



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM CHANUKAH PARSHAT MIKETZ - BAR MITZVAH OF ISAIAH BAMBERGER

DECEMBER 15-16, 2017 — 28 KISLEV, 5778

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

December 17-21

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M-Th

Evening: 4:40 pm Sun-Th

ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Sunday night, Mon. & Tue., December 17-19

Shacharit 6:30 am

Beth Israel Classes

CHANUKAH

Tue. night, December 12 through Wed. day, December 20

Throughout the week, candles should be lit at 5:22 pm except for Friday and the conclusion of Shabbat.

Guidelines for Chanukah (*see the back page*) are available on our website:

Friday Night, December 15

Northside minyan at Sudikoff Home 4:25 pm
 1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
 Chanukah Candle Lighting before* 4:33 pm
 Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:33 pm
 Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 4:40 pm

Saturday December 16

Morning Service 9:15 am
 Childcare 9:15 am
 Torah Readers: **Isaiah Bamberger, Na'aman Kam**
 Haftarah Reader: **Isaiah Bamberger**
 Formal Group Time: 10:30 am
 Kedma: **Natan Kuchar**
 Tzafona (K-2): **Shira Desta**
 Negba: **Jacob Schwartz**

Parent supervisor: **Nimrod & Eliza Elias**

Sermon by Isaiah Bamberger

Mincha 1:45 pm
 The CBI family is warmly invited for a Kiddush lunch
 Seudah Shlishit 4:30 pm
 Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 5:35 pm
 Chanukah Candle Lighting after** 5:35 pm
 Chanukah Mishmash 7:30 pm
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 ** After Shabbat one should first recite Havdalah at home, then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the Chanukia as the candle for Havdalah.

KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:

The Bamberger Family in honor of the bar mitzvah of Isaiah Bamberger

Chanukah Game Night

Sunday, December 17, 5:30-7:30 pm

Get in the Maccabi Spirit with Games for grown-ups! (Families welcome)

**Delicious Chanukah-themed Menu & Fresh Sufganiyot

**Menorah Lighting

Games include: *Black Jack *Scrabble Challenge *Trivia *Bananagrams

*Secret Antiochus *Board Games *Dreidels and more....

Game hosts: *Lisa Blumenband*Benjamin Epstein*Jesse Kellerman*Judy

Massarano*Melissa Nathan *Noah Nathan* Rachel Treisman*Meena

Viswanath and others....

If you would still like to lead a game or help with Game Night please

contact Maharat Victoria Sutton - maharatvictoria@gmail.com.

MONDAY

Key Books in Tanach: Daniel, Ezra & Nehemiah with Maharat 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 and Nehemia, pivotal figures in the establishment of the Second Commonwealth. 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. **Class resumes Jan. 8, 2018 M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm.**

TUESDAY

Laws of Shabbat: In this class we will re-use R. Eliezer Melamed's well-organized, clear and concise *halakhic* (Jewish legal) writings as a springboard to deepen our understanding and our observance of the laws of Shabbat. Each class will focus on a specific area of religious practice and move from general principle to practical details. **Class is on hiatus.**

R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm.

Latte N Learn: at the Starbucks at 2128 Oxford St in Berkeley. Rabbi Akiva can carpool to and from Beth Jacob if you reserve a spot that day. Also parental permission must be given via email. Carpool leaves at 7:10 and is back by 9:00. 8th graders invited too!

R. Akiva Naiman — Mondays @ 7:30 pm @ Starbucks

WEDNESDAY

Open Sources - Beit Midrash: Beit Midrash: Learn independently with a hevruta (study partner). Learners of all levels welcome. Want to study with a partner, and not sure where to begin? Contact M. Victoria Sutton with any questions maharatvictoria@gmail.com and we will help you find a partner and get started!

Hilchot Shabbat Chabura - Guided small group study of the Laws of Shabbat: Parallel to Rabbi Cohen's Laws of Shabbat class, the group will use R Eliezer Melamed's Laws of Shabbat to deepen their understanding of Shabbat observance. Please let Maharat Victoria Sutton know if you would like to join. Book available for order at Afikomen. **Class resumes Dec. 27. M. Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:45 —9:00 pm.**

Jewish philosophers: The class is currently reading "A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism" by world-renowned philosopher and social activist, Dr. David Hartman (z"l), the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

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. **Class is on hiatus**

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

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

SATURDAY

Study of Kima Kima (Step by Step) by Rabbi Chaim Drukman: Kima examines the sources that deal with the redemption of the Jewish people from the Bible, Talmud, Midrashim and the early Rabbinic sources. Kima Kima provides deep insights into modern Israeli Orthodox thought and philosophy of delivery from exile to redemption and the important part that the State of Israel has played in this process. **Class is on hiatus.**

R. David Rue — Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am

The Poetry of Rav Kook with R. David Rue—Shabbat Day: We will be studying the poetry (primarily) of Rav Kook that has been turned into songs. Each class will meet in the beit midrash 5 to 7 minutes after kiddush begins. **Class is on hiatus.**

R. David Rue — Saturdays, 5-7 minutes after Kiddush begins

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Nesia tova/Safe Travels to M. Victoria, Adam and Ruthie, who will be traveling through December 25th.

2018 Phone-A-Thon: For the past decade, each January has brought a fundraising appeal from Congregation Beth Israel. Every year, we have held a Phone-a-thon to ask for help in bridging the gap between incoming commitments and outgoing expenditures, faced by all synagogues, to support the meaningful programming and events held throughout the year. And every year, Beth Israel's family and friends have risen to the occasion.

This year, our members have joined together weekly for meaningful davening, thought provoking drashot, and engaging classes. We have connected with our larger Berkeley community by providing hot meals and collecting socks and underwear for those in need. We have seen the fruits of our labor as Gan Shalom begins its third year in its newly revitalized building, a daily home to 32 children. Our weekly shabbat groups are an anchor for families in the CBI community.

This fall, we have already embarked on an ambitious program of scholars and teachers; we have much more to look forward to in the coming months. None of this is possible without your support.

We salute you for your past generosity, and ask you to help get the job done again this year. For 2018, we are aiming high: our goal is 100% participation to raise \$26,400, with individual pledges increasing by 20%! The 2018 CBI Phone-a-thon will take place on Sunday morning, January 28th.

If you want to have this donation credited to your 2017 tax return, please consider giving before the end of December! If you would prefer, you can make your donation before Friday, January 26th in one of three ways:

- Donate online
- Send a check to CBI, with "2018 Phone-a-thon" on the memo line. Checks can be sent to Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703.
- Call the CBI office (510) 843-5246 to make a pledge by phone; your pledge will be added to your CBI statement.

Donors will be recognized for their support in the spring issue of Chai Lights in four categories, according to their level of giving:

\$18 - \$179: Supporters
\$180 - \$499: Guardians
\$500-\$1,000: Sustainers
\$1,000-\$1,999: Pillars
\$2000+: Visionaries

If you don't call us, we'll call you on Sunday, January 28! We look

forward to speaking to every member of the CBI family!

Best regards, and todah rabbah!

Carol Cunradi and Eliezah Hoffman

Phone-a-thon Co-Chairs

NCSY—UPCOMING EVENTS

Israel Scholars Program: Join our FREE online course with educators from America and Israel. We will also be going to AIPAC for those who are interested. Click here for more info and to sign up: <https://goo.gl/r8kfBG>

iLearn: iLearn is back! No need to do anything differently - just come to all the NCSY events that you already love, and get points for everything you do! Prizes ranging from SWAG package to flying an airplane! Check it out here! <https://goo.gl/5wYeh8>

December 16th: Chanuka Shabbaton in Oakland! Shabbaton will end Saturday night with an EPIC Chanuka party!

National Yarchei Kallah! BEST. WINTER BREAK. EVER.

December 25th - 31st at the Stamford Hilton, in Connecticut

Exploring the Power of our Thoughts and Prayers

Yarchei Kallah in New York is "The Ultimate Learning Experience." Join your friends for the best and most meaningful week of your life! Meet teens from across North America - Relax in a beautiful hotel - Explore your Jewish heritage in creative and engaging ways - Spend time touring and shopping in New York City!

Regular Price: \$699 (Available from November 27th) - Includes airfare, all lodging, food and activities. (Requires a deposit of \$500)

If you would like to fly on frequent flyer points, the price for the Shabbaton is \$299. Please be in touch with Rabbi Akiva Naiman @ naimana@ncsy.org directly to set that up.

Sign up here!!! <https://westcoast.ncsy.org/events/196020/national-yarchei-kallah-nyc/>

Donate your car/boat/vehicle to Beth Israel. Full tax write off. Proceeds benefit Gan Shalom Preschool Scholarship Fund. Contact David Spieler: 510-849-0961.

In the Community

OHDS Kindergarten Information Night: Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Come and meet our experienced teachers and learn about how we build strong minds and inspire Jewish souls. Bring your most pressing questions! To RSVP for this event or to schedule a personal tour, please contact Philippa Lichterman at plichterman@ohds.org or (510) 531-8600 x12.

HANUKAH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Sunday December 17, 2 pm, Freight & Salvage, Berkeley

Join your community for a grand afternoon of music, entertainment, fun, candle lighting, dancing, Hanukah gifts, and refreshments. Bring your children! Bring your parents! All are invited!

Performances include Nigunim Community Chorus, Adama Band, storyteller Joel ben Izzy, and virtuoso violinist David Cernyavsky

General Admission - \$24 in advance, \$28 at the door

Discounts for children, students, and seniors

Tickets – 510-644-2020 or www.thefreight.org

REVIEW OF LAWS OF CHANUKAH & LIGHTING YOUR CHANUKIA

begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev – Tuesday, December 12, and continues for eight days.

For the entire eight days of Chanukah it is forbidden to fast or to

eulogize.

During morning prayers, *Shacharit*, one should recite the full *Hallel* every day.

"*Al hanissim*" the special paragraph of prayers for Chanukah is added in the silent prayers, *Shmoneh Esreh* and also in Grace after meals. If one forgot to say this addition, one should not repeat either *Shmoneh Esreh* or Grace.

PREPARING THE CHANUKIA

If a number of people are lighting in one household they should make a slight separation between their *Chanukias* so that there is no confusion to the observer as to the number of candles.

Ideally, the *Chanukia* should be placed outside the house to the left of the entrance. Since anti-Semitism was so common throughout Jewish history it became customary among many communities to place the *Chanukia* inside the house, near the entrance or on the table. In many families it is the custom to place the *Chanukia* in a window facing the public, especially where many people share one entrance (e.g., apartment building).

The *Chanukia* should be no lower than three *tfachim* from the floor (approx. 10.5 inches) and should be no higher than 20 *amot* from ground level (35.5 ft). Ideally, it should be about 10 *tfachim* high (40 inches).

The *Chanukia* should have all the candles or wicks on the same level, none higher or lower than the others.

It is customary to have an additional candle (the *shamash*) with which to light the other candles and in order to use its light. The *shamash* should be placed in a way that shows that it is not one of the Chanukah candles.

It is preferable to have the candles in a straight line, and not in a semi-circle, however it is permitted to have them in a semi-circle providing each candle is clearly separated from the others.

It is prohibited to light the *shamash* from the Chanukah candles.

It is obligatory to light candles, and one should even borrow money to fulfill this *mitzvah*. If a poor person needs money for Chanukah candles the community is obligated to provide for him.

The minimum obligation is that every household should have one candle burning every night. It is customary to be scrupulous regarding this *mitzvah*: to have one candle on the first night and an additional candle every night (1-8), and for everyone in the house as well.

Any type of oil is acceptable for use in the *Chanukia*, however, it is best to use olive oil.

Wax candles are also acceptable, providing they have a single wick.

Place first candle on the extreme right of the *Chanukia*. On the second night add a candle on the left. Light the newest candle first and proceed to the right.

There are different customs regarding the placement of the candles, some follow the right and left of the observer from outside, some follow the right and left of the person lighting inside.

ORDER OF BLESSINGS AND SONGS

On the first night three *brachot*, blessings are recited. "*Lehadlik ner shel Chanukah*", "*Sheasa nissim*" and "*Shehecheyanu*." Page 709 in the Birnbaum Siddur, page 782 in the Artscroll Siddur, or page 897 in the Koren Siddur.

On the other nights only the first two blessings are said.

All the blessings should be recited before actually lighting the candles. First light the *Shamash* before the blessings to avoid delay. It is forbidden to speak between the recitation of the blessings and the completion of candle lighting.

"*Haneirot Halalu*" is recited either during or after the lighting of the additional candles.

"*Maoz tsur yeshuaty*" is then sung.

NOW THAT IT'S LIT...

The *Chanukia* should not be moved after it has been lit.

If the *Chanukia* was lit in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and it was extinguished, one is not obligated to relight it, but one may relight it without reciting a blessing.

If the *Chanukia* was not lit properly in the first place, or was lit in a windy place and blew out then one is obligated to relight if it went out within 1/2 hour after nightfall.

It is permitted to work; however it is customary for women not to do any work for the entire time that the candles are burning.

It is forbidden to derive benefit from the light of the *Chanukia* just as it was forbidden to derive benefit from the *Menorah* in the Temple, and also in order to show that the purpose of the *Chanukia* is for a *Mitzvah*, and not for illumination.

WHEN TO LIGHT

There are different customs as to the lighting of the *Chanukia*. Some light at sunset. Some light about ten minutes after sunset and some at nightfall. Here in Berkeley one should try to light as soon as possible after 5:35 p.m. (except for Shabbat, see below).

It is obligatory to put in enough oil, or a long enough candle to burn for at least 1/2 hour after nightfall (i.e. the appearance of three medium size stars).

In exceptional circumstances one may light one and a quarter hours before sunset with a blessing. However one should be careful to put in more oil or to use longer candles. If possible it is better to appoint an agent to light candles at the correct time, than to light early.

If one forgot or was not able to light at the correct time, one may light as long as people are still awake in the house in which one is lighting.

It is best to light in the presence of many people in order to publicize the miracle.

If one is a guest at someone's house (and staying there), one should give the owner a small amount of money to buy a portion in their candles and one may fulfill the obligation through the owner. Alternatively the guest may light his own *Chanukia*.

If one is eating out then one should light the *Chanukia* at their place of residence.

CHANUKAH & SHABBAT

On Friday afternoon, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candle-lighting time (if one accepted Shabbat early, it is forbidden to light Chanukah candles). *Mincha* should be said before lighting, if possible.

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After Shabbat one should first recite *Havdalah* at home and only then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the *Chanukia* as the candle for *Havdalah*.

Warm blessings for a joyous and safe Chanukah!

Adapted from the laws of Chanukah by Rabbi Mordechai Beche