



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEREISHIT

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2014 / TISHREI 24, 5775

Weekday Services September October 19-23

AM & PM Services at CBI
Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am
SU-Th 6:20 pm

SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 8 – Friday, October 17th

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Wednesday, October 15th

Morning Service 6:30-8:00 am
Hoshanot (willow bundles) will be available for sale @CBI
Yom Tov Candle Lighting 6:13 pm
Northside Minyan..... 6:10 pm
(at Chabad — 2111B Vine St, Berkeley, CA 94709; look for iron door on North Side of Vine just east of Shattuck)
Mincha & Yom Tom Ma'ariv 6:15 pm
Note: Before a Yom Tov leading into Shabbat, we make an eruv tavshilin. Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24- hour/yahrzeit candle or a seven-day candle, so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring fire from this pre-existing flame.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday night & Thursday, October 15-16th

Morning Service 9:15 am
Sermon by R. Cohen: *The Harvest Holiday - Gathering It All Together*"
Yizkor 10:30 am
Torah Reader: Na'aman Kam
Haftarah Reader: Benjamin Epstein
Educational Programming 11:00 am

Kiddush Sponsors

Joel and Joan Brodsky, Pnina Zoharah

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday night & Friday, October 16 – 17th

Erev Simchat Torah

Yom Tov Mincha 6:10 pm
Yom Tov Ma'ariv 6:45 pm
Torah Reader: Na'aman Kam
Light Candles from pre-existing flame after 7:09 pm
Light Yom Tov Meal followed by Hakafot @CBI 7:10 pm

Light Yom Tom Meal Sponsors

Klein - Scheinberg family in honor of Elishah's birthday and Simchat Torah!, Schweig family, Miller family, Leora Lawton, Debbie Pearl, Schubert family

Simchat Torah Day

Morning service..... 9:15 am
Hakafot 10:00 am
Multiple Torah readings 11:15 am
Torah Readers: Glenn Massarano & Na'aman Kam
Haftarah Reader: R. Elishah Klein
Women's Torah Readers: Hannah Feiner, Deena Aranoff, Nell Mahgel-Friedman, Nava Schweig, Yael Krieger

Kiddush 11:45 am
Completion and Beginning of the Torah 12:15 pm
Mussaf..... 12:45 pm
Yom Tov Mincha 1:30 pm
Light Shabbat candles from pre-existing flame at 6:11 pm

Kiddush Sponsors

Ron and Bella Barany in honor of Bella's birthday, The Albiertz family in honor of Yehoshua Albiertz's 6th birthday, Miriam and Robi Cohen in honor of the community, The Krantz family in gratitude to Hashem for our children's health and support of the CBI community, Bob and June Safran in memory of their parents, Noemi Yoselevitz & Sergio Andermann

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Friday & Saturday, October 17th – 18th

Candle Lighting..... 6:11 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm
Morning Service 9:15 am
Torah Readers: Na'aman Kam, Zvi Rosen
Haftarah Reader: Boaz Haberman
Educational Childcare..... 11:00 am
Yeladim: Ellen Winnick
Talmidim aleph: Maharat Victoria Sutton
Talmidim Bet: Michal Goldfarb, Naama Mayzlish

Sermon by R. Cohen: *The Parsha Twice and the Translation Once*

Mincha 5:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit 6:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 7:07 pm

Kiddush Sponsors

Terry & Olga Gordon in appreciation for the warmth and hospitality we have received from the CBI community over the past 14 months making the transition from Houston to the East Bay so easy and rewarding.

ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN

Friday & Saturday, October 24th – 25th

Beth Israel Classes

SUNDAY

Sunday Morning Talmud Class

A class structured to appeal to Talmud students of all levels, from beginners to more experienced. On hiatus.
Sunday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MONDAY

Women's Dance Nights at CBI! Come dance to a blend of world music, jazz, klezmer, hip hop and more. No moves to remember, no cost either. Just a chance to let loose and get some good exercise in a fun way!
2nd & 4th Mondays @ 8:00 pm

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.
David Henkin – Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

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

Jewish Writings of Emmanuel Levinas: The Levinas Study Group meets at 8 pm at the Schweig home to discuss various essays of the Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas. No background necessary. The class is facilitated by our resident scholar, Muni Schweig at his home.
Muni Schweig - 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mishmar – Learners' Night: Join a Beit Misrash atmosphere for a weekly night of learning at CBI. We will do our best to match you up with a *chevrotah* (study partner) or *chavurah* (a group of learners) for some free wheelin', meaningful and personal text seeking and learning. **On hiatus.**

Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

R. Yonatan Cohen - Fridays, 9:00 a.m.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Mazal Tov! to Ayelet & Itay Hashay and big sister and brothers Tzofya, Yonatan and Uriel on the birth of a baby boy. Mother and baby are in good health, b"n.

The community is warmly invited to a *brit milah* this Sunday, October 19, following 8:00 am shacharit services at Congregation Beth Israel

Shifra Puah: A great way to support the family is to provide meals during the next few weeks. To sign up for a meal use the following calendar link: <http://mealmein.com/helpout/9d70o>

We have arranged special menus with Oakland Kosher, Amba and Grand Bakery to help make providing a meal even easier. For menus and directions for ordering click (or copy and paste this link into your internet browser): <http://bit.ly/UNN0g0>

If you need help with sign up, please contact Frayda Gonshor Cohen at frayda@gmail.com. Thank you and Tizku L'mitzvot!

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!

Mazal Tov! to grandparents Irene & Joel Resnikoff and great-grandmother, Fran Alexander on the birth of a baby girl, Sara Yocheved (Lenora Sadie), to Maya and Haggay Resnikoff. Mother and baby are in good health, b"n. 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!

CBI SISTERHOOD

The next Stitch meeting will be on Monday, October 20th from 10 AM to 1 PM at Debby Lesser's, 181 Vicente Rd., Berkeley. We will be continuing the embroidery workshop. Please bring your embroidery supplies and equipment. Please RSVP to Debbie lesser.deborah@gmail.com, 510-848-0414 or Rose Ginsburg rosegins@gmail.com, 510-525-3906.

A NEW YEAR, NEW SCRIP LADY AND YOU

Rebecca Landes has enthusiastically offered to be the scrip person to help you order scrip online. This means quicker access for you and more profit for CBI. The same "old" scrip ladies, Naomi Stamper and Ruth Wittman, will still be selling scrip for Berkeley Bowl, Peets Coffee, Afikomen and CVS. For the High Holidays and Pesach we will have

Oakland Kosher Scrip available. Our goal is to increase the amount that the shul makes from the scrip program by 20% this year. And yes, this is where you come into the plan.

Please call or email Naomi Stamper, 525-8259 • Ruth Wittman, 525-9530 • Rebecca Landes, rlandes799@yahoo.com

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 or Midrasha: 510-843-4667.

In the Community

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.

NCSY

GO KARTING! On October 12th for grades 6-8!

Laser Tag! On October 19th for grades 9-12!

Sign up on our website, www.norcal.ncsy.org. Can't wait to see you there!

Join our friends at the Urban Adamah Farm in West Berkeley for...

Eat, Pray, Lulav: Sukkot Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 12th | 1:00-4:00 pm

Urban Adamah | 1050 Parker Street, Berkeley

Hands-on Sukkot Activities for All Ages!

Live music by Octopretzel and the East Bay Community Music Project.

Goats, goats and more goats. Meet the Chickens. Storytelling. Seed

Saving. Planting. Cob Building. Farm Tours. Natural tie-dyeing. Farm

Crafts. Pickling. Seed Balls. Face painting. Making bread with freshly

ground wheat. Harvesting. And more!

Local, organic, Kosher food will be available for purchase, including

delicious catering from Epic Bites.

Buy your tickets online today!

East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day

Start off the New Year by doing service while building community with other Jews in the East Bay! Join in the East Bay community-wide Tikkun Olam Chessed Day on **Sunday, October 19!**

This is an amazing opportunity to be a part of a community-wide Chessed day. It's a great opportunity to volunteer with your family and meet other Jews in the East Bay. Beth Israel is a co-sponsor of the event, and it would be great to have lots of Beth Israel families participate!

Start the day with an optional inspirational kickoff rally at Temple Sinai at 9 AM and then join one of 15 projects — Beth Israel is leading a clean up by the Bay but you can do crafts and letter writing at Sinai, help out at the zoo, play bingo with seniors, indoor and outdoor cleanup, painting, and more at many different East Bay sites.

See <http://tinyurl.com/ebtocd2014> for a full list of events and to sign up. Questions? Contact Shelley Zak (thezakpack@gmail.com) or Juliet Stamperdahl (Juliet125@gmail.com)

Parent Connect East Bay Open House, October 19, 2-5PM, 2428

Jefferson Ave., (between Dwight & Channing), Berkeley. This is a free event for the whole family--and we'd love to have you there! Come play in our tree house, decorate a pumpkin, jump on hay bales, drink cider and eat cookies...and learn about our Parenting by Connection classes

and parent support offerings. We'll have optional "mini talks" on such practical topics as "Why emotional connection is vital" and "What to do when kids melt down" and more. Please join us-- we'd love to see you there! And pass along the invitation to your friends! For more information, parentconnecteastbay.com, 510-682-6102

OHDS Open House: Science Alive! for preschool families,
Tuesday, Oct 21, 2:30 - 3:30pm, Discovery Room, OHDS
Come and take a peek at OHDS' innovative science program! Bring your preschooler for some hands-on science fun with plenty of fizz, bubble and pop, plus a science magic show performed by our wonderful Middle School Science Teacher, Jessica Boualavong. Please RSVP to Philippa Lichterman, Admissions Director, at plichterman@ohds.org or 510-531-8600 ext. 12.

Jelly Jam Time w/Risa: Do you have or know a creative Kindergartner who loves to dance? Or a first grader who is always inventing stories? Do you know a second grader who invents theatrical dances? Or perhaps you know a young child who could benefit from participating in an awesome creative class that has a myriad of advantages for all children! Join Risa Lenore in a child-centered class, where children work together to create their own literature. They create dance and theatrics to play out their stories. Risa brings her many years as educator and her training as a performer, children's entertainer, and creative dance teacher to the class to create a unique and wonderful weekly experience for your child! There is room in our Thursday Classes at Live Oak Park in Berkeley. A new 7 week session starts October 23rd, 3:30- 4:30. You can register online at www.cityofberkeley.info/recreation. Please contact Risa at jellyjamtime@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you'd like to see story-dancing Jelly Jam Time style come to your children at your school or center!

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.

The Future of the Israeli Palestinian Peace Process

Please join us for a moderated discussion with Abraham Sofaer, Hoover Institution; Former Legal Advisor, State Department and Janine Zacharia, Stanford University; Former Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Washington Post

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Bancroft Hotel, Great Hall

Reception at 5pm, Moderated Discussion at 5:45pm
RSVP: berkeley_institute@law.berkeley.edu

Body and Soul: The State of the Jewish Nation : Filmmaker Gloria Greenfield will lead a post- screening discussion with the audience.

November 5th and 6th at the Bluelight Cinemas 5 Cupertino Oaks (21275 Stevens Creek Boulevard) at 7:30PM. Buy tickets here: <http://www.bluelightcinemas.com/index.asp?page=events#309>

High School Conference on Israel and the Middle East

Mayacamas Ranch Calistoga, CA

(Kosher catering by Chabad of Santa Rosa)

Friday January 16, 2015 at 4:00P-to-Sunday January 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e9snzocda2580e01&llr=vjq4ilab>

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