



# Daf Hashavuah

## Shabbat Parashat Vayeitzei

December 2-3, 2022

**This Shabbat**

**Friday, December 2**

**8AM // Shacharit @ CBI**

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

**4:30PM // Northside Minyan at Sudikoff Home**

*1209 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley*

**4:32PM // Candle Lighting**

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

**Saturday, December 3**

**9AM // Morning Services @ CBI**

**Greeters:**

**9-10AM: Meredith Pollick**

**10-11:15AM: Asaf Shor**

**Sermon by R. Cohen: "All I Have to do is Dream?"**

**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**



**4:15PM // Mincha, followed by learning with Dr. Joel Gerwein, "Judaism and Climate Justice: the Torah of Global Galut."**

Our year-long speaker series on the critical realities of climate change continues. Join Dr. Joel Gerwein to explore texts related to the causes of exile and what they can teach us about a Jewish response to climate change. Joel manages environmental projects for the California State Coastal Conservancy and loves to study Judaism's teachings about the environment.

**5:33PM // Maariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends**

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## This Week

### Sunday, December 4

8:00AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:35PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

### Monday-Thursday, December 5-8

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

4:35PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @CBI

### Friday, December 9

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

## 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.

### 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

**Saturday, December 10**



**Drash & Post Kiddush Lecture by Rabbi Michael Schudrich  
Polish Jewry Today as a Front Line Helper for Ukrainian Refugees**

Michael Schudrich is the Chief Rabbi of Poland. Born and raised in New York City, he received rabbinic ordination at Yeshiva University. In his work with the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation in Warsaw during the 1990s, as Rabbi of Warsaw and Lodz since 1998, and as Chief Rabbi since 2004, he has contributed significantly to the revival of Jewish life in Poland. (Photo: Cezary Piwowarski)

**Thursday, December 15, 7:00-9:00 PM @ CBI**

**The Beth Israel Sisterhood invites you to indulge in  
*Gourmet Gelt Making: An Intimate Evening of Chocolate Decadence and Tasting***

Gold wrapped Chocolate coins at Hanukkah is a time honored tradition, yet they very rarely satisfy our chocolate cravings. Elevate your Hanukkah gelt experience, and discover how easy it is to make your own gelt that you will want to enjoy year round. Taste the differences between dark, bittersweet, and milk chocolates, using the finest of couverture chocolates from Guittard to make personalized coins. Participants will learn how to temper chocolate on a stove, as well as the history of gelt giving, and our Jewish connection to chocolate. All participants will take home their own bag of gelt. \$18 suggested donation. Please contact Sabrina Kabella, [sabrinadkabella@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinadkabella@gmail.com), to reserve your spot. Spaces are limited.

**Friday, December 16, Kabbalat Shabbat 4:35 PM, Dinner 5:30 PM**

**Tot Shabbat Dinner**

Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner catered towards families with young kids  
\$18 for adults, \$10 for kids over 2, with a max of \$60/family  
Register [here](#).

**Saturday, December 17**

**New Member Kiddush & Name Tag Shabbat**

A chance to meet and welcome everyone who has joined the shul in the past year

**Shabbat, December 16-17**

**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](mailto:dpernick@yctorah.org).

**Monday, December 19, 7:30 PM**

**Chanukah Game Night**

After lighting candles at home, join friends new and old for a night of board games, card games, and other games @ CBI. If you'd like to host a table by leading and teaching a favorite game, please be in touch with Karen Kadish at [krkadish@gmail.com](mailto:krkadish@gmail.com).

**Friday, December 23, 12:30-1:30 PM**

**Frena Sufganiyot Pop-Up @ CBI**

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



## Shabbat Scholar-in-Residence

December 23-24

Dr. Malka Simkovich



### 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. At Friday night dinner she will give a talk titled, "What Does the Holiday of Chanukah Really Commemorate?" After mincha on Shabbat day she will discuss, "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.*

## 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

## 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](mailto:director@ganshalomberkeley.org)). Applications can be filled out on the Gan website. CBI members are granted priority enrollment if applying by December 16. Returning students need not apply.

**Attention Warriors Fans! Jewish Heritage Night is scheduled for Dec 27**, when many of us will be away, myself included. We could go as a group on another night, here are two available dates:

- Sunday, Feb 26 vs Minnesota Timberwolves, game time 4:30 pm (*Tickets are \$80 each for section 214 in the Upper Bowl*)

- Thursday, March 2 vs LA Clippers, game time 7 pm (*Tickets are \$90 section 214, \$100 section 223, or \$150 section 20, all in the Upper Bowl*)

We need 10 tickets to get a group rate. Please let me know asap if you are interested in either game. Go Dubs! [Hope Alper](#)

**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](http://www.afikomen.com)

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**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**.