



Weekday Morning and Evening Services — April 30-May 4

Morning: Su 8:00 am • Mo-F 6:30 am

Evening: Su-Th 7:45 pm

Friday night, April 28

18th Day of the Omer

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Northside minyan @ Gessow home 7:00 pm

1315 Bonita Avenue, Berkeley

Candle Lighting 7:39pm

Saturday, April 29

Morning Service 9:15 am

Childcare 9:15 am

Torah Readers: Zeev Neumeier

Haftorah Reader: Benjamin Epstein

Formal Group Time: 10:30 am

Kedma (3-5 years old): Natan Kuchar

Tzafona (K-2): Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou

Negba (3rd-5th): Ari Weber

Board Representative: Susie Marcus

Sermon by Miriam R. L. Petruck: On Reaching (for) the New Fifty

Shabbat Mincha 7:20 pm

Seudah Shelishit 7:40 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:40 pm

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Avraham Burrell in loving memory of his father Dr. Hugh Burrell; Saul Miranda in honor of the memory of his brother Francis Alan Miranda, and with gratitude to the CBI community and Maharat Victoria for their support; and to Avraham Burrell for helping to organize the kiddush

YOM HA'ZIKARON/ DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ISRAELI SOLDIERS

YOM HA'ATZMAUT/ INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday night, Monday & Tuesday, April 30 & May 2

Singing and Remembering

Sunday, April 30, 8:00 -9:00 pm

We will sing Yom Ha'ZiKaron songs and share stories on the evening of Israeli Memorial Day.

TEKES MA'AVAR - TRANSITION CEREMONY

Monday, May 1

Join us as we mark the transition from commemorating Yom Ha'Zikaron, Memorial Day, to celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Independence Day. We will honor the memories of those who have fallen this year, and express our gratitude for the Land of Israel. Tekes will be followed by celebratory Maariv with Hallel, Israeli food, music & festivities.

7:35 pm - Mincha

7:45 pm - Tekes Ma'avar followed by celebratory Ma'ariv and Hallel

(alternate Ma'ariv directly following Mincha in the library)

8:30 pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration - food and festivities

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 am Celebratory Shacharit w/Hallel

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Daniel & Ezra with M. 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 haSofer, the pivotal figure in returning the people, and Torah, from the Babylonian exile to Jerusalem. 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. Resumes May 1

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

NCSY LNL – Latte & Learning (for Teens; Grades 9-12): Latte & Learning brings Judaism to local coffee shops and serves up Torah in a relaxed and fun setting. LNL is the place for teens to ask questions, voice their feelings, and connect with each other.

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. • Starbucks, 2128 Oxford St, Berkeley

TUESDAY



Rachel Brodie – Land Mine: Nationalism & Other Unnatural Disasters In The Poetry Of Yehuda Amichai: Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai 's (1924-2000) extensive explorations of land and landscape in their material and metaphorical states are permeated with explosive matters and subversive ideological positions. Join us for a close look at some of Amichai's poems

and a discussion of what happens to an Amichai poem about Jerusalem when it is read in San Francisco or an Amichai poem about San Francisco when it is read in San Francisco.

Rachel Brodie — Tuesday @ 7:30 – 9:00 pm, May 2, 9, 16, 23

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.

Mickey Davis • Wednesday • 4:15-5:45 pm

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

Does not meet May 3 and 10.

Maharat Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 pm



Women's Torah Leyning Class with Meena Viswanath: Learn to leyn in time for Simhat Torah women's reading! Should be able to comfortably read Hebrew (with punctuation). No previous Torah reading experience or musical ability necessary. Cost: Class is free, class workbook is \$25, payable to CBI office.

Please note: registration is closed.

Meena Viswanath moved to Berkeley last summer with her husband and son. She has been leyning regularly since her bat mitzvah, and can leyn torah, haftarah, Eicha, Esther, and the other Megillot (with Ashkenazic te'amim). She taught a torah leyning class last year in Young Israel of

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Atlanta, and is excited to teach a torah leyning class here in CBI.

Meena Viswanath -- Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm -8:30 pm, May 3 – August @CBI (10-12 sessions)

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 @ 9:00 AM: Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) on major Jewish questions of practice and thought.

M. Victoria Sutton • May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9, 16 • 9:00 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel



Shabbat dinner and lecture with Dr. Orit Avnery
"Who is In Who is Out: The Two Voices of Ruth"

May 5, 2017

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat: 7 pm

Shabbat dinner: 7:45 pm

\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$50 maximum per family

Lecture with Dr. Orit Avnery: 8:30 pm

To sign up for Shabbat dinner, please register & pay online or make your reservation by email through the CBI Office.

RSVP by Tuesday night, May 2– Dinners fill up quickly, please register early!

Dr. Orit Avnery is a research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute. She holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and has studied at the Matan Women's Institute for Jewish Studies.

*She received her Ph.D. in Bible Studies at Bar-Ilan University. Her dissertation is entitled *The Threefold Cord: Interrelations between the Books of Samuel, Ruth and Esther*. Orit was a participant in the ATID - Academy for Torah Initiatives and Directions - fellowship program for future educational leaders, and she served as the coordinator of its *Yeud Beit Midrash* for three years.*

Orit taught Bible studies at Pelech High School for girls, and Midreshet Lindenbaum and currently teaches at the Be'eri School for Teacher Education, Shalem College, and Matan.

*Orit's book *Liminal Women: Belonging and Otherness in the Books of Ruth and Esther* was published by The Shalom Hartman Institute and Keter Press in 2015.*

Graduates Kiddush: I am trying to compile a list of all CBI graduates (preschool through PhD) for this year's graduates' Kiddush on June 17, 2017. If you or another CBI someone you know qualifies, please let me know! Thanks, Ory Sandel

Fifth Annual EBT OCD (East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day)

Join your fellow Jews from around the East Bay as they engage in acts of *chedsed* (kindness) and *tikkun olam* (repair of the world). Sign up for volunteer opportunities on two different days, May 7th and June 25th.

For more information and to register, please sign-up by April 28th at <http://ebtocd.weebly.com/>

Packing for the Homeless at Beth Israel, Sunday May 7, 10 am-12 pm— please register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-our-neighbors-packing-for-the-homeless-at-beth-israel-tickets-33021935498>

Annual CommUNITY Lag B'Omer Picnic in Tilden Park (Padre picnic site) on Sunday, May 14 4:30-8 pm

\$10/person, \$36 per family by May 12. At the door: \$12/person, \$40 per family. Sponsor: \$72; Patron: \$180

Online payment: www.chabadberkeley.org.

Kosher BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie and gluten free options available. Bounce House, Bows'n Arrows, Lollipop Hunt, Relay Races, Drum Circle, Kids Rally with prizes, Live Music. Bring sports equipment, an instrument for the jam session.

Co-sponsored by Chabad, Congregation Beth Israel, OHDS, NCSY, The Jewish Federation



Musical Meditation from The Psalms for Women With Maya Raviv

Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 6:45 pm

In honor of Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day), enjoy Maya's original musical compositions of the Hebrew Psalms, performed live with voice and piano. The evening offers an opportunity for women to join together in deep and focused

meditation as a personal healing journey, supported by enveloping and inspired music and the power of group presence and intention.

Maya combines universal themes from Jewish tradition with the healing power of music to connect to the human experience. Born and raised in the Middle East and educated in the US, Maya has performed for Iraqi refugees in Jordan; Holocaust survivors in Oklahoma; in New York at Lincoln Center and the United Nations Headquarters; and in kindergartens, nursing homes, hospitals, military memorial services, synagogues and churches all across America. To watch and listen to her works please visit www.mayaraviv.com

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In The Community

EVENTS AT AFIKOMEN

Thursday May 4, 7:00 pm — *The Wisdom of Not Knowing: Discovering a Life of Wonder by Embracing Uncertainty* by Estelle Frankel

A deeply affirming exploration of the challenges and possibilities of the unknown--with meditations and exercises that can help transform the fear and uncertainty of "not knowing" into a sense of openness, curiosity, and bravery. Estelle Frankel is a practicing psychotherapist and a seasoned teacher of Jewish mysticism and meditation. She was ordained as a rabbinic pastor and spiritual guide (*mashpiah ruchanit*) by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and is one of the spiritual leaders of her local Jewish Renewal community.

Sunday, May 7 10 am-12:30 pm — Ruth Wiseman Book Release Party & Signing @ Afikomen: *How the Moon Became Dim*

is a children's book, with gorgeous pictures, inspired by the story of the Sun and Moon's creation found in Kaballah. CBI member Ruth Wiseman uses this story to teach young readers the importance of self-acceptance and the value of their own particular talent -- their Light for the World. Joins us for this wonderful celebration for all ages

Light refreshments * FREE * All Welcome

Sunday May 21, 3:00 pm — *This Precious Moment: The Wisdom of the Ba'al Shem Tov* by Rabbi Burt Jacobson,

This compelling book provides a short introduction to the wisdom

teaching of the Ba'al Shem Tov, by beloved local Rabbi Burt Jacobson. The author's hope is that the teachings and insights found in and between the lines of print in this book will open the reader, not only to an appreciation of the gifts of the Ba'al Shem Tov, but even more to the wonders hidden in each precious moment.
Afikomen Judaica, 3042 Claremont Ave. Berkeley CA 94702



Avivah Zornberg Lectures

What If Joseph Hates Us? Closing the Book

Friday, May 5th, 9:30 am, GTU Dinner Board Room, 2400 Ridge Rd.

As Genesis draws to its close, Joseph and his brothers have a final confrontation. Their father is dead and Joseph allays his brothers' fears of his vengeance. We

will discuss the paradoxes of closure: When does forgiveness prevent a true closure? Does Joseph in fact forgive his brothers? We will explore traditional and modern commentaries, making use of literary and psychoanalytic material in our discussion.

Sunday, May 7 at 7 PM - 9 PM: Isaac: Blindness & Blessing with Dr.

Avivah Zornberg, @ Chochmat Halev, 2215 Prince St, Berkeley, California 94705: Isaac survives the Akeda – his Binding on an altar; he marries and fathers children. But what does it mean to survive death? In midrashic tradition, the trauma of the Binding induces in him a delayed blindness. With the help of midrashic, psychoanalytic and literary sources, we will explore the enigma of Isaac's survival, and the ways this experience shapes his blind blessing of Jacob.

Dr. Avivah Zornberg is one of the most dynamic and compelling interpreters of the Bible alive. She weaves together ideas from literature, secular philosophy, psychology and the ancient teachers' take on the texts. It is entirely engaging and built for the 21st century. \$15 members of co-sponsoring organizations, \$20 general public. Co-sponsored by: Kevah, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth El, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Urban Adamah.

29th Annual East Bay Community-Wide Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

An All-Night Study Session on Shavuot

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 30-31, 6 pm until dawn

JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT!

Get ready for a unique celebration and night of learning – a spiritual journey bringing together people from a variety of perspectives and affiliations. Come for an hour or stay the whole night! We will be joined by teachers from our diverse Bay Area Jewish community.

CHILDCARE:

We are offering free childcare/sleeping room from 8:00 pm to 7:00 am for ages 2 and up. Parents may not leave the JCC while their children are in childcare. Parents must provide bedding and pre-register their child(ren) online by Thursday, May 25th at:

<http://tinyurl.com/tikkunchildcare>

For more information, please visit www.jccestbay.org/tikkun

or contact Lauren at tikkun@jccestbay.org

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A Bintl Briv* — In Words and Song: Echoes of the Jewish Immigrant Experience. Our 91st Annual Concert

Sunday, June 11th at 2:30 P.M.

Jewish Community High School of the Bay

1835 Ellis Street, San Francisco

All tickets \$13 Advance Tickets at: <https://jfc91.eventbrite.com>

Suggested donation at the door: Songs in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino & Russian, transliterations provided

General Admission: \$ 16 Students, Seniors, & Those with Disabilities: \$14

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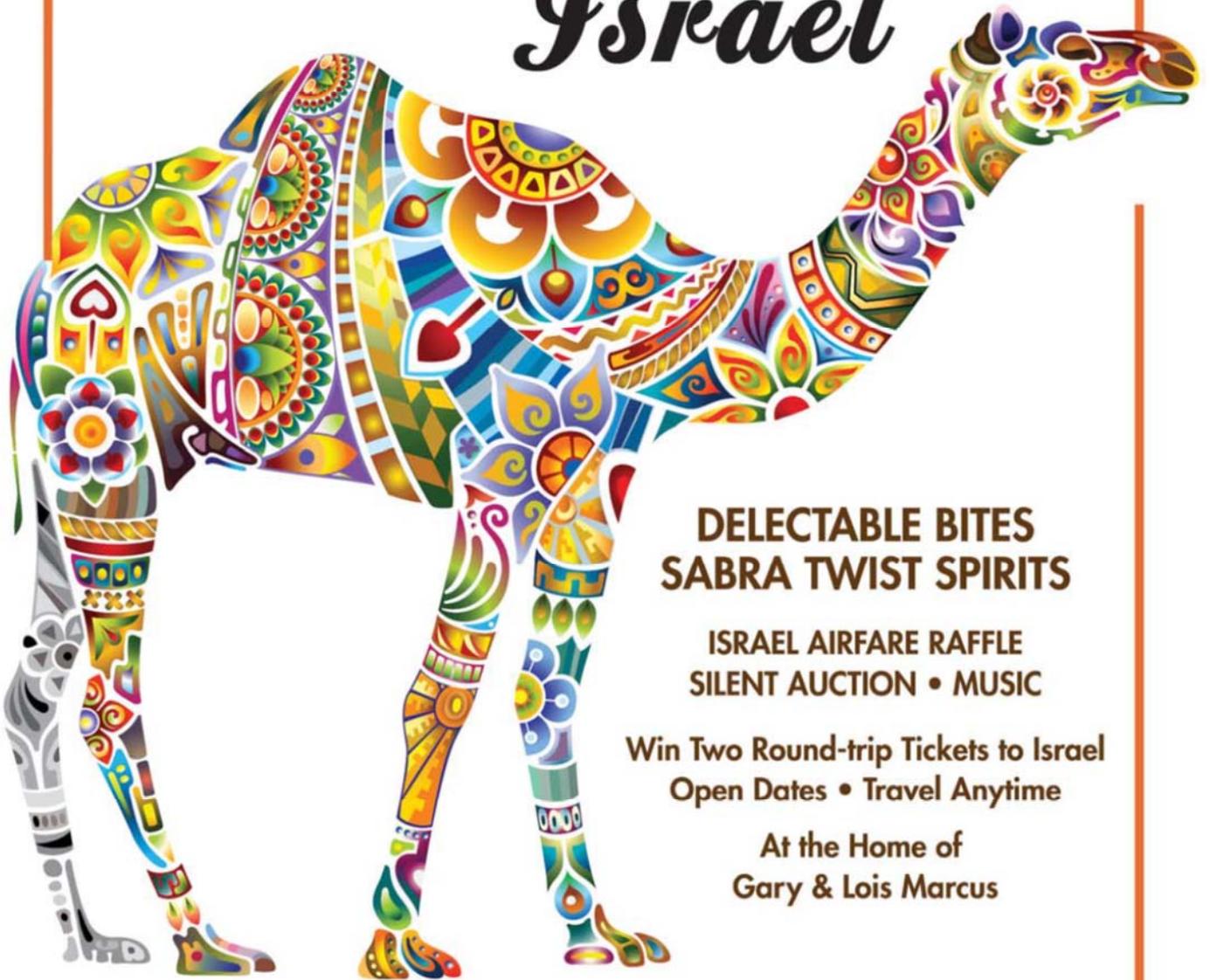
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