



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

November 23-30

**Morning:** 8:00 am Th, F Nov. 23-24, & Sun Nov. 26  
6:30 am M-Th Nov. 27-30  
**Evening:** 4:40 pm Th Nov. 23 • Sun-Th, Nov. 26-30

**THANKSGIVING & FRIDAY**

**November 23-24**

**CBI Office closed**

Shacharit Thursday/Friday ..... 8:00 am

**Friday night, November 24**

Candle Lighting ..... 4:34 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:35 pm

**Saturday, November 25**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare ..... 9:15 am

Torah Readers: **Rafi Magarik, Benjamin Epstein**

Haftorah Reader: **Benjamin Epstein**

Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am

Kedma: **M. Victoria Sutton**

Tzafona (K-2): **(TBD)**

Negba: **Jacob Schwartz**

Parent supervisor: **Meechal & Na'aman Kam**

**Sermon by R. Cohen: "Enough, More than Enough, and Plenty"**

Mincha ..... 12:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:35 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah @ CBI & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:34 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**The Wulf Family, the Cohen Family, the Valas Finkelstein Family, and Bob and Naomi Stamper**, in honor of Yoni Wulf, who is home on leave from the IDF.

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

**Matty Lichtenstein & Zvi Rosen**

Kiddush Wine

Covenant Winery with special thanks to the Morgan Family



**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*

**"Let Me Hear Your Voice" - "Hashmieni et Kolekh":** Workshop with Victoria Hanna on the Hebrew Alphabet focusing on the poetic text of Shir HaShirim, Song of Songs..... 6:45 pm

**Saturday night, December 2**

Women's Mincha & Seudah Shelishit..... 4:00 pm

**"God Open My Lips" - "Hashem Sefatai Tiftach":** Musical Exploration and Performance with Victoria Hanna ..... 7:00 pm



**Dr. Tal Becker**

**Power, Land and God: The Six Day War and its Meaning**  
**MONDAY, DEC. 4**

This lecture will explore the way the Six-Day war produced, for the Jewish people, a sense that God reentered into history. We will investigate the way Israel and global Jewry reacted to this new sense of power and how reverberations from the war's outcome are still felt today.

Dr. Tal Becker is a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and a leading member of the Institute's iEngage Project. Tal also serves as principal deputy legal adviser at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team.

RSVP requested to <https://www.tfaforms.com/4644992>

*This lecture is offered in partnership with the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.*

**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 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.

**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*

*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.*

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 hevruva (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. **Does not meet November 22.**

**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.

**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 5 to 7 minutes after kiddush begins. **Begins November 25.**

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## 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. 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).

**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!

### NCSY—UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 meaningful 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](mailto: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! Shabbaton 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

**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

**OHDS EVENTS:**

**Film: Screenagers—Viewing & Discussion with Sarah Lefton**

**Monday, Dec 4, 7:30-9:00 p.m.** Screen time on your mind? How much is too much for your child? Come join the discussion as we explore the impact screen time is having on our kids. No fee, but RSVP required: plichterman@ohds.org.

**Channukah Open Art Studio (for preschoolers), Tuesday, Dec 5, 3-4 pm**

Bring your 4-5 year old for a magical Channukah experience in our art studio. Come and meet our art teacher, Ms. Esther, and immerse yourself in the holiday of lights. Your child will have a choice of a few different projects to create and take home for Channukah. Story time and holiday food tasting included! RSVP to Philippa Lichterman, Admissions Director: plichterman@ohds.org.



**Hannukkah Storytelling with Joel ben Izzy**

**Saturday December 9th, 2017, 4:00pm – 5:30pm**  
Berkeley Public Library, North Branch, 1170 The Alameda

Join us for an early Hanukkah celebration at North Branch! World-renowned, Berkeley-based storyteller Joel ben Izzy will recount the story of the holiday in his own wild and inimitable way. This event is FREE and open to all, great for kids and adults, Jews and non-Jews, and everyone in between!



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