



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
PARSHAT BECHUKOTAI

WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2016 / IYAR 27, 5776

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

June 5-9

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • M-Th 6:30 am

Evening: Sun-F: 8:15 pm

Friday night, June 3rd

42nd day of the Omer

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home 7:00 pm

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

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 7:00 pm

Candle Lighting 8:09 pm

Saturday, June 4th

Morning Service.....9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Eliav Goldberg**

Haftorah Reader: **Eric Seder**

Formal Group Time:10:45 am

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

Tzafona (K-2): **Lital Nagar and Yael Birnbaum**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**

Parent Supervisors: **Maureen & Derek Krantz**

Sermon by R. Cohen: *The Labor of Torah*

Pre-Mincha Class with Reb Eliahu Klein: The Maharal on Pirkei Avot and

Other Chassidic masters 6:45 pm

Shabbat Mincha 7:50 pm

Seudah Shelishit..... 8:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 9:10 pm

Saturday, June 4 @ 9:30-10:45 PM at CBI

Teen Erev Shira for Yom Yerushalayim

Join Lital and Yael and NorCal NCSY Director Rabbi Avia Cohen for singing and snacks in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. RSVP to Maharat Victoria Sutton.

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Honoring all our wonderful graduates:

Graduating from Gan Shalom Preschool:

Noga Bekenstein

Gavriel Cohen

Zushya Davis

Roni Rappoport

Stav Shor

Graduating from Contra Costa Jewish Day School:

Hannah Kabella

Graduating from Oakland Hebrew Day School:

Ashira Bloom

Asa Kittner

Josue Miranda

Meir Shlomo Yedidiah Mayim Chaim Miller

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Graduating from High School:

Talia Bloom (Berkeley HS)

Sam Gessow (Berkeley HS)

Roni Greenberg (JCHS)

Meka Greenwald (JCHS)

Eli Shannon (Oakland Tech HS)

Coby Stein (Millenium HS)

Eli Teitelman (Berkeley HS)

Graduating from College and Beyond:

Benjamin Feiner (UC Berkeley)

Joseph Friedman (Berkeley City College)

Tzvi Betazlel Chacham Lev Miller (Brandeis)

Sam Seder (Dartmouth)

Uriel Sudikoff (U of Michigan)

Nehama Rogozen (Masters in International Development, UC Berkeley)

Rachel Toaff-Rosenstein (PhD in Animal Biology, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis)

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Elana & Adam Naftalin Kelman

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Saturday night & Sunday, June 4th & 5th

43rd Day of the Omer

Musical Hallel, Breakfast & Congregational Meeting

Join us for a special Yom Yerushalayim celebration on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 8:00 am, featuring a spirited Hallel led by R. Josh Ladon and friends, followed by a delicious Israeli-themed breakfast at 9:00 am catered by Alan Finkelstein, featuring Israeli Salad by Sara & Benni Darmoni, Shakshouka by Asaf Shor, Tehina by Sarit Oster -- and a special delivery of pastries by Noah Alper.

A congregational meeting will be held at 10:00 am to elect a new slate of Officers and Directors for the Congregation Beth Israel Board. The proposed slate was unanimously confirmed by the current Board of Directors which recommends its approval by the CBI membership.

The following CBI members are nominated to serve on the 2016-2018 Board of Officers and Directors:

Officers

Leslie Valas – President

Sara Darmoni – 1st Vice President

Daniel Magid – 2nd Vice President

Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin – 3rd Vice President

Ben Rose – Treasurer

Jen Kamenetz – Secretary

Directors/Members at Large

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

Miriam Barrere, Barbara Budnitz, Carol Cunradi, Benjamin Epstein, Issy Kipnis, Lois Marcus, Ester Chaya (Sara) Miranda, Rachel Perl, Marti Zedek, Irene Resnikoff, Past President, ex officio, **Susie Marcus,** Representative for Sisterhood

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin, Cynthia Scheinberg, Irene Resnikoff, Barbara Budnitz.

Shavuot Dairy Dinner with Rabbi David Kasher & Kevah Fellows Sunday, June 12th

Shacharit 8:00 am
Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv 6:40 pm
Communal Yom Tov Dinner at CBI 7:20 pm
Learning with Rabbi David Kasher and Kevah Fellows 8:30 pm
\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$50 maximum per family. RSVP to the CBI Office by 12 PM Wednesday morning, June 8 to reserve your spot.

Beth Israel Classes

SATURDAY

Pre-Mincha Class with Reb Eliahu Klein, June 4

The Maharal on Pirkei Avot and Other Chassidic masters
Second session will meet on Saturday June 11 after Mincha

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

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.

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

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Kiddush Honoring *Bnot Sherut* and Hosts - June 13

As the school year comes to a close, we will soon bid farewell and

nesiyah tovah to our beloved *bnot sherut*, Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagar. In their work at OHDS, CBI Shabbat groups, teen programs and special events, their creativity, enthusiasm and *ruach* (spirit) have enriched our CBI family and the broader community.

We extend our immense gratitude to Desmid Lyon and Irene and Joel Resnikoff, who shared hosting Lital and Yael. Desmid, Irene and Joel embraced our *banot* from the start and lovingly provided a home away from home.

There will be a kiddush honoring the *banot* and their hosts for their wonderful contribution to our community this past year on the second day of Shavuot, Monday, June 13.

If you would like to be one of the sponsors of the kiddush let us know, any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Please email Racheli Perl or Nechama Rappoport directly if you want to contribute financially, or to assist with shopping, set-up and/or clean-up. Thank you for your support, Nechama Rappoport nechamarapo@gmail.com and Racheli Perl racheli.perl@gmail.com

JCC Tikkun Tikkun Leyl Shavuot: JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut St in Berkeley, Saturday, June 11 - Sunday, June 12 (6pm - 7am)
For most updated info, please check www.jccestbay.org/tikkun

Annual Teen Tikkun!

It only comes around once a year! Stay up all night with your friends while you learn, eat, schmooze and more! Special program planned with Lital and Yael, who will bid farewell after Shavuot.

We will start off at CBI with learning, tefillah and dinner then walk over to the JCC for a full night of programming. We will walk back towards CBI after Shacharit.

8 PM - Meet at CBI for Mincha, Learning and Dinner

10:15 PM - Leave CBI to head to the JCC

11:15 PM - Arrive at JCC

7:00 AM - Leave JCC to walk back to CBI

Please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton for full schedule and to register.

NCSY:

▪ Shavuot: Join us for a Shabbaton in Oakland followed by Saturday night All night learning Beth Jacob Oakland. Advisors, sessions, Q&A, fun activities and food. June 10th-13th.

▪ Shavuot Lunch for Middle Schoolers Sunday June 12th at Beth Jacob Oakland

In the Community

Art For Prayer and Peace: A Bridge to Oneness with Aimee Golant Sunday, June 26, 3:00 - 4:00pm

This interactive and evocative exhibit has, according to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the "potential for contributing to religious harmony and peace." Come learn about this amazing project as it unfolds

Afikomen Judaica 3042 Claremont Ave Berkeley

510-655-1977 www.afikomen.com

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.



Gala Honoring the Cohen Family

Please join us in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and Dr. Frayda Gonshor Cohen's beloved leadership of our community at a festive Gala on September 18, 2016.

This summer, we will create a Gala tribute book as an expression of our appreciation for the great wisdom, inspiration, and love that the Cohen family has brought to CBI over these last ten years.

The final deadline to submit a tribute is June 30. The categories are as follows:



Each of the above categories receives two complimentary Gala tickets, valued at \$80/person.

- Half page tribute \$500
- Quarter page tribute \$250
- Eighth page tribute \$180
- *Yasher Koach* gold listing \$80 (name listed only)
- *Maza! Tov* silver listing \$26 (name listed only)

Make your tribute gift

For your convenience, there are three ways to make your donation and send in the text of your tribute for the book in honor of the Cohen Family:

1. through our [online portal](#)
2. via [email to the CBI office](#)
3. by mail to: Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley CA 94703

Gala tickets \$80 each will be available in July. Formal invitations to come.