



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT PARSHAT VAEIRAH
ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT

JANUARY 28, 2017 / SHEVAT 1, 5777

Weekday Morning and Evening Services — January 29-February 2

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am

Evening: Sun-Th 5:15 pm

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Fri. night, January 27 & Sat., January 28

Friday night, January 27

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home5:05 pm

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

Shabbat Candle Lighting5:10 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat5:15 pm

Saturday, January 28

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Jamie Conway**

Haftorah Reader: **Elan Weinstock**

Sha'daf - Service Page Caller : **Zac Kamenetz**

Formal Group Time:10:30 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**

Tzafona (K-2): **Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Maharat Victoria Sutton**

Parent Supervisors: **Beth & Jonathan Astmann**

Sermon by Benjamin Epstein: *Pharaoh: What a Great Guy!*

Shabbat Mincha12:50 pm

Seudah Shelishit5:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends6:10 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Hiram Simon in honor of Rivkah's marriage to Yehuda Gruber in Monsey, NY on January 12

Suzanna & Stephen Goldblatt Clark: Thank you for making us feel so welcome at CBI for the short time we lived in the East Bay. We miss the community there a lot, everyone was wonderful. This is in honor of the warm hearted people we met at CBI and in honor of our three children, Reuben Joseph, Marta Rose, and Elizabeth Dahlia.

The Zeitlin family in honor of Gideon's 4th birthday and Robert Burns day.

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Maureen and Derek Krantz

Teen Lunch at the Sutton/Brelow home, co-hosted by Chani and

Hadassah: Teens Grades 9-12th invited!

Following Kiddush at CBI, we will head to our home for lunch, learning and games. We will be joined by Dori Parker (OHDS) and Josh Fleet, who will share a recent piece of Torah-related art with the teens and discuss the creative process behind their work.

Saturday, January 28

Accessible Shabbat lunch

hosted by Asaf Shor and Hila Abel, following kiddush.

If you would like to participate in or host an accessible lunch in the future, please be in touch with Asaf Shor (asaf_shor@hotmail.com) or Maharat Victoria Sutton.

Beth Israel Classes

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

MONDAY



Maimonides & Modernity w/Bernie Steinberg:

Halakhist, philosopher, court physician, local and world Jewish communal leader, the Rambam (Moses Maimonides, 1138-1204) inhabits diverse intellectual, social and political spaces. His teaching is particularly relevant to the modern condition when Jews move between a multiplicity of worlds, when they reject simplistic views of God, ethics, and politics yet seek a life of purpose, and when the ancient aspiration of Jewish sovereignty has been actualized in unanticipated and complex ways.

During these sessions, we shall explore the relevance of Maimonides' thought to pressing themes of the modern condition: The problem of modern identity; the relationship between theology and ethics; the tension between faith and politics.

Bernie Steinberg, Director Emeritus, Harvard Hillel, teaches at the Graduate Theological Union, and Kevah in Berkeley, and M2 The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education, based in Chicago. He recently wrote an essay on Maimonides for Oxford University Press Bibliographies.

Bernie Steinberg — Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28 • 7:30-8:30 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 • 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 with any questions, and we will help you find a partner and get started!

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.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS SHEET FROM THE BUILDING ON SHABBAT

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 @ 9:00 AM: Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

R. Zac Kamenetz • January 27, February 3, 10, 17

SATURDAY

Study of *Kima Kima* (Step by Step) by Rabbi Chaim Drukman: *Kima* examines the sources that deal with the redemption of the Jewish people from the Bible, Talmud, Midrashim and the early Rabbinic sources. *Kima Kima* provides deep insights into modern Israeli Orthodox thought and philosophy of delivery from exile to redemption and the important part that the State of Israel has played in this process.

R. David Rue • Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am

MISH MASH 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 through March, on Motzei Shabbat, 45 minutes after Shabbat ends. Food and snacks will be served.

Feb 4 6:45 - 7:45 pm • Feb 18 6:45 - 8 pm • Mar 4 Siyum! 7-8 pm

Saturday Night Live With Chassidic Masters, as taught by Rabbi Eliahu Klein, centered on the teachings of: Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, Rabbi Natan of Breslov, Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev, Reb Mordechai of Ishbitz, Reb Chanoch of Radzin and the Baal Shem Tov. 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 (this week: Parshat Shemot, beginning of Exodus) and Jewish holidays. Meets at R. Klein's home. Refreshments will be served. Come.

R. Eliahu Klein • Saturday, starting January 21, 2017 • 7:30 pm

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel



Mazal tov to our very own Tania Schweig on being selected as the new Head of School for OHDS! Tania is the current general studies director at OHDS and a nationally recognized educational leader in the Jewish day school world. She is excited to transition to her new role, which begins July 1st. Please join us in wishing her mazel tov!

2017 CBI Phone-A-Thon, Sunday, January 29: Every year, we have held a Phone-a-thon to ask for help in bridging the gap between incoming commitments and outgoing expenditures, faced by all synagogues, to support the meaningful events and programming held throughout the year. We have many programs to look forward to in the coming months while we welcome a steady stream of scholars into our community. None of this is possible without your support. We salute you for your past generosity, and ask you to help get the job done again this year. For 2017, we are aiming high: our goal is 100% participation to raise \$24,000! If you would prefer, you can make your donation before Sunday in one of three ways:

- Donate online: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/>; please click the button for "General Fund," and note "2017 Phone-a-thon" in the comments section.

- Send a check to CBI, with "2017 Phone-a-thon" on the memo line.
- Call the CBI office (510) 843-5246 to make a pledge by phone; your pledge will be added to your CBI statement.

SISTERHOOD GENERAL MEETING - Sunday, January 29 at 10am @ CBI Men & Women Welcome!!!



Our speaker this year is Aliza Cramer Elias, Director of the Institute for Curriculum Services in San Francisco. ICS provides curricula and professional development to social studies educators with the goal of strengthening the quality of K-12 education on Jewish subjects for all.

Under her leadership, Aliza has led ICS's substantial growth and increased its national impact in Jewish curriculum. Aliza is the recipient of the 2013 JPRO Young Professional Award which honors individuals who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service in their agencies and communities. Aliza graduated with distinction from Oxford University with a Masters in Modern Jewish Studies. She and her husband Nimrod are members of Congregation Beth Israel and have two young daughters.

Join us for the first in our 2017 CBI Film Series! Sunday, January 29 at 4:30 pm- 7pm at the home of Dan & Robinn Magid: We will be watching "Dancing in Jaffa", a film that follows Pierre Dulaine, a four-time ballroom dancing world champion, as he coaches Jewish and Palestinian Israeli children in ballroom dancing. Over a ten-week period, Pierre teaches the children to dance together, and to face issues of identity, segregation, and racial prejudice. The film demonstrates the powerful role that the arts, and dance in particular, can play in enabling children to overcome prejudice and build strong personal ties with one another. We watch Pierre transform their lives, confirming his belief that dance can overcome hatred and provide the first steps towards real change. (1 hr 40 min). To learn more about the film visit: <http://www.dancinginjaffa.com/about-the-film/> We will provide hors d'oeuvres, wine and chocolate. RSVP's are suggested but definitely not required. RSVP to [Miriam Barrere Barrerem@gmail.com](mailto:MiriamBarrereBarrerem@gmail.com) We look forward to being with you! Robinn and Dan Magid, Miriam Barrere

Sisterhood Book Club: Copies of *The Yid*, by Paul Goldberg, are available from Rita Kohl. The meeting will take place on Sunday, **February 19 at 10:30 a.m.** in the CBI library. If you take a book and cannot make the meeting, please return on or before the 19th.

We've worked with many folks in our community—we'd like to work with you too.

We care about your real estate transaction as much as you do and will always keep your best interest at heart.

When you are ready to buy or sell a home or income property, we're ready to help.



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