



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

EVE OF SHAVUOT

May 18-19, 2018 — 5 SIVAN, 5778

### Weekday Morning and Evening Services

May 20-24, 2018

#### Morning

Early Shacharit @ JCC 5:35 am; Yom Tom Shacharit @ CBI 9:15 am Sunday  
9:15 am Mo • 6:30 am Tu-Th

#### Evening

6:35 pm Sun • 8:00 pm Mo-Th

### SHAVUOT

**Saturday night, Sunday & Monday, May 19-21**

#### EVE OF SHAVUOT\*

**Friday, May 18**

#### 49th Day of the Omer

Northside minyan at Gessow home, 1315 Bonita Ave. .... 7:00 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 7:00 pm  
Candle Lighting\* ..... 7:57 pm

#### Saturday, May 19

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare ..... 9:15 am  
Torah Reader: **Nadav Rappoport**  
Haftorah Reader: **Benjamin Epstein**  
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am

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

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

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

Parent Supervision: **Beth & Jonathan Astmann**

#### Sermon by R. Cohen: *The Essence of Torah Study – To Teach!*

Mincha\*\* ..... 7:50 pm  
Pre-Shavuot Communal Learning ..... 8:10 pm  
Class with Rabbi David Rue: Poetry of R. Yehuda HaLevi  
Ma'ariv not before\*\*\* ..... 9:01 pm  
Candle Lighting & Kiddush not before\*\*\*\* ..... 9:01 pm  
Followed by a very light Yom Tov dinner at CBI.

\*NOTE: Before a Shabbat leading into a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/yahrzeit candle so that on the conclusion of Shabbat, the candles for Yom Tov may be lit by transferring the flame from this pre-existing flame.

\*\*On the eve of a holiday, Seudah Shlishit must take place at least a half hour prior to Shkia'ah (sunset), so that we enter the holiday feast not fully satiated.

\*\*\* We delay the recitation the recitation of Ma'ariv until nightfall because the count of seven weeks must be totally complete before we acknowledge the holiday of Shavuot. Insert the blessing of "Vatodieinu" to acknowledge the departure of Shabbat. If a person has not recited Ma'ariv with the prayer "Va'todieinu," he or she must say "Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le'kodesh" before lighting candles or cooking.

\*\*\*\*In Kiddush, the order is "Borei pri ha'gafen," "Asher abchar banu," "Borei meorei ha'eish," "ha'mavdele bein kodesh le'kodesh," and "she'hecheyanu." This order is otherwise known as "YaKNeHaZ" an acronym for wine (yayin), kiddush (a blessing specifically sanctifying the holiday), candle (ner), havdalah, and time (z'man).

#### SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**Batya Schick** in memory of her brother Victor ben Martin on his 15th yearzeit; **Violette and Henry Sibony** in gratitude to Hashem and in honor of Shavuot

#### 1st NIGHT SHAVUOT

**Saturday Night, May 19**

Candle Lighting AFTER\* ..... 9:01 pm  
Yom Tov Ma'ariv\*\* ..... 9:01 pm  
Community-wide Tikkun L'eyl Shavuot after CBI services until dawn at Berkeley Richmond JCC, 1414 Walnut @ Rose. Orthodox morning services @ the JCC.

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

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

**9:10 PM - Ma'ariv and Dinner at CBI**

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

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

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

#### 1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT

**Sunday, May 20**

Early Shacharit @ JCC\* ..... 5:35 am  
Regular Yom Tov Shacharit @CBI ..... 9:15 am  
Torah Reader: **Natan Goldstein**  
Haftorah Reader: **Benjamin Epstein**  
Formal Group Time: ..... 10:30 am  
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona (K-2): **Renana Goldstein**  
Negba (3-5): TBD

#### Sermon by R. Zac Kamenetz: *Shavuot with the Sefat Emet*

Yom Tov Mincha\*\* & Ma'ariv ..... 6:35 pm  
Shavuot Family Mishmash & Dinner (see details below) .... 4:00-6:00 pm  
Communal Shavuot Dinner ..... 7:10 pm

#### Learning with R. Cohen: *Dispositions in Possessing the Torah*

**Please note registration is closed at this time**

Light candles from a pre-existing flame ..... AFTER 9:01 pm

\*The Amidah service will be recited at Netz Hachmah (sunrise) at 5:55 am

\*\*Plag Hamincha is at 6:51 pm.

#### Shavuot Family Mishmash & Dinner at CBI May 20, 4-6 pm @ CBI (see in our schedule above; please note reservation is closed at this time):

Mishmash, our parent-child learning program for elementary-aged children, was a great success! Join us for an afternoon of family *hevruta* learning, stories and songs, food, and games!

Families with children ages 3+ invited to attend.

Schedule:

4-4:25 PM- Welcome & Parent-child learning (materials provided for various age groups)

4:30-4:50 PM Storytime and Songs with Natan Kuchar

4:35-5:00 PM Parallel MS Program (upstairs)

4:50-5:15 PM- Shavuot-themed family style dinner (Dairy and vegan options available)

5:15-5:40 PM- Torah Games for All Ages (breakout groups for different

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PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS SHEET FROM THE BUILDING ON SHABBAT

ages)  
Pre-school group: Adina Polen  
Elementary+: Lili Kuchar  
5:40 PM- Shavuot Dessert (social hall)

## 2ND DAY OF SHAVUOT

**Monday, May 21**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Torah Reader: **Philip Tendler**

Haftorah Reader: **Mordecai Rosen**

**Children's Program @ Ohlone Park.....10:45-12:15 pm**

**Games and Make your Own Blintzes**

Meet at Gan by 10:45 to walk to Ohlone Park.

Children under 3 must be accompanied by a parent.

Please dress your child appropriated for outdoor play.

Yizkor ..... 11:00 am

**Yizkor Drasha by R. Cohen: *I Am Not Your Father, But the God of Your Father***

Megillat Ruth ..... 11:30 am

Chapter 1 Meena Viswanath

Chapter 2 Eliezah Hoffman

Chapter 3 Rona Teitelman

Chapter 4 M. Victoria Sutton

Yom Tov Mincha ..... 8:00 pm

**Learning with R. Cohen: *Must We Always Judge Others Favorably?***

Ma'ariv ..... 9:00 pm

Havdalah & Yom Tov end after ..... 9:02 pm

## SHAVUOT KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**Hilla Abel & Asaf Shor** in honor of their 13th anniversary; **Deena**

**Nechama Aranoff & Adam Berman; the Astmanns; Ronna Kabatznick &**

**Peter Dale Scott; Aaron Katler & Deb Fink; Udi & Sarit Oster; Marc Roth;**

**Anna Jane Stone**

## Kiddush Wine:

**Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family**

## 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. **Class does not meet on Monday, May 21.**

**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!

**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.**

**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.*

**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.

**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 resumes May 19.**

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

## **EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In Beth Israel**

#### **NCSY**

**May 18 -21 Shavuot!:** 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](mailto:naimana@ncsy.org)

#### **CBI Cooks at Berkeley Men's Shelter, 1931 Center Street Wednesday, May 23, 5-7:30 PM**

With your help, CBI prepares and serves dinner to more than 50 guests at the Berkeley Men's Homeless Shelter on the 4th Wednesday of each month. You can join us on to cook, serve or clean up. Signup at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybz823k9>  
5-6:30 - Cook and Prep Shift  
6:40-7:30 Serve and Clean-Up Shift  
To help support the shelter cooking, you can contribute to Rabbi Cohen's Discretionary Fund which finances these dinners. Whether paying online or by check, please indicate "Homeless Shelter" in your memo section.  
*Tizku l'Mitzvot, Maharat Victoria Sutton*

**Mazal tov to Shalom Spivak** who is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah next Shabbat, Parshat Nasso. The Spivak family invite the entire community to a Kiddush lunch in honor of Spivak's Bar Mitzvah.

#### **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**

#### **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](http://www.jcceastbay.org/shavuot)

or contact [tikkun@jcceastbay.org](mailto: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/>

#### **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/>

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