



Weekday Morning and Evening Services

May 26-30, 2019

Morning: 8:00 am Su, M • 6:30 am Tu - Th

Evening: 8:05 pm Sun-Th @ CBI



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 Night, May 24

35th 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
- Communal Shabbat Dinner **Registration is closed** 8:00 pm
followed by learning w/R. Israel: **Failure, Frustration and Facing our Problems. The story of Cain and Abel.**
- Candle Lighting 8:02 pm

Saturday, May 25

- Morning Service9:15 am
- Greeters: **Lois Marcus, Nell Mahgel-Friedman, Hilla Abel, Ben Rose**
- 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: **Glenn Massarano**
- Haftorah Reader: **Rafi Rosen**
- Formal Group Time10:30 am
Kedma (Pre-K): **Natan Kuchar**
Tzafona: **Hadas Jacobson & Noam Hallel**
Negba: **M. Victoria Sutton**
Gan Assistant: **Veronica Gonzales**
Parent supervisors: **Assaf Romm & Deborah Marciano**
- Tot Shabbat circle in the CBI Loft w/**Frayda Gonshor Cohen**11:15 am
- Sermon by R. Alex Israel: Economics and Community. Turning Torah Laws into a Story**
- Shabbat Mincha 7:15 pm
- Sseudah Shlishit & Learning w/R. Alex Israel: Hubris, Humility** 7:35 pm
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.
- Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Shabbat ends after 8:59 pm

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MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27

OFFICE CLOSED

Shacharit 8:00 am

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 @ 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 not meeting May 27.**

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

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.

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 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 class we will begin the second chapter of the tractate.

R. Yonatan Cohen — Fridays, 9:00 am

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Beth Israel

Moshav Mevo Modiin Emergency Relief: Moshav Mevo Modiin, which has profound personal connections to many members of our CBI and Berkeley Jewish community, and renowned for its hospitality and warmth, was burned to the ground yesterday by raging wildfires. Many members of the Moshav are educators, artists, musicians and rabbis who share a profound commitment to Torah, Am Yisrael, and Israel. Dozens of families who are now homeless and possess nothing truly need your immediate help.

Please help, donate whatever you can through our Giving link, please pick the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. 100% of these donations will be given to support this emergency relief effort.

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/>

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

- June 1 (co-sponsors needed)
- June 22

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 rachel.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.

Shavuot Communal Dinner

Sunday, June 9

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/>

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

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
June 16, 2019

**VEGETARIAN FEAST BASED ON
YOTAM OTTOLENGHI'S RECIPES**

Prepared and hosted by Chef Hilla Abel
June 23, 2019

Proceeds fund scholarships at
Gan Shalom Preschool

SLIDERS GALORE

Hosted by Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor Cohen
July 14, 2019

FLEISHIK MEXICAN DINNER

Hosted by Issy and Patricia Kipnis
August 18, 2019

MAKE YOUR OWN SALSA CLASS

With Sarah Miranda
August 25, 2019

ICE CREAM TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA

Hosted by Yael Krieger
September 1, 2019

BRITISH TEA

Hosted by Melissa & Noah Nathan
and Barbara & Bob Budnitz
September 8, 2019

SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAI (BBQ)

Hosted by Sam and Bathea James
September 8, 2019

SUKKOT YOM TOV DINNER

Hosted by Rabbi Cohen and Frayda Gonshor Cohen
October 14, 2019

DESSERT IN THE SUKKAH

With Cal Professor Benjamin Brinner,
Chair of the Music Department and Faculty
Director of the Center for Jewish Studies
Hosted by Judith Bloom
October 17, 2019

**SHEMINI ATZERET DINNER
IN THE SUKKAH**

Hosted by Maharat Victoria Sutton and Adam Brelow
October 20, 2019

BREAD AND CHEESE MAKING

With Adam Brelow and Noah Nathan
November 3, 2019

**SUSHI SHABBAT LUNCH
WITH PROFESSOR DEENA ARANOFF**

Hosted by Joel and Irene Resnikoff
November 16, 2019

**SUNDAY BRUNCH FEATURING
STORYTELLING BY
MICHAEL KAYE**

Hosted by Lois and Gary Marcus
November 17, 2019

**SHABBAT LUNCH
WITH R. DOROTHY RICHMAN**

Hosted by Leslie Valas and Alan Finkelstein
December 7, 2019

SCOTCH NIGHT

Hosted by Alan Kittner and Ory Sandel
February 8, 2020

PATISSERIE CLASS

With Maharat Victoria Sutton
May 24, 2020

**ADON OLAM MELODY
BY REQUEST**

Sung by CBI's Adon Olam Choir

**JEWISH STUDIO
PROJECT COURSE**

Date TBD
Proceeds fund scholarships at
Gan Shalom Preschool

Details and prices coming soon!

