



Congregation  
Beth Israel



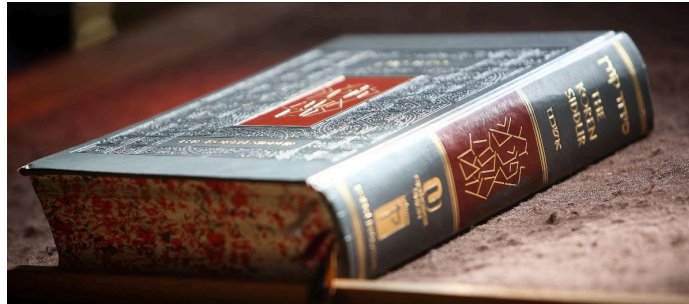
## Daf Hashavuah

Parshat Terumah, February 20-21

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## Shabbat Schedule



## Drasha by Issy Kipnis: A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words—Most Times

### Friday, February 20

**6:45 AM** // Shacharit

**5:35 PM** // Northside Minyan @ Alper Home, 910 Oxford St., Berkeley CA

**5:35 PM** // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

**5:36 PM** // Candle Lighting

### Shabbat Day, February 21

**09:00 AM** // Shacharit Morning Services

**09:00 - 11:30 AM** // Shabbat Youth Programming:

- *Ages 0-3 @ CBI loft space* // Parent-and-me tot Shabbat Circle
- *Ages 3 years -4th grade @ Gan Shalom* // 9:00 AM drop off, 10:00 AM snack

**10:00 AM** // **Teen Minyan**, upstairs @ Gan Shalom, followed by a special teen only kiddush

This week's **Kiddush** is sponsored by **Glenn & Judith Massarano**, marking the meldado/yahrtzeit of Glenn's father, Lenny Mell.

**Hachnassat Orchim:** Each week, a different household following CBI's kashrut standards hosts Shabbat meals, welcoming newcomers, visitors, and members of our community. You can contact the hosts for that week (info below) or come to shul for Kabbalat Shabbat.

**Shabbat dinner** is graciously hosted by the [Abel/Shor Family](#). **Shabbat lunch** is graciously hosted by the [Fain/Rosenzweig Family](#). Thank you for your warm hospitality, and to [Kinneret Katz](#) for leading this effort. If you would like to host, please reach out to Kinneret.

**5:35 PM** // Mincha followed by seudah shlishit

**Seudah shlishit** is sponsored by **Heshy Fried** in honor of the shloshim of Ann's mother, Jan Glazer.

**6:34 PM** // Shabbat ends

**The following dates are open for Kiddush Sponsors:**

April 2 - Pesach I

April 3 - Pesach II

April 4 - Shabbat Pesach

April 8 - Pesach VII

April 9 - Pesach VIII

April 11 - Shemini

May 22 - Shavuot I

May 23 - Shavuot II

May 30 - Naso

**PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING ONE OF OUR KIDDUSHIM:**

Please email the kiddush coordinator at [kiddush@cbiberkeley.org](mailto:kiddush@cbiberkeley.org) if you'd like to sponsor one of these kiddushim. You may sign up to sponsor kiddush here: <https://www.cbiberkeley.org/connect/sponsor-a-kiddush/>

**Sponsor Kiddush**

**This Week**

**Sunday, February 22**

**08:00 AM // Shacharit**

**05:40 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv**

**Monday, February 23 - Thursday, February 26**

**06:45 AM // Shacharit**

**05:40 PM // Mincha/Ma'ariv**

**Friday, February 27**

**06:45 AM // Shacharit**

## Classes This Week

**Nehama Leibowitz on the Parsha**

**Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld • Tuesdays, 12:00 pm**

In this class we'll study the weekly parsha, diving into traditional Jewish commentaries with the help of legendary teacher Nehama Leibowitz z"l (1905-1997).

**Mah Jongg**

**Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm @ CBI**

## Life Cycle Announcements

**Bar Mitzvah Celebration for Nadav Gilbert**

Mazal Tov to the Gilbert and Wolfe families as their son **Nadav** is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, Shabbat HaChodesh, Mevarchim Chodesh Nissan, Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei, March 13-14.

[Mark this occasion with an act of tzedakah.](#)

## Upcoming Events

6th - 12th graders are invited to a special

**Teen Only Minyan & Special Kiddush**

**February 21, 10:00 AM upstairs @ Gan Shalom**

Any teens who would like a role should be in touch with Rabbanit Meira!

Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood  
Presents

Sunday 12PM  
@ CBI



# SHIMMY WITH KIKI

Belly Dance Classes for  
Women

Perform at the Queen Esther  
Banquet! (optional)

With 10+ years of amateur belly  
dance experience, Kiki invites  
women (and girls ages 10+) to  
experience the joy of traditional  
Middle Eastern dance to modern  
Israeli tunes.

Drop in style / No sign ups or  
advance notice required

Suggested Donation of \$5-\$20  
per class

Questions? (818) 795-6840  
[kinnereteskatz@hotmail.com](mailto:kinnereteskatz@hotmail.com)

**Dance the Night Away:**

This week, Shimmy w/Kiki will meet

@ 6:30 PM @ Gan Shalom,

to be followed by Simcha Dancing

@ 7:30 PM also @ Gan Shalom.

(for women & girls)



Sisterhood presents...

# Simcha Dancing!

**SUN FEB 22, 7:30-9 PM  
AT GAN SHALOM - UPSTAIRS**

We're back for more women's dancing! Women and teen girls are invited to a pre-holiday dance class. We'll review and learn circle dances and line dances in preparation for Purim. All levels welcome!

**COST: BY DONATION. CASH, ZELLE  
([OFFICE@CBIBERKELEY.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@CBIBERKELEY.ORG)), OR VENMO (@CBI-  
BERKELEY, LAST FOUR DIGITS OF PHONE 9444)**

Questions? Would you like to teach a dance?  
Contact Hilla (510) 333-1783

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## **February 28 - Women's Mincha**

**4:30 PM // Women's Hagbah Workshop**

**5:00 PM // Mincha**

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Women are royally invited to return to Shushan for Queen Esther's Banquet.  
Volunteers needed, sign-up [HERE](#).



The Sisterhood invites all women to

# Queen Esther's Banquet

## Return to Shushan

All women are royally invited to return to Queen Esther's Palace for a banquet fit for the Queen and all her royal ladies. Join us for a fabulous evening filled with feasting, dancing, and live music featuring royal musicians

### **The Qadim Ensemble.**



Sunday, March 1st, 2026

7:00 pm

"The Palace" at CBI

Registration Required.

Couvert: \$65

Under 21: \$25

#### *Donor Categories*

Queen..... \$180

Empress.....\$360

Eshet Chayil.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Please register with Sabrina Kabella, Sisterhood President  
sabinadkabella@gmail.com

Pay Online

Zelle (office@cbiberkeley.org)

Venmo (@CBI-Berkeley last four digits of our phone 9444)

Please Specify that this is for Sisterhood Queen Esther's Banquet.

Checks payable to CBI Sisterhood Sponsorships Welcome!

[Register Here](#)

[Volunteer Here](#)

# PURIM

## @ CBI

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

5:17 am // Fast Begins  
5:00 pm // Fast Day Mincha  
6:30 pm // Maariv and  
Megillah Reading  
9:30 pm // Late Megillah Reading

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:45 am // Shacharit  
Followed by Megillah Reading  
9:00 am // Late Shacharit  
Followed by Megillah Reading  
11:30 am // Women's Megillah Reading  
**3:30-6:00 pm // Purim Seudah**  
Featuring live music by SHAMATi,  
meat Chinese by Epic Bites,  
photobooth, and more fun for all ages!  
5:50 pm // Mincha/Maariv

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Sponsor Purim Seudah

Volunteer

Matanot L'Evyonim

Guidelines

### Poetry Reading & Book Signing w/ Paul Panish

March 8, 8:00 PM

Although poetry is Paul Panish's major form, he has had a varied writing career, ranging from small-town newspaper editor (The Woodstock Week) to humor writer (Mother Goose Your Computer. Sybex Computer Books, 1984), to technical documentation writer in Silicon Valley. His poetry has been published in literary journals going back to the 1960s. His translation of Euripides'



Medea was performed at the Columbia University Festival of Religious Arts; he wrote the opera libretto "Marry Up, Marry Down," performed in San Francisco (Opera Theatre Unlimited); and has written his own material which he performed as a monologist in various parts of the country. In 1981, Coward McCann and Geoghegan published his book *Exit Visa: The Emigration of the Soviet Jews*, which was a recreation of the lives and experiences of people who emigrated to the West from the Soviet Union. Join us to hear selections from his new book of poetry, *The Sounding Realm*.

**OHDS Adult Education Programs**

# The Wise Parent Within Us

with Elana Reinin  
Certified Coach (CPCC), MPH

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**  
**7:30-9 p.m.**  
OHDS Library, 5500 Redwood Rd, Oakland

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**The Wise Parent Within Us**  
**with Elana Reinin, Certified Coach (CPCC), MPH**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 7:30-9 p.m.**  
**OHDS Library** (In person only)  
**5500 Redwood Rd, Oakland, 2nd Floor**

Join us for an interactive evening of learning with parenting coach and certified positive discipline parent educator, Elana Reinin. This session will include exploration of parenting styles and tools that empower both parents and children, including opportunities to share your parenting challenges and practice some of the tools introduced. Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley, Beth Jacob Congregation, Oakland, and Edah - JCC East Bay.

**Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley, and Beth Jacob Congregation, Oakland.**

[Register To Join This Event](#)



**RABBI YSOSCHER KATZ**  
**CHAIR OF THE TALMUD**  
**DEPARTMENT AT YCT**

**PARTNERSHIP SHABBATON WITH YCT**  
**MARCH 20 - 21, 2026**  
**PARASHAT VAYIKRA**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**From Darkness to Light:  
The Birth and Rebirth of  
Shabbat and Yom  
Tov Candles**

**SHABBAT MORNING**

**Hasidic Theology in Light  
of the Holocaust**

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON**

**5:50 pm**  
**The Machine Matzo**  
**Controversy: A Case of  
Jewish Socialism?**



**March 20-21**

**Shabbat with Rabbi Ysoscher Katz**

**Friday Night March 20**

**7:03 pm** // Candle Lighting

**7:00 pm** // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

**8:00 pm** // Dinner\*

**9:00 pm** // Talk

**Shabbat Afternoon March 21**

**5:50 pm** // Talk

**6:55 pm** // Mincha followed by seudah shlishit w/YCT student Arieh Scharnberg

**8:01** Shabbat ends

*\*\$30 Adults • \$20 Students & Young Professionals & Children (to 12) • \$75 max per family*

**Dinner Registration**

**March 27, 7:10 PM // Special Women Only Kabbalat Shabbat**

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## The Blood Drive at CBI

Naomi Stamper and Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin, lifelong blood donors, are organizing a drive to celebrate life! Please help Naomi celebrate her 85th birthday by donating blood in support of our drive!



**Blood Drive at Congregation Beth Israel**  
**1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703 (Social Hall)**  
**Friday, May 8, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 03:00 PM**

Schedule your appointment today:  
Scan the QR code



Or Visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CBIB>

Walk-ins welcome, but appointments are encouraged to reduce wait times.  
Eligibility: Did you know that 37% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but fewer than 10% of eligible donors do so each year? Please be part of the solution!

**More information about eligibility can be found here:**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html>

**Questions?**

Contact Jo-Ellen Pozner Zeitlin at (312)-375-0763 or [joellenzeitlin@gmail.com](mailto:joellenzeitlin@gmail.com)

**The need for blood is constant. Your donation matters!**

# Gan Shalom



**Very exciting news:** Applications for our beloved Gan Shalom Preschool for 2026-2027 are now open! If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact our director Emma Schnur at [director@ganshalomberkeley.org](mailto:director@ganshalomberkeley.org).

Applications can be filled out [here](#).

We also have a few precious spaces left for this year for children ages 2-5 years old. Feel free to reach out to Emma for more information!

[Gan Shalom Preschool Application](#)

## General Announcements



### Gabi Moskowitz Dead in the Kitchen Author Talk & Tasting

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 pm  
AFIKOMEN JUDAICA  
3042 Claremont Ave. Berkeley CA  
510-655-1977 [www.afikomen.com](http://www.afikomen.com)



free event • all welcome • books available for purchase

### Gabi Moskowitz • Author Talk & Tasting • Dead in the Kitchen

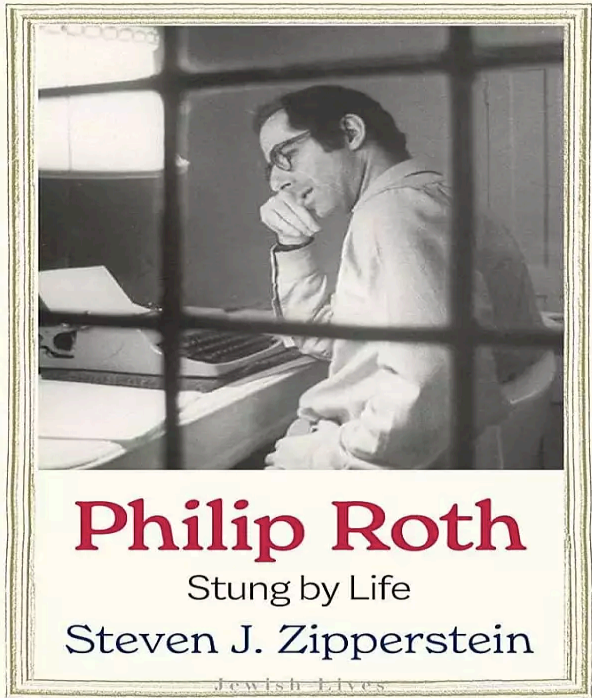
Tues Feb 24 at 7:00 pm

Afikomen Judaica 3042 Claremont Ave.

Berkeley More info click [HERE](#)

Kindly calling all Deadheads! Dead in the Kitchen is the official, authorized Grateful Dead cookbook, an extension of the vibrant, free-spirited energy that the band and their legacy. Featuring the band's iconic artwork, logos, and illustrations, this beautifully designed book brings the Grateful Dead aesthetic to life, making it a must-have collectible for devoted fans. She's planning to bring the brown butter spelt chocolate chip cookies (1 batch made with butter and eggs and the other made gluten-free and vegan) and the carrot-lentil hummus, (vegan and gluten-free), along with some breads,

crackers, and vegetables for dipping.



**Annual Diller Lecture | “Philip Roth: Stung by Life” - A Conversation between Steven J. Zipperstein and Scott Saul**  
**February 25 | 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life**

Please join Steve Zipperstein for the annual [Diller Lecture](#) on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. I'll be speaking about my new biography of Philip Roth: Stung by Life. The evening, held at the Magnes Museum, will feature a conversation between Zipperstein and historian and critic Scott Saul, UC Berkeley Professor of English. [To register for this event, click here.](#)

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