



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN PARSHAT NOAH

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2014 / CHESHVAN 1, 5775

Weekday Services September October 26-30

AM & PM Services at CBI
Sun 8:00 am • M-F 6:30 am
SU-Th 6:05 pm

Friday, October 24th

North Berkeley Minyan 5:50 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 6:02 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:05 pm
Communal Meal (RSVP by Oct. 22 only) 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 25th

Morning Service 9:15 am
Torah Readers: **Rafael Magarik**
Haftarah Reader: **Bobby Budnitz**
Educational Childcare 11:00 am
Yeladim: **Tania Schweig**
Talmidim aleph: **Maharat Victoria Sutton**
Sermon by Sara Bamberger: After the Flood: G-d's Tshuvah
Mincha 5:45 pm
Seudah Shlishit 6:05 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 6:58 pm

Kiddush Sponsors

Jacob and Rachel Heitler in honor of Orly's birthday
Josh Ladon and Yael Krieger in honor of Elisheva and Josh's birthdays
Sara and Kenny Bamberger in honor of Ezra, Isaiah and Sara's birthdays
Ron Reissberg and Janice Mac Millan in honor of Avrumy's 21st birthday

Hachnassat Orchim

Cory Isaacson & Avi Zinn

Beth Israel Classes

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

TUESDAY

Biblical Personalities in Bereishit: Text and Legend. The Book of Bereishit introduces legendary characters and intriguing narratives. These characters often take on larger than life qualities in rabbinic midrashic interpretation. We will study one character each week, comparing the Biblical and rabbinic perspectives.

Maharat Victoria Sutton - Tuesday Night, 8-9:15 PM November 4, 11, 18, 25

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.

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

Open Sources: A Beit Midrash sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel and Kevah: Learn independently with a *hevruta* (study partner) or join in a *shiur* on the weekly *parsha* with Maharat Victoria Sutton. If you are interested in finding a *hevruta*, please email Maharatvictoria@gmail.com.

Resumes this week, October 30.

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

Shifra Puah: Mazal Tov to Ayelet & Itay Hashay and big sister and brothers Tzofya, Yonatan and Uriel on the birth of a baby boy. 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/UNNOg0>

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

CBI Holiday Dinner Drive: You should have received a flyer and a return envelope for the Holiday dinner drive. Now that the high holidays are over and we can take a break from all the hosting, and being hosted by, our family, friends and community. Please consider thinking about the folks in our broader community who are really struggling with getting enough to eat. The economy has picked up but the recovery has been stronger for white collar workers than for blue collar workers, and many of those in the service industry industry are still really struggling. As you are probably aware, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp program, which provides financial assistance for purchasing food to low-and no-income people, had their budget slashed last year. The Jewish community has an annual drive at this time of year to ensure that needy families in the area have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Together, last year we raised more than \$110,000 from 26 congregations across 4 counties. People should send their checks in the returned envelope provided. Please make sure to make your checks out to: "The Alameda County Community Food Bank," not to CBI. They can also pay online directly, we have a dedicated site for Beth Israel: www.accfb.org/dinner (Select Congregation Beth Israel) You can make a difference for a family in need. Thank you, Juliet Stamperdahl

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

SCRIP: Rebecca Landes, Naomi Stamper and Ruth Wittman, are available to sell scrip for Berkeley Bowl, Peets Coffee, Afikomen and CVS. 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

East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day: What can **217 volunteers** from **13 Jewish organizations** working at **12 sites** do in **1 day**? Here's what: Decorate bags for JFCS Shabbat meal delivery; write letters to Israeli soldiers; weed and seed at Urban Adamah and the Berkeley shoreline; cook for Building Futures with Women and Children shelter; paint a room for the American Indian Child Resource Center; make blankets for Highland Hospital; engage in activities with seniors at multiple sites; remove litter and debris in Oakland; work on a mosaic for Malcolm X School with YouthSpirit Artworks; and wrap toys for the Holiday Toy Give-Away at the Telegraph Community Center—THAT'S WHAT!!! Yasher koach to all who participated in and supported the EBTOCD—and particularly to our **wonderful project leader and CBI liaison**, Juliet Stamperdahl,

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

"No Fear" Shabbaton, November 7-9, Oakland. "The whole world is a very narrow bridge... And the main thing is to not make yourself afraid at all": Fear Factor. iLearn. Ropers Course. Advisors. 50 NCSYers. Torah Sessions about conquering our fears. What more could you ask for?? Sign up on our website, www.norcal.ncsy.org. SEE YOU THERE!!!! Here are the dates for our upcoming Shabbatons! Put them in your calendar now!

December 18-21: Regionals Shabbaton in San Diego
December 23-28: Yarchei Kallah week in Connecticut (NCSY will help pay for flights)

Midrasha Community Wide Brunch, Shmooze and Learn, Sunday, November 16, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1301 Oxford St. Berkeley. The Brunch will give you an opportunity to meet Midrasha parents and community supporters while experiencing the magic of Midrasha first hand. This year's Brunch Classes will include: Biblio-Yoga, Israeli Folkdancing, Talmud, Expressive Arts, The Art of Being Alone, Build-it: Judaism and much more! With a suggested donation of \$5 per person, this fun event also raises scholarship money for our innovative and exciting teen program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any additional questions: rabbijen@midrasha.org, 510/843-4667

MOSHAVA MALIBU - Registration Is Open! Our religious Zionist overnight camp is filled with great summer fun, sports, arts, water sports, nature and the educational values of Bnei Akiva. Boys and girls entering Grades 3 to 10 will learn, grow and make lifelong friends. Session: July 13th-Aug 10th, 2015. Register Now! www.moshavamalibu.org or call 855-MOSHAVA. Discounts/Scholarships Available.

East Bay Community Trip to Israel, April 19-28, 2015, and Optional Pre-Trip to Poland Learn more about our exciting trip at these upcoming events:

Saturday, October 25, 7:30 PM -- Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton
Sunday, October 26, 4:00 PM -- Temple Beth Sholom, Napa
Thursday, November 6, 6:00 PM -- Temple Sinai, Oakland
Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 PM -- Temple Isaiah, Lafayette
Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 PM -- JCC of the East Bay, Berkeley
(Free screening of the film "The Return" about contemporary life in Poland)
For more information: 510.809.4953, <http://www.jfed.org/israel2015/>

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 Consulate General of Israel to the the Pacific Northwest invites you to join the community for the "Bay Area Flash Mob for Israel" Sunday, October 26th, at 3:45 pm. This project is meant to bring our Bay Area community together in a fun and positive way and to show its connection with and support of Israel. It's more important than ever to showcase the positive, creative energy from Israel - through the love and enthusiasm of our San Francisco Bay Area community. The event itself will take place at the Golden Gate Bridge Pavilion; The group will meet next to the coffee shop.

<http://www.parksconservancy.org/park-improvements/past-accomplishments/golden-gate-bridge-pavilion.html>

The Consulate has been working with a professional choreographer, who created a special dance for this event - and it will be filmed and edited to a video clip. Their aim is to make it go viral, so they can spread the good vibes all around. They have dancers of all ages – and if you wish to take part in the dance itself, please let Eyal at the Consulate know. This is the beautiful song by Matisyahu chosen for the project: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_Vt4MlbM0c
If you have any questions, please contact Eyal directly: dcm@sf.mfa.gov.il

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?oidk=a07e9snzocda2580e01&llr=vjxq4ilab>

We invite you to submit announcements for inclusion in Israel Focus to the office at office@cbiberkeley.org. Announcements will be edited for length and content (to comply with the Announce List Guidelines).