



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

May 12-16, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am Mo - Th

Evening: 7:55 pm Sun & Th @ CBI

Mincha services will begin promptly at 7:55 pm at the Gessow home Tuesday & Wednesday.

Please note: we will not hold mincha services at CBI on those nights.

Friday Night, May 10

21st 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 7:50 pm

Saturday, May 11

Morning Service9:15 am
Tot Childcare (upstairs at CBI*) **Elizabeth G.**.....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**
Haftarah Reader: **Philip Tendler**
Formal Group Time.....10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Noam Hallel**
Negba: **Hannah Lesser**
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**
Parent supervisors: **(TBD)**

Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Jessica Fain**11:15 am
Greeters: **Rona Teitelman, Jonathan Astmann, Talya Marcus, Noah Nathan**
Sermon by R. Cohen: Authority and Autonomy – Exploring the Limits of Honoring Parents

Shabbat Mincha 7:00 pm
Chanah Ella Kenin shares a Dvar Torah in anticipation of her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Mincha Services, followed by a festive Seudah Shlishit Meal
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:52 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Jessica Fain and Adam Rosenzweig in honor of one year of us being part of CBI and Hana's first birthday; **the Mitrani family** in memory of Jaime ben Ieda (Chayim ben Eida)

HACHNASSAT ORCHIM

Ariela & Aryeh Canter

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. **Resumes May 12**
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. **Class is not meeting May 13.**

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

TUESDAY

Lovesick: Dark Tales of Friendship with Bernie Steinberg:

The rabbinic maxim "Either friendship or death!" underscores the vital importance of friendship in the Jewish tradition. *Havruta*—dialogical conversation between friends— is the primary medium of Torah learning and spiritual growth. One midrash even argues that friends are more important than family because we freely choose our friends. Yet we know from experience that friendship, like family, while a huge blessing can provoke complex conflict and evoke profound pain.

Bernie Steinberg — Tuesdays @7:30-9:00 pm, May 14, 21, 28

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

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.

class we will begin the second chapter of the tractate. **Class won't meet on May 17.**

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 on Wednesday night in Bethesda, MD, of **Harry Gablum (Herschel)**, beloved father of Lisa Gessow and father-in-law of Jory Gessow. He is survived by Lisa and her three sisters, Judy, Jane and Amy, nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Lisa will return to Berkeley for the conclusion of Shiva next week. Shiva will be observed at the Gessow home at 1315 Bonita Ave., Berkeley during the following times:

Tuesday & Wednesday 3 pm-9 pm

Mincha services at the Gessow home will begin promptly at 7:55 pm on both days, followed by Ma'ariv services. Please note no services will be held at CBI for mincha and ma'ariv on both days.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoch She'ar Aveilei Tziyon

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

Nesiah Tovah: M Sutton will be participating in a rabbinical trip focused on Jewish life in Germany, from **May 12-May 19**, at the invitation of the Foreign Office and in coordination with the German Consulate General in San Francisco. The program includes visits to historic memorial sites such as Sachsenhausen concentration camp, as well as meetings with members of Germany's growing Jewish community on current developments in Jewish life in contemporary Germany and challenges they face. Next Shabbat, *b"h*, will be spent with the Jewish community in Berlin.

M Sutton hopes to send updates during her travels.

Please note that R. Cohen will be joining an OHDS trip from **Wednesday, May 15 to Friday, May 17**. During those days, R. Cohen will have very limited phone and internet access.

Given that M. Sutton will be away during that time period, please email any Halakhic questions to R. Gershon Albert of Beth Jacob Congregation of Oakland at rabbiabert@bethjacobokland.org. Please contact our office or shul president with any other shul related question.

Toda Raba!

Yom Ha'atzmaut Sponsors: Rebecca and Oded Angel; Yossi Ben-Nun; Vered and Hilik Frank; Jenny and Josh Kirsch; Gladys and Phil Leider; Judy and Glenn Massarano, Rena and Mordy Rosen; Betty and Thom Seaton
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CBI GAME GROUPS

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

With great pleasure and gratitude to Hashem

We cordially invite you to share in our joy as our beloved daughter

Chanah Ella Kenin

Shares a Dvar Torah in anticipation of her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Mincha Services, followed by a festive Seuda Shlishit Meal

May 11, 2019 - 7 pm - Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley

We hope you can join as we are - G-d willing - making aliya before Chanah Ella's official bat mitvah date in September.

~ Na'amah & Aaron Kenin ~

The community is warmly invited
To celebrate David Alperin's Bar Mitzvah
At an extended Kiddush at CBI
Shabbat Parshat Emor
May 18, 2019

NCSY 6 Flags! May 19 - Grades 9-12, 10 am - 3:30 pm

Early Bird \$45, Regular \$59

Scholarships available

Sign Up at EastBay.NCSY.org

Family BBQ after 6 Flags

Everyone Invited - \$10 for the entire Family

<https://eastbay.ncsy.org/events/228950/family-bbq/>

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

First Topic: Contemporary Antisemitism (and its reflection in ancient texts) Thursday, May 23, 3:00 - 5:00 pm



TELLING STORIES (& STORIES THAT ARE TELLING) A Special Shabbat Shalem Series

Rabbi Alex Israel

MAY 24-25

Rabbi Alex Israel teaches Tanakh at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi, Matan, and Midreshet Lindenbaum. He is Director of Community Education, the Summer Programs, and Online Learning, at the Pardes Institute.

*Rabbi Israel gained rabbinic ordination from the Israeli Chief Rabbinate following several years of study at Yeshivat Har Etzion. He holds degrees from the London School of Economics, the Institute of Education, London, and Bar Ilan University. His first book *I Kings - Torn in Two* was published in 2013. The companion volume *II Kings - In a Whirlwind* will be published in 2019. See his shiurim and his weekly "Parsha Discussion" at www.alexisrael.org.*

Friday, May 24

7:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

8:00 pm Communal Shabbat Dinner followed by learning w/R. Israel:

Failure, Frustration and Facing our Problems. The story of Cain and Abel.

8:02 pm Candle Lighting

\$12 per child, student, & young professional, \$20 per adult, \$60 maximum per family

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/learn/scholars-in-residence/2019-5/>

Saturday, May 25

Shabbat Drasha: **Economics and Community. Turning Torah Laws into a Story**

Mincha 7:15 pm

Seudah Shlishit & Learning w/R. Israel 7:35 pm: **Hubris, Humility and the Distortion of Religion (2 Kings ch.5)** - An ethical-literary reading of a rarely read but fascinating Haftara, Sefer Melakhim tells the tale of a Naaman, the leprous Aramean general, who is healed by Elisha and becomes a devoted monotheist. On the way, we learn a great deal about the true balances of ego, pride, and religion.

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

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All Passover specific merchandise is going for 20% Off

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Clouds of Glory - Vanishings and Returnings with Dr. Aviva Zornberg

May 12, 7:00-9:00 pm @ Chochmat Halev, 2215 Prince St. Berkeley

Enveloping clouds of glory are lost and restored. We will explore the midrashic narrative that connects this midrash with the Golden Calf and with the inner life of Israel. Dr. Zornberg's books will be on sale at the event thanks to Afikomen Judaica.

Dr. Avivah Zornberg is one of the most dynamic and compelling interpreters of the Bible alive. She weaves together ideas from literature, secular philosophy, psychology and the ancient teachers' take on the texts. It is entirely engaging and built for the 21st century.

\$20 general public, \$15 members of co-sponsoring organizations:

Afikomen Judaica, Aquarian Minyan, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Lehrhaus Judaica, East Bay JCC, Congregation Netivot Shalom, and Urban Adamah

Upcoming Events at the Greater Theological Union (GTU)

"SEDUCED INTO EDEN" WITH AVIVAH ZORNBERG

Tuesday, May 14th 2019, 9:30am

Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 94709

LIVING AFTERLIVES

Thursday, June 6th 2019, 3:00pm

Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road Berkeley, CA 94709

Please join us for a book talk and discussion with Frances Bartkowski on her debut novel, An Afterlife.

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.



FIESTA MEXICO

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 • 5:00 PM



KINDLY RSVP BY MAY 26, 2019



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