



Daf Hashavuah

Shabbat Parashat Vayeira

November 11-12 2022

This Shabbat



Shabbat with Rabbi Yair Silverman

November 11-12

Rabbi Yair Silverman is co-founder and Rabbi of Moed in Zichron Yaakov, Israel. Moed brings together secular and religious Israelis in the Carmel region in study and social action to reimagine and generate passionate and shared Jewish life in modern Israel. He also serves as a judge on the Rabbinic court of Giyur K'halacha for conversions. R. Yair is an active member of the Rabbinic organizations Beit Hillel, Tzohar, International Rabbinic Fellowship, and Rabbinical Council of America, and serves on the Rabbinic Advisory Board of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. Before making aliyah in 2006, R. Yair served as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel. R. Yair is ordained by Rabbainu Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, studied at Yeshivat Birkat Moshe, and served in a combat unit of the IDF. He holds an M.A. in Jewish Philosophy and B.A. in Western Thought from Yeshiva University. R. Yair is looking forward to spending time with friends new and old in the CBI community.

Friday, November 11

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

9AM // Talmudic Wisdom: Tractate Sotah with R. Yonatan Cohen

Class is not meeting this week

4:40PM // Northside Minyan at Sudikoff Home

1209 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

4:43PM // Candle Lighting

4:45PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

5:45PM // Shabbat Dinner @ CBI (*registration is closed*)

At dinner, R. Silverman will speak on the topic of, "A Night in Sde Boker: Qualities of Leadership."

Saturday, November 12

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Greeters:

9-10AM: Rona Teitelman

10-11:15AM: Benni Darmoni

9-11:15AM // Shabbat Youth Programming

Ages 0-3 @ CBI loft space // 10:40AM parent-and-me tot Shabbat circle

Age 3 -2nd graders @ Gan Shalom // 9AM drop off, 10AM program

3rd and 4th graders @ Gan Shalom // 10:00AM drop off at stairs inside Gan gate

Check out the schedule [here](#).

Sermon by R. Yair Silverman: "Binding Uncertainty: Establishing Jerusalem"

Shabbat & Kiddush Sponsors in honor of R. Yair Silverman:

Bella Barany, together with Serach Bracha & Paul Albert; Judith Bloom; Carol & Jim Cunradi; Malcolm Feeley & Rivka Amado; Rose Ginsburg; Rachel & Jacob Heitler; Isaac Kaplan and Sandy Schwarcz; Jonah Markowitz; Denise Resnikoff & Lenny Kristal; June & Bob Safran; Jenny Shy & Michael Feiner; Violette & Henry Sibony; Ruth & Fried Wittman; Marti & Shelly Zedeck

Kaellyn Moss: in honor of the passing six months ago of her beloved father, Monroe Moss (Moshe Ben Louis) who would have turned 100 on November 10. May he rest in peace.

Kiddush Wine:

Covenant Winery with special thanks to the Morgan Family

4:40PM // Mincha followed by learning with Rabbi Silverman, "Peace: An Affair of Heaven or Earth?"

5:41PM // Maariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends

7:30PM // Melaveh Malkah @ The Alper Home (RSVP requested)

Please join us for a melaveh malkah with Rabbi Silverman at the Alper home (ask the CBI office for the address if you do not know it).

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This Week

Sunday, November 13

8:00AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:45PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

Monday-Thursday, November 14-17

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:45PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

Friday, November 18

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

Shabbat, November 19

7:30AM // Hashkama

Preceding next week's Kellerman Bar Mitzvah, there will be a 7:30am hashkama minyan. Please register online on the shul's signup genius to attend.

Weekly Classes & Events

Tuesdays // 12PM // in person @ CBI

Topics in Talmud: Baba Kamma, Perek HaChovel

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld

The eighth chapter of tractate Baba Kamma deals with compensation for personal injury. It begins with a discourse on the verse “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth” which the rabbis of the Talmud interpret as referring to the requirement of monetary compensation. They struggle with whether their interpretations of the verse are convincing, providing a model for thinking about difficult biblical passages. The chapter deals with topics relevant to creating a just society in the modern world, including retributive versus restorative justice, and how to conceptualize and calculate compensation for shame.

Tuesdays // 1PM // in person @ CBI

CBI's Mah Jongg group meets weekly and is open to players that know how to play and already have their National Mah Jongg Play Card. Beginners are welcome to join as well, Marti Zedeck will be teaching every Tuesday. To join, please be in touch with Marti.

Thursday, November 17 // 12:00pm // via CBI Zoom

Rabbi Jeffrey Fox

Abortion in Modern Responsa: Rav Moshe and the Tzitz Eliezer

Rabbi Jeffrey S. Fox is Rosh HaYeshiva and Dean of Faculty at Yeshivat Maharat. He was the first graduate of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. Upon graduation he served as the Rabbi of Kehilat Keshet: The Community Synagogue of Tenafly and Englewood. Rabbi Fox is a Senior Rabbinic Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute and has also been a member of the faculty of the Drisha Institute, the Florence Melton Adult Education School, and Hadar.

Fridays // 9AM // in person @ CBI

Talmudic Wisdom: Tractate Sotah

Rabbi Yonatan Cohen

Tractate Sotah primarily explains the ritual of the bitter water, a trial by ordeal of a woman suspected of adultery by providing close Halakhic readings of biblical verses. Rich in Aggadic references, Sotah also includes material relating to central biblical figures and events. Time and time again, talmudic discussions offer a lens into the rabbis' views on religious, moral, and theological questions, delving into major themes, such as the futility of sinning in secret, the harmfulness of pride, the evil of flattery, divine retribution, and the superiority of the service of God from love over the service from fear. What starts as an analysis of marital infidelity ultimately turns into a profound reflection on Israel's own infidelity and the state of deterioration into which the Jewish people sank in the period immediately before and after the fall of the Temple.

Upcoming Highlights

Chag HaSigd

Tuesday, November 22 // 7:00PM @ CBI

Join our banot sherut and community members to learn about Ethiopian Jewish culture in celebration of the holiday of Sigd.

Shabbat Climate Series

December 3, January 28, and March 25

Join us for a year-long speaker series on the critical realities of climate change. Join us on Shabbat afternoons as we hear from Naama Sadan, Rabbi Ariel Mayse, and Dr. Joel Gerwein.

Lifecycle Announcements

Mazal Tov!

On November 19, Shabbat Chayei Sarah, the Kellerman family invites you to join in celebrating Oscar's bar mitzvah at CBI. There will be a 7:30am hashkama minyan. Please register online on the [shul's signup genius](#) to attend.

Following services, we welcome the community to join us for an outdoor lunch at Berkwood Hedge School (1809 Bancroft Way). In order to help us plan accordingly, we ask that anyone who plans to attend lunch please sign up

(email office@cbiberkeley.org for the link).

We expect services and lunch to be high density events. Note that masks are not required. If you are uncomfortable with a non-masked event, we understand. We also ask that anyone feeling ill please exercise good judgment and consideration for the health of the community. If for any reason you can't make it, don't worry! We'll look forward to celebrating with you in the near future. Thank you so much. The Kellerman family

General Community Announcements

Enrollment at Gan Shalom Preschool for 2023-2024 is now open! Applications are being accepted for our beloved preschool's academic year 2023-2024. Please schedule a tour of Gan Shalom with our director, Emma Schnur (director@ganshalomberkeley.org). Applications can be filled out on the Gan website. CBI members are granted priority enrollment if applying by December 16.

Afikomen: Rachel Biale LOST and FOUND Book Launch

Join Rachel Biale for the launch of her historical novel, LOST and FOUND, based on the true story of a Viennese Jewish family on the refugee boat with Rachel's parents, all fleeing Nazi-occupied Europe. Books are available for purchase here. For more info visit www.afikomen.com/upcoming-events

Sunday, November 13 at 3:00-4:00pm, FREE In-Person Event @ Afikomen, 3042 Claremont Ave. Berkeley

Music & Medics Nov. 16 Concert is Postponed: The American Friends of Magen David Adom "Music & Medics" concert scheduled for November 16, 2022, at Beth Jacob Congregation is postponed. If you have any questions, please contact Maxine Epstein at Mepstein@afmda.org 415.891.2233.

CBI SISTERHOOD STITCH MEETING

Thursday, November 17 // 10AM-1PM // @ Barbara Budnitz's home. PLEASE RSVP TO BARBARA or ROSE

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Vehicle Donation to CBI: Donating your car, truck or boat is easy; any assets are welcome (jewelry, coins, etc.). We'll provide free pick-up, and your gift is tax-deductible and will benefit Gan Shalom's Scholarship Fund. We will provide release of liability, DMV and IRS documents, and handle any title, or ticket issues. Call Morton Thomas Rand at (650) 629-4000 or email mtrans25@yahoo.com.

CBI AT THE SHELTER: CBI has been making regular donations in lieu of meals. Please donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and indicate "shelter dinner".

The Berkeley Eruv: Berkeley's Eruv status is posted every Friday generally by 1:30PM. For the Eruv's map and more information, please consult <https://www.berkeleyeruv.org/>

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CBI Connected Families

To join a WhatsApp group sharing ideas for caring and creative parenting please contact the **CBI office**.