



Weekday Services May 3-7

Sun. 8:00 am • M-Th 6:30 am

Sun-Th: 7:50 pm

Friday, May 1st

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI 7:00 pm
North Berkeley Minyan 7:00 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting..... 7:41 pm

Saturday, April 25th

Morning Service 9:15 am
Torah Readers: **Na'man Kam**
Haftarah Reader: **Rafi Rosen**
Educational program 11:00 am
Yeladim: **TBA**
Talmidim Aleph: **David Hartmann**
Talmidim Bet: **Naama Mayzlish, Michal Goldfarb**
Sermon by R. Zac Kamenetz : The Holy or the Broken
Mincha 7:20 pm
Seudah Shlishit sponsored by Jane Turbiner and Jonathan Lyon
in honor of the second Yahrzeit of Jane's father Milton Turbiner and
Jonathan's father Karl Lyon..... 7:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 8:43 pm

Kiddush Sponsors

Anonymous, Jonathan Purcell in memory of his stepfather Janos Gabriel,
Maureen and Derek Krantz in memory of Anna Lev-Toaff and Bernie Zinn

Hachnassat Orchim

Benjamin Epstein & Zvi Rosen

LAG B'OMER

33rd Day of the Omer

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 7th

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.

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

MONDAY

Women Latino Zumba class with an abdominal workout.

Oshi Du – Mondays, 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

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 — Wednesdays @ 11:00 am

THURSDAY

Open Sources: Beit Midrash

**Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah
Community Learning of Megillat Ruth**

We invite the community to learn Megillat Ruth in preparation for Shavuot. Each week, we will learn one chapter, culminating in a *siyum* on Shavuot. Attend the weekly class by Maharat Victoria or learn with a *hevruta* (study partner) at the beit midrash. Please contact maharatvictoria@gmail.com if you are looking for a study partner.

May 7 - Lag Ba'Omer — no class

May 14 - Ruth Chapter 3

May 21 - Ruth Chapter 4

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. **Class is on hiatus and resumes May 8.**

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 a.m.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Nesiah Tovah: R. Cohen will be out of town until May 4. Maharat Victoria Sutton is available during his absence: maharatvictoria@gmail.com or (908) 783-5928

Isaacson & Zinn Family Simchat Bat: Cory, Avi and Leah invite the community to join them for the naming and *simchat bat* of their daughter **Monday, May 4 at 8am @CBI.** Breakfast to follow.

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.

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.

SCRIP: Oakland Kosher scrip is available now. You can pick it up at the office or get it delivered to you by Ruth Wittman or Naomi Stamper. You can email nstamper@sbcglobal.net with questions and orders. Shop now or later, but shop with scrip.

In the Community

Berkeley Midrasha's 2015 7th-8th Grade Open House Event! May 3, 2015, 10:00am-12:30pm, 1301 Oxford Street, Berkeley
Inviting any and all 7th-8th grade Jewish teens (and their parents) to join us to experience Midrasha, our community wide Jewish teen learning experience, as it actually happens! We'll start at 10:00 am with a light

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.

breakfast. Please contact RabbiJen@Midrasha.org with any additional questions.

Israel in our Hearts

A Family Celebration

May 3, 2015, 11:00 am—2:00 pm

It will be a day for families to celebrate Israel, have fun, and learn about the our community's important work to advance a shared society in Israel. The annual Israel in our Hearts Awards will be presented to members of our community who have shown outstanding commitment to Israel engagement and advocacy. Tickets purchased by April 30, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 4-14) include lunch, all-day admission to the San Francisco Zoo, and admission to the Playfield Lawn for special event activities.

Chabad: Lag B'Omer Fun Fair — Thursday, May 7, 2015 @ Tilden Park, Padre Picnic Site, 5:00-8:00 PM

\$10 per person, \$35 per family, \$180 sponsor

Live Music & Drum Circle. Bring along sports equipment, drums, and musical instruments. Scrumptious Kosher BBQ: Hot dogs, hamburgers, vegan options, salads, desserts, & all the trimmings.

Special Games and Activities: Relay Races. Kids Rally with prizes for all.

Organic Lollipop Hunt. Bows n' Arrows, Lightsticks & Kites for sale.

Register at www.chabadberkeley.org; call 510/540-5824 or email chabadberkeley@gmail.com

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - Saturday, May 23rd - Sunday, May 24th, from 6:00 pm '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.

calendars now! More info at <http://www.limmudbayarea.org/>

Volunteer Request: We are looking for volunteers for this year's Tikkun Leyl Shavuot! Please contact Lauren Greis at tikkun@jcceastbay.org or 847-606-0744. Join us in celebrating Shavuot!

Camp Gan Israel, June 22- August 6, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

At beautiful North Lake Temescal. Early and late care. Transportation from North Berkeley BART.

Camp Gan Israel enriches the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a meaningful camp experience.

Tiny Tots program, ages 4-6. Overnights for older campers, swimming with optional instruction, fishing, hiking, planting, arts 'n crafts, martial arts, ceramics, sports and games, twice weekly trips, plus challah baking and Shabbat party every week.

Electives are run by professional instructors. Our Camp Directors have many years of day camp experience.

Our caring counselors teach and encourage children to bring out the best in them.

Register here: <http://www.ganisraelberkeley.com>. For any details, campganisraelberkeley@gmail.com

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.

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.

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day at UC Berkeley

Sunday 5/3/15 11:00-2:00pm

Berkeley's Jewish Student Union is proud to present Israel's Independence Day 2015! Join us on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 11am - 2pm for a barbecue, Israeli music, watermelon eating contests, and much much more! The FREE event will be at the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Plaza at California Memorial Stadium and is open to all U.C. Berkeley students and the community at large.

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).