



Congregation Beth Israel

Friday, March 24

6:45AM // Shacharit @ CBI

7PM // Northside Minyan at Gessow home

1315 Bonita Ave., Berkeley

7PM // Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI

7:06PM // Candle Lighting

Saturday, March 25

9AM // Morning Services @ CBI

Greeters:

9-10AM: Ricki Landes

10-11AM: Meredith Pollick

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 Philip Tendler: "Reflecting Presence in Absence: Soulful Journeys in Vayikra After a Year of Mourning"

Kiddush Sponsors:

Batya Schick, in memory of her mother Hannah Raiza Bat Mordechai Ha Levi on her yahrzeit; **the Sherman-Tendler family**, in memory of Debbie Tendler and Joel Tendler on the occasion of their first yahrzeits; **Rhoda Agin**, in memory of the 35th yahrzeit of her father Irving (Yitzchak ben Yoseph vRachel) Agin

5:30PM // Teens and kids ages 5th grade and up are invited for board games and hanging out with the banot sherut at CBI

7PM // Shabbat Mincha followed by seudat shlishit

8:04PM // Ma'ariv, Havdallah, & Shabbat ends

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A KIDDUSH SPONSOR FOR:

April 22 (Tazria-Metzorah)

April 29 (Acharei-Kedoshim)

Pesach

April 13 (Pesach VIII)

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

This Week

Sunday, March 26

8AM // Shacharit @ CBI

7:10PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday-Thursday, March 26-March 31

6:45AM // Shacharit at CBI

7:10PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, March 31

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. **Class on hiatus April 4 and 11, resuming April 18.**

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 on hiatus March 24-April 14, resuming April 21.**

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 25, 8:30PM Concert @ Beth Jacob

Please join us at Beth Jacob for a Havdala Concert with Jewish Bluegrass group Jacob's Ladder, formerly Kol Kahol. Free concert, RSVP required here: <https://www.bethjacoboakland.org/form/Jacob'sLadderconcert.html>

Monday March 27th, 6:30-10:00 Pre-Pesach Concert with Rabbi Raz Hartman at Urban Adamah

Register here: <https://urban-adamah.my.salesforce-sites.com/WebEvent?eid=a-pesach-musical-offering-w-raz-hartman-2023327>

Please join us Wednesday March 29th @ 7:45 PM at CBI for the launch of the Ethical Wills Workshop

"Ethical wills, sometimes called spiritual or legacy letters, are resources Jews have used for centuries to articulate and pass on deeply held values and beliefs."

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld will launch this series with an informative talk about the history of Jewish ethical wills and why they are relevant today.

The informational session will launch a six to eight session workshop (we'll have a doodle poll available at the launch to find the best time for meeting) where we explore how to articulate our values and the moral legacies we want to leave. The program is for people of all ages to think about, navigate, and articulate what they want to share of their lives with their families, friends or communities.

The workshops will be facilitated by Desmid Lyon and Susan Berrin. Each session will create a safe space and provide appropriate prompts to explore how we tell our stories, histories & life lessons. We welcome anyone who wants to engage in this effort. We recognize that grappling with emotional and spiritual issues can be difficult, and we plan to provide an environment of trust, with opportunities to share the writing process for those so inclined.

Feel free to reach out to [Susan](#) or [Desmid](#) with any questions.

Passover at CBI

Pesach Guidelines

<https://www.cbiberkeley.org/about-us/rabbi-yonatan-cohen/holidays-2/pesach/>

Sale of Chametz

Fill out the electronic form and complete by Tuesday, April 4:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AQCUOmFtuHFFMICAXEPYM57IISoz8GB2Z4n8mYBwins/edit?pli=1>

Shopping Guides

CRC: <https://consumer.crckosher.org/pesach-2023/>

Kosherquest: <https://kosherquest.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/KIB-pesach-2023-ralphs.pdf>

OU: https://issuu.com/orthodoxunion/docs/pg_lowres_feb21_1

Pesach Kashering Help from the CBI Community

With Pesach on the horizon, we know that there are members of our community who may have some physical limitations that make kashering their home for Pesach a challenge this year. Please reach out to us either by filling out [this form](#) or e-mailing Karen Kadish (krkadish@gmail.com) if you would like assistance with kashering your kitchen for Pesach this year or with Pesach grocery shopping. Please reach out to Karen Kadish (krkadish@gmail.com) if you or a teen in your household can provide this important chesed for members of our community.

CBI Seder Hospitality

Pesach sedarim are the perfect opportunity to gather as a community.

Guests: Please e-mail hospitality@cbiberkeley.org if you would like to join another household's table for either seder

this year. Specify: how many people are in your group, any dietary needs, and which seder(s) you would like to be hosted for.

Hosts: Please email hospitality@cbiberkeley.org if you have space at your table for a guest. Specify: how many people you have space for and which seder(s) you are able to host.

CBI Scrip

Scrip is available for Passover shopping for Berkeley Bowl, Safeway, and Oakland Kosher Foods. Contact Naomi Stamper. Naomi Stamper nstamper@sbcglobal.net or 510-525-8259.

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NORCAL NCSY PRESENTS



**Come join us for one of our biggest events of the year!
Sunday, March 26th for our annual limo scavenger hunt!**

(Limited seating available!) fun. games. ice cream. prizes!

Drop-off & Pick up

Oakland: Beth Jacob Congregation
3778 Park Blvd, Oakland, CA 94610

Walnut Creek: TBD

Palo Alto: 2416 Leghorn St. Mountain View

<https://westcoast.ncsy.org/events/454512/Limo-Scavenger-hunt-2023/>

Lifecycle Announcements

The OHDS Chidon Elective has been invited to send 4 students to the National Chidon HaTanach (Bible Contest) competition on April 30th in New York: **Oscar Kellerman, Menashe Kirsch, Yakir Neumeier, Simon Zeitlin**

General Community Announcements

A PESACH MUSICAL OFFERING W. RAZ HARTMAN

Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM (in person)

Join us for a concert of modern Jewish music, stories, and teachings to open our hearts and souls in these days before Passover. **Raz Hartman** is a rabbi and musician who, through moving Torah and music, reminds people to remember Jerusalem and reconnect to their soul. *Sliding Scale: \$12 to \$54 per person*

<https://urban-adamah.my.salesforce-sites.com/WebEvent?eid=a-pesach-musical-offering-w-raz-hartman-2023327>

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**.