

The Beth Jacob Beat

ב' באדר ב' תשע"ט

Parshat Pekudei

2 Adar II, 5779, March 9, 2019

The beat goes on...

There's no need to take this home on Shabbos... these announcements can be found on our website at www.BethJacobOakland.org

MAZEL TOVS

Birthdays: Yossi Offenberg, Ethel Zivotofsky, Ben Kellogg, Solomon Hotz (3), Donna Greenwall, Yonatan Weinberger (4), Ethan Rubinson (21)

Anniversaries: Ari & Shelley Zak, David & Florence Smith

KIDDUSH: This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Coleman and Dana Gross in memory of the Yarzheits of Coleman's parents, Joyce and Max Gross, and in memory of the first Yarzheit of Dana's father, Stanley Levy.

Kiddush sponsors are requested for April 13th. Please contact office@bethjacobokland.org to sponsor. Thank you.

MINYAN TIMES

Shacharit: Sunday: 8:00 AM; Tues - Fri: 6:45 AM

Maariv: Sun -Thurs: 6:45 PM

PARSHAT PEKUDEI FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – SATURDAY, MARCH 9	
Candle Lighting	5:51 PM
Friday Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:50 PM
Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 AM
Final Time to Say Shema	9:25 AM
Shabbat Mincha	12:40 PM
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	6:50 PM
Maariv	7:05 PM

EVENTS & CLASSES

- **Sunday Morning Breakfast & Tefillah Talks in Memory of Henry Ramek:** Learn together this Sunday morning, March 10th after Shacharit.
- **Pathways through the Parsha:** Join Rabbi Albert Monday morning, March 11th for the Parsha class at OHDS at 8:30 AM. The class will also be livestreamed on Rabbi Albert's Facebook page. If you would like to participate but can't make it to OHDS, make sure to friend Rabbi Albert to watch the class live.
- **BJC University Part 3: Fundamental Feuds:** The Essential Place of Machloket in Jewish Life will start this Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30 PM. The topic will be: *Does Halacha Have a People-First Strategy? Beit Hillel, Beit Shamai, and the Differing Approaches to Jewish Law.*
- **Lunchtime Talmud:** Thursday, March 14th at noon at the home of Shelley Zak, 901 Hillcroft Circle.
- **Shabbat with Community Scholar Michal Kohane:** Michal Kohane will be returning next Shabbat, March 16-17.
- **ALOHA Beth Jacob!** The Humuhumunukunua is Hawaii's state fish. Spelling test, Gala, and Auction on March 17, 2019 at BJC. RSVP at bjcgala.org. See you there. Mahalo!
- **Save-the-date:** Pre-Pesach dinner April 12. Details coming soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mishloach Manot Fundraiser:** As we make the final push for our 2019 Mishloach Manot Fundraiser for Gan scholarships, we would like to, once again, thank everyone who donated last year (click [HERE](#) to view list) and helped to support the Gan. With your donations last year, we were able to give financial aid to 33% of our families. Each year the need grows. **This is the last week to support this worthy cause, so please give generously.** Please click [HERE](#) to donate now. With much gratitude, Anna Bencuya, GMT Director.
- **Website Makeover:** Our website is still being developed, but you can visit www.bethjacobokland.org for information about our schedule, to use the member directory, and to make payments. Questions? Please contact Adira: accounting@bethjacobokland.org.

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

- **Be the Match Campaign:** Five-year-old Norah is searching for a bone marrow donor. Visit the link for details at www.norahneedsyou.com.
- **Mommy and Me Yoga:** Join Mielcah for her second of four Mommy and Me Yoga class at Meira Albert's home-1063 Mandana Blvd. on Tuesday, March 5th from 10:30-11:30 AM. \$20/class. Please email Mielcah with any questions at mielcah.a@gmail.com.
- **Couple Seeking a Jewish Surrogate:** A couple with connections to our community is seeking a Jewish woman under 42 years old to serve as a gestational carrier (surrogate), for compensation. If you know anyone who might consider this Mitzvah, please contact Rabbi Albert.
- **The Mysteries of the Taharah Liturgy:** Tuesday evening, March 12, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, in the upstairs classroom at Temple Sinai. As a Chevrah Kadisha team prepares a body for burial, in the ritual of taharah, we recite a complex liturgy. The text is mostly Biblical—especially Zechariah and Song of Songs—but how do its elements work? How do various participants—especially, the deceased, the team, and the Holy One—interact through this recitation? Who else is “in the room”? How does the liturgy strive to achieve the goals of the ritual? Chevrah Kadisha co-chair Dan Fendel will lead us in trying to unravel the mysteries. (No Hebrew required.)
- **Understanding and Managing BRCA-Related Cancer Risk:** Join the Basser Center for BRCA at Congregation Beth El of Berkeley on Thursday, March 28th from 7:30 – 9:30 PM for an important discussion about the experience of living with BRCA mutations and hereditary cancers. Register at basser.org/knowledgeispower.
- **Expectant Mother's Empowerment Workshop:** Come together on Sunday, March 24th from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM at the Oakland Birth and Wellness Center and learn birthing techniques, breathing, and yoga, to alleviate pregnancy and discomforts and labor pains and put you in control of creating an optimal birth experience. RSVP at Mielcah.a@gmail.com or call Mielcah: 773.480.7153. Cost \$35.
- **Monthly Shabbat Open Table:** Anyone and everyone (including children) are invited to a Shabbat dinner hosted by Kirsten Barrere on April 5, 2019. There is a maximum of eleven seats. Please RSVP to Kirsten at barrere0424@sbcglobal.net by April 3.
- **Summer Day Camp:** Rabbi Akiva Naiman is planning to lead a day camp this summer for current 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. Please click this link for more information: <http://tiny.cc/qk1s2y>.
- **Camp Gan Israel:** 6 weeks of fun, adventure, and growth mixed with Jewish joy and pride for over 25 years along the sunny shores and amongst the majestic trees of Lake Temescal. For more information visit <http://www.ganisraelberkeley.com/>.
- **Raising Jewish Teens with Akiva & Chani Naiman:** Tuesday, March 26 from 7:00 -8:30 PM at OHDS (5500 Redwood Rd, Oakland 94619.) Raising kids? Hard. Raising teens? Harder. Raising JEWISH teens?? We're off the charts, people. All kidding aside, teens are at an incredible stage in life, when they are building and shaping their identities. Judaism plays a part in that identity! Together we will discuss the importance of Judaism in a teen's life, and some #lifehacks at making Judaism a [fun] priority. Whether you have a teen, pre-teen or future teen, come join us. Please register below (no cost): <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ukQUduqY151EWKyq9xmZbq3HZHJguMqKzBpjUuAUoLE/edit#gid=0>
- **Hebrew San Francisco:** We welcome anyone interested in the Hebrew language, and offer multiple levels of instruction in small class settings. Ulpan at USF from July 8-26, 2019. For more information, including a link to register, please visit usfca.edu/summer-hebrewsf. Scholarships are available.

BJC YOUTH EVENTS

B'NAI J YOUTH GROUPS (Tots – 5th grade)

- **Shabbat Groups:** All ages meet in the Downstairs Social Hall at 9:30 AM. Parents, please pick up your children at the end of services (before Kiddush). The Gan will be locked at the completion of groups.
- **B'nai J Tots (1yr - Kindergarten):** Getting ready for Purim with songs and story at Tot Shabbat.
- **B'nai J Club:** Join us for fun and games at Arcade Shabbat!
- **Storytime and Quiet Room:** Open at 10:45 AM. B'nai J Club members can come to the room across from the downstairs social hall to enjoy quiet activities, read, and hear a new story read each week!

NCSY EVENTS

- **NCSY Annual Celebration Dinner** – All community members and teens ages 6th grade and up are welcome to join us for a fun night reflecting on the incredible year of growth for NorCal NCSY this year! Save the date, April 10th from 6:45 – 8:15 PM at BJC! RSVP at norcal.ncsy.org. Questions - please contact Rabbi Akiva Naiman at namana@ncsy.org.

GRADES 6-8

- **Shabbaton!** March 22nd
- **Tuesdays:** Lunch club at OHDS and every other Tuesday at CCJDS.

GRADES 9-12

- **Teen Advocacy Program is starting March 11!** Featuring presentations by leading Jewish advocates, rabbis, and politicians, hands-on lobbying modules, and informative sessions; TAP offers 20 high schoolers the opportunity to gain critical organization, presentation, and leadership skills for political advocacy. They will become well versed in the state government and the legislative process through participation in interactive sessions, focusing on issues of concern to the Jewish community. T.A.P. will close with a lobbying session with politicians in Sacramento.
- **Mondays:** Latte N Learn in Berkeley
- **Tuesdays:** Lunch Club at Piedmont High and JCHS and every other Tuesday at Head Royce
- **Tuesdays:** Lunch Club at Oakland Tech
- **Thursdays:** Learn N' Earn at BJC! 7:45 PM-8:45 P.M.
- **Fridays:** Lunch Club at JCHS