



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

June 2-6, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am M - Th

Evening: **6:45 pm Sunday @ Covenant Winery, no services at CBI**
8:10 pm Monday-Thursday @ CBI

Friday Night, May 31
41st Day of the Omer

Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home..... 6:59 pm
1209 Shattuck Ave (east side of street, past Live Oak Park, near Eunice)
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Candle Lighting 8:07 pm

Saturday, May 25

Morning Service9:15 am
Greeters: **Stephen Leist, Bathea James, Wendy Kenin, Issy Kipnis**
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 Reader: **Zeev Neumeier**
Haftorah Reader: **Zvi Rosen**
Formal Group Time10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Noam Hallel**
Negba: **Hannah Lesser**
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**
Parent supervisors: **Jamie Conway & Meena Viswanath**
Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft.....11:15 am
Sermon by R. Cohen: Is Your Torah Written or Engraved?
Shabbat Mincha 7:50 pm
Seudah Shlishit 8:10 pm
sponsored by Natan & Lili Kuchar, to mark *shloshim* in honor of
Natan's grandfather, Michael Neuhauser. He is survived by his wife
Rachel, his two daughters Dianne and Pauline, his 5 grandchildren, and
16 great-grandchildren.
Ma'ariv9:05 p,
Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 9:12 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Batya Schick in memory of my brother Victor ben Martin on his 16th
yartzheit; **Nati Friedenberg** in appreciation, to the CBI community, of your
hospitality, your warmth, your friendship, and your selves.

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Lisa & Jory Gessow

Kiddush Wine Donors:

Covenant Winery, with special thanks to the Morgan Family

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Saturday night & Sunday, June 1-2

Shacharit with Hallel8:00 am



CBI'S ANNUAL GALA

Sunday, June 2, 5:00-7:00 pm

@ Covenant Winery,
1102 Sixth Street, Berkeley

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

Monday night, June 3 – Tuesday, June 4

Shacharit 6:30 am

OFFICE VACATION

Joelle will be on vacation, returning June 24. SerachBracha Albert has again
kindly agreed to be in the office during her absence, from 10 am to 3 pm

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

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

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 on Tractate Chagigah that
explores major Jewish questions of practice and thought. In this week's
class we will begin the second chapter of the tractate.

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 Daniel Simhi, beloved father of Efrat Simhi Aloni, a beloved
teacher in our extended OHDS community. Efrat is in Israel with her family
for the funeral and the shiva.

*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.*

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon
VeYerushalayim. May God comfort the family and all others who mourn
Zion and Jerusalem

Open Kiddushim (please email kiddush@cbiberkeley.org to sponsor):

- June 22 co-sponsors welcome)

Upcoming special kiddushim in need of co-sponsors:

- June 8 - Graduation Kiddush: Please submit names of graduates of all ages and stages and donations for the Kiddush to kiddush@cbiberkeley.org
- June 9 & June 10 - Shavuot Cheesecake Kiddushim
Co-sponsors needed
- June 15 - B'not Sherut Farewell kiddush
We will bid farewell to Hadas and Noam Hallel, with a huge *Todah Rabba* to our *banot* and their hosts, Irene and Joel Resnikoff
Please send donations through Paypal to racheli.perl@gmail.com

CBI TEEN TIKKUN 5779 - June 8-9

8:00 PM - Meet at CBI w/B'not Sherut

9:15 PM Ma'ariv and Dinner @ CBI

10:15 PM - Leave CBI to head to the JCC

11 PM - Arrive at JCC

7:00 AM - Leave JCC to walk back to CBI

This year we will have our B'not Sherut, Hadas and Noam Hallel, along with Maharat Victoria and other educators, for a full night of programming!

Schedule and registration here: <https://forms.gle/NQDcJMeFnTZ1LqPL7>

Please fill out one form per family if multiple teens will attend.

Tea & Torah: Join us monthly in an intimate home setting, for a daytime weekday opportunity to connect with friends and learn together. Each gathering will explore a few core texts tackling a contemporary topic of interest through a Jewish lens. Kindly hosted by Sam and Bathea James and facilitated by R. Yonatan Cohen. RSVP to Bathea James at Bathea@msn.com

Topic: "Is It A Mitzvah To Save A Terrorist In Danger?" Thursday, June 27, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Shavuot Youth Park Playdate & Communal Dinner

Sunday, June 9

Playdate @ Strawberry Creek Park..... 4-5:30 pm

Join us for a delicious communal dairy dinner to celebrate Shavuot.

Yom Tov Mincha** & Ma'ariv 6:35 pm

Communal Yom Tov Dinner at CBI..... 7:15 pm

Light candles from a pre-existing flame..... AFTER 9:17 pm

**Plag Hamincha is at 7:02 pm

\$12 per child, student, & young professional, \$20 per adult, \$60 maximum per family. RSVP by 12 PM Wednesday, June 5 to reserve your spot.

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/shavuot/>



TELLING STORIES (& STORIES THAT ARE TELLING)

A SPECIAL SHABBAT SHALEM SERIES

Rav Shmuel Klitsner

JUNE 14-15

Rabbi Klitsner has taught Talmud, Biblical Exegesis, and Philosophy of Halacha at Midreshet Lindenbaum since 1987. A student of the late Prof. Nechama Leibowitz, he has also served as Head of Jewish

Studies at Emunah's School for Torah and the Arts, lectured extensively at the London School of Jewish Studies and is the author of the two-volume novel, *The Lost Children of Tarshish*, as well as a book of Biblical readings, *Wrestling Jacob – Deception, Identity and Freudian Slips in Genesis*. His film credits include the award-winning Chanukah animation, "Lights."

Friday, June 14

7:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

8:00 pm Dinner followed by learning with R. Klitsner: **Orthodox Women's Leadership and Recent Developments in Israel**

\$12 per child, student, & young professional, \$20 per adult, \$60 maximum per family. RSVP by 12 pm Wednesday, June 12 to reserve your spot.

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/learn/scholars-in-residence/klitsner-dinner/>

8:14 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 15

Shabbat Drasha by Rav Shmuel Klitsner: **Sefer Bamidbar and a Modern Sefirat HaOmer**

7:45 pm Mincha

8:00 pm Seudah Shlishit & Learning with R. Klitsner: **Victims, Victimization and Therapeutic Parable: A close, intertextual and psychological reading of 2 Samuel Chapter 12**

CBI GAME GROUPS

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

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

CBI congregant Benji Marx will be saying goodbye to the Bay Area in late June. Benji will be departing for graduate school on the east coast, and in his heart he hopes to carry with him the memories and friendships he has cultivated during his time in California, and especially during his attendance at CBI. Join Benji June 1st, Motzei Shabbat, in a fond farewell.

This will also mark the release of a new song titled Joshua, which was the first song Benji wrote when he moved to the bay, and will be the last song he releases before he departs.

Schedule:

8:30 Guests Arrive

8:30 Pancho Morris (opener)

9:30 Benji Marx

10:30 Bonfire

Admission: \$5-\$10 suggested donation

Address: 3211 King Street, Berkeley, CA 94703

Limmud Bay Area June 28-30

Join us for Limmud Bay Area 2019, an all-inclusive weekend Jewish immersive learning retreat in Sonoma, with 300 participants, 60 sessions, food, music, and dance--and camp for kids, who can come for free. For more info, contact Shelley Zak (thezakpack@gmail.com) or Alex Hart (alexandra.hart@gmail.com). View the program and register at <http://limmudbayarea.org/program>. If 6 adults from CBI register, enter discount code: GROUP



FIESTA MEXICO

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 • 5:00 PM



KINDLY RSVP BY MAY 26, 2019



Online • www.cbiberkeley.org
Or send check payable to CBI
1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703

\$50 • 1 Gala Admission

\$100 • 1 Raffle Ticket

\$140 • 1 Raffle Ticket plus 1 Gala Admission

\$180 PACKAGE • 1 Raffle Ticket plus 2 Gala Admissions

\$550 PACKAGE • 6 Raffle Ticket plus 2 Gala Admissions

\$1000 PACKAGE • 12 Raffle Ticket plus 2 Gala Admissions

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

A trip to Mexico! Airfare & Accommodations!

Up to \$3,000 • Must be used by June 2020



— SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEEK — WHAT WILL YOU BID ON?

If you cannot attend the Gala, ask a friend to sign you up!

KRAV MAGA CLASS WITH RACHEL SAPER

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2019 from 10:30 – 11:30 am

Location: CBI

Price: \$36. Limited to 15 people

Krav Maga is a great way to get your body moving, have a great time, and learn a thing or two about self defense - all while connecting to your Jewish roots. Let's spend an hour together sweating, smiling, and learning what Krav Maga is all about.

FLEISHIK MEXICAN DINNER

HOSTED BY ISSY AND PATRICIA KIPNIS

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 6 pm

Location: Kipnis Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 8 people

Come and enjoy authentic Mexican food. On the menu we have mole and barbacoa with the traditional Mexican rice, spicy frijoles molidos and, of course, salsa and guacamole. Buen provecho!

VEGETARIAN FEAST

**BASED ON YOTAM OTTOLENGHI'S RECIPES
PREPARED AND HOSTED BY CHEF HILLA ABEL**

Proceeds fund scholarships at Gan Shalom Preschool

Date: Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 6-8 pm

Location: Private Home in Berkeley

Price: \$72. Limited to 12 people (including teens ages 14+)

Hilla Abel is a cooking instructor on a mission to empower others to prepare nourishing, delicious food. She is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts and is currently the Lead Chef Instructor at Bauman College here in Berkeley. Join us to celebrate summer with a 4-course vegetarian meal prepared by Hilla and based on recipes by Israeli-born Yotam Ottolenghi, whose vibrant, rustic dishes showcase the creative potential of seasonal produce.

MAKE YOUR OWN SALSA CLASS WITH SARAH MIRANDA

Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 1-3:30 pm

Location: CBI

Price: \$36. Limited to 10 people

Take your next Taco Tuesday to a whole new level by learning how to make authentic salsas. Pico de Gallo? No problem. Salsa Verde? Check. Salsa de Tomatillo con Xoconostles? You got it!

ICE CREAM TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA HOSTED BY YAEL KRIEGER

Date: Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 8 pm

Location: Krieger/Ladon Home

Price: \$36. Limited to 14 adults

This is a serious ice cream taste test! Join this fun get-together where people taste (blindly) 10 different brands of the same flavor. After each taste, participants fill out a rubric for each numbered ice cream in several areas (creaminess, quality, overall flavor, etc.). After the tasting is done, we will discuss, add up rubric scores, and determine a winner!

SLIDERS GALORE

**HOSTED BY
RABBI COHEN & FRAYDA GONSHOR COHEN**

Date: Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 4 pm

Location: Cohen/Gonshor Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 20 people

Bring your appetite for a Gonshor-Cohen feast of delicious sliders, grilled to perfection!





— SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEEK — WHAT WILL YOU BID ON?

If you cannot attend the Gala, ask a friend to sign you up!

JEWISH STUDIO PROJECT COURSE: “LET’S MAKE ART ABOUT IT”

Proceeds fund scholarships at Gan Shalom Preschool

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 from 7-9 pm

Location: JSP Studio, 940 Dwight Way in Berkeley

Price: \$54. Limited to 10 people

Heard of the Jewish Studio Project but haven't gotten a chance to experience it yet? Join JSP for an inspiring and invigorating evening where we'll dive into creativity, imagination, play and Jewish wisdom. This workshop will blend Jewish learning approaches with practices from the field of art therapy to help us cultivate curiosity, navigate uncertainty, and connect with one another in new ways. You'll leave with a new Jewish perspective on why creativity matters and a set of tools to empower your own creative confidence.

BRITISH TEA

HOSTED BY MELISSA & NOAH NATHAN AND BARBARA & BOB BUDNITZ

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 3-5pm

Location: Budnitz Home

Price: \$36. Limited to 12 people

Ever wanted to have tea with the Queen? Well, we'll bring you a close second! Join the Nathans and Budnitzes for an authentic British tea complete with traditional food, drink and punch. We promise not to bore you with details of Brexit.

SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAI (BBQ)

HOSTED BY SAM AND BATHEA JAMES

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 5 pm

Location: James Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 8 people

Join Bathea and Sam at their home for a delicious South African braai (barbecue) with all the traditional fixings.

SUKKOT YOM TOV DINNER

HOSTED BY

RABBI COHEN AND FRAYDA GONSHOR COHEN

Date: Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:15 pm

Location: Cohen/Gonshor Home

Price: \$100. Limited to 5 people

Tasty food, words of Torah and our beloved Rabbi, Frayda and the kids. What could be better than celebrating Yom Tov with the Gonshor-Cohen family under the Berkeley stars?

DESSERT IN THE SUKKAH

WITH PROFESSOR BENJAMIN BRINNER

HOSTED BY JUDITH BLOOM

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Location: Bloom Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 12 people

Treat yourself to a fascinating evening with Professor Brinner, Judith's wonderful desserts and an amazing view! Benjamin Brinner is a professor in the Department of Music and Faculty Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Cal and taught in Israel prior to coming to Berkeley. He has taught ethno-musicology courses and co-directed UC Berkeley's Javanese music performing ensemble. Professor Brinner is interested in issues of musical cognition, particularly questions of musical memory and how musicians know what they know and how that influences their interactions with one another in performance.

SHEMINI ATZERET DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

HOSTED BY

MAHARAT VICTORIA SUTTON AND ADAM BRELOW

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 7:15 pm

Location: Sutton/BreLOW Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 10 people

Join the Sutton/BreLOW family for a delightful Yom Tov dinner featuring Syrian specialties in their Sukkah (meat and vegetarian options).





— SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEEK — WHAT WILL YOU BID ON?

If you cannot attend the Gala, ask a friend to sign you up!

BREAD AND CHEESE MAKING WITH ADAM BRELOW AND NOAH NATHAN

Date: Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 6-9 pm

Location: CBI

Price: \$54. Limited to 10 people

Want to know how to make the perfect sourdough? Bored of Tillamook and craving kosher cheese? Find out how to make these both by scratch with our resident experts, Adam and Noah!

SUSHI SHABBAT LUNCH WITH PROFESSOR DEENA ARANOFF HOSTED BY JOEL AND IRENE RESNIKOFF

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019

Location: Resnikoff Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 10 people

Satisfy your intellectual appetite while enjoying Joel's legendary sushi! Join Irene, Joel and Professor Deena Aranoff, Director of Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies and Senior Lecturer in Medieval Jewish Studies at GTU, for a vibrant and fun shabbat afternoon.

SUNDAY BRUNCH FEATURING STORYTELLING BY MICHAEL KAYE HOSTED BY LOIS AND GARY MARCUS

Date: Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 11 am

Location: Marcus Home

Price: \$36. Limited to 15 people

Savor delectable brunch treats while enjoying Michael's warm, tender and funny stories that are sure to touch your heart.

SHABBAT LUNCH WITH RABBI DOROTHY RICHMAN HOSTED BY LESLIE VALAS AND ALAN FINKELSTEIN

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Location: Valas/Finkelstein Home

Price: \$72. Limited to 10 people

Nourish your body and soul! Join Leslie and chef Alan, along with R. Dorothy Richman, for a delicious and inspiring shabbat lunch. R. Dorothy Richman serves as the rabbi of Makor Or: A Center for Jewish Meditation and recently released an album of original songs largely based on texts from the Jewish tradition.

SCOTCH NIGHT HOSTED BY ALAN KITTNER AND ORY SANDEL

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 7:30-9:30 pm

Location: Kittner Home

Price: \$72. As many adults as want to come!

Calling all scotch lovers!

Join Alan and Ory at the 3rd annual CBI single malt scotch whiskey tasting!

PATISSERIE CLASS WITH MAHARAT VICTORIA SUTTON

Date: Sunday, May 24, 2020 from 11 am-1 pm

Location: CBI

Price: \$36. Limited to 10 people

*Ever wondered how to make the perfect tartlet? Or the perfect mini cheesecake? Join former patisserie chef Maharat Victoria Sutton to learn to make perfect patisserie to take home and enjoy on Shavuot (if you can wait that long!). *Items made in the class may vary from this list.*

ADON OLAM MELODY BY REQUEST SUNG BY CBI'S ADON OLAM CHOIR

Date: Your choice!

Location: CBI Sanctuary

Price: \$72. Number Available: 10

Have you ever wanted to pick the Adon Olam melody? You pick the week. You pick a song/composer/musical genre (subject to rabbinic approval) and the Adon Olam choir will do its best to make it work. There is nothing we will not try!

