CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT TOLDOT
Scholar in Residence Dr. Esther Fisher

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2017 — 29 CHESHVAN, 5778

Weekday Morning and Evening Services
November 19-23
Morning: Sun, Th 8:00 am • M-W 6:30 am
Evening: Su-Th @ CBI 4:40 pm

Dr. Esther Fisher is a graduate of Midreshet Ein Hanatziv's first class. She has been teaching Gemara, Rabbinic Literature and gender studies at the Midrasha for the last ten years. Esther holds a BA and MA in Talmud from Hebrew University and is a graduate of Kerem Institute for teacher's training and of Matan. She is holds a doctorate in Gender Studies from Bar Ilan University. Esther is the mother of five and lives on Merav.

Friday night, November 17
Northside minyan at Sudikoff Home ..... 4:40 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting ..... 4:38 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:45 pm

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner for Families with Young Children
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat @ Gan Shalom ..... 4:40 pm
Dinner at CBI (registration is closed at this time)..... 5:20 pm
Save the Date: *Next Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner: January 5th*

Saturday, November 18
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am
Childcare ..... 9:15 am
Torah Reader: **Zeev Neumeier**
Haftorah Reader: **Michael Diamond**
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am
Kedma: **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona (K-2): **Shira Desta**
Negba: **Jacob Schwartz**
Parent supervisor**: Gabriella Rosen Kellerman & Jesse Kellerman**
Sermon by Dr. Esther Fisher: *It Takes a Trio: On Parents, Children and the Presence of G-D*
Mincha ..... 12:30 pm
Women's Seudah Shelishit & learning at the home of M. Victoria Sutton w/Dr. Esther Fisher: "She went to inquire of the Lord" (*VaTelech Lidrosh et Hashem*): An Inquiry of Women's Role in (Beit) Midrash ..... 4:00 pm
Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:35 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah @ CBI & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:37 pm
Mishmash ..... 6:15 pm

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HACHNASSAT ORCHIM
Judy & Glenn Massarano

Kiddush Wine: Covenant Winery with special thanks to the Morgan Family

ROSH CHODESH KISLEV
Saturday night & Sunday, November 18-19
Shacharit Sunday..... 8:00 am

Calling all Teens & Tweens- Help us Spruce up one of our Sifrei Torah
Join us this Sunday morning after Shacharit, 8:45 AM - 10 AM, as we clean one of our Torah scrolls. Roll up you sleeves and get hands on experiential knowledge of the inside of a Sefer Torah. Teens 6th grade and above encouraged to participate in this unique mitzvah opportunity. Please RSVP to Maharat Victoria Sutton.

THANKSGIVING & FRIDAY
November 23-24
CBI Office closed
Shacharit Thursday/Friday ..... 8:00 am

Shabbat Shalem with Victoria Hanna, December 1-2
Jerusalem based artist, Victoria Hanna, is a world-renowned composer, creator, performer, researcher, and teacher of voice and language. The daughter of an ultra-orthodox rabbi, she has been greatly influenced by her childhood environment. In her work, she deploys a variety of vocal techniques in the performance of ancient and modern Hebrew texts, among them Sefer Yetzirah (Book of Creation), an early Kabbalistic treatise. Victoria Hanna's residency at The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life is made possible in partnership with the Schusterman Visiting Artist Program of The Israel Institute, which is dedicated to enhancing knowledge and study of modern Israel.
Friday, December 1
Communal Dinner ..... 5:20 pm
RSVP by Tuesday, November 28th; please register early!
$10 per child, student, & young professional, $18 per adult, $50 maximum per family
Shir HaShirim and the Hebrew alphabet - A Workshop ..... 6:45 pm
Saturday, December 2
Musical exploration and performance with Victoria Hanna..... 7:00 pm

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY
Key Books in Tanach: Daniel, Ezra & Nehemiah with Maharat Victoria Sutton: These narratives tell the story of the Jewish people between the

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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 and Nehemia, pivotal figures in the establishment of the Second Commonwealth. 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.

TUESDAY

Laws of Shabbat: In this class we will re-use R. Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear and concise halakhic (Jewish legal) writings as a springboard to deepen our understanding and our observance of the laws of Shabbat. Each class will focus on a specific area of religious practice and move from general principle to practical details. **Class does not meet on November 21.**
R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm.

Voices of Zionism w/Steve Zipperstein: In a series of presentations, we will explore the full range of Jewish voices wrestling within the Zionist movement. We'll examine Zionist dreams and realities, concepts of home, refuge, liberation and catastrophe in a complex and fractious movement. Among the thinkers evaluated will be Leon Pinsker, Ahad Ha'am, Theodor Herzl, Jabotinsky, and Rav Kook.
Steven J. Zipperstein is the Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History at Stanford. He is the author and editor of eight books including "Elusive Prophet: Ahad Ha'am and the Origins of Zionism" (1993) which won the National Jewish Book Award and has been translated into Hebrew. His most recent book, published by WW Norton early next year, is entitled "Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History." Zipperstein is an editor of Yale's "Jewish Lives" series, an editorial board member of Jewish Review of Books and lives in Berkeley with his wife Susan Berrin.
Steve Zipperstein — Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm, Nov. 28, Dec. 5

Latte N Learn: at the Starbucks at 2128 Oxford St in Berkeley. Rabbi Akiva can carpool to and from Beth Jacob if you reserve a spot that day. Also parental permission must be given via email. Carpool leaves at 7:10 and is back by 9:00. 8th graders invited too!
R. Akiva Naiman — Mondays @ 7:30 pm @ Starbucks

WEDNESDAY

Open Sources - Beit Midrash: Beit Midrash: Learn independently with a hevruta (study partner). Learners of all levels welcome. Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact M. Victoria Sutton with any questions maharatvictoria@gmail.com and we will help you find a partner and get started!
Hilchot Shabbat Chabura - Guided small group study of the Laws of Shabbat: Parallel to Rabbi Cohen's Laws of Shabbat class, the group will use R Eliezer Melamed's Laws of Shabbat to deepen their understanding of Shabbat observance. Please let Maharat Victoria Sutton know if you would like to join. Book available for order at Afikomen. ***Begins Wednesday, November 15th.***
M. Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:45 —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. **Class does not meet November 24.**
R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

SATURDAY

Study of Kima Kima (Step by Step) by Rabbi Chaim Drukman: Kima examines the sources that deal with the redemption of the Jewish people from the Bible, Talmud, Midrashim and the early Rabbinic sources. Kima Kima provides deep insights into modern Israeli Orthodox thought and philosophy of delivery from exile to redemption and the important part that the State of Israel has played in this process. **On hiatus this week.**
R. David Rue — Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am

The Poetry of Rav Kook with R. David Rue—Shabbat Day: We will be studying the poetry (primarily) of Rav Kook that has been turned into songs. Each class will meet in the beit midrash during kiddush, 15 minutes after kiddush begins. **Begins November 25.**
R. David Rue — Saturdays, 15 minutes after Kiddush begins

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
In Beth Israel

CBI'S HOLIDAY DINNER DRIVE FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY: 1 in 5 people in Alameda County rely on the food bank. The holiday season brings stress and an added burden to our neighbors, especially in an area with such a high cost of living. Many find themselves making impossible decisions — between food and rent, food and gas, or even food or medicine. A joyous holiday meal is often out of reach.
For every $1 you donate, the Alameda County Community Food Bank can provide $6 worth of food. Please give generously! This year, your contribution will go twice as far thanks to the Koret Foundation, which is matching all gifts, dollar-for-dollar, up to $25,000. You can donate online here: **https://share.accfb.org/team/140350** or send a check payable to ACCFB to Congregation Beth Israel, Attention Holiday Dinner Drive (please do not make your check payable to CBI). Thank you for investing in a stronger, more nourished Alameda County—this holiday season and beyond.

Sandel Family Shifra Puah: Mazal Tov! to Tamar and Ory Sandel, big sisters Talya and Gaby and big brother Eytan on the birth of a baby boy Erez Leor Chayim. A great way to support the family is to bring them a meal. Please sign up here: http://mealmein.com/helpout/tf8s9
Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov! to parents Joshua and Rivkie Schickman and big brother Jacob, and to grandparents Mark and Susan Schickman and Zvi & Sarah Elfbaum of West Hartford, CT on the birth of a baby girl in New York. 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. Mazal tov!

NCSY—UPCOMING EVENTS

West Coast Shabbat 9-12th graders
November 18th, Limmud Shabbaton: For the first time ever - NCSY and Limmud FSU are joining together for an exciting and inspiring Shabbaton with some of the most renowned Jewish speakers from around the world and some incredible Saturday night activities, such as Glow in the dark dodgeball, and Virtual Reality machines!!

Israel Scholars Program: We all know how important it is to learn about Israel and to stand up for it! To get ready for the battleground on college campuses regarding Israel, we need to start preparing NOW. Join our FREE online course to with educators from America and Israel. We will also be going to Aipac for those who are interested. Click here for more info and to sign up: https://goo.gl/r8kfBG

iLearn: iLearn is back! No need to do anything differently - just come to all the NCSY events that you already love, and get points for everything you do! Prizes ranging from SWAG package to flying an airplane! Check it out here! https://goo.gl/5wYeh8

National Yarchei Kallah! BEST. WINTER BREAK. EVER.
December 25th - 31st at the Stamford Hilton, in Connecticut
Exploring the Power of our Thoughts and Prayers
Yarchei Kallah in New York is "The Ultimate Learning Experience." Join your friends for the best and most meanigful week of your life!
Meet teens from across North America - Relax in a beautiful hotel - Explore your Jewish heritage in creative and engaging ways - Spend time touring and shopping in New York City!
Early Bird: $599 (Until November 27th) - Includes airfare, all lodging, food and activities. (Requires a deposit of $199)
Regular Price: $699 (Available from November 27th) - Includes airfare, all lodging, food and activities. (Requires a deposit of $500)
If you would like to fly on frequent flyer points, the price for the Shabbaton is $299. Please be in touch with Rabbi Akiva Naiman @ naimana@ncsy.org directly to set that up.
Sign up here!!! https://westcoast.ncsy.org/events/196020/national-yarchei-kallah-nyc/

December 16th: Chanuka Shabbaton in Oakland! Shabaton will end Saturday night with an EPIC Chanuka party!

Donate your car/boat/vehicle to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Proceeds benefit Gan Shalom Preschool Scholarship Fund. Contact David Spieler: 510-849-0961.

In the Community

Berkeley Half Marathon - street closures, bus routes and detours: If you're planning to be biking, driving or taking a bus through Berkeley on Sunday on Sunday Nov. 19 from 8am to 12:30 pm, prepare for street closures, re-routed bus routes or altered parking restrictions. The main race starts at 8am in the Civic Center Park area and the awards Ceremony and Finish Line festivities at Berkeley High School are scheduled from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

Screening at Netivot—Near Normal Man: Please join us on Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 pm in the CNS Social Hall for a screening of the documentary film Near Normal Man, produced and directed by long-time CNS member Charlene Stern.
The film stars Charlene's father, Holocaust survivor Ben Stern, who tells a riveting cautionary tale about the consequences of hate speech going unchecked. There will be a Q&A section to follow where participants will get a chance to discuss the film. This is a free event, though donations are appreciated. We hope to see you there!
"An extraordinary film...a searing account...of personal endurance, perseverance and courage." - Troy Duster PhD, Professor Emeritus at UC Berkeley

GRAND BAKERY

Grand Bakery has been baking hand-crafted, kosher goods in Oakland since 1959. Today, we have transitioned to a wholesale business, selling directly to stores, schools, and institutions throughout the Bay Area. We also cater special orders and deliver to schools and community centers. Grand Bakery's mission is to bring people together around food, to delivery kosher goods to the communities all over the Bay Area, and to foster friendships between people of all walks of life.

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