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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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**Deadline for Nov./Dec. 2017 Shofar is Oct. 15**

## Rabbi's Remarks

*Rabbi Mordecai Miller*

### The Greatest Teacher

Not until entering my second full-time pulpit, located in Canton, Ohio, was I able to find an answer to the question: "What is the purpose of Life?"

At the time I already had seven years of experience as a rabbi under my belt and yet the answer came from a friend of mine, an orthopedist by profession. Dr. Leonard Knell is an unusually spiritual person. Understandably, he incorporates his spiritual outlook with his medical practice. His answer to the question, "What is the purpose of Life?" "To learn!"

Some outcomes:

- If the purpose of Life is to learn, then the yardstick by which we measure success would have to be how much and what did the person learn during the course of their life?
- There's a distinction between wisdom and knowledge. I'd like to suggest that knowledge is a mastery of a particular subject or subjects, wisdom is the appropriate application of that knowledge which may well involve a broad understanding of the relationship of the various subjects.
- For example, knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is knowing that you might not want to make it part of your fruit salad.
- In broad strokes, it seems to me that there are essentially three distinct ways in which we learn:
    1. By our physical senses: seeing, hearing, tasting etc.
    2. By the written or spoken word
    3. Through our different relationships. An essential element of learning is making mistakes!

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Ah! But a key factor is whether or not we are willing to recognize that we have made a mistake!

The great Greek philosopher Aristotle wrote in his introduction to his treatise on Ethics that the one thing that everyone desires is happiness. Of course this begs the question, "How does a person achieve happiness?"

Again, if the purpose of Life is to learn, then using the three tools at our disposal to learn from all our experiences in the hopes of gaining wisdom is our best course to finding happiness in life.

As we gather as a community over the course of the High Holy Days, we have an opportunity to examine our lives, confess our mistakes and chart a course that will ensure a year filled with days of joy and fulfillment.

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**Shabbat Dinner:**

❑ Friday, September 1

❑ Friday, October 6

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# of Non-member Adults ___ @$18 = _____

# of Youth (ages 6–17) ___ @$10 = _____

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# Events & Announcements

## Our Condolences to the Families of:

George Sommer, brother of Rad Sommer

## Mazel Tov to the Families of:

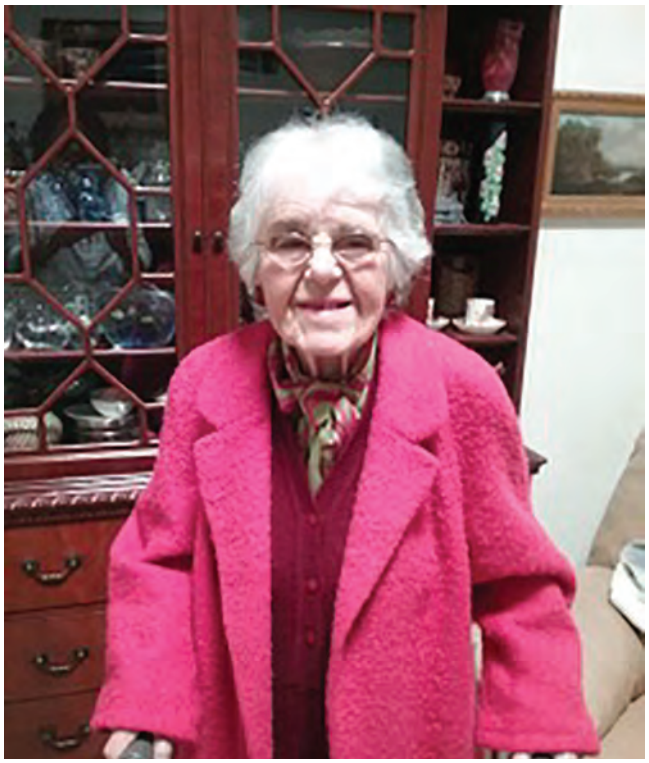
Andy & Nancy Fleming have a new grandson; Rowan Eli Youlin

## Welcome to Our New Members

Dylan & Jodi Cohen and their two sons, Max, age 16 & Zach, age 13

## Help Us Celebrate Florence Metz's 102nd Birthday!

Please join the Metz Family on **September 16, 2017,** to celebrate Florence's Birthday. We'll be hosting the Kiddish and luncheon following Services and it will be Florence's and our pleasure to see you there. **RSVP to 360-3000 by Sept 12.**—Susan Bindman, Carolyn Metz, Grandchildren and Great-Grands



## Big Israeli Dance News

We will dance on a wood floor starting August 30! We'll be dancing in room 25 in the Person Senior wing of the Finley Community Center. The Israeli folk dance class is in their catalog, so everyone will have to register and pay for six to seven classes at a time with santarosarec.com.

The catalog is online and registration is open: Seven sessions every other week from August 30 to November 29, and a winter listing from December 13 to February 21. Classes will range from $17 (for Santa Rosa Residents) to $27 dollars for six sessions. Though we are in the Senior Center, all ages are welcome. Hours are every other Wednesday 7 to 9:30 p.m., with beginner lessons 7 to 7:30, starting on August 30 as an official class at the Person Senior Center at Finley Rec Center.

You will have to register for the class through Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks, and in return we will get a nice wood floor.

Registration begins August 3. If you're not registered, you can come to class and register later.

*Web page: https://srcity.org/1194/Browse-the-Activity-Guide*

*pdf of catalog: https://srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/16484 we are on page 29*

Leanne Schy, Ilana Stoelting, and Robin Lowitz will be leading dancing at Beth Ami during **Israel Recognition Day.**

# Events & Announcements
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## Rosh Hashanah Challah Bags

Pre-Order is available **Friday September 1st until Monday September 18th.**

**Please Pre-Order:**

- In person—Congregation Beth Ami Office
- By email—office@bethamisr.org
- By phone—(707) 360-3000

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**September 21st and 22nd** throughout Rosh Hashanah services at Congregation Beth Ami.

**Bag Type/Pricing—What's in it:**

- Apple $18 Round Challah, Apples, Honey
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- Challah options are raisin or plain. Please specify upon pre order.

All payments are to be made through the Beth Ami Office. Please email or call with any questions.

There will be extra challah bags available to pick up and we will bill you later. Pre-ordering is preferred and recommended!

*All proceeds support Sonoma County United Synagogue Youth*

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# President's Page

*Henry Cohn, President*

The Penitential Season is upon us again. G'd willing, in a few weeks, we will gather in prayer to celebrate the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have multiple themes. During Yom Kippur, we lightly pound our chests when reciting the Ashamnu and the Al Het—both prayers covering a long list of sins that we may have committed. The prayers—both confessionals—have significance in the service. I am unable to relate to most of the sins listed and as such the Ashamnu and Al Het prayers aren't guideposts for my living a more righteous life.

The over-arching theme of the Yamim Noraim is forgiveness. We are taught that G'd cannot intercede, resolve, or provide forgiveness for arguments, disagreements, or hurtful speech, among other things that may have occurred between two individuals. Forgiveness must be sought directly from the other person. That is a difficult hurdle for most of us.

One of the common refrains that prevents us from asking for forgiveness is: "I can't forgive because I can't forget." *Forgiveness* and *forgetting* are two entirely separate concepts. Individuals are unable to forgive another person who has wronged them because they haven't forgiven themselves. What does that mean?

Consider this excerpt from a short self-help book:

"Imagine the human mind as a *little shop of horrors;* a kind of *Smithsonian Institution,* where the Main Wing is filled with relics of all the injustices and harm you've experienced in your life. Each exhibit depicts your memory of what someone did—or failed to do—that hurt you. Brightly illuminated by the glare of your resentment, every exhibit has a sound track echoing with angry, accusing voices. Adorning the walls are horrible instruments of punishment and long lists of penalties to be exacted from your wrong-doers. And coating everything is a thick, clinging residue of self-pity that keeps you from moving forward to the New Futures Wing, where the exhibits are filled with pleasure, joy, and the myriad delights and fascination of the Human Connection.

And what a price we pay for maintaining such a museum of resentment! This negative construction of ones' past not only sustains anger, bitter rumination, represses impulses and seething hostilities…" (from *How to Forgive When You Don't Know How* by Jacqui Bishop, M.S. & Mary Grunte, R.N., copyright 1993).

The forgiveness theme of the Yamim Noraim is misunderstood. Yes, ultimately we want to learn to forgive others. However, we cannot forgive others until we forgive ourselves. So many of us, over the course of our lives, have been hurt, cheated, lied to, and more. If every time we reflect back on one of those incidents, our blood pressure rises, or we begin to sweat, or as referenced in the excerpt above, we think about the "horrible instruments of punishment and long lists of penalties to be exacted from our wrong-doers," then we haven't forgiven ourselves. Another common act, when we have not forgiven ourselves is to give the other person the cold shoulder—to look away rather than to recognize that we are all created in G'd's image—a particularly mean-spirited action. We are locked permanently in the *Chamber of Ill Will.*

To an extent, this reliving of past events over and over again feels good and provides justification for the way we feel about the other person. But, these emotional feelings of ill-will come at a cost. They eat away at our hearts and minds—they become a cancer that affects our happiness. The inability to forgive ourselves makes it easier and easier to exhibit the same behavior each time someone hurts us in the future.

To avoid any ambiguity, this message is not about seeking forgiveness for acts that we

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have committed. The premise of my message is to forgive ourselves, i.e., letting go of the negative thoughts and emotions that prevent us from forgiving others, and possibly to seek forgiveness for acts we have committed. Why would we want past incidents to play a dominant role in our lives today and in the future?

And, in those instances in life, where perhaps we were blameless, it still is necessary and possible to forgive ourselves. Growing up our family never had much money. There were instances where someone literally stole money from our family. My mother, z'l, would simply say that that individual needed the money more than we did and then she simply moved on with life. Unfortunately, it happened to me just last year. I placed my trust in someone and lost quite a bit of money. There was no recourse to get the money back. Yet, I simply accepted the fact that it happened and moved on with my life. I harbor no ill-will toward the individual. I refuse to let the event eat away at me and diminish my life.

I have witnessed first-hand the power of the Yamin Noraim and their ability to transform our lives. I was present when an aggrieved party forgave themselves and thereby enabled them to extend their hand of friendship that lasted for many years thereafter.

This year, when you hear the Shofar blasts, let them awaken in you the desire to enjoy a happier life and to learn to forgive yourself first. Turn inward and take a serious look at yourselves and see if you spend too much of your life in the *Chamber of Ill Will* and try to imagine what it would feel like to move into the New Futures Wing.

L'shana Tova and G'mar Hatimah Tova. May you have a good year and be sealed in the Book of Life.

## Notes from the Administrator

by Judy Gunnar

Well, it has been a month since I stepped up to this position and I thank everyone committed to supporting my journey. Thanks to Mel Decker, Judi Hyman and those involved with a very successful *Summer Sunday Food Adventure,* Halayla Hagadol.

The High Holidays are fast approaching and I am committed to a wonderful and inspirational experience for all in whatever way you choose to participate. Participate… nice segue, we have volunteer positions open and reaching for your hand to hold. For Rosh Hashana we love to serve honey cakes and appreciate the bakers who prepare them! If you are interested in baking a honey cake, we will be wrapping and freezing in anticipation of a sweet new year celebration, contact the office.

We are looking for a person to help organize Tashlich, join the team working on the pre-fast dinner and stand as greeters at High Holiday services.

Please volunteer! Share your ideas and enjoy the holidays with your Beth Ami family.

# Religious School

*Judy Kupfer, Director*

## Beth Ami Religious School Madriach, Nicholas Alexander, Speaks

Dear Religious School Friends and Families,

For 3 years, I served as Madriach in the Beth Ami Religious School, and the whole time, I loved it. I enjoyed not only an amazing set of leaders and teachers but also bright students that were always eager to participate as well as an incredible network of fellow members and parents. Despite my position being most like a teacher's, there was much learning of my own to be had, whether it was discovering how to make great educational art project ideas for the kids, or figuring out that I was not nearly as adept at the Aleph Bet as I thought I was...

Friends, working as a Madriach was absolutely wonderful, and thanks to all of you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this exceptional community. While this may be the end of my work in the Religious School, I look forward to seeing all of you around Beth Ami while I continue to manage the Social Action/ Tikkun Olam position in the Sonoma County USY chapter.

Yours truly,

Nicholas Alexander
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- 1:15–2 p.m.
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# Israel From The Left Coast

*Ramah Israel Seminar by Daniel Sherman*
*Bob Raful*

We invited Daniel Sherman, one of Beth Ami's most active teens, to share his summer experiences at this six week intensive travel/study program—*Bob Raful*

As I prepared to leave Santa Rosa to travel to Poland and Israel, many friends and family members wished me safe travels and an incredible summer across the world.

And an incredible summer I had indeed; I made new friends from all over North America, visited breathtaking historical sites, and experienced the Holy Land's culture from North to South.

Yet something about leaving the U.S. stuck with me: I felt like most everyone who wished me goodbye focused on my safety. I'm not complaining that people seemed to care about my well-being, but it was peculiar to me that people worried so much about my security in the world's only Jewish majority state. I'd been to Israel before, although I had yet to lose all my baby teeth at the time. But I'd always hear how people felt safer in Israel than in the States, despite whatever external force the IDF would be fighting off at the time. So I had to find out for myself. And throughout the majority of the trip, I felt just the same as I would at Camp Ramah in Ojai, California. So despite the geographical difference, I felt as comfortable as I do every summer. It wasn't until I went to Sderot, the southernmost Israeli city bordering the Gaza Strip, that this sentiment began to change.

The night before my Israel Advocacy track was scheduled to go there, I heard that a rocket was fired into a rural area just outside the city, which was shocking to hear during a recent period of relative peace. Of course I knew details about the political climate, but you can't really understand the situation until you see it for yourself.

Touring the city, I began to fully realize how Israel isn't just about eating schwarma or Chasidim walking to Shul, but that people do live in a constant state of threat and distress. Every apartment in Sderot has an attached bomb shelter. We saw videos of kindergartners walking to bomb shelters like they do it every day. It hit me the hardest when we visited a playground and saw giant caterpillar-shaped tunnels that doubled as a shelter; if kids stood beyond a certain point in the structure, they'd be safe. Yet, despite all that may have seemed life-threatening, what I heard about Israel stood up to the test. Shortly thereafter, my group hiked up a small hill and looked out over a road into Gaza. Just a mile or so away from me was a place where I wouldn't be able to live as a Jew, to live free of hate and terrorist threat. I turned around, and really felt as safe as I ever had.

And I know I'll cherish the day, whenever it is, when I get to return to Israel. You won't need to worry about me then.

# Social Action Scoop

*Lyla Nathan*

As summer comes to a close, we all look forward to the High Holidays and the beautiful Sonoma County autumn.

The Social Action Committee is hoping to have another successful year building community within the Beth Ami community and helping those in need in our larger community. We are committed to Tikun Olam to make the world a better place.

This year Bobbie Rosenthal will be co-chair of the committee as she is now a member of the Beth Ami board and we want to make sure that we are represented. Thanks Bobbie. We have many new and continuing projects this upcoming year.

- We will have our annual food drive during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for Jewish Family and Children Services. We have provided a huge amount of wonderful food every year as we fill up their pantry. Let's do it again. Remember heathy, low sodium items are needed. For a full list please check the info on the bins. Thanks so much for your continued support.
- We continue to go to the Redwood Empire Food Bank on the first Wednesday of the month. Attendance is down and we are thinking of having a evening packaging so we could get a better turnout. More info to come.
- We will make hygiene packages for the homeless again this year. So please start collecting toiletries, hygiene products and socks so that we can prepare the bags in the fall. Also small purses and backpacks will work. Containers will be in foyer.
- In November we will have our annual Winter Clothing Drive with Shomrei Torah.
- We are very interested in doing something for homeless Veterans. We are planning to go to The Palms where homeless veterans are living. We also plan, with Adult Education, an educational evening on homelessness.
- We started Compassionate Conversations, Heart to Heart, in the spring. The conversations are meant to give us an opportunity to speak and to listen to each other in new and more thoughtful ways. The hope is to create stronger relationships and build community. The group has about 20 participants who have come at various times. Because of the intimacy of the group, we decided to continue as is through December. Hopefully, more groups can be formed later. If anyone is interested, please contact Rabbi Miller, Ellen Mundell, Lyla Nathan. We would love to have many people join in. We are a small group and always looking for new members. If any of our ideas speaks to you, please let us know. You can call the Elizabeth in the office at 360-3000 or contact Lyla at 526-7438.

Thanks to everyone at Beth Ami for making our community a giving and welcoming Kehilla.

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# The Kitchen Corner

*Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)*

## Eating at Congregation Beth Ami

One challenge that Conservative Jews face is to be an open, welcoming, and hospitable synagogue to all who come to pray and celebrate. We are proud to have a diverse group of people who attend our congregation, some who keep kosher and some who do not. That is why the Food and Potluck Guidelines was developed. It is a compromise that enables everyone to be able participate, whether you keep kosher or not. We keep the food choices simple. We serve dairy in our social hall. Among the choices offered, you may bring unopened dairy or pareve packaged foods that are marked with a kosher symbol, or you may bring unprocessed domestic or kosher cheese, raw vegetables or vegetable salads, raw fruits or fruit salads, even home baked dessert items like cake, cupcakes, cookies etc. You do, however, need to follow the guidelines. If you have any questions about this, you could check with one of the Kitchen Committee members or ask our Rabbi.

For our potlucks and events, any food that does not fall under the Food and Potluck Guidelines does need to be cooked in the Beth Ami Kitchen to be served at CBA. All the food prepared and served from the CBA Kitchen is kosher. That means the food is purchased, cleaned, prepared, and cooked according to the laws of Kashruit. To ensure that the kitchen stays kosher and is available for those in our community who want to cook and serve kosher foods for synagogue functions; it is maintained by the CBA Kitchen Committee. They are the ones, under the help and guidance of Rabbi Miller, who work out the rules on how to use and maintain the kitchen and keep it kosher. They do their best to recruit and train (and retrain) the mashgichim who help supervise those who work in the kitchen, so that the kitchen and all that is cooked in it is kosher. If you want to prepare food for a potluck or event, and it isn't in the guidelines, you are able use the kitchen to cook this dish. You would need to call ahead of time to arrange a time on the kitchen calendar and also arrange for a mashgiach volunteer. This mashgiach would be working with you you to ensure the kosher standards are kept.

The Kitchen Committee needs volunteers to help maintain and run the kitchen. If you are interested in either being a mashgiach for helping during events or are interested in organizing and maintaining the CBA Kitchen, let us know. The CBA Kitchen Committee Chairperson is Myra Thomas-Stern.

# The Kitchen Corner
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## Shopping for the Kosher Symbol

To me, the game of hunting for the *Kosher Symbol* has become a real life sport. One thing I've learned is how to read labels on foods. The art of label reading is an education in itself. I laugh (laugh) at the serving portions listed in that tiny print in the Nutrition Facts section (...really? 9 chips per serving, HAH! ). I am not amused at the tiny, tinier, and tiniest print one must be able to read on those labels.

But, I digress. We are discussing the art of finding *Kosher Symbols*. This takes practice, good vision, helpful friends, and the phone number of your local Rabbi. We who look, have been fooled by many creative symbols which aren't *Kosher Symbols*. On the food package there are many different symbols that need interpretation. For example, you might find symbols for…vegan, vegetarian, Halal, allergen (i.e., gluten), irradiation, organic, heart check, corporation logos, to name a few. I have discovered that some manufacturers don't want their packages to have big bold, prominent displays of their kosher symbol (I mean really, does it have to be tinier than the registered trade mark symbol?) I also remind myself, that just because it was once kosher (or is that a hopeful memory) doesn't mean it is still kosher. Yes, life does change, and so does manufacturing practices, locations and ingredients; alas, make no assumptions on this hunt. Is the brand always consistent, really? Nothing is 100%. Remember, just because one product by that brand is kosher doesn't mean all the products by that brand are kosher. Now, if you wish to review what are the *Kosher Symbols* and what do the various symbols mean there are many websites that are good resources, or you could read the back page of the Food and Potluck Guideline (available on the CBA website or you could ask at the office).

Remember, life is uncertain, so you really might want to eat dessert first. And for those of us who partake in the hunt for *Kosher Symbols,* it might as well become a game, it makes it more enjoyable and amusing.

# High Holiday and other Services, and Family Activities

We are looking forward to the coming High Holidays, beginning with Erev Rosh HaShanah (& champagne & honey cake) on Sept. 20. It is our tradition to not charge for tickets to our High Holiday services, which are led by Rabbi Mordecai Miller & Cantor Yael Krieger. We would, however, appreciate you contacting the office to have complimentary tickets sent to you, or to arrange to pick them up. We do need to charge & request RSVPs for our pre-Yom Kippur & Break-fast post-Yom Kippur dinners. We keep those prices low as possible, and subsidies are available. Donations are enormously appreciated.

Family High Holiday services on the first day of Rosh HaShanah & on Yom Kippur are 10 a.m.–noon. See below for Service Schedule & holiday events. Packets with information & tickets are being mailed to Beth Ami members. Please check BethAmiSR.org or phone the office if you have questions.

## Services at Beth Ami

Please join us for services. For additional information or to verify the times, call the office at (707) 360-3000. The High Holy Days begin with Selichot on September 16 and continue through the end of the month.

**Sept. Shabbat and other services**
(Times for some High Holy Day services may change; verify with the office)

**Sept. 1 (Fri.)—6–6:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening services followed by dinner (Reservations necessary*)

**Sept. 2 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Sept. 8 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

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

**Sept. 15 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Sept. 16 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

9-12 pm– Selichot study program and service

**Sept. 20 (Wed.)—8–9:30 p.m.** Rosh Hashanah evening service (in Friedman center) Reception after service

**Sept. 21 (Thurs.)—9 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m.** Rosh Hashanah first day service (in Friedman Center) **10 a.m.–noon:** Children and family services **4:30 p.m.**—Tashlich service with Shomrei Torah at Lake Ralphine in Howarth Park, followed by potluck dairy picnic and Mincha-Ma'Ariv services in the park

**Sept. 22 (Fri.)—9 a.m. to about 1 p.m.** Rosh Hashanah second day service, followed by a light lunch prepared by Beth Ami volunteers (Reservations not necessary) **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Sept. 23 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service (Shabbat Shuvah) followed by dairy potluck

**Sept. 24 (Sun)—11 a.m.** Kever Avot. Service at Santa Rosa Memorial Park Cemetery

**Sept. 29 (Fri.)—4:30–5:30 p.m.** Pre-fast dinner (in Beth Ami Social Hall) Reservations necessary* **5:45–8:45 p.m**. Kol Nidre and Mincha service (in Friedman center)

**Sept. 30 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m.** Yom Kippur morning service (in Friedman center) Children and family services to be determined **3:45–7:30 p.m.** Yom Kippur afternoon service (in Beth Ami sanctuary) **7:45 pm—**Break-the-fast (in the Friedman Center) Reservations necessary*

**Oct. Shabbat and other services**

**Oct. 4 (Wed.)—6-6:30 p.m.** Sukkot Day 1 evening service

**Oct. 5 (Thurs.)—9:30-12 a.m.** Sukkot Day 1 morning service **6–6:30 p.m.** Sukkot Day 2 evening service

**Oct. 6 (Fri.)—9:30–12 a.m.** Sukkot Day 2 morning service **6–6:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening services followed by dinner (Reservations necessary*)

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

**Oct. 11 (Wed.)—6:30 a.m.** Hosha'na Rabbah a.m. service, last day of Sukkot **6–6:30 p.m.** Shemini Atzeret evening service

**Oct. 12 (Thurs.)—9:30 a.m.** Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor (at 11:30) morning service **6 p.m.** Simchat Torah eve festive celebration

**Oct. 13 (Fri.)—9:30 a.m.** Simchat Torah Morning service

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

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

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

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

**Oct. 27 (Fri.) –7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

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

*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.

**Daily Daven**

**Sundays & National Holidays—8:30 a.m.** Morning Minyan in the Chapel or rooms 12–13 followed by a light breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

**Mon.–Fri.—7 a.m.** Daily Daven in the Chapel or rooms 12-13 except for Jewish and Secular holidays

**Sun.–Thurs.—6–6:30 p.m.** Daily Daven in the Chapel or rooms 12-13 except for Jewish and Secular holidays

# OUR MEMBERS

Judy Gunnar, Beth Ami Administrator (right) with Hadassah

Dennis Judd with colleagues from Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust

Leanne Schy, Ilana Stoelting, Robin Lowitz dancing at Beth Ami during Israel Recognition Day.

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In honor of all the generous and dedicated volunteers at Beth Ami kosher kitchen. Thank you!—*Etienne Sampiere*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 95th birthday—*Gerald & Anne Brisgel*

In memory of Irwin Margolese and his wonderful spirit and challah—*Leah Frost*

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In memory of Irwin Margolese—*Michael Kupperberg*

In memory of my father, Joseph Robinson—*Myrna Morse*

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Mazel Tov to the Flemings on the birth of their grandson—*Stuart & Ethel Schy*

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A thoughtful donation—*Earl & Binese Goldberg*

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In memory of Louise, loved sister of Juli Scherer—*Barbara Tomin*

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In honor of Jenny LevineSmith's incredible leadership and Priscilla Lowell's ascendency to Leadership already off to a great start!—*Barbara Tomin*

In memory of Vivian Frye—*David & Margorie Ballo*

In memory of Pat Thomas—*Elisabeth & David Van Nuys*

In memory of Meara Fitzgibbons—*Irma Fitzgibbons*

In memory of Ruth Turner—*Jonathan & Rose Batzdorff*

A generous donation—*Judi Hyman*

In memory of Marlene Jones, Robert Paul, and Nathan Paul—*Ross Jones & Jane Paul*

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In memory of Harvey Davis' sister—*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of my father-in-law, Louis Shapiro—*Phyllis Shapiro*

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Continuing better health to Jan Harris—*David & Margorie Ballo*

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A thoughtful donation—*Barbara McGee*

In memory of Benny Friedman, father of Bill—*Bill & Suzie Friedman*

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Condolences to Howard Moss & family upon the passing of his father, Allen—*David & Margorie Ballo*

In memory of Meara Fitzgibbons—*Elisabeth & David Van Nuys*

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In honor of Jeffrey Sternfeld's 50th Bar Mitzvah—*Ruth Kapp*

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## September 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 Sept. 1 & 2**

Sept. 2 Elie Negrin, Father of Ronit Glickman

Sept. 3 William Hahn, Father of Edith Newman

Sept. 4 David Katz, Father of Audrey Darby

Sept. 4 Selby Morse, Husband of Myrna Morse

Sept. 5 Susan Yelin, Mother of Francie Rogovin

Sept. 7 Audrey Schoen, Sister of Phyllis Shapiro

Sept. 8 Angela Kupperberg, Wife of Michael Kupperberg

**Announced on Sept. 8 & 9**

Sept. 9 Dan Ben Hershel, Nephew of Evelyn Gurevitch

Sept. 9 Ida Mann, Grandmother of Judith Helman

Sept. 10 Barbara Wallace, Sister of Arnold Drake

Sept. 11 Joshua Cohen, Father of Leonard Cohen

Sept. 11 Morris Marks, Grandfather of Myrna Morse

Sept. 12 Vivian Frye, Friend of Ellen Mundell

Sept. 12 Sylvia Golemb, Mother of Sherrill Golemb

Sept. 14 Emil Judd. Father of Dennis Judd

Sept. 15 Naftali Morse, Father-in-law of Myrna Morse

**Announced on Sept. 15 & 16**

Sept. 17 Irving Nathan, Father of Asher Nathan

Sept. 17 David Sternfeld, Father of Jeffrey Sternfeld

Sept. 18 Yechezkiel Rivkin, Father of Adolph Rivkin

Sept. 18 Frances Spiegleman, Grandmother of Ronit Glickman

Sept. 19 Max Lachman, Father of Vivian Salmon

Sept. 21 Jennie Klein, Mother of Ricki Streitfeld

Sept. 21 Arthur Levine, Former husband of Gussie Levine

Sept. 21 Rose Zittin, Grandmother of Bill Friedman & Charlene Bornstein

Sept. 22 Myer Brust, Grandfather of Barbara McGee

Sept. 22 William Colton, Brother-in-law of Evelyn Gurevitch

**Announced on Sept. 22 & 23**

Sept. 23 Avra Metzger, Mother of Joslyn Metzger

Sept. 24 Marilyn Sternfeld, Mother of Jeffrey Sternfeld

Sept. 24 Jenny Wiesenthal, Mother of Natalie Friedman

Sept. 25 Carolina Gordon, Granddaughter of Marjorie Gordon

Sept. 25 Helene Senzer, Mother of Adrea Moss

Sept. 26 Susan Dove, Niece of Betty Franks

Sept. 27 Frances Brust, Grandmother of Barbara McGee

Sept. 27 Lillian Kahn, Mother of David Kahn

Sept. 27 Raymund Mundell, Father of Michael Mundell

Sept. 29 Joseph Diamond, Father-in-law of Marilyn Diamond

Sept. 29 Shulamit Sapojnkikov, Mother of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar

### *September Birthdays*

2 Myra ThomasStern
5 Phil Weil
6 Bonnie Boren
8 Leanne Schy
13 Barbara Boren
13 Brian Gross
13 Adrea Moss
15 Esther Pilch
16 Ethel Schy
18 Elaine Golemb
18 Dr. Gary Herzberg
18 Florence Metz
18 Carol Newman
18 Sherri Weinstein
20 Randy Weinstein
22 Ahuva SimonSa'ar
25 Susanne Batzdorff
26 Leonard Cohen
30 Joyce Kobetz
30 Gerald Lakins

### *September Anniversaries*

3 Dylan & Jodi Cohen
7 Daryl & Joan Schloss
10 Howard & Ronit Glickman
14 Adolph & Rimma Rivkin
14 Phil Dwight & Jane Rogan
15 Ross Jones & Jane Paul
25 Russ & Terry Gurevitch
29 Ira & Ruth Rosenberg


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**Announced on Sept. 29 & 30**

Oct. 2 Carl Connors, Father of Tish Levee

Oct. 2 Edith Goldman, Mother of Anne Tedder

Oct. 2 Ruth Hess, Mother of Barbara Tomin

Oct. 2 Ester Pekker, Mother of Semyon Pekker

Oct. 3 Joaquin Boadella, Brother of Lillian Judd

Oct. 4 Florence Zivin, Mother of Edee Sternfield-Squires

Oct. 6 George Barta, Father of Ivan Barta

**Announced on Oct. 6 & 7**

Oct. 7 Abraham Jones, Brother of Maury Jones

Oct. 7 Dorothy Yelin, Grandmother of Francie Rogovin

Oct. 8 Herbert Goldman, Father of Anne Tedder

Oct. 8 Mollie Raful, Mother of Bob Raful

Oct. 9 Dean Darby, Husband of Audrey Darby

Oct. 11 Morris Edelberg, Father of Marjorie Gordon

Oct. 11 David Friedman, Brother of Harry Friedman

Oct. 13 Michael Letourneau, Son of Pam Jacobs Letourneau

Oct. 13 Lester Schloner, Father of Carol Swanson & Fred Schloner

**Announced on Oct. 13 & 14**

Oct. 14 Nicholas Sweeney, Father of Jim Sweeney

Oct. 18 Mitchell Boyd, Father of Elizabeth Boyd

Oct. 18 Adolph Stern, Father of Myra Thomas-Stern

Oct. 20 Mary Diamond, Mother-in-law of Marilyn Diamond

Oct. 20 Harold Rosen, Father of Mark Rosen

Oct. 20 Al Sherman, Father of Edward Sherman

**Announced on Oct. 20 & 21**

Oct. 23 Tillie Edelberg, Mother of Marjorie Gordon

Oct. 25 Bessie Drake, Stepmother of Arnold Drake

**Announced on Oct. 27 & 28**

Oct. 28 Lisa Ballo, Mother of David Ballo

Oct. 28 Brukha Vilenskeya, Mother of Malvina Tsipan

Oct. 29 Irene Gordon, Mother-in-law of Marjorie Gordon

Oct. 30 Ann Van Mourik Cory, Mother of Linda Emblen

Oct. 31 Aaron Friedman, Brother of Harry Friedman

Oct. 31 Eugene Streitfeld, Husband of Ricki Streitfeld

Nov. 2 John Holloway, Husband of Lenore Holloway

## October Birthdays

7 Earl Goldberg
7 Carl Servin
8 Ruth Weiss
9 Laura Alexander
10 Sanford Bressick
11 Blair Pleasant
12 Malvina Tsipan
13 Eli Miller
13 Anne Tedder
14 Jeffrey Sommers
18 Judi Hyman
19 Richard Kahn
19 Rabbi George Schlesinger
19 Jeffrey Sheff
20 Andrew Brown
20 John Whitaker
23 Judy Gunnar
25 Marge Brody
25 Gerald Petlock
27 Rita Kagan
27 Rimma Rivkin
30 Rick Concoff

## October Anniversaries

1 Michele & Steve Baime
6 Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren
25 Joe & Signe Minuskin
25 Andrea & Stephen Nett
29 Paul & Michelle Zygielbaum
31 Eli & Yona Miller

Nov. 2 Sydny Paul, Mother of Jane Paul

Nov. 3 Riva Levanon, Sister of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar

Nov. 3 Dora Schiffman, Mother of Bernice Fox

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## September Shabbatot

**Sept. 2**
*Ki Teitzei*
Candle Lighting: 7:22 p.m.
Havdalah: 8:19 p.m.

**Sept. 9**
*Ki Tavo*
Candle Lighting: 7:11 p.m.
Havdalah: 8:07 p.m.

**Sept. 16**
*Nitzavim-Vayelech*
Candle Lighting: 7 p.m.
Havdalah: 7:56 p.m.

**Sept. 21—**Rosh Hashana, 1st day
*See Machsor*
Candle Lighting: 6:52 p.m.

**Sept. 22—**Rosh Hashana, 2nd day
*See Machsor*
Candle Lighting: 7:48 p.m.

**Sept. 23**
*Ha'azinu*
Candle Lighting: 6:49 p.m.
Havdalah: 7:45 p.m.

**Sept. 30—**Yom Kippur
*See Machsor*
Candle Lighting: 6:38 p.m.
Break Fast: 7:34 p.m.

## October Shabbatot

**Oct. 4—** Sukkot, 1st day
*Lev. 22:26*
Candle Lighting: 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 5—** Sukkot, 2nd day
*Lev. 22:26*
Candle Lighting: 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 7**
*Chol Hamo'ed*
Candle Lighting: 6:27 p.m.
Havdalah: 7:23 p.m.

**Oct. 11—** Shemini Atzeret
*Deut. 14:22*
Candle Lighting: 6:20 p.m.

**Oct. 13—** Simchat Torah
*Deut. 33:27 & Gen. 1.1*
Candle Lighting: 7:16 p.m.

**Oct. 14**
*Bereshit*
Candle Lighting: 6:17 p.m.
Havdalah: 7:13 p.m.

**Oct. 21**
*Noach*
Candle Lighting: 6:07 p.m.
Havdalah: 7:04 p.m.

**Oct. 28**
*Lech Lecha*
Candle Lighting: 5:58 p.m.
Havdalah: 6:55 p.m.