



Daf Hashavuah

Shabbat Parashat Vayeishev

December 16-17, 2022

This Shabbat

Friday, December 16

8AM // Shacharit @ CBI

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

4:30PM // Northside Minyan at Sudikoff Home *1209 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley*

4:34PM // Candle Lighting

4:35PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

Saturday, December 17

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Greeters:

9-10AM: Meredith Pollick

10-11:15AM: Ilana Mantell

Sermon by R. Yonatan Cohen: *Electric Chanukah Lights – A Kosher Fusion?*

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

Kiddush Sponsors: Congregation Beth Israel - New Member Kiddush & Name Tag Shabbat

Please join us to meet and warmly welcome everyone who has joined the shul in the past year:

Achinoam Aldouby

Ayal and Leah Keleman Amzel

Richard Atkins and Cynthia Samuels

Melissa Ayres

Efrat and Ido Barth

Michelle and Yoni Brenner

Beth and Steve Cohen

Jacob and Naomi Fuhrman

Noam and Shira Haber

Nadan Ivzan

Benjamin and Hannah Efron Kleinman

Miriam Peretz

Haim and Mikelle Shoham

Zoe Silverman and Will Daly

4:30PM // Mincha and Learning with Rabbanit Meira, "Zoroastrian Chanukah: A Kosher Fusion?"

5:35PM // Maariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends

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YCT Listening Tour

David Pernick, YCT's Director of LGBTQ+ Initiatives and Recruitment Coordinator will be visiting the Bay Area from Dec. 15 to Dec. 18 and will be visiting our community on Shabbat Dec. 16-17. During his visit, David hopes to hear from LGBTQ+ members of Orthodox communities, as well as from those who have left Orthodoxy, about their priorities and how they believe we can be most helpful and impactful in our work. To set a time with David, please contact him at dpernick@yctorah.org.

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January 7 (Vayechi)

January 21 (Va'eira)

Donations of any amount can be made on the CBI website, go to the Giving page and select Kiddush from the drop-down menu: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/>. Please email kiddush@cbiberkeley.org with any questions.

This Week

Monday, December 19

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:40PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @ CBI



7:30PM // Chanukah Game Night

Light candles at home, and then join us for a night of games, donuts, hot apple cider, & friends new and old. RSVP (ask CBI office).

To help host a table by leading and teaching a favorite game, email Karen Kadish.

Tuesday, December 20

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

10AM // CBI Sisterhood Presents: The Chanukah Chocolate Gelt Factory for Kids

Parents, come bring your "kitchen-aged kids" and enjoy the fun of melting and molding your own chocolate Chanukah gelt @ CBI.

\$18 suggested donation. To find out more and reserve your spot contact Sabrina Kabella

4:40PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @ CBI

Wednesday-Thursday, December 21-22

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:40PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @ CBI

Friday, December 23

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

12:30-1:30 PM // Frena Sufganiyot Pop-Up @ CBI

Frena will be outside CBI selling parve and vegan jelly and Bavarian cream donuts.

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. **Class will be on hiatus December 27.**

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.

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. **Class will be on hiatus December 23 and 30, resuming on January 6.**

Upcoming Highlights



Shabbat, December 23-24

Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich is the Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and the director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is the author of *The Making of Jewish Universalism: From Exile to Alexandria* (2016), and *Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism* (2018), which received the 2019 AJL Judaica Reference Honor Award. Simkovich's articles have been published in academic journals such as the *Harvard Theological Review* and the *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, and in mainstream publications such as *The Jewish Review of Books* and *The Christian Century*. She is involved in numerous interreligious dialogue projects which help to increase understanding and friendship between Christians and Jews.

Friday, December 23

4:37PM // Candle Lighting

4:40PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

5:40PM // Shabbat Dinner @ CBI

At dinner, Dr. Simkovich will give a talk titled, **“What Does the Holiday of Chanukah Really Commemorate?”**

\$25 Adults • \$18 Students & Young Professionals & Children (to 12) • \$75 max. per family

Register: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/dec23/>

Saturday, December 24

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Dr. Simkovich will deliver the sermon

4:15PM // Mincha & Learning w/Dr. Simkovich: **"Jews, Christians, and the Myth of Common Scriptures"**

Lifecycle Announcements

Mazal Tov

To new parents Shelly Lazar and Nati Kanovsky on the birth on Tuesday, November 22 of a baby boy, Nevo Shalev.

Mother, father and baby are all doing well. A great way to support the family is to bring them a meal. Please sign up for a slot: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/mmk099>

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.

Phone-a-thon

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/giving/phone-a-thon2023/>

Dear CBI Family and Friends,

Beginning with our dynamic and inspiring High Holiday Services, the year has gotten off to a great start! In addition to weekday and Shabbat services, we have kept up the momentum with weekly in-person learning opportunities with Rabbi Cohen and Rabbanit Meira; launched online adult education series with guest speakers; hosted Shabbat scholars-in-residence; and resumed women's tefillah and youth programming.

Your participation and engagement have been critical to our success. This year, we need your continued generosity and support in meeting our 2023 Phone-a-thon goal of \$35,000.

The 2023 CBI Phone-a-thon will take place on Sunday morning, January 15th. We ask that you increase your giving over last year's donation if your resources permit it. Know that any amount you can give will be appreciated. If you want to have this donation credited to your 2022 tax return, please consider giving before the end of December.

You can make your donation in one of five ways:

- Donate online above (by credit card, convenience fee applied).
- Send a check to CBI with "2023 Phone-a-thon" on the memo line.
- Use your bank's online payment center via Zelle (use office@cbiberkeley.org).
- Send payment through Venmo to @CBI-BERKELEY.
- Call the office (510) 843-5246 to make a pledge by phone; your pledge will be added to your CBI statement.

Today rabbah,

Carol Cunradi, President, CBI and Chair, Phone-a-thon Committee

CBI's Holiday Dinner Drive

This year, your support is as important than ever.

- With the ongoing effects of the pandemic, compounded by inflation, we estimate 1 in 4 of us is experiencing food insecurity.
- ACCFB isn't immune to inflation: We will pay nearly \$400,000 more for chickens this holiday than we paid last year.
- In total, we will provide nearly 50 million meals worth of food this year – 70% higher than before the pandemic.

- Donate online: <https://donate.accfb.org/dinner/Donate>
- By mail by check payable to ACCFB, write "Congregation Beth Israel" on memo line and mail to ACCFB, Attn. Holiday Dinner Drive, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621

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Annual Chanukah Party

Sunday, Dec. 18, 5-7PM

Ticket: \$30 - @ Beth Jacob Congregation

Light dinner, dance floor, photo booth, yummy donuts, latke bar glow paint, and dreidel competition, and toy drive for Chai Lifeline, a leading international children's health support network, providing social, emotional, and financial assistance to children with life-threatening and lifelong illnesses and their families through a variety of year-round programs and services.

Please Register Here and remember to bring a toy for a child in need. We're looking forward to celebrating together!
R'Tani

General Community Announcements

Celebrate Life! Hanukkah Party: Celebrate with Afikomen on the Fourth Night of Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 21 @ 3:00–5:00pm

Menorah Lighting @ 4:30pm

Join us for music, giveaway prizes, sufganiyot & public menorah lighting w/ Rabbi Chaim

Music with Ben Kramarz and Singlam friends

FREE - In person event at Afikomen. Masks optional

Location: 3042 Claremont Ave. Berkeley www.afikomen.com

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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/>

Stay Connected

CBI Connected Families

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