



Weekday Morning and Evening Services — March 12-16

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am

Evening: Sun 6:45 pm • M-Th 7:00 pm

Friday night, March 10

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home 5:50 pm

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

Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:54 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 11

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Torah Reader: Jamie Conway

Haftorah Reader: Jeremy Evenine

Sha'daf - Service Page Caller: Benjamin Epstein

Formal Group Time:10:30 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): Natan Kuchar

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

Negba (3rd-5th): Ari Weber

Parent Supervisors: Sara & Benni Darmoni

Board Representative: Miriam Barrere

Sermon by Joshua Ladon: Who Owns Purim's Political

Message?11:00 am

Tot Pre-Purim Seudah Shlishit & Singing w/Melita..... 4:30—5:30 pm

Shabbat Mincha 5:35 pm

Seudah Shlishit5: 55 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 6:52 pm

Ma'ariv, Megillah reading, & Havdalah 7:30 pm

Late megillah reading (location details sent by request) 9:45 pm

Tot Pre-Purim Seudah Shlishit and Singing with Melita (ages 0-5)

March 11th @ CBI

4:30- 5 pm - Purim themed Seudah Shlishit

5-5:30 pm - Singing with Melita

Please let Maharat Victoria know if you plan to attend!

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Bella Barany in honor of Ron Barany's 89th birthday; Sanne Dewitt in memory of her mother Clara Kalter on her yahrzeit and in honor of Ron Barany's birthday; Avraham & Ruchama Burrell in gratitude to the community for their support during Avraham's recovery from a heart attack; Joelle Yzquierdo with gratitude to Avraham Burrell and Bella Barany for everything they do for the community

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Saturday night, March 11

Remember we move our clocks one hour forward

PURIM

Saturday night & Sunday, March 11 & 12

(Please see Guidelines on back page)

Evening Megilah Reading: Na'aman Kam7:30 pm

Late Megillah reading: Glenn Massarano9:45 pm

Shacharit8:00 am

Megilah Reading: R. Ferris 8:30 am

Women's Only Megilah Reading 12:00 pm

Readers:

1. Ariel Wolgel

2. Andrea Brott

3. Hannah Lyon

4. Gavi Klein

5. Julie Seltzer

6. SaraLeya Schley

7. Yael Krieger

8. Nehama Rogozen

9. Meena Viswanath

10. Judy Massarano

Seudat Purim BBQ..... 3:30 pm

Concert with Shamati..... 4-6:30 pm

Mincha & Ma'ariv 6:45 pm

SHUSHAN PURIM

Sunday night, March 12 & Monday, March 13

Shacharit 6:30 am

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

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 M. 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.

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) on major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

Dr. Deena Aranoff • March 17, 24, 31 • 9:00 am

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

Mishmash: 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.

Mar 26 Siyum! 5-6 pm

Saturday Night Live With Chassidic Masters, as taught by Rabbi Eliahu Klein: Chassidism On Purim. Master seminar group text study with the Ishbitzer Rebbeh and Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev. 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 @ 8:00 pm, March 4, 18

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Baruch Dayan Emet/Condolences: We regret to inform you of the death of **Selma Turbiner (Selma bat Meir)**, mother of Jane Turbiner, mother-in-law of Jonathan Lyon, and grandmother of Hannah Lyon, on Saturday, March 4, 2017, in West Melbourne, Florida. The funeral was held on Monday, March 6, in Boynton Beach, Florida. Jane observed shiva in her home in Berkeley. *HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.* May God comfort the family and all others who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem

Mazal Tov! to Jen & Zac Kamenetz on the birth of a baby girl. 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!

CBI SISTERHOOD:

Book Club: We will meet on **Sunday, March 26, at 10:30 a.m.** to discuss *The Best Place on Earth*, a book of short stories by Ayelet Tsabari. Books are available.

Great Grapes! Wine Tasting, Art & Music
Sunday, April 2 • 2 -5 pm • \$10

ARTISTS WORKS WILL BE ON DISPLAY

Sample delectable Kosher for Passover wines! Orders placed at event.

Wine pick-up at CBI TBD. Live Music & More!

Wine provided by Hiram Simon, WineWise

SWAP - Sunday, March 19, 9:30-11:00 am—Kid Clothing & Gear

Netivot Shalom Social Hall, 1316 University Ave. Berkeley

A great way to clean up for Passover! Please join us for our first Netivot Shalom & Beth Israel Kid Clothing & Gear Swap We will be collecting children's clothing, books, gear & toys.

1. Bring items to swap clean & sorted by category & clothing sorted by age.

2. Pay \$5 to attend (proceeds will go to Gan Shalom and Netivot preschools)

3. Select items you need & have fun!

If you have any Pj Library books you would like to swap please bring them too - we will have a special table for pj library books. Questions? Please contact Sara Darmoni schnitzsa@gmail.com

Donate your car/boat/vehicle to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Proceeds benefit Gan Shalom Preschool Scholarship Fund. Contact David Spieler: 510-849-0961.

In The Community

Parent Ed workshop at OHDS: Sleep in children - is it an oxymoron?

March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Please join Shelley Zak and OHDS for an informative workshop about sleep and children. Shelley is an attending physician at the UCSF/Mt. Zion Sleep Disorders Clinic and has been working in sleep medicine for the past 20 years. The workshop will cover theories about why we sleep, different stages of sleep (you do NOT have to be quiet around babies), some recommendations for helping children to sleep, and answer any questions you might have. She will also emphasize some sleep-related mindfulness techniques along with a discussion of the neurobiology that underlies them. Please email Philippa Lichterman to register (no fee): plichterman@ohds.org

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.

Israel Educational and Advocacy Organization StandwithUs is taking applications for High School interns. If you know a student who loves Israel and might be interested in this opportunity, please refer them to this website: <https://www.standwithus.com/aboutus/hsinternship/>

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

A Guide for Purim

"There is one nation scattered and separated among the nations whose customs and actions are different, and they are not worthy of your tolerance."

—Megilat Esther 3:8

Haman tries to convince **Achashverosh**, the King of Persia, that the Jewish nation—this different nation—should not be tolerated. He wins over the heart of the king, and his plan nearly succeeds. Our sages teach us that within each of us there resides an aspect of Haman, of evil, which whispers to us, saying that the one who is different should not be tolerated. The mitzvot of Purim are aimed at deconstructing these differences and silencing that whisper.

Both men and women are obligated to observe four unique mitzvot on Purim.

Megilah

Hearing the reading of the Megilah enables us to re-live the story and to recount and recall its messages. One is obligated to hear the Megilah twice; once at night and once during the day. One must hear every word of the Megilah read from a "kosher" parchment. **We will read the Megilah on Purim night, Saturday, March 11, 2017 after Ma'ariv at 7:30 p.m. A late night Megilah reading will take place at 9:45 pm at a private home. Please email the office (office@cbiberkeley.org) for the address. The night of March 11 is the start of Daylight Savings Time, please remember we move our clocks one hour forward! On Purim day, Sunday morning, March 12, Shacharit starts at 8:00 a.m. with Megillah Reading at 8:30 a.m., there will be a women's-only Megilah reading at 12:00 p.m.**

Matanot L'Evyonim

Gifts to the poor remind us that our possessions are in truth not fully ours. One has a responsibility to find two poor people and provide each, at the minimum, enough money for a meal. In addition to this *halakha*, on Purim one should give to anyone who asks for a donation. The total giving should ideally be equivalent to or surpass the amount that one spends on his/her own Purim Meal. Maharat Victoria Sutton will be collecting money, which will be distributed on Purim day to both needy here in the East Bay as well as to the poor in Jerusalem.

Mishloach Manot

Gifts of food to one another allow us to reach out to share our celebration of the day and to increase love and friendship with others in the community. There is a custom to send *Mishloach Manot* to those who one has had particularly strained relations with over the past year. One is obligated to send two kinds of ready-to-eat foods to a fellow Jew to enhance their Purim meal. We do not send *Mishloach Manot* to those who are in mourning.

Seudat Purim

This is the celebratory Purim meal. From a minimalist perspective, one is obligated to have a meal with bread; however ideally the meal should be a joyous festive meal with meat (for those who eat it) and wine (for those who drink it responsibly) in an effort to help us blur distinctions that we often hold fast to. **A Seudat Purim will be held at CBI on Sunday, March 12 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm with the participation of the band Shamati, followed by Mincha and Maariv services at 6:45 p.m.**

With the exception of Megilah, which is also read at night, all of the mitzvot should be performed during the day of Purim.

Note: In the *birchat ha-mazon* as well as in the *shmoneh esrei*, one should include the *Al Hanisim* insertion for Purim. If forgotten, one does not repeat the prayer.

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

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