



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

January 17-21

Morning: Sun & Mon 8:00 am • Tu-F 6:30 am
Evening: Mon-Th: 5:05 pm

Guest speaker Alan Morinis



Alan Morinis is the founder and Dean of The Mussar Institute and an active interpreter of the teachings and practices of the Mussar tradition, about which he regularly gives lectures and workshops. Born and raised in a culturally Jewish but non-observant home, he studied anthropology at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship. For the past sixteen years, the nearly-lost

Jewish spiritual discipline of Mussar has been his passion, a journey recorded in the book *Climbing Jacob's Ladder* (Broadway 2002). His guide to Mussar practice, entitled *Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar*, was published in May 2007. His newest book on Mussar, *With Heart in Mind*, was published in August 2014. <http://www.mussarinstitute.org/about-alan.htm>

Friday, January 15

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff Home 4:50 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 4:56 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 16

Morning Service9:15 am
Torah Reader: **Rafi Magarik**
Haftorah Reader: **Rafi Rosen**
Childcare9:30 am
Youth Programming.....10:45 am
Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona (K-2nd grade): **Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagar**
Negba (3-5th grade): **Ari Weber**
Drash by Alan Morinis: *Pharaonic Cardiology: What went Wrong with the Pharaoh's Heart?*
Mincha 12:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit 4:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 5:57 pm

LIGHT KIDDUSH LUNCHEON SPONSORS

Violette Sibony and children in honor Henry Sibony; Seth and Lauren Greenberg and children in honor of Jack Schaps; Steve and Rita Silberbatt in honor of Anita Silberblatt; Irene and Joel Resnikoff and children and Robin and Tatiana Alexander in honor Fran Alexander on the occasion of their 95th birthdays!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Monday, January 18—Office Closed

Shacharit.....8:00 am

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

January 20, 2016: Guest Speaker: R. Gedaliah Fleer

Topic: A Service of the Heart

R. Fleer is a leading teacher of Jewish mysticism and kabbalah, chassidic philosophy, and the teachings of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov.

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.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am

VISITING SCHOLARS & UPCOMING LECTURES



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

Tuesdays at 8 pm

January 19:

Contemporary Challenges, Internal and External

February 2:

Imagining Israel's futures

Free of Charge.

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

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.

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. *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.*



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.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Elie Holzer to Beth Israel this month for a Shabbat Shalem. There will be several opportunities to learn together, including a catered Shabbat dinner.

To sign up for Shabbat dinner, followed by a class with Dr. Elie Holzer please register on our website or through the office. **RSVP by Tuesday night, January 26** – Dinner fills up quickly, please register early!

\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$50 maximum per family

Friday, January 29

5:15 p.m. Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

6:15 p.m. Shabbat dinner at CBI

7:30 p.m. *When the Little Prince meets the Sfat Emet: Venues for an Intelligent and Practice based Jewish Spirituality*

Modern societies have generated new questions, new needs and a wide range of new explorations in people's search for meaningful and accountable spirituality. We explore what a practice based Jewish spirituality might look like by bringing into conversation a few of Antoine de St. Exupery's insights (in his Little Prince) with teachings from R. Yehudah Ariele Leib Alter (1847-1905), the leader of the Ger Hasidim and a leading figure among Polish Jewry.

Saturday, January 30

10:45 a.m. **Sermon: "Panim bePanim": The Visage of Revelation The Torah describes God's speaking at Sinai as a "face to face with you". What might this indicate about the human face? What kind of gaze does this invite for? What ways to engage the divine might this open?**

7:00 p.m. *Melaveh Malka Tisch "Song is Being"*

We integrate soulful singing of Shabbat love/prayer songs, niggunim and short teachings. The latter draw on the recent Shabbat Torah portion and also serve to assist participants to explore singing as a spiritual activity. People who play music by ear are welcome to bring their acoustic musical instruments.



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.

Next Women's Mincha and Seudah Shelishit: February 20

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

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Tu B'Shevat Seder @ CBI

Sunday, January 24 — 7:00 pm

Enjoy a traditional Tu B'Shevat Seder, as we take in the tastes and sounds of Israel.

*Four Cups of Wine

*Seven Species of the Land of Israel

*Song and Reflection

Tu B'Shevat Seder is free of charge. RSVP to the CBI Office to reserve your spot (office@cbiberkeley.org or 510/843-5246.

CBI SISTERHOOD

Tamale Making: February 14 (details TBD)

NCSY weekly programs and upcoming events

▪ **Ice Skating in Union Square for High Schoolers:** Come skate with us on Saturday, January 16th from 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM in the heart of Union Square. Please contact Avia at cohen@ncsy.org if you would like to join.

▪ **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. Sign up at nrcal.ncsy.org.

▪ **Latte and Learning:** Monday, January 18th at 7:30 PM at Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley.

No DNL and SF this coming Wednesday because of finals

▪ **NCSY Tu Bishvat Bonfire:** Kumzitz in the woods for 9- 12th graders on Saturday, January 23rd from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Wildcat View Group Camp in Tilden Park. Come bond, sing and connect in nature. If you are interested in camping out with the Cohens bring your sleeping bag and tent. There will be a special morning prayer in the woods followed by a short hike. For more information and transportation arrangements please contact cohen@ncsy.org

▪ **NCSY TAP: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM from February 2nd to March 15th** 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 15th in Sacramento. Apply at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/150GXcXK534aA1pN1FKFghehcfppErBNE2gqMSu7Bju4s/viewform> . For more information please contact cohen@ncsy.org or 310.978.5813.

▪ **ShabbaTeva:** High schoolers save the date for a weekend in nature, February 12th to February 14th , at Manzanita Lake (near Yosemite).

• **Skibatton** has been canceled due to last minute challenges
For more information please contact cohen@ncsy.org or
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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

Open House for Moshava California Summer 2016, June 27-August
Oakland, **Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 6:30 pm**, Home of the
Minkoff's, 67272 Virgo Road, Oakland. ****Receive \$50 off family
tuition for attending!**** For more info and to RSVP, 855-MOSHAHA,
office@moshavacalifornia.org. moshavacalifornia.org.

Now Accepting Applications: Tikvah High School and College Programs

1) Judaism and Modernity: Morality in Politics, Society, and the
Marketplace, June 26, 2016—July 7, 2016

The Tikvah Summer Institute for High School Students at Yale
University

The summer institute will immerse current high school juniors and
seniors in university-style seminars that integrate secular and Jewish
views on some of the great dilemmas of the modern age. Core topics
will include: politics and Zionism, economics, technology, and
marriage and family.

Faculty will include: Meir Soloveichik, Daniel Rynhold, Matthew
Continetti, and Mali Brofsky.

APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31, 2016

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

A Tikvah Summer Fellowship for College Students

Tikvah is offering an intensive six-week seminar for college students
living in America, Canada, or elsewhere in the Diaspora. The summer
fellowship will seek to address the core questions of social life—
family, power, economics, and much else—by looking at foundational
Jewish texts, the lessons of Jewish history, insights of modern Jewish
thought, and the conversation between Jewish and Western ideas.

Faculty will include: Yuval Levin, Ruth Wisse, Elliott Abrams, Daniel
Polisar, Leora Batnitzky, Eric Cohen, and Meir Soloveichik.

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.