



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

March 31-April 4, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am Mo - F

Evening: 7:20 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

Friday, March 29

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home 7:05 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:11 pm

Saturday, March 30

Morning Service 9:15 am
Tot Childcare (upstairs at CBI*) w/**Jade Cooper** 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 Reader: **Na'aman Kam**
Haftorah Reader: **Marv Engel**
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona: **Vered Frank**
Negba: **M. Victoria Sutton**
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**
Parent supervisor: **Adina Polen & Ariel Mayse**
Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Irene Resnikoff** 11:15 am
Greeters: Joshua Ladon, Noam Saper, Benni Darmoni, Jodie Morgan
Sermon by R. Yonatan Cohen: Haftarat Parah - Physical, Political, and Spiritual Transformation
Shabbat Mincha 6:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit 7:10 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 8:09 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Jim and Carol Cunradi in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary;
Matan Gilbert in honor of Nadav's sixth birthday (today!)

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

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Kiddush Wine Donors:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

THE 2019 PESACH WINE TASTING & SALE

March 31, 2-4 pm @ CBI

*Offered by WineWise for the benefit of Congregation Beth Israel
(details and order forms on back pages)*

ROSH CHODESH NISSAN

Friday night & Saturday, April 5-6

Morning Service 9:15 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. **Class will not meet March 31.**

R. Ken Lipman, Ph.D. — Sundays, 9:30 am-10:45 am @ CBI

Tell Your Story: Redemption and Revelation: Each 3-hour workshop will teach you the structure of compelling storytelling and give you the opportunity to tell a story to other participants. Being able to tell a story well is a great skill to have. It's also a chance to bond with your fellow CBI members and hear a story about them you never have before!

Michael Kaye is a writer and performer who has garnered press in Rolling Stone, Billboard, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Los Angeles Times. Michael has been a writing fellow at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the Julia and David White Colony, Ragdale, the Millay Colony for the Arts, and the WUJS-Arad Arts Program in Israel. He taught memoir writing for four years at the famed Gotham Writers' Workshop in New York and is the author of Mastering the Narrative.

Michael Kaye — Sundays @ 10:00 am-1:00 pm March 31, 2:00-5:00 pm May 19

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.

TUESDAY

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. 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. **Class on hiatus until April 15.**

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.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS In Beth Israel

Open Pesach Kiddush Dates: Kosher for Pesach food is already ordered, financial sponsorship and volunteers to set out food are needed:

April 20 (Pesach 1st day)

April 21 (Pesach 2nd day)

Please email our Kiddush coordinators at kiddush@cbiberkeley.org, or for more details on Kiddush sponsorship information, please see our website <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/sponsor-a-kiddush/>

Women's Tefillah @CBI - April 6

Women's Shabbat Mincha & Torah 5:00 pm,

Women's Seudah Shelishit and Learning 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Date: May 4.

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

SCRIP For Pesach: Some folks clean before they shop, some shop before they clean. Many shop for the holiday at Oakland Kosher. EVERONE who goes to OKF should shop with Scrip. Today I will pick up \$4,000 of OKF's Scrip in the denomination of \$25. Please let me know how much you can use. (You don't have to pay now, but you do have to reserve what you will be buying.) Once I sell out the shul will be \$200 richer and you will be so glad that you shopped with scrip. I look forward to hearing from you.
[Naomi Stamper nstamper@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:Naomi.Stamper@sbcbglobal.net)

Seder Matching @CBI: With Purim approaching, Pesach is not far to follow! At CBI, we are offering a Seder matching program, as we have done in past years for Pesach and High Holidays. The process is simple:

1. Hosts: Let us know if you have an extra place or 2, etc.. at your table for the first or second Seder.

2. Guests: Let us know if you need a place for the first or second Seder.

3. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions you may have. For hosts, feel free to indicate whether it will be meat or vegetarian meal, or other logistics that might be important for guests to know.

And we'll make all the matching happen! We are excited to have new member Aryeh Canter helping with Seder matching this year. Email: M. Victoria Sutton or Aryeh Canter to host or be a guest. *Chag Kasher V'Sameah!*

Pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner - Friday, April 12

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat: 7 pm

Shabbat Dinner and Learning: 8 pm

Free yourself from physical preparations for Pesach with a delicious catered Shabbat dinner, and focus on spiritual preparation for the Seder with Rabbi Cohen and Maharat Sutton.

\$12 per child, student, & young professional, \$20 per adult, \$60 maximum per family • Meat and Vegetarian options • RSVP by Tuesday, April 9

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/pre-pesach-dinner/>

CBI GAME GROUPS

Sheshbesh: Around ten of us got together on Sunday for a delightful evening of backgammon, graciously hosted by David Stroh and Marilyn Paul. It was so successful that we are planning to do it again! The next gathering will be on **Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 pm**. If you would like to join us, or if you have any questions, please let Rona Teitelman know @ ronateitelman@gmail.com. Toda!

Mah Jongg w/Marti Zedeck: Anyone interested is welcome to meet on Wednesdays from noon to 3:00 pm at the shul. Check with Marti to confirm dates: martizedeck@yahoo.com (510) 527 0719

NCSY

- **April 4-7th** - 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.
- **NORCAL NCSY CELEBRATION DINNER, April 10 6:45 pm-8:15 pm**, @ Beth Jacob 3778 Park Blvd. Oakland. RSVP at norcal.ncsy.org R. Akiva Naiman naimana@ncsy.org 510.882-1503

Community Yom HaShoah Observance Wednesday, May 1, 2019 7:15 pm

@ Congregation Beth El: We continue our long-standing tradition of joining together with Congregations Beth Israel and Netivot Shalom along with other Jewish community partners to mark this important event. Our annual commemoration of the Holocaust and resistance includes music, prayer, reflection and words of remembrance.

Volunteer at Alameda Food Bank w/CBI members

Thursday, May 9 12:30-3:30, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621
If you are interested please let Barbara Budnitz or M Sutton know.

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

Upcoming Spring Programs at UC Berkeley

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" - **April 2, 5:30 PM, Morrison Library, Doe Library**

Midrashabang 2019 - Sunday, March 31, 2019: You are cordially invited to join us to honor Midrasha Alumni featuring Ari Y Kelman, Zephira Derblich-Milea, Michael David Lukas at Netivot Shalom. RSVP by Sunday, March 17

Israel Focus

For your interest, information, protest, or counter-protest

Israel Focus is designed to inform our members about a broad range of local area events concerning Israel. It is expected that you will find events that you would support and others that you would not, yet we trust that they will all inform. Beth Israel does not necessarily endorse any particular event.

Save the date - May 5, 4 pm @ Congregation Netivot Shalom

Ravit Baer Israeli Deputy Consul General will be speaking on Israel/ US relations

We invite you to submit announcements for inclusion in Israel Focus to the office at office@cbiberkeley.org. Announcements will be edited for length and content (to comply with the Announce List Guidelines).

2019 Pesach Wine Tasting

Meet the Producers, Taste the Wines

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 • 2-4:00 PM • AT CBI

\$10 • Rebatale against orders worth \$200 and more

Taste all the beautiful kosher wines offered in this year's wine sale

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**FEATURING LOCAL KOSHER
BOUTIQUE WINERIES**

Everyone has to drink wine at Pesach – four glasses each, to be precise.

ORDER BY MONDAY, APRIL 8

– WINE PICK UP –

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 • 12-4 PM –

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TASTING NOTES

WHITE

2017	YARDEN MT. HERMON WHITE (Israel) A sprightly, aromatic and flavorful light white that is very easy to drink.	13.00 per bottle
2017	COVENANT "MENSCH" ROUSSANNE (Lodi) This has always been an under-the-radar star for an "entry level" wine. Peachy and crisp.	20.00 per bottle
2018	CAMUNA CELLARS "HIGH VIBES" (Contra Costa) An ingenious blend of Malvasia and Chardonnay from a single vineyard, sporting just 11.7% alcohol. Floral and zesty, with an abundance of character.	24.00 per bottle
2017	COVENANT "RED C" SAUVIGNON BLANC (Sonoma) Covenant always delivers a quintessential Sauvignon from a small vineyard just east of Healdsburg. Lovely herbal tones make it a cinch with all foods green.	24.00 per bottle
2017	MAKOM GRENACHE BLANC (San Benito) Jonathan Hajdu has conjured up a wonderfully full and exotically aromatic wine from this new vineyard source.	25.00 per bottle
2016/17	SHIRAH NON-VINTAGE WHITES (Murmur Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley) An ingenious blend of voluptuous Viognier and buttery Chardonnay from 2016 AND 2017.	25.00 per bottle
2017	COVENANT 'THE TRIBE' CHARDONNAY (Lodi) Unusually fine and restrained California chardonnay brimming with mineral vitality.	32.00 per bottle
2018	CAMUNA CELLARS BARBERA ROSÉ (San Benito) Eli and Molly show their chops with this vividly youthful and nicely earthy rosé.	24.00 per bottle
2017	HAJDU ROSÉ Lovely Italianate wine with a unique bottle and label.	25.00 per bottle
2016	DOMAINES BUNAN MOULIN DES COSTES ROSÉ (Bandol) There is a good reason why many consider Bandol to be the best place on earth for pink wine. This one is suave, textured and pleases white and red tastes equally.	29.00 per bottle
2017	COVENANT "RED C" ROSÉ (Sonoma) Jeff Morgan has always had a special love and affinity for Rosé. This deft blend of four different grapes is evocative of the French style and shows exceptionally well.	35.00 per bottle

RED

2017	YARDEN MT. HERMON RED (Israel) This has always been a delightfully grapy wine with a fresh touch and silky texture.	13.00 per bottle
2017	COVENANT "MENSCH" ZINFANDEL (Lodi) Lodi has come to be recognized as a source of characterful and good value wines that can hold their own against the more familiar California appellations. Lusty, spicy and smooth.	20.00 per bottle
2017	DOMAINES BUNAN BÉLOUVÉ (Côtes de Provence) Bunan's strapping southern red delivers a blast of spicy red fruits with French panache.	24.50 per bottle
2015	HAJDU "BESOMIM" (California) Jonathan's affinity for Rhône varieties is gorgeously manifested in this antic blend of Counoise, Grenache, Petite Syrah and Cabernet. Boisterous but smooth.	30.00 per bottle
2017	CAMUNA CELLARS "HIGH VIBES" NEBBIOLO (Clarksburg) Eli and Molly clearly have a special touch with the Italian varieties. In their hands, the Italian "King of Grapes" is rendered with the signature tar and roses but in a gentle Californian vein, kissed with oak. Really impressive.	26.00 per bottle
2016	SHIRAH "THE COALITION" (Paso Robles) The Weiss brothers again demonstrate their knack for uncanny blends to great effect.	35.00 per bottle
2016	COVENANT 'THE TRIBE' PROPRIETARY RED Sumptuously flavoured and smooth-textured wine full of California sunshine. Delicious.	38.00 per bottle
2016	COVENANT "BLUE C" ADOM (Israel) Stylish blend of Cabernet and Syrah – two grapes that work really well together.	40.00 per bottle
2016	SHIRAH "BRO.DEUX" (Central Coast) Another strikingly forceful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot from the brothers.	45.00 per bottle
2017	HAJDU PETITE SIRAH (California) A California classic brimming with pungent spicy fruit and well-judged oak. Delicious.	50.00 per bottle
2016	SHIRAH SYRAH (Alder Springs, Mendocino) Magnificent Syrah blended with 6% Viognier for added aromatic lift – just like in Côte Rôtie!	55.00 per bottle

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PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS SHEET FROM THE BUILDING ON SHABBAT



2019 Pesach Wine Sale Order Form
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ORDER FORM • RECOMMENDED WINES • ORDER BY MONDAY, APRIL 8

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

WHITE & ROSE WINES	Price	How many?	Total
Yarden Mt. Hermon White (Israel)	13.00	_____	_____
Covenant "Mensch" Roussanne (Lodi)	20.00	_____	_____
Camuna High Vibes White (Contra Costa)	24.00	_____	_____
Covenant Red C Sauvignon Blanc (Sonoma)	24.00	_____	_____
Makom Grenache Blanc (San Benito)	25.00	_____	_____
Shirah Non Vintage Whites (Santa Maria)	25.00	_____	_____
Covenant The Tribe Chardonnay (Sonoma)	32.00	_____	_____
Camuna Barbera Rosé (San Benito)	24.00	_____	_____
Hajdu Rosé (California)	25.00	_____	_____
Domaines Bunan, Moulin des Costes Bandol Rosé (France)	29.00	_____	_____
Covenant Red C Rosé (Sonoma)	35.00	_____	_____
 RED WINES			
Yarden Mt. Hermon Red (Israel)	13.00	_____	_____
Covenant Mensch Zinfandel (Lodi)	20.00	_____	_____
Domaines Bunan, Bélouvé, Côtes de Provence (France)	24.50	_____	_____
Camuna High Vibes Nebbiolo (Clarksburg)	26.00	_____	_____
Hajdu Besomim (California)	30.00	_____	_____
Shirah "The Coalition" (Paso Robles)	35.00	_____	_____
Covenant "The Tribe" (Dry Creek)	38.00	_____	_____
Covenant Blue C Adom (Israel)	40.00	_____	_____
Shirah "Bro.Deux" (Central Coast)	45.00	_____	_____
Hajdu Petite Sirah (California)	50.00	_____	_____
Shirah Alder Springs Syrah (Mendocino)	55.00	_____	_____

Sub-total _____

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Less - Discounts: 1-3 cases, 5%; 3+ cases, 10%

Plus - 9.25% Sales Tax

TOTAL _____

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