SHABBAT PARSHAT TERUMAH BAR MITZVAH OF ASA KITTNER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2015 / ADAR 2, 5775

### Weekday Services February 22-26

Sun. 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am

Mon & Thu @ CBI 5:40 pm

Tu & Wed @ the home of Darrell Cohn & Leah Kahn 5:30 pm  
2306 Spaulding Ave., Berkeley

### Saturday, February 21st

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Udi Ostner**

Haftarah Reader: **Asa Kittner**

Educational program ..... 11:00 am

Yeladim: **Tati Argue**

Talmidim Aleph: **Joel Resnikoff**

Talmidim Bet: **Naama Mayzlish & Michal Goldfarb**

**Sermon by Asa Kittner: Parashat Terumah: The Meaning of Details**

Mincha ..... 1:30 pm

**Seudah Shlishit sponsored by R. SaraLeya Schley** In memory of her mother Adele Schley's first yahrzeit ..... 5:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 6:34 pm

### Kiddush Lunch Sponsors

The Kittner Family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Asa Kittner

### SHABBAT ZACHOR PARSHAT TETZAVEH

Friday and Saturday, February 27th – 28th

Candle Lighting ..... 5:43 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:45 pm

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Educational program ..... 11:00 am

Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:50 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:30 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 6:41 pm

### FAST OF ESTHER – TA'ANIT ESTHER

Wednesday, March 4th

Fast begins ..... 5:04 pm

Fast day Mincha ..... 5:30 pm

Ma'ariv followed by Megillah reading ..... 6:20 pm

Fast ends ..... 6:37 pm

### PURIM

Wed. night & Thurs., March 5th

Shacharit ..... 8:00 am

Megillah reading ..... 8:30 am

Women's only Megillah Reading ..... 12:00 pm

Mincha and Ma'ariv ..... 5:40 pm

## Beth Israel Classes

### MONTHLY ON SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

**Practical Issues in Contemporary Halakah:** Join us for a monthly class that explores specific topics in contemporary Halakah. Each class is offered during the day and nighttime to allow for greater participation across the community.

#### Topics:

*Lashon Harah* (Gossip) between Close Friends and Spouses (Sunday March 8 at 8 pm or Monday March 9 at 11 am)

Is the Use of Timers Permitted on Shabbat? (Sunday May 10 at 8 pm or Monday May 11 at 11 am)

Blessings and Altered States: Powerbars, Soups, and Mashed Foods (Sunday June 14 at 8 pm or Monday June 15 at 11 am)

R. Yonatan Cohen

### MONDAY

**Women's Dance Nights at CBI!** Come dance to a blend of world music, jazz, klezmer, hip hop and more. No moves to remember, no cost either. Just a chance to let loose and get some good exercise in a fun way!

2nd & 4th Mondays @ 8:00 pm

### TUESDAY

**Rebels and Rebbes in Israeli Folk Rock – G-d, People, Politics, and Land:**

In the last ten years, many popular Israeli musicians have turned to Jewish traditional sources for inspiration, giving new voice and expression to Jewish ideas through their songwriting. In this series we will explore this growing trend by closely examining a selection of popular songs that focus on G-d, people, politics, and land. All lyrics will be provided in the original Hebrew together with English translations. Links to audio versions will also be available.

R. Yonatan Cohen – Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### 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.

David Henkin – Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

**Jewish Writings of Emmanuel Levinas:** The Levinas Study Group meets at 8 pm at the Schweig home to discuss various essays of the Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. The group is currently reading selections of Franz Rosenzweig. No background necessary.

Muni Schweig - Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. @ the Schweig home

### THURSDAY

Guest speaker: R. Simchah Green, February 26

**Open Sources: A Beit Midrash sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah:** With Purim next week, we will explore these questions:

- 1) What was the reason for Haman's anti-Semitism (based on a single verse in Genesis)?
- 2) A positive look at intermarriage as found in the Megillah?
- 3) A Passover Seder without food?

Learn independently with a *hevruta* (study partner) or join in a *shiur* on the weekly *parsha*. If you are interested in finding a *hevruta*, email Maharatvictoria@gmail.com. Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

### 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 resumes February 27.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 a.m.

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Beth Israel

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.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS SHEET FROM THE BUILDING ON SHABBAT

**Mazal Tov! To Linda Diamond and Daniel Light** (of Emek Beracha) on their recent engagement. 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.

**Baruch Dayan Emet:** We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of Dr. Gerald Cohn, beloved father of Darrell Cohn and father in law of Leah Kahn. He is survived by his wife Carol Cohn, his brother Dr. Joseph Cohn and wife Debbie Cohn, and his sister Elana Cohn and husband Andy Schatner. Shiva in Berkeley will be held at the home of Darrell Cohn and Leah Kahn, 2306 Spaulding Avenue on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Please let us know if you can attend by signing up at the link given by email. Visitors are welcome to drop by all day both Tuesday and Wednesday.

*HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.* May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem

**Goodbye to Chana Tzofia (Arabella) Bangura:** The community sends its best wishes to Chana Tzofia as she makes Aliyah.

**Kosher Pop-Ups\* presents**

**~ A Pre-Purim Persian Party ~**

A kosher fine dining experience

**Sunday, February 22 at the West Side Café,**

2570 9th Street, x Parker, Berkeley

No-host cocktail hour 6-7 pm

Featuring wines from Covenant Winery

Followed by an exquisitely presented meal prepared by

Dina's Kosher Catering of San Francisco

Prix Fixe \$60 per person

**Registration is closed**

**Grow & Behold Master Your Grill & Dinner (please note change in date): Tuesday, February 24 at 7 pm**

Learn how to move beyond hamburgers and hot dogs with Grow & Behold's Naftali Hanau. Grilling demo will be followed by dinner. \$10 includes class and dinner. Please register online.

**Homeless Shelter, Wednesday, February 25:** Please consider donating a bit of time next Wednesday evening to help feed our Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter clients. As of now, we don't have enough volunteers to serve dinner (6:30-7:20), no volunteers to clean up (6:45-7:30) or shop. You can access our Google spreadsheet with the link provided by email or you can E-mail Marvin Yudenfreund at [windoworld@comcast.net](mailto:windoworld@comcast.net). Thank you.

**Purim Mishloach Manot:** In a few weeks, 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. Mishloach manot is not only a way to deepen our connection to people we feel close to and love, but it is also primarily a constructive means to express our love and unity as Jews in the face of our adversaries. In this spirit, I wanted to encourage each member of our CBI Family to take a moment in the coming weeks to review our shul's directory and identify an individual, a family, or a few people to reach out to in the period leading up to Purim and through mishloach manot in particular.

Gan Shalom Preschool has sent out personal codes for ordering mishloach manot. 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.

Please note, this year we will no longer offer the option of sponsoring a community-wide mishloach manot (an initiative we started fewer than 5

years ago). This provides an especially important opportunity for each of us to expand our social circle and reach out beyond our immediate group of friends.

On Purim night, I encourage all of us to bring a can of food for our Alameda County food bin. During the day itself, I will be once again available to collect *matanot l'evyonim* ("gifts to the poor") which I will distribute both locally and to organizations in Israel.

Purim is a time of hope, it teaches us that fate can be turned over (*Ve-Nahafoch Hu*), transcended, and transformed. This message must not be understood solely in a spiritual sense, it must also become a call for action. *Ve-Nahafoch Hu* means that small deeds can become radical acts of faith. How do we face our adversaries and help change the world? One person at a time, one meal at a time, one can of food at a time, one dollar at a time and one community at a time.

Sincerely, Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

**SCRIP:** Naomi Stamper and Ruth Wittman, are available to sell scrip for Berkeley Bowl, Peets Coffee, Afikomen and CVS. Please call or email Naomi Stamper, 525-8259 • Ruth Wittman, 525-9530

**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 or Midrasha: 510-843-4667.

### In the Community

**The Water Castle: A Musical Evening by Tziona Achishena For Women Only—Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 7-9 PM**

Chochmat Halev, 2215 Prince St., Berkeley. Register at [www.chochmat.org](http://www.chochmat.org) or call 510/704-9687

*Co-Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel*

**Afikomen Judaica LIVE. SHoP. SHMooZE.**

Afikomen will be closed for about 2 weeks beginning Monday February 9 and re-opening Thursday February 26.

**Book Release Party I Say Shehechyanu by Joanne Rocklin**

Sunday March 8, 3:00 pm

3042 Claremont Avenue Berkeley 510-655-1977 [www.afikomen.com](http://www.afikomen.com)

*Thank you for Shopping Local!*

**Edah:** Looking for an after school program? Edah is a full-service after school program that engages K-5 children in joyful Hebrew language and Jewish learning. We meet 5 days a week and you choose the days that work for your family. To see us in action come visit us 2:30-5 p.m. on **February 25, March 2 and 9** (other dates available upon request). Let us know when you would like to visit or contact us with your questions—email: [info@edahcommunity.org](mailto:info@edahcommunity.org) or phone (510) 210-2537. You can also learn about us on the web <http://www.edahcommunity.org/>.

**NCSY**

**March 1st, 9th-12th Grade 1pm-3pm -- NCSY Goes Segway-ing!**

Get ready for an awesome tour of Lake Merritt riding your very own Segway!!

**GET READY...For an epic day of laser tag and arcades, March 8th!**

JR NCSY is going all out with a day at Q-Zar Laser Tag in Concord. Sign up or on our website, [www.norcal.ncsy.org](http://www.norcal.ncsy.org). For more information, R. Akiva Naiman at [naimana@ncsy.org](mailto:naimana@ncsy.org) or 510/206-5386

**The Contemporary Jewish Museum** (The CJM) is pleased to announce a synagogue day with free admission on Sunday, March 1. [www.thecjm.org](http://www.thecjm.org)

**MIDRASHABANG 2015  
A NIGHT IN TEL AVIV**

**Sunday, March 22, 2015, 5-9 PM**

Be transported under the stars to a Mediterranean beach front in a city that never sleeps... Schmooze-Auction-Eat-Groove-Party - Bid Bon Voyage to a Midrasha Mensch, Yossi Fendel  
Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford Street Berkeley  
Don't miss the party of the year! For more information 510-843-4667  
rabbijen@midrasha.org or event Chair Anna Martin:  
msmartin.mathson@gmail.com

**Camp Urban Adamah, August 10-14, 2015**

**Earth Builders, Co-Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel.**

Explore, create, taste! It's summer on the farm. Enroll online at [urbanadamah.org](http://urbanadamah.org)

**MOSHAVA MALIBU - Register Early & Save!** Bnei Akiva's coed religious overnight camp has excellent sports, arts, water sports, nature & more. Grades 3-10. Session: July 13 to Aug 10, 2015. Irvine Visit [www.moshavamalibu.org](http://www.moshavamalibu.org) or call 855-MOSHAVA for more info.

**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](mailto: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.

**Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies Presents:**

**Wednesday, March 11. Yossi Klein Halevi**, Journalist and Author  
*Like Dreamers: The Israeli Paratroopers who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*

Reception: 5 pm (in Boalt 295); Lecture: 5:30 pm (in Boalt 105)

**Monday, March 30, Ruth Calderon**, Talmudic Scholar, Founder of ALMA Home for Hebrew Culture, Member of Knesset  
*Talmud For Everyone*, location & time TBD.

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