



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

April 14-18, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am Mo - F
Evening: 7:30 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

Friday, April 12

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home6:57 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI7:00 pm
Candle Lighting7:24 pm
Shabbat Dinner and Learning8:00 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. (Reservations Closed)

Saturday, April 13

Morning Service9:15 am
Tot Childcare (upstairs at CBI*) (TBD)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 & Haftorah Reader: Glenn Massarano
Formal Group Time.....10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): Natan Kuchar
Tzafona: M. Victoria Sutton
Negba: Zev Neumeier
Gan Assistant: (TBD)
Parent supervisor: Cari & Dov Jelen

Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/Rachel & Jacob Heitler11:15 am
Greeters: Leora Lawton, Michael Kaye, Sara Bamberger, Carol Cunradi, Katrin Arefy

Pre-Pesach Drasha in memory of Eli Resnikoff, z”l delivered by Rabbi Cohen after services: Arami Oved Avi – My Father Was A Wandering Aramean: The Story of the Most Told and Telling Story

Shabbat Mincha.....7:05 pm
Seudah Shlishit7:25 pm
Ma’ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends8:23 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Joel and Irene Resnikoff; Lenny Kristal and Denise Resnikoff honoring the memory of Eli Resnikoff on his 30th yahrzeit

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Lisa & Jory Gessow

Kiddush Wine Donors:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

Pesach Wine Pickup
Sunday, April 14, 12-4 pm
at Covenant Winery, 1106 Sixth Street Berkeley (and not at CBI).

COMMUNAL HA’GALAH

Wednesday, April 17

Ha’galah at CBI7:00-10:00 pm
Please Note: One may do his or her own ha’galah at home, by kashering a burner, filling a pot with water, making sure the water is in a full boil, then fully immerse the utensil, and rinse in cool water.

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ—SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ

Thursday, April 18

Search for chametz at8:17 pm

PESACH - PASSOVER

Friday, April 19 – Saturday, April 27

EREV PESACH - EVE OF PASSOVER

TA’ANIT BECHOROT - FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

FIRST SEDER

Friday, April 19

Fast Begins5:00 am
Morning Service6:30 am
Siyum for Firstborns after morning services7:15 am
Eat chametz until10:50 am
Burn chametz until11:52 am
Recite the bitul chametz text BEFORE11:52 am
Mincha, Yom Tov Ma’ariv & Hallel7:20 pm
Candle Lighting*7:30 pm
Fast ends8:16 pm
Begin First Seder after**8:16 pm

* NOTE: Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour yahrzeit candle so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from the pre-existing flame.

**We begin the Seder with Kiddush of Yom Tov adding all the insertions for Shabbat.

YOM TOV -1ST DAY OF PESACH

Saturday, April 20

Morning Service9:15 am
Childcare9:15 am
Shabbat Yom Tov Mincha, Ma’ariv & Hallel*7:20 pm
Light Candles from pre-existing flame AFTER**8:30 pm
Begin Second Seder AFTER8:30 pm
Count first night of Sefirah AFTER8:30 pm
*CBI will not host a communal Se’udah Shlishit. On the eve of the Seder, the entire meal should take place prior to Plag Hamincha using matzah (6:29 pm).

**If a person has not recited Maariv with the prayer “Va’todeinu,” he or she must say “Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh le’kodesh” before lighting candles or cooking.

***The same procedures are followed at the Seder as the previous night, however, in Kiddush, after we recite “Borei pri ha’gafen” and “Asher bachar banu,” we make the blessings: “Borei me’orei ha’esh” and “ha’mavdil,” followed by “she’hecheyanu.”

YOM TOV –2ND DAY OF PESACH

Sunday, April 21

1st Day of the Omer

Morning Service9:15 am
Yom Tov Mincha7:30 pm
Ma’ariv, Havdalah & Yom Tov ends at8:31 pm
* Havdalah is comprised of the blessing over the wine (borei pri ha’gafen) followed by the blessing of Havdalah (hamavdil bein kodesh l’chol). We omit the blessing over incense and candle.

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.

1ST DAY OF CHOL HA' MOED PESACH

Monday, April 22

2nd Day of the Omer

Morning Service 6:30 am

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Tuesday, April 23

3rd Day of the Omer

Morning Service 6:30 am

3RD DAY CHOL HA' MOED PESACH

Wednesday, April 24

4th Day of the Omer

Morning Service 6:30 am

4TH DAY OF CHOL HA' MOED PESACH

Thursday, April 25

5th Day of the Omer

Morning Service 6:30 am

Eruv Tavshilin: Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin on Thursday, April 25th in advance of Yom Tov and Shabbat! This includes taking one baked and one cooked food item (e.g., Matzah and a cooked egg) and setting them aside for your Shabbat meal this week. Lift them up and recite the blessing, "Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al mitzvat eruv." This allows you to cook Friday, April 26th for the Shabbat meals. For more about this, see the Artscroll Siddur P. 654 or this link: <https://oukosher.org/passover/articles/eruv-tavshilin-primer/>.

YOM TOV - 7TH DAY OF PESACH

Thursday night & Friday, April 25-26

6th Day of the Omer

Candle Lighting* 7:36 pm

Mincha and Yom Tom Ma'ariv 7:40 pm

Morning Service 9:15 am

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv 7:35 pm

Light Candles from pre-existing flame AT 7:37 pm

* NOTE: Before a two-day Yom Tov, it is advisable to light a 24-hour/ yahrzeit candle so that on the second evening the candles may be lit by transferring the flame from the pre-existing flame.

YOM TOV – SHABBAT 8TH DAY OF PESACH

Friday night & Saturday, April 26-27

7th Day of the Omer

Yom Tov Mincha followed by Yom Tov Ma'ariv 7:35 pm

Light Candles from pre-existing flame AT 7:37 pm

Morning Service 9:15 am

Childcare 9:15 am

Yizkor 10:30 am

Formal Group Time 10:30 am

Shir Ha'Shirim 11:30 am

Shabbat and Yom Tov Mincha 7:10 pm

Seudah Shelishit 7:30pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah, Shabbat & Yom Tov ends* 8:38 pm

*If you sold your chametz through CBI and have not been contacted by 8:50 pm you may assume that your chametz has been repurchased and now belongs to you.

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.

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 @ 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

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. **Resumes April 29.**

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. **Class on hiatus, resumes May 3.**

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Baruch Dayan Emet/Condolences: We deeply regret to inform you of the passing of **Ervin Schwarcz** at the age of 94 last week. Ervin was the beloved father of Sandy Kaplan Schwarcz, father-in-law of Isaac Kaplan and grandfather of Theresa and Jay.

We look forward to comforting Sandy and her family in the days and weeks to come.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon VeYerushalayim.

May God comfort the family and all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem

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/>

SCRIP: Attention, Oakland Kosher Food Shoppers! I will do the math for you. \$6,000 worth of OKF scrip bought. \$4,600 already sold. So only \$1,400 left to sell. Please do your Pesach shopping with scrip. Please contact Naomi Stamper after Shabbat or pick up some scrip at the CBI Office. nstamper@sbcglobal.net

Seder Matching @CBI: 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!*

Waterfall Hike: Ocean | Waterfalls | Lunch | Torah Study

Thursday, April 25, 2019 Weather permitting.

Meet on Mount Tamalpais at Pantoll at 12pm.

Approximately 1.5 hours from Steep Ravine trailhead.

Four Options:

- 1) Drive, eat and learn, 2) hike one-way up, 3) hike one-way down, or 4) hike both ways.

Hiking is suitable for people in moderately good shape. Enjoyable for all ages. Hike is 2.1 miles in each direction, with an 1100' change in elevation. Requires climbing a 15' ladder securely fastened to a stone wall.

Bring your own Kosher l'Pesach lunch. Parking is very limited. Please carpool.

To sign up and for further information: <https://tinyurl.com/y9svapo2>

Contact: Jonathan Purcell jonathan@norcaltaxlaw.com 707-694-7213

CBI GAME GROUPS

Sheshbesh: 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

Community Commemoration of the Holocaust and Film Screening of *Who Will Write Our History*

Wednesday, May 1, 7:15 pm

Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford St., Berkeley

This commemoration of the Holocaust and resistance includes music, prayer, reflection and words of remembrance. We will screen the movie *Who Will Write Our History* — the story of a clandestine group of journalists, scholars, and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto who defied the Nazis with the ultimate weapon—the truth.

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.

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

AFikomen: Orders are now being processed for Handmade Wheat & Spelt Shmura Matza as well as for GF Oat Machine Made Matza via our website:

<https://www.afikomen.com/shmura-matzah>

Please note that supplies are very limited and sold on a first come first serve basis. Afikomen also has our usual range of Passover playthings and haggadot for a meaningful seder. Looking forward to seeing you at the store. Chaim & Nell

3042 CLAREMONT AVENUE BERKELEY, CA 94705 510-655-1977

The Elbispopers, by Katrin Arefy, a theatrical event composed of two one-act plays, uses an absurd situation to question the idea of us versus "the other."

When: Sunday April 14th at 7:30pm

Where: Central Stage 5221 Central Ave, Richmond, CA 94804

City of Berkeley Holocaust Remembrance Day, Sunday, April 28th at 11:30 at the Magnes Museum, 2121 Allston Way. Honoring Ralph Samuels, kindertransport survivor. Featuring Russ Ellis, Professor Emeritus, UCB; Ariel Resnikoff, poet and scholar; Prof. Deena Aranoff, Dir. of the Center for Jewish Studies, GTU. Music by Jeanette Lewicki, Sheldon Brown and Richard Sanders, candlelighting ceremony. Refreshments.

Near Normal Man Fill Screening & Conversation

Monday, April 29, 5:30 pm

Berkeley City College Auditorium, 2050 Center St. Berkeley

Q&A with Ben Stern & Charlene Stern

For info: bcc-campuslife@peralta.edu, www.nearnormalman.org

On Poetry and Translation Between Hebrew and Arabic

Almog Behar, Poet

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 3:00 pm

The Sixteenth Annual Judith Lee Stronach Memorial Lecture on the Teaching of Poetry, at The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art & Life, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley. Lecture seating 3:00 pm, reception following lecture.

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).