



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

May 15-19

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • Mo-Th 6:30 am

Evening: Sun-F: 8:00 pm

Friday night, May 13th

21st day of the Omer

**Shabbat Dinner & Talk with Hagai Aharoni of Shorashim/Judur/Roots
A Local Palestinian Israeli Initiative for Understanding,
Nonviolence and Transformation**

Learn about the work of grassroots organization Roots, an initiative led by a joint Palestinian and Israeli committee based in the West Bank. Roots works within their communities at the heart of the conflict; shifting hatred and suspicion towards trust, empathy, and mutual support. *Registration is closed*

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

Shabbat Dinner & Talk with Hagai Aharoni (registration closed) 7:45 pm

Hagai Aharoni will share his experiences, challenges and successes as part of the inner circle of Roots.

Candle Lighting 7:53 pm

Saturday, May 14th

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Torah & Haftorah Reader: **Glenn Massarano**

Formal Group Time: 10:45 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): **Irene Resnikoff**

Tzafona (K-2): **Joel Resnikoff**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Maharat Victoria Sutton**

Parent Supervisors: **Merav Heshin-Bekenstein & Yehonadav Bekenstein**

Sermon by R. Cohen: *Revering a Scholarly Woman*

Pre-mincha class with Hagai Aharoni 6:30 pm

Hagai Aharoni will be speaking about his work with at risk youth in Israel through theater and Bibliodrama.

Shabbat Mincha 7:35 pm

Seudah Shelishit..... 7:55 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:56 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Kiddush is offered in honor of Maharat Victoria Sutton, in celebration of the extension of her tenure at CBI.

Please see list of sponsors on the back page

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Tania & Muni Schweig

OFFICE VACATION

May 16 – 20

Many thanks to SerachBracha Albert, who will be in the office every day from 9 to 3 pm.

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. **Please note: class won't meet May 23 or 30th.**

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm

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

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

Calling all families of Graduates! Do you have a family member who is graduating this year? Whether they are graduating from preschool, middle school, high school, college, or graduate school, are about to become a doctor or lawyer or have finished their PhD, we would like to celebrate their accomplishments at our wonderful, annual Graduates' Kiddush, which will be held this year on June 4. If you would like to join in, please email Lauren Greenberg at slgberg@sonic.net. Once we know how many sponsors there are, we will let you know the cost per sponsor or sponsor family and we will also email you a link to sign up to help with shopping, prep, or clean-up. We hope to keep costs low by all working

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together to create a delicious celebratory spread! Out-of-town families of university students are warmly welcomed to help out with just a financial donation. Thanks so much, and congratulations!

NCSY:

- Jr. NCSY "Six Flags" Shabbaton: May 13 - May 14 at BJC Oakland followed by Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at Six Flags on Sunday May 15th from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Sign up at <https://norcal.ncsy.org/>.
- Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration with NCSY at Six Flags: Members of the community are invited to go to Six Flags (Vallejo) on Sunday, May 15th from 10:30 AM – 6:00 PM. Receive the NCSY group rate \$36 by RSVPing to cohen@ncsy.org. (Price at the park is \$65.99.)
- Spring Regional Shabbaton: May 27th – May 30th at Anaheim.
- 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

SISTERHOOD & HADASSAH INVITE YOU TO:

NOVEL DEBUT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 PM @ CBI

Special reading by Jay Greenfield of his debut novel *Max's Diamonds*. A man is forced to confront his moral culpability, the legacy of impossible loss and the claims of his Jewish identity.

TEA, COOKIES, DEATH

Join the Conversation @ CBI with Edna Stewart

Tuesday, May 24, 7:30-9:00 pm

Join us for this popular Bay Area happening only with a Jewish bent. The objective of the Death Café is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their" remaining years. There are no expectations or intention to lead anyone to any course of action or conclusions about life or death. It is an unstructured, open, respectful space free of discrimination where people may safely express their views – or not. It is a respectful dialogue that allows people to explore their questions, hopes, fears and consider how their Jewish heritage may influence their reflections on dying, death and afterlife. Be curious! Have fun! Group size is limited. Registration is closed. If you are interested in a further event, please let Maharat Victoria know. *In memory of Anna S. Lev-Toaff, MD*

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.jcceastbay.org/tikkun

Save the date! Shavuot Dairy Dinner & Leaning
Sunday night, June 12,

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

In the Community

Sunday, May 15, 1 PM to 3 PM, Think Tehiyah!

Join us on campus for this mini-maker event with something for everyone. Build, tinker, craft, and create together at multiple stations throughout our school. Build and launch a rocket with an air compressor, create your own jewelry, or design and plant your personal terrarium for a special indoor garden.

Sunday, May 22, 4 PM to 6 PM, The viewing of Screenagers

SCREENAGERS is about the impact of the digital age on kids and how to help them avoid harmful effects and find balance.

screenagersmovie.com. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door.

Thursday, May 26, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Tehiyah's Open House- Come experience for yourself all the wonderful work our students have done and created this year. All rooms will be open to visit and to meet with the teachers.

Tehiyah is a progressive Jewish community day school in El Cerrito with students in Bridge-Kindergarten through 8th grade from across the East Bay. Email Director of Admissions, Michelle Tirella-Ventura with questions: mtventura@tehiyah.org, 510.233.3013 x 239

DR. AVIVAH ZORNBERG: Is Redemption Possible?

Sunday, May 15, 7:00 pm

The Egyptian exile is described in mystical sources as the Exile of the Word. If the Israelites are to be released from Egypt, an inner process of recovery will be necessary. Can the traumatic constrictions of a personal world find a new language that will open up larger possibilities?

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Afikomen Judaica

Scattered Among the Nations, by Bryan Schwartz

Sunday May 22, 3:00pm

Scattered Among the Nations introduces readers to the diverse faces and places that comprise the hidden Jewish world at the dawn of the new millennium. With sixteen chapters profiling different communities, and hundreds of large, color photographs and never-before told stories, the book will make readers feel that, like the artists themselves, they have become intimate friends with Jews in places they never dreamed existed.

Bryan Schwartz, an Oakland based civil rights attorney, conceived Scattered Among the Nations in the spring of 1999, visiting Jews in 30 countries and over 100 towns and villages on five continents over the following several years. Through their unshakable devotion and unbounded warmth and kindness, these communities inspired Bryan with new enthusiasm for Jewish practice.

Books available for purchase at Afikomen Judaica

Co-sponsored by Lehrhaus Judaica

Art For Prayer and Peace: A Bridge to Oneness

with Aimee Golant

Sunday, June 26, 3:00 - 4:00pm

Aimee Golant will be speaking about an amazing project she is in the midst of creating called Art for Prayer and Peace: A Bridge to Oneness. 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.

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