



**Weekday Morning and Evening Services**

**February 4-8, 2018**

**Morning:** 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am Mo-Th

**Evening:** 5:25 pm Su-Th

**Friday Night, February 2**

Northside minyan at Sudikoff Home..... 5:15 pm  
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)  
Shabbat Candle Lighting ..... 5:16pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat, celebrating the bat mitzvah of  
Shoshana Katler..... 5:20 pm  
The Katler family welcomes the community to join for light refreshments following davening.

**Saturday, February 3**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare ..... 9:15 am  
Torah Readers: **Glenn Massarano**  
Haftarah Reader: **Yechiel Frank**  
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am  
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona (K-2): **Nerya Davidi & Shira Desta**  
Negba (3-5): **Zev Neumeier**  
Tot (18 mos-3yrs) babysitter: **Liz Ramirez**  
Parent supervisors: **Sara & Saul Miranda**

**Sermon by R. Cohen:** Confronting Amalek and Yitro on the Way to Mt. Sinai

Mincha ..... 12:45 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:10 pm  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends..... 6:16 pm  
Mish Mash ..... 6:45 pm

**MISH MASH** offers CBI's parents and children an opportunity to study in pairs in a unique *beit midrash* atmosphere. For guidance in choosing learning materials best suited to your child's individual need, please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton at [maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com). Children in grades 1-8 and their parents are invited to participate. The evening begins with pizza, as parents and children settle into their learning spaces. At the close of each Mishmash, a Dvar Torah is given over by one of the children. Mishmash meets twice a month, on Motzei Shabbat: February 3, 17, March 3

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS:**

**Rhoda Agin** in memory of the yahrzeits of her dear parents Diana (Sheina Dina) Itzkowitz Agin and my father Irving (Yitzchak) Agin of blessed memory; **Ezra & Toby Hendon** in memory of Ezra's father Yaakov ben Aharon; **Miriam R L Petruck** commemorating the yahrzeit of her father, Rabbi Marvin Petruck; **Rachel and Eric Seder** in memory of William Spielman and Harold Seder on their yahrzeits; **Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein** in memory of Lee Valas and Harry Valas on their yahrzeits

**HACHNASSAT ORCHIM**

**Glenn & Judy Massarano**

**Women's tefillah Women's Tefillah and Seudah Shelishit:** We are excited to continue regular Women's Tefillah and Torah reading at CBI this year!

Thank you to all those who participated at our last meeting on January 6. Women's Tefillah meets for Shabbat Mincha, including Torah reading, on the first Shabbat of the month, followed by Women's Seudah shelishit & Learning. Women's tefillah also holds an annual Simhat Torah reading and Purim day reading of Megillat Esther.

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Shabbat, Feb 10\* - 4 pm  
Megillat Esther - Thursday, March 1st @ Noon  
Shabbat, May 5 - 5 pm  
\* Note this is the 2nd Shabbat of the month  
To participate by \*leyning \*gabbaing \*leading tefillah \*teaching during seudah shelishit \*sponsoring seudah shelishit sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/yde5tfut>  
To learn more, contact M. Victoria Sutton ([maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com)) or Dr. Tamara Beliak ([tbeliak@ohds.org](mailto:tbeliak@ohds.org)).

**Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner for Families with Young Children**

**February 9th**  
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:25 pm at Gan Shalom  
Dinner: 6:00 pm at CBI  
Please RSVP at <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/tot-shabbat/> by Tuesday night, February 6  
Dinner will have Meat and Vegetarian options  
Payment can be made through the CBI Office. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, maximum \$50 per family

**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.

**Friday, February 16**

5:31 pm – Candle Lighting  
5:35 pm – Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:30 pm – Communal Shabbat Dinner (*\$10 per child, student, & young professional, \$18 per adult, \$50 max per family*)  
<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/learn/scholars-in-residence/helfgot0216/>  
7:45 pm – Learning w/ R Helfgot: "Peshat and Derash: The Ashkenazic Experience"

**Saturday, February 17**

11 am – Sermon: "How Kabbalah Transformed the Ashkenazic Shabbat"  
12:52 pm – Shabbat Mincha  
5:00 pm – Seudah Shlishit  
5:15 pm – Learning w/R. Helfgot: "The Role of Minority Views in Psak Halakha: Through the Ashkenazi Lens"  
6:30 pm – Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends

*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.*

## 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.**

**Shirat Hatefillah -- Prayer Poetry:** Since the relationship between "religious" and "secular" aspects of modern Israeli society is usually portrayed in terms of a kulturkampf--a culture war--exploration of the creative output of people who straddle both worlds is particularly compelling. Together we will study contemporary Israeli poets who explore theological themes and the paradoxical iconoclasm of their poetry.

Rachel Brodie holds a master's degree in Rabbinic Literature from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a B.A. in Literature and History from Brown University. Rachel lives in Berkeley with her de facto "bashert" Adam Weisberg and their two de jure daughters, Sophia and Ariella.

**Rachel Brodie -- Mondays @ 7:30 pm, February 5, 12, 19**

**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

**The Silver Platter: The Birth of an Iconic Text:** Natan Alterman's "The Silver Platter" acquired an iconic position as the ritual text of commemoration for soldiers fallen for the defense of the state. After unveiling the secrets of its creation, we shall study the poem in depth uncovering references to the past and prophetic visions of the future for the State of Israel.

Dr. Rachel Korazim is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. Until 2008 she had been the Academic Director of Distance learning programs at The JAFI Department of Education. Korazim is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education.

**Rachel Korazim -- Wednesday @ 12:00 pm, February 7**

**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.

**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.

**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

**Mazal tov to grandparents Rona Rothenberg and Yehuda Ben-Israel** on the birth of a baby boy on Tu B'Shevat to their son David Ben-Israel and wife Jamie Rosen. Mother and baby are in good health, b"n.

The *brit milah* will take place in Kensington, Maryland Wednesday 2/7 B"H.

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 leynung 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, leynung, 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

**Kiddush Sponsors Availability** - Thank you to all those who have reached out about sponsoring kiddush! The following dates are available for sponsorship: **February 17 (co-sponsors sought); Pesach March 31 and April 1; April 7, 18 and 21. May 5 and 12 are available and co-sponsors are sought for May 19.**

#### 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.

CBI provides paper goods and linens for kiddushim.

Email Avraham Burrell today at [avraham@mindspring.com](mailto:avraham@mindspring.com).

#### NCSY

1) **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.

2) 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/>

3) 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>

4) Save the date for West Coast Yarchei Kallah in LA! Feb 18 and 19th!

For information: [naimana@ncsy.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

#### **Two Dates Only!**

**Covenant Winery: Vodka & Wine**

**Pop Up Dinner**

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