

בראשית

פרשת נח

Parshat Noah

3 Heshvan 5786/October 25, 2025

Triennial Cycle Year I: Genesis 6:9-8:14

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- (6:9-22) The earth's corruption moves God to tell Noah that He will destroy mankind and commands Noah to build an ark in which he and his family and the animals and birds will survive the flood.
- (7:1-10) God orders Noah and his family to enter the ark, with all the animals.
- (7:10-24) The rains begin and continue for forty days so that the waters rise to cover the mountains. All life on earth is blotted out.
- (8:1-14) The flood ends. Noah sends out a raven and then a dove to discover if the earth has dried out. The dove returns the second time with an olive leaf in its bill.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Please check our online calendar for the most up-to-date information

Saturday, October 25

9:30 am Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
12:00 pm Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
12:45 pm The Former Prophets (Beit Midrash)
7:00 pm Havdalah

Sunday, October 26

9:00 am Beth David Women and NXNW
Region Women's League
presentation (Board Room)
9:30 am Minyan (Zoom)
9:30 am Religious School (Classrooms)
10:00 am BLT - Bagels, Lox, and Tefillah (Social Hall)
11:30 am Beth David Hiking Group (Offsite)

Monday, October 27

3:00 pm Crafters' Guild (Beit Midrash)
7:00 pm Minyan (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 28

10:30 am Torah Study (Beit Midrash)
7:00 pm Minyan (Zoom) - Online
7:30 pm Postponed Jewish Women Throughout
History

Wednesday, October 29

11:30 am Balance and Stretch class (Beit Midrash)
4:30 pm Religious School (Zoom)
7:00 pm Minyan (Zoom)

Thursday, October 30

7:00 pm Minyan (Zoom)
7:30 pm Board Meeting (Beit Midrash)

Friday, October 31

10:00 am Canceled Talmud Study
5:52 pm Candle lighting

Saturday, November 1

9:30 am Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
9:45 am Youth Congregation (Beit T'Fillah)
11:15 am Tot Shabbat (Beit T'Fillah)
12:00 pm Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
6:52 pm Havdalah

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UPCOMING SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

The Former Prophets (Beit Midrash)

Saturday, October 25, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Roller

Discover some of the most exciting biblical stories you've never heard—tales of war, love, betrayal, and revenge that rival any bestseller. We'll use Robert Alter's translation, though all Hebrew Bible versions are welcome. Please bring your own if you can; a few copies will be available.

Beth David Women and NXNW Region Women's League

Presentation (Board Room/Zoom)

Sunday, October 26, 9:00–11:30 a.m.

NXNW Region Women's League presents: Beyond the Myths - Pelvic Floor dysfunction, Menopause and Hormones. This will be presented on zoom and can be watched from home, or at Beth David. RSVP by calling Wendy Glasser at 408-406-3502.

BLT - Bagels, Lox, and Tefillah (Social Hall)

Sunday, October 26, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us at Beth David for a bagel with schmear and Peet's kosher coffee! Led by Rabbi Kunin, this week we'll explore *The Kaddish* in Jewish liturgy—its history, meaning, and the various versions used in practice. RSVP by emailing Men's Club at: mensclub@beth-david.org.

Youth Congregation (Beit T'Fillah)

Saturdays, November 1 & 15, 9:45–11:00 a.m.

An interactive Shabbat service experience specifically targeted for our 1st – 5th grade students. Youth participate in traditional prayer, Torah readings, games and discussions inspired both by the weekly Torah portion and current events. Adults/parents welcome.

Tot Shabbat (Beit T'Fillah)

Saturdays, October 18, November 1 & 15, 11:15–11:45 a.m.

This is a relaxing, lighthearted, interactive, Shabbat program for tots and their families. Join Rabbi Roller for singing, stories, movement and more!

Capitola Breakfast and Scenic Walk (Offsite)

Sunday, November 2, 8:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Enjoy breakfast at Zelda's on Capitola Beach, with indoor or outdoor seating. Carpoolers meet at the Saratoga Safeway at 8:20 a.m. or meet at Zelda's at 9:15. Dress warmly and wear good shoes for a 2–3 mile scenic, hilly walk—or relax on the beach instead. We'll split the bill. Parking details sent after registration. RSVP by October 27 here: <https://tinyurl.com/capitola-walk>.

Bagels in the Park (Offsite)

Sunday, November 2, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

12415 Scully Ave, Saratoga

Connect with other families with kids under 12 - join us at Kevin Moran park in Saratoga for bagels, coffee, snacks, and fun!

Navigating the Sea of Sacred Jewish Literature (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 4, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Roller

Join us on a journey through Jewish sacred literature—from the Bible to rabbinic, medieval, and modern writings. Explore how each era reinterprets earlier texts, revealing a dynamic conversation that continues to shape Jewish tradition.

Jewish Communities in India (Beit Midrash)

Wednesday, November 5, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Congregant Donna Frankel will give a lecture with slides on the history and present status of Jewish communities in India. At one time the various Jewish communities didn't even know about the others. Donna has led many tours to Jewish sites in India.

African Flair Kabbalat Shabbat (Sanctuary/Social Hall)

Friday, November 7, 5:30–9:00 p.m.

Celebrate SIGD! The Jewish - Ethiopian holiday of SIGD is now a national Israeli holiday celebrated 50 days after Yom Kippur.

- 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour in the Mercaz
- 6:00 p.m. Vocalist Renee Benmeleh will lead us in an inspiring and joyful Kabbalat Shabbat service highlighting the melodies of the Ethiopian Jews and other Jewish African communities
- 7:30 p.m. Vegetarian Potluck Shabbat Dinner Sign up for potluck here: <https://tinyurl.com/sigd-5786>.

This event is held in conjunction with The Shabbat Project, a global grassroots movement that unites Jews around the beauty of Shabbat. For more information, visit theshabbosproject.org.

Jewish Book Discussion Group (Beit Midrash)

The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom

Saturday, November 8, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

After a deadly ship explosion, nine survivors drift at sea—starving, desperate, and losing hope. When they rescue a man who claims to be the Lord, their reality unravels. Years later, an empty raft and a mysterious notebook wash ashore, leaving an island inspector to uncover what truly happened. The discussion will be led by Lori Cinnamon.

Arts and Crafts Fair Featuring the Artists of Beth David (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 9, 3:00–6:00 p.m.

Beth David has many talented artists in many disciplines. Join us to appreciate and even purchase some of their wonderful creations. The afternoon will also include demonstrations, a coffee house, and live music.

To attend, please RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/beth-david-artists>
Are you interested in showcasing your talents? Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/artists-participant>.

Hazak Lunch and a Movie (Social Hall)

Monday, November 10, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a light lunch and a movie with your Hazak friends. The movie we've selected is: "A Long Journey: The Hidden Jews of the Southwest." The movie brings to life stories of individuals whose secret was their hidden Jewish roots while living an outwardly Catholic life. It's a cinematic journey about reaffirmation and self-awareness set against the magnificent natural and cultural landscapes of the region. Cost is \$20 per person; your account will be billed. RSVP here: hazak@beth-david.org.

Jewish Women Throughout History (Beit Midrash/Zoom)
with Rabbi Kunin

NEW START DATE: Tuesday, November 11, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Jewish history and tradition has been focused primarily on men, leaving out the essential contributions of women over the ages. In this class we discover amazing Jewish women (some well-known and some who have largely been lost) from Hulda the Prophetess to donna Gracia Nasi, to Golda Meir. Sign up to attend on Zoom, here: <https://tinyurl.com/zoom-jewish-women>. If you want to attend in person, it is not necessary to register.

Teshuvah of the Month (Beit Midrash)

3rd Saturday of the month beginning November 15
12:45–2:00 p.m.
with Rabbi Kunin

Traditional Judaism (including Conservative Judaism) is a religion of law. We build our lives around *halakha* (Jewish law). We understand our legal tradition to be based in the past yet growing and developing in every generation. These changes in interpretation are reflected in *teshuvot*, rabbinic legal decisions, a literature that has been growing over the last thousand or more years. Each month Join Rabbi Kunin as we examine fascinating examples of this important literature, stemming both from ancient and modern Conservative (and occasional Orthodox or Reform) sources.

Mah Jongg Tournament (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Please join us for an afternoon of lunch and three rounds of Mah Jongg. The cost will be \$75 per person for lunch and three rounds of play. Advanced players only. Sign up by November 7. Only 10 slots remaining.

Members sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/Members-BD>.

Guests sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/nov-mah-jongg>.

Ma'ariv and Havdalah (Social Hall)

Saturday, November 22, 4:40–6:00 p.m.

Join us for a *Seudah Shelishit* of finger food and sweets. We will sing Shabbat and other Hebrew songs, and discuss the parsha from a mystical perspective. We will conclude with Havdalah.

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/maariv-havdalah>.

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER

Author talk with Carol Goodman Kaufman (Zoom)

Thursday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Join this interactive Zoom meeting with mystery writer Carol Goodman Kaufman, author of *The First Murder* and *Crak, Bam, Dead* (*Mah Jong Mayhem Book 1*). Carol will explore what makes a mystery a mystery, discuss subgenres of crime writing, and invite participants to help brainstorm story elements. Her books are available online, but reading them isn't required. Space is limited—please register for Zoom here: <https://tinyurl.com/Carol-Goodman-Kaufman>. For more information on Carol, check out her website here: carolgoodmankaufman.com.

Bocce with the Boys (Offsite)

Sunday, December 7, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Come join us for dinner followed by bocce ball and/or drinks. We are meeting at 5:00 p.m. and will stay as late as 8:00 p.m. Come down and spend time with us at dinner and/or playing bocce ball. Campo Di Bocce, 565 University Avenue, Los Gatos
Please RSVP by emailing Mens Club here: mensclub@beth-david.org.

Beth David Women Celebrate Hanukkah (Social Hall)

Thursday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Join Beth David Women for a festive welcome to Hanukkah 5786/2025! Enjoy a delicious luncheon, connect with friends, and shop our Gently Used Jewelry table. Bring an extra Hanukiah for our Trading Table—leftovers will be donated to Jewish Family Services. Cost is \$30 plus a minimum \$15 gift card for JFS's Embrace-A-Family program (bring gift card to the luncheon). Members sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/BD-women-Hanukkah-members>.

Guests sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/BD-women-hanukkah-guests>.

Hazak Chanukah Extravaganza (Social Hall)

Saturday, December 13, 6:00–9:00 p.m.

A delightful prelude to the Festival of Lights! Enjoy a New York deli supper with latkes and dessert, catered by Hazak. Share good company with friends and relax with a charming movie. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP by December 9 to hazak@beth-david.org.

Annual Meeting (Sanctuary/Zoom)

Sunday, December 14, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

You are warmly invited—and strongly encouraged—to attend the Congregation Beth David Annual Meeting.

If you want to sign up to attend on Zoom, please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5786-annual-meeting>. If you want to attend in person, it is not necessary to register.

Yahrzeits Week of October 24/25, 2025

Estelle Adelberg, Grandmother of Charles Adelberg
Jacklyn Sue Arata, Sister of Ellen Karel
Kathleen Joy Arata, Sister of Ellen Karel
Marshall Berger, Cousin of Maxie Baer
Gerry Bernhard, of Blessed Memory
Rinaldo Candau, Uncle of Barbara Green & Jan Krum
David Diamond, Grandfather of Davida Adelberg
Sam Estreicher, Uncle of Deborah Estreicher
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Myer Kramer, Grandfather of Myron Cagan
Raymond Levine, First Cousin-Once Removed of Judy Holtzman
Giselle Marr, Mother of Charles Marr
Elsie Mostowitz, Mother of Vivian Golub
Daniel Mueller, Brother of Helaine Green
Helen Overmyer, Mother of Paul Overmyer
Alice Pearlman, Aunt of Richard Tavan
Ruth Ganeles Peck, Cousin of Jerome Ganeles
Bertha Penn, Grandmother of Robin D. Penn
Esther Penzak, Grandmother of Robin Sabes
Golda Rosenberg, Grandmother of Irene Swedroe
Chaim Savransky, Father of Nekhama Pevzner
William Schneiderman, Husband of Michele Schneiderman
Flora Fenster Schuman, Grandmother of Steven Labovitz
Robert Shimoff, Uncle of Janis Pepper
Polina Sidorovsky, Mother of Marina Kuperman
Eugene Wald, Father of Alice Wald
Erna Waschler, Grandmother of Neil Shapiro, Great Grandmother of Deborah Shapiro
Dorothy Weisberg, Sister of Martin Weisberg
Jean Wright, Mother of Marcia Hunter

Refuah Shleimah – A Complete Recovery – as of 10/25/25

Michaela Yacova bat Ruchel Saushe v'Nachum Chanan, Michaela Abramovitz (daughter of Rachel and Norman Abramovitz)
Nachum ben Yaacov u'Brachah, Norm Abramovitz (member)
Yehudit bat Mordechai v'Reeska, Judy Applesmith (member)

Liora bat Genia (member and mother of Rabbi Ilana Baird)
 Meira bat Zahava, Meira Peretz (niece of Betty Becker)
 Rivka bat Esther v'Yehuda (mother of Joseph Bendahan)
 Hila bat Itzhak u'Bat Ami
 Seema bat Asher v'Sara, Seema Cicerone (member)
 Keith Cicerone (Brother-in-law of Seema Cicerone)
 Bernard Olfman (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Craig Davis (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
 Sue Ritz (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Mayer, Marcos Cicerone (family of Seema Cicerone)
 Charlotte Berman (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
 Blanca Revuelta (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Judy Attard (friend of Barbara Davis)
 Barbara Davis (member)
 Simona Goldstein (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Scott Mathews (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Noraly Mathews (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Susanna Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Marc Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Terri Willert (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Mariama McCullough (friend of Dorothy Dorsay)
 Axel Faederholdt (friend of Donna Frankel)
 Gittel bat Yihiskael v'Pi'a Batya, Beverly Jean Kanter (sister of Donna Frankel)
 Ari Yehuda ben Malka Ariella
 Sharon Friedman (aunt of Hindy Ganeles)
 Shira Yael bat Yehudite Rachel, Shira Weisenfreund (friend of Emily and Howard Gannes)
 Yaffa Leya bat Ruchel, Susan Marcus (friend of Emily Gannes)
 Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Chaim ben Moshe, Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Shmuel Ben Menaka Mendel
 Etta bat Phival
 Chaya Sarah bat Avraham Hersh v'Shaiva, Sondra Goldberger (member)
 David Garfinkle (brother-in-law of Rhonda Raider Gould and Don Gould)
 Zvi Leib ben Esther
 Menashe ben Chanah, Martin Gewing (friend of Cheryl Graubart)
 Gittel Leah (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
 Guadalupe Ariel Cordova (friend of Helaine Green)
 Tikva bat Katania, Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Allen Guggenheim)
 Paul Miller (brother of Robert Miller, brother-in-law of Kristin Gustavson)
 Juanita Harris (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Prudence Victor (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Kathryn Schultz (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Yukari Lassagne (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Ben Tzion ben Ya'akov u'Masha, Brent Hailpern (member)
 Vellya bat Shmuel haKohen v'Chana Chaya, Vivian Herman (member)
 Tova bat Chava, Ellen London (friend of David & Debby Hoffman)
 Hannah bat Gershon u'Miriam, Patty Hughes (member)
 Yitzchak Hershel Ovadia ben Shoshana Rivka
 Shimon Masha ben Shmuel v'Hannah, Sandy Jacobson (member)
 Carol King (member)
 Leah bat Ariela (daughter of Carol and Roland King)
 Holly Marsh (friend of Carol King)
 Levi ben Lina v'Eliyahu (father of Rabbi David Kunin)

Tova bat Clara v'Mordechai haKohen (mother of Rabbi David Kunin)
 Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
 Daniel Seth ben Yaffa v'Yitzchak haKohen, Daniel Lewis (son of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
 Nessia bat David, Kaela Gaertner (friend of the Lichy family)
 Jessie Creel (friend of the Lichy family)
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 Sander ben Avraham u'Martha, Alexander Rodstein (member)
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 Aharon ben Yochevet, Allan Schwartz (former member)
 Mary Ann Pinsler (cousin of Myrtle Schwartz)
 David Hai Isaac (cousin of Myrtle Schwartz)
 Matana bat Rahma, Myrtle Schwartz (member)
 Sundus Jameel (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)
 Hannah bat Miriam (sister in law of Myrtle Schwartz)
 Shoshana bat Hannah (niece of Myrtle Schwartz)
 Blanche Levine (relative of Myrtle Schwartz)
 Malka bat Mendel v'Goldie, Marilyn Sefchovich (member)
 Yudif Golda bat Yente, Yulia Shvarts (member)
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 Shoshana bat Shimon u'Messodi, Shoshana Soha (member)
 Yosef ben Shmuel u'Miriam, Joe Sorger (member)
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 Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel (member)
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 Yael bat Tzvia, Susan Gould (member)
 Tovah bat Eliezer, Judy Varadi (member)
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 Sarah Fegie bat Natan v'Shifrah, Sandi Weinstein (member)
 Chaim ben Davida
 Norman Witkin (Brother of Louis Witkin)
 Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
 Annabel Rubin (relative of Dina Yevelev)
 Bela bat Bronya (cousin of Dina Yevelev)
 Sonya bat Emma (friend of Dina Yevelev)
 Rita bat Sonya (friend of Dina Yevelev)
 Chayah bat Yosef v'Devorah, Cheryl Zatzkin-Steres, (member)

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