



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

November 15-19

Sun, 8:00 am • M– Fri 6:30 am  
Sunday–Thursday @ CBI: 4:45 pm

**Friday, November 13th**

Candle Lighting ..... 4:41 pm  
Northside Minyan @ Gessow Home..... 4:45 pm  
1315 Bonita Ave., Berkeley  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 4:45 pm  
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:45 pm  
Tot Dinner (registration is closed) ..... 5:30 pm

**Saturday, November 14th**

Morning Service .....9:15 am  
Torah Reader: **Udi Oster**  
Haftarah Reader: **Mark Schickman**  
Childcare .....9:30 am  
Youth Programming.....10:45 am  
Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona (K-2)nd grade): **Joel Resnikoff**  
Negba (3-5th grade): **Maharat Victoria Sutton**  
**Sermon by R. Cohen: Here and now or much later? Esau vs. Jacob**  
Mincha ..... 12:30 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:40 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:40 pm

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HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal

**Save the Date! December 12**

Tot Chanukah Seudah Shelishit — Havdalah & Menorah Lighting

**Beth Israel Classes**

TUESDAY

**In the Beginning & On Beginnings**

How does the story of the Jewish people begin? The Torah, the Mishnah, the Passover Haggadah, Rashi, Maimonides, the Shulchahn Aruch, and Israel's Declaration of Independence tell different tales. Join us as we learn to recount our people's story anew.

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 8:00 pm, Nov. 17, 24**

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. Meets weekly, ongoing.

**Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays @ 11:00 am**  
**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. **Class does not meet this Friday, Nov. 13 or Dec. 4.**

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

**Visiting Scholars**

**Shabbat Shalem with Rabba Yaffa Epstein — December 18-19**

Yaffa Epstein serves as the Director of Education, North America for the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. She received Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshivat Maharat and holds a Law Degree from Bar-Ilan University. She has studied at the Pardes Kollel, the Advanced Talmud Institute at Matan and the Talmud Department of Hebrew University.

**Shabbat Shalem with Dr. Elie Holzer — January 29-30, 2016**

Dr. Elie Holzer serves as a Senior Lecturer at the Bar-Ilan University Churgin School of Education and as assistant editor of the International Journal of Jewish Education Research. Dr. Holzer holds a BA in psychology and Jewish thought from Bar-Ilan University, and an MA and PhD in Jewish Thought from the Hebrew University. He is the author of numerous publications in education and Jewish thought.

**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In Beth Israel**

**SCRIP NEWS: The time of year is near!** Purchase your Chanukah/end-of-year gifts, and help help CBI financially at the same time by buying gift cards through our scrip program! We offer Peet's \$20 gift certificates and Afikomen gift cards (great for all Chanukah-related items, including candles an gelt). We also have a lengthy list of popular websites that offer

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scrip program - please let Maureen know if you would like information for these sites (these include Lands Ends, Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Macy's, to name a few). We also sell \$100 Berkeley Bowl scrip ALL YEAR LONG. Please let us know if we can deliver scrip cards to you! Please contact Naomi Stamper [nstamper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nstamper@sbcglobal.net) or Maureen Krantz [mokrantz@gmail.com](mailto:mokrantz@gmail.com).

**Yvette Hoffer June Gala photo book:** Last chance to see the photo book from June Gala "Back to the future" by Yvette Hoffer (next to daf near front door). Copies can be ordered. Call 510-847-3558.

**Cook for the Shelter—Wednesday, November 18th 5-7:30 PM** at Berkeley Men's Shelter. CBI and NCSY middle-schoolers team up to cook and serve a fresh, delicious dinner at the Berkeley Men's Shelter (1931 Center Street). No cooking experience necessary! Please RSVP so we know how many volunteers will be coming.

**Women's Tefillah - Shabbat November 21:** Women are invited to participate in a women's tefillah group that will meet at CBI on Shabbat afternoon, November 21st. Mincha and Torah reading will be followed by seudah shelishit and learning. Participants are welcome to join the main minyan for Maariv and Havdallah. (See schedule below).

Shabbat November 21st, Women's Mincha and Torah Reading

(Parashat Vayishlah): 4:15 pm

Seduah shelishit and Learning: 4:40 pm

Maariv and Havdallah: 5:35 pm

If you interested in attending or participating by reading Torah, acting as gabbai or other roles, please take a moment to fill out this form. Your participation and feedback is essential to having more opportunities for women's tefillah in the coming months.

Feel free to reach out to Tamara Beliak with any questions you may have: [t\\_beliak@yahoo.com](mailto:t_beliak@yahoo.com)

We warmly invite the entire Beth Israel community to join us in celebration as **Nina Malka Smith becomes a Bat Mitzvah on Friday, November 27** (Thanksgiving Weekend). Services will begin at 4:30pm promptly. Nina will lead Kabbalat Shabbat and give a drasha at the end of services, followed by a vegetarian dairy dinner. We hope you can join us! Jeremy, Iris, Maya, Ravenna and Eliza

#### NCSY:

- **My Israel Shabbaton in Oakland for 9th -12th graders: November 13th and 14th.** Israel is in the headlines. We read about it, we pray about it, and we hear about it in the news. Israel is everywhere! But what is Israel for you? Explore your connection to Israel with your friends, advisors, and Israel educators at this incredibly fun Shabbaton. Enjoy awesome speakers from Israel – Rabbi Judah Dardik from Yeshivat Orayta and Rabbi David Katz from MMY Seminary. Explore the possibility of an Israel experience with Elliot Tanzman, Director of Summer Recruitment for NCSY, and with beloved NCSY advisors. For more information or to RSVP, visit [norcal.ncsy.org](http://norcal.ncsy.org).
- **Israel Program Info Session for Parents and Students: Sunday, November 15th from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at BJC Oakland.** Come learn about the amazing opportunities available to attend an Israel Summer Program and some of the Gap Year programs available. program that will be attended:

NCSY Summer, Beyond, JCC Macabi, Tel Aviv University, Young Judea, The Jerusalem Journey, Young Judea, Derech Eretz, Lindenbaum, Midreshet Harovah, Orayta, Eretz Hatzvi, and more... All who attend with a parent will receive \$100 off the NCSY summer program of your choice. Please RSVP to [avia@israelspirit.com](mailto:avia@israelspirit.com)

- **Light a Candle - December 6** save the date for Chanuka Teen Chessed program.

**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

## In the Community

**Sing-along Night @ Congregation Netivot Shalom, Sunday, November 15, 7:00 pm:** Songs in the Israeli Hassidic Style with the Lammah Lo Trio and special guest singer Rivka Amado. Cost: \$10 students free, no one turned away for lack of funds. This musical event is dedicated to Daniel Pearl as part of the 14th Annual Daniel Pearl World. RSVP to [vezotyisrael@netivotshalom.org](mailto:vezotyisrael@netivotshalom.org), walk-ins also welcome

Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay invites you to **Behind the Headlines: A Jewish Community Briefing on the Global Refugee Crisis**. Speakers include Mark Hetfield, President & CEO of HIAS; Randa Asalfi, JFCS East Bay Resettlement Case Manager and Syrian immigrant; Subhi Nahas, Syrian refugee resettled by JFCS East Bay; and Avi Rose, JFCS East Bay Executive Director. **Sunday, November 15, 4 to 6pm, Temple Sinai, Oakland.** Further details can be found here: <http://jfcs-eastbay.org/behind-the-headlines/>. Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and other local organizations.

#### OHDS

**Preschool Open Art Studio — Tuesday, November 17**

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Art Studio, Oakland Hebrew Day School

Bring your 4-5 year old to experience the joy of Morah Laurie's art studio! Enjoy the opportunity for your child to play with different art mediums such as printmaking, collage, construction work and screen printing, while absorbing themselves in the process of creating. Spots are limited, so kindly RSVP to Philippa Lichterman, Admissions Director: [plichterman@ohds.org](mailto:plichterman@ohds.org) or 510-531-8600 ext. 12.

OHDS announces a new transitional kindergarten program for the 2016-17 school year! If you have a child born in the late summer or fall who may benefit from another year before kindergarten, please contact Philippa Lichterman: [plichterman@ohds.org](mailto:plichterman@ohds.org) or 510-531-8600 ext. 12.

**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](mailto:avraham@mindspring.com).