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Mission Statement

Congregation Beth Ami enriches our lives, transforms our hearts, helps heal the world and sustains our Jewish heritage. We are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and welcome all to our community through celebration, learning, education, and prayer.

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Is There A Prayer In The House?

My dad, Rabbi Meyer Miller, was ordained at the Jewish Institute of Religion (the Reform Rabbinical School in New York City). I grew up a P-K (preacher's kid). At that point in social history, attending services wasn't a choice. I remember chomping at the bit for services to come to an end. I would sit next to my mother in the right side pews and try to find ways to survive the hour or so it took. *Adon Olam* and *Ein Keloheynu* were favorites because they signalled the end of services.

Saturday mornings passed a little easier when I joined the Junior Choir. We occupied the choir-loft above the bimah with a curtain ensuring that we were unobserved by the congregation below. Loud conversation was out of the question, but one could read or find other amusements, and I must confess that I do remember a few times when remarks were addressed from the pulpit below to the group of young people growing a little too restless up above.

Right before my Bar Mitzvah my father gave me a set of tephillin and taught me how to put them on. To this day, whenever I put them on, I remember the verse my father used to count the number of windings on the forearm. He pointed out how he would leave a little extra space between windings number four and five.

A significant moment occurred when I turned fifteen. I discovered that I could understand the Hebrew in the prayers. All of a sudden, praying no longer remained a chore. To this day, time seems to compress when I'm in services. I suspect that has something to do with being invested and focused.

Since we didn't pray with tephillin in my dad's congregation, I decided to make the first Sunday of the month the day I would put them on. I still remember trying to daven the traditional service. I discovered that there were so many prayers that preceded the parts with which I was familiar. By the time I was half

way through, I was worn out! I moved back to the familiar Reform prayer book.

I would have to wait until my first year in Rabbinical School—Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati—for the next major change. As part of our course in studying the development of Reform Liturgy, we had to attend a weekday Orthodox minyan for a month. Imagine graduate students getting up at 6 a.m. so as to attend services at 7 a.m. Would you believe? I discovered that I loved it! In fact, even when the requirement was over, I continued to attend. I enjoyed the ability to pray both personally and in public at the same time.

I was attending daily services at the Orthodox Jewish Old Age Home when the person in charge of the minyan asked me to lead services. At the time it seemed a daunting challenge, but I was willing to try. I was placed up on the bima with a super-sized siddur in front of me, and managed to get through the service. (Thank God, the print was large!) Afterwards, the leader had some pointers to share, and I could look forward to future opportunities to lead.

Since arriving in Santa Rosa, I've felt a deep sense of spirituality around me. It's reflected in the overall attitude of the people; it's reflected in the Mediterranean climate which mirrors the climate in the land of Israel and it's reflected in the wonderful scenery. It even lies in the mists and fogs of Sonoma County and our proximity to the moody Pacific Ocean.

I can tell you that, for me, praying twice a day has gone through its own evolution: times when it was a delight, and other times when it became a challenge on all sorts of levels. It feels like a way to anchor the day.

I hope that, in time, more of us will be able to enjoy this unique way of stepping out of time and tapping in to timelessness.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Israeli Folk Dance— 2 Wednesdays a Month

Come dance circle dances to songs from Israel, and other places too—with varied speeds, moods and styles.

6:30–9:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 & 21

February 4 & 18

Friedman Center, \$3 donation to Beth Ami



Fun Fundraising: Halayla Hagadol

The Fundraising Committee is planning a sumptuous Halayla Hagadol meal at the homes of seven congregants on Saturday January 24th and Sunday January 25th, 2015. The proceeds of the event will benefit the congregation's financial wellbeing.

Participating in this gathering is a wonderful way for congregants to enjoy a festive event and to meet and become familiar with other members, while supporting the synagogue. In addition, it would be wonderful if friends and relatives who are not members would also be invited.

The member hosts are:

- Judy Stern and Melvin Decker
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- Roz Edelson and Stan Feingold
- Suzie and Bill Friedman
- Rick Goldberg
- Anna and Dennis Judd

Mark your calendar early so you'll be available to enjoy this joyous and festive event.

January 24-25

An invitation with details is forthcoming.

Israel Fair a Success

The Israel Opportunity Fair on December 7th was a great success, with over 150 people attending. The exhibitors were pleased with the interest shown in travel, study, and volunteering in Israel, and the speakers had a rapt audience and much applause. Oh, and the Israeli food was delicious!

It's gratifying to see so many supporters of Israel in our little community.





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guess Who's Coming to Shul? Rabbi Jonathan Slater!

Jonathan will join us for conversation and a little nosh, among old friends and new and to speak about his new book—do look for it!

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Sunday, February 22, 2015

More details to follow.

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Tues., Feb. 3, 7–9 p.m.

Tu B'Shevat, the fifteenth of the month of



Shevat, celebrates the New Year of the trees. This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-

bearing cycle. One custom for this holiday is to plant a tree in Israel. Another custom is to eat a new fruit on this day or to eat from the Seven Species described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel.

Join us after your dinner as we have a special seder that explores the connections between the cycles of nature and the cycles of our lives. During the seder we eat three types

Mazal Tov to our Bar Mitzvah, Ben Alexander

Feb. 21, 2015



Hi! My name is Ben Alexander, and I am twelve years old. I live in Windsor where I have lived all of my life. I live with my older brother Nick, age 14,

my mother, my father, and a family friend named Jim. I'm in 7th grade at SCDS, (Sonoma Country Day School) and I have attended Beth Ami since I was in Kindergarten. I hope to be a software or mechanical engineer. The instruments that I currently play are the clarinet and the piano. Some of the other things that I like to do are playing basketball and sketching. I have a guinea pig named Vanilla, and until recently a cat named Scrubs. I have studied hard and I look forward to seeing you at my bar mitzvah on February 21st 2015.

of fruits: those with an outer shell or peel that cannot be eaten, those with edible outer flesh and inedible core (seeds or pits), and those that are completely edible. Contact Betty Boyd at (707) 537-2211 or BettyBoyd@Informing-Science.org if you have any questions.

To make sure we have enough food, please contact the office at (707) 360-3000 or office@BethAmiSR.org by Monday, January 26, to make your reservation. There is no fee but donations are always welcome.

Purim Spiel

Purim Spiel, **Mar. 7–8**

Traditional Megillah reading

Mar. 4, evening / March 5, morning

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Ever wonder why the media places so much emphasis on every real or imagined wrongdoing by Israel? And only Israel?

Honest Reporting wonders, too, and is doing something about it. Find out what they're doing, and what you can do, too.

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend of Learning at Congregation Beth Ami, Santa Rosa

January 9–11

Defending Israel from Media Bias

We're excited to tell you that Gary Kenzer, Executive Director of Honest Reporting in North America, will be our scholar-in-residence the weekend of January 9–11.

Mark your calendar for the weekend of January 9–11, when Gary Kenzer will lead us in thought-provoking discussions and workshops.

For lovers of Israel and those who are open to learning more: plan to attend Friday, Saturday, and, if you want to become a better advocate for Israel, Sunday, too.



Gary Kenzer,
North American
Executive Director,
Honest Reporting

Friday

- **6 p.m.** Services
- **6:30 p.m.** Shabbat dinner (reservations required)
- **7:15–8 p.m.** (approximately) Gary will speak on Media Bias and how Honest Reporting brings truth-telling to the media.

Saturday

- **9:30 a.m.** Services (will end around noon)
- **12–1 p.m.** Dairy kosher potluck lunch. After lunch, Gary's interactive talk will enlighten us with examples of media bias.
- **6 p.m.** Havdalah followed by a nosh (snack)
- **6:15 p.m.** Interactive session with videos. Gary will play and talk about a few of the many learning tools Honest Reporting has created to help fight misinformation, disinformation, and bias against Israel.

Sunday

Sunday's sessions are for those who wish to take the next step and learn from the expert about best practices for Israel advocacy. It will involve hands-on exercises to enable us to become even better at writing letters and being persuasive in discussions with others. Sessions will take place in the apartment/chapel.

- **10–11:45 a.m.** Developing better written communications to media
- **11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.** Optional: join us off-campus for lunch with Gary
- **1:30–2:45 p.m.** Developing persuasive discussion skills
- **3–4 p.m.** Meeting with the Israel Committee and others interested in Israel Programming

Additional sessions Sunday afternoon and Monday morning may be scheduled.

For more information, contact Eli Cohen at EliCohen@IsraelUpdate.INFO or by phone at 537-2211.

This program is supported by a Ma'alot Grant for Israel Education and Advocacy, a partnership of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and Nefesh B'Nefesh.





PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Laura Alexander, President

I am honored to represent our community as President of the Board of Directors and want to take a moment to thank our Board members and staff for helping me transition into my new position. I truly could not have stepped into the presidency without all of the support and knowledge of our experienced Board, staff and Rabbi Miller. The next time you see one of our Board members or office staff, please take a moment to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our community by attending to not only all of the daily duties but also the vision that supports the future of Beth Ami.

Thank you, Myrna Morse, Russ Gurevitch, Mel Decker, Barbara Tomin, Betty Boyd, Barbara McGee, Arnold Drake, Alan Krubiner, Lyla Nathan, Leanne Schy, Jeffrey Scheff, Carolyn Metz, Jennifer Levine-Smith, Pnina Loeb, Bonnie Boren, Diane Lennox, Elizabeth Jarlsberg, Andrea Nett and Rabbi Miller for contributing and enriching our Jewish community.

I had the privilege of attending United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's (USCJ) Sulam for Emerging Leaders (SEL) on Dec. 2 in Los Angeles. Rabbis and lay leaders from synagogues from all of California met and shared experiences that shaped our Jewish identity. As we delved into our experiences and how these experiences influence our involvement in our community now, we explored curricula that will be facilitated by Rabbis and lay leaders working together, building on each other's perspectives, passions and gifts. Sulam means ladder and is a program to help synagogues develop and maintain leadership. It is a 6 month program that invites members between age 35-45 to engage with Rabbi and myself on a journey of studying text, developing relationships and sharing Shabbat with fellow members of the cohort. USCJ provides us with materials that will help us have meaningful conversations, share our stories and enrich our lives. Rabbi Miller and I will work together to present a dynamic and energizing

curriculum that will allow us all to share our stories and make connections not only with each other but with the community. The goal of SEL is to demonstrate how traditional texts and rituals combined with contemporary issues and leaderships practices can provide a recipe for meaningful Jewish living and leading. Rabbi Miller and I will be inviting emerging leaders and members of Beth Ami between age 35-45 to join us to engage with our community on a whole new level. We will be identifying and contacting members who fit the parameters to initiate this exciting program and look forward to building our leadership together.

My gratitude to the Friedman Center Endowment Fund for providing funding to bridge the gap to enable us to offer Rabbi Mordecai a full time position retroactively to June 2014 and for the next 3 years is immeasurable. It is my pleasure to announce that Rabbi Miller will continue as our spiritual leader and teacher through June of 2018. Mazel tov, Rabbi Mordecai! We are honored and grateful that you have found your home at Congregation Beth Ami and will continue to guide us as our Rabbi.

Lastly, Abe and I are honored to invite the community to join our family for the Simcha for our son Binyamin Michael, as he is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on 2 Adar, 5775. I would not have guessed on Aug. 17, 2013 at Nick's Bar Mitzvah that I would be president at my younger son Ben's Bar Mitzvah on Feb. 21, 2015! Balancing family life with working full time, serving as president and preparing for a Bar Mitzvah has given a whole meaning to organizational skills and the art of accepting help from friends and family. Thank you to the many friends and family who have already sent offers of help with the preparations for our son's Simcha. It truly takes a village to raise a child and we are excited and proud of Ben's hard work in preparation for his journey to Jewish adulthood. We look forward sharing Ben's Simcha with all of you!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Pnina Loeb, Religious School Director

We had an absolutely amazing Israel Fair on Dec. 7th and the students had many opportunities. They completed a scavenger hunt: listened to the Israeli Deputy Consul, found various scenarios about visiting, learning, and volunteering in Israel, found out about youth organizations that support Israel, and then they enjoyed Israeli style food.

Our younger group of Beth Ami and You children and their parents enjoyed an interactive story about Israel, its food, and the Hebrew words that correspond to the English ones. The children then visited the 'Shuk' (market) and picked out paper shapes of foods that they like, colored them in, and pasted them on grocery bags. They then enjoyed Israeli style snacks!



Save the Dates:

- **Friday, Jan. 9**—Family Shabbat Dinner
- **Sunday, Jan. 11** BAU event
- **Friday Jan. 23**—Rockin' Shabbat
- **Sunday, Feb. 1**—Tu'Bshevat celebration for BAU & RS
- **Friday Feb. 6**—Family Shabbat Dinner
- **Sunday Feb. 8**—Tu'Bshevat with Z'manim
- **Saturday Feb. 21**—Ben Alexander's Bar Mitzvah
- **Friday Feb. 27**—Rockin' Shabbat

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NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Jenny Levine-Smith

Nursery School Director

November and December were filled with exciting happenings at Beth Ami Community Nursery School. We kicked off the fall with our fundraiser, an evening concert and silent auction event that raised over \$2300 for the school! We had so much fun bringing nursery school parents, teachers, and synagogue members together. We thoroughly enjoyed sitting in the sanctuary, which is so magical in the evening, listening to established songwriter Steve Seskin and the up-and-coming Julia Sinclair, as well as the friendly bidding wars that ensued throughout the evening. We can't say enough thanks to all of you who came, who donated, who bid, and who supported us in any and every way.

This fall, we also began using Kaymbu in the nursery school, a photo-taking and sharing application that allows us to send parents a weekly e-mail with pictures and headings tailored to their own children. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback on this program. Parents have told us that they love seeing their kids at work, that it helps them have a greater understanding of what we do here, and that gives them an even more positive impression of the school.

During the Chanukah season, we participated in PJ Library's Fifth Night Project, which teaches children about the importance of tzedakah. In celebration of the fifth night of Chanukah, children buy a gift for another child in need, rather than receiving one. Our teachers have been working on tzedakah with the kids, and during our Chanukah party, kids brought gifts to donate.

Chanukah was infused into a lot of our early childhood curriculum last month. Kids made popsicle stick menorahs, and dreidel-shaped Chanukah cards (which they folded in half, painted one side, and then pressed together to explore symmetry), sang songs, and experimented with spinning dreidels and many other

materials.

Our Chanukah party was well attended and included an artful performance of the Chanukah Bear, put on by our beloved teachers. We ate latkes, said brokhas, lit candles, and celebrated the season together.

And now, as the new year begins, it is registration time again! We are introducing this month a new, more user-friendly website design that we hope will help prospective parents better understand what we have to offer, and come February, we will have our Open House (tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 5 from 5:30-7 p.m.), after which, registration for returning families followed by new families will begin.

Open House is an opportunity for current families to come and see what their children have been working on, and for prospective families to come and see what we're all about and speak with teachers. Feel free to tell anyone you know with preschool age children that they are welcome to come and/or to give me a call! (360-3030)

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ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Daniel Rosenthal & Bob Raful

The youngest speaker at our recent Israel Fair was the oldest son of the Rosenthal family, Daniel, who captivated a large group with an Israel story which deserves a wider audience. This is a short summary:



“The Jerusalem Journey Ambassadors, is an exciting five week program combining leadership training, community service, traditional beit midrash study, touring of Israel, and Israel advocacy.

Arriving at our hotel, we went to bed exhausted and overwhelmed with gratefulness for being in Jerusalem. But hours later, we were suddenly startled awake by what seemed like screaming outside. Then we heard the yelling: Seva Adom, Seva Adom, Red Alert! Our 6 group advisors ran, pounding on our room doors, screaming to get to the bomb shelter. With no time to dress we jumped up and ran through the dimly lit hallways to the bomb shelter. Our director read us the news flash that just appeared on his cell phone: Hamas, in the middle of the night, was firing hundreds of rockets, indiscriminately, into Israel, with the hope of killing civilians. After many apprehensive minutes, we heard the booms of the Iron Dome intercepting the rockets overhead.

Despite having planned to stay in Jerusalem for that week, our one bomb shelter experience

was enough for our group to change plans, pack, and head north in the hopes of getting out of the range of Hamas’ deadly rockets.

In the Golan Heights, we learned about Israel’s history. Part of the cease-fire agreement of 1949 was that between the Golan Heights and the 16 or so Jewish settlements below, there would be about two miles allocated as a DMZ, a demilitarized zone. However, on that ridge, we stood beside Syrian bunkers with gun slits. We learned that from 1948 to 1967, while the area was supposed to be a demilitarized zone, the Syrian army was stationed there and was constantly firing rockets onto the settlements below.

After spending a Shabbat in Tzfat, where we learned about Kabbalistic art, and visited the burial site and ancient synagogue of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai—the author of the Zohar, we received thrilling news. Finally, it was decided that it was safe to return to Jerusalem! Having to run to the North, we had experienced our own exile from Jerusalem, and we were ecstatic to return.

Highlights from that week include: visiting Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, and learning about Zionism at the Herzl museum. We witnessed the diversity and transparency of the Israeli government when we sat-in on a Supreme Court case led by an Israeli-Arab and a female Supreme Court justice.”

There is more, of course, and if you ask, Daniel may be willing to share the entire text. Email him at rosenthal181818@yahoo.com.

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A TREAT FOR YOU

by Esther Baruch

Save the Date: Weekend of January 23–25

The bleak month of January has just turned into the joyous and exciting month of January. Ahuva Batz is coming back to Beth Ami!



Those of you who remember her visit here seven years ago, and how inspiring her davening was, will be happy to hear that she will once again lead us in song and

prayer that comes straight from the heart. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Ahuva and experiencing her rich voice and moving style, you're in for a treat.

She'll lead the kids' portion of our typical Rockin' Shabbat format on Friday night, January 23rd, at 5:30pm, and the family service at 7, as well the traditional dinner-time melodies of the (reservation required, small donation) dinner in between. She may teach us some of her favorite Ladino prayers, in the Sephardic tradition.

Ahuva will conduct the Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller. After lunch she'll teach us about some of the ways Shabbat services reach back to earlier Jewish traditions.

On Sunday morning, January 25th, our teens will be fortunate to work with and learn from Ahuva.

From her website we learn that "Ahuva's passion for Talmud, Torah and Tefilla (prayer) has blossomed into her work as a teacher and ritual leader. She teaches cantillation and B'nai Mitzvah lessons, leads prayer and chants megillot at Tal Torah, a growing women's Jewish studies center, and is a frequent prayer leader at Moreshet Yisrael. Her music blends enchanting world-Jewish melodies with Israeli soul. Ahuva Batz lives in Jerusalem and enjoys the invigorating exchange flowing from her work with Israeli and U.S. spiritual communities." She was born in Israel and completed her

army service there. She has three children, has studied Torah and Talmud with several teachers including Reb Zalman z"l, and has worked as a teacher and therapist.

"Ahuva's blend of powerful and poetic voice rhythms, understanding of the intent and content of the tefilla, and devotional integrity is unparalleled."—*Rabbi Adam Frank, Congregation Moreshet Yisrael*

A note from Bob Raful: "Ahuva Batz has been, since 2006, the lay cantor at our other synagogue, Moreshet Yisrael in Jerusalem, where we stay for a month every year. Moreshet Yisrael is the flagship synagogue of the Conservative movement in Israel. We look forward to seeing and davening with Ahuva every year, and are thrilled to be able to bring her back to Beth Ami."

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THE KITCHEN CORNER

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

Why Our Saturday Shabbat Potlucks & Friday Shabbat Onegs Are Special

It takes a community. We have people who go above and beyond for these potlucks because they love to cook. We have Ahuva, who comes in at least once a week in our kitchen to make soups, couscous or cooked vegetable dishes that can be served on Shabbat. Irwin comes in twice a week to make Challah. Mark comes in and does prep work and makes potato salad to share. Occasionally they and other people will come in to our Beth Ami kitchen to make a kugel or pasta salad or a special dessert for us to enjoy. You too can come in and cook something special; just contact the Beth Ami Office to make the arrangements.

There are other ways people contribute to our potlucks. People bring in items from home, following our Food and Potluck Guidelines (which you can get it in the Beth Ami Office or on line at the Beth Ami Website under the Food Prompt located in the Community Menu). People bring in donations of Kiddush wine (or stronger spirits for our 'Kiddush Club' after Ha-Motzi). Your membership fees enable us to provide the basics for this lunch: wine, bagels, challah, plates, cups, coffee, tea, and cutlery. Food you prepare or bring adds variety to our meal. Additional donations you make to the Beth Ami General Fund, whether or not you mark them for the Shabbat Lunch fund, enable us to provide delicious supplements. All of this helps to make these potlucks

a special community get together.

But, we are not done yet. We also have special volunteers; Ahuva, Betty, Patty, Binese, Earl, and Edith, who set-up for both Shabbat Potluck and Friday night Dinner and Onegs. We have wonderful people like Myrna, Betty and Ahuva who have generously brought in homemade desserts (following the Food and Potluck Guidelines) for the Onegs after Friday night services and helped to cleanup after.

There are even more people involved behind the scenes. We have Lizzie who sees that we get the supplies we need for the kitchen and for the social hall. We have volunteer Mashgichim—organizers who do their best to help keep the CBA kitchen running smoothly for any event—Betty, Myrna, Mark, Janet and Jeffrey. And don't forget our other Mashgichim who enable people to be in the kitchen cooking for these and other events: Arnold, Mieneke, Barb, Tish, Susan, Pnina, Ahuva, Irvin, Esther, Richard, Rick, and Rabbi Mordecai.

As you can see, it takes a community of volunteers who care, to make Shabbat Onegs & Potlucks special. Whether or not you can contribute food, funds, or help, we welcome your participation in the lunches. By sharing together we build our community. If you are interested in helping in the Kitchen Committee, please contact Janet & Jeffrey. If you want to help with the Shabbat potlucks, please contact Mark or Betty. If you want to help with the Friday night Onegs, please contact Betty.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Class Starts January 7 at Shomrei Torah

Shalom Hartman Institute Adult Education class Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m.

For the past few years, Shomrei Torah has presented material from the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem—an institution dedicated to Jewish learning which welcomes Orthodox, Conservative and Reform students.

Some of our senior members may recall when our two synagogues shared lifelong learning classes. If this proves successful, it may be the start of further co-operation between our congregations in the area of Adult Education.



MITZVAH MOMENTS

Tish Levee

“You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall,” we pray each year from Shemini Atzeret to Pesach. This year our Jewish rain dance seems to be having spectacular results. Rainfall totals through December 12th for Santa Rosa alone were 119% of average.

Does that mean the drought is over? It’s “not even close,” Jeffrey Mount, a senior fellow with the Public Policy Institute of California, focused on water, says, “...three consecutive years of extreme dryness...translates to much lower groundwater levels, and very dry soils. It’s going to take a lot of rain to break this drought.”

Our growing population means more water use. California’s population is projected to increase by more than one-third to 52.7 million people by 2060. Regardless of rainfall, climate change, or anything else, water will become even more of an issue. So all the water conservation practices we learned during the last few years need to become a habit regardless of the amount of rain. Go to <http://www.savingwater.org/tips/> to refresh your memory.

Sonoma County Leads Again. The White House just recognized Sonoma County as a Climate Action Champion—one of only 16 communities in the country. For more information go to <http://climateprotection.org/>.

Save the Date. *Earth Under Stress: Changing Climate and Soaring Population*, at Shomrei Torah on Sunday, Jan. 25th from 3–5 p.m., features experts from SSU, the Center for Climate Protection, a research scientist who is a member of Shomrei, and Rabbi George Gittleman. For more information and to RSVP go to <http://cstsr.org/>.

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RELIGIOUS PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Betty Boyd, Chair

What is the Religious Practices Committee (RPC), what does it do, and how can you be involved?

Many of you have questions about the Religious Practices Committee. I hope that the information below will answer some of these. The RPC always welcomes any of your questions and comments.

According to the Beth Ami By-Laws the responsibilities of the RPC are as follows:

- The Religious Practices Committee shall have at least three (3) members and shall serve as liaison with the Rabbi. In conjunction with the Rabbi, the Committee shall determine the schedule and other details pertaining to the religious services and matters pertaining to the religious life at Congregation Beth Ami.
- Only Jewish members shall be deemed qualified to serve on the Religious Practices Committee. (*Note: This is the only committee in the By-Laws that has this restriction.*)
- The Rabbi of the Congregation shall be an ex-officio member of the Religious Practices Committee.
- The final decision in matters of halacha and liturgy shall rest with the Rabbi of the Congregation.

As a Conservative congregation, we must constantly struggle with what often seem like conflicts between observing the Biblical commandments and adapting these to the modern world. This is what makes Conservative Judaism both meaningful and challenging—this struggle is what keeps us a constantly evolving congregation. The RPC works with the Rabbi and others to find ways to meet the needs of our congregation with all of its diverse opinions.

Keeping our kitchen Kosher, under the supervision of the Rabbi, is a part of the function of the RPC. The Kitchen Committee is a subcommittee of the RPC and chaired by Janet and Jeffrey Stein-Larson. They and all of the

members of the Kitchen Committee do an outstanding job of keeping our kitchen Kosher yet making it possible for those of us who do not keep Kosher to participate in Beth Ami events that involve food. (Do any not involve food?)

The RPC is a diverse group with differing opinions, and our meetings often require us to debate and to come to decisions that we feel best meet the needs of our congregation. If you would like to join us, please let me know. You do not have to be an expert on religious practices; most of what I have learned about the practices of Conservative Judaism I have learned since being a member of this committee.

Even if you are not yet ready to join the RPC, we welcome your participation in developing services and programs: the more of you that are involved, the more we can create services and programs that meet all of our needs. There are a number of ways in which you can be involved. The Jewish calendar is filled with holidays that enable us to celebrate together in a variety of way.

- We always welcome your opinions—what do you like and what would you like? Recently you were sent a survey on your thoughts about Friday night activities and about the High Holy Days. Your responses will be used in planning for future programs and services. I also welcome any comments or suggestions you have during the year.
- Help organize a special service or program. You can be a part of some of the special services, such as Rockin' Shabbat or Tu B'Shevat, even if you are not an "official" member of the RPC.
- Attend a meeting of the RPC. Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can make sure you have the correct information about the time and date of the meeting.

I look forward to your thoughts and participation.



SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Ellen Mundell (for Lyla Nathan)

The Social Action Committee wishes everyone in the Beth Ami Family a happy and healthy New Year. I want to thank everyone for giving so much to our community and the larger community this year.

We continue to be very active supporting programs that help people in need of healthy food by going to the Redwood Empire Food Bank monthly, filling bags of whatever fresh food is available. The food bank supports thousands of families and individuals in Sonoma County and Clearlake.

Our Redwood Empire Food Bank is a state of the art facility. It is huge, clean and airy, has a wonderful warehouse with a huge freezer and refrigerated unit. It is a model for providing fresh, frozen, and staple foods to those in need, funded by donations from our local communities and organizations. It is truly something we should be very proud of. If you have never been there I really suggest that you take a tour.

We have set dates to volunteer at the Redwood Empire Food Bank for the next 3 months: the first Wednesday of the month, from 10–noon, on Jan. 7, Feb. 4, and March 4.

We also continue to help Jewish Family and Children Services (JFCS) by filling their pantry with the food provided by your generous contributions. Monthly, volunteers from our committee go to the food bank and get the needed supplies for the pantry. Since we have been doing this, the JFCS has had much healthier food. Thank you so much for those in the congregation who have made a habit of bringing food when you come to Beth Ami. JFCS always are in need of certain items: canned soups, peanut butter, gluten free foods (especially pasta and crackers) dry cereal, canned chili (not just beans).

Another organization that we will be supporting this year is The Dr. James E. Coffee Teen Shelter that provides housing and counseling services to teenagers who need a home while

there is a crisis in their lives. The shelter is one of the valuable services provided by Social Advocates of Youth (SAY). SAY has been helping young adults in our community for over 35 years. They will be opening the Dream Center in 2015, located at the old Warrack Hospital.

The teen shelter is always in need of toiletries for their residents, We will have another container in the foyer for such articles as shampoo, hygiene needs, soap, creams. (No hotel samples please, as it is for everyone.)

The Soup Sisters plan to make another hearty soup in January. We will let you know when it is available.

Please consider joining our lively group.

I want to personally thank the SAC members for their hard work and dedication for making our community a safer and better place: Tish Levy, Barbara Tomin, Carol Swanson, Susan Miller (nurse), Cheryle Stern Miller, Roz Edelson, Ellen Mundell, Karen Herskovic, Judi Hyman, Andy Goodman, Bernice Fox, Ethel Schy, Lenore Hollaway, Lyla Nathan and Carolyn Metz. Also thank you to Linda Emblen and Ruth and Ira Rosenberg who are regulars at the food bank.

Hope that 2015 is a good year for all.

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General Fund

In memory of our parents
—*Abraham and Gayle Farkas*

In honor of Tonya's Mikvah
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In memory of my husband,
J.J. Fitzgibbons—*Andy Goodman*

In honor of the birth of Sydney
Gorden Krubiner, granddaughter of
Jane and Alan—*Barbara Tomin*

Get well soon Esther Pilch
—*Beverly Lund*

For being called for Torah
blessing—*Branagan*

Mazal Tov to the Por and Concoff
families on the birth of Camille
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Mazal Tov grandparents, Andy and
Nancy Fleming and parents Rebecca
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In memory of Bob Bell, with
condolences to his family—*The
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Mazal Tov to Jane Meyer and Alan
Krubiner upon the birth of their
granddaughter, Sydney
—*The Ballo Family*

Mazal Tov to Ethel and Stuart Schy
upon their Happy Anniversary
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Condolences to the Rosenbach
family upon the death of grandson
and son, Gideon Bruce
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In memory of Eli's mother,
Malka Miller—*Eli and Yona Miller*

In memory of Charles Cohen
—*Eli Cohen and Betty Boyd*

In memory of Mitchell Boyd
—*Eli Cohen and Betty Boyd*

In memory of Ellen Mundell's father,
William German
—*Gary and Barbara Greensweig*

In honor of being called to an
aliyah—*Ivan Barta*

In memory of my mother
—*Ivan Barta*

In memory of Jack's father,
Mayer Wegman
—*Jack and Patricia Wegman*

In memory of Gideon
Bruce Rosenbach
—*Jerry Lakins and Susan Miller*

In honor of the birth of Alan
Krubiner and Jane Meyer's new
grandchild, Sydney
—*Jerry Lakins and Susan Miller*

In memory of Rhonda Rosenbach's
grandson, Gideon—*Judi Hyman*

Congratulations to the Batzdorffs on
your move to a new home. Wishing
you well—*Judy Stern*

In honor of Jane Meyer and Alan
Krubiner's new granddaughter
—*Judy Stern*

In memory of our wonderful Israeli
dance teacher, Lee Newland. From
the Israeli Dancers
—*Leanne Schy and Mark Stoelting*

In memory of my mother,
Bruscha Vilenskya—*Malvina Tsipan*

SHABBAT DINNER RSVP

Shabbat Dinner:

Friday, January 9

Friday, February 6

of Beth Ami Member Adults ___@ \$18 = ___

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of Youth (ages 6–17) ___@ \$10 = ___

of Families ___@ \$46 = ___

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GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

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Many thanks to Temple Beth Ami for providing the room for the J.C. seniors mixed media class. It is very much appreciated!—*Mary Diamond*

In memory of Isadore Wiesenthal—*Natalie Friedman*

In honor of Lee Mehlman's conversion—*Paul and Lee Feinstein*

Speedy recovery to Pnina Shapiro—*Richard Kahn and Anne Brown*

In memory of my husband, Eugene Streitfeld—*Ricki Streitfeld*

In memory of Ethel's father, Jacob Goldman—*Stuart and Ethel Schy*

Mazel Tov to Anya and Gabor Por and family on the new addition—*Stuart and Ethel Schy*

Mazel Tov to grandparents, Andy and Nancy Fleming and their family on their new addition—*Stuart and Ethel Schy*

In honor of being Realtor for Al and Susanne Batzdorff—*Carolyn Metz*

In memory of Joaquin Boadella Bernard Shelan—*Ron and Lillian Shelan*

Shabbat Lunch Fund

In appreciation fo being the best Master of Ceremonies during the High Holy Days—*Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar*

In appreciation of surprising the kitchen staff with sharp knives!—*Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar*

For the Shabbat Lunch Fund from the Metz family in honor of Grandma Florence's 99th birthday—*Florence Metz*

A thoughtful donation—*Gerald Lakins and Susan Miller*

Malk Fund

Mazel Tov to Nancy and Andy Fleming upon the arrival of their new granddaughter—*Jerry Lakins and Susan Miller*

In memory of my father, Max Malk—*Phyllis Shapiro*

Lauren Newman; get well soon—*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of Ellen Mundell's father, William German—*Phyllis Shapiro*

Happy 90th Birthday to Rosalie Schweit! With love from Phyllis Shapiro—*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of my mother, Miriam Malk—*Phyllis Shapiro*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of my mother, Jennie Goldman—*Betty Franks*

In memory of Samson Hochfield—*Malvina Tsipan*

In memory of Gideon Rosenbach—*Richard Kahn and Anne Brown*

Speedy recovery to Pnina Shapiro—*Richard Kahn and Anne Brown*

RS Fund

In memory of my parents—*Bernice Fox and Ed Harman*

NS Fund

Condolences to Ayala Almog and Family upon the tragic death of her cousin, Rabbi Kupinsky, in Israel—*The Ballo Family*

Services at Beth Ami

Please join us for services. If you want additional information, call the office at (707) 360-3000.

Shabbat Evening Services

Jan. 2—7:30 p.m. service (Because of the New Year holiday, monthly dinner is on Jan. 9)

Jan. 9—6 p.m. services, followed by dinner* and discussion at 6:30 p.m. with Scholar in Residence Gary Kenzer, Executive Director, Honest Reporting

Jan. 16—7:30 p.m. service

Jan. 23—Rockin' Shabbat with Cantor Ahuva Tamar Batz. 5:30 p.m. service for tots; 6 p.m. dinner*; 7 p.m. service

Jan. 30—7:30 p.m. service

Feb. 6—6 p.m. dinner* followed by services at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 13—7:30 p.m. service

Feb. 20—7:30 p.m. service
Feb. 27—Rockin' Shabbat with Saul Kaye, 5:30 p.m. service for tots; 6 p.m. dinner*; 7 p.m. service

*Reservations necessary by the proceeding Wed. Call the office at (707) 360-3000 to make your reservation.

Shabbat Morning Services

Jan. 3—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

Jan. 10—9:30 a.m. service

with Scholar in Residence

Gary Kenzer, Executive

Director, Honest Reporting

followed by dairy potluck

Jan. 17—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

Jan. 24—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

Jan. 31—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

Feb. 7—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

Feb. 14—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

Feb. 21—9:30 a.m. service

Bar Mitzvah of Ben

Alexander

Feb. 28—9:30 a.m. service

followed by dairy potluck

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p.m. Daily evening service

in the Chapel



January Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.

Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Jan. 2 & 3

- Jan. 5 Elaine Fried,
Mother of Caryn Fried
- Jan. 5 Harry Glickman,
Father of Donald Glickman
- Jan. 6 Abraham Backman,
Father of Roslyn Edelson
- Jan. 6 David Goldberg,
Father of Betty Franks
- Jan. 6 Ruth Sisnow,
Mother of Nancy Fleming
- Jan. 7 William Friedman,
Grandfather of
Joslyn Metzger
- Jan. 7 Dorothy Murov,
Sister of Betty Franks
- Jan. 8 Robert Deal, Brother of
Barbara Whitaker
- Jan. 8 Jack Schiffman,
Father of Bernice Fox
- Jan. 9 Beatrice Dzik,
Mother of Judith Dzik
- Jan. 9 Bea Kaplan, Grandmother
of Michelle Zygielbaum
- Jan. 9 Raymond Lachman,
Brother of Vivian Salmon

Announced on Jan. 9 & 10

- Jan. 10 Isadore Goldman,
Grandfather of
Chelsie Uriarte
- Jan. 10 Elaine Robinson,
Mother of Myrna Morse
- Jan. 11 Mordachai ben Hershel,
Brother of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Jan. 12 Gladys Baba,
Mother of William Cordell
- Jan. 12 Olive Conklin Boyer,
Mother of Ruth Rosenberg
- Jan. 12 Avraham Sapoljnikov,
Father of
Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
- Jan. 12 Julius Sterman, Father of
Milton "Whitey" Sterman

- Jan. 13 Rosa Newman,
Mother-in-law of
Edith Newman
- Jan. 15 Jettie Rijnveldt, Stepsister
of Mieneke Drake
- Jan. 16 Edith Volkman,
Sister of Evelyn Gurevitch

Announced on Jan. 16 & 17

- Jan. 18 Mary Lastofka,
Sister of Susy Raful
- Jan. 19 J.J. Fitzgibbons, Husband
of Andrea Goodman
- Jan. 19 Joe Leavy, Brother-in-law
of Evey Abramowitz
- Jan. 20 Ruth Baruch,
Mother of Esther Baruch
- Jan. 20 Verne Paule,
Husband of Raynore Paule
- Jan. 20 Albert Sterman, Brother
of Milton "Whitey" Sterman
- Jan. 21 Sylvia Bernstein,
Aunt of Marc Bernstein

Announced on Jan. 23 & 24

- Jan. 24 Charles Feingold
Father of Stanley Feingold
- Jan. 26 Elizabeth Carlson,
Daughter of Sylvia Sucher
- Jan. 26 Lewis Magnus, Grandfather
of Howard Glickman
- Jan. 26 David Myerfeld,
Grandfather of
Patty Bernstein
- Jan. 27 Erna Biberstein, Mother of
Susanne Batzdorff
- Jan. 27 Eleanor Marshall,
Mother of Carolyn Metz
- Jan. 29 Irving Decker,
Father of Melvin Decker
- Jan. 29 George Waldman,
Grandfather of
Barbara Whitaker
- Jan. 30 Simon Kovar, Grandfather
of Dr. Gary Herzberg
- Jan. 30 Fred Marvan,
Husband of Regina Marvan

Announced on Jan. 30 & 31

- Jan. 31 Ira Hayes Rosenberg
Father of Ira Rosenberg
- Jan. 31 Nomi Lev-Yahm,
Mother of Vivian Klein
- Feb. 3 Lillian Margolese,
Grandmother of
Michelle Zygielbaum
- Feb. 3 Isac Rijnveldt, Stepfather of
Mieneke Drake
- Feb. 4 Florence Alexander,
Grandmother of
Abraham Alexander
- Feb. 4 Mariya Antonovksy,
Mother of Olga Pekker
- Feb. 4 Marguerite Connors,
Mother of Tish Levee
- Feb. 6 Harry Schneider,
Father of Evelyn Gurevitch

January Birthdays

- 3 Margorie Ballo
- 4 Evan Zelig
- 5 Jack Wegman
- 6 Abraham Alexander
- 6 Mieneke Drake
- 9 Tish Levee
- 16 Lenore Holloway
- 16 Ricki Streitfeld
- 16 Ben Winkler
- 17 Paula Schlesinger
- 17 Anne Tomin
- 19 Donald Glickman
- 21 Michele Guttenberg
- 26 Karen Brodsky
- 28 Bill Friedman
- 28 Robert Raful
- 31 Stephen Nett

January Anniversaries

- 2 Abe & Laura Alexander
- 2 Mark Deirkhising
& Karen Brodsky
- 7 Mort & Ruth Weiss
- 17 Jerry Lakins & Susan Miller
- 18 Mark & Jacqueline Sutter



February Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.

Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Feb. 6 & 7

- Feb. 7 Mark Gurevitch,
Brother-in-law of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 9 Sheyna Morse,
Mother-in-law of
Myrna Morse
- Feb. 11 Quentin Brown,
Father of Anne Brown
- Feb. 11 Freda Weiss,
Mother of Mortimer Weiss
- Feb. 12 Erwin Batzdorff,
Father of Alfred Batzdorff
- Feb. 12 Gershon Kahn,
Father of David Kahn
- Feb. 13 Helen Keller,
Mother of Ruth Weiss

Announced on Feb. 13 & 14

- Feb. 14 Rayfield Helman,
Father of Judith Helman
- Feb. 15 Zisley bas Mendel Laib,
Mother-in-law of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 15 Sophie Shapiro,
Mother-in-law of
Phyllis Shapiro
- Feb. 19 Mort Sherman,
Father of Nancy Sherman
- Feb. 20 Irwin Inman,
Father of Lee Feinstein

Announced on Feb. 20 & 21

- Feb. 22 Sam Dzik,
Father of Judith Dzik
- Feb. 22 Nathan Hartzman,
Grandfather of
Cheryle Miller
- Feb. 22 Shulamith Miller, Mother of
Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Feb. 22 Charles Yelin, Grandfather
of Francie Rogovin
- Feb. 23 Mae Bernstein,
Grandmother of
Marc Bernstein
- Feb. 23 Sylvia Shelan,
Mother of Ronald Shelan

- Feb. 23 Aaron Sepiegelman,
Uncle of Ronit Glickman
- Feb. 25 Anna Branagan,
Mother of Branagan
- Feb. 26 Sadie Selowitz,
Aunt of Susan Miller
- Feb. 27 Arthur Margolese, Father
of Michelle Zygielbaum
and Brother of
Irwin Margolese
- Feb. 27 Lydia Ross,
Wife of Stuart Ross and
Sister of Henry Cohn

Announced on Feb. 27 & 28

- Feb. 28 Mollie Brisgel,
Mother of Sue Bell
- March 1 Sylvia Feingold,
Mother of Stanley Feingold
and Grandmother
of Vivian Klein
- March 1 Andor Taubner,
Father of Susy Raful
- March 2 Morris Bernstein,
Grandfather of
Marc Bernstein
- March 2 Freda Goldman,
Mother of Ethel Schy
- March 2 Fred Kaplan,
Father of Sherri Kahn
- March 3 Michael Brust,
Father of Barbara McGee
- March 3 Phillip Feingold, Brother of
Stanley Feingold and
Father of Vivian Klein

February Birthdays

- 2 Debbie Shapiro
- 3 Ellen Mundell
- 4 Arnold Drake
- 5 Eli Cohen
- 6 Julie Simkovitz
- 7 Rayme Shapiro
- 8 Ed Harman
- 9 Tara Winkler
- 10 Edith Friedman
- 10 Semyon Pekker
- 11 David Ballo
- 11 Andy Fleming
- 11 Betty Kale
- 14 Daryl Schloss
- 18 Sid Burwell
- 19 Alfred Batzdorff
- 20 Yona Miller
- 21 Elizabeth Boyd
- 21 Audrey Darby
- 23 Bernice Fox
- 23 Barbara McGee
- 24 Arnold Herskovic
- 27 Dorothy Gerstein
- 27 Michael Newman
- 28 Stuart Ross

February Anniversaries

- 2 Alan & Janice Shotkin
- 4 Harry & Edie Friedman
- 14 Davis & Diane Brown
- 19 Jeff & Janice Sternfeld
- 20 Patty & Marc Bernstein
- 23 Irvin & Vivian Klein



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January Shabbatot

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Havdalah—5:52

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Havdalah—6:06

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Havdalah—6:14

February Shabbatot

February 7

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February 14

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