



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM SHEKALIM
PARSHAT VAYAKHEL

MARCH 1 & 2, 2019 — 25 ADAR I, 5779

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

March 3-7, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am Mo - F

Evening: 5:50 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

Friday, March 1

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home 5:42 pm sharp
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Candle Lighting 5:45 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI 5:50 pm

Saturday, March 2

Morning Service 9:15 am
Tot Childcare (upstairs at CBI*) w/**Liz Ramirez** 9:15 am
*Children 18 mos-3 yrs can be dropped off at tot childcare.
Childcare at Gan Shalom (ages 3-10) 9:15 am

Torah Readers: **Jamie Conway**

Haftorah Reader: **Issy Kipnis**

Formal Group Time 10:30 am

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

Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Noam Hallel Menachem**

Negba: **Zeev Neumeier**

Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**

Parent supervisor: **Elie Hassenfeld & Talia Falk**

Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Adina Polen & Ariel Mayse** .. 11:15 am

Greeters: Matan Gilbert, Melissa Nathan, Issy Kipnis

Sermon by R. Cohen: *Passive Labor & Inactive Mind – Reflections on the Week & Shabbat*

Shabbat Mincha 12:51 pm

Women's Mincha led by **Meena Viswanath** 4:30 pm

Torah Readers: **Rona Teitelman, Judy Massarano, Lisa Blumenband**

Women's Seudah Shlishit & Learning with **Raizy Lichtenstein** 5:00 pm

"The L-rd is My Shepherd:" Psalm 23 in Verse and Song. We will engage in a close reading and discussion (and optional singing) of Mizmor

L'David, customarily sung at Seudah Shlishit.

Please contact M. Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com) if you wish to serve as a gabbayit, read Torah, lead prayers, teach, or sponsor seudah shelishit.

Seudah Shlishit 5:35 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 6:43 pm

Saturday Night Pizza & Chill - 5th-8th graders

with Hadas and Noam Hallel 7:30-9 pm @CBI

RSVP to Maharat Victoria Sutton

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Paul & SerachBracha Albert in honor of the beautiful couples who inspired us to wed, and to the countless members and friends who have helped make our first three years of marriage such a blessing.

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Tania & Muni Schweig

Ariel Mayse & Adina Polen

Kiddush Wine Donors:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

ROSH CHODESH ADAR II

Wednesday night, Thursday & Friday, March 6-8

Shacharit 6:30 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. Quietening/Settling the Mind (*hashkafah*)

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. — Sundays, 9:30 am-10:45 am @ CBI

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.

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, 19, April 2

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

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 thought.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

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

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Open Kiddush Dates: Please email our Kiddush coordinators at 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/>



TELLING STORIES (& STORIES THAT ARE TELLING) - A Special Shabbat Shalem Series
Dr. Miriam Udel
MARCH 8-9

Dr. 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.*

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Friday, March 8

5:51 pm Candle Lighting

6:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

7:00 pm Communal Shabbat Dinner

\$12 per child, student, & young professional, \$20 per adult, \$60 maximum per family (register at: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/learn/scholars-in-residence/2019-3/>)

8:00 pm Learning w/Dr. Miriam Udel: "A Sabbath for Socialists: Yiddish Children's Literature Between Sacred and Secular"

— A literature for Yiddish speaking children flourished during the early decades of the twentieth century, a time of rapid modernization when large numbers of Eastern European Jews became urban and secular. Distinguished authors and teachers alike crafted stories, poems and plays to model the politically progressive, ethically engaged values that they hoped to foster in the next generation. Curiously, against that backdrop, we can discern a subgenre of tales that celebrated Sabbath observance under adverse circumstances.

We will examine why such stories flowed from the pens of socialist leaders both Bundist and Zionist—and what they came to signify.

Saturday, March 9

11:00 am – Sermon by Dr. Miriam Udel: "The Megillah According to Manger"

— The Yiddish bard Itsik Manger (1901-1969) wrote lyrical midrashic poetry, including a book-length treatment of the Scroll of Esther. In properly carnivalesque spirit, we'll learn about the important characters whose role in the Real Story of Purim was "suppressed."

12:50 pm – Mincha

5:30 pm – Seudah Shlishit

5:45 pm – Learning w/Dr. Miriam Udel: "What the Saw Saw—The Ethics of Speech and Shteynbarg's Fables."

What makes speech acceptable, the language in which it's written or the content? Maimonides articulates a case for the latter. We will examine his argument and then illustrate it with the rhyming verse fables of Eliezer Shteynbarg.

6:49 pm – Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends

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CBI GAME GROUPS

Congregation Berkeley Jewish Soccer Game: Beth Israel vs. Beth El
Come represent your shul by playing or supporting us in our first competitive inter-community fixture. **Monday March 18th at 9 pm at Gilman Fields.** Co-ed 8-aside 50 minute game with unlimited substitutions.

Email noahnathan@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

If you just want to come and support the team, let me know so I can send you details nearer the time. Also, if you wish to sponsor the team's jerseys, please be in touch.

Are you interested in joining a group of folks who love playing Sheshbesh? A member of our community is interested in convening a few gatherings. The first gathering is set for **March 24** in the evening at a private home in Berkeley. If you are interested, please let Rona Teitelman know @ ronateitelman@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg: To all interested congregants. I am hoping to assemble anyone interested in learning to play Mah Jongg at the shul on a weekly or twice monthly basis to be determined by response to this message. The day will be Tuesday or Wednesday from noon to 3PM depending on those of you responding. I would like to start the first week of March. I will be teaching (I'm not an expert but love the game) and once you learn we can plan to have a schedule that will work for many of you. Please let me know by email or phone (510 527 0719) whether you want to learn and play this interesting and fun game in a congenial environment and which day will be better for you. Looking forward to hearing from you during the week so we can start in March. Shabbat Shalom. Marti

NCSS

- **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 was Feb 14th.
- **April 6th weekend** - Spring Regionals in Vegas!! The event you've all been waiting for! 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/>

Pre purim Puppet Show & 3rd Meal

Shabbat, March 16, 4:45-6:15 pm @ Gan Shalom

Featuring Risa of Jelly Jam

*Light Dairy Meal

\$18-\$25 suggested per family

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/yxox8me> or email

Maharatvictoria@gmail.com

PURIM

March 20-21

FAST OF ESTHER /PURIM NIGHT

Wednesday, March 20

Fast begins 5:52 am

Shacharit 6:30 am

Mincha with Torah reading and Haftarah 6:45 pm

Ma'ariv followed by Megillah reading 7:20 pm

Fast ends 7:49 pm

Late Megillah Reading 10:00 pm

PURIM DAY

Thursday, March 21

Early Shacharit followed by Megillah Reading 6:30 am

Late Shacharit followed by Megillah Reading 8:00 am

Women's only Megillah Reading 12:00 pm

Se'udat Purim with music by Shamati 4:00 pm

Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:00 pm

Purim gifts to the needy (*Matanot L'Evyonim*): The Megillah established that one of the most important ways in which Purim is celebrated is through giving to our fellow Jews. Please consider bringing cash or a generous check, made out to Congregation Beth Israel on Wednesday night, or to the morning reading on Thursday. You can also make your contribution right away through our website, picking the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and indicating it as a Purim gift to the needy. Your contribution needs to be made by Thursday morning. Rabbi Cohen will make sure that the funds will be distributed in a timely fashion.

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

L'Chaim Foods - For a Passover menu order form, please contact rebecca@lchaimfoods.com (234) 817-0748

Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life - March 7, 5:15 pm
How Does the Story of the Jews Begin: Recent Debates on Origins and Ancestry: Professor Steve Weitzman, scholar of Jewish antiquity, serves as the Abraham M. Ellis Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Literatures and Ella Darivoff Director of the Katz Center of Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Recent publications include *The Jews: A History*, co-authored with John Efron and Matthias Lehmann.

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

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

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://umn2019.eventbrite.com>

Abrahamic Alliance International in partnership with Congregation Beth El and Congregation Beth Israel.

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>

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