



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM PARSHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI
BAR MITZVAH OF DROR NEUMEIER

May 11-12, 2018 — 27 IYAR, 5778

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

May 12-17, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M-Th

Evening: 7:55 pm Su-Th

Friday, May 11

42nd 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 7:51 pm

Saturday, May 12

Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Dror Neumeier**

Haftorah Reader: **Dror Neumeier**

Formal Group Time: 10:30 am

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

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

Negba (3-5): (children are invited to join Bar Mitzvah)

Parent Supervision: **Asaf Shor**

Sermon by Dror Neumeier: Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land

Mincha 7:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit..... 7:50 pm

sponsored by the Neumeier and Beliak Family in honor of Dror's bar

mitzvah

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends..... 8:54 pm

KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

The Neumeier and Beliak family invite the entire community to a Kiddush lunch in honor of Dror's Bar Mitzvah.

Kiddush Wine:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Saturday night & Sunday, May 12-13

43rd Day of the Omer

Shacharit w/Hallel 8:00 am

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

Monday night & Tuesday, May 14-15

45th Day of the Omer

Shacharit 6:30 am

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-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.

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

Dr. Bernie Steinberg — Thursdays, May 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. *Resumes May 12*

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

CBI SISTERHOOD

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

We will discuss *Diary of the Fall* by Michel Laub.

CBI Teen Tikkun with Our B'not Sherut Shira and Nerya

Saturday, May 19 @ 8 pm-Sunday, May 20 @ 8 am

All Night learning: games, ice cream and more. Free!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycly8oq7>

Contact Maharat Victoria (maharatvictoria@gmail.com) for any questions.

Shavuot Family Mishmash & Dinner

Sunday, May 20, 4-6 pm

Ages 2.5 and up

More than just Cheesecake and Ice Cream

registration form: <https://tinyurl.com/ycwpcjo7>

Shavuot Communal Dinner

Sunday, May 20, 7:10 pm

RSVP to CBI Office

\$18 Adults, \$10 Students and children, \$50 max family

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/shavuot/>

NCSY

May 18 -21 Shavuoton!: Get ready for a weekend you DON'T want to miss! Join in with the whole chapter (and of course our amazing advisors!) for a weekend full of fun, all night learning, and sushi! There will be separate programming for grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

May 25 Spring Regionals & Disneyland! Only a few spots left!

<https://westcoast.ncsy.org/> For information: naimana@ncsy.org

Hachnassat Sefer HaTorah- Save the Date

Please join the Rosen family on May 28, 2018 at Shacharit Services, at 8 a.m., as we dedicate a Torah in memory of our parents:

Roslyn & Leon Brickman, z"l

Tova & Chayim Rosen, z"l

A celebratory breakfast will follow, Rena & Mordecai Rosen

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

Israel at 70 - May programs at Beth El

"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.icceastbay.org/shavuot

or contact tikkun@icceastbay.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/>

Come to Limmud Bay Area at Sonoma State Univ from June 29 to July 1.

Highlights of this year's program include a panel of Jewish journalists addressing "Fake News", presentations by Rivka Amado, Pardes faculty and Kevah fellows. Sessions on Israeli tech innovation, an analysis of the geopolitical situation in Israel, and other topics of interest. If six Beth Israel families sign-up, there will be a retroactive discount. Registration is now open! <http://limmudbayarea.org/register/>

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.*

Stand with Israel. Counter Anti-Israel Event

Tuesday, May 15th, 4-7pm

Israeli Consulate

456 Montgomery St, San Francisco, California

*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).*

Congregation Beth Israel

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3
5:00-7:00 PM

2018 GALA

COVENANT
WINERY

1102 Sixth Street
In Berkeley



RSVP TODAY

RAFFLE PRIZES

Instant Kosher Wine Cellar • \$5,000 Value
Dinner at Covenant Winery for 6 • \$900 Value

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