



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

October 21-25, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M - F

Evening: 6:10 pm Sun-Th



A SPECIAL SHABBAT SHALEM SERIES

Telling Stories (& Stories That Are Telling)

Rabbi Jeffrey Saks, October 19-20

Rabbi Jeffrey Saks is the founding director of ATID – The Academy for Torah Initiatives and Directions in Jerusalem, and its WebYeshiva.org program. He is an Associate Editor of the journal Tradition, Series Editor of The S.Y. Agnon Library at The Toby Press, and Director of Research at the Agnon House in Jerusalem.

Friday, October 19

Candle Lighting..... 6:08 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:10 pm
Communal Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm
(registration is closed)
Learning w/ R Saks: "Out of the Historic Catastrophe": Agnon Between Jerusalem and Stockholm" 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 20

Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare 9:15 am

Tot babysitter: **Alison Irwin**

Torah & Haftarah Reader: **Rafi Silberblatt**

Formal Group Time: 10:30 am

Tot Kedma (Pre-K): **Molly Greenberg**

Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Keren Zeman**

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

Parent supervisors: **Ethan Katz & Hagit Caspi**

Weekly Tot Shabbat Circle @ CBI Upstairs Tree House..... 11:15 am
(see details below)

Sermon by R. Jeffrey Saks: "The Advent of Avraham"

Pre-Mincha learning w/R. Saks: "S.Y. Agnon and the Miracle of Faith" (on *The Bridal Canopy*) 4:50 pm

Mincha 6:00 pm

Seudah Shlishit 6:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 7:13 pm

KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

Ronna Kabatznick and Peter Dale Scott in memory of the 25th yahrzeit of Jeffrey Kabatznick, z'l and the 2nd yahrzeit of Leonard Cohen, z'l

Marti and Shelly Zedeck in memory of our parents, Judith and Hyman Zedeck and Minna and Theodore Rosen;

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Tania & Muni Schweig

Kiddush Wine:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

Weekly Tot Shabbat Circle

We are excited to launch a WEEKLY Tot Shabbat Circle specially designed for our YAMA group - that is kids aged 0-3. We are starting this new program this week, with a circle led by Natan!

Come visit the newly refreshed space. Open from 9:15AM - 12:00PM every

SHABBAT PARSHAT LECH-LECHA SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE R. JEFFREY SAKS

OCTOBER 19-20, 2018 — 11 CHESHVAN, 5779

Shabbat. Details about Tot Shabbat Circle below.

what:

Shabbat circle with songs, stories, dances and snacks

where:

CBI Upstairs Treehouse

(New furniture and toys! Open from 9:15 AM with professional carer*)

when:

11:15AM every Shabbat

who:

Exclusively for children aged 0-3 (and their parents)

*Please understand that our professional carer is not available to care for children under the age of 18 months and will not be required to change diapers.

Sunday, October 21

Class w/R. Jeffrey Saks on Agnon's First Kiss 7:30 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.

The Hart Years: The Inner Life of King David w/ Raizy Lichtenstein:

The book of Psalms illuminates King David's passionate personal responses to historic events. In this series, we will explore three major events in the life of King David as they are recorded in Samuel I, followed by close readings of three corresponding psalms. We will focus on medieval and modern interpretations of distinctive expressions to consider the psalmist's powerful—and often surprisingly relatable—approaches to life's challenges.

Raizy Lichtenstein has taught Judaic Studies and English Literature in a wide variety of educational settings. She holds a master's degree in English Literature from the Hebrew University, and currently teaches English at Touro College. She recently moved to the Bay Area, and thanks the CBI community for its warm welcome.

Raizy Lichtenstein — Mondays @ 7:30-9:00 pm, October 22, 29

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.

People of the (Artists') Book: Creating Around the Jewish Sacred Cycle

Our tradition teaches that the essence of each Jewish month can be expressed through a single corresponding biblical verse. Over the course of six monthly sessions, we will collaboratively create interactive artists' books (i.e., handmade, multi-dimensional books) inspired by our investigation into

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

these mysterious verses. Join Atiq (previously known as Beyond Noah's Ark) and CBI in learning and making as we explore the spiritual opportunities of every month. A gallery show at CBI at the conclusion of the series will share our work with the whole community. All levels of background in Jewish text study and art making are welcome, and all materials will be provided. This course is designed as a series, and participants (to the greatest extent possible) should expect to attend every session. Participation/materials fee: \$50 (Scholarships based on need are available. Please ask!)

Register at <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/learn/adult-education/people-of-the-artists-book-w-adina-polen/>

Adina Polen is the founder of Atiq (atiqmakers.org), a Jewish Maker Institute where people of all ages delve into Jewish sources and create sacred material resources for deepening personal paths of meaning. Atiq partners with Jewish organizations throughout the Bay Area to bring sacred art making into a wide variety of contexts, and by November 2018 will be launching a community makerspace within the East Bay.

Adina Polen — Tuesdays @ 7:00-9:30 pm, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 11, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 26

WEDNESDAY

Teen Beit Midrash with Oren Yirmiya: This class affords the opportunity to engage with the unfiltered foundational Jewish texts--Torah, Tanach, Talmud--in an atmosphere that encourages curiosity and multiple readings. For 8th-12th graders. All experience levels welcome.

Oren Yirmiya is a PhD student in the Near Eastern Studies Department of UC Berkeley where he studies Hebrew literature.

Oren Yirmiya — Wednesdays 4:30-6:00

CBI Beit Midrash: Look out for exciting new programming coming soon! Please reach out to Maharat Victoria with any questions or suggestions at maharatvictoria@gmail.com.

M. Victoria Sutton — Wednesdays, 7:45—9:00 pm (dates TBD)

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

FRIDAY

Talmudic Wisdom: Join us for a weekly class that explores key *sugyot* (talmudic units) that discuss major Jewish questions of practice and thought. *(Class does not meet November 9)*

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Shifra Puah: Mazal tov! to Johana Afenjar and Aric Lasry and big brother Milo on the birth of a baby boy Amos Aaron Abraham.

A great way to support the family is to bring them a meal. Please sign up on the calendar: <http://mealmein.com/helpout/bbzlw>

May his life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal tov!

Hachnassat Orchim: Our wonderful Hachnassat Orchim program at CBI is one of the most vital parts of CBI in creating a sense of welcoming,

openness, and community. Please take a minute to look at the open dates coming up, and sign up for one or two that you're free.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4dafa28a2fc1-hachnassat>

If you have any questions, please be in touch (yaelkrieger@gmail.com).

Thank you all so much for making it possible for CBI to be so welcoming.

We really appreciate it.

CBI Cooks at Berkeley Men's Shelter Wednesday, October 24, 5-7:30 PM

****Please note new location 2140 Dwight Way.**

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 to cook, serve or clean up. To sign up for one of the following shifts, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9j3s2om>

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.

Tizku l'Mitzvot, Maharat Victoria Sutton

West Coast NCSY invites you to Fall Summit

Running Springs, California

November 9th-11th

Get ready for an AMAZING SHABBATON together!

Situated in beautiful Big Bear California, Fall Summits (which used to be called Winter Regionals) is an incredible weekend retreat experience with THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY other Jewish teens from all around West Coast! Also featuring Battle of the Chapters 2.0!!

Scholarships available.

<https://westcoast.ncsy.org/events/214741/fall-summit-2018/>

CBI SISTERHOOD

Book Talk with CBI author Dr. Rita Kuhn: Rita Kuhn wrote *Another Ruth* to pay tribute to her mother, Frieda Kuhn, a woman of unfailing courage and devotion. It is a fictional novel based on facts. Rita has also published her memoir *Broken Glass, Broken Lives: A Jewish Girl's Survival Story in Berkeley, 1933-1945*. This event will be held at the home of Judy Massarano, 1709 Sacramento St. EVERYBODY WELCOME

Art Shuk, Sunday, November 18, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm: Art Sale! Ceramics, Textiles, Paintings, Digital Art, Jewelry, Paper Cutouts, Ketubot.

OUR FEATURED ARTISTS

Deborah Lesser • Ceramics

Rose Ginsburg • Textiles

Deb Sibony • Painting

Molly Nadav • Ceramics

Aaron Marcus • Digital Art

Ruth Teitelbaum • Painting

Hope Alper • Textiles

Ann Gitlis • Jewelry

Lisa Klug • Paper Cutout

Nechama Langer • Ketubot

For more info • Sabrina 510.847.0050

Wine generously donated by Covenant Winery

Women's Tefillah @CBI: Join CBI's women's community for a series of unique opportunities to pray, sing and learn Torah together. Mincha and Torah reading will be followed by seudah shelishit and learning.

Upcoming Dates:

Megillat Esther Women's Reading: Thursday, March 21@12 pm

Women's Tefillah will meet for Shabbat Mincha on the following dates (1st Shabbat of the month): Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2, Apr 6 May 4

Please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com) if you wish to serve as a gabbayit, read Torah, lead prayers, teach during the meal, or sponsor seudah shelishit or sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3fzulq>

Mazal tov to Sanne Dewitt on the publication of her Memoir: *I Was Born in an Old Age Home in Nazi Germany: A Memoir*. Susanne (Sanne) Kalter DeWitt, a Jew, was born in Munich, Germany in 1934, during the Nazi era. A powerful memoir – the story of a life well lived after a harrowing and lucky childhood escape from Germany and the Nazis. Available from Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1944841172/>

In the Community

Kesher Tefillin: Join The Berkeley Jewish community and Rabbi Noah Greenberg for an incredibly unique opportunity. Noah Greenberg, an artist from Tzfat, Israel and Berkeley native, will be in Berkeley for the week of October 22-October 28. In this program you will spend a few days making your own set of kosher Tefillin (here is a short video of the experience <https://www.kesher-tefillin.com/gallery.html>). The ritual of Tefillin often times can be foreign for many people and difficult to connect with. Through this process you will get an inside understanding of what Tefillin is along with ending with a set of Tefillin usually costing (\$400) and you will have them for the rest of your life. Usually this project is done over the course of several weeks but working with Noah we are able to do this over the course of a few days. The workshop will take place at Congregation Netivot Shalom the following times:

Sunday, October 21st – 9am-1pm

Tuesday, October 23rd – 6pm-8pm

Thursday, October 25th – 6pm-8pm

Sunday, October 28th – 9am-1pm

The cost of the program which includes all materials is \$250. For any questions please email Adam Naftalin-Kelman at adamnk@berkeleyhillel.org, or register at <https://berkeleyhillel.org/kesher-tefillin/>

GTU/Madrasha-Midrasha Program

Good Faith, Bad Faith: Theism and Atheism in the Modern Age

October 25, 5:30 pm

Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley

We will hear from author Scott Shay, whose recent book, *In Good Faith: Questioning Religion and Atheism*, tackles the difficult question of theology in our time. Additional panelists include Filipe Maia, Assistant Professor of United Methodist Studies, Leadership, and Theology; Deena Aranoff, Faculty Director of the Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies; and Ali Ataie, Professor at Zaytuna College.

OHDS - Science Alive! Maker Event for 3-5 year olds

Wednesday, November 7 • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Bring your preschooler for some fun maker science at OHDS. Lots of engineering activities to enjoy specifically designed for the creative minds of 3-5 year olds. Come and meet our teachers while your little one makes science come to life! Co-sponsored by OHDS, Sprout & PJ Library.

Please RSVP to Philippa Lichterman, admissions director: plichterman@ohds.org or (510) 531-8600 x12.