



Weekday Morning and Evening Services — November 13-17

Morning: Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am

Evening: Sun -Th 4:40 pm

Friday night, November 11th

Northside Minyan @ Gessow home, 1315 Bonita Ave., Berkeley 4:40 pm

Candle Lighting4:42 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI.....4:45 pm

Saturday, November 12th

Morning Service9:15 am

Childcare9:15 am

Torah Readers: **Na'aman Kam**

Haftorah Reader: **Eliahu Klein**

Formal Group Time:10:30 am

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

Tzafona (K-2): **Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**

Parent Supervisors: **Tania & Muni Schweig**

Sermon by R. Cohen: *Sail On, Sail On Oh Mighty Ship of State—Tensions in the Search for the Promised Land*

Shabbat Mincha12:30 pm

Women's Mincha service (see details below) **4:00 pm**

Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning **4:30 pm**

Seudah Shlishit4:45 pm

Seudah Shlishit (Third Meal) learning with R. Cohen: *Are We*

Commanded to Settle the Land of Israel? Parshat Lech-Lecha marks the very beginning of our people's journey to the Promised Land. Despite the centrality of the land of Israel, the Rambam does not include settling the land of Israel among the 613 mitzvot. Join us as we explore this important halakhic issue through the sources of our tradition.

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 5:40 pm

KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

Noah and Hope Alper in honor of Hope reaching the age of Medicare, Noah the age of "wisdom", and our 30th anniversary

Lisa and Jory Gessow in memory of the second yearzeit of Lisa's mother, Velma Galblum ((Fruma bat Moshe)

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Desmid Lyon & Rona Teitelman

Women's Tefillah—November 12

Join us for our monthly women's tefillah meeting, including Shabbat

Mincha with Torah reading,

followed by women's seudah shelishit and learning.

All are welcome to stay for Ma'ariv and havdallah with community.

4 pm -Women's Tefillah Shabbat Mincha with Torah

4:30 pm - Women's Tefillah Seudah shelishit and Learning with Dr.

Cynthia Scheinberg and Bat Sheva Miller

Middle-schoolers are warmly invited to join our Bnot Sherut,

Chani and Hadassa, for

Pizza making and Peilot

This Saturday Night, November 12

6:30 - 8:30 PM @ CBI

RSVP to *Maharat Victoria Sutton*

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Daniel & Ezra with M. Victoria Sutton: These narratives tell the story of the Jewish people between the First and Second Temples. From the writing on the wall to the lion's den, we will explore the life and times of the prophet Daniel in the Babylonian court. Next, we turn to Ezra haSofer, the pivotal figure in returning the people, and Torah, from the Babylonian exile to Jerusalem. As we journey through this critical time in Jewish history, we will learn about these amazing figures, their challenges and choices, and how they can inform our own experiences both in the Diaspora and in Israel.

M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm. Resumes November 14.

Humility - A Modest Attempt to Go Deeper: Join us as we explore the concept of humility as it is discussed in major texts from the Mussar movement and Jewish philosophical writings. Is humility a spiritual or emotional disposition or a type of behavior? In developing personality traits, do we first focus on actions and deeds or on our internal state?

R. Yonatan Cohen – Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. November 21, 28

NCSY LNL – Latte & Learning (for Teens; Grades 9-12)

Latte & Learning brings Judaism to local coffee shops and serves up Torah in a relaxed and fun setting. LNL is the place for teens to ask questions, voice their feelings, and connect with each other.

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. • Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley

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 • Wednesday • 4:15-5:45 pm

Open Sources - Beit Midrash

Learn independently with a *hevruta* (study partner) OR Study the weekly Torah portion with Maharat Victoria Sutton

Learners of all levels welcome -- Savor the Soup of the Week as you learn

Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact

Maharat Victoria Sutton maharatvictoria@gmail.com with any questions, and we will help you find a partner and get started!

A Beit Midrash is a welcoming space to learn and discuss Jewish texts.

Looking forward to learning together!

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 pm

Jewish philosophers: The class is currently reading "**A Living Covenant:**

The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism" by world-renowned philosopher and social activist, Dr. David Hartman (z"l), the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

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 Nov. 4, 11, 18 & Dec. 9, 16

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.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Baruch Dayan Emet: We deeply regret to inform you of the passing last week in Washington State of Ida Cunradi, beloved mother of Jim Cunradi and mother in law of Carol Cunradi. The family is together in San Diego for the funeral. We look forward to welcoming Jim back once the family returns to our community and sharing our condolences and comfort at that time.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon

VeYerushalayim. May God comfort the family and all others who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem

Shifra Puah: Mazal Tov! to Linda Lantos and Josh Reich, and big brother Noam. A great way to support the family at this time is to bring them a meal. Please sign up at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/y6m0ny> to provide a meal.

NCSY

- Rabbi Dardik will be giving a Gap Year Info Session on Motzei Shabbat, November 12th 7:30-9pm to all juniors and seniors interested in hearing about the benefits of attending a gap year, as well as the many programs that are available. More details to follow.
- All high school daughters and mothers are welcome to a women only Challah Bake on Thursday night, November 17th from 7:30-9pm led by Ariella Weinstein at BJC. Come learn about the beautiful mitzvah of Hafrashat Challah and take home your own challah and help bake challot for our Shabbaton as well!
- Save the date! November 18-20th will be our "American NinJew Warrior" Shabbaton at the La Quinta Inn/CBI. Cost: \$160, Early Bird Coast: \$145 until Friday, November 4th! Sign-up now at [norcal.ncsy.org!](http://norcal.ncsy.org)

Ariella Weinstein, West Coast NCSY Advisor Coordinator, NorCal NCSY Interim Director weinsteina@ncsy.org

CBI SISTERHOOD

The next Stitch meeting will be held on **Monday, November 14**, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the home of Joan Brodsky, 1655 Hopkins, Berkeley. (Go up the stairs at the front of the house.) 510-525-5953 Please RSVP to Joan at 510-525-5953 (jbrod5@aol.com) or Rose at 510-525-3906 (rosebins@gmail.com)

Holiday Dinner Drive Benefiting the Alameda County Community Food Bank: 116,000 people (1 in 5) residents of Alameda County rely on Food Bank services. These households are often faced with impossible decisions between rent or gas and food. A holiday meal is simply out of the question. Please give generously to this year's Holiday Dinner Drive, and help the Food Bank reach their goal of providing 16,000 of our neighbors with healthy holiday meals. Your donation of \$30 provides 6 family meals, your donation of \$100 provides 20 family meals. You can make your contribution online <https://donate.accfb.org/hdd-bethisrael>. If sending in a check to the CBI office, **please do not write your check to CBI** but instead to "ACCFB."

In the Community

The Bagel and the Archive: Celebrating Noah's Bagels Legacy at The Magnes — Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016; 10 a.m.-Noon, located at 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley. RSVP is required to attend this event. <http://www.magnes.org/visit/exhibitions-programs/programs>

The Magnes is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Noah's New

York Bagels Collection (1989-1996) documenting the early history of Noah's New York Bagels. Founded in Berkeley by Noah Alper, resident entrepreneur, consultant, and philanthropist, the Noah's Bagels brand rose to national prominence as the largest kosher retailer in the U.S., until sold to Einstein Bros. Bagels in 1996. Noah's neighborhood stores, which Alper referred to as "unapologetically Jewish," served as a popular community gathering place for all manner of West Coast Jews. Among the materials now archived at The Magnes are business records, photographs, memorabilia, recordings of radio and television broadcasts, promotional t-shirts, and even a beach towel with the Noah's logo.

The program will include an intimate display of select items from the collection, Noah Alper's own reminiscences about the early days of the business, and of course a bagel-based reception (shmeor provided).

Sunday, November 13, 7:30 pm: Concert—Music by Aaron Blumenfeld Psalm Songs: Prayer of Supplication and Songs of Biblical Women On Poems by Berkeley poet Judith Goldhaber

Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit St., Oakland, CA. Admission: \$15 at gate.

Dads Support Group: A Breather for Fathers of Kids 0-5, beginning November 30 with concrete tools for navigating stress and relationships. 6 Wednesdays, 630 pm-8 pm at the Rockridge Wellness Center, 5327 College Ave. Cost \$180; facilitated by William Selig, PsyD, MFA, a psychotherapist and a father. For more information or to sign up, go to www.williamselig.com/dads or contact Dr. Selig at 510-559-0927 or dr@silliamselig.com.

CABARET BY THE BAY in San Rafael presented by KlezCalifornia, Osher Marin JCC and New Yiddish Theater, Sunday, November 20, 5 pm Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael

Tickets: \$10 - \$20, kids 6 - 12 free with an adult Info and/or tickets: www.KlezCalifornia.org or call 415.789.7679.

KLEZCALIFORNIA YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL, Sunday, December 4, 1:00 -7:00pm at the JCC East Bay, Berkeley. Workshops for kids/families, instrumental music, singing, dancing, lectures, theater. 5:00 pm Cabaret by the Bay featuring some of the Bay Area's greatest entertainers, Festival Pass savings, individual event tickets, program details: klezcalifornia.org/events/2016-berkeley, KlezCalifornia Yiddish Culture Festival page on Facebook, or 415.789.7679.

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.

StandWithUs Northern California Leaders of Tomorrow 2016

(@ private home, address given upon registration)

WHEN: Sunday, November 13, 2016

6 PM Reception and Art Show | 7 PM Program

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mohammad Zoabi

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Student leader Nathan Bentolila

Registration and tickets here:

<https://www.standwithus.com/ppsc/NorCal2016.asp>

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*).