



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

## SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT VAHAKHEL-PEKUDEI

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2015 / ADAR 23, 5775

### Weekday Services March 15-19

Sun. 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am

Mon – Th 7:00 pm

#### **Friday, March 13th**

North Berkeley Minyan ..... 6:45 pm  
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)  
Candle Lighting..... 6:56 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI ..... 7:00 pm

#### **Saturday, March 14th**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Torah Readers: Rafi Magarick, Boaz Haberman, Zvi Rosen, Michael Mrejen, Glenn Massarano  
Haftarah Reader: Michael Mrejen  
Educational program ..... 11:00 am  
Yeladim: Tamar Beliak  
Talmidim Aleph: Naama Mayzlish  
Talmidim Bet: Michal Goldfarb  
Sermon by R. Cohen: *The Joy of Giving*  
Mincha ..... 6:40 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 7:00 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 7:54 pm

### Kiddush Light Luncheon Sponsors

#### Fourth Annual Legacy Kiddush

Congregation Beth Israel, honoring the following members of the CBI Morasha (Legacy) Society:

Anonymous (2), Paul Albert, Fran Alexander, Noah and Hope Alper, Ron & Bella Barany, Judith Bloom, Benjamin and Sara Darmoni, Nimrod and Aliza Elias, Jane Falk, Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado, Alan Finkelstein & Leslie Valas, Sam Ginsburg, David & Diane Gould, Ezra & Toby Hendon, Gary & Ilene Katz, Jesse and Gabriella Kellerman, Seymour Kessler, Alan & Elissa Kittner, Gary & Lois Marcus, Ed & Phyllis Miller, Joel & Irene Resnikoff, Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes, Mordy & Rena Rosen, Harry and Dorothy Rubin, Bob and June Safran, Carol Shivel, Steve Silberblatt & Rita Kohl, Bob & Naomi Stamper, David & Rikki Sudikoff, and Linda & Stanley Wulf

Rhoda Agin, in loving memory of my father Irving (Yitzchak ben Yosef) Agin, whose yahrzeit is on Adar 22nd

#### **ROSH CHODESH NISSAN**

*Fri. night & Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>*

#### **SHABBAT HACHODESH PARSHAT VAYIKRA**

#### **BAR MITZVAH OF ARI LIBENSON**

*Friday and Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>*

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat..... 7:00 pm  
Candlelighting ..... 7:03 pm  
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Educational program ..... 11:00 am  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 6:45 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 7:00 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 8:01 pm

## Beth Israel Classes

### MONTHLY ON SUNDAYS & MONDAYS

**Practical Issues in Contemporary Halakah:** Join us for a monthly class that explores specific topics in contemporary Halakah. Each class is offered during the day and nighttime to allow for greater participation.

#### **Topics:**

Is the Use of Timers Permitted on Shabbat? (**Sunday May 10 at 8 pm or Monday May 11 at 11 am**)

Blessings and Altered States: Powerbars, Soups, and Mashed Foods (**Sunday June 14 at 8 pm or Monday June 15 at 11 am**)  
R. Yonatan Cohen

### SUNDAYS

What a better way to prepare for Pesach and the Sedarim than study the luminous wisdom Torahs of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov and the Ishbitzer-Radziner Rebbehs. This is a two part series beginning:

**1] Sunday March 15th at 8PM [Reb Nachman and Reb Noson]**  
**2] Thursday March 26th at 8pm [Reb Mordechai Yoseph and Reb Yaakov Ishbitzer]**

Both will be held at CBI in the Main Sanctuary. It will be taught by Rabbi Eliahu Klein the facilitator of the well attended: Saturday Night Live With Chassidic Masters. Handouts of the texts that will be studied will be distributed and texts with vowel signs whenever possible. All welcome.

### MONDAY

**Women's Dance Nights at CBI!** Come dance to a blend of world music, jazz, klezmer, hip hop and more. No moves to remember, no cost either. Just a chance to let loose and get some good exercise in a fun way!  
**2nd & 4th Mondays @ 8:00 pm**

### TUESDAY

**Rebels and Rebbes in Israeli Folk Rock – G-d, People, Politics, and Land:**  
In the last ten years, many popular Israeli musicians have turned to Jewish traditional sources for inspiration, giving new voice and expression to Jewish ideas through their songwriting. In this series we will explore this growing trend by closely examining a selection of popular songs that focus on G-d, people, politics, and land. All lyrics will be provided in the original Hebrew together with English translations. Links to audio versions will also be available.

**R. Yonatan Cohen – Tuesdays, March 17 & 24, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

### WEDNESDAY

**Midrash'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.

**David Henkin – Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.**

**Jewish Writings of Emmanuel Levinas:** The Levinas Study Group meets at 8 pm at the Schweig home to discuss various essays of the Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. The group is currently reading selections of Franz Rosenzweig. No background necessary.

**Muni Schweig - Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. @ the Schweig home**

*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

## **THURSDAY**

### **Guest Speaker: Raphael Magarik, March 19**

Learn independently with a *hevruta* (study partner) or join in a *shiur* on the weekly *parsha*. If you are interested in finding a *hevruta*, email [Maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:Maharatvictoria@gmail.com). **Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

## **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 a.m.**

## **EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In Beth Israel**

**Lost & Found:** All the lost & found items at shul will be picked up by next Friday, please make sure to retrieve your belongings!

**Shifra Puah:** Mazal tov to parents Liora Brosbe and R. Daniel Isaacson, and big brothers Elijah and Asher on the naming of Judah Caleb (Yehudah Calev) Isaacson. If you wish to help in bringing a meal, the information is here: <https://mealtrain.com/l88q0r>  
Mazal Tov!

### **Beth Israel Sisterhood**

#### **Hiram Simon & Covenant Winery invite you to the 5TH ANNUAL PESACH WINE TASTING SUNDAY, MARCH 22 • 3:00-5:00 PM**

THIS YEAR AT COVENANT WINERY  
1102 6TH STREET • BERKELEY

Come taste an extensive range of California's best Kosher wines, supplemented by a range of familiar favorites from Israel, Europe and Australia, in Berkeley's own urban Kosher winery.

NEW THIS YEAR!

The best from Covenant, Jonathan Hajdu and Four Gates.

L'Chaim! • \$10 per person • No children/infants please

Questions? Call Sabrina Kabella 510.847.0050

**All profits donated by Hiram Simon/Winewise to CBI's General Fund**

**Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - Saturday, May 23rd - Sunday, May 24th, from dusk 'til dawn**

**@ JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut St, Berkeley 94709**

A unique community-wide celebration and night of learning, a spiritual journey bringing together people of all varied perspectives and affiliations. Stay for an hour—or stay until dawn! We will be led in study by teachers from our diverse Bay Area Jewish community.

*Cosponsored by a growing list of community organizations, including Aquarian Minyan, Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice, Berkeley Hillel, Chochmat HaLev, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, East Bay Minyan, JCC East Bay, Jewish Gateways, Jewish LearningWorks, Lehrhaus Judaica, Keshet, Kevah, KlezCalifornia, Nishmat Shalom, Or Zarua, Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies – Graduate Theological Union, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, Temple Beth Hillel, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Sinai, Wilderness Torah, and Yeashore Community*

**Childcare:** We are offering childcare and a sleeping room (for ages 2 and up) until the end of the Tikkun. Parents must provide bedding, stay on-site, and pre-register online.

**Volunteer Request:** We are looking for volunteers for this year's Tikkun Leyl Shavuot! Whether you have volunteered in the past or are new to the Tikkun, there are so many opportunities, from food prep to greeting

to clean up, at all times throughout the night. Please contact Lauren Greis at [tikkun@jccastbay.org](mailto:tikkun@jccastbay.org). Join us in celebrating Shavuot!

**Contact: Lauren Greis at [tikkun@jccastbay.org](mailto:tikkun@jccastbay.org) or 847-606-0744**

**SCRIP:** Naomi Stamper and Ruth Wittman, are available to sell scrip for Berkeley Bowl, Peets Coffee, Afikomen and CVS. Please call or email Naomi Stamper, 525-8259 • Ruth Wittman, 525-9530

**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 or Midrasha: 510-843-4667.

## **In the Community**

### **Chabad of the East Bay Presents: Behind Enemy Lines**

the Incredible Story of a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany  
A Historic Evening with Marthe Cohn, **Wednesday, March 18, 7 pm**

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley  
Admission: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$36 VIP seating, Students free with ID. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.chabadberkeley.org](http://www.chabadberkeley.org)

### **MIDRASHABANG 2015 — A NIGHT IN TEL AVIV**

**Sunday, March 22, 2015, 5-9 PM**

Be transported under the stars to a Mediterranean beach front in a city that never sleeps... Schmoose-Auction-Eat-Groove-Party - Bid Bon Voyage to a Midrasha Mensch, Yossi Fendel  
Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford Street Berkeley  
Don't miss the party of the year! For more information 510-843-4667  
[rabbijen@midrasha.org](mailto:rabbijen@midrasha.org) or event Chair Anna Martin: [msmartin.mathson@gmail.com](mailto:msmartin.mathson@gmail.com)

**Limmud Bay Area 2015!** Taking place on June 26-28, 2015 at Sonoma State University, Limmud offers hundreds of educational opportunities on everything from ancient wisdom and text study to modern filmmaking and Jewish yoga. And this year, for the first time ever, Limmud Bay Area celebrates a joyous and meaningful Shabbat together through a multi-denominational experience with something for everyone. Registration opens soon, but be sure to put it on your calendars now! More info at <http://www.limmudbayarea.org/>

**MOSHAVA MALIBU - Register Early & Save!** Bnei Akiva's coed religious overnight camp has excellent sports, arts, water sports, nature & more. Grades 3-10. Session: July 13 to Aug 10, 2015. Irvine Visit [www.moshavamalibu.org](http://www.moshavamalibu.org) or call 855-MOSHAVA for more info.

**Kosher 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](mailto:avraham@mindspring.com).

### **Camp Urban Adamah, August 10-14, 2015**

**Earth Builders, Co-Sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel.**

Explore, create, taste! It's summer on the farm. Enroll online at [urbanadamah.org](http://urbanadamah.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.*

### **Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies Presents:**

**Wednesday, March 11. Yossi Klein Halevi**, Journalist and Author  
*Like Dreamers: The Israeli Paratroopers who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*

Reception: 5 pm (in Boalt 295); Lecture: 5:30 pm (in Boalt 105)

**Monday, March 30, Ruth Calderon**, Talmudic Scholar, Founder of  
ALMA Home for Hebrew Culture, Member of Knesset  
*Talmud For Everyone*, location & time TBD.

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

# THE 2015 PESACH WINE SALE

Offered by WineWise for the benefit of Congregation Beth Israel

*Everyone has to drink wine at Pesach – four glasses each, to be precise.  
If you buy it this way, C.B.I. derives the ENTIRE profit from the sale.  
You will be hard-pressed to find such a comprehensive selection elsewhere.  
For further reasons to participate in the sale, call 510 848 6879.*

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT THE LATEST, PREFERABLY LONG BEFORE!  
WINES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE SYNAGOGUE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

## ----- ORDER FORM -----

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ and telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

### WHITE & ROSE WINES

|                                                        | Price | How many? | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc (California)                 | 8.25  | _____     | _____ |
| Barkan Sauvignon Blanc Classic (Israel)                | 12.75 | _____     | _____ |
| Yarden Mt. Hermon White (Israel)                       | 13.50 | _____     | _____ |
| Segal's Fusion White (Israel)                          | 15.75 | _____     | _____ |
| Recanati Chardonnay (Israel)                           | 17.50 | _____     | _____ |
| Hagafen Riesling (Lake County) - ORGANIC               | 18.50 | _____     | _____ |
| Covenant Mensch (California)                           | 20.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Covenant Red C Sauvignon Blanc (California)            | 24.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Makom Grenache Blanc (California)                      | 25.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Covenant The Tribe Chardonnay (California)             | 32.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Covenant Lavan Chardonnay (California)                 | 38.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Hajdu Grenache Rosé (California)                       | 27.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Domaines Bunan, Moulin des Costes Bandol Rosé (France) | 30.00 | _____     | _____ |
| Bartenura Moscato (Italy)                              | 16.00 | _____     | _____ |

### RED WINES

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|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Barkan Merlot (Israel)                         | 12.75 | _____ | _____ |
| Barkan Petite Syrah (Israel)                   | 12.75 | _____ | _____ |
| Baron Herzog Zinfandel (Lodi)                  | 13.50 | _____ | _____ |
| Teal Lake Shiraz (Australia)                   | 14.50 | _____ | _____ |
| Galil Cabernet Sauvignon (Israel)              | 15.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Golan Sion Creek Red (Israel)                  | 16.50 | _____ | _____ |
| Ramon Cardova Rioja (Spain)                    | 20.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Segal's Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve (Israel)    | 22.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Domaines Bunan Côtes de Provence (France)      | 25.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Four Gates "Ayala" Pinot Noir (California)     | 25.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Four Gates "Ayala" Cabernet Franc (California) | 27.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Hajdu Besomim (California)                     | 30.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Hagafen Pinot Noir (Napa)                      | 32.00 | _____ | _____ |
| Covenant Red C (California)                    | 44.00 | _____ | _____ |

Sub-total

Less - Discounts: 1-3 cases, 5%; 3+ cases, 10%

Plus – 9.5% Sales Tax

TOTAL

Please send your orders to WINEWISE, 3035 Harper Street, Berkeley, Ca 94703, or fax them to (510) 848 6880, or e-mail to [hiram@winewise.biz](mailto:hiram@winewise.biz). ALL ENQUIRIES TO HIRAM SIMON AT 848 6879

## RECOMMENDED WINES

### WHITE

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| 2013 | <b>BARON HERZOG CHENIN BLANC (Clarksburg)</b><br>If only all inexpensive wine were this good. Clarksburg is renowned for the quality of its Chenin Blanc grapes. Light and fruity.                                                                                                                                               | 8.25 per bottle  |
| 2012 | <b>SEGAL'S FUSION (Israel – 65% Chardonnay, 35% Colombard)</b><br>A great discovery in aromatic dry white wine. Colombard has a beguiling aroma of gum Arabic that effortlessly dominates the more neutral Chardonnay. Really good stuff.                                                                                        | 15.75 per bottle |
| 2012 | <b>RECANATI CHARDONNAY (Israel)</b><br>Truly elegant, well-balanced Chardonnay with just enough oak.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 17.50 per bottle |
| 2011 | <b>HAGAFEN JOHANNISBERG RIESLING (Lake County - ORGANIC)</b><br>Excitingly floral and utterly delicious wine with beautifully balanced sweetness.                                                                                                                                                                                | 18.50 per bottle |
| 2014 | <b>COVENANT RED C SAUVIGNON BLANC (California)</b><br>Classically stony, dry Sauvignon from Dry Creek for connoisseurs of the real deal.                                                                                                                                                                                         | 24.00 per bottle |
| 2014 | <b>MAKOM GRENACHE BLANC (California)</b><br>Jonathan Hajdu of Covenant makes this own-label wine from rare vines near Lodi. Fragrant yet mouth-filling, with excellent acidity. Miniscule production so hard to find.                                                                                                            | 25.00 per bottle |
| 2014 | <b>HAJDU GRENACHE ROSE (California)</b><br>Exceptionally zesty, clear dry rosé with beautifully delineated cherry fruit.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 27.00 per bottle |
| 2012 | <b>DOMAINES BUNAN, MOULIN DES COSTES BANDOL ROSE (France - ORGANIC)</b><br>Bandol is rightly considered to make the greatest rosé wines on earth and this beauty from Bunan justifies the claim. Authoritative, suave and long-flavoured wine that will pair well with both “white” and “red” wine foods. Well worth the splash. | 30.00 per bottle |

### RED

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| 2012 | <b>BARKAN MERLOT CLASSIC (Israel)</b><br>Barkan consistently delivers honest, direct lighter-styled wines at reasonable prices.                                                                                                                 | 12.75 per bottle |
| 2011 | <b>BARKAN PETITE SYRAH (Israel)</b><br>Deep-coloured, spicy red that manages to be simultaneously rugged and civilized. Truly impressive and remarkable value.                                                                                  | 12.75 per bottle |
| 2012 | <b>TEAL LAKE SHIRAZ (Australia)</b><br>This classic Aussie Shiraz renders a delicious, spicy wine out of the ordinary.                                                                                                                          | 14.50 per bottle |
| 2013 | <b>GOLAN SION CREEK RED (Israel)</b><br>The Yarden people bring you this exceptionally cheerful, easy-to-drink red on the light side made from a selection of Rhône varieties well suited to the climate of Golan.                              | 16.50 per bottle |
| 2012 | <b>DOMAINES BUNAN BELOUVE COTES DE PROVENCE (France – ORGANIC)</b><br>Bunan has uprooted its Cabernet vines and now makes this generous, headily-flavoured wine exclusively from the appropriate southern varieties.                            | 25.00 per bottle |
| 2010 | <b>RAMON CARDOVA RIOJA (Spain)</b><br>A delicious discovery from Spain : rich, warm spicy fruit with a certain robustness well suited to red meat dishes.                                                                                       | 20.00 per bottle |
| 2012 | <b>FOUR GATES “AYALA” CABERNET FRANC (California)</b><br>We are delighted to include the highly individual wines of Santa Cruz's Benyamin Cantz for the first time. Another splendid example of California's burgeoning “boutique” kosher wines | 27.00 per bottle |
| 2012 | <b>HAJDU BESOMIM (California)</b><br>Delicious medium-bodied blend of North Coast Petite Sirah and Syrah. Welcome to the new generation of “boutique” California kosher wine.                                                                   | 30.00 per bottle |
| 2013 | <b>HAGAFEN PINOT NOIR (Napa)</b><br>If you fancy a splurge, then this is a classy example of a California classic. Pinot Noir of this quality is hard to come by, and it has the virtue of working well with fish or meat.                      | 32.00 per bottle |
| 2013 | <b>COVENANT RED C (California)</b><br>Classy Cabernet-based wine that includes the press wine of the famed “Covenant”. This sister is not such a baby!                                                                                          | 44.00 per bottle |