



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

February 10-14, 2019

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

**Evening:** 5:30 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

**Friday, February 8**

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home ..... 5:20 pm  
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)  
Candle Lighting ..... 5:22 pm  
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI ..... 5:25 pm

**Saturday, February 9**

Morning Service ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare upstairs at CBI (Children 18 mos-3 yrs) ..... 9:15 am  
Childcare at Gan Shalom (ages 3-10) ..... 9:15 am  
Torah Readers: **Zev Neumeier**  
Haftorah Reader: **Ori Kanefsky**  
Formal Group Time ..... 10:30 am  
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**  
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson**  
Negba: **TBD**  
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzalez**  
Tot Assistant: **Liz Ramirez**  
Parent supervisor: **Brenna & Bradley Strauss**  
Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft ..... 11:15 am  
**Greeters: Tamara Beliak, Ori Kanefsky, Miriam Petruck, Irene Resnikoff**  
**Sermon by M. Victoria Sutton: Terumah: The House that Love Built**  
Shabbat Mincha ..... 12:51 pm  
Seudah Shlishit ..... 5:20 PM  
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends ..... 6:22 pm  
Mishmash ..... 7:00 pm

**KIDDUSH**

**Katrin Arefy, Bella Barany, Miriam Barrere, R. Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonsior Cohen, Carol & Jim Cunradi, Jane Falk, Issy & Patricia Kipnis, Elissa & Alan Kittner, Daniel & Robinn Magid, Jonah Markowitz, Jeff & Jodie Morgan, Noah & Melissa Nathan, Miriam Petruck, Joel & Irene Resnikoff, Ben Rose & Rebecca Landes, June & Bob Safran, Batya Schick, Thom & Betty Seaton, Eric & Rachel Seder, M. Victoria Sutton & Adam Brelow, Leslie Valas & Alan Finkelstein, Marti & Sheldon Zedeck** in honor of Joelle Yzquierdo's 15th year anniversary at CBI.

**Kiddush Wine Donors:**

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

**Beth Israel Classes**

**SUNDAY**

**NCSY Bat Mitzvah Club for 6th and 7th grade girls:** "Who am I" -- let's come together and discover truths about our inner selves and greatness. RSVP at: Eastbay.NCSY.org. For more information contact Mielcah Munk, mielcah.a@gmail.com, 773 480 7153  
**Sunday, February 10 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at CBI.**

**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.

**M. Victoria Sutton — Mondays @ 12:00 pm.**

**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 first class will examine the idea of narrative in the Zohar, looking at specific tales about mystical teachers in this work as well as the poetics of interpreting biblical stories. The second session will look at storytelling in Hasidic thought and culture, with a particular focus on the fantastic tales of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav. Finally, 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.*

**R. Ariel Mayse — Tuesdays @ 7:30-9:00 pm, February 5, 12, 19**

**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**

*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.*

## 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

**The Ginsburg Family** warmly invites the community to a kiddush lunch on February 16, Shabbat Tetzaveh, in honor of Sam Ginsburg's 80th birthday and Tom Ginsburg's 52nd birthday.

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

**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/>

### **CBI Young Professional Whisky Tasting Event - February 9, 7:30 pm**

Our 2nd Annual Young Professional whisky tasting event. We'll take you on a journey of Scotland's best whisky distilleries, read a little Robbie Burns poetry and have some fun together.

Space is *\*extremely\** limited so sign up as soon as possible. Cost is \$20 per person - payment via Venmo to @Noah-Nathan-1. 21+ Only.

RSVP required. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/CBI-Whisky-2019>

Cost should not be a barrier to coming. If you have any questions around cost, please email M. Victoria ([maharatvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:maharatvictoria@gmail.com))

### **Wine, Cheese & Torah with Rabbi Cohen: Must I Pray for the Welfare of the (American) Government? - February 11, 8:00 pm**

Join other Young Professionals at CBI for wine, cheese & Torah with Rabbi Cohen. This month's topic: "Must I Pray for the Welfare of the (American) Government?" If you cannot make this one but want to show interest for a future event, please let us know. Location TBC (if you would like to host, please let us know). Please RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/Torah-Feb11>

### **NCSY**

- **Feb 15th weekend - Skibaton:** Only a few spots remaining! Enjoy a beautiful Shabbat out in South Lake Tahoe!
- **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. Early bird ends Feb 8th.

Scholarships available for all Shabbaton.

<https://eastbay.ncsy.org/>

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

## In The Community

### **What Do Rabbis REALLY Believe About G-d? G-d Talk with Rabbis from Across the Jewish Denominations Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 7pm in the Temple Isaiah Social Hall 945 Risa Road, Lafayette, California 94549**

Rabbis talk about G-d quite a bit. But what role does G-d play in the lives of our rabbis? Are they adhering, or deviating, from a specific "G-d Belief" that their movement holds as acceptable? Join rabbis from the major Jewish movements to learn their personal G-d beliefs.

- **Rabbi Steven Chester**, Temple Isaiah, Lafayette (Reform)
- **Rabbi Yonatan Cohen**, Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley (Orthodox)
- **Rabbi Chaya Gusfield**, Kaiser Palliative Care Chaplain (Renewal)
- **Rabbi Rebecca Gutterman**, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Walnut Creek (Reform)
- **Rabbi Daniel Stein**, Congregation B'nai Shalom, Walnut Creek (Conservative)

Moderated by Dawn Kepler, Founding Director, Building Jewish Bridges. Please bring questions you've always wanted to ask. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

R.S.V.P. at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAFAD2AA5F49-what>

### **A Farbregen with R. Naftali Citron: Kabbalah on Living, Aging and Dying - Mon, February 11, 2019, 6:30 PM. Class has been Cancelled.**

### **Please join us on Wednesday, February 13th, 4:30 pm to honor Professor Robert Alter**

on his epic achievement of the complete translation of the Hebrew Bible. Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley

4:30 pm Roundtable on Bible Translation: Profs. Robert Hass, Ron Hendel, Jonathan Sheehan

5:30 pm Robert Alter Lecture

6:30 pm Light Refreshments

In case you missed some of the recent articles on Professor Alter's major achievement, please see the links below:

[www.nytimes.com/2018/12/20/magazine/hebrew-bible-translation.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/20/magazine/hebrew-bible-translation.html)

[www.jweekly.com/2018/11/15/with-epic-literary-translation-of-bible-robert-alter-tops-his-own-achievements/](http://www.jweekly.com/2018/11/15/with-epic-literary-translation-of-bible-robert-alter-tops-his-own-achievements/)

### **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. Well 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*

**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.

**Beginning Conversational Hebrew** is looking for more students to join our ongoing course. This class is directed toward students who can read Hebrew as well as know some vocabulary and simple sentences. Our teacher is Keren Asayag, who is from Israel and is a former Tehiyah Day School teacher. We meet on Mondays from 7:30-8:30PM in the Art Room at Netivot Shalom. The course costs \$200 or less for an 8-10 week session, depending on the number of people. Questions? Contact Bella at [bellabarany10@gmail.com](mailto:bellabarany10@gmail.com).

**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