



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT PARSHAT ACHAREI-KEDOSHIM SHABBAT SHALEM W/ DR. ZVI ZOHAR

APRIL 27-28, 2018 — 13 IYAR, 5778

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

April 29-May 3, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M-Th

Evening: 7:45 pm Su-W @ CBI & Th @ Tilden/Padre Picnic Site



Dr. Zvi Zohar is a senior research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He is the Chauncey Stillman Professor of Sephardic Law and Ethics at Bar-Ilan University, where he teaches in the Faculties of Law and Jewish Studies and is editor in chief of the international Journal of Law, religion and State. At Shalom Hartman Institute, he heads the Alan and Loraine Fischer Family Center for Halakha.

Friday, April 27

28th Day of the Omer

Northside minyan at Sudikoff home 7:00 pm

1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:38 pm

Communal Shabbat Dinner 7:45 pm

(registration is now closed)

Learning w/ Dr. Zohar: "Jewish Law and Zionism: Halakhic

Ramifications of National Sovereignty" 8:45 pm

Saturday, April 28

Morning Service 9:15 am

Childcare 9:15 am

Torah Readers: **Na'aman Kam, Matan Gilbert**

Haftorah Reader: **Michael Diamond**

Formal Group Time: 10:30 am

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

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

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

Sermon by Dr. Zvi Zohar 11:00 am

Learning w/Dr. Zohar: "Rabbinic Creativity in the Modern

Middle East: The Ben Ish Chai" 6:00 pm

Mincha 7:15 pm

Seudah Shlishit 7:35 pm

sponsored by Jonathan Lyon in honor of my Father's 4th Yahrzeit

(Kalonymus Ben Aharon HaLevi) and Binyamina Sharona-Schreiber, a kind person in Israel who has helped us toward our Aliyah

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 8:39 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS IN CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL

Congregation Beth Israel; Nimrod, Nava, and Maya Elias in honor of Aliza's 40th birthday; **Matan Gilbert** in appreciation of Judy Massarano, whose passion, patience, care and dedication make learning both fun and successful!; **Sherrin Packer-Rosenthal & Philip Rosenthal** in honor CBI's leadership; **Joelle Yzquierdo** in appreciation of Lois & Susie Marcus; Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes, Rena and Yakov Harari, and Marti & Shelley Zedeck for their kindness.

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Natan & Lili Kuchar

Kiddush Wine:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

PESACH SHENI

29th Day of the Omer

Saturday night & Sunday, April 28-29

LAG B'OMER

33rd Day of the Omer

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 2-3

Saturday, May 5th

Women's Shabbat Mincha and Torah Reading - 5:00 pm

Women's Seudah shelishit and Learning - 5:30 pm

Beth Israel Classes

MONDAY

Key Books in Tanakh: Sefer Shoftim/Judges The cycle of the period of the Judges spans several hundred years from the days of Joshua to the prophet Samuel. In the absence of strong, central leadership, individuals rose up to meet the challenges facing the nation. Some of these leaders are larger than life, such as Samson and Deborah, while others' stories are less known yet compelling and thought provoking. Through learning the book of Shoftim, we will compare and contrast these diverse leaders and gain an understanding of this liminal period in Jewish history.

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: 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.

New Talmudic Readings: This volume contains three of Emmanuel Levinas's last major lectures on the Talmud. Originally compiled and published in French in 1996, it includes the lectures, *The Will of Heaven and the Power of Humanity*, *Beyond the State in the Self*, and *Who is One-*

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.

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self?. Levinas's Talmudic commentaries have generated interest in both theological and philosophical circles. These exegetical writings bear on his ever-present concern with ethics, the central focus of his philosophy. One of the most remarkable consequences of this focus, furthermore, is a renewal of philosophy's capacity to both respect and uncover the deepest meanings central to sacred as well as secular texts.

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

THURSDAY

Covenant and Land: From Abraham to the present, Israel has been a constituent component of God's covenant with the Jewish people. Not surprisingly, the relationship between covenant and Israel is complex: for Jewish thinkers throughout the ages have struggled hard to understand the meaning and claim of covenant within the ups and downs of Jewish history. During this course, we shall explore classical and modern Jewish sources on the meaning and purpose of Israel within the overarching framework of covenant, exploring such questions as: Is the covenant unconditional or conditional? Is the Land of Israel holy? If so, in what sense? Is Jewish power a covenantal value? Jewish pride? Does the State of Israel represent continuity with or rebellion against the Jewish covenantal tradition?

Dr. Bernie Steinberg, Director Emeritus, Harvard Hillel, teaches at the Graduate Theological Union, and Kevah in Berkeley, and M2 The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education, based in Chicago. He recently wrote an essay on Maimonides for Oxford University Press Bibliographies.

Dr. Bernie Steinberg — Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24, 7:30 pm

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. **Class on hiatus until after Shavuot**

R. David Rue — Saturdays @8:30 am-9:15 am

Poems of the Ibn Ezra with R. David Rue—Shabbat Day: We will be starting a section on Poem's of the Ibn Ezra. Each class will meet in the Sanctuary. **Class on hiatus until after Shavuot.**

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

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

One Bay One Book: Dalia Sofer's *The Septembers of Shiraz* Monday, April 30th, 8 pm.

Please join us for a discussion of this year's **One Bay One Book** selection, "**The Septembers of Shiraz**," by Dalia Sofer, led by Professor Jaleh Pirnazar. Dr. Jaleh Pirnazar has been teaching in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, since 1980. Her research interests include Iranian history, literature, ethnic and religious minorities in Iran. She teaches Modern Persian Language and Literature as well as Iranian Cinema. Her publications include "A Voice of Exile" in *The Literary Review: Iranian Diaspora Literature Since 1980* (1996); "Iranian Jews, National Identity and Journalism 1915-1979" in

The History of Contemporary Iranian Jews (2000); and "The Image of the Iranian Jew in the Writings of Three Modern Iranian Writers" in *Iran Nameh* (1995).

Co-presented by CBI Berkeley, Jewish Community Library, Jewish Learning Works' One Bay One Book, and JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa. Books are available for borrowing and can be signed out in Berkeley through the **CBI Office** or the **Jewish Community Library** in San Francisco.

SAVE THE DATE: Kiddush Luncheon, Shabbat Emor, May 5: The community is warmly invited by an anonymous sponsor to join together for a kiddush luncheon on May 5th.

NCSY

Boomers, BBQ, and Tie Dye! Sunday, May 6th at 10:00am-3:30pm

Early Bird: \$39 (Until May 1st) Regular: \$49

READY TO TIE DYE T-SHIRTS FOR TEENS IN RWANDA? Get ready for this "blow your mind" schedule:

10:00am - Meet up to go to BOOMERS! in Livermore for Go-Karts, Mini Golf, Arcades and more!

1:00pm - Come back to Oakland for an EPIC BBQ, and Tie Dying Tshirts - one for you to keep and one to send away! (see below) NorCal NCSY has been in touch with the Agahazo Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda to see how we can help (www.asyv.org). They gave us a long list of things they need - and we are going to be supplying super cool tie dye shirts! Come partake in this incredible mitzvah (and gain community service hours) to help make the world MORE AWESOME.

Save the Date for Regionals, May 25-28.

For information: naimana@ncsy.org

CBI SISTERHOOD

CBI Book Group: Sunday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m.

We will discuss *Diary of the Fall* by Michel Laub. The books should be available on April 16 on Rita's porch.



UNCORKED!

2018 GALA

AT THE COVENANT WINERY

Sunday, June 3, 2018,

5:00-7:00 pm

SIPS & STORIES

Wine Tasting – Appetizers

Story Telling with Michael Kaye

FIRST PRIZE RAFFLE – \$5,000 value

Instant Kosher Wine Cellar

100 Bottles of Wine

SECOND PRIZE RAFFLE – \$900 value

Dinner at Covenant Winery for 6 Guests

Along with Rabbi Cohen & Maharat Victoria

RAFFLE TICKET SALES CAPPED AT 180

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

Afikomen: Rabbi Diane Elliot - Omer Poetry

Sunday April 29, 3pm

This is the Day, Ha-Yom Yom

Poems inspired by the practice of counting the Omer

We find ourselves in the midst of the seven-week countdown to Shavuot, the holiday commemorating the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. These weeks are marked by a powerful daily mindfulness practice known as "the counting of the Omer." Beloved local teacher and Rabbi, Diane Elliot, presents her new book of poems *This Is the Day* inspired by this mystical practice. Rabbi Diane will be offering a workshop on counting the Omer and reading from her book. Come learn how this ages-old mindfulness practice can refresh your soul, attune your senses, and heighten your creativity.

**Israel at 70 featuring Dudu Tassa & The Kuwaitis
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 8:00 pm**

The UC Theatre 2036 University Ave., Berkeley

In celebration of Israel at 70, CBI and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay present in concert Israeli-Iraqi-Yemeni Dudu Tassa & the Kuwaitis.

The Jewish Federation of the East Bay is thrilled to announce they are giving away 30 free tickets to CBI members. The tickets will be given away first come, first serve. To reserve tickets, please fill out this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekc4cyVMX6ceFZkoJ1DmKcsuebknxiI5WUajQHy9UnHHNzEw/viewform?c=0&w=1>. Please make sure to choose "Federation" under the "Select one of the following" questions and "Congregation Beth Israel" under "Company/Organization."

Israeli-Iraqi-Yemeni musician, Dudu Tassa, opened at Coachella and toured with Radiohead in 2017, and now is bringing his unique blend of Jewish and Arabic folk-rock to Berkeley. Thanks to the generosity of Taube Philanthropies, all proceeds from the concert will support Federation grantees in Israel. Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel jfed.org/israelat70

Lag B'Omer Picnic, May 3, 2018, Tilden Park, Padre Picnic Site, South Park Drive: Join us for a Lag Ba'Omer Outing for a delightful afternoon together with family and friends.

An event for all the family! Special kids program! Face Painting! Games 2 U! Fun Hamster Ball Competition! Live Music by Ferris Wheels!

Volunteers needed, please reply to yferris@gmail.com.

\$12 per person or \$36 per family includes: All you can eat BBQ with Veggie Options, too!, Bounce House, Lollipop hunt, Marshmallow roast, and Prizes. Please RSVP so we know you are coming and can accurately plan on food amounts.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-lag-bomer-picnic-tickets-45186272357?aff=es2>

Call us: Sharalyn 510 540-5824 or email office@chabadberkeley.org

Israel at 70 - May programs at Beth El

1. "Encounters of the Orthodox and Secular in Israel" - Wed May 9th at 7:30 pm.
2. "On the Cultural Frontlines: Contemporary Trends in Israeli Art" - Tuesday May 15th at 7:30 pm.

30th Annual East Bay Community-Wide Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

An All-Night Study Session on Shavuot

Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, 6 pm 'til dawn

JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut St. Berkeley

For more information, please visit www.jcceastbay.org/shavuot

or contact tikkun@jcceastbay.org

Urban Adamah Summer 2018: We have expanded our morning drop off time to begin at 8:30am and for our After-Camp Program to run until 5:30pm. In addition to our standard one week programs, we are also offering 3 two-week sessions.

Returning this summer: Transportation for San Francisco Campers!

Please visit our FAQs to learn more.

Sprouts

June 11 – June 15: Farm Helpers

June 18 – June 29: Farm Helpers (two-week session)

Teen Fellowship Week

July 30 – August 3

Main Camp

July 9 – July 20: *A Taste of Farm Life* • (two-week session)

• Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, offers strict kosher food option

July 23 – July 27: Earth Builders*

August 6 – August 10: Garden Chefs*

August 13 – August 24 : Global Village (two-week session)

*Transportation to and from San Francisco available

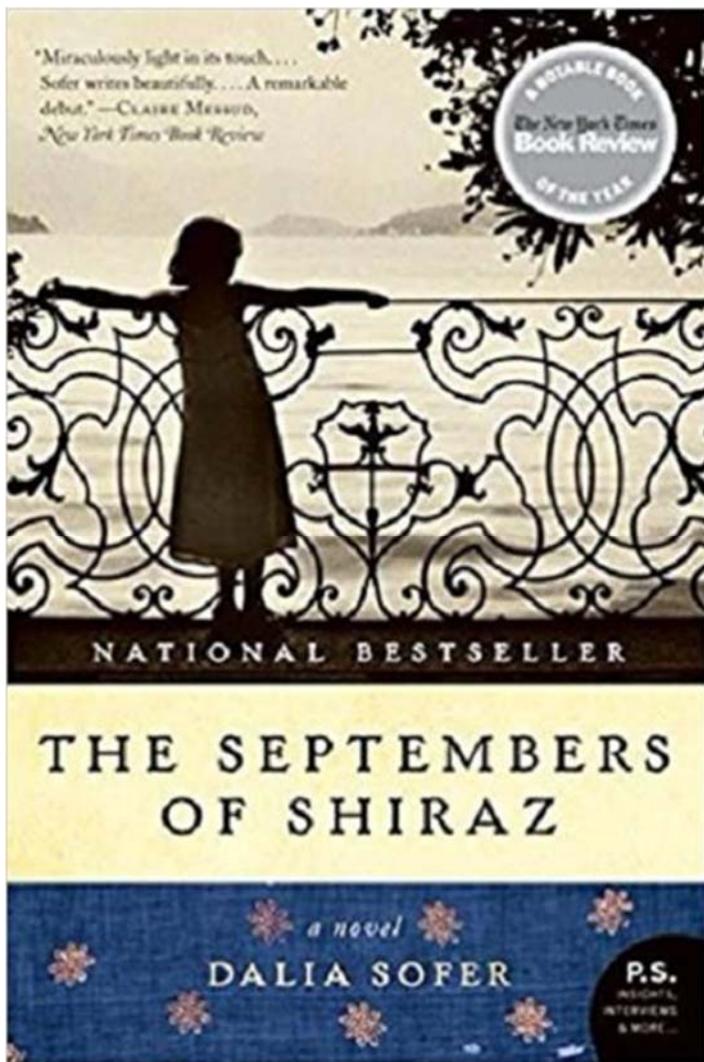
WAITLIST: To be added to our waitlist for a closed camp session, please use the registration button below and add yourself to the waitlist for your desired session.

<https://urbanadamah.org/youth/summer-camp/>

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 merpeset (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 hopeworks@pacbell.net if you would like more information.



The Septembers of Shiraz

by Dalia Sofer

with discussion led by

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