



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

January 24-28

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am
Evening: Mon-Th: 5:10 pm

Friday, January 22

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff Home 4:59 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 5:03 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 5:05 pm

Saturday, January 23

Morning Service9:15 am
Torah Reader: **Zeev Neumeier**
Haftorah Reader: **Nadav Rappoport**
Board Member: **Nimrod Elias**
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**
Yama: **Tot Shabbat @ 11 am**
Drash by R. Cohen: Anxious Expectations, Reality, and Redemption
Mincha 12:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit 5:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 6:04 pm

LIGHT KIDDUSH LUNCHEON SPONSORS

Katrin Arefy; Judith Bloom in honor of the anniversary of becoming a Bat Mitzvah; **Miriam and Robi Cohen, Frayda, R. Yonatan Cohen, Hoshaya and Gavriel** in honor of Amarya's 1st birthday; **Allen Mayer** in memory of his mother Lina Mayer on her yahrzeit; **Jonathan Purcell** in honor of the CBI community. **The Zeitlin family** is sponsoring whisky at kiddush in celebration of Gideon Zeitlin and Robert Burns's birthdays

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Cory Isaacson & Avi Zinn

TU B'SHEVAT

Sunday night & Monday, January 24th – 25th

Tu B'Shevav Seder @ CBI

Sunday, January 24 – 7:00 pm

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

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

Blessings and Altered States: Powerbars, Soups, and Mashed Foods

What blessing does one say over powerbars, chips, mashed foods or soups? In honor of Tu B'Shevav, join us for a special class exploring these practical issues in contemporary Halakah.

R. Yonatan Cohen— Monday, Jan. 25, 8 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.

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.

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am

VISITING SCHOLARS & UPCOMING LECTURES



Professor Ori Aronson

"Constitutional Politics in a Jewish a Democratic State"

Final Class—Tuesday, February 2, 8 pm

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 consideration of several recent episodes in the ongoing culture war over

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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 North West 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

Condolences: We offer our condolences to Rabbi Howard Jacoby Ruben and Debby Jacoby Ruben on the passing of Rabbi Ruben's mother, Rolla Lee Ruben on Tuesday, January 19 in Southern California. The funeral took place in Los Angeles. Rabbi Ruben and Debby will be returning to Oakland to sit Shiva in their home (610 Mandana Blvd) at the following times, with service times included. Saturday night (January 23rd) Shiva from the end of Shabbat (6:04 PM) until 8:00 PM, with evening minyan at: 6:15 PM
Sunday night Shiva: 6:00-8:00 PM, with evening minyan at 6:45 PM
Monday night Shiva: 6:00-8:00 PM, with evening minyan at 6:45 PM
Tuesday morning Shiva Minyan: 6:45 AM
May Hashem grant Rabbi Ruben and his family peace & comfort among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov! to parents Ariana Heller & Jesse Grant, big brother Elan Max Grant, and grandparents Anya & Preston Grant and Jack & Susan Heller on the birth of a baby girl this past Tuesday. Mother and baby are in good health, *b"n*.

May her life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov! to parents Gabriella Rosen Kellerman & Jesse Kellerman, big brother Oscar, and grandparents Mordy & Rena Rosen and Jonathan & Faye Kellerman on the birth of a baby girl last Thursday night. Details of the naming ceremony are forthcoming. Mother and baby are in good health, *b"n*.

May her life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal Tov!

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
- **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 2 nd 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/150GXcXK534aA1pNIFKFgehcfppErBNE2gqMSu7Bju4s/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). For more information please contact cohen@ncsy.org or 310.978.5813.

Clothing Swap: Sunday, January 24, from 10 - 11 AM @ Leora Lawton's, drash at about 10:30. This year's clothing drash is on tzitzit. This swap is just for women's clothing and accessories. Bring clothes in good condition (no stains, tears or fading) that for some reason you aren't wearing anymore. You don't have to bring clothes if you just want to show up and see if there's something you'd like, or just come for the fun and drash. I will take clothes that have not been claimed to either Out of the Closet for casual clothes, or Wardrobe for Opportunity for business quality clothing. 540-6663, 2371 West St.

CBI SISTERHOOD

Tamale Making: February 14 (details TBD)

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

Saturday night live: Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan's 33'rd yahrzeit gathering and shiur on Chassidic masters, as taught by Rabbi Eliahu Klein, this Saturday night January 23, 2016, 7:30 pm

Master seminar group text study on the verses of B'shalach with the teachings of Rebbi Nachman of Breslov, Rebbi 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

We will meet at my home at: 2610 California street -between parker and Carleton - 510-206-4395

M'lave malka refreshments will be served. Come to learn and experience the fellowship of chassidim

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

APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31, 2016

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.

2) 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

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.

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.