



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM SHEKALIM PARSHAT VAYAKHEL

WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2016 / ADAR-I 25, 5776

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

March 6-10

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • Mo-F 6:30 am

Evening: Mon-Th: 6:00 pm

Friday, March 4

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home 5:45 pm

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

Candle Lighting 5:48 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 5:50 pm

Saturday, March 5

Morning Service9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Rafi Magarik**

Haftarah Reader: **Na'aman Kam**

Board Member: **Ben Rose**

Youth Programming9:15 am

Formal Group Time:10:45 am

Next week, March 12 Tot Shabbat with Natan Kuchar.....11:00 am

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

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

Negba (3rd-5th): **Zeev Neumeier**

Thank you to Ofrah and Eliav Goldberg , our parent supervisors in the Gan Yard this week.

Sermon by R. Cohen—Leading by Enabling the Potential in Others

Mincha 12:50 pm

Seudah Shlishit 5:45 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 6:46 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Ronald & Bella Barany celebrating Ron's 88th birthday; celebrating with us are our "Barany boys", David, Micah, Ezra and families; daughter Sylvia Vered and family sending hugs and greetings from Israel

Co sponsors wishing Ron a hearty Mazal Tov: **Serach Bracha and Paul**

Albert; Rivka Amado & Malcolm Feeley; Bernice Bradley; Marilyn

Markowitz; Susan Jacobsen; Gladys & Phil Leider; June and Bob Safran;

Sheila and Marvin Yudenfreund; Joelle Yzquierdo

Matan Gilbert, in honor of his son Nadav's 3rd birthday (today!), his upcoming *upsherin*, and the beginning of a life of learning and good deeds

Rebecca Landes and Ben Rose in observance of the *yahrzeit* of Ephraim Landes and Albert Rose.

Justin and Sheba Sweet in memory of Justin's mother's Elizabeth Leah Sweet on her 71st *yahrzeit*

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Laya & Yoni Cooperman

ROSH CHODESH ADAR II

Wed. night, Thurs. & Fri, March 9th – 11th

Shacharit6:30 am

PURIM

FAST OF ESTHER – TA'ANIT ESTHER

Wednesday, March 23rd

Fast begins5:46 am

Fast day Mincha 6:00 pm

Ma'ariv followed by Megillah reading 7:30 pm

Fast ends7:52 pm

Late Megillah reading (details sent by request to office@cbiberkeley.org)

PURIM

Wed. night & Thurs., March 23rd – 24th

Early Shacharit with Megillah Reading6:30 am

Late Shacharit8:00 am

Megillah reading8:30 am

Women's only Megillah Reading12:00 pm

Festive Purim Meal @ CBI4:00 pm

Mincha and Ma'ariv7:00 pm

SHUSHAN PURIM

Friday, March 25th

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 1, 8, & 15

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.

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: 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

SATURDAY

Saturday Night Live With Chassidic Masters as Taught By Rabbi Eliahu Klein, March 5th, 2016 -8 Pm

Rabbi Nachman Of Bratzlav And Rabbi Nathan on Megillat Esther This is an ongoing *shiur* [class] that will meet every other week through the winter months. The focus is on Chassidic heart commentaries on the weekly Torah portion and Jewish holidays. Meet at R. Klein's home, 2610 California Street [between Parker and Carleton], 510-206-4395. M'lave Malka refreshments will be served. Come to learn and experience the fellowship of Chassidim

UPCOMING LECTURES

An Evening with Consul-General Andy David — Sunday, March 13th 7:30 pm



Dr. Andy David began his appointment as Israel's Consul General to the Pacific NorthWest in August 2012. In his last position, in Israel, he served as a policy advisor to the Foreign Minister. In the course of his diplomatic career, he has served Missions in Azerbaijan, Hong-Kong, and Chicago and the Midwest. His past domestic positions in the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs include policy advisor to the Foreign Minister; the Ministry's Deputy Spokesman; and Head of the Euro-Asia section in Israel's Agency for International Cooperation.

Dr. David has a B.A. (magna cum laude) and M.A. in medical science, and a Doctorate in Dental Medicine, all attained at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. He served in the Israel Air Force and in RAFAEL, the Ministry of Defense's Armament Development Authority. He is a graduate of the Executive Combating Terrorism program at the National Defense University in Washington D.C.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Mazal tov! to grandparents Marv & Sara Engel, parents Dan and Angela Engel, and big sisters Maya and Anita on the birth on March 1 of a baby girl. Mother and baby are in good health, *b"n*. May this child's 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!

Mazal tov! to grandparents Avraham & Ruchama Burrell, Avraham son Zalman Krems & his wife Simcha, big sister Devorah and big brothers Ari, Izzy & Mordi on the birth of a baby boy, David Chaim. Mother and baby are in good health, *b"n*. May this child's 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!

Mishloach Manot: As in past years, our Gan Shalom Preschool has sent out personal codes for ordering *mishloach manot*. Look for their email! NEW LOWER PRICE - return of some classic favorite items! If you do not receive a code, please contact the CBI office. All proceeds of this initiative go to support scholarships for our Gan Shalom children. <https://cbiganshalom.wordpress.com/>

Comer Tamales con sus seres queridos! Sunday, March 6th at 10 am @ CBI. The Sisterhood will be cooking up chicken tamales, tomatillo salsa, and icy margaritas with Sara Miranda. Space is limited, please RSVP as soon as possible. Learn the art of tamale wrapping and how to make fresh salsa from mild roasted chilis and peppers. All are welcome.

Tamales will be available for purchase after 2pm. \$24 per dozen Pre-orders Welcomed and encouraged!

Questions? Contact Sabrina Kabella sabrina@kabella.org

NCSY weekly programs and upcoming events

• **Latte and Learning:** Mondays at 7:30 PM at Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley.

• **Dinner and Learn:** Wednesdays at 5:30 pm at Adath Israel, 1836 Noriega St., San Francisco

• **Portland District Shabbaton!** Fun, Food, Friends, and FLYZone March 10th- 13th, Departing Thursday 3/10 at 3:45pm from JCHS or Berkley Bart station at 4:30pm, stop over in Ashland, Oregon to Sleep Thursday Night , Returning: March 13th at 11pm

Cost: \$175 per person. Space is limited, click here to sign up

For more information contact cohen@ncsy.org or 310-978.5813.

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

In the Community

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 merpeset (balcony). It sleeps 4-6 people comfortably. It has one off-street parking space. Photos available upon request. Please contact hopeworks@pacbell.net if you would like more information.

"LAMA LO TRIO" MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Thursday, March 10, 6:15 p.m., Oakland Hebrew Day School, 5500 Redwood Rd, Oakland, CA 94619

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, and Congregation Beth Jacob

Come and join in the fun of the energetic Lama Lo Trio! Their Israeli songs and passion for music will get your feet tapping, your body moving and your heart soaring. This performance is free and open to all. Bring your family and friends!

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 any of the following free events that are open to the community.

For more information, Michelle Tirella-Ventura, Director of Admissions, mtventura@tehiyah.org

Sunday, March 13, 11 am to 1 pm, Think Tehiyah!-Families building, learning and creating together

Wednesday, March 16, 12:00 PM, Free Luncheon and Tour at Tehiyah with Director of Admissions. RSVP: mtventura@tehiyah.org

Thursday, March 31, 6:00 PM An Evening of Spiritual World Music

Midrashabang - Masquerade: A Purim Extravaganza,

Sunday March 13 from 5:00-9:00pm.

Get an early start to your Purim celebration this year and join us for an evening of great food, drinks, music and fun! Tickets are already

going fast, so click here now to get your seats. We can't wait to celebrate with you! <https://midrashabang2016.eventbrite.com>
We hope you will join us as we celebrate and honor our teachers, past and present. Their leadership and passion make Midrasha what it is, a place for students to learn and grow.

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.

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, Wednesday, March 23 after Maariv at 7:30 p.m. and on Purim day, Thursday morning, March 24; early Shacharit starts at 6:30 a.m. with Megillah Reading at 7:00 a.m., late Shacharit starts at 8:00 a.m. and we will read the Megilah 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. *Rabbi Cohen will be collecting money, which will be distributed on Purim day to both needy here in*

the East Bay as well as to 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 **Thursday, March 24 at 4 p.m.** with the participation of the band Shamati, followed by Mincha and Maariv services at 7:00 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.

In addition, the Fast of Esther begins **Wednesday morning, March 23 at 5:46 a.m. and ends at 7:52 p.m.** A Fast day Mincha will be held at CBI at 6:00 p.m. that evening. The only restriction of the fast is eating and drinking. One may bathe, shave and enjoy live entertainment as usual. However, as with all fasts, it should be used as an opportunity for introspection and personal growth. Our sages have taught that only one who experiences the fast of Esther can truly celebrate on Purim.