



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

# SHABBAT PARSHAT HA'AZINU BAR MITZVAH OF RAANAN SCHWEIG

OCTOBER 15, 2016 / TISHREI 15, 5777

### Weekday Morning and Evening Services

October 16-21

**Morning:** Sun 8:00 am • Mon & Tu 9:15 am • W-F 6:30 am

**Evening:** Sun 6:15 pm • Mon-Th 6:10 pm

### **Friday night, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home .....6:10 pm

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

Candle Lighting .....6:14 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI.....6:15 pm

### **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service.....9:15 am

Childcare .....9:15 am

Torah Readers: **Raanan Schweig**

Haftorah Reader: **Yonim Schweig**

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

Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**

Tzafona (K-2): **Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**

Parent supervisors: **Chaya Esther and Mordechai Miranda**

**Sermon by Raanan Schweig**

Shabbat Mincha.....5:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit .....6:20 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after.....7:10 pm

### KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

The Schweig Family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Raanan Schweig

### **SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Throughout the 7 days of Sukkot please avail yourselves of the CBI sukkah.

As always, no home cooked food may be brought in to the CBI kitchen, but the sukkah is open to all.

### **EREV SUKKOT**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Yom Tov Candle Lighting .....6:11 pm

Mincha & Yom Tov Ma'ariv .....6:15 pm

1st Night Communal Sukkah Meal.....6:56 pm

Note: Eating on the first two nights of Sukkot a minimum of a portion of bread and reciting the kiddush in the Sukkah is a Biblically ordained commandment. See notes regarding Sukkot & Rain on

### **YOM TOV - 1ST DAY OF SUKKOT**

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service .....9:15 am

Note: Please remember to bring your four species to shul.

Torah Readers: **Jamie Conway**

Haftorah Reader: **Benjamin Epstein**

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

Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**

Tzafona (K-2): **Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**

Parent supervisors: **Nadav & Nechama Rappoport**

**Sermon by R. Yonatan Cohen**

Yom Tov Mincha .....6:10 pm

Yom Tov Ma'ariv .....6:50 pm

2nd Night Communal Sukkah Meal .....7:00 pm

Light Candles by transferring from pre-existing flame after .....7:07 pm

### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Ron & Bella Barany; Judy and Bob Albietz, and Susan Jacobson in honor of Bella Barany's 80th birthday today; Ronna Kabatznick & Peter Dale Scott in memory of Jeffrey Kabatznick, Norman Kabatznick, and Joan Kabatznick

### **YOM TOV - 2ND DAY OF SUKKOT**

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service .....9:15 am

Note: Please remember to bring your four species to shul.

Torah Readers: **Jamie Conway**

Haftorah Reader: **Isaac Kaplan**

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

Kedma (3-5 years old): **Natan Kuchar**

Tzafona (K-2): **Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou**

Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**

**Sermon by Maharat Victoria Sutton**

Yom Tov Mincha .....6:10 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah\* & Yom Tov ends after 7:06 pm

\* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri HaGafen) followed by the particular blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.

### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Nae Golomb; Isaac Kaplan; Oded & Rebecca Angel in Honor of Marie Angel's 31st birthday; Rona Rothenberg & Yehuda Ben Israel, wishing a happy birthday to Judy Massarano

### **1ST DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT**

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service .....6:30 am

### **2ND DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT**

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service .....6:30 am

### **3RD DAY OF CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT**

**Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Morning Service .....6:30 am

Candle Lighting .....6:05 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....6:05 pm

### SUKKOT & RAIN

According to several weather forecasts, Berkeley will likely experience rain today through Sunday. We strongly advise our community members to build sukkot as soon as possible while the weather still permits doing so. In addition, it is advisable to prepare a rain resistant cover to place on top of the sukkah's skhakh (no higher than a *tefach*\*), thus preventing rainfall within the sukkah itself. Nevertheless, this cover must be removed while one is actually sitting within the sukkah so as to perform the mitzvah properly (see Rav Melamed, <http://ph.yhb.org.il/13-02-13/>). Below please find additional guidelines on this topic.

### **Sukkah & Exemptions**

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

Our tradition instructs us to treat our sukkah as our home in all regards. This general principle allows for several important exemptions:

- In case of rain, we generally maintain that one should not leave the sukkah as long as the same amount of leaking would not normally cause one to leave their home either (Rama O.C. 639:5). For sleeping, any amount of rain forms a sufficient exemption.
- A person who is even slightly sick is not required to sleep in the sukkah as such a person would not necessarily sleep at home if a better alternative was readily available. (O.C. 640:3, M.B. 640:6).
- A person is exempt from sleeping in the sukkah if the cold is bothersome (Rama, O.C. 639:2).
- The same standard applies to being bothered by foul odors, insects, and the like. (M.B. O.C. 639:31, 640:4).

The Rema forcefully notes that it is foolish to remain in the sukkah when one is actually exempt. No mitzvah is performed under these circumstances and one would not receive any reward for this action (Rama O.C. 639:7).

### **Kiddush on the 1st Night of a Rainy Sukkot**

According to the Rema, on the first night of Sukkot, a person must still recite Kiddush in the Sukkah and eat at least a *kezayit*\*\* of bread in it, despite the rain (Rema O.C. 639:5). While there is a major debate among *Ahronim* about whether one blesses "*leishev basukka*" under these circumstances, the prevailing custom is to refrain from saying the blessing. If the rain stops, one should return to the sukkah, eat a *kebeitza*\*\*\* of bread and recite the blessing.

\*\*a *k'zayis* (olive bulk i.e. - 1.27 fl. oz. (38 ml)

\*\*\**kabeitza* (egg bulk – i.e. double an olive bulk)

If there is a possibility that the rain will subside, one should wait an hour or two before commencing this first holiday meal indoors. Nevertheless, if one's family or guests are hungry or tired, or if the delay would cause a dishonoring of the festive occasion, there is no obligation to tarry. One should feel free to follow the instructions as outlined above.

### **Kiddush on the 2nd Night of a Rainy Sukkot**

As several leniencies apply to the second night of Sukkot, since it is prescribed by the rabbis and observed only outside of Israel, the *Mishna Berurah* rules that in the case of rain one can say Kiddush and *Shehechyanu* at home and eat the entire meal indoors. Afterwards, a person should eat a *kezayit* of bread in the sukkah, followed by the recitation of *Birkat HaMazon* at home (MB 639:36). The blessing of "*leishev basukka*" is not recited unless the rain stops (as is the case in the first night of Sukkot, see above).

### **What if the rain stops mid-meal, after one has already left the sukkah?**

"Our Rabbis taught: If he was eating in the *sukka* and rain fell and he left [the *sukka*], he need not trouble to return there until he has finished his meal" (Sukka 29a). According to major commentators and *Aharonim* the effort to return to the sukkah under these circumstances falls under the legal category of *mitzta'er* (experiencing a distress which creates an exemption to keeping the law) as one would not respond in a similar way in one's normative dwelling place (Levush 639:6, Aruch Hashulchan 639:24). This obviously also applies to a person who was woken up by rainfall. Here too, a person is no longer required to return to sleep in the sukkah once the rain stops until one awakens the next day (Rema 639:7). "If he was sleeping in the *sukka* and rain fell and he left, he need not trouble to return until it is dawn. (Sukka 29a)

Further reading and works consulted:

- Shulchan Aruch O.C 639, Aruch Hashulchan O.C 639, Mishnah Berurah O.C 639
- Rav Melamed (<http://ph.yhb.org.il/13-02-13/>)
- R. David Brofsky, Hilkhot Moadim – Understanding the Laws of the Festivals, pp. 274-277

## **Beth Israel Classes**

### **SATURDAY**

**The Maharal on Pirkei Avot and Other Chassidic masters**  
**Rabbi Eliahu Klein**, one hour before mincha

### **MONDAY**

**Daniel & Ezra with M. 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 haSofer, the pivotal figure in returning the people, and Torah, from the Babylonian exile to Jerusalem. 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. Begins October 31.**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**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 • Wednesday • 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**

### **FRIDAY**

**Talmudic Wisdom:** Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

**R. Yonatan Cohen • Fridays, 9:00 am (On hiatus, resumes Nov. 4)**

## **EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In Beth Israel**

**CBI Sock and Underwear Drive - High Holidays 5777**

Between Rosh Hashanah and Simchat Torah, join us as we collect new (unopened, unused) socks and underwear for young adults ages 15-25. You will find bins in our social hall.

**YEAH! (Youth Engagement Advocacy & Housing) — Housed in Berkeley, YEAH! provides shelter and support for at-risk, homeless youth**

**Meal Matching for Sukkot:** We offer a meal matching program as in past years. The process is simple:

**Hosts:** Just let Sara Darmoni ([schnitzsa@gmail.com](mailto:schnitzsa@gmail.com)) know if you have an extra place or 2, or 3, etc. at your table during Sukkot.

**Guests:** Let Sara know if you need a place for a meal.

**Sukkah Decorating**

**Sunday, October 16, 9:30 AM -11 AM**

Children and families invited to create decorations to beautify the CBI Sukkah.

**L'Chaim Sushi in the Sukkah Oneg**

**Shabbat Cho HaMoed, Friday, October 21**

**(must RSVP to Maharat Victoria: maharatvictoria@gmail.com)**

Graduate Students and Young Professionals: Join us for a soulful (abridged for Sukkot) Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat followed by L'Chaim Sushi, Sake, and other delicious goodies, singing and schmoozing in the CBI Sukkah. \$8/person

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat .....6:05 pm

Dinner & Oneg .....6:45 pm

**Teen Movie Night (7-12th grade)**

**Saturday, October 22 7:45 PM-9:30 PM**

Watch a movie under the stars in the CBI Sukkah

**Kids Magic Show with Magic Mike**

**Sunday, October 23, 11:15-12:15 PM**

**Donate your car/boat/vehicle** to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Beth Israel. Contact David: 510-849-0961

**In the Community**

**Afikomen: Lulav & Etrog Sets for Sukkot:** Afikomen Judaica provides beautiful Lulav and Etrog sets for the Community. Sukkot begins Sunday Night October 16th. Same low price as previous years & receive a \$5 Gift Certificate with your pre-order! **Place your order by October 10th.**

Call us at 510-655-1977 or order online at [www.afikomen.com](http://www.afikomen.com)

**Berkeley Moshav is having a picnic and everyone is invited!**

**Sunday, October 30, 3pm-5:30**

Place: Strawberry Creek Park, 1260 Allston Way in Berkeley. We'll be at the picnic site on the south side of the creek.

Come to play, socialize, eat, and chat about the Moshav. (There won't be a formal program.) We will provide snacks, and you are very welcome to bring your own picnic dinner. Kids, of course, are very welcome too. No need to RSVP, but feel free to contact Tamar with any questions: [tamarfendel@gmail.com](mailto:tamarfendel@gmail.com) or 510-604-7902.

**The Bagel and the Archive: Celebrating Noah's Bagels Legacy at The Magnes — Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016; 10 a.m.-Noon, located at 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley**

RSVP is required to attend this event. <http://www.magnes.org/visit/exhibitions-programs/programs>

The Magnes is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Noah's New York Bagels Collection (1989-1996) documenting the early history of Noah's New York Bagels. Founded in Berkeley by Noah Alper, resident entrepreneur, consultant, and philanthropist, the Noah's Bagels brand rose to national prominence as the largest kosher retailer in the U.S., until sold to Einstein Bros. Bagels in 1996. Noah's neighborhood stores, which Alper referred to as "unapologetically Jewish," served as a popular community gathering place for all manner of West Coast Jews. Among the materials now archived at The Magnes are business records, photographs, memorabilia, recordings of radio and television broadcasts, promotional t-shirts, and even a beach towel with the Noah's logo.

The program will include an intimate display of select items from the collection, Noah Alper's own reminiscences about the early days of the business, and of course a bagel-based reception (shmeor provided).

**Sunday, November 13, 7:30 pm: Concert—Music by Aaron Blumenfeld**

**Psalm Songs: Prayer of Supplication and Songs of Biblical Women**

**On Poems by Berkeley poet Judith Goldhaber**

Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit St., Oakland, CA

Admission: \$15 at gate.

**Honeymoon Israel trips (May 2017 and Dec 2017).**

**Applications Now Open - apply by October 31st**

Webinar Friday, October 14 @ 12:00pm (details provided upon RSVP).

Highly subsidized. Exciting. Romantic. Fun. Explore Israel with the one you love. All eligible couples with at least one Jewish partner are welcome to apply.

Available Trips:

May 11-21, 2017: Open only to couples living in Peninsula, South Bay or San Francisco

December 7-17, 2017: Open only to couples living in East Bay, Marin County or San Francisco

Questions? Reach out to Lisa, Honeymoon Israel SF Bay Area Director, at [sfbayarea@honeymoonisrael.org](mailto:sfbayarea@honeymoonisrael.org)!

**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).

**Israel Focus**

For your interest, information, protest, or counter-protest

*Israel Focus is designed to inform our members about a broad range of local area events concerning Israel. It is expected that you will find events that you would support and others that you would not, yet we trust that they will all inform. Beth Israel does not necessarily endorse any particular event.*

**A Bay Area Community Memorial  
Honoring the Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres  
Shimon Peres Remembered in Words and Music**

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30pm

Congregation Emanu-El, 2 Lake St, San Francisco, CA 94118

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