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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.



## RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

All In the Family

We live in a world that is riddled with conflict. Technology has made it effortless for us to communicate across continents to virtually any place on the globe. By contrast it appears that the humane side of communication: the ability to actively listen; to use language that isn't designed to provoke; to convey all kinds of opinions and ideas in a respectful way has taken a turn for the worse. If anything, our technical prowess in communication has accentuated our lack of skill in communicating one to another.

Sadly, one outcome of the inability to communicate successfully using words is resorting to violence. We have come to expect that at some point we are going to see headlines screaming loudly about innocent people, simply going about their business—at school or a café or a shopping mall—being gunned down by an emotionally disturbed individual or by a deliberate attacker motivated by political or religious ideologies.

In examining those killings that are perpetrated with religious or political ends in mind, one suspects that the killers are able to justify their behavior through their conviction that anyone who doesn't practice their particular brand of politics or religion is an enemy of God, and there is no justification in their remaining alive.

The truth is, the chances of any one of these victims being guilty of a capital offense is remote, to say the least. Even were that the case, killing people who pose no immediate threat is tantamount to murder. We are told in Deuteronomy 16:20 Tzedek, tzedek tirdoph! "You shall pursue only righteousness!" Someone who is accused of a capital offense must be brought to trial. There are no short-cuts to justice—even with God in mind. As our patriarch Abraham (whom we share with Muslims) states to God directly: "Shall not the Judge of the earth do justice?" (Genesis 18:25)

We might well ask, "Just who are the en-

emies of God?!"

There is a great Midrash that speaks of a fundamental difference between a human sovereign and the Sovereign of all sovereigns. When a human ruler mints coinage, the coins all are identical, but when the Holy One, mints coins, (human beings) they all are differentiated. Point being: one important element of the glory of God is God's ability to create a host of differentiated individuals each with his or her own tastes, looks, skills, characteristics and beyond. Nature's boundless variety is a testimony to God's greatness—and that includes Human Nature!

Within my own family, I see a wide variety of individual tastes and characteristics. I love to study Bible, Rabbinic literature and pray daily. I especially love Classical music. It would be unfair for me to expect everyone else in my family to share all my tastes and proclivities. On the other hand, we try to be supportive of one another's tastes and preferences. In this sense my own family has been a microcosm of congregational life! Beyond that I have members of my family who have married outside of Judaism, who have or have had partners of the same sex and who attend a Unitarian Church.

These distinctions melt into oblivion in face of the fact that we share family love and a sense of mutual respect. I suspect that we are far from unique. In fact, I believe that this is the landscape envisioned by those who established our republic.

I see Beth Ami as no different! I think it's significant that our name is *House of my people*. People who come from all kinds of backgrounds and who represent all kinds of tastes. True we are a Conservative congregation, but I understand that to mean that we look at Jewish Tradition and Halachah to inform and guide our decisions. Some of these Laws and Traditions—especially those not explicitly in the Torah—came about in a context of mis-

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## RABBI'S REMARKS

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trust, hatred and a sense of competition. To a great extent, I don't believe this is typical of our current situation where religious leaders talk about the Judeo-Christian Tradition and values.

As a congregation, I see us as an extended family. I want to see anyone—and I mean anyone—regardless of race, gender, religion or sexual preference, who comes under the shelter of our roof to sense that feeling of family love and support.

Despite our current political climate, I believe this is the underlying model of a world that can truly experience Shalom—Peace!




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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the secular year 2016 comes to an end, we have reflected on the ups and downs of this year for Beth Ami

Recently we voted to release the Executive Director. It was a difficult decision and discussed at length. We took the action after a thorough review and in consultation with an attorney specializing in non-profit organization employment law. Due to laws regarding personnel issues, we have been unable to discuss the dismissal without written authorization by the employee. This has made it difficult for the Congregation as a whole to understand and accept our action. Some congregants feel a sense of mistrust and secrecy by the board. Over time we hope that in the coming year we can reestablish a relationship of trust and confidence in us.

We attended the membership meeting to listen to your concerns with our decision. While it has been difficult for all, we appreciate the interest and feedback from many concerned

congregation members.

We were elected to represent all members of the congregation and are entrusted to make decisions in the best interest of Beth Ami. We strive to ensure that Beth Ami remains sustainable and adheres to its mission: "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."

We welcome members to attend Board meetings and congregants to join the Board to share overseeing our mission. We appreciate the Board's leadership and guidance.

While this has been difficult for many of us, we believe that we can heal and continue to be the warm, caring, loving synagogue family that we cherish.

Shalom Bayit for 2017.



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## NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Jenny Levine-Smith  
Nursery School Director

Happy New Year to every member of our community!

November saw the completion of our play yard renovation, which included adding the instruments to our musical garden (which teacher Ayala Almog did *with* the students), paving the bike path and creating bike parking spaces, completing the sand boarder to keep the path clean of sand, refinishing and painting the play house, and adding a plexiglass wall for outdoor painting. We are hugely grateful to all of the parents who donated their time and materials, Ayala for the inspired design and so much more, Attack-A-Task for the carpentry work, Sikes for the paving, and Leah Frost for securing the funds to make the paving possible. Simply put, the yard looks beautiful, and we are thrilled to be able to offer as rich and full experience for our kids outside as we do inside.

December was a whirlwind of holiday joyfulness and winter weather, culminating in our school's Chanukah party on December 22. It is always a pleasure to get together as a community, and there is something about the magic of the menorah, the warm feeling of latkes on a cold night, that just makes it all the better.

We come back on January 9 after a two-week hiatus to greet 2017, and are quickly moving toward registration season for the coming summer sessions and next school year. Priority registration opens for currently enrolled families on Monday, January 30, and two weeks later for new families. We are happy to offer private tours many mornings a week, and will also warmly welcome any interested families (along with current families) to our Open House on Thursday, February 2 from 5:30-7 p.m.

See you in the New Year!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Judy Kupfer, Director

I wish to let the community know that it is now official! I have accepted the challenges and responsibility of directing the Religious School, our new Pre K Jewish Class on Fridays at 1 p.m., USY Youth Programs, Rockin' Shabbat's and other special events!

While we are on the subject, please mark your calendars for upcoming these:

### 2017 Rockin' Shabbats:

#### Friday January 27, 2017

**5:30-6 p.m.** Kids Kabbalat Shabbat with Tsvi Bar-David and Manar Azreik

**6 p.m.** Community dinner

**7 p.m.** Rockin' Shabbat with Tsvi Bar-David and Manar Azreik

#### Friday April 21, 2017

**5:30-6 p.m.** Kids Kabbalat Shabbat with Mia Cohen

**6 p.m.** Community dinner

**7 p.m.** Rockin' Shabbat with Mia Cohen



PreK class with Ayala, Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

### A seed is planted for the future!

The holiday Tu B'Shevat, is thought of as the *Birthday for Trees* or *New Year for Trees*, and is an official marker of the beginning of spring in Israel. Tu B'Shevat commemorates the first blossoming of the trees, and helps us transition from the cold harshness of winter to preparation for spring. This holiday is often celebrated by planting trees and seeds. Now is a great time to plant parsley seeds for Pesach indoors.

Here are some thoughts to celebrate Tu B'Shevat on February 11, 2017. Dedicated to all the wonderful, amazing religious school teachers who are planting the future; Miriam Lane, Janet Rae Jorgensen, Ayala Almog, Barb McGee, Samantha Long, Stefani Lesser and Judith Helman.

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." This is an especially relevant metaphor as we all need to realize that we have an immense influence on our future. One person does have the power to effect change!

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## ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

Our Nov/Dec column was Rachel Simkovitz's story, as she became a Lone Soldier in the IDF. As such, she is entitled to a *home leave*. She returned to Santa Rosa for Thanksgiving and was here until late December. So mid-month, we did a follow-up interview, the highlights are summarized here:

*Tell us about getting permission to come home.*

It took me 3 months of working my way up the Chain of Command. Since I am in a new unit, my immediate Officer, not very familiar with Lone Soldiers, made it very difficult to finally arrange the trip.

*How does it feel to be in Santa Rosa?*

The best vacation ever. Just relax and visit with family. Tough to schedule medical/dental care from my Base. So have had several local appointments.

*Your host family live on the Lebanon border—how difficult is it to travel from your Base to the Kibbutz?*

Terrible. I leave the Base, close to Eilat, at 6a.m.; 5–7 hours bus to Tel Aviv. Then another 5–7 to Kiryat Shmona, closest city to the Kibbutz. So, it can be 8 p.m. before I get to the Kibbutz.

*Tell me about the Lone Soldier Programs?*

There are several types—I volunteered for the Garin Tzabar, a group of men and women who intend to make Aliyah; using seminar style training, we lived and worked together for three months, with a variety of trainers introducing us to many aspects of Israeli and Army life. After formal induction, we were then assigned to various combat units. But most of my group remain as my closest friends. Another Lone Soldier program you may have heard about is Machal, a non-Aliyah

type, where after the basic training the soldier serves 12–18 months and then returns to his/her home country.

*What can you tell me about your Army life?*

Our Base is in the far South, near Eliat. A relatively new, co-ed, unit-only the third of this kind in the IDF. It is based on the decision that men and women can both do combat duty. I am in one of the combat platoons, carrying a grenade launcher (weighs 5 kilo—11 lbs.); we do patrol duty and rotate on guard duty. The physical set up is a little like a summer camp i.e. a hut for 4–6 girls with separate facilities for men and women. We eat in a community dining hall; and have a comfortable hang-out room, with TV and computer. Of course, there is heavy smart-phone use (during our early training, they took our phones, except for one hour a day). The Base is fairly isolated, so we depend on a traveling canteen truck, which comes once or twice a week. I get 3 days off every 11 days; but it is only 2, since travel always takes one day (most of days off are in Tel Aviv).

*Can I ask you again—do you think much about your Dad?*

All the time. And now at home, have been looking through all his albums and Army patches and pins. *And* I have the same Infantry pin for my beret that he wore.

*Future plans?*

Well, made Aliyah, so Israel is my home. Have 20 more months of active duty, then go on Reserve status (typical 20–30 days a year). After some rest, plan university—fortunately, I can claim two full scholarships; 1st degree based on making Aliyah and 2nd degree based on my combat duty.

*Good to see you Rachel. Stay Safe!*



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Viva Las Vegas Purim Spiel is coming March 18 and 19!

There are only two places with the show biz pizzazz to encompass not only Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack, but Elvis as well: Las Vegas and the Beth Ami Purim Spiel!

Some songs so far: *My Kind of Town, All Shook Up, Heartbreak Hotel, Fever, I Only Have Eyes for You, Hound Dog, Johnny Get Angry, Mack the Knife, I Get a Kick Out of You, My Way, What Kind of Fool am I, Don't Be Cruel, I Can't Help Falling in Love with You, Fly Me to the Moon, Blue Suede Shoes, Young at Heart, Burning Love.*



As usual, you'll have a chance to sponsor songs and characters, and even have a singing commercial written and performed for you.

The Saturday night performance will be followed by hamentashen and a party, and the Sunday matinee will include hamentashen and tea/ coffee/ juice. Stay tuned and save the date!

And don't forget the real Gantze Megillah of



Purim: the traditional Megillah reading happens Saturday night March 11 and Sunday morning March 12.

### Mazel Tov to the Families of:

Elias James, grandson of Andy Goodman

Ella May, granddaughter of Asher and Lyla Nathan



### Our Condolences to the Families of:

Alice Lev, sister of Bob Raful

Naomi Zeamans Helman Goren, mother of Judith Helman

### Israeli Folk Dance

Dance circle dances to songs from Israel, and other places too—with varied speeds, moods and styles. We will start with 30 minutes of beginning instruction if there is interest. Check the Israeli dance blog on the Beth Ami website for up-to-date info and helpful videos of dances.



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**SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP**  
Lyla Nathan

The SAC has a mission to help create a more peaceful, giving and welcoming community. In past years we have facilitated many activities that have revolved around conversation and community building. We believe that conversation leads to greater understanding of each other and to stronger relationships.

These have been difficult times for many in our community. The election has caused fear and nervousness among many and the turmoil with the firing of Leah has caused pain to our kehilla. We were very heartened by the general meeting led by Henry Cohn. He created a mood of warmth and openness. He made sure that no one was hurt in the process of sharing concerns and questions.

We at SAC think this kind of conversation might be beneficial to the community to discuss our fears and concern around the new US administration. We think people are looking for a safe place to talk. We are aware that there are differences in the Jewish Community regarding the new administration, especially around perceived support of Israel. We think it is important to look at different sides and create discourse that is inclusive and safe. We talked about the possibility of monthly meetings. We are hopeful to begin these conversations in the new year.

We decided to kick off these discussions by joining the Women's March in Santa Rosa on Jan. 21. The following information was written by Tish.

Please read and consider joining us. Thanks.

**The Washington Women's March is Coming to Sonoma County**

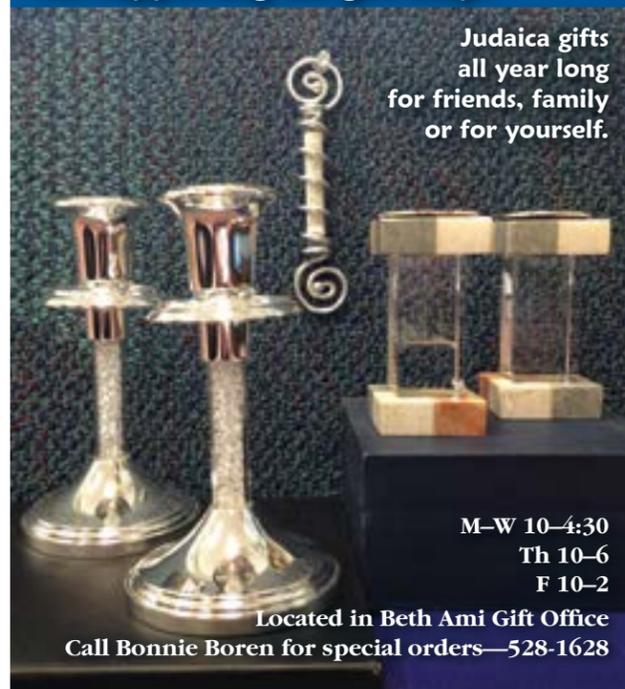
A huge march of women, men, children, and families is planned in Washington, DC, on January 21st. Satellite marches and rallies are being planned across the country—including one right here in Santa Rosa.

Beth Ami's Social Action Committee voted at the Dec. 14th meeting to participate in this march, and to engage Jewish women of Sonoma County, and their allies to do so as well. This is an opportunity for us to come together and to support women, minorities, and immigrants. There will be opportunities to learn more about engagement and activities at a local level. Although the march takes place in downtown Santa Rosa at noon on Shabbat, we felt that the urgency of the situation requires as many of us as possible to attend. The march's FaceBook site is *Sonoma County Stands Together for Women*. As of the 15th of December, over 600 people have signed up to go and 1200 have expressed an interest.



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## THE KITCHEN CORNER

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

When you think about it, the Kitchen Committee does a lot more than just see to the food preparation. You have to admire all of the hardworking volunteers who are working together as a team with the goal to maintain this kitchen in a good working, organized order; keeping everything within it to the standards of Congregation Beth Ami's Kosher policies; ensuring that all of the food preparation and the tools and appliances are safe; and everything is kept secure.

Over the last few months, a lot of time has been spent in reorganizing how this committee works. To do that, a lot of attention was paid to what this committee does for the Beth Ami Kitchen.

As a whole, the kitchen committee sets policies and guidelines for safe and efficient use of the kitchen and for maintaining its kosher standards. We work to insure that all congregants may have access to the kitchen for their events and programs, while under proper supervision to do our best to insure that our standards are kept. Our members work with the Rabbi and establish the various guidelines that all of us must follow while using the kitchen for food preparation, serving, and cleaning up after the events and programs. We are also working with the congregants in education and training to help them understand why and how these standards are kept. Finally we oversee and review the use of the kitchen.

Here is the new organization system we have developed. Our Kitchen Committee Meeting Coordinator is Myra Thomas-Stern, and briefly, her job will be to organize, coordinate, run our meetings, and get the information out. We now have a Kitchen Manager, Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar. As our manager in the kitchen, some of her functions will be to help us by coordinating, organizing, and keeping track of the food, supplies, and equipment in the kitchen. Andrea Nett is in charge of Kitchen and Food Safety.

She will help us learn and maintain good safety habits while dealing with food preparation, serving and cleaning up. Our Mashgich Coordinator will be Mark Rosen. He will coordinate mashgichim for potlucks, special events and programs. He will also be working to develop training sessions for potential and current mashgichim and other interested persons. Rabbi Miller sets our halachic standards. He will work with the committee to establish policies regarding kashrut. He has the final authority on kashrut decisions. Betty Boyd will be in charge of maintaining and posting the kitchen calendar schedule. Elizabeth Jarlsberg in the Beth Ami Office will be our central contact person for the program and event organizers who will be needing the kitchen. After the organizers complete the event planning form, Elizabeth will reach out to Betty to schedule the dates the kitchen is needed for the event; to Mark to initiate getting volunteer mashgichim for kitchen use for those dates needed; and to contact Ahuva, the Kitchen Manager.

### Some reminders:

The Kitchen freezer and refrigerator are used by many different groups for many purposes. Periodically we will go through the freezer and refrigerator for cleaning and re-organizing for events that are coming up. Lately, we've been noticing a lot of unlabelled food. Remember the food stored there should be labeled with your group/event name and date to be used. Food that isn't labelled runs the risk of being used accidentally by someone else for another purpose. There are labels, tape and markers available for your use in the kitchen (on Shabbat we use the blue dots with the week number for labelling when we opened the package).

If you see we are low on something, please bring it to either Ahuva's attention or to Elizabeth's attention, but first, please check to make certain there isn't another container located in



## THE KITCHEN CORNER

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the storage area or refrigerator.

When you plan for your events and programs, also remember to plan for the clean up after the event. Think about who will be in charge of doing the clean-up? Who will do the table linens, towels etc? What will you do with the leftover food? Flowers?

### Food thoughts:

What secret recipe did Tish use for her rainbow Challah? It was a *No Knead Challah* recipe from website <http://www.food.com/recipe/easy-no-knead-challah-bread-390530>, with sesame seeds dyed with kosher food coloring. Wow!

In December, Nursery School volunteers worked with Ahuva and made wonderful latkes for their Hanukah Party. More volunteers from Congregation Beth Ami made latkes and applesauce (from apples provided by the Judd family) in the kitchen for the Chanukah

party celebrated by both Beth Ami and Shomrei Torah. And on January 1, it will still be Hanukkah. Mmmm...why not make latkes in your kitchen for the New Years celebration! What recipe would you use? Potato, sweet potato, zucchini...mmmm.

Saturday, Feb 11th will be Tu B' Shevat. And during a Tu B' Shevat seder, it is generally customary to eat dried fruits and nuts; figs, dates, raisins, carob, and almonds are especially popular. Add to that the custom of eating wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates (aka the Seven Species associated with the Land of Israel in the Torah).

### Messages:

I would like to thank everybody who have helped; brought food and other donations to the kitchen; and volunteered their time in helping in the kitchen and in cleaning up.—  
*Myra Thomas*



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## Jan 2017 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30am - Morning Minyan 9pm - evening service @	Office Open Closed 7am - Daily Daven 6pm - evening service @	Office Open 10am-4:30pm 7am - Daily Daven 11am - Parshah of the week 6pm - evening service @ 7:30pm - Jewish Pathways	Office Open 10am-4:30pm 7am - Daily Daven 6pm - evening service @ 7:30pm - Midrash Study @	Office Open 10am - 4:30pm 7am - Daily Daven 12pm - Wise aging class 6pm - evening service @	Office Open 10am-2pm 7am - Daily Daven 6:30pm - Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat 8:30pm - Oneg	9:30am - Shabbat Services 12pm - Petluock Luncheon
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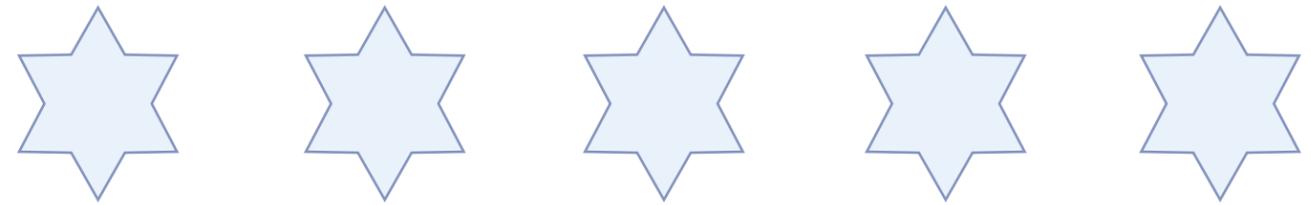
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In memory of my husband, Eugene Streitfeld—*Ricki Streitfeld*



## Services at Beth Ami

Please join us for services. For additional information or to verify the times, call the office at (707) 360-3000.

### January Shabbat & other services

**Jan. 6 (Fri.)—6–6:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening services. **6:30–7:15 p.m.** dinner (Reservations necessary\*). **7:15–8:15 p.m.** Jerome Colbert speaking about what it is like to be a Jewish cop

**Jan. 7 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Jan. 13 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Jan. 14 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Jan. 20 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Jan. 21 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Jan. 27 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Jan. 28 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

### February Shabbat & other services

**Feb. 3 (Fri.)—6–6:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening services. **6:30–7:15 p.m.** dinner (Reservations necessary\*). **7:15–8:15 p.m.** program to be determined

**Feb. 4 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Feb. 10 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service: Tu B'Shevat

**Feb. 11 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Feb. 17 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Feb. 18 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Feb. 24 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Feb. 25 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

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## January Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.  
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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

### Announced on Jan. 6 & 7

- Jan. 7 Joseph Schafer, Father of Linda Emblen
- Jan. 8 Benjamin Strudler, Nephew of Susan L. Miller
- Jan. 9 Raymond Lachman, Brother of Vivian Salmon
- Jan. 12 Elaine Fried, Mother of Caryn Fried
- Jan. 12 Harry Glickman, Father of Donald Glickman
- Jan. 13 Abraham Backman, Father of Roz Edelson
- Jan. 13 David Goldberg, Father of Betty Franks

### Announced on Jan. 13 & 14

- Jan. 14 William Friedman, Grandfather of Joslyn Metzger
- Jan. 14 Dorothy Murov, Sister of Betty Franks
- Jan. 15 Robert Deal, Brother of Barbara Whitaker
- Jan. 15 Jack Schiffman, Father of Bernice Fox
- Jan. 16 Beatrice Dzik, Mother of Judith Dzik
- Jan. 16 Bea Kaplan, Grandmother of Michelle Zygielbaum
- Jan. 17 Elaine Robinson, Mother of Myrna Morse
- Jan. 17 May Tannenbaum, Mother of Pat Thomas
- Jan. 18 Mordachai Ben Hershel, Brother of Evelyn Gurevitch

- Jan. 19 Gladys Baba, Mother of William Cordell
- Jan. 19 Olive Conklin Bayer, Mother of Ruth Rosenberg
- Jan. 19 Avraham Sapoljnikov, Father of Ahuva Simon Saar
- Jan. 19 Julius Sterman, Father of Whitey Sterman
- Jan. 20 Rosa Newman, Mother-in-law of Edith Newman

### Announced on Jan. 20 & 21

- Jan. 22 Jettie Rijnveldt, Stepsister of Mieneke Drake
- Jan. 23 Edith Volkmann, Sister of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Jan. 25 Mary Lastofka, Sister of Susy Raful
- Jan. 25 Ruth Levy, Mother of Janice Sternfeld
- Jan. 26 J.J. Fitzgibbons, Husband of Andrea Goodman
- Jan. 27 Ruth Baruch, Mother of Esther Baruch
- Jan. 27 Verne Paule, Husband of Raynore Paule
- Jan. 27 Albert Sterman, Brother of Whitey Sterman

### Announced on Jan. 27 & 28

- Jan. 28 Sylvia Bernstein, Aunt of Marc Bernstein
- Jan. 31 Charles Feingold, Father of Stanley Feingold

### January Birthdays

- 3 Margorie Ballo
- 4 Evan Zelig
- 6 Abraham Alexander
- 6 Mieneke Drake
- 8 Art Bornstein
- 9 Tish Levee
- 16 Lenore Holloway
- 16 Ricki Streitfeld
- 16 Henry Winkler
- 17 Paula Schlesinger
- 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

- Feb. 2 Lewis Magnus, Grandfather of Howard Glickman
- Feb. 2 David Myerfeld, Grandfather of Patty Bernstein
- Feb. 3 Erna Biberstein, Mother of Susanne Batzdorff
- Feb. 3 Eleanor Marshall, Mother of Carolyn Metz



## February Yahrzeits

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Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.  
All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

### Announced on Feb. 3 & 4

- Feb. 5 Irving Decker, Father of Mel Decker
- Feb. 5 George Waldman, Grandfather of Barbara Whitaker
- Feb. 6 Simon Kovar, Grandfather of Dr. Gary Herzberg
- Feb. 6 Fred Marvan, Husband of Regina Marvan
- Feb. 7 Ira Hayes Rosenberg, Father of Ira Rosenberg
- Feb. 7 Nomi Lev-Yahm, Mother of Vivian Klein
- Feb. 10 Lillian Margolese, Grandmother of Michelle Zygielbaum
- Feb. 10 Isac Rijnveld, Stepfather of Mieneke Drake
- Feb. 10 Michelle Stein, Mother of Janet Stein-Larson

### Announced on Feb. 10 & 11

- Feb. 11 Florence Alexander, Grandmother of Abe Alexander
- Feb. 11 Mariya Antonovskiy, Mother of Olga Pekker
- Feb. 11 Marguerite Connors, Mother of Tish Levee
- Feb. 13 Fannie Miller, Grandmother of Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Feb. 13 Harry Schneider, Father of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 14 Mark Gurevitch, Brother-in-law of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 16 Sheyna Morse, Mother-in-law of Myrna Morse

### Announced on Feb. 17 & 18

- Feb. 18 Quentin Brown, Father of Ann Brown
- Feb. 18 Freda Weiss, Mother of Mort Weiss & Grandmother of Dan Weiss
- Feb. 19 Erwin Batzdorff, Father of Alfred Batzdorff
- Feb. 19 Gerson Kahn, Father of David Kahn
- Feb. 20 Helen Keller, Mother of Ruth Weiss
- Feb. 21 Rayfield Helman, Father of Judith Helman
- Feb. 22 Zislye bas Mendel Laib, Mother-in-law of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 22 Sophie Shapiro, Mother-in-law of Phyllis Shapiro

### Announced on Feb. 24 & 25

- Feb. 26 Mort Sherman, Father of Nancy Sherman
- Feb. 27 Irwin Inman, Father of Lee Feinstein
- March 1 Sam Dzik, Father of Judith Dzik
- March 1 Nathan Hartzman, Grandfather of Cheryle Miller
- March 1 Shulamith Miller, Mother of Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- March 1 Charles Yelin, Grandfather of Francie Rogovin
- March 2 Mae Bernstein, Grandmother of Marc Bernstein
- March 2 Stan Frommer, Husband of Roz Frommer

### 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
- 14 Daryl Schloss
- 15 Branagan Branagan
- 18 Sid Burwell
- 19 Alfred Batzdorff
- 20 Yona Miller
- 21 Elizabeth Boyd
- 21 Audrey Darby
- 23 Bernice Fox
- 23 Barbara McGee
- 24 Arnold Herskovic
- 25 Allan Brody
- 27 Dorothy Gerstein
- 27 Michael Newman

### 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
- March 2 Sylvia Shelan, Mother of Ron Shelan
- March 2 Aaron Speigelman, Uncle of Ronit Glickman
- March 3 Lillian Garson, Mother of Andrea Nett

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## **January Shabbatot**

### **January 6**

*Vayigash*

Candle Lighting: 4:48 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:50 p.m.

### **January 13**

*Vayechi*

Candle Lighting: 4:54 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:56 p.m.

### **January 20**

*Shemot*

Candle Lighting: 5:02 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:03 p.m.

### **January 27**

*Va'eira*

Candle Lighting: 5:10 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:11 p.m.

## **February Shabbatot**

### **February 3**

*Bo*

Candle Lighting: 5:18 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:18 p.m.

### **February 10**

*B'shalach*

Candle Lighting: 5:26 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:25 p.m.

### **February 17**

*Yitro*

Candle Lighting: 5:34 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:33 p.m.

### **February 24**

*Mishpatim*

Candle Lighting: 5:41 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:40 p.m.