



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

November 22-26

Sun, 8:00 am • M– W 6:30 am , Th-F 8:00 am
Sunday–Thursday @ CBI: 4:40 pm

Friday, November 20th

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff Home 4:35 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 4:36 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 4:40 pm

Saturday, November 21st

Morning Service9:15 am
Torah Reader: **Udi Oster**
Haftorah Reader: **Mark Schickman**
Childcare.....9:30 am
Youth Programming.....10:45 am
Yama: Tot Shabbat: **Natan Kuchar** (11 am)
Kedma (3-5 years old): **Lili Kuchar**
Tzafona (K-2)nd grade): **Lital Nagar and Yael Birnbaum**
Negba (3-5th grade): **Ari Weber**
Sermon by R. Cohen: *The Merits of Communal Prayer (Every Day!)*
Mincha 12:30 pm
Board member:
Women’s Mincha and Torah Reading 4:00 pm
Mincha: **Yonit Hochberg**
Torah Readers: **SaraLeya Schley, Ofrah Goldberg, Dori Parker**
Seudah Shlishit 4:35 pm
Seudah Shelishit & Class for Women w/Dr. Tamara Beliak..... 4:40 pm
Ma’ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 5:36 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Fran Alexander in memory of Ernie Alexander, z"l;
Melissa & Guy Harel in celebration of Judah's 1st birthday

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Miriam Petruck

The Berkeley Half Marathon will be happening this Sunday morning.
Expect parking restrictions around CBI and road closures. For more information: <http://berkeleyhalf.com/race-day-traffic-advisory/>

Sunday, November 22

7:30 PM @ CBI

Haverut - Spiritual Care in Israel, with Founder Rachel Fox-Ettun

Haverut (Friendship and Connection in Hebrew) was established by Rachel Fox -Ettun, a family therapist specializing in work with families coping with chronic illness, loss and bereavement. Rachel founded Haverut in memory of her daughter Ruth, who died of Cystic Fibrosis at the age of eleven and a half. Haverut empowers the medical world by facilitating genuine connections between caregivers, patients and the healing environment through the use of spirituality, creativity and community.

THANKSGIVING

Thursday & Friday, November 26-27

CBI OFFICE CLOSED

Shacharit.....8:00 am

Nina Malka Smith Bat Mitzvah

Friday, November 28

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

Save the Date! December 12

Tot Chanukah Seudah Shelishit
Havdalah & Menorah Lighting

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. **Starting November 30, the class will meet on Mondays at noon going forward. Maharat Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm, starting Nov. 30**

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 Shulcahn 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. 24

WEDNESDAY

Book of Jeremiah with Maharat Victoria Sutton: please note the class is **not meeting November 25th** and will resume on Monday, November 30 at 12 pm, continuing on Mondays at noon going forward.
Maharat Victoria Sutton — please note change of date/time

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

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.

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 is on hiatus, resumes December 11.**
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

Final Chance to Claim Lost & Found at Shul: Please make sure to retrieve your lost items at shul by this weekend, we will be giving all items left behind to a charitable organization next week.

Holiday Food Drive: please consider giving to the Alameda County Community Food Bank's holiday food drive, which serves 1 in 5 Alameda County resident. Please drop off a bag of groceries in the bin in the hallway at shul. Please also consider giving generously to the Holiday dinner drive. Flyers and return envelopes were mailed to all shul members., or donate online here:
<https://www.vfd-acfb.org/grouphome.aspx?ID=3174>

Jewish Heritage Night at the Golden State Warriors: Join a CBI group as our NBA Champion Warriors take on the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday, December 16. Tickets are \$65 each and include a pre-game tailgate party on the Plaza, featuring refreshments and music, and a souvenir cap. Contact Hope Alper, [hopeworks@pacbell.net](mailto:hopenworks@pacbell.net) or 510-593-4956 to order your tickets asap, as they are almost sold out.

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 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 or Maureen Krantz mokrantz@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 25th

CBI Cooks for the Berkeley Men's Shelter

Join us for a special Pre-Thanksgiving dinner prep at the Berkeley Men's Shelter, 1931 Center Street. Cooking shifts are all filled, a few servers and clean-up help still needed.

Remember, we do this every month - not just for Thanksgiving! Families welcome. No cooking experience necessary. Contact Maharat Victoria Sutton to RSVP.

Monday, November 30, 8:00 pm @ CBI

12 Days in Poland and Germany: a Discussion and Slide Show

Two dozen rabbis from the Northern California Board of Rabbis, representing different streams of Judaism, recently returned from a 12 day Study Tour through Warsaw, Krakow, and Berlin. The purpose of the trip was to create better connections between the local rabbis and to witness the rebirth of modern Jewish life in Europe. Participants saw historical sites and met with government and community leaders and young people. Join CBI members Sara-Leya Schley and Shalom Bochner to learn about their experiences and ask questions about "the old country".

NCSY:

- **Light a Candle - December 13** 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

Center for Jewish Studies: Book Presentation

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

German Jewry and the Allure of the Sephardic with John Efron & Steven Zipperstein

Efron's new book explores the special honor modern German-Jewish culture accorded both the so-called Golden Age of medieval Spanish Jewry as well as Islam as an ideal host society.

6pm Reception - 6:30 Presentation

Townsend Center for the Humanities, U.C. Berkeley

Stephens Hall #2340 Geballe Room

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.