



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM  
PARSHAT CHAYEI SARA

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2015 / CHESHVAN 25, 5776

### Weekday Morning and Evening Services

#### November 8-12

Sun, 8:00 am • M– Fri 6:30 am

Sunday–Thursday @ CBI: 4:50 pm

**Sunday, Nov. 8 @ Kayman Home, 4:30 pm**

1301 Quarry Court #404, Richmond

### **Friday, November 6th**

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff Home ..... 4:50 pm

1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)

Candle Lighting ..... 4:47 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI..... 4:50 pm

### **Saturday, November 7th**

Morning Service .....9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Na'aman Kam**

Haftorah Reader: **Michael Klass**

Childcare .....9:30 am

Youth Programming.....10:45 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): Natan Kuchar

Tzafona (K-2)nd grade): Lital Nagar & Yael Birnbaum

Negba (3-5th grade): Ari Weber

**Sermon by R. Cohen: Am I the servant of Avraham?**

Mincha ..... 12:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:45pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 5:45 pm

### KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

**Jessica and Michael Klass** in honor of those who helped them get through Michael's surgery and recovery and Michael's birthday; **Matan and Evangeline Gilbert** in honor of Evangeline's birthday and with thanks to the CBI community.

### HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Toby & Ezra Hendon

### ROSH CHODESH KISLEV

**Wed. night, Thurs. & Fri., November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Shacharit.....6:30 am

### Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner

**Friday, November 13**

Kabbalat Shabbat:..... 4:45 pm

Dinner ..... 5:30 pm

Please RSVP to maharatvictoria@gmail.com

\$15 for adults, \$10 for children, maximum \$50 per family

### **Save the Date! December 12**

Chanukah Seudah Shelishit

Havdallah & 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 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. 10, 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**

**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**

### COMING SOON:

#### Open Sources: Beit Midrash

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm starting November 11.

### THURSDAY

#### 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.

**Please note change of date and time:**

**Open Sources: Beit Midrash will take place on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm starting next week, November 11**

**Maharat Victoria Sutton — Thursday, 8:00 – 9:30 pm**

### 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 on 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

*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.*

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS SHEET FROM THE BUILDING ON SHABBAT

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**

**Baruch Dayan Emet/Condolences:** We deeply regret to inform you of the passing on November 2 in Portland, Oregon of **Selma Beth Wolfson (Batsheva)**, beloved mother of Susan Kayman & Ellen Goldberg, mother in law of Harvey Kayman and Izetta Smith, grandmother of Josh, Charles, Alexandra and Pan. She had just celebrated her 95th birthday.

The funeral took place at Portland's River View cemetery. The family has been sitting shiva in Portland, Susan and Harvey will return to the Bay Area on Friday, and will welcome friends for a final day of shiva this Sunday, November 8, from 12 pm to 8 pm. Mincha and maa'ariv services will be held at their home (1301 Quarry Court #404) at 4:30 pm. Please let us know you can attend by signing up here.

We will also be holding mincha and ma'ariv services at CBI as well at the regular time of 4:50 pm.

*HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.*

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

**Mazal Tov!** To new grandparents **Anya & Preston Grant** and new parents **Ariana Heller & Jesse Grant** on the birth of a baby boy, **Elan Max Grant**. 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!** to **Nechama & Nadav Rappoport** and **big sisters Adi, Ori, Shachar & Roni** on the birth of **Eitan Gavriel!** A great way to support the family at this time is by bringing them a meal! Here is a link to a calendar to sign up: <http://mealmein.com/helpout/zh59t>. If you need help with sign up, please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton.

### **CBI SISTERHOOD**

**Book Group:** We will meet this Sunday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss The Forgetting River by Doreen Carvajal.

**Evening of Dance and Discussion with Israeli Choreographer Miriam Engel and Leah Kahn**

**Sunday November 8, 7:30-9pm at CBI**

Get up-close with visiting dancer and choreographer Miriam Engel, who will perform a short excerpt of one of her pieces and give an insider's view of the contemporary Israeli dance scene, being an artist in Jerusalem, and teaching through dance in the Haredi world.

Leah Kahn will also reflect on her experience of living and dancing in Israel.

Refreshments will be served.

The event is free of charge and for women only. RSVP to [maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com).

*Co-sponsored by CBI Sisterhood and Berkeley Hadassah.*

**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. There is a bin in the hallway at the entrance to the shul. Please drop off a bag of groceries. Please also consider giving generously to the Holiday dinner drive. Flyers and return envelopes were mailed to all shul members. Please make sure to send your checks to CBI made out to: "ACCFB" please, **not** to "Congregation Beth Israel."

### **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 [nocal.ncsy.org](http://nocal.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 NCSY Summer Program and some of the Gap Year programs available. All who attend with a parent will receive \$100 off the NCSY summer program of your choice.
- 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.
- Light a Candle- Dec 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**

**Join us for piyut singing, November 7, 8-10 pm @ Laura Lipman's,** 1543 Virginia St. We will focus on some of the piyutim sung at Havdala time.

KlezCalifornia's next **Yiddish Culture Festival** will be Motzei Shabbat **Nov 7 & Sunday, Nov 8**. This weekend of Yiddish culture and popular klezmer music is presented this year in partnership with the JCC East Bay in Berkeley. The two days of interactive activities will

focus on music, song and dance, plus poetry and history. The Festival offers unique opportunities for young (and old) participants to learn with experts in Yiddish language, tradition and culture, klezmer instrumental music, and more. The Festival is described in greater detail at <http://www.klezcalifornia.org/events/2015-berkeley>.

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.*

**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

#### **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).