



**Weekday Morning and Evening Services**

**May 1-5**

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • Mo-Th 6:30 am  
Evening: Sun-F: 7:50 pm

**Friday night, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**14<sup>th</sup> day of the Omer**

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 ..... 7:47 pm

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service .....9:15 am  
Childcare .....9:15 am  
Torah Reader: **Raphael Magarik**  
Haftorah Reader: **Jeremy Evnine**  
Formal Group Time: .....10:45 am  
Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona (K-2): **Lital Nagar & Yael Birnbaum**  
Negba (3rd-5th): **Maharat Victoria Sutton**  
Parent Supervisors: **Hilla Abel and Asaf Shor**

**Sermon by R. Cohen**

Shabbat Mincha ..... 7:30 pm  
Seudah Shelishit..... 7:50 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 8:49 pm

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

**Aron & Rejin Menda** in honor of Beth Israel; **Bella & Ron Barany** celebrating the liberation of Amsterdam on May 5, 1945; **Nell, R' Chaim and Bear Mahgel-Friedman** in honor of Raizel Amidah's 8th Birthday

**ROSH CHODESH IYAR**

**Saturday night, Sunday & Monday, May 8th & 9th**

Shacharit Sunday .....8:00 am  
Shacharit Monday.....6:30 am



**An Evening with Shaharit's Founding Director, Dr. Eilon Schwartz**  
**Haredi, Religious and Secular, Jews and Arabs, Sephardim and Ashkenazim: An Unlikely Coalition Re-imagining Israel's Future**  
**Sunday, May 8 6:15-7:45 PM @ CBI**

Shaharit: Creating Common Cause was founded in 2012 as a movement to make Israel a society that every ethnic and social group can call home. As a young country that faces many existential threats, both internal and external, Israel's future depends on our ability to forge the type of society that effectively addresses the needs of all its members and fosters a sense of common purpose and destiny.

**YOM HAZIKARON/ DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS**

**Tuesday night & Wednesday, May 10th & 11th**

Shacharit .....6:30 am

**YOM HA'ATZMA'UT—TEKES MA'AVAR - TRANSITION CEREMONY**

**Wednesday night & Thursday, May 11th & 12th**

Join us as we mark the transition from commemorating Yom Ha'Zikaron, Memorial Day, to celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Independence Day. We will honor the memories of those who have fallen this year, and express our gratitude for the Land of Israel.

Shacharit Monday .....6:30 am  
\*Mincha .....7:50 pm  
Tekes Maavar with Celebratory Ma'ariv & Hallel .....8:15 pm  
\*NOTE: An alternate Ma'ariv will be held in the Beit Midrash library directly following Mincha.

**Thursday, May 12th**

Celebratory Shacharit with Hallel .....6:30 am

**Friday, May 13th**

**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.

Pre-Mincha Class ..... 6:30 PM  
Hagai Aharoni will be speaking about his work with at risk youth in Israel through theater and Bibliodrama.  
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 7 PM  
Shabbat Dinner ..... 7:45 PM  
Talk with Hagai Aharoni: 8:30 PM following dinner

Hagai Aharoni will share his experiences, challenges and successes as part of the inner circle of Roots.  
\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$45 maximum per family. Register & pay through our website or the CBI office.  
RSVP by 12PM Wednesday, May 11 to reserve your spot

**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**

**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

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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. **Class resumes on May 13.**

**R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 am**

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Beth Israel

**Kiddush in Celebration of Maharat Victoria Sutton:** Please join us for Shabbat Kedoshim (May 14) as we celebrate the extension of Maharat Victoria Sutton's tenure at CBI. Contributions for the Kiddush can be made through our website or the CBI office.

**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 even 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](mailto: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 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!

#### **SISTERHOOD CJM DOCENT TOUR**

**Tuesday, May 10, 10:30 am**

The Sisterhood is having a docent led tour at the CJM. We will be seeing the Bill Graham Rock and Roll Experience.

All are welcome. Email [sabrinadkabella@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinadkabella@gmail.com)

#### **NCSY:**

**Six Flags on Sunday May 15th from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM.**

\$57 for daily ticket, lunch and transportation.

RSVP before April 28 at : [cohen@ncsy.org](mailto:cohen@ncsy.org)

Save the Date – Spring Regional: May 27th – May 30th in Anaheim.

#### **SISTERHOOD & HADASSAH INVITE YOU TO:**

##### **NOVEL DEBUT**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 PM**

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. There is no charge but you **MUST** RSVP to [maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com)

*In memory of Anna S. Lev-Toaff, MD*

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

## In the Community

**Erev Yom Hazikaron: Israel's Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016 @ 7 PM**

Ma'ariv Memorial Service with R. Creditor Followed by the film "One Battle Too Many - The Cameras Left, Only We Remain". The last, savage battle of the Yom Kippur war was fought after a ceasefire was declared. Not primarily a war story, One Battle Too Many traces the efforts of producer Yoel Sharon to locate his fellow survivors and document each one's efforts to come to terms with the aftermath of the battle over the past forty years. The film will be followed by a discussion led by Josh Gressel. Congregation Netivot Shalom. 1316 University Ave., Berkeley

Tehiyah is a progressive Jewish community day school in El Cerrito with students in Bridge-Kindergarten through 8th grade from across the East Bay.

**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.

**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.

Email Director of Admissions, Michelle Tirella-Ventura with questions: 510.233.3013 x 239

**Beth Jacob Women's Mikvah Opening Celebration:** The CBI community is warmly invited for a slideshow presentation on the architecture and halachic process behind the construction of Beth Jacob's new Women's Mikvah along with guided tours of the new mikvah facility. **Sunday, May 8th from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

#### **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

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**SUMMER IN JERUSALEM!!!!** If you are interested in spending summer in wonderful Jerusalem, our apartment will be available for a reduced rate while we are traveling. It is in one of the best locations of The City with bus lines to anywhere half a block away. It is a 2 bedroom apt., furnished with everything anyone would need (washer, TV, kosher kitchen, microwave, linens, wi-fi, etc. etc.) Walking distance to Old City, Jerusalem theater, Great Synagogue, OU Center, Bet Avi Chai (excellent classes, lectures, performances), Hartman Institute. Our cat would like to stay in the apt. and brings a substantial rent reduction for her (minimal) care, someone to talk with her once in a while. Please spread the word and email us for more details. Photos available. John Pilkington and Linda Levy [jpilk@aol.com](mailto:jpilk@aol.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](mailto:avraham@mindspring.com).