



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

February 17-21, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su, Mo • 6:30 am Tu - F

Evening: 5:35 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

Friday, February 15

Northside minyan @ Alper home..... 5:25 pm
910 Oxford St., Berkeley
Candle Lighting..... 5:30 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI 5:35 pm

Saturday, February 16

Morning Service 9:15 am
Childcare at Gan Shalom (ages 3-10) 9:15 am
Torah Readers: **Na'aman Kam, Jeremy Halpern, Tom Ginsburg**
Haftorah Reader: **Tom Ginsburg**
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **M. Victoria Sutton**
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Noam Hallel Menachem**
Negba & Yama: **Natan Kuchar**
Gan Assistant: **Ines Gelhaar**
Parent supervisor: **Delphine Sherman & Philip Tendler**
Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Natan Kuchar** 11:15 am
Greeters: Irene Resnikoff, Joseph Friedman, Rona Rothenberg, Sarah Miranda
Sermon by R. Cohen: For the Apparel Oft Proclaims the Man
Shabbat Mincha 12:51 pm
Seudah Shlishit 5:25 PM
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 6:29 pm

KIDDUSH LUNCH

Happy 80th Birthday Sam and Happy 52nd Birthday to Tom Ginsburg, our son, from **The Ginsburg family, Rose, Tom and Amber, Eva and Steve, Zoe, Kayla, Tali, Fred, Malkah, Lani, and Kaitlin**
L'chaims sponsored by the Mahgel-Friedman Family in honor of Nell Mahgel-Friedman's birthday

Kiddush Wine Donors:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

President's Day

Monday, February 18

Shacharit 8:00 am

Beth Israel Classes

SUNDAY

Jewish Meditation Group: A Hasidic Approach to Jewish Meditation based on the Teachings of the Maggid of Mezeritch and other Hasidic Masters, in theory (*haskafah*) and practice. We will cover:

- 1. Preparatory Practices
 - a. Quieting/Settling the Mind (*hashkatah*)
 - b. Meditative Mussar (*yeshuv da'at*): Strengthening Positive Qualities (*middot*)
- 2. Developing Meditative Concentration
 - a. Thinking Deeply (*nachshav ha-ruchaniyut*) and Transforming Confusion (*aliyat machshavot zarot*)
 - b. Experiencing Unity

R. Ken Lipman, Ph.D. — Sunday, February 24, 9:15 am-10:30 am Times of future meetings to be determined.

MONDAY

Key Books in Tanakh: Book of Samuel: Following the chaotic period of the Judges, the Book of Samuel narrates the centralization of leadership in Israel. The book opens with the birth of the prophet Samuel, who unifies the nation, and crowns the first kings of Israel. The Book of Samuel presents a gripping exploration of political personalities, palace intrigue and the role of God in the lives of kings and nations. **Class is not meeting 2/18.**
M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm.

The Most Telling Rabbinic Stories of Dispute: Every page of the Talmud is replete with rabbinic disagreements concerning Jewish law and practice. At several points, the Talmud also provides detailed descriptions of some of the more critical controversies that both plagued and enriched the rabbinic culture of dispute in its early and later stages of formation. This series will examine some of the most telling stories that best characterize this feature of our rabbinic inheritance.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesdays @ 7:30-9:00 pm. March 5, 12, 19

NCSY LNL – Latte & Learning (for Teens; Grades 9-12): Our Special Blend: Coffee & Torah Every week. In addition to coffee, NCSY's Latte & Learning initiative serves up Judaism in a relaxed, inspirational, and fun environment. LNL is the place for teens to ask questions, voice their feelings, and connect with each other.

Mondays @ 7:30-8:30 pm @ CBI

TUESDAY

Narrative in the Jewish Mystical Tradition: This three-part series will explore the rich tradition of storytelling and narrative in Jewish mysticism both medieval and modern. Our third class will engage with Neo-Hasidic thinkers like Martin Buber and Elie Wiesel, who have drawn upon Hasidic stories to spark contemporary renewal and to deal with the deepest existential questions. Class time will be devoted to *hevruta* learning as well as group text-study and discussions.

R. Ariel Evan Mayse joined the faculty of Stanford University in 2017 as an assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies, after previously serving as the Director of Jewish Studies and Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. He holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Studies from Harvard University and rabbinic ordination from Beit Midrash Har'el in Israel.

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WEDNESDAY

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

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.

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R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

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

March 9 - co-sponsors welcome

April 6 - co-sponsors needed

April 20 (Pesach 1st day)

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

NCSY

- **Skibaton - Postponed to February 22:** We will be accepting up to 10 more teens.
- **March 8th: Seattle Shabbaton!** The theme is "around the world" and it's gonna be awesome! Joining up with Portland chapter as well, and Seattle of course. Deadline to sign up is Feb 14th.
- **April 6th weekend-** Spring Regionals in Vegas!! The event you've all been waiting for! Sign up [HERE](#). Note that we will be flying Thursday night at 8pm from SFO and arriving back in SFO Sunday night.

Scholarships available for all Shabbaton. <https://eastbay.ncsy.org/>



Save the Date! Shabbat Shalem with Dr. Miriam Udel MARCH 8-9

Miriam Udel is associate professor of German Studies and Jewish Studies at Emory University, where her teaching focuses on Yiddish language, literature, and culture. She holds an AB in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University, as well as a PhD in Comparative Literature

from the same institution. She is the author of *Never Better! The Modern Jewish Picaresque* (University of Michigan Press, 2016), winner of a National Jewish Book Award in Modern Jewish Thought and Experience. Her annotated, translated anthology of Yiddish children's literature, *Honey on the Page*, is slated to appear with New York University Press in Fall 2019. She is also part of the first cohort of Yeshivat Maharat's Executive Kollel Track.

Co-sponsored by Graduate Theological Union and The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL ACCEPTS VEHICLE DONATIONS

IT'S A WIN/WIN FOR YOU AND FOR CBI. Car donations are an easy way to support Congregation Beth Israel, providing you with a tax write-off and 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

UnPurim Party! Monday February 18 7:00 pm, 2676 Sacramento St.

This year we are blessed with two Adars! Which means we have a big Purim and a small Purim, or as we are calling it UnPurim!!!

Wear your finest tea party attire and come celebrate this very special UnPurim with us. We'll have some tea, food and live music from our very own "Monday Night Jamvruta" featuring Ben Kramarz, Yoni Cooperman, Mickey Davis, and Ilai Deutel! Bring some spirits and spirit as we feast on this 7 in 19 year holiday! *Aryeh and Ariela Canter*

Upcoming Torah Flora Events in Berkeley w/Jon Greenberg

Monday, Feb. 18, 11 AM and 2 PM: Two Biblical and Talmudic botany walking tours of the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10 AM: Ethnobotanical Insights into Biblical Life and Language - illustrated lecture at the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA.

TorahFlora.org

Aaron Marcus Computer Art Works Exhibit at BAMPFA: Multicolored transformations of his original computer-generated forms make connections between art, science, design, and visual poetry. In the Koret Reading Room gallery area in the basement, February-March 2019.

Upcoming Spring Programs at UC Berkeley

Rachel Adler

Rabbi and David Ellenson Professor of Jewish Religious Thought
Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles
"Jewish Law and the #MeToo Movement: A Feminist Perspective"
Thursday, February 21, 5:30 PM, Room 100, Berkeley Law

Justice Daphne Barak-Erez

Supreme Court of Israel
"Israeli Law and Society: Judicial Reflections"
Thursday, March 14, 5:30 PM, Room 100, Berkeley Law

Tomer Persico

Koret Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish and Israel Studies, UC Berkeley
Shalom Hartman Institute Scholar-in-Residence
"Jewish Identities in Israel: Confrontations, Crises, and Novel Conceptions"
Tuesday, April 2, 5:30 PM, Morrison Library, Doe Library

Knowledge is Power: Understanding and Managing BRCA-Related Cancer Risk, Thursday, March 28th - 7:30 - 9:30pm, @ Congregation Beth El

Join the Basser Center for BRCA at the University of Pennsylvania and Congregation Beth El of Berkeley for an important discussion about the experience of living with BRCA mutations and hereditary cancers. These mutations affect all populations but are found 10 times more frequently (1 in 40 people) among Ashkenazi Jewish men and women. A panel of experts in the field will discuss genetic counseling and testing, preventative care and navigating through the challenging decision-making and medical management options faced by mutation carriers.

- Dr. Susan Domchek, Basser Center Executive Director

- Dr. Samantha Langer, Kaiser Permanente Breast Surgeon (and Beth El member/BENS mom)

- Dr. Allison W. Kurian, M.Sc./Associate Professor Stanford University School of Medicine

- 2 community members impacted by these issues (Jennifer Brand and Alyson Kaldis)

- Moderated by journalist Jill Werman Harris

7:30 – 9:00pm: Panel Discussion and Q & A

9:00 – 9:30pm: Meet and greet with panelists

The event is free to the public with registration. <https://www.basser.org/knowledgeispower> Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel

Understanding Muslim Neighbors: A transformational, in-depth seminar building bridges of understanding between Jews and Muslims for *tikkun olam*, with Prof. Reuven Firestone.

Sundays, March 17 and April 14 @ Congregation Beth El

To attend the seminar, please visit the registration website: <http://um2019.eventbrite.com>

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