



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

April 7-11, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am Mo - F

Evening: 7:25 pm @ CBI Sun-Th

Friday, April 5

Northside minyan @ Sudikoff home 6:57 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 7:18 pm

Saturday, April 6

Morning Service 9:15 am
Tot Childcare (upstairs at CBI*) w/Luana Lima 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: **Zeev Neumeier**
Haftorah Reader: **Michael Diamond**
Formal Group Time 10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson**
Negba: **Noam Hallel Menachem**
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**
Parent supervisor: **Aliza & Nimrod Elias**

Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Ben Kramarz**..... 11:15 am

Greeters: Elliott Onn, Marilyn Paul, Asaf Shor, Carol Cunradi
Sermon by R. Zac Kamenetz: *The Heart with No Companion: A Meditation on Infertility, Loss, and Love.*

This week is National Infertility Awareness Shabbat at CBI in partnership with Hasidah and Yesh Tikva.

Women's Mincha and Torah Reading 5:00 pm

Women's Mincha: **Judy Massarano**

Torah Readers: **Vered Frank, Rebecca Landes, Racheli Perl**

Women's Seudah Shelishit & Learning..... 5:30 pm

w/**Vered Frank and Racheli Perl**

Shabbat Mincha 6:55 pm

Seudah Shlishit 7:15 pm

Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends 8:16 pm

Women's Tefillah @CBI Upcoming Date: May 4

Join CBI's women's community for a series of unique opportunities to pray, sing and learn Torah together. Mincha and Torah reading will be followed by seudah shelishit and learning. Please contact Maharat Victoria Sutton (maharatvictoria@gmail.com) if you wish to serve as a gabbayit, read Torah, lead prayers, teach during the meal, or sponsor seudah shelishit.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Batya Schick in memory of her mother Hannah Raiza bat Mordechai

HaLevi on her 5th yahrzeit

Sanne DeWitt in memory of Hugh DeWitt

Jane Falk

Kiddush Wine Donors:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

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

Pre-Pesach Q&A with Rabbi Cohen: Join R. Cohen for a brief review of the laws of koshering your home for Pesach with practical tips, as well as for an opportunity to ask questions and sell your *chametz*.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Tuesday, April 9, 8:00-9:00 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. **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

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

Pesach Wine Sale 2019 - Order by Monday, April 8: Many thanks to those of you came to Sunday's wine tasting. **CLOSING DATE IS STRICTLY NEXT MONDAY, APRIL 8** for wine orders, as wines have to be shipped out to us on Tuesday for the following Sunday's pickup.

Please note pickup is on Sunday, April 14 at Covenant Winery, 1102 Sixth Street, Berkeley from 12-4 pm (and not at CBI). If you wish to order wines not on our offer, please do not hesitate to let me know. ALL the profits from this sale go to CBI, so think beyond Pesach and consider stocking up for the year and embrace the opportunity not only to get some really exceptional kosher wines but to support our synagogue.

Hiram Simon, WineWise/The Vienna Wine Company
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hiram@winewise.biz

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/wine-tasting-2019/>

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!*

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

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CBI Cooks at Berkeley Men's Shelter: *Tuesday April 16, 5-7:30

Pre-Passover Shelter Cooking, 2140 Dwight Way.

*We will be preparing and serving dinner at the Dwight Way Shelter before Passover, rather than our usual 4th Wednesday slot.

With your help, CBI prepares and serves dinner to more than 75 guests, both men and women, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. You can join us to cook, serve or clean up.

5-6:30 - Cook and Prep Shift - 6:40-7:30 Serve and Clean-Up Shift

To help support the shelter cooking, you can contribute to Rabbi Cohen's Discretionary Fund which finances these dinners.

Tizku l'Mitzvot, Maharat Victoria Sutton

COMMUNAL HA'GALAH @ CBI

Wednesday, April 17 @ 7:00-10:00 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.

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

- **NORCAL NCSY CELEBRATION DINNER, April 10 6:45 pm-8:15 pm,** @ Beth Jacob 3778 Park Blvd. Oakland. RSVP at nocal.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

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

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.

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).