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**Congregation
Beth Israel**

Daf Hashavuah

Parshat Lech Lecha, Bat Mitzvah of
Elisheva Ladon, November 8-9

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This Shabbat



Drasha by Elisheva Ladon: *Who is Melchitzedek?*

Friday, November 8

6:45 AM // Shacharit

9:00 AM // Talmudic Wisdom with Rabbi Cohen

4:30 PM // Northside Minyan @ Sudikoff home

4:45 PM // Candle Lighting

4:50 PM // Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat @ CBI, led by Elisheva Ladon

Shabbat Day, November 9

9:00 AM // Shacharit Morning Services

Around 9:35 AM // Women's Torah reading will continue in the main sanctuary while men's Torah reading takes place in the library.

Greeters:

9:00 - 10:15 AM: Ricki Landes

10:15 AM - 11:30 PM: Ben Rose

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM: Stephen Leist

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM // Shabbat Youth Programming:

- *Ages 0-3 @ CBI loft space // 10:40 AM parent-and-me tot Shabbat circle*
 - *Age 3 years - 2nd grade @ Gan Shalom // 9:00 AM drop off, 10:00 AM snack:
Children will not be walked back to CBI. Please pick them up at the end of services.*
 - *3rd-5th grades // 10:00 AM snack in front of Gan Shalom followed by tefillah, parshah, and games upstairs @ Gan Shalom*
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Mazal tov to **Yael Krieger & Josh Ladon and family on Elisheva's bat mitzvah!** The community is warmly invited to join in a kiddush lunch following services. Due to the high volume of attendees, we will have a short pause between the end of services and lunch. We ask that people exit the social hall promptly after services. Parents can pick up their children and hang out at Gan Shalom. People are also invited to enjoy snacks outside of shul on Bancroft Ave or socialize in the sanctuary. Please do not congregate in the social hall or on the back patio during this time, while we set up for lunch. After this 30 min pause, kiddush lunch will begin at CBI around 12:45 PM.

Hachnassat Orchim: We are thrilled to revive CBI's Hachnassat Orchim program after a long hiatus! Each week, a different household following CBI's kashrut standards will host a Shabbat lunch, welcoming newcomers, visitors, and members of our community. Thank you to Lauren Fleischman for leading this effort. If you'd like to host, please reach out to [Lauren!](#) This week everyone is invited to enjoy lunch at CBI.

4:10 PM // Mincha followed by Seudah shlishit. Seudah shlishit is sponsored by the Krieger/Ladon family in honor of Elisheva's bat mitzvah.

5:43 PM // Shabbat ends

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Dec. 7, 2024 Vayetzei

Please email the kiddush coordinator at kiddush@cbiberkeley.org if you'd like to sponsor one of these kiddushim. Donations of any amount can be made on our new EasyShul website. Select the appropriate Kiddush from the drop-down menu: <https://cbiberkeley.easyshul.com/donation>.

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This Week

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Sunday, November 10

8:00 AM // Shacharit

4:40 PM // Mincha/Maariv

Monday, November 11 - Thursday, November 14

6:45 AM // Shacharit

4:40 PM // Mincha/Maariv

Friday, November 15

6:45 AM // Shacharit

9:00 AM // Talmudic Wisdom with Rabbi Cohen

Classes This Week

Daf Yomi Learning

8AM // Shabbat morning

7AM // Sunday

7:30AM // Monday-Tuesday (after Shacharit)

Tuesdays // 12PM

Midrash on the Parsha

Rabbanit Meira Wolkenfeld

This class explores the weekly Torah portion through the lens of midrash. We will also discuss the history of midrash and study selections from both legal and nonlegal midrashic collections. We will consider how the rabbis developed unique and creative approaches to reading the biblical text. Come think about the Parsha on Tuesdays, and you'll always have a d'var Torah ready for your Shabbat table.

Tuesdays // 1PM

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

The rabbi's class will reconvene on Friday, November 8.

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.

Life Cycle Announcements

Mazal tov to Yael Krieger & Josh Ladon and family on Elisheva's bat mitzvah on November 8-9, parshat Lech Lecha! On Friday night, November 8, Elisheva will lead kabbalat Shabbat for the community. On Shabbat morning we will hold a women's Torah reading in the main sanctuary, while the men's service continues in the library.

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

Upcoming Events

Dilemmas in Israeli Society Following October 7th

With Dr. Masua Sagiv



This class will meet in person at CBI at 7:30 PM on:

- Wednesday, November 13
- **Tuesday**, November 19 (date change)
- and Wednesday, December 4

The past year has been perhaps the most dramatic in Israel's history. However, the internal challenges Israeli society faces today are not new. Join us for a special series with Dr. Masua Sagiv focussing on three distinct groups within Israeli society: Religious Zionism, the Haredi Ultra-Orthodox community, and Israeli liberals. We will explore core challenges of these groups throughout the war, from questions of religion and power, through the Haredi exemption from military service, to dilemmas on unity vs. political struggle in times of war. Together we'll dive into the legal and social frameworks that brought each group to this moment.

The Madwoman in the Rabbi's Attic & Other Talmudic Tales

With Gila Fine



November 15: Dinner & Talk

4:39 PM // Candle Lighting

4:40 PM // Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat

5:50 PM // Dinner followed by talk, "The Man who Made It Rain: The Rise and Fall of Honi the Circle Drawer"

Why do miracle-workers draw circles? When does prayer become witchcraft? And how does the greatest rainmaker of his time come to die of unbearable loneliness? An intertextual journey through the Bible and Midrash, Hippocrates and Josephus, Nahmanides and the Vilna Gaon, Nietzsche and Agnon, Heschel and Buber, trying to make sense of one of the most poignant stories of the Talmud.

Don't miss this delicious and engaging dinner! Register by **Monday**, November 11 through payment on EasyShul under "Nov 15 Scholar Dinner" [HERE](#).

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

November 16: Lunch & Learn

Gila Fine will deliver the Shabbat morning drasha on the topic "**For Now I Know: The Binding of Isaac and the Benefit of the Doubt**"

11:45 AM // Kiddush Lunch, A special kiddush lunch honors our clergy and children's programming staff's tremendous efforts over the High Holidays. To join as a sponsor, make a donation under "HH Appreciation Kiddush" [HERE](#).

1:00 PM // Talk, Following lunch, Gila Fine will speak on, "**The Madwoman in the Rabbi's Attic: Rereading the Women of the Talmud**": How does the Talmud portray its heroines? Why are they never as they first seem? And what does this tell us about the rabbis' views of marriage, sex, childbirth, and what it means to be a woman in the world? Gila Fine discusses her new book on the six named heroines of the Talmud.

2:00 PM // Mincha

5:38 PM // Shabbat Ends

5:45 PM // Maariv

Gila Fine teaches rabbinic literature at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, exploring talmudic tales through philosophy, literary criticism, psychoanalysis, and pop-culture. As editor in chief of Maggid Books, Gila worked closely with leading scholars like Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, publishing over a hundred titles of contemporary Jewish thought. Her work has been featured in the BBC, Haaretz, The Jerusalem Post, The Jerusalem Report, Tradition, Jewish News, and The Jewish Chronicle (which selected her as one of the ten most influential Brits in Israel). Gila's new book is *The Madwoman in the Rabbi's Attic: Rereading the Women of the Talmud*.

B-Mitzvah Group

November 23, Shabbat Lunch

6th & 7th grade boys and girls are invited to join the Wolkenfeld family for Shabbat lunch & learning **November 23** following services. The afternoon will include lunch and a learning program at Rabbanit Wolkenfeld's home. Feel free to reach out to the [rabbanit](#) with any questions. Please [RSVP HERE](#) to let us know that your child will be attending.

Mishmash



November 23, 6:00 PM

We're so excited for a new season of Mishmash! Mishmash offers CBI's parents and children in grades K through 8th an opportunity to study in pairs in a beit midrash atmosphere. Mishmash will take place 30 minutes after the end of Shabbat on: Nov 23, Dec 7, Dec 21, Jan 4, Jan 11, Feb 1, Feb 15, and March 1.

Come for the Torah, stay for the pizza!

Rosh Chodesh Kislev Women's Tefillah

Sunday, December 1, 9:30 AM

Usher in the month of Kislev with this special edition of women's tefillah, featuring Sunday morning Hallel and snacks.

CBI – General Announcements

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CBI AT THE SHELTER: CBI has been making regular donations in lieu of meals. Please donate to the Rabbis Discretionary Fund and indicate shelter dinner:

- **by Paypal or credit card**, please pick the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- @CBI-Berkeley by Venmo
- to office@cbiberkeley.org by Zelle
- by check to "Congregation Beth Israel", 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703

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/>

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