



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

October 25-29

Sun, 8:00 am • M– Fri 6:30 am

Sun –Th @ @ CBI: 6:00 pm

Friday October 23rd

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff Home..... 6:02pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 6:03 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 pm

Saturday, October 17th

Morning Service 9:15 am
Torah & Haftorah Reader: **Rafi Silberblatt**
Childcare 9:30 am
Youth Programming 10:45 am
Kedma (3-5 years old): Irene Resnikoff
Tzafona (K-2)nd grade): Lital Nagar & Yael Birnbaum
Negba (3-5th grade): Zev Neumeier
Sermon by R. Cohen: Abraham’s Journey – A Living Response to the Garden of Eden, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel
Mincha 5:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit 6:05pm
Ma’ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after..... 6:59 pm

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Yoni & Laya Cooperman

**Teen Shabbat Lunch October 24th
First Teen Lunch of the new year!**

9th-12th graders are invited to enjoy a delicious Shabbat lunch at the home of Rabbi Yonatan and Frayda, co-hosted by our *bnot sherut*, Yael Birnbam and Lital Nagar.

**Shabbat Shalem with Francis Nataf
October 30-31**

There will be several opportunities to learn with Rabbi Nataf over Shabbat. Rabbi Francis Nataf is a respected educator, writer and thinker, well known for his ability to find new ways of looking at Jewish texts and tradition and for his willingness to confront the community’s problems head on. He is the author of *Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Genesis* (Urim: 2006), *Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Exodus* (Urim: 2010) and *Redeeming Relevance in the Book of Numbers* (Urim:2014) as well as of numerous articles for a variety of important Jewish periodicals and websites.

Dinner w/R. Francis Nataf, Friday, October 30

6:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
6:45 pm Shabbat dinner at CBI
7:45 pm Text Study
RSVP by October 27 – Dinner fill up quickly, please register early!
\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$50 maximum per family

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

The Binding of Isaac - Modern Jewish Theologians

An exploration of the philosophical and religious significance of the Binding of Isaac through major Jewish thinkers and theologians including Rav Soloveitchik, Yeshayahu Leibowitz, and R. David Hartman.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Monday, Oct. 26, 8:00 pm

The Binding of Isaac - Modern Israeli Poets

Since the founding of the State of Israel, modern Israeli poets used the Binding of Isaac to explore pertinent issues of the hour. Our sessions will focus on poems by Amir Gilboa, Chaim Gouri, Yehudah Amichai, and Adam Baruch.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Monday, Nov. 2, 8:00 pm

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 — Tuesday, 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 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.

Muni Schweig — Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm @ the Schweig home

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

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class followed by group discussion.

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:00 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.

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

Mazal tov! to Sheba & Justin Sweet on the engagement of their grandson Chaim Cohen to Kinereth Toutou, both of Jerusalem. May the couple build a home filled with the light of Torah and mitzvot. May their families and our community have many more occasions to celebrate in simchah together.

CBI SISTERHOOD:

The next Stitch meeting will be held on **Monday, October 26, from 10 AM to 1 PM, at the home of Sara Engel**, 169 Requa Rd., Piedmont. Please RSVP to Sara at 510-547-2975, or savtase@yahoo.com, or to Rose Ginsburg at 510-525-3906 or rosegins@gmail.com. See you there, Rose

October 28, 5-7:40 pm - CBI Cooks for the Shelter

Looking for cooks, servers and clean-up help as we prepare a fresh dinner for residents of Berkeley Men's Shelter.

Cooking shift: 5-6:30

Serving and clean-up shift: 6:30-7:30

Please RSVP to Maharat Victoria Sutton for more details.

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. You will receive a flyer and return envelope shortly. People should send their checks to CBI made out to: "ACCFB" please, **not** to "Congregation Beth Israel."

NCSY:

- **Musical Havdalah & Movie Night for the whole community October 24th at 7:30 PM** at BJC. Join us for music, stories and the movie, "You Never Know." A film about Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach's life and legacy, in honor of his Yahrzeit.
- **Latte and Learning: Join Rabbi Avia Monday, October 26th at 7:30 PM** at Starbuck's, 2128 Oxford Street, Berkeley.
- **Movie Night and Pizza for 6-8th graders October 31st from 7:45 – 9:45 PM** at BJC Teen Lounge.
- **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 your chance for an Israel experience with Elliot Tanzman, Director of Summer Recruitment for NCSY and beloved NCSY advisors. For more information or to RSVP, visit nocal.ncsy.org.
- **Israel Program Info 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.

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

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>.

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.

Tauber Yesod: Certificate of Jewish Knowledge

October 2015 – May 2016, Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm Yesod ("foundation") is the centerpiece of Congregation EmanuEl's Tauber Adult Education program. This two-year, six-course, certificate program offers Bay Area Jews the unique opportunity for comprehensive learning, in core foundational Jewish texts that have sustained the Jewish people for thousands of years.

The Tauber Yesod Program is currently offering open/rolling enrollment and any synagogue member in the San Francisco/Bay Area can sign up!

Synagogue member cost: \$240

Learn more: <https://www.emanuelsf.org/TauberYesod>

Questions? Contact Ariana Estoque, Director of Adolescent and Adult Education, Congregation EmanuEl, 4157512541 Ext. 307 or aestoque@emanuelsf.org

Middle School Information Night at Tehiyah Day School

2603 Tassajara avenue, El Cerrito

Wednesday, November 4th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Parents and their children are invited to attend a special evening including mini-lessons, a tour of the middle school campus, and an open forum conversation with current students, parents, and school leaders.

Did you know Tehiyah has private bus service to students in Berkeley and Oakland?

Contact Michelle Tirella-Ventura, Director of Admissions with questions at: mtventura@tehiyah.org

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.

Ari Shavit In conversation with R. Adam Naftalin-Kelman, Executive Director Berkeley Hillel

Monday, October 26th • 6 p.m.

Berkeley Hillel • 2736 Bancroft Way

Ari Shavit is an acclaimed Israeli journalist and author of the New York Times bestseller, *My Promised Land*, an authoritative narrative history of Israel. He is currently a political commentator with the Israeli daily Haaretz and a regular on Israeli public television. He has been published by the New York Times, the New Yorker, and Politico. Previously, Mr. Shavit served as chairman of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, wrote for progressive weekly Koteret Rashit, and served as a paratrooper in the Israel Defense Forces.

For details, contact dror@berkeleyhillel.org

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