## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## **DAF HASHAVUAH**

### **DECEMBER 14-15, 2018 —7 TEVET, 5779**

## Weekday Morning and Evening Services December 16-20, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M - F Evening: 4:35 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

#### Friday, December 14

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home	4:30 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near	Eunice)
Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan	4:30 pm
Candle Lighting	4:33 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:35 pm
Tot Shabbat Dinner	5:00 pm

#### NCSY -- Berkeley Shabbat Shabang, December 14-15

Dinner (High School) @ private home

## Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner for Families with Young Children, Friday, December 14

Welcome Shabbat with song and movement, followed by a special dinner for families with young children. *RSVP by Wednesday, December 12*. Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 4:30 pm, Dinner at CBI at 5 pm **Registration is closed.** 

#### Save the Dates: Fridays, January 11th, February 8th

Jan 11th, Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 4:55 pm, Dinner at CBI at 5:30 pm Feb 8th, Tot Kabbalat Shabbat at Gan 5:20 pm, Dinner at CBI at 6:00 pm

#### Saturday, December 15

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Morning Service	9:15 am
Childcare (upstairs at CBI*) w/Tot caregiver Lisa Kyle	9:15 am
*Children 18 mos-3 yrs can be dropped off at tot childcare.	
Torah Reader: Glenn Massarano	
Haftorah Reader: Marvin Engel	
Formal Group Time	10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): Natan Kuchar	
Tzafona: Hadas Jacobson	

Negba (3-5): **Jacob Schwartz** Parent supervisor: **Kam Family** Gan Assistant: **Jade Cooper** 

Tot Shabbat Circle @ CBI Upstairs with Natan Kuchar

(parents welcome)......11:15 am

## Sermon by R. Cohen: Avoid the Path of Anger NCSY Shabbat Shabang: Lunch (Middle School)

12:30 pm
4:30 pm
5:35 pm
6:15 pm

#### **MISHMASH**

Mishmash offers parents and children an opportunity to study in pairs in a unique *beit midrash* atmosphere. For guidance in choosing learning materials best suited to each individual need, please contact M. Victoria Sutton at maharatvictoria@gmail.com. Children in grades K-8 and their parents are invited to participate.

The evening begins with pizza, as parents and children settle into their learning spaces. At the close of each Mishmash, a Dvar Torah is given by one of the children.

Mishmash meets twice a month, November to March, on Motzei Shabbat (begins about 30 min after Shabbat ends): Jan. 12, 2019, Jan. 26, 2019, Feb. 9, 2019, Feb. 23, 2019, Mar. 9, 2019 - Siyum

#### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Kiddush is sponsored this week in honor of those CBI community members who work tirelessly as faculty and staff of Oakland Hebrew Day School.

Hilla Abel and Asaf Shor, Paul and SerachBracha Albert, The Bamberger Family, The Cohen Gonshor Family, Carol and Jim Cunradi, Sara and Benny Darmoni, Rachel Factor and Bruno Salama, Hilik and Vered Frank, Lisa and Jory Gessow, Rena and Yaakov Harari, Rachel and Jacob Heitler, Yael Krieger and Joshua Ladon, Dan Lewis, Laura Lipman, Chaim, Nell, Bear & Raizel Mahgel-Friedman, Gary and Lois Marcus, Ariel Mayse and Adina Polen, Saul and Sarah Miranda, The Schweig Family, Naomi and Bob Stamper, The Stamperdahl Family, Laila and Abe Stone, Steven and Idit Solomon, The Sutton Brelow Family, Rona Teitelman, Aliza, Kenny, Mathew & Alexandra Weiss, The Zeitlin Family.

#### **HACHNASSAT ORCHIM**

Noam & Rachel Saper

#### **Kiddush Wine Donor:**

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

#### **FAST OF TEVET**

#### Tuesday, December 18

Fast begins	5:52 am
Shacharit	6:30 am
Mincha	4:20 pm
Fast ends	5:23 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.

#### 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 spring-board 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. **On hiatus.** 

R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm.

People of the (Artists') Book: Creating Around the Jewish Sacred Cycle Over the course of six monthly sessions, we will collaboratively create interactive artists' books.

Adina Polen — Tuesdays 7:00-9:30 pm, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 26

#### WEDNESDAY

**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

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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.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

# EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS In Beth Israel

Condolences/Baruch Dayan Emet: We deeply regret to inform you of the passing in Pittsburgh on Sunday December 9, 2018, of Diamond Nathaniel Wiseman, 26, step-son of Ruth Wiseman, and step-brother of Elisheva and Irit Wiseman. Born Sept. 17, 1992, in Huntington, West Virginia, the son of Susan Gibeaut of Astoria, Oregon, and Daniel Wiseman of New York City. Diamond worked in construction in Allegheny County. He spent his childhood in Squirrel Hill and Plum, attending schools in both places. He was an artist and an outdoorsman. He had many friends, all whom loved and cared for him. In addition to his parents, Diamond is survived by his brother, Asher Wiseman of Beat Shean, Israel; his step father, River Gibeaut, also of Astoria; his grandparents, Jack and Biruta Kearns of Casper, Wyoming; Sam and Denise Wiseman, also of Casper; and Sheila and Leon Cohen, also of New York City. HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim. May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem

Mazal Tov! to parents Liat and Moshe Matsa, great grandmother Fran Alexander, grandparents Irene and Joel Resnikoff & aunts and uncles Haggai, Dorit and Ari Resnikoff on the birth in Boston of a baby girl . Mother and baby are in good health, b"h.

May this child's life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal Toy!

**Mazal tov! to Ron Elkayam & Orit Karavani** of Ashdod, Israel on their recent engagement. May the couple build a home filled with the light of Torah and *mitzvoth*, May their families and our community have many more occasions to celebrate in simchah together. Mazal tov!

**Open Kiddush Dates:** Please email our Kiddush coordinators at kiddush@cbiberkeley.org to sponsor the following open dates:

January 5 (co-sponsors needed)

January 19 (co-sponsors needed)

February 2

February 9

March 2

March 9

March 22

March 30

April 6 (co-sponsors welcome)

For more details on Kiddush sponsorship information, please see our website https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/sponsor-a-kiddush/

Join us on Friday, December 21 for a communal Shabbat dinner with opportunities to learn, sing, and play games together as a community. Candle lighting 4:36 pm

Mincha 4:40 pm

Dinner 5:30 pm

\$20 Adults, \$12 Students, Young Professionals & Children under 12 , \$60 Family Maximum

Meat and vegetarian options.

Registration required by Tuesday, December 18. https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/dec21/

#### **CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL ACCEPTS VEHICLE DONATIONS**

IT'S A WIN/WIN FOR YOU AND FOR CBI. Car donations are an easy way to support Beth Am, providing you with a tax write-off and Beth Am with additional funds for our community. We take care of the DMV paperwork, pick up your car, sell it at auction and then send you a receipt for the full amount that the car sold for. It's that easy! We can also accept trucks, boats, motorcycles and RVs.

For more information and to begin the process, please contact Jerry Robbins, robbins42@hotmail.com (650) 766-7233.

### **In The Community**

Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History After kiddush talk with Professor Steve Zipperstein Saturday, Dec 15, 1:15-2:15

Come hear Netivot member and Stanford history professor Steve Zipperstein read from and discuss his recent book Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History, which was named one of the best books of the year by The Economist. Kishinev's pogrom was the first instance when an event in Russian Jewish life received international attention. The riot, leaving 49 dead in an obscure border town, dominated the headlines in the western press for weeks. It intruded on Russian-US relations and inspired endeavors as widely varied as the Hagannah, the precursor to the Israeli army, the NAACP, and the first version of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." How did this incident come to define so much and for so long?