



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

DAF HASHAVUAH

SHABBAT PARSHAT EMOR
BAR MITZVAH OF DAVID ALPERIN

MAY 17-18, 2019 — 13 IYAR, 5779

Weekday Morning and Evening Services

May 19-23, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su • 6:30 am Mo - Th

Evening: 8:00 pm Sun & Th @ CBI

Friday Night, May 17

28th 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 7:56 pm

Saturday, May 18

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: **Jamie Conway**
Haftorah Reader: **David Alperin**
Formal Group Time10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Noam Hallel**
Negba: **Hannah Lesser**
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**
Parent supervisors: **Ethan Katz & Hagit Caspi**
Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Natan Kuchar**11:15 am
Greeters: **Rebecca Landes, Jonathan Astmann, Eden Gerson, Ori Kanefsky**
Sermon by **David Alperin: The Body, the Soul, and Tefillin**
Class with **Aaron Koolyk: Crypto-Kinyanim: How to Buy** 6:40 pm
a Shavuot Seuda with Bitcoin. In this *chabura*, we'll learn together some of the rudiments of halachic acquisitions (*kinyanei peiros*). As a test case, we'll consider the strange computationo-economic *metzius* of bitcoin's Nakamoto consensus protocol. We'll ask what this means for the metaphysics of property ownership and how to buy meat for Shavuot with bitcoin. לעילוי נשמת פיגא בת אליעזר.
Shabbat Mincha 7:40 pm
Seudah Shlishit..... 8:00 pm
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:59 pm

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The Alperin Family in honor of David Alperin's Bar Mitzvah

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PESACH SHENI

Saturday night & Sunday, May 18-19

LAG B'OMER

Wednesday night & Thursday, May 22-23

33rd Day of the Omer

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. Please note the class was rescheduled from May 19 to May 26.

Michael Kaye — Sundays @ 11:00-1:00 pm, May 26

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

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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 in Sebastopol on May 10 of **Steven Jeffrey Sheldon**, age 72, beloved brother of Matan Gilbert and uncle of Nadav Gilbert. He is survived by his wife, Michaela, children Oliver (Brody), Will (Sarah), Lowell (Natalie), Brenna, and six grandchildren.

We hope to share ways of comforting Matan and Nadav within the CBI community at a later point.

HaMakom Yenacheim Et'chem Betoach She'ar Aveilei Tziyon

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

Mazal tov! to new parents Gabriela Kipnis & Abe Fine and to grandparents Patricia & Issy Kipnis and Howard & Susu Fine on the birth in San Francisco of a baby boy. Mother and baby are in good health, *b"n*. May this child's life be filled with the insights of Torah, the warm and supportive love of family and community, and the blessing of good deeds. Mazal tov!

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

NCSY

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

Please note: Rain may cancel event

Early Bird \$45, Regular \$59

Scholarships available

Sign Up at EastBay.NCSY.org

CBI Cooks at Berkeley Men's Shelter

May 22, 2019, 2140 Dwight Way.

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

ANNUAL JEWISH COMMUNITY LAG B'OMER PICNIC

Thursday, May 23 5:30 pm

Tilden Park- Padre Picnic Site (South Park Drive)

BBQ Dinner (Vegetarian options)

Face Painting • Drum Circle with Yari Mander • Giant Moon Bounce

Live Music with the Ferris Wheels

Fire Engine Candy Drop, Lolly Pop Hunt, Relay Races, Kids Rally

FREE ADMISSION (Moon Bounce and Food Sold by concession)

Fun for the Whole Family!

(Co-Sponsored by NCSY, Chabad of the East Bay, CBI and CBJ)

PLEASE RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lag-bomer-picnic-tickets-61326198310?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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

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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