



# CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

## DAF HASHAVUAH

### Weekday Morning and Evening Services

December 9-13, 2018

Morning: 8:00 am Sun • 6:30 am M - F

Evening: 4:35 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

### Friday, December 7

Northside minyan Chanukah Potluck @ Alper home ..... 4:30 pm  
910 Oxford St. Berkeley

Chanukah Candle Lighting before ..... 4:32 pm\*

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Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 4:35 pm

\* We light the Chanukah Menorah home before lighting the Shabbat candles. One must be careful to use enough oil or light a large enough candle that will remain lit until thirty minutes after 5:32 pm (i.e. after the appearance of three stars).

### Saturday, December 8

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 & Haftorah Reader: **Yaakov Fenton**

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

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

Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson**

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

Parent supervisor: **Jesse Kellerman**

Tot Shabbat Circle @ CBI Upstairs (parents welcome) ..... 11:15 am

**Sermon by Yaakov Fenton**

Shabbat Mincha ..... 1:30 pm

Seudah Shlishit ..... 4:30 pm

*sponsored by Rob Bonem in honor the yahrzeit of his father, Frank Bonem (Yisrael ben Chaim)*

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 5:33 pm

Chanukah Candle Lighting after ..... 5:33 pm\*\*

\*\* There are various opinions concerning the order of Havdalah and Chanukah menorah lighting in the home. Rav Henkin, z"l recommends to make Havdalah first, and then to light the Chanukah menorah.

### ROSH CHODESH TEVET

**Fri. night, Sat. & Sun, December 7-9**

Shacharit Sunday ..... 8:00 am

### KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

**Wade and Marina Barber and Gilly and Henry Fenton** in honor of their grandson, Yaakov, on his bar mitzvah

*Scotch offered by Tamar Sandel in honor of Ory Sandel's birthday*

### Kiddush Wine Donation:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

## Beth Israel Classes

### SATURDAY

**Kiddush Class on Chanukah** with R. Rue -- Meet in the Sanctuary during Kiddush. Rabbi David Rue has been a Dayan from 1989, Rosh Beit Din from 2000. Rabbi Rue has taught extensively in Yeshivot Bnei Akiva, the premier

## SHABBAT CHANUKAH ROSH CHODESH TEVET PARSHAT MIKETZ - YAAKOV FENTON BAR MITZVAH

DECEMBER 7-8, 2018 — 30 KISLEV, 5779

religious Zionist education network in Israel with over 75 schools and 24,000 students. He is a close student of Rav Druckman.

### 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 is not meeting on December 10.**

**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, Dec. 11, 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.

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

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Beth Israel

**Holiday Dinner Drive Benefiting Alameda County Community Food Bank**  
**The Food Bank serves 1 in 5 of our neighbors.**

The Koret Foundation is generously matching all gifts, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000, to support this year's Holiday Dinner Drive. For every \$1 you give, the Food Bank will provide now \$14 worth of food with the match!

- Your donation of \$36 provides 7 holiday meals
- Your donation of \$100 provides 20 holiday meals
- Your donation of \$60 provides 12 holiday meals

*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

Donate online: [accfb.org/dinner](http://accfb.org/dinner) (select Congregation Beth Israel at the bottom from the drop-down menu)

**Donate by check:** Payable to ACCFB and write Holiday Dinner Drive on the check memo line, mail to CBI, attention Holiday Dinner Drive, 1630 Bancroft Way Berkeley CA 94703

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

January 5  
January 19  
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/>**

**Parent Ed Workshop @ CBI - Sibling Rivalry, Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm:** Sibling conflict driving you crazy? Please join OHDS for an engaging Parent Ed workshop with Bathea James. We will explore the reasons for sibling rivalry and the strategies to help deal with this normal part of child development. No RSVP required - hope you can join us.

**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  
<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/tot-shabbat/>  
*\$15 for adults, \$10 for children, maximum \$50 per family*

**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

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

For more details contact R. Akiva Naiman at [naimana@ncsy.org](mailto:naimana@ncsy.org)



## In The Community

**JCC Hanukah Celebration:** You are invited to a Hanukah celebration on **Sunday, December 9, 5:30 PM** at the JCC, 1414 Walnut St, Berkeley. The celebration will include candle lighting, community sing-along, performances by Nigunim Chorus and friends, and dancing with the band ADAMA. I hope you can join us!

**Moshava Alevy - Summer 2019: Open House Monday December 10th at 7:00pm** at the home of Alex & Neil Hart, 696 Longridge Road, Oakland. Camp director, Avi Matanky, will be there to meet with families and share our plans for this coming summer. RSVP to [office@moshavaalevy.org](mailto:office@moshavaalevy.org) or 855-MOSHAVA.

Registration is now open: Session I: June 24-July 17, Session II: July 22-August 14. \$50 open house discount. [www.moshavaalevy.org](http://www.moshavaalevy.org).

**MAKE Hanukkah, co-presented by Atiq and Lehrhaus Judaica. Sunday Dec 9, 1-4:30 pm** at 2736 UC Berkeley Hillel/Lehrhaus Judaica. There'll be 4 concurrent maker workshops, each designed and led by a team of an educator and maker, on 4 different questions investigating the spiritual opportunities of Hanukkah for our lives. Many of the facilitators are CBI community members, and include Deena Aranoff, Daniel Barash, Yosef Rosen, Aliza Weiss, Ariel Mayse, Adina Polen, Peretz Wolf-Prusan and Natan Kuchar.

No background in art making or Judaism necessary, and is open to adults and older elementary age/middle or high school. Registration is at [makehanukkah2018.eventbrite.com](http://makehanukkah2018.eventbrite.com). Pre-registration allows people to reserve a spot in the workshop of their choice, and new pricing has children (of relevant age) included in the cost of an adult ticket price!

**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?

# 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

# LAWS OF CHANUKAH & LIGHTING YOUR CHANUKIYA GENERAL GUIDELINES

Chanukah begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev – Sunday, December 2, and continues for eight days.

For the entire eight days of Chanukah it is forbidden to fast or to eulogize.

During morning prayers, Shacharit, one should recite the full *Hallel* every day. “*Al hanissim*” the special paragraph of prayers for Chanukah is added in the silent prayers, *Shmoneh Esreh* and also in Grace after meals. If one forgot to say this addition, one should not repeat either *Shmoneh Esreh* or Grace.

## PREPARING THE CHANUKIYA

If a number of people are lighting in one household they should make a slight separation between their *Chanukiyot* so that there is no confusion to the observer as to the number of candles.

Ideally, the *Chanukiya* should be placed outside the house to the left of the entrance. Since anti-Semitism was so common throughout Jewish history it became customary among many communities to place the *Chanukiya* inside the house, near the entrance or on the table. In many families it is the custom to place the *Chanukiya* in a window facing the public, especially where many people share one entrance (e.g., apartment building).

The *Chanukiya* should be no lower than three *tfachim* from the floor (approx. 10.5 inches) and should be no higher than 20 *amot* from ground level (35.5 ft). Ideally, it should be about 10 *tfachim* high (40 inches).

The *Chanukiya* should have all the candles or wicks on the same level, none higher or lower than the others.

It is customary to have an additional candle (the *shamash*) with which to light the other candles and in order to use its light. The *shamash* should be placed in a way that shows that it is not one of the Chanukah candles.

It is preferable to have the candles in a straight line, and not in a semi-circle, however it is permitted to have them in a semi-circle providing each candle is clearly separated from the others.

It is prohibited to light the *shamash* from the Chanukah candles.

It is obligatory to light candles, and one should even borrow money to fulfill this *mitzvah*. If a poor person needs money for Chanukah candles the community is obligated to provide for him.

The minimum obligation is that every household should have one candle burning every night. It is customary to be scrupulous regarding this *mitzvah*: to have one candle on the first night and an additional candle every night (1-8), and for everyone in the house as well.

Any type of oil is acceptable for use in the *Chanukiya*, however, it is best to use olive oil.

Wax candles are also acceptable, providing they have a single wick. Place first candle on the extreme right of the *Chanukiya*. On the second night add a candle on the left. Light the newest candle first and proceed to the right.

There are different customs regarding the placement of the candles, some follow the right and left of the observer from outside, some follow the right and left of the person lighting inside.

## ORDER OF BLESSINGS AND SONGS

On the first night three *brachot*, blessings are recited. “*Le-hadlik ner shel Chanukah*”, “*She’asa nissim*” and “*Shehechey-anu*.” Page 709 in the Birnbaum Siddur, page 782 in the Artscroll Siddur, or page 897 in the Koren Siddur.

On the other nights only the first two blessings are said.

All the blessings should be recited before actually lighting the candles. First light the *Shamash* before the blessings to avoid delay. It is forbidden to speak between the recitation of the blessings and the completion of candle lighting.

“*Haneirot Halalu*” is recited either during or after the lighting of the additional candles.

“*Maoz tsur yeshuaty*” is then sung.

## NOW THAT IT’S LIT...

The *Chanukiya* should not be moved after it has been lit.

If the *Chanukiya* was lit in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and it was extinguished, one is not obligated to relight it, but one may relight it without reciting a blessing.

If the *Chanukiya* was not lit properly in the first place, or was lit in a windy place and blew out, then one is obligated to relight if it went out within 1/2 hour after nightfall.

It is permitted to work; however it is customary for women not to do any work for the entire time that the candles are burning.

It is forbidden to derive benefit from the light of the *Chanukiya* just as it was forbidden to derive benefit from the Menorah in the Temple, and also in order to show that the purpose of the *Chanukiya* is for a *Mitzvah*, and not for illumination.

## WHEN TO LIGHT

There are different customs as to the lighting of the *Chanukiya*.

Some light at sunset. Some light about ten minutes after sunset and some at nightfall. Here in Berkeley one should try to light as soon as possible after 5:21 p.m. (except for Shabbat, see below).

It is obligatory to put in enough oil, or a long enough candle to burn for at least 1/2 hour after nightfall (i.e. the appearance of three medium size stars).

In exceptional circumstances one may light one and a quarter hours before sunset with a blessing. However one should be careful to put in more oil or to use longer candles. If possible it is better to appoint an agent to light candles at the correct time, than to light early.

If one forgot or was not able to light at the correct time, one may light as long as people are still awake in the house in which one is lighting.

It is best to light in the presence of many people in order to publicize the miracle.

If one is a guest at someone’s house (and staying there), one should give the owner a small amount of money to buy a portion in their candles and one may fulfill the obligation through the owner.

Alternatively the guest may light his own *Chanukiya*.

If one is eating out then one should light the *Chanukiya* at their place of residence.

## CHANUKAH & SHABBAT

On Friday afternoon, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candle-lighting time (if one accepted Shabbat early, it is forbidden to light Chanukah candles). Mincha should be said before lighting, if possible.

Remember to put in more oil or bigger candles on Friday, so that they burn 1/2 hour after nightfall. Try to light just before the Shabbat candles, (without of course delaying the lighting of the Shabbat candles)

After Shabbat one should first recite *Havdalah* at home and only then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the *Chanukiya* as the candle for *Havdalah*.

Warm *brachot* for a joyous and safe Chanukah!

*Adapted from the laws of Chanukah by Rabbi Mordechai Beche*