



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

December 23-27, 2018

**Morning:** 8:00 am Sun, Tu • 6:30 am M, W- F

**Evening:** 4:40 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

**Friday, December 21**

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home ..... 4:30 pm

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

Candle Lighting..... 4:36 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat..... 4:40 pm

**Communal Shabbat Dinner (Registration is closed)** ..... 5:30 pm

**Learning w/R. Cohen: "The Perfection and/or Humanity of Our Ancestors"**

Following dinner, all are invited for games and nosh ..... 7:30-9:00 pm

**Saturday, December 22**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am

Childcare (upstairs at CBI\*) ..... 9:15 am

\*Children 18 mos-3 yrs can be dropped off at tot childcare.

Torah Readers: **Yonim Schweig, Naaman Kam, Shalom Spivak**

Haftorah Reader: **Yonim Schweig**

Formal Group Time ..... 10:30 am

Kedma (Pre-K): **M. Victoria Sutton**

Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson**

Negba (3-5): **Natan Kuchar**

Parent supervisor: **Zeitlin Family**

Gan Assistant: **Liberty Schubert**

Tot Shabbat Circle @ CBI Upstairs with **Natan Kuchar**

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

**Sermon by R. Cohen: "What's all this Strength About? Chazak, Chazak, Venitchazak"**

Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:32 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:35 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 5:38 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

**Carol and Jim Cunradi** in memory of Carol's dad, Chaim Behr ben Mordechai haCohen v'Leah, on his 8th yearzeit.

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

**Natan & Lili Kuchar**

Kiddush Wine Donor:

**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.

**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 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. **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 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 on hiatus.**

**R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am**

**CBI OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, December 24-26**

**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In Beth Israel**

**Nessiah Tovah to R. Cohen and Family.** R. Cohen will return on January 8.

**Mazal Tov! to Elizabeth Wasserman and Isaac Resnikoff and big brother Eli Wasserman-Resnikoff** on the birth of a baby girl Katz Ramona on December 4 in Los Angeles. Mother and baby are in good health, b"n. Special Mazal Tov to Denise Resnikoff, Lenny Kristal, and the entire Resnikoff family on this joyous occasion! May her life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds.

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

- January 5 - cosponsors needed
- January 19 - cosponsors needed
- January 25
- February 9
- February 23 - cosponsors needed
- April 6 - cosponsors needed
- April 20 (Pesach 1st day)
- May 11
- May 25

*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.*

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

**Twenty/Twenty Thinking:** If you are thinking of giving any end of year gifts think 20/20. Buy a scrip gift card for Peets coffee. It cost you \$20 and the shul makes 20%. Other gift cards are available. In case you are planning to eat during the ext few weeks you might consider buying scrip for Berkeley Bowl or Safeway. Contact Naomi Stamper ( nstamper@sbcglobal.net)

**CBI Cooks at Berkeley Men's Shelter  
Wednesday, December 26th, 5-7:30 PM**

Thank you to all those who came out to help out at our last dinner on November 28th! **Ronna Bach, Carol Cunradi, Matan and Nadav Gilbert, Shulamis Green, Bathea and Sam James, Daniel Lehmann, Linda Levy, Marilyn Paul and David Stroh, Joan Reich, Rona Rothenberg, Marvin Yudenfreund.**

With your help, CBI prepares and serves dinner to more than 75 guests, both men and women, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. You can join us on Wednesday, December 26 to cook, serve or clean up. Please note new shelter location 2140 Dwight Way.

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*

**NCSY**

Check out our newest program on Whatsapp! Join here:<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BS DhZEU R0n17it5eXMoss>. Hey NorCal! This group is so that anyone can share questions they have about Judaism, life, and anything under the sun! Each question = a raffle ticket and one person will be randomly selected weekly to win a \$20 Amazon gift card.

**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](mailto:robbins42@hotmail.com) (650) 766-7233.

**In The Community**

**OHDS Winter Book Club: The Emotional Life of Girls & Boys  
with Tania Schweig & Bat Sheva Miller**

**Thursday, January 24, 7:30-9 p.m. @ CBI**

Wondering about how to help your child manage their emotions in different social scenarios? Join us for an engaging parent education session by signing up to read one of two parenting books and take part in a book club style discussion. Purchase or borrow your book choice now, read over the next few weeks and join the discussion of your choice!

Book Choice #1 with Tania Schweig, OHDS Head of School  
*Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*  
by Rachel Simmons

Book Choice #2 with Bat Sheva Miller, OHDS Assistant Head of School  
*Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*  
by Dan Kindlon and Michael Thompson

Email Philippa to sign up (no cost): [plichterman@ohds.org](mailto:plichterman@ohds.org).

# PHONE-A-THON 2019



Dear CBI family and friends,

For the past decade, each January has brought a fundraising appeal from Congregation Beth Israel. Every year, we have held a Phone-A-Thon to ask for help in bridging the gap between incoming commitments and outgoing expenditures, faced by all synagogues, to support the meaningful programming and events held throughout the year. And every year, Beth Israel's family and friends have risen to the occasion.

What does CBI mean to you? For ourselves and our families, CBI is a home where we can *daven*, hear thought-provoking *drashot*, participate in engaging classes, be uplifted by Jewish values, deepen our commitment to Torah learning, contribute to Jewish living in the Bay Area, nurture a thriving Jewish cultural home, learn with our amazing Maharat and Rabbi, rely on wonderful, regular children's programs, observe meaningful celebration of holidays, and participate in *tikkun olam* initiatives that contribute to our community at large. None of these things are possible without your support.

We salute you for your past generosity, and ask you to help get the job done again this year. In 2018, we shattered previous giving records. For 2019, we are aiming high: **Our goal is 100% participation to raise \$30,000 with individual pledges increasing by 10%**. The 2019 CBI Phone-A-Thon will take place on Sunday morning, **January 27th**.

If you want to have this donation credited to your 2018 tax return, please consider giving before the end of December! If you would prefer, you can make your donation before in one of three ways:

- Donate online here <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/telethon2019/>
- Send a check to CBI, with "2019 Phone-a-thon" on the memo line. Checks can be sent to Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703.
- Call the CBI office (510) 843-5246 to make a pledge by phone; your pledge will be added to your CBI statement.

Donors will be recognized for their support in the spring issue of Chai Lights in six categories:

\$18–\$179: Supporters

\$180–\$499: Guardians

\$500–\$999: Sustainers

\$1,000–\$1,999: Pillars

\$2,000–\$4,999: Innovators

\$5,000+: Visionaries

If you don't call us, we'll call you on Sunday, January 27! We look forward to speaking to every member of the CBI family!

Best regards, and *todah rabbah!*

*Carol Cunradi and Eliezah Hoffman*  
Phone-A-Thon Co-Chairs