



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHUSHAN PURIM
SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TISA

MARCH 2-3, 2018 — 16 ADAR, 5778

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

March 4-8, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M-Th

Evening: 5:45 pm Su-Th

Thank you to our Purim Seudah Sponsors:

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Friday, March 2

Northside minyan at Sudikoff Home..... 5:40 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:46 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50 pm

Saturday, March 3

Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am
Torah Readers: **Zvi Rosen, Benjamin Epstein**
Haftorah Reader: **Jeremy Evnine**
Formal Group Time: 10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona (K-2): **Nerya Davidi & Shira Desta**
Negba (3-5): **Jacob Schwartz**
Parent Supervisor: **Tamara Beliak**

Sermon by R. Cohen: Reflections from the Tzohar's International Rabbinic Conference

Mincha 12:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit 5:40 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends..... 6:44 pm
Mishmash 7:15-8:15 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Matan Gilbert celebrating Nadav's 5th birthday and entering another *Chinuch* milestone. May he grow in *mitzvot!*; **Laura Lipman** in honor of her second retirement

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Matty Lichtenstein & Zvi Rosen

Kiddush Wine

Covenant Winery with special thanks to the Morgan Family



Imam Abdullah Antepli in Conversation with Rabbi Yonatan Cohen: *When Isaac and Yishmael Met - A Living Midrash* Sunday, March 4th, 10am @ CBI

Light Breakfast will be Served

The challenges to this interfaith relationship are great but so are the opportunities. While the voices of tension are loud, there are also other voices calling for understanding and friendship. In an intimate conversation, Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and Imam Abdullah Antepli, Co-Director of the Shalom Hartman

Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative, will discuss the state of this relationship and the challenges to imagining a new reality.

Generously Funded by the Koret Foundation

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.

Nine Talmudic Readings by Emmanuel Levinas: Nine readings of the Talmud by the French Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas translate Jewish thought into the language of modern times. Here Levinas applies a hermeneutic that simultaneously allows the classic Jewish texts to shed light on contemporary problems and lets modern problems illuminate the texts. Besides being quintessential illustrations of the art of reading, the essays express the deeply ethical vision of the human condition that makes Levinas one of the most important thinkers of our time.

Muni Schweig — Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm @ the Schweig home

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

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

SCRIP NEWS! I am already nagging you about Passover shopping. I will remind you again, but please start thinking about how much you will spend at Oakland Kosher Foods when you do your holiday shopping. Let me know the amount of scrip you wish to purchase. I have already ordered \$4,000 of OKF scrip in the denomination of \$25. When you purchase scrip from CBI at face value, the Shul makes 5%. So please respond with your order or with any questions you may have. It is OK if you enjoy Purim first!

Thank you, Naomi Stamper nstamper@sbcglobal.net

Koren Youth Siddurim - Dedication Opportunities: We are excited to debut our brand new Koren Youth Siddurim in our K-2 and 3rd-5th grade Shabbat groups this week!

These beautiful siddurim will surely deepen our children's *tefillah* (prayer) experience. They contain educational illustrations, quotes and stories that explore themes from the liturgy and questions that stimulate reflection and critical thought.

Dedication opportunities are available for these new siddurim with a personalized dedication plate in honor of your child(ren) or in honor of a *simcha*, \$24 per siddur.

Kiddush Sponsors Availability - Thank you to all those who have reached out about sponsoring kiddush! The following dates are available for sponsorship: **March 3:** co-sponsors sought/appreciated; **Pesach March 31 and April 1; April 7, 18 and 21, May 12, and Shavuot May 20-21** are available. Co-sponsors are sought for **May 19.**

HOW?

I. DIY Kiddush: Approx. \$350

II. Instacart Kiddush: \$400

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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For more details on these choices, email Avraham Burrell today at avraham@mindspring.com.

CBI SISTERHOOD

Book Club: Copies of *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen are available. Our next meeting is scheduled at CBI for Sunday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m.

NCSY

1)NCSY Middle School Shabbaton! March 16 @ CBI for all 6-8 graders! Don't miss your spot!!! Get ready for an awesome "Magical" Shabbaton! The theme is "*Dan Likaf Zchut*" or in other words "Things aren't always how they seem". There will be a magic show, as well as a workshop where you can learn magic tricks, and of course Saturday night laser tag at OHDS! Woohoo!!!

Please contact Rabbi Akiva at naimana@ncsy.org if you can offer hospitality to middle schoolers.

Sign up at <https://norcal.ncsy.org/events/200925/norcal-shabbaton/> Early bird price: \$89. Scholarships available. If you've never been on a Shabbaton before and have questions about the weekend - please contact Rabbi Akiva at naimana@ncsy.org

2) March 25- social event for high schoolers. Save the date!

3) Save the Date for Regionals, May 25-28.

For information: naimana@ncsy.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

OHDS 2nd annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day! Friday, March 9 8:15-11:15 AM

Oakland Hebrew Day School, 5500 Redwood Road Oakland, CA
This fun day includes classroom visits, tefillah, student presentations and performances, morning snack and a catered brunch. We really hope you can join us! You do not have to be a grandparent or special friend of a student to attend. It is joyful to engage with the students during their special grandparents and special friends day lessons and morning tefillah. Many of our students will not have a guest due to having no family in the bay area and they would love to be adopted and to adopt you for the morning! RSVP to Betsy Ringrose: bringrose@ohds.org if you plan to attend. Please also specify if you need special assistance.

MIDRASHABANG! Sunday, March 11, 2018, 5:30 pm @ Netivot Shalom
RSVP by March 5.

Join us for our annual Gala Midrashabang, featuring music by Shamati and support Midrasha's continued work with our teens. If you cannot attend consider participating in our raffle (need not be present to win) or making a gift of support. In this year of transition to a single Berkeley-Oakland program we are especially in need of your continued support.

Parenting in the Digital Age with Diane Graber (founder of cybercivics.com): March 15, 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Hebrew Day School. Join us for a lively discussion and get actionable strategies on how to help children of all ages find balance and build a healthy relationship with technology. RSVP to office@ohds.org.

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.

Thursday, March 15

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

Yes, there's a word for that in Yiddish!

Sunday, March 18th, 1:30 - 3 PM, Jewish Community Library, 1835 Ellis St, San Francisco, California 94115

Published in 2016, the "Comprehensive English–Yiddish Dictionary," contains more than four times as many words as the most recent English–Yiddish dictionary, which was published nearly fifty years ago. Where did all these words come from? How do you say cell phone, binge-watch, glove compartment, and many other words used in contemporary life? Schaechter-Viswanath will discuss her childhood growing up with "mame-loshn" and how she became involved in seeking out existing Yiddish words, as well as coining new ones.

Gitl Schaechter-Viswanath has devoted her life to keeping Yiddish vibrant and relevant. She is co-editor-in-chief of the "Comprehensive English-Yiddish Dictionary" (Indiana University Press and League for Yiddish) and is language editor of "Afn Shvel," the magazine of the League for Yiddish. Schaechter-Viswanath has published a bilingual volume of her poetry, "Sudden Rain/Plutsemdikar Regn," and sings in an all-Yiddish choir. Her three children (and toddler grandson) all proudly speak Yiddish.

Co-presented by Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring of Northern California, the Center for the Art of Translation, and KlezCalifornia.

Program made possible, in part, by Richard Krieg in honor of David Medlin.

Free admission with free garage parking on Pierce Street between Ellis and Eddy streets.



2018 Spring Tutor Trainings - East Bay

Can You Read This? ...Then You Can Help A Child Who Can't. In just one hour a week you can help a struggling student learn to love reading. Join the Jewish Coalition for Literacy as a volunteer reading tutor and make a difference in a child's life.

Register for a free training workshop at: jclread.org or call us at: 510.809.4904.

Monday, March 19 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 25 Hillcroft Way, Walnut Creek

Wednesday, March 21 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm

JCL/Jewish Federation, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley

Opening Books - Minds - Doors

** Please note, fingerprinting is required by some school districts, which involves a fee.*

Upcoming Shalom Hartman Community-Wide Lectures

March 21, 7:00-9:00 pm - Yehuda Kurtzer, President Shalom Hartman Institute of North America: "Zionism, Messianism and Jewish Politics: From 1967 – 2007"

At Beth Jacob Congregation, 3778 Park Blvd. Oakland

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

The Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West now has available the third edition of *The Jews in the California Gold Rush*, by Dr. Robert E. Levinson. The book is the definitive work on Jews in the gold rush era, and has been out of print for many years. The retail price is \$25.07, including tax and mailing expenses. The book can be ordered by emailing the Commission at pioneerjewishcemeteries@gmail.com, leaving a telephone message at 831 607-8749, or contacting Joel Brodsky at 925-360-1477.

Steven Zipperstein & Judge Ladoris Cordell - - Resisting Together: Blacks and Jews in the Shadow of a Russian Pogrom

With Rabbi Sydney Mintz

Sunday, April 8, 7 pm, San Francisco JCC

RSVP required but the event is free. Books will be available.

The link with all the details is here: <https://www.jccsf.org/arts-ideas/zipperstein-and-cordell>

In his new book *Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History*, Stanford historian Steven J. Zipperstein separates fact from myth and demonstrates how a single event 115 years ago, in a provincial town in late-Tsarist Russia, shaped the imagination of a century. Zipperstein is joined on stage by Judge LaDoris Cordell, well-known civil rights activist, former Independent Police Auditor for the city of San Jose and the first female African-American judge in Northern California. Congregation Emanu-El's Senior Rabbi Sydney Mintz moderates this riveting discussion.

GOING TO ISRAEL? Our 2-bedroom, 2-bath apartment is available for short term vacation rentals. We have limited availability beginning in May. Located one block off of Emek Refaim in the leafy German Colony section of Jerusalem, this highly desirable neighborhood is full of great restaurants, cafés, and shopping. You can walk to the Western Wall and the Old City from the apartment in approximately 35 minutes.

The apartment is the entire 2nd floor of a building containing only two other apartments, and is accessible only by stairs. It has a lovely and large mepesset (balcony), is fully air-conditioned, and has appliances including a flat screen TV, wireless internet access, and washer/dryer. It sleeps 4-6 people comfortably. It has one off-street parking space. Photos available upon request. Please contact hopenworks@pacbell.net if you would like more information.