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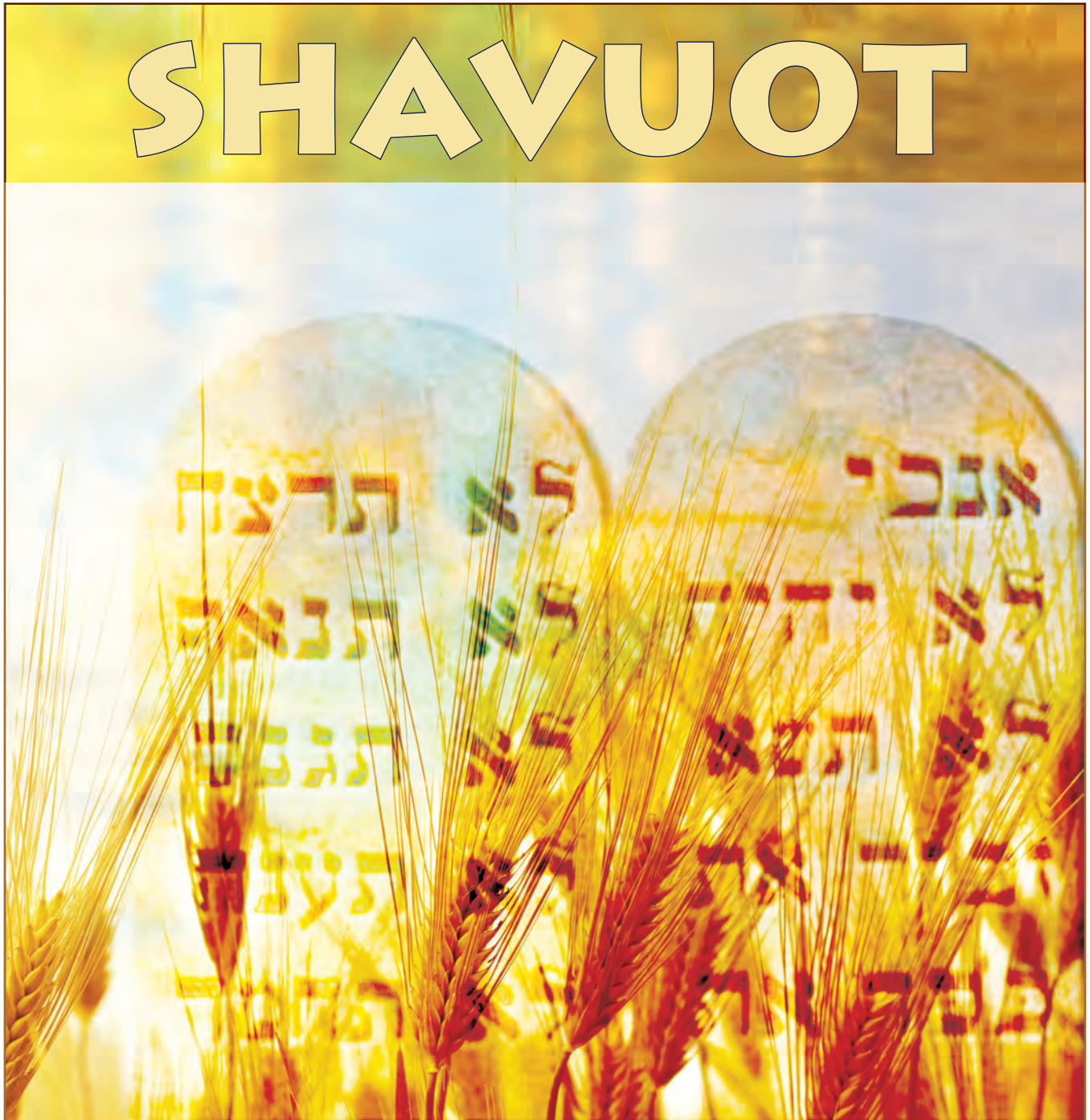
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Congregation Beth Ami enriches our lives, transforms our hearts, helps heal the world and sustains our Jewish heritage. We are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and welcome all to our community through celebration, learning, education, and prayer.

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Human Story

“Man is the missing link between apes and human beings.”—*Konrad Lorenz*

Quite a few years ago, 1950 to be exact, Disney came out with a short cartoon featuring Goofy. It's title was *Motor Mania* (<https://youtu.be/hk-c5jlk48s>). While it's easy to see how our tastes in cartoons may have evolved over 67 years, it's also easy to see the element of prophetic truth within the exaggeration. It really does appear as if we undergo a change of personality the moment we get behind a wheel.

Recently I had an experience which put me in mind of this little classic. Turning right onto Yulupa from the Safeway Shopping Center, I was surprised by a car traveling the same direction on my right. I had no idea where he had come from; perhaps he'd made a left turn from the shopping center on the opposite side. To say the least, he was a little peeved. He blew his horn and from his movements which I observed in my rear-view mirror, it was clear that he felt I was in the wrong. Frankly, I felt awful. I really believed I had been cautious and I would have loved to apologize. Sadly, I couldn't think of an appropriate gesture and no matter what I tried to indicate, it just seemed to succeed in making him more irritated.

At the light, I made the left turn onto Bethards and gave him an opportunity to pass me. As he sped on, he honked again and gave me the Hawaiian good luck sign.

Reflecting on this, I realized that I'd just experienced a microcosm of typical poor communication.

- I made a bad judgment call (quite possibly).

- He assumed that I did the act intentionally (which quite honestly, I didn't!)
- He felt hurt and, consequently, angry
- Short of getting out of my car to walk over to him and apologize, (not advisable in the middle of the street).
- I found myself frustrated and in no position to let him know that I was sorry!

I suspect that unless we consciously train ourselves to think otherwise, we're all very sensitive; especially when it comes to attributing motive. I wonder what leads us to react in this way—especially behind a wheel. Does it have something to do with a certain added sense of power we get when we're in control of a powerful machine such as an automobile? Do we consequently project that power in some way to other drivers—so that if they act negligently in the least bit, we automatically assume that their actions are intentionally malicious?

Sadly, it's so easy to react with anger and when that anger is directed at another person, it's so easy for them to pick up our tone, feel the humiliation and hurt and react defensively. What's worse yet, is that this all takes place at lightning speed...unless we've trained ourselves not to react to someone else's angry tone. (So much easier said than done!)

And, since our methods of communication have become exponentially sophisticated, there are whole new ways in which to misdirect that communication. In the past it may have been *think twice, speak once*, now it's *think four times, email/facebook/twitter once!*

May your spring be brightened by good communication—and good driving!

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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daughter of Andy Goodman
Pat Thomas

Welcome to Our New Members

Jim & Stephanie Sweeney

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.



7–9:30 p.m.

May 3, 17 (TBD) & 31

June 14 & 28

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Beth Ami to Host Countywide Israel Independence Day Celebration Sunday, May 7

The Sonoma County Israel Committee celebrates Yom Ha Atzmuot with a multi-talented Israel-themed variety show on May 7th at Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa. The program is headlined by two popular Israeli performers, Noa Levy and Achi Ben Shalom who will share their love of Israel through song and story.



The event begins at 1 p.m., with a memorial service for the defenders of Israel, led by Rabbi Steve Finley and congregants of Congregation Shir Shalom, Sonoma.

At 2 p.m., our guest stars will offer special musical performance for children, young and not so young. A socializing break follows, with refreshments in the Social Hall and a chance to enjoy a performance of Israeli dancing by our own local group, led by Leanne Schy.

An adult program begins at 3 p.m., with songs of the pre-Statehood years, featuring Noa and Achi. The variety portion of the day follows, featuring Sonoma County Zionist organizations—Hadassah, Stand With Us, our Israel Committee—each introducing their own tribute to Israel. Noa and Achi conclude the show with songs of Israel written after 1948.



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Laura Alexander, President

Todah rabah for allowing me to serve as your President for the past three years! It has been a privilege and an honor to serve Beth Ami. I have learned so much about myself and about our community. Through our ups and downs I have remained steadfast in my commitment to Beth Ami and served you to the best of my abilities. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

Todah rabah to my family, husband Abe and sons Nick and Ben. I know the countless meetings, endless phone calls and time dedicated to Beth Ami these past three years, hasn't always been easy on you. I couldn't have taken this role on without your unbounding support and love.

Todah rabah, Rabbi Miller, for being a calm voice of reason and constant support during the trials and tribulations of my presidency. As we often say during meetings, we may not always agree but we respect each other's wisdom. I'd also like to take this time to thank my fellow Board members for their contribution to our community as a whole and for guiding me, supporting me and allowing me to learn from my mistakes and grow as a Jewish leader.

Todah rabah, Myrna Morse, for being my rock and advisor during these past three years. Your sharp mind and quick wit have been invaluable to me. I'll never forget all of our shared laughs and all the time you've dedicated to Beth Ami.

Todah rabah, Arnold Drake, for being ever so patient with me while I navigated my role as new Board member and new President. Your wisdom and advice, as well as, institutional knowledge has been invaluable to all of us.

Todah rabah, Barb McGee, for fighting the good fight to keep Beth Ami financially solid, despite challenging fiscal shortfalls and cash flows.

Todah rabah, Richard Kahn, for dedicating so many Sundays to fixing and maintaining Beth Ami.

Todah rabah, Leanne Schy, for week after week, year after year, making sure the Cyber-shul is published, especially after a long Board meeting.

Todah rabah Russ for stepping up to help wherever needed.

Todah rabah, Mel, for despite living in an age where most fundraising is done through email blasts, you insist on personally reaching out to members to invite them to HaLayla HaGadols and the Art Auction.

Todah rabah, Betty, for your dedication to running Religious Practices Committee and stepping up as Treasurer.

Todah rabah, Irvin Klein, for chairing the Personnel Committee and providing thorough and fair evaluations for our employees.

Todah rabah to our newest Board members Jeff, Juli and Branagan for joining the Board and learning the ropes.

Todah rabah, Lizzie Jarlsberg, for your graciousness in helping me in the office and always finding a way to get everything done.

Todah rabah, Jenny and Priscilla, for running the Nursery School with professionalism and growing it from a rough stone to a sparkling gem of a school in our community.

Todah rabah, Judy Kupfer, for becoming our Director of Youth Education and despite your reservations, we are truly grateful and impressed by dedication to our Religious School.

Todah rabah to Bill Friedman and the Friedman family for bridging the gap in Rabbi Miller's salary these past three years so that Beth Ami could hire him full time.

Most importantly, todah rabah to the countless volunteers who make Beth Ami a special shul and a home away from home for all of us.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Judy Kupfer, Director

Want to get a jump on Religious School next year?

4th–6th grade will start Hebrew school instruction focusing on prayers, preparation for B'nai mitzvah, Introduction to Trope, History of Israel, Holidays and Hebrew understanding.

2nd–3rd grade will focus on learning prayers, reading Hebrew sight words, celebrating Shabbat, holidays and learning Middot (Jewish values).

K–1st grade will continue to enjoy songs, stories, Hebrew letters and words while enjoying foods and crafts related to the holidays.

Nursery School kids, ages 3–4 are invited to join our Free Beth Ami and You class, On Fridays 1:15–2 p.m. It's about songs, movement, stories, and most of all fun!

Here is the link for registration for ALL classes.
<https://goo.gl/forms/O2zfQ03PeyluNaRq1>



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May Shabbat & other services

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May 8 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

May 12 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

May 13 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

May 19 (Fri.)—Rockin' Shabbat; 5:30 p.m. Family Kabbalat Shabbat **6 p.m.** Rockin' Shabbat dinner (Reservations necessary*) **7 p.m.** Rockin' Shabbat services

May 20 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

May 26 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

May 27 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat

morning service followed by dairy potluck

May 30 (Tues.)—8-11:30 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot (check with the office for details)

May 31 (Wed.)—9:30 a.m. Service for first day of Shavuot

June Shabbat and other Services

June 1 (Thurs.)—9:30 a.m. Service for second day of Shavuot with Yizkor

June 2 (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 will speak about what it is like to be a Jewish cop

June 3 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

June 9 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

June 10 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

June 16 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

June 17 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

June 23 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

June 24 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

June 30 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

*Reservations necessary by noon the preceding Wednesday. Call the office at (707) 360-3000 or email office@BethAmiSR.org to make your reservation and arrange payment.

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Mon.-Fri.—7 a.m. Daily Daven in the Chapel except for Jewish and Secular holidays

Sun.-Thurs.—6-6:30 p.m. Daily Daven in the Chapel except for Jewish and Secular holidays



NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Jenny Levine-Smith

Nursery School Director

As many of you already know, I am entering my final two months as director of Beth Ami Community Nursery School. By the time the next Shofar comes out, our very own Priscilla Lowell will be at the helm. I am so excited for her and for the community. Priscilla is a dynamic leader, and she lives and breathes high quality, Jewish, early childhood education. I know that she will take the school to even greater heights, and I look forward to watching the school thrive during her tenure.

This is, of course, bittersweet for me. This school has been such a blessing for my family. I remember the first time I set foot on this campus. I had never belonged to a synagogue before, and never felt the need (being a cultural, Yiddishist, Bundist from the upper west side of New York City), until I had my daughter. Suddenly, I felt a desperate need for a village to help me raise a proud, Jewish child. I googled *Jewish Nursery School* and up popped Beth Ami. We came to Open House in February of 2011, when my daughter was not yet two. We met Teacher Lauren, and we were hooked.

I signed my daughter up on the first day of registration, and desperately tried to find someone who would pick her up from daycare, take her to school, and then take her back to Beth Ami two days a week. (As a public school teacher, I couldn't leave my class to do this, and back then, BACNS did not offer extended care for two-year-olds.) I failed to find a viable situation, and had to withdraw her. But I think our coming to BACNS was *bashert*, because six months later, when I went on maternity leave with my son, I called, and they had an opening. My daughter started at BACNS midyear in the twos.

It was partly this experience (wanting her to come here so badly, but as a working parent, unable to make it work), that when I took over as director 2.5 years later, I felt so strongly about extending our hours for all of our kids so that working families could find a place at Beth Ami too. Just under 60% of our families right now are dual-working-parent families. When I started here, 10 kids per week participated in our extended care program. We've tripled that number, and now 60% of Beth Ami students arrive early and/or leave late. 50% of our school population is Jewish, up from 29% when I took over, and half of those families would not have been able to send their kids to our school under our old schedule. We are, of course, thrilled to welcome families who are Jewish and those who are non-Jewish, but part of our mission is to make sure we are accessible to Jewish families who want to put a Jewish lens on their child's education. Now, we are far better able to do that.

I am proud of these numbers, but I am even prouder of the tight-knit, child-centered, open, loving, and trusting community that we've built in the last three years. The transition when I took over was very tough. It followed a difficult and confusing year, and there were a lot of negative emotions and broken trust. But we are in such a strong and connected place right now, and I know that under Priscilla's leadership, those connections will only deepen.

I am looking forward to spending the summer in New York with my family, going back to graduate school in the fall, and staying involved at Beth Ami as a mentor for Priscilla and as the parent of Religious School kids.



GREEN COMMITTEE

What Does the Greenway Mean to Beth Ami?

By Tish Levee

On March 28th, I attended a joint study session of the Planning Commission and the City Council to look at plans for the Southeast Greenway. (SEG). The Greenway, 57 acres of land, would include a bicycle and pedestrian path running 2 miles from Farmers Lane to Spring Lake. A portion of it runs behind Beth Ami through the old Walnut Orchard.

The meeting was very well attended; about 1/3 to 1/2 of those present wore green shirts, mostly SEG. SEG team leaders, local community partners, and supporters presented their visions of the Greenway, with input from council and commission members and members of the public. Several alternate plans were considered, but it appeared to me that favor was being given to having a lot of green space with any housing and commercial use relegated to between Yulupa and Farmers Lane.

The area behind the shul is currently designated as *urban agriculture*, which would most

likely mean community gardens and restoration of the old walnut orchard.

There's been some concern expressed about our parking lot abutting the Greenway and whether people using the gardens could park there. Andrea Nett, the Director of the Friedman Center, who spoke with the City Engineer's office, said the city has two sewer lines running from Mayette Avenue to the Greenway. Santa Rosa has an encroachment over these lines, giving them the right of access for them. However, this is not public property; only the City has access, and we have no obligation to give the public access. However, it is likely that we will be asked to provide some sort of access. Therefore, the Beth Ami and Friedman boards will have to decide how much access to allow and how to protect our parking lot.

Let your board members know your thinking on this.

Real Soldiers, Real Lives, Real People

Beth Ami hosted *Real Soldiers, Real Lives, Real People*, a presentation by two inspiring young Israelis on February 19, co-sponsored by Beth Ami Israel Committee and *Stand With Us*.

Yuval, lives in northern Israel. She studies Industrial Engineering and Management at Ben Gurion University in Beer-Sheva. She volunteers with middle school students teaching them robotics. Itay is a third-year student of political science and communications at Bar Ilan University. He served in the IDF for five years as a human resources officer. His most recent role was in the Medical Corps where he continues to serve in his reserve duty.

Left to right: Don Waintraub, Pacific Northwest High School Coordinator (StandWithUs.com); Yuval; Itay; Johanna Meckel, Director, StandWithUs.com, Northern California; Eli Cohen, Beth Ami Israel Committee Chair.





ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Our Israeli Seder

Bob Raful

Since this is being written during Passover season, we began to think about past memorable Seders. The paramount example—the Raful Family Seder in Jerusalem, early April 1999. And that recalled how we had become accepted as extended family in several communities around Israel. So, when a number of Israeli “family members” joined the Rafuls that evening, we reached a record number (for us) of 52 celebrants.

More about the Seder later. Focus first on a special “Israeli family member”, Muriel Roy, an American Olim—the indispensable fixer who made that Seder happen.

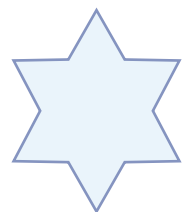
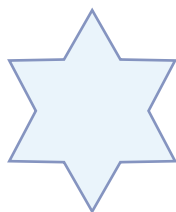
In early 1987, during one of our regular trips to Jerusalem, we stayed at the Aparthotel, on Jaffa Road, near the Main Bus Station. One day we rode the elevator down with an attractive, smiling blonde lady, wearing a bright *Sar El-Volunteers for Israel* T-Shirt. Since we were also proud veterans of this wonderful program, we made an instant connection with Muriel Roy. We were due to return to California shortly, so it was natural for Muriel to ask if we might move along an audio tape letter she often exchanged with her son, who also lived in Southern California. Upon our return, we mailed the tape to Michael (using our name/address return labels). When he finished listening, he sent the tape along to long-time friends in San Francisco. When he got the tape, friend Alan Wendroff, called a close friend of *his*, Bruce Raful, asking, “How do your parents

know Muriel Roy?” Thus, the Jewish Geography Circle. From then on we became part of Muriel’s Jerusalem family—subletting apartments from her; having her find other apartments for us, arranging tours and sharing meals and many other close friends.

Now back to the Seder. First, Muriel had a contact at Beit Shmuel, hostel/dorm for Progressive (Reform) Judaism. The second floor large meeting room has a huge bay window with an amazing direct view of the Jaffa Gate/ adjoining Wall of the Old City. Then, Muriel worked out the complete menu with the food service people; and made special arrangements to hire a group of Israeli Arab wait staff.

Our oldest grandchild, Sarah Raful (Whinston) was doing her junior year abroad at the Hebrew U. Rothberg School—she brought over 15 classmates (plus a few of their parents) to join our local Israeli families—all of whom joined the entire Raful clan (plus several Maurers, family of Daughter-in-Law Dinah). Son Larry had produced a large special Haggadah, combining several family favorites from past years. Son Bruce has photos of that evening, of course. One of the most entertaining is of two young grandchildren—Leah Raful (Goldberg) and Aaron Raful, dressed in long, flowing gowns, as wandering Israelites. It was truly a memorable Seder.

May we all enjoy the rest of this year in health and peace.





SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

The first meeting of Compassionate Conversations was held on Sunday, April 23. We were pleased by the large turn out. Seventeen people willingly dedicated their time to learn and practice how to really listen. We listened to each other without interrupting or asking questions. We were there just to hear what someone had to say without the need to give advice or feedback. People were very respectful and brave to share with the group.

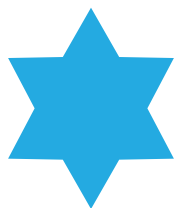
As we finished, each person gave a phrase or a few words to explain how they felt. Many people expressed a calm, quiet, hopefulness from the meeting. It felt like a very safe and caring environment. It was a very good beginning. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The next meeting of Compassionate Conversations will be held on Sunday, May 28 from 3:30–5. The subject will be gratitude.

The following meeting will be Sunday, June 11 at the same time. If you didn't make this meeting, you are welcome to come next time. We will review guidelines and have a brief discussion of the kind of listening we will offer and receive in the group.

If you are interested or for more information, please contact Rabbi Miller at Chaver37@gmail.com, 889-6905 or Lylanathan5@gmail.com, 526-7438.

Last week I asked for specific items to fill the bin for the JFCS Pantry. I noticed today that the bin was full. Thanks so much to the congregation for such a quick response. Terrific!



ADULT EDUCATION

Life Long Learning—One Bay, One Book



Beth Ami will again participate in the *One Bay, One Book* program that selects a book for Jews in the Bay Area to read and then offers groups for readers to discuss the book. *Moonglow*, by Oakland author Michael Chabon is the 2017

selection. *Moonglow* has accumulated numerous commendations including the *Wall Street Journal's* "Best Novel of the Year," a *New York Magazine* "Best Book of the Year," and many other awards. The story is a fictionally embellished account of the author's visit to his terminally ill grandfather who shared recollections and told stories the younger man had never heard before.

The book is available at Copperfields and other book stores as well as on line. Beth Ami will have several copies of the book for loan in early May. The Sonoma County Library also has several copies. Please call the office to reserve a copy on a first call, first borrow basis. It is also available on Kindle and in an audio CD.

Two discussions of the book will be held on June 6 at Beth Ami. Suzanne Batzdorff will lead the 10 a.m. session and Linda Emblen will lead the 7:30 group.

Chabon will participate in a SF forum and discussion about *Moonglow*. Anyone interested in more details or attending please call Linda Emblen at 707-544-4532.

Film: 50 Children

The HBO feature film *50 Children* will be shown at Beth Ami Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m. Steven Pressman, the film's producer, will be attend and present about the film. The film tells the story of how 50 children were saved from the Nazi Shoah and were sent to live in England. This group was saved by the efforts of one man and separate from the Kindertransport. Esther Pilch was kind enough to acquire the film for presentation at Beth Ami.



THE KITCHEN CORNER

Food and Celebrations

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

We travel from Passover to Shavuot in 6 short weeks and we celebrate our leaving Egypt as slaves and evolving to a people as Jews receiving the Torah. Our festivals often include clever bits of role-playing and foods to make these holidays more meaningful. For Passover we share the memories of leaving on a moments notice with feasts of unleavened bread, marror, chazeret, charoset, and more. We don't eat any leavened foods for the 8 days of Passover. For the cooks in our lives, this is a big challenge because we get to recreate our favorite dishes with matzah products, and not using our usual (and comfortable) kitchen items.

We just finished Passover, and as one of the kitchen committee members, I can tell you that is a lot of hard work. What is traditionally done for Passover preparations in homes across the world is done at our synagogue as well. All of the Hametz and Hametz cooking items are removed, stored away, and sold on contract. The kitchen is cleaned inside and out with everything koshered to make certain all Hametz is gone. Then, and only then, the Passover items are able to be put in the kitchen, and after that, the cooking for Passover begins. Well, you know the results of that. What a wonderful community Seder we had. We also shared a simple Kosher for Passover Shabbat. After we tore up the contract (well actually the next day) everything was packed up and shifted back so that our wonderful volunteers who

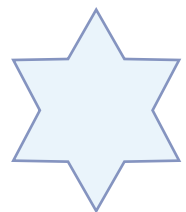
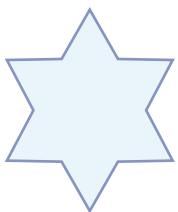
cook can use the kitchen for preparing for this Shabbat. What a team of volunteers we had to help us do all of this work. They are too numerous to name, but they are all very much appreciated.

From the second day of Passover we begin to count the Omer until we reach the festival of Shavuot. During this time, we will be celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut, May 2nd, which is usually celebrated the evening before with outdoor festivities, parties, and BBQs, and continuing with picnics and other outdoor celebrations during the day (when you plan your picnic, include an Israeli dish in your basket) On Lag'BaOmer, May 14th, you have another occasion for BBQs with bonfires.

On Erev Shavuot, May 30th, we start the celebration of the receiving of the Torah and the laws of Kashrut by serving dairy foods. Shavuot is also the time to celebrate the harvest of the First Fruits of the Seven Species of Eretz Yisroel with colorful baskets of fruit and decorating with greenery; and, the beginning of the harvest of the wheat. Think of the breads we didn't eat at Passover.

We're in the beginning stages for Shavuot. Will there be cheesecake or blintzes to share? That night study session can get mighty intense and bring on the need for food for the body as well as for the soul.

May all the festivals and the days between be a time of joy and shalom.



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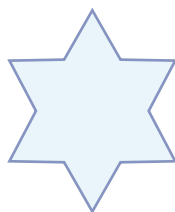
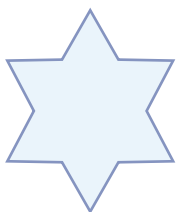
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May Yahrzeits

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 May 5 & 6

- May 6 Everett Shapiro,
Husband of Phyllis Shapiro
- May 7 Garret H. Rosenberg,
Cousin of Ira Rosenberg
- May 8 Lily Zeamans,
Grandmother of
Judith Helman
- May 9 Manny Simon,
Father of Lyla Nathan
- May 9 Herman Uday,
Grandfather of
Richard Kahn
- May 10 Rosa Marks,
Grandmother of
Myrna Morse
- May 10 Martin Mermelstein,
Brother of Shirley Klapow
- May 12 Julius Newman,
Brother-in-law of
Edith Newman

Announced on May 12 & 13

- May 13 Geraldine Kaplan,
Mother of Sherri Kahn
- May 13 Lucille Lachman,
Mother of Vivian Salmon
- May 13 Ruben Miller,
Father of Eli Miller
- May 14 Shneer Antonovsky,
Father of Olga Pekker
- May 14 Sheldon Bornstein,
Brother of Art Bornstein
- May 14 Roseanne Serman, Wife of
Milton "Whitey" Serman
- May 15 Nathan Paul,
Father of Jane Paul
- May 17 Joseph Friedman, Brother
of Harry Friedman &
Uncle of Bill Friedman
- May 17 William Freidman, Father
of Harry Friedman &
Grandfather of
Bill Friedman
- May 18 Miriam Backman,
Mother of Roslyn Edelson

- May 18 Dalia Sheff,
Wife of Jeffrey Sheff
- May 18 William Spiegelman,
Grandfather of
Ronit Glickman

Announced on May 19 & 20

- May 23 Kay Simon,
Mother of Lyla Nathan
- May 24 Marlene Jones, Wife of
Maurice Jones &
Mother of Ross Jones
- May 25 Sidney Baba,
Father of William Cordell
- May 25 Lillian Judd,
Mother of Dennis Judd
- May 25 Robert Paul,
Brother of Jane Paul
- May 26 Bernice Perlman, Sister of
Harry Friedman &
Aunt of Bill Friedman
- May 26 Stanley Williams,
Father of Bonnie Gee
& Lenore Holloway

Announced on May 26 & 27

- May 27 Anna Stein,
Aunt of Robert Raful
- May 28 Israel Senzer,
Father of Adrea Moss
- May 29 George Conklin,
Father of Ruth Rosenberg
- May 29 Selma Drachenberg,
Mother of Arnold Drake
- May 29 Richard Hyman,
Father of Judi Hyman
- May 29 Ann Stern, Mother of
Myrna Thomas-Stern
- May 30 Sandor Garam,
Father of Rose Batzdorff
- May 30 Sam Keller,
Father of Ruth Weiss
- June 2 Morris Hartzman,
Uncle of Cheryle Miller
- June 2 Jon Simkovitz, Former
Husband of Julie Simkovitz
& Father of Joshua
& Rachel Simkovitz

May Birthdays

- 2 David Kahn
- 2 Lawrence Lieberman
- 3 Mark Stoelting
- 4 Judith Helman
- 7 Anne Brown
- 8 Janet SteinLarson
- 10 Iosif Voulfson
- 13 Patricia Wegman
- 14 Richard Goldberg
- 14 Edith Newman
- 15 Evelyn Gurevitch
- 16 Edward Sherman
- 16 Milton Serman
- 16 Marina Voulfson
- 22 Nancy Dotti
- 22 Irvin Klein
- 31 Jo Anne Bressick

May Anniversaries

- 12 Barb & Mitchell McGee
- 17 Asher & Lyla Nathan
- 19 Dave & Marge Ballo
- 21 Allan & Marge Brody
- 25 Warren Davis &
Judith Helman
- 27 Jon & Rose Batzdorff
- 27 Tad & Debbie Shapiro
- 28 Richard Kahn &
Anne Brown
- 30 Janet & Jeffrey SteinLarson



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Announced on June 2 & 3

- June 4 Oscar Mann,
Father of Margorie Ballo
- June 4 Betty Mann,
Mother of Margorie Ballo
- June 6 Abe Shapiro,
Father of Raynore Paule
- June 7 John Hess,
Father of Barbara Tomin
- June 7 Lena Liverman,
Grandmother of
Marc Bernstein
- June 7 Nisel Pekker,
Father of Semyon Pekker
- June 7 Alice Rapkin,
Great Aunt of Susan Miller
- June 7 Ben Rogan,
Father of Jane Rogan
- June 9 Joel Brodsky,
Brother of Karen Brodsky
- June 9 Bertha Schy,
Mother of Stuart Schy
- June 9 Bessie Tsipan,
Mother-in-Law
of Malvina Tsipan

Announced on June 9 & 10

- June 11 Albert Hirschman,
Grandfather of
Abraham Alexander
- June 13 Hyman Golemb,
Father of Sherrill Golemb
- June 13 Robert Shotkin,
Father of Dr. Alan Shotkin
- June 14 Thomas Cordill,
Father of Kim Cordell

- June 14 Harry Hankin,
Husband of Gussie Levine
- June 14 Bluma Rudnitskaya,
Sister of Iosif Voulfson
- June 14 Louis Stein,
Uncle of Robert Raful
- June 15 Myer Zittin, Father of
Charlene Bornstein

Announced on June 16 & 17

- June 17 Barnabas Kovacs,
Husband of Esther Pilch
- June 17 Mies Rijnveldt,
Mother of Mienieke Drake
- June 18 Tom Fleming,
Brother of Andy Fleming
- June 19 Irving Streitfeld,
Father-in-Law of
Ricki Streitfeld
- June 22 Stephen Bernstein,
Brother of Marc Bernstein

Announced on June 23 & 24

- June 25 Steven Freistadt,
Cousin of Jane Rogan
- June 25 Fredric Zucker,
Father of Fara Elizalde
- June 27 Anna Seldowitz,
Grandmother of
Susan Miller
- June 29 Benny Friedman, Father of
Debra Chapman &
Bill Friedman & Brother of
Harry Friedman

June Birthdays

- 2 Chelsie Uriarte
- 8 Andrea Goodman
- 8 Michelle Zygielbaum
- 9 Jennifer Dulin
- 9 David Matzner
- 12 Ruth Rosenberg
- 15 Joslyn Metzger
- 17 Jeffrey Sternfeld
- 18 Esther Baruch
- 19 Harry Hankin
- 20 Shacharit Rosenthal
- 21 Marjorie Gordon
- 24 Carol Levine
- 27 Juli Scherer
- 27 Lillian Shelan
- 28 Shirley Klapow
- 28 Ira Rosenberg
- 30 Jane Paul

June Anniversaries

- 2 Gayle & Abe Farkas
- 13 Larry & Shirley Klapow
- 18 Randy & Sherri Weinstein
- 20 Sherrill & Elaine Golemb
- 20 Bob & Susy Raful
- 25 Charlene & Art Bornstein
- 26 Andy & Nancy Fleming
- 26 Earl & Binese Goldberg

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May Shabbatot

May 6

Acharei/Kedushim

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Havdalah: 8:51 p.m.

May 13

Emor Shabbat

Candle Lighting: 7:55 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:59 p.m.

May 20

Behar/Bechukotai

Candle Lighting: 8:01 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:06 p.m.

May 27

Bamidbar

Candle Lighting: 8:07 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:12 p.m.

May 31—Shavuot, 1st Day

(Consult Luach)

Candle Lighting: 8:10 p.m.

June Shabbatot

June 1—Shavuot, 1st Day

(Consult Luach)

Candle Lighting: 8:11 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:16 p.m.

June 3

Nasso

Candle Lighting: 8:12 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:18 p.m.

June 10

Behaalotecha

Candle Lighting: 8:16 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:22 p.m.

June 17

Sh'lach

Candle Lighting: 8:19 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:25 p.m.

June 24

Korach

Candle Lighting: 8:21 p.m.

Havdalah: 9:27 p.m.