



Daf Hashavuah

Shabbat Parashat Bo

January 27-28, 2023

This Shabbat

Friday, January 27

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

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

5:09PM // Candle Lighting

5:10PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

5:10PM // Northside Minyan at Sudikoff Home (1209 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley)

Saturday, January 28

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Greeters:

9-10AM: Baruch Kadish

10-11AM: Susan Berrin

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

Sermon by R. Yonatan Cohen: "Everybody Knows That the Dice are Loaded..."

Kiddush Sponsors

Lou Schubert, Jo-Ellen & Ben Zeitlin, and Janice Mac Millan in honor of the spirit of the flamingo. May this be the year we find poise, balance, and community, and let our inner colors out!

5:00PM // Shabbat Mincha followed by learning with Rabbi Dr. Ariel Mayse



Climate Series

January 28 after mincha

Rabbi Dr. Ariel Mayse

Approaching Pharaoh: Courage, Resilience, and Divine Absence in the Time of Climate Change.



6:09PM // Maariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends

7:30PM // Melaveh Malkah Night

Gatherings in different community members' homes organized by the community building committee. Registration for this event has closed.

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April 1 (Tsav Shabbat HaGadol)**

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This Week

Sunday, January 29

8:00AM // Shacharit @ CBI

5:15PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @ CBI

Monday-Thursday, January 30-February 2

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

5:15PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv @ CBI

Thursday, February 2 // 12:00PM on CBI Zoom



Zoom Series on Disability and Community

February 2 // 12:00pm
via CBI Zoom

Rabbanit Aliza Sperling
May A Blind Person Read the Torah in Braille for the Congregation?



It used to be that a blind person could not read Torah for the congregation since the Torah needs to be read, and a blind person's only option was to recite from memory. Now that Hebrew Braille has been developed, can a blind person fulfill the congregation's obligation of *keriat hatorah* through reading from a Braille chumash? Rabbanit Aliza Sperling teaches Talmud at the Maharat- Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Beit Midrash Program and directs Maharat's Halakha in Action initiative. Inspired by her daughter Batya, who is blind, Aliza is passionate about including Jews with disabilities in Jewish communal, educational, and ritual life.

Friday, February 3

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

Weekly Classes & Events

Daf Yomi Learning // in person @ CBI

8AM // Shabbat morning

7AM // Sunday

7:45AM // Monday-Friday (after Shacharit)

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 Events

February 4 - Women's Tefillah

Join the women of CBI for communal prayer, Torah reading, Torah learning, and singing on Shabbat afternoon. Please be in touch with Judy Massarano if you are interested in leining.

February 4, April 1, and May 6

February 5 // 2:00-4:30PM- Tu B'Shvat Work Party

Join CBI and **Friends of Five Creeks** planting habitat-friendly native plants along our area's only trout stream at Codornices Creek, on the Berkeley-Albany border! We will be planting to improve habitat for birds and pollinators in a creekside meadow. We'll also have light snacks and a short nature walk to talk about nature and the history of the area. All ages welcome.

Numbers are

limited! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqmYE9xogT2BxDrnMn1a4ghg1YFByjNixWnHqkC_6IWmUGhA/vi
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Or email Rabbanit Meira for more information.

February 11 // Mishmash

30 minutes after the end of Shabbat

Mishmash offers CBI's parents and children in grades K through 8th an opportunity to study in pairs in a beit midrash atmosphere.

SAVE THE DATE: February 11, and February 25

February 17 - Friday Night Dinner with Dr. Michal Raucher



Shabbat Scholar- in-Residence

February 17

Dr. Michal Raucher



Dr. Raucher will speak on Friday night on the topic of, "**Books and babies: Reproductive Authority among Haredi Women in Jerusalem.**" In this talk, Dr. Raucher will analyze the ways Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) Jewish women in Israel make ethical decisions about their reproductive lives. Dr. Raucher is an associate professor of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University. Her research lies at the intersection of the anthropology of women in Judaism, reproductive ethics, and religious authority. Her first book is titled, *Conceiving Agency: Reproductive Authority*

among Haredi Women. Her second book will be titled "The New Rabbis," and is based on five years of research with women who have been ordained as Orthodox rabbis in America.

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/join-us/feb17/>

Disability & Community Zoom Series

February 2, 8, 16, and 23 // 12:00 PM on CBI Zoom.



May a Blind Person Read the Torah in Braille for the Congregation?

February 2 // 12:00pm

Rabbanit Aliza Sperling



Disability and the Politics of Healing

Wednesday February 8 // 12:00pm

Dr. Rabbi Julia Watts Belser



Coping Mechanisms for Depression in a Halachic Context

February 16 // 12:00pm

Rabbi Yoni Rosensweig



May a Megillah be Written in English? A Story of Tradition, Innovation and Access

February 23 // 12:00pm

Rabbanit Devorah Zlochower and Netanel Linzer

Lifecycle Announcements

Mazal tov!

To grandparents Daniel and Robinn Magid,
parents Morgan and Josh Magid,
and big brother Rafael Eliezer (Rafi)

on the birth this past Shabbat in Los Angeles of a baby girl:

Miriam Yaffa bat Mordechai u'Meital Daniella

(named for Miriam bat Benzion v'Feiga Bracha)

Mother and baby are in good health, b"h.

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.

NCSY

Norcal Skibaton, February 24-26 Grades 9-12

Guest Speakers: R. Akiva Naiman and R. Israel Lashak.

Schedule and registration: norcal.ncsy.org/skibaton

\$475 (scholarships available).

General Community Announcements

The Beth Israel Sisterhood invites you to create

Crowns of Color with Naama Sadan

A Tu'Bishvat celebration

Come join us as we learn how to design a colorful wreath of flowers that brings you joy! All materials will be provided.

Sunday, Feb 5th at 10 am @ CBI

Spaces are limited! \$25 per participant

Email Sabrina Kabella to sign up sabrinadkabella@gmail.com

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**.