CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT PARSHAT EMOR

MAY 13, 2017 / IYAR 17, 5777

Weekday Morning and Evening Services — May 14-18
Morning: Su 8:00 am • Mo-F 6:30 am
Evening: Sunday @ Tilden 8:00 pm, Mo-Th @ CBI 8:00 pm

Friday night, May 12 — 32nd Day of the Omer
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 7:00 pm
Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home ..... 7:00 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting ..... 7:52 pm

Saturday, May 13
Morning Service ..... 9:15 am
Childcare ..... 9:15 am
Torah & Haftorah Reader: **Jamie Conway**
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am
Kedma: **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona (K-2): **Chani Levenberg and Hadassah Zenou**
Negba (3rd-5th): **Ari Weber**
Sermon by Aron Wolgel : *A General Look at the Details of Sefirat Ha Omer and the Spelling Bee*
WT Shabbat Mincha with Torah Reading ..... 5:00 pm
Mincha led by **Meena Viswanath**
Torah readers: **Ashira Bloom, Judy Massarano, Lisa Blumenband**
WT Seudah shelishit and Learning with M. Victoria Sutton ..... 5:25 pm
sponsored by Ronna Kabatznick in memory of Ada Silverman Wisch, z'l and Joan Silverman Kabatznick, z'l
Women's Tefillah will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for more details. To participate in the future, please contact Dr. Tamara Beliak (tbeliak@ohds.org), Judy Massarano (jmassarano@gmail.com) or M. Victoria Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com) with any questions
Shabbat Mincha ..... 7:35 pm
Seudah Shelishit ..... 7:55 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after ..... 8:55 pm

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Jonathan Lyon: in memory of his father Kalonymus ben Aharon, z"l on his yahrzeit

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM
Meena Viswanath & Jamie Conway

LAG B'OMER
Saturday night & Sunday, May 13-14
33rd Day of the Omer

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

Women's Torah Leyning Class with Meena Viswanath *(please note: registration is closed)*: 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:
Meena Viswanath moved to Berkeley last summer with her husband and

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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 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 12, 19, 26, June 9, 16 • 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. **Resumes May 13.**
R. David Rue • Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
In Beth Israel

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

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

SHABBAT SHALEM WITH R. JASON WEINER — MAY 19-21
FRIDAY, MAY 19

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:00 pm
Shabbat Dinner: 8:00 pm
Talk with R. Jason Weiner: 9:00 pm
SATURDAY, MAY 20
Sermon by R. Jason Weiner: 11:00 am
Pre-Mincha learning with R. Jason Weiner 6:30 pm
SUNDAY, MAY 21 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
An opportunity to learn about advanced medical directives from the perspective of Jewish Law with practical guidance from R. Jason Weiner. Participants will be able to complete their own advance directives during the session. Open to all adults, ages 18+.

Program includes:

- Study session with Jason Weiner on the relevant issues in Jewish law
- Small group discussions modeled on "The Conversation Project" (http://theconversationproject.org/)
- Resources to complete and sign individual advance directives.

Rabbi Weiner and Maharat Victoria will be on hand to answer individual questions. Materials will be provided to bring home to family members/ friends who cannot attend in person.
R Jason Weiner, BCC, serves as the senior rabbi and manager of the Spiritual Care Department, where he is responsible for the chaplaincy team and all aspects of spiritual care at Cedars-Sinai. Rabbi Weiner is the president-elect of the Southern California Board of Rabbis and has been honored with Rabbinic Leadership Awards from the Orthodox Union and Chai Lifeline. He is a member of the Cedars-Sinai End of Life Committee, the Organ Donor Council and the Bioethics Committee, for which he serves on the internal advisory board. Rabbi Weiner is also the rabbi of Knesset Israel Synagogue of Beverlywood, he teaches a Talmud class at Shalhevet High School, and he frequently serves as a scholar-in-residence at conferences and synagogues throughout the nation on topics related to Jewish medical ethics, pastoral care, health and wellness. He is the author of Guide to Observance of Jewish Law in a Hospital (Kodesh Press) and has published more than two dozen scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as a number of "popular" pieces.

CBI SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:

Musical Meditation from The Psalms
With Maya Raviv *(the Alpers' daughter-in-law)*
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

STAY UP ALL NIGHT WITH CBI — CBI ANNUAL TEEN TIKKUN (Grades 7-12), Tuesday, May 30
8:45 PM - Ma'ariv and Dinner at CBI
10 PM Walk over to JCC East Bay for a FULL NIGHT OF LEARNING (and ice cream!)
with Maharat Victoria Sutton and our beloved Bnot sherut Chani Levenberg and Hadassa Zenou.Full schedule to follow shortly
RSVP to Maharat Victoria Sutton

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

EVENTS AT AFIKOMEN
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

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.

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

Fifth Annual EBTOCD (East Bay Tikkun Olam Chessed Day)
Join your fellow Jews from around the East Bay as they engage in acts of *chessed* (kindness) and *tikkun olam* (repair of the world). Sign up for volunteer opportunities on June 25th. For more information and to register, please sign-up by April 28th at http://ebtocd.weebly.com/

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.

Temple Sinai and AIPAC cordially invite you to

Pursuit of Peace: Overcoming Obstacles and Seizing Opportunities to Achieve a Brighter Future
Featuring
Ghaith al-Omari
Senior Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy and Former Advisor to the Palestinian President and the Palestinian Negotiating Team
and
Jonathan Schanzer
Vice President for Research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Check-in 7:00 p.m. , Program 7:30 p.m.
Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit Street • Oakland, CA

This program is co-sponsored by AIPAC and Temple Sinai together with Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Temple Beth Abraham and the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco.
Advanced registration is required by May 11, 2017.
No onsite registration.
RSVP @ www.aipac.org/May18
This event is off-the-record and closed to the press.
For questions please contact the San Francisco AIPAC Office at (415) 989-4140 or NorthernCaliforniaEvents@aipac.org.

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.

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