



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

March 27-31

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • Mo-F 6:30 am

Evening: Sun-F: 7:10 pm

Please note mincha will take place at the Silberblatt/Kohl home on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

**SHUSHAN PURIM**

Friday, March 25th

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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 ..... 7:08pm

**Saturday, March 26**

Morning Service .....9:15 am  
Torah Reader: **Na'aman Kam**  
Haftorah Reader: **Eric Seder**  
Youth Programming .....9:15 am  
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:45 am  
**Yama: Tot Shabbat** ..... 11:15 am  
Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona (K-2): **Yael Birnbaum and Lital Nagar**  
Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**

Thank you to our Gan yard supervisors, **Josh & Jenny Kirsch**

**Sermon by Maharat Victoria Sutton**

Mincha ..... 6:50 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 7:10 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 8:06 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**Lorelai Kude** in honor of her son Jesse (Yishai)'s birthday; **Joshua & Jenny Kirsch** in honor of Rabbi Rue; **Congregation Beth Israel in honor of the members of the Morasha Legacy Society:** Paul & Serachbracha Albert; Fran Alexander; Noah and Hope Alper; Anonymous (3); Ron & Bella Barany; Dan z'I and 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; Sam & Bathea James; Russell Kassman; Gary & Ilene Katz; Jesse and Gabriella Kellerman; Seymour Kessler; Alan & Elissa Kittner; Aaron Marcus; Gary & Lois Marcus; Ed & Phyllis Miller; Joel & Irene Resnikoff; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes; Mordy & Rena Rosen; Harry and Dorothy Rubin; Bob and June Safran; Ory Sandel; SaraLeya Schley; Carol Shivel; Steve Silberblatt & Rita Kohl; Bob & Naomi Stamper; Justin and Sheba Sweet; David & Rikki Sudikoff; Linda & Stanley Wulf

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Ruchama & Avraham Burrell

**CBI's Morasha Legacy Society**

Our commitment to our beloved community is evident in everything we do. Now each of us can extend our commitment into the future.

Please consider joining us. For more information or to join the Society please contact: **Noah Alper • noahalper@gmail.com**

**Rena Rosen • t.rosenfamily@comcast.net.**

**NCSY**

Friday, March 25, 7pm-10pm @ CBI

**FNL - Friday Night Learning**

Light the Night with Song, Food and Prayer

All Teens invited to a joyful Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner and singing at CBI. Please contact Avia Cohen, cohen@ncsy.org to RSVP

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**

TUESDAY

**The Numbers Breakdown:** The forty-year wilderness journey was a time of complaint and crisis, national formation and leadership challenges. We will discuss complaint, conflict, rebellion and mutiny, highlighting the leadership challenges Israel faced in the desert. In addition, we will compare and contrast two episodes from the beginning and the end of Israel's time in the wilderness and attempt to identify the ways in which the nation of Israel was transformed by this forty-year journey. Finally, we will look at the close of Deuteronomy, the death of Moses and the appointment of Joshua as the new leader of Israel, with a unique focus on succession and the transfer of leadership from one generation to another.

**R. Yonatan Cohen -- Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm, March 29, April 5**

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. **Class resumes on March 30.**

**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**

*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.*

## FRIDAY

**Talmudic Wisdom:** Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought. **Please note class is not meeting March 25.**  
**R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am**

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Beth Israel

**Baruch Dayan Emet/Condolences:** We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of **Anita Silberblatt (Chana bat Menachem Mendel v'Shifra)**, beloved mother of Steven Silberblatt and mother in law of Rita Kohl. She is survived by Steve's brothers, Mark and Neil, and seven grandchildren, including Rafi & Leila Silberblatt.

Shiva mincha and ma'ariv services will take place at the Silberblatt/Kohl home on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday at 7:10 pm. Visiting hours for the community start at 6:00 pm.

*HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.* May God comfort the family and all others who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem

**Shifra Puah, Oelberger/Astmann Family:** Mazal tov to parents Beth Oelberger Astmann & Jonathan Astmann and big brother Anshel on the birth of a baby boy, Sigmund Meyer (Simcha Me'ir). A great way to support the family at this time is by bringing them a meal. A meal train has been set up, to sign up please click here:

<https://mealtrain.com/493582>. *Tizku l'mitzvot!*

**Early and Late Shoppers:** From selling scrip for the past 25 years I have learned that there are two kinds of Passover shoppers. I am always surprised by how early some folks shop for the holiday and then equally amazed how some can wait until the last moments before shopping. Whichever type you are or somewhat in the middle, please know that we have Oakland Kosher Foods scrip in denomination of 25 dollars available. Buying scrip for OKF ensures that our shul makes a profit of 5%. Enjoy both your cleaning and your shopping. The Scrip Committee

**Donate your car/boat/vehicle** to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Beth Israel. Contact David: 510-849-0961

## In the Community

**Berkeley Hadassah invites you to:**

**Annual Donor Brunch, Sunday, March 27, 2016 - 11:30 am**  
**with Guest Speaker Professor David Sedlak**

Solving Urban Water Challenges: Beyond the California Drought with a glimpse into how California and Israel can learn from each other. Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley RSVP by March 21 [berkeleyhadassah.org](http://berkeleyhadassah.org) or call 510-517-8511.

**Bade Museum Tour — Tuesday May 3, 10:00 am**  
**Free**

Join Us to Explore the Biblical Artifacts Collection with Director Aaron Brody At the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Box lunch included following tour  
Rsvp [marcusdesign@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marcusdesign@sbcglobal.net)

**Book event: Amy Gottlieb, author of *The Beautiful Possible*.**

Join novelist and former CBI member Amy Gottlieb on Tuesday, March 29 at 7pm at Books, Inc. on Shattuck, as she reads from and discusses her debut novel, *The Beautiful Possible*, an epic work of

literary fiction that is steeped in Jewish ideas. For more information: [www.amy-gottlieb.com](http://www.amy-gottlieb.com)

**Oakland Hebrew Day School is opening a new Transitional Kindergarten program for 2016-17!**

Join us for our Transitional Kindergarten Info Night:

**Thursday, March 31, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**, Oakland Hebrew Day School  
Please contact Philippa Lichterman, Admissions Director, to RSVP to this event or to schedule a personal tour: [plichterman@ohds.org](mailto:plichterman@ohds.org)

**Tehiyah Day School: Community Events:** The mission of Tehiyah Day School is to inspire curiosity, a strong sense of community, and a vibrant connection to Judaism. We would love to have you visit our school in El Cerrito, where we provide private bus service to families in Berkeley and Oakland. Please join us at Tehiyah Day School for the following free event open to the community.

For more information, Michelle Tirella-Ventura, Director of Admissions, [mtventura@tehiyah.org](mailto:mtventura@tehiyah.org)

**Thursday, March 31, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**, Spiritual World Music and Student Art Exhibit: featuring creations by all grades. This celebration of world music performed by our talented Tehiyah students begins at 6:15 PM in the gym.

**Sunday, May 15, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**, Think Tehiyah, Learn, Build, Create. A Free Community Maker Event!

**The Chevra Kadisha (burial society) of the East Bay is holding a new membership meeting and training on Sunday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m.**

at the Colonial Chapel, 2626 High Street in Oakland. This is an opportunity to learn more about Chevra Kadisha practices and rituals. The Chevra Kadisha of the East Bay includes members of Congregation Beth Israel, Beth Jacob, Netivot Shalom and Berkeley Chabad. They primarily, but not exclusively, perform Taharot for those who are buried at the Home of Peace cemetery in Oakland when the person who died was not involved in a synagogue community. Like most of these communities, our CBI Family has its own Chevra Kadisha which performs Taharot when CBI members pass away. There is also a great deal of cooperation between these communities and most people who belong to CBI's Chevra Kadisha are also a part of the Chevra Kadisha of the East Bay.

On April 3, the meeting will include:

- A brief overview of this mitzvah by Rabbi Daniel Fox of Beth Jacob
- An opportunity for both men and women to walk through the tahara procedure, separately, using the preparation room. An experienced team leader from both the women's and men's Chevras will be present.
- Question and answer session

The meeting is open to both existing and prospective members of the Chevra Kadisha of the East Bay. Please please contact Neska ([neskama@hotmail.com](mailto:neskama@hotmail.com)) to RSVP, or for more information on joining the Chevra Kadisha of the East Bay.

Those interested in joining the Congregation Beth Israel Chevra Kadisha, are warmly encouraged to attend this training and let Juliet Stamperdahl ([Juliet125@gmail.com](mailto:Juliet125@gmail.com)) know that you are interested.

**East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day**  
**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

What can 217 volunteers from 13 Jewish organizations working at 12 sites do in 1 day? Here's what: Decorate bags for JFCS Shabbat meal delivery; write letters to Israeli soldiers; weed and seed at Urban Adamah and the Berkeley shoreline; cook for Building Futures with Women and Children shelter; paint a room for the American

Indian Child Resource Center; make blankets for Highland Hospital; engage in activities with seniors at Reutlinger Center for Jewish Living, AgeSong WoodPark Senior Living, and Chaparral House; remove litter and debris from the shoreline along Lake Merritt and along 40th street in North Oakland; work on a mosaic for Malcolm X School with YouthSpirit Artworks; and wrap toys for the Holiday Toy Give-Away at the Telegraph Community Center—THAT'S WHAT!!! Yasher koach to all who participated in and supported the East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day—and particularly to our wonderful project leaders and liaisons: Joel Carr, Ellie Hajdu, Alex Hart, Richard Hart, Sally Hindman, Rosie Kaplan, Fran Tannenbaum Kaye, Laurie Leiber, Sara Liss-Katz, Howie Miller, Sheryl Nureck, Miriam Schiffman, Stan Schiffman, Catherine Shachat, Judith Silver, Helen Smiler, Juliet Stamperdahl, Debra Weinstein and to our co-chairs Teri Bleckner and Shelley Zak.

**Tahoe Rental:** am going to rent out my units at Tahoe Sands again this summer. The one bedroom cabin is available July 29 to August 5. There should be very good weather at this time. Please let me know if you are interested. June Safran 510-526-7173

**Going to Israel?** Our Jerusalem apartment is available for short term vacation rentals (minimum stay is one week). The two bedroom, two bath apartment is one block off of Emek Refaim in the leafy German Colony section of Jerusalem. This highly desirable neighborhood is full of great restaurants, cafés, shopping and even has a beautiful public swimming pool. You can walk to the Western Wall and the Old City from the apartment in approximately 35 minutes. The apartment is the entire 2nd floor of a building containing only two other apartments, and is accessible only by stairs. It has a lovely and large merpesset (balcony). It sleeps 4-6 people comfortably. It has one off-street parking space. Photos available upon request. Please contact [hopenworks@pacbell.net](mailto:hopenworks@pacbell.net).

**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).