



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

January 28-February 1, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am Mo-Th

Evening: 5:15 pm Su-Th

Friday Night, January 26

Northside minyan at Alper Home 5:05 pm

910 Oxford St Berkeley

Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:08 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:10 pm

Saturday, January 27

Morning Service 9:15 am

Childcare 9:15 am

Torah Readers: **Na'aman Kam**

Haftorah Reader: **Marvin Yudenfreund**

Formal Group Time: 10:30 am

Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**

Tzafona (K-2): **Nerya Davidi & Shira Desta**

Negba (3-5): **Jacob Schwartz**

Tot (18 mos-3yrs) babysitter: **Liz Ramirez**

Parent supervisors: **Aaron Kenin**

Sermon by R. Yonatan Cohen: *As Though We Did Not Go Out*

From Egypt

Mincha 12:40 pm

Teen Shabbat lunch (8-12 grade) with Nerya & Shira 1:00 pm

Seudah Shlishit 5:05 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 6:08 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

The Yudenfreund and Sparks families, and Sam and Bathea James and Marti and Shelly Zedeck on the occasion of Marvin's 75th birthday

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Nadav & Nechama Rappoport

MAZAL TOV AND NESSIAH TOVAH

Mazal Tov & Nessiah Tovah (safe travels) to Gaby Sandel on her upcoming trip to Israel. Gaby will be attending TRY (Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim) for a semester.

A special donation was made to the Gan Shalom Scholarship Fund by the Sandel Family to mark this joyous occasion.

CBI TEEN SHABBAT LUNCH

January 27th @ 1pm

Enjoy a Delicious Shabbat Lunch & Games @ CBI

co-hosted by our bnot sherut Shira & Nerya

8-12th grade

RSVP to Maharat Victoria Sutton

TU B'SHEVAT

Tuesday night & Wednesday, January 31

Tu B'Shev'at Seder, Tuesday 7:30 pm

ASHKENAZ/SEFARAD

A Special Shabbat Shalem Series



R. Nathaniel Helfgot

February 16-17

R. Nathaniel Helfgot is the Chair of the Department of Talmud and Rabbinics at SAR High School and is the Spiritual Leader of Congregation Netivot Shalom in Teaneck, NJ. He is a member of YCT's faculty in the Department of Bible and Jewish Thought and is the convener of the department's

Yemei Iyun. He is the editor of Community, Covenant, and Commitment: Selected Letters and Communications of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and the author of Mikra and Meaning among several other works.

Beth Israel Classes

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 Nehemiah, 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.

M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm.

Latte N Learn: at 2121 Allston Way at the East Bay Jewish Federation.

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 @ East Bay Jewish Federation

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.

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

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!

Hilchat 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.

M. Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:45 — 9:00 pm.

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.

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.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

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.

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 Sanctuary at 12:10 pm.

R. David Rue — Saturdays, 12:10 pm, during Kiddush

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS In Beth Israel

Kiddush sponsors needed - Thank you to all those who have reached out about sponsoring kiddush! The following dates are available for sponsorship: **February 3, March 3**

HOW?

I. DIY Kiddush: Approx. \$350

Sponsor is in charge of shopping, set-up/clean up, soliciting and collecting funds.

Sponsor is encouraged to reach out to friends and community members to help put on the kiddush.

Kiddush includes crackers, chips, dips, fruit, veg, cookies, ice cream and non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea, iced tea/water/seltzer. Specialty items like fish/cheeses/birthday cakes, alcohol would add to the total. CBI provides paper goods and linens for kiddushim.

II. Instacart Kiddush: \$400

CBI has a standing order with Instacart that can be ordered and delivered directly to shul.

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For an additional \$125 CBI can hire staff to handle set-up and clean-up.

CBI provides paper goods and linens for kiddushim.

III. Catered Kiddush: \$1000 and up

Sponsors hire a CBI approved caterer to provide Kiddush.

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Email Avraham Burrell today at avraham@mindspring.com.

Mazal tov! to parents Rachel & Jacob Heitler, big sisters Orly & Maya, grandparents Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein and Susan & Bruce Heitler on the birth of a baby boy **Emmett Elisha Heitler**.

A great way to support the family is to bring them a meal. Please sign up

here: <http://mealmein.com/helpout/hpn5r>

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 Leah Kahn & Darrell Cohn on the birth of a baby girl. 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!

Women's Tefillah Celebration: We will be honoring all of the voices that make up women's tefillah at CBI at a special kiddush on February 10th.

Women's tefillah will meet that Shabbat afternoon for mincha, with our middle schoolers taking the lead in leyning and leading tefillah!

CBI Women's tefillah is made up of countless remarkable voices and moments. Over the years, it has opened up so many opportunities and firsts: a 12 yr old, 40 year old, or 80 yr old leading tefillah, leyning, or getting an aliyah for the first time, and that was just in this past year!

From our Simchat Torah reading - where all women who want can get an aliyah - to Megillat Esther, to our Shabbat Mincha and Seudah Shelishit gatherings through out the year, we are grateful to all those who make these moments of *shir* and *berakha* possible.

To participate in this kiddush, donate through the CBI website (<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/>) or the office, and note "Women's Tefillah Kiddush". Please share some of those memories and moments in the comments

NCSY

1) **Special guest speaker: Aryeh Hermann** will be leading our Latte N' Learn Monday night 7:30pm - 8:30pm February 5th! Grades 8-12, alumni, and any adults that would like to attend! Meeting at 2121 Allston Way at the East Bay Jewish Federation. Thank you to the EB Jewish Federation for allowing us to use their space to meet for LNL every Monday night!

2) **Parent/NCSYer Learning** - back for our third time! Open for grades 4-12 (with separate learning tracks for different ages) come for an hour of fun, food, learning and raffles! Congrats to the winners of the Oakland A's tickets this past Saturday night! Put it on your calendar - Feb 17th from 7:15pm to 8:15pm at Beth Jacob in Oakland.

3) If somehow you missed it - our annual **Skibaton is coming up Feb 9th** for grades 9-12! Make sure to grab your spot before they are all gone, space is limited! <https://norcal.ncsy.org/events/198996/norcal-shabbaton/>

4) Our online Israel advocacy classes are starting soon! 4 online classes starting Feb 13 for grades 9-12. All info here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAiO95D7MzVPuY4Mj7466274bSY7kWLtXbKDirXAcAHzBzQ/viewform>

5) Save the date for West Coast Yarchei Kallah in LA! Feb 18 and 19th! For information: naimana@ncsy.org

Learn Basic CPR Training

(please note: no certificate is issued)

**and how to use the shul's defibrillator
with Chris Schlesinger**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018 AT CBI

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

— FREE training is open to 15 people —
RSVP to office@cbiberkeley.org.

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

Upcoming Shalom Hartman Community-Wide Lectures

February 6 - Rachel Korazim at Temple Sinai (2808 Summit St.): "1967-1970: Anxiety, Euphoria and Concern - Poetic Voices of Israel"

Rachel Korazim is a Jewish education consultant specializing in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Until 2008 she was the Academic Director of distance learning programs at the Jewish Agency's Department of Education. Born in Israel, she served as an IDF officer in the central training base for women and was later a member of the IDF delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a Ph.D. in Jewish education. Dr. Korazim has vast experience in Jewish education in Israel, the US, Canada, Latin America, and Europe. She is a founder of a special program for soldiers from disadvantaged backgrounds. She is involved with Jewish education worldwide. Since 1990, she has invested time and energy in helping emerging Jewish schools of Hungary.

March 21 - Yehuda Kurtzer at Congregation Beth Jacob: "Zionism, Messianism and Jewish Politics: From 1967 – 2007"

April 24 - Donniel Hartman at Congregation at Beth El: "One State, Two State: Moral Red Lines"

Hasidah Fertility Support Program: Want to have a baby but struggling to make it happen? Looking for a caring and creative space to work through what is happening among others who understand? Nurture yourself during your fertility journey through creative expression and spiritual exploration. These sessions provide people facing infertility or fertility challenges an opportunity for healing, sharing and listening in a Jewish context. \$18 per session. Space is limited. Registration requested. Register online at www.hasidah.org or call 415.323.3226.

Tuesday, February 20

Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford St
with R. Chai Levy
Coming Next!

Thursday, March 15

Jewish Studio Project, 940 Dwight Way 13b
with R. Adina Allen

Moshava California: Summer 2018 Registration Now Open!

Session 1: June 25-July 18 • Session 2: July 24-August 15
Meet the new camp director Avi Matanky - Oakland, Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 6 pm at the home of Rachel and Judah Rabinowitz, 903 Paramount Road, Oakland.

For more details and to RSVP: office@moshavacalifornia.org,
www.moshavacalifornia.org, 855 MOSHAHA
\$50 discount for all those who attend

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.

On Sunday January 28, Reem's Bakery in Oakland is hosting a book signing promoting academic boycotts against Israel. A counter vigil will be held in front of the bakery in response. We'll be gathering at 3:30, Sunday January 28 3301 E 12th St #133, Oakland.

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).