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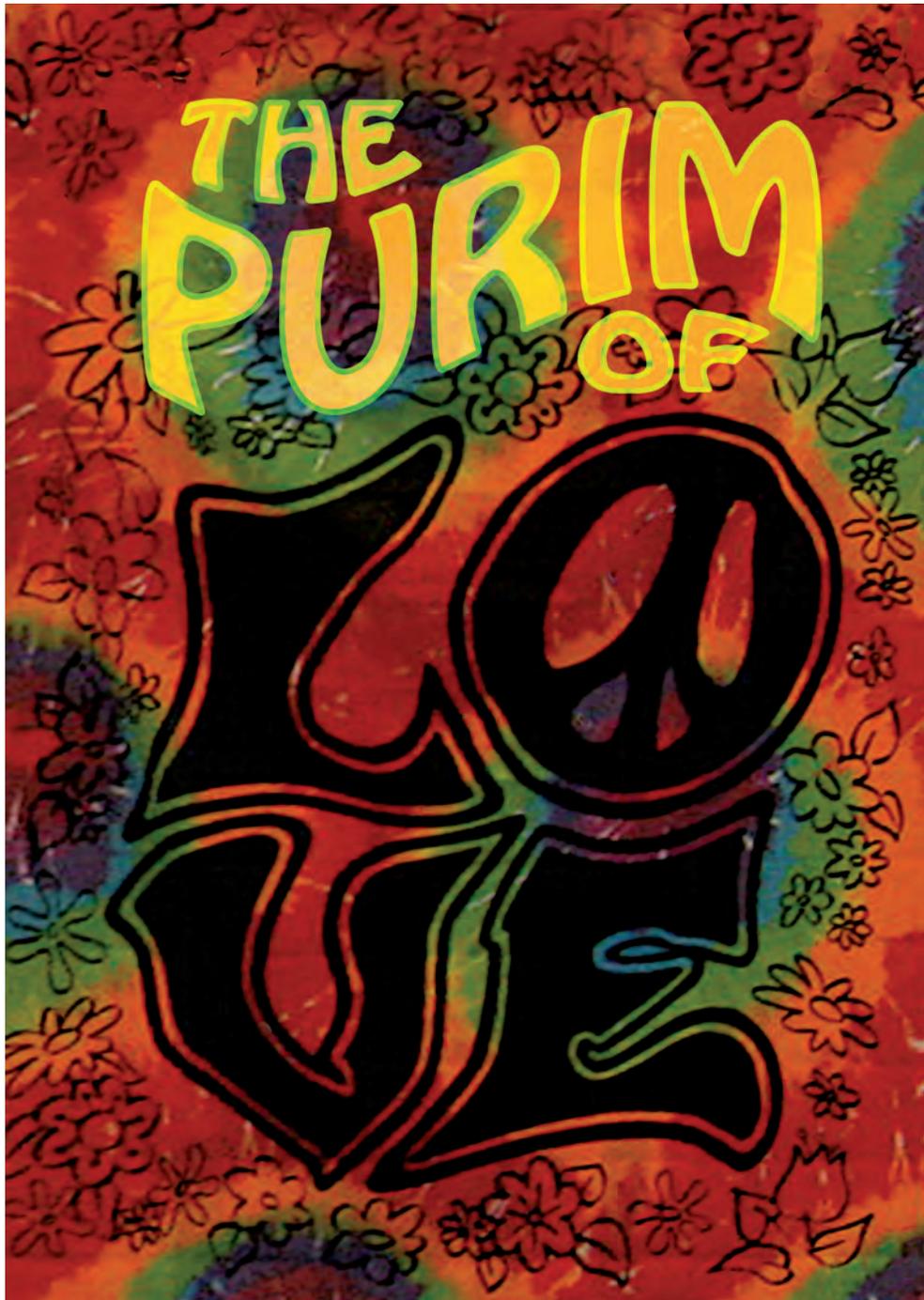
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Congregation Beth Ami enriches our lives, transforms our hearts, helps heal the world and sustains our Jewish heritage. We are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and welcome all to our community through celebration, learning, education, and prayer.

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller
New Year's Resolution

The Santa Rosa fires may have taken place last year, but their effect continues to burn in my soul even as a new year begins: the speed with which they spread, the wake of utter destruction and at the same time the sparing of a few houses in neighborhoods otherwise completely destroyed. I can't help reflecting on the contrast between those who lost all their possessions in just a few moments while they were trying to save their lives and the lives of the people and pets they loved, and those of us who were merely inconvenienced in comparison.

I will never forget the sense of urgency involving the evacuation; seeing ugly columns of dark smoke

advancing over Bennett Peak, heading towards our neighborhood and wondering if we would ever see our home and possessions again. At the time I tried to visualize how that might feel, trying to anticipate the worst, and seeing if there was some way to separate my sense of well-being from my possessions.

What really constitutes the basis of my happiness, or success or wealth—especially when it can all disappear in a matter of moments?

What we saw—even as the flames were spreading—was the amazing capacity for people to come together; to move beyond self-preservation and realize that we're in this together. Beyond the defined roles of those involved in the rescue and prevention efforts, there were the ordinary folk from every single class, culture and economic status who in some way—great or small—came to the aid of others. It might have been simply a matter of knocking on neighbors' doors or helping a neighbor open their garage door, but every bit counted and the cumulative effect probably kept the number of deaths to a minimum.

I think of the famous saying attributed to

Hillel; "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?"

I have a feeling that the answer to Hillel's question lies in understanding that our sense of well-being depends on the health of our relationships, transcending any material possessions with which we may have been blessed. Relationships don't simply happen. They need to be created, nurtured and necessitate truly caring for one other. They require the ability

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to put ourselves in the other person's place; the belief in the spiritual principle, "Whatever you want, give!"

A certain gentleman dreamed that he had gone to

the next world. He observed people gathered around a table that was set full of wonderful delicacies...and the people sitting around it were starving! You see, they were given forks and spoons that had such long handles to them, no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't put a single morsel of that delicious food into their mouths.

And that was Hell.

The gentleman was then transported to a different banquet hall where he saw exactly the same set-up. But here the people were having the time of their lives. They were feeding each other!

And that was Heaven!

We're all familiar with the custom of making New Year's resolutions. During this past year we saw how strangers stepped forward to help one another to bring comfort and hope to those who had experienced the inferno that wracked our community.

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Jan. 5 (Fri.)—6–6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening services
6:30 p.m. dinner (Reservations necessary*) speaker follows

Friday night services Jan. 12, 19, 26 begin at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat morning services 9:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
followed by dairy potluck

Jan. 30 (Tues)—6 p.m. Tu B'Shevat seder

Feb. Shabbat and other Services

Feb. 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. program with speaker

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

Feb. 9 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. (time change) Shabbat evening service

Feb. 10 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed
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Feb. 23 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

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Friday, January 5

Friday, February 2

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Dinners are free until June,
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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Rhoda Friedman, daughter of Jonathan & Annabell Friedman

Ariel Michael Maman, grandson of Eli & Yona Miler

Kenji Hirose, grandson of Sarah & Raphael Kauffman

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Ira Rosenberg

Janet Fairbanks, mother of April Miller

Welcome to Our New Members

Robin Rosenblatt

Yisrael, Nemani, and Salanieta Rasiga and Yisrael's 3 year old daughter, Netanya

Directory Update

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Toda Raba...Thank You...Danke... Gracias!



December 3rd saw the first successful Fall Festival! We hope to make this a yearly event to welcome the fall and prepare for Chanukah. Local Artists displayed their treasures, prizes were raffled, the *Klezmer Creek* band played, Mediterranean luncheon, Baklava & cookies served. Michele Baime chaired the event with support from Bonnie Boren and Judy Gunnar.

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Most important, however, are the volunteers who made cookies, sold tickets, decorated, and helped set up and clean up...indispensable! Thank you to Rita & Joe Kagan, Barbara Boren, Lauren Newman, Carol Swanson, Judy Kupher, Irvin Klein, Steve Baime, Mel Decker, Arlyss Friddle, Zack Cohen, Jodi Cohen, Myra Thomas, Nancy Sherman, Naomi Singer, Myrna Morse, Judy Stern, Julie Simkowitz, Carolyn Metz, Jeffrey Stein-Larsen, Leanne Schy, Larry and Patti Gregg, Dave Ballo and Andy Weinberger

The Purim of Love Spiel, Mar. 3 & 4!

Be a sponsor! Why should the cast get all the fame and glory?

The Beth Ami Purimspiel is coming to a shul near you. This year, we've had enough of those far-off exotic places we've visited before. I don't mean Persia...we're always in Persia. But we are not going to Paris, or New York, or even Las Vegas. This year, it's the Purim of Love. So while we're talking about 480 BCE, we will simultaneously be in 1967, which seems almost recent by comparison. In the summer of 1967, idealistic young people were streaming into San Francisco. Some of them were planting vegetables and so forth at Lou Gottlieb's Morningstar Commune in west county. Some of them were singing with Shlomo Carlebach in the House of Love and Prayer. Some of them were you. You know who you are. So, were those the good old days? Did 1967 change the world? As it turned out, we may not have had all the answers, but we did have rock and roll. That includes music from *Cream*, *Rolling Stones*, *Jefferson Airplane*, *The Stone Poneys*, *The Grateful Dead*, *Jimi Hendrix*, *The Who*, *Otis Redding*, *Big Brother and the Holding Company*, *Buffalo Springfield*, *The Mamas and the Papas*, *The Youngbloods*, and more; even *The Turtles*. Politics will be barely noticeable.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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In January you will get a sponsorship mailer or pdf that describes the characters, crew and songs that you can sponsor to get in on all the fame and glory. Help support the spiel, Beth Ami, and especially the hamentashen bakers. You can sponsor the Spiel, buy one of our custom-crafted singing commercials, and/or be listed in the program! A pdf will be posted on the website, BethAmiSR.org.

Saturday, March 3, doors open 7:30 p.m., Schmooze & Havdallah, Spiel starts 8 p.m. \$30/person for spiel and party. Following the performance, party with the spielers: continue the fun with music by the *Megillah Band*, dancing, wine, refreshments, and Beth Ami-made hamentashen.

Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m. \$10/adults, kids 12 & under free. Following the performance you shouldn't leave hungry—have some Beth Ami-made hamentashen, tea, coffee and juice.

Tickets will be available at the door, but buying tickets in advance will avoid the Havdallah rush, and make things easier Sunday too.

Don't forget the real gantze Megillah, read by Megillah Mavin Asher Nathan Wednesday night February 28, 6:30 p.m., and by Hamentashen and Hebrew Hero Ahuva Simon Sa'ar Thursday March 1 at 8 a.m. Ahuva and the hamentashen bakers are baking hundreds of hamentashen, come eat some!

Israeli Dancing at the Person Center



These are the dates that appear on-line for Israeli Folk Dance—84531:

<https://econnect.ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/Activities/Activities-AdvSearch.asp>

They are not regular in terms of every two weeks, I think

because of holiday closings. All classes are Wednesdays, 7 p.m.–9:30 p.m. in Room 5 (Auditorium), Finley Person Senior Wing. Dates are 12/13, 12/20, 1/03, 1/24, 2/07, and 2/21.

The webpage states “This course is not presently available for Internet Registration. If you are trying to register for a course on the same day it starts please call us at 707-543-3737.”

But, if you call the number, you can register.

Everyone Is Invited To Our Tu B'shevat Seder

January 30th
5:30–6:30 p.m.

Check the Cybershul for more information!



A Poem for Tu B'shevat

If we plant a laughter seed,
It can grow into a happiness tree.
If we plant a sharing seed,
It can grow into a friendship tree.
If we plant a helpful seed,
It can grow into a thank-you tree.
And if we plant together the seeds of care and understanding,
They can grow into a tree of love.

—Anon

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Henry Cohn, President

A Living Legacy...

In the months leading up to my becoming President of Beth Ami (a second time) two community events occurred that did not receive proper recognition. The two events speak to what it means to be a caring community—people who share lifecycle events together, who care for each other and who give back to the community.

Today I am writing about Lillian Judd's unveiling that occurred in May 2017. Many of you knew Lillian. She witnessed the murders of most of her family during the Holocaust and somehow, she managed to survive. Rather than live a life of bitterness, Lillian enjoyed life; she went to schools and educated the current generation about the Holocaust.

Lillian and her husband Emil were long-time Beth Ami members. I still remember Emil well. She had 2 sons—one who unfortunately died at an early age and Dennis who many of us know well. Lillian lived life to the fullest; she sought joy wherever she could. She had a beautiful voice and while not tall in stature, she davened a beautiful Musaf service. Even as her life was nearing an end and she lost her vision, Dennis made sure there were ways for Lillian to participate in Jewish events.



Lillian's unveiling occurred on a sunny and warm day and was attended by about 100 people. Rabbi Mendel Wolvovsky co-officiated with Rabbi Miller. It is a testament to Lillian's appeal that she was able to bridge denomina-

tions and draw Rabbis from the Orthodox and Conservative movements. In fact, her unveiling was attended by members from all shuls in the area. Dennis and his wife Anna shared some beautiful poetry and personal remarks about Lillian. It was poignant to hear Dennis express that now it is he who goes to schools in the area. He continues his mother's legacy and understands that we cannot ever forget the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Lillian's unveiling was meaningful on its own. However, Dennis and Anna gave the community something else that has never existed in Sonoma County. They commissioned a Holocaust Memorial Wall that adorns the entrance to Beth Ami Section I at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

The wall was designed by Leslie Gattmann, a long-time Jewish artist. The wall's dedication offered me the opportunity to reconnect with Leslie. I first met Leslie about 20 years when she and her first husband, Eugene Frank, who died unexpectedly at an early age, owned Ceramic Judaica in Forestville. I still own several of their pieces and a special ceramic plate I commissioned for my parents 50th wedding anniversary.

Leslie explained her concept for the wall: she shattered glass in the wall's design to symbolize shattered lives and added mirrored pieces dispersed throughout the shattered glass that enable us to see our own reflection and consider what it means to have one's life shattered. The wall is first and foremost a tribute to Lillian and Emil. Through painstaking research Dennis tracked down the information about all his relatives who perished in the Holocaust. Their names are inscribed on tiles that Leslie fired in a kiln.

Dennis and Anna, though, went even further. They presented to us a community wall of remembrance. On both sides of the wall's center, they left space for community members to have the names of family members inscribed



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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on ceramic tiles. I have already spoken with Leslie about a tile for my paternal grandmother who perished at a camp known as Trawniki—a lesser known camp near Auschwitz.

Surrounding the wall are benches for us to sit, reflect and meditate. And, I am impressed by their elevating a minhag (custom) that is often overlooked because cemeteries normally do not provide for it. It is customary to wash one's hands when departing the cemetery. The reason for this custom is to not carry death back into our daily lives. Dennis and Anna added a simple and elegant water fountain in front of the wall that makes it easy to wash one's hands: the addition of the water fountain added a level of holiness that caught me by surprise.

On behalf of the Beth Ami family, I express our sincere appreciation to Dennis and Anna for their gift to Beth Ami and the community. Their actions demonstrate the significance of remembrance, the value of giving to and caring for the community, and they have added a level of holiness to each of our lives.



Included below are a few pictures of the all and fountain. If you have a family member who perished in the Holocaust and wish to have a tile inscribed in perpetuity with their name or names, please contact Leslie at 707 758-5473 or lgattmann@msn.com.

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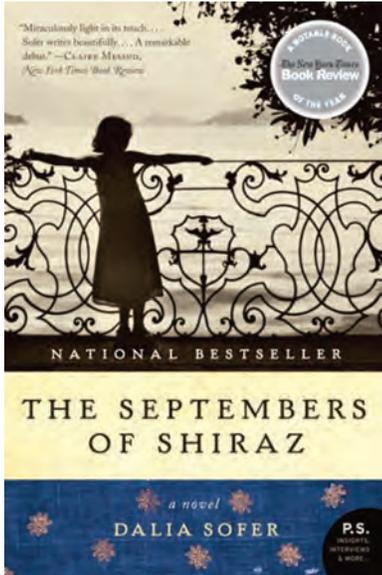
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ADULT EDUCATION

One Bay, One Book— Read and Discuss *Septembers of Shiraz* at Beth Ami



For 2017–18, One Bay, One Book is reading and discussing *Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer. One Bay, One Book is for people throughout the Bay Area to read the same book and have local opportunities to discuss the reading. Beth Ami members

will also be able to participate in talks on the book in San Francisco.

Septembers of Shiraz is the story of a Jewish family in Iran and what happens to them and the Jewish community when the Ayatollah comes to power. The book was also made into a movie.

Beth Ami has copies of *Septembers of Shiraz* to loan to Beth Ami members who would like to read it and participate in the local discussion groups to be held in first part of 2018. A limited number of books are available in the office for members to read and return by January 30. The book is also available at Copperfields and online dealers. This program is being coordinated by Linda Emblen of the Adult Education Committee. For more information, please call Linda at 544-4532.

The New York Times book review is available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/05/books/review/05mess.html>.



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ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Memo From Jerusalem by Eli Cohen
Bob Raful

Betty Boyd and I recently returned from a visit to Israel unlike any of our past ones. Over the past 50 years since I graduated from the Hebrew University, we have visited many times. Each time we return we revel in the paradox that things are both the same and have changed. The trains still run, but they are now modern and fast. Jerusalem's Yaffo Street remains vibrant but now is a pedestrian walkway with light rail connecting it to remote parts of the city. The Western Wall still inspires, but now excavations, some by a former Hebrew University classmate now professor of archaeology, reveal even more of the wonders of our heritage.

What remains the same is the warmth and hospitality of Israelis. We spent most days of this three-week trip staying with colleagues

and learning how they live and what they think.

Two of the colleagues we stayed with are Modern Orthodox and follow the Sephardic traditions. I was terrified of making a mistake—not saying the correct blessing before or after eating or using the wrong plate. But in both cases, they say their dinner blessings silently and use glass dishes without worry. I like these Sephardic traditions.

Another colleague we stayed with, who also keeps kosher, lives on a moshav near Ashdod. I remember moshavim as having tractors in the street, but nowadays most residents work outside the Moshav and hire out their land.

We spent days with a family in Revava, a village near the city of Ariel in Samaria and so now better understand those who live outside the '49 armistice line. It was interesting taking the Egged bus from Jerusalem along Route 60 and stopping at villages like Eli, Kfar Tapuach, and Ofra. Palestinians take the same buses, and Palestinian cars travel the same roads. These residents are not crazies or radicals as portrayed in the media but simply want to make the world a better place. If they had to give up being Israeli to be a Jew living in Samaria, some, perhaps many, would relinquish their citizenship to fulfill their Jewish dream.

We can sum up what we learned through my first cousin's Davy's family. One of Davy's children thinks we should remove Judaism from Israel, another is a religious Zionist, and a third, like her father, feels that Israel is the homeland of Jews.

All these Israelis feel profoundly Jewish. Their views represent aspects of the Jewish People, and there are many such aspects and visions. It is all too easy for American Jews to distance ourselves from the Jewish people, but not so for these Israelis. Judaism, like Israel, is a paradox with some things remaining eternal and others that continue to become refined.

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SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

Shalom, Everyone, From the Social Action Committee—On Dec. 4, 2017, members of the Social Action Committee went on a presentation and tour of the Palms Inn at 3345 Santa Rosa Ave. The Palms Inn was formerly The Days Inn, a motel owned by Akash Kalia, who converted the facility into a non-profit in Feb. of 2016. Akash converted the struggling motel into a 104 room facility to provide housing for chronically homeless people and veterans, the first such center in the nation. They take a highly vulnerable population directly from the street and help them transition back into society. The residents were identified by Catholic Charities and the local Veterans Affairs office. Sixty percent of its residents are military veterans and forty percent are chronically homeless. The maximum unit capacity is 128 units. Thai and Bianca, who work for Catholic Charities, help Akash co-ordinate services that are available on site for the homeless and Veteran's Supportive Services work with the residents who are military veterans.

On Jan. 5th, 2018, during a Shabbat Dinner, Akash, Thai and Bianca will present an explanation of how The Palms Inn helps its residents and how members of Congregation Beth Ami can help volunteer at this non-profit agency. This is a wonderful opportunity to help the homeless of Santa Rosa. We hope that everyone who is able attends this event.

On Dec. 11, 2017, Lyla Nathan and Cheryle Miller went to the Redwood Empire Food Bank and shopped for food to bring to the Jewish

Family and Children's Service pantry so their clients get the food they need. The Social Action committee has alternating volunteers bringing food to the JFCS pantry every month. Judi Hyman will be our REFB shopper on Jan. 8th and will deliver the food to the JFCS Pantry.

The Social Action Committee decided to support the Palms Inn by creating a dinner once a month, if all goes well. Our first dinner will be held on Wed., Jan. 24. at 5 p.m. We hope to do this monthly on the 4th Wed. of every month. We expect 50 people. The menu will include green salad, stew or chili, baked potatoes, bread, and water and cookies. Anyone who would like to help, but is not a member of the Social Action Committee, should speak to Judy Gunnar.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be January 22nd, 2018 at noon.

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THE KITCHEN CORNER

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After Hanukah, the Jewish calendar heads into a quiet period. We have two fasts for reflections and prayers; December 28th, the Fast 10th of Tevet and February 28th, the Fast of Esther; and we have the celebration of Tu Bi'Shevat (or the New Year for the Trees) on January 31st.

In Israel, at this time, it is mid winter, the rains have decreased, and the fruit begins to develop on the trees. The celebration of Tu B'Shevat revolves around the trees, the seder, and Tikkunim. The seder developed in the 16th century from Kabbalist origins to celebrate the Tree of Life—the Kabbalistic map of the Sefhirot. Today, the seder incorporates at least 12 fruits (wheat—as the basis for our sustenance, olives, dates, grapes, figs, pomegranates, etrogim, apples, walnuts, almonds carobs, and pears) and 4 cups of wine, with blessings and discussions ranging from Kabbalistic traditions and ecological interpretations, to Zionism. You might want to look up this fascinating tradition and if you are of a mind, compare it to the other seder in our lives which is coming this spring.

And if you wish to attend, there will be a Tu Bi'Shevat Seder at CBA on the evening of Tuesday, January 30, starting at 5:30.

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Kitchen Use Reminders

- Please remember to label your food with your group/event name and date. If you don't, you run the risk of it being accidentally used by someone else for another purpose. Please note: labels set on plates over foods have been known to wander. There are labels, markers, and tape available to you for use in the kitchen (on Shabbat we use the blue dots with the week number for labeling when we opened the package).
- If you see we are low on something, please bring it to either Ahuva's or Elizabeth's attention; but first, please check to make certain there isn't another container located in the storage closet area, storage shelves, refrigerator, or freezer.
- If you are planning an event, make certain you fill out the event planner in the office and make arrangements for a mashgiach for each time you need to go into the kitchen.
- When you are planning 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, and locking up. Plan for: what are you going to do with your left over food? Flowers? Who will wash and return the table linens, towels etc?

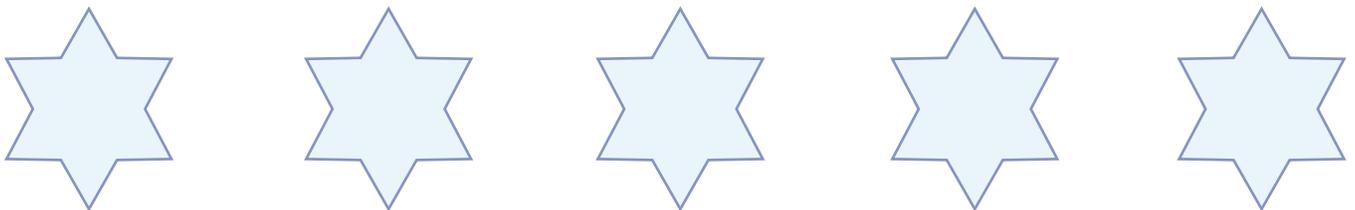
If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Usually, the Kitchen Committee (which is a subcommittee of the Religious Practices Committee) meets once a month on the second Tuesday of that month at 10:30 a.m. to discuss various topics, issues etc. If you can't attend and have something you want brought up, just leave a message at the office or with one of the members.



MEMBER MOMENTS



Natan Sharansky (l) and Jeffrey Sheff (r) meet in San Francisco on November 16, 2017. Sharansky, a "refusenik" who was imprisoned for 9 years by the Soviet Union, is now Chairman of the Jewish Agency in Israel. Sheff, former Chair of Beth Ami Adult Education Committee, serves on the Israel Committees of Beth Ami and Sonoma County.



CBA - Public Jan 2018 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 8:30am - Morning 6pm - evening	1 New Year's Day Office Closed 5pm - evening	2 Office Open 10am-4: 11am - Parsha Study 5pm - evening	3 Office Open 10am-4: 5pm - evening 6:30pm - Chaverim -	4 Office Open 10am - 2:30pm - Tu 5pm - evening	5 Office Open 10am- 6pm - Erev Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat	6 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
7 8:30am - Morning 1pm - USY Board 5pm - evening	8 Office Open 10am-4: 11am - Interfaith 5pm - evening 6:30pm - Chaverim -	9 Office Open 10am-4: 10:30am - Kitchen 11am - Parsha Study 5pm - evening	10 Office Open 10am-4: 5pm - evening 6:30pm - Chaverim -	11 Office Open 10am - 5pm - evening	12 Office Open 10am- 7:30pm - Erev 8:30pm - Oneg	13 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
14 8:30am - Morning 5pm - evening	15 Martin Luther King Office Closed 5pm - evening	16 Office Open 10am-4: 5pm - evening 7pm - Executive	17 Office Open 10am-4: 5pm - evening 6:30pm - Chaverim -	18 Office Open 10am - 5pm - evening	19 Office Open 10am- 10:30am - Religious 7:30pm - Erev 8:30pm - Oneg	20 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
21 8:30am - Morning 5pm - evening	22 Office Open 10am-4: 12pm - Social Action 5pm - evening 6:30pm - Chaverim -	23 Office Open 10am-4: 5pm - evening 7pm - CBA Board	24 Office Open 10am-4: 5pm - evening 6:30pm - Chaverim -	25 Office Open 10am - 5pm - evening	26 Office Open 10am- 7:30pm - Erev 8:30pm - Oneg	27 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
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Condolences to Ruth Rosenberg upon the passing of Ira

—*The Ballo Family*

Happy Birthday to Florence Metz!

—*The Ballo Family*

Todah Rabah to the *CBA Kitchen Mavens* (you know who you are)!

—*The Ballo Family*

Thanks to all who provide the wonderful dishes for onegs and Shabbat dinners!—*The Ballo Family*

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Mazal Tov to Annabelle & Jonathan Friedman upon the birth of Rhoda

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In memory of my mother, Rose

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In honor of my participation in the Rosh Hashanah services—*Ivan Barta*

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In honor of the birth of Yona & Eli Miller's grandson, Ariel Maman

—*Jeffrey Sheff*

In honor of being called to the

bimah Stephanie Sweeney

—*Jim & Stephanie Sweeney*

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In honor of the welcome given to me at Shabbat service

—*Jonathan Bloom*

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aliyah—*Joseph & Rita Kagan*

In memory of Ira Rosenberg

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—*Judy Gunnar*

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In memory of Ira Rosenberg
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Mazel Tov to Barbara Boren upon
the birth of your great granddaughter,
Liliana Lynn Haug
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Thank you to those helping provide
onegs!—*The Ballo Family*

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On the occasion of the fires, for the
people of Santa Rosa and Sonoma
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Thank you, Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar, for
your ongoing dedicated work in the
CBA kitchen preparing Friday night
dinners!—*Irvin & Vivian Klein*

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

In memory of Naomi Lauter,
with love, Phyllis Shapiro & family
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In memory of my father,
Max Malk—*Phyllis Shapiro*

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Mazel Tov to Tad & Debbie Shapiro
upon the birth of their grandson,
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January Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.

Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Jan. 5 & 6

- Jan. 6 Elaine Robinson,
Mother of Myrna Morse
- Jan. 6 Ruth Susnow,
Mother of Nancy Fleming
- Jan. 7 Mordachai Ben Hershel,
Brother of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Jan. 8 Gladys Baba,
Mother of William Cordell
- Jan. 8 Olive Conklin Bayer,
Mother of Ruth Rosenberg
- Jan. 8 Avraham Sapoljnikov,
Father of
Ahuva Simon Saar
- Jan. 8 Julius Sterman,
Father of Whitey Sterman
- Jan. 9 Raymond Lachman,
Brother of Vivian Salmon
- Jan. 9 Rosa Newman,
Mother-in-law of
Edith Newman
- Jan. 11 Jettie Rijnveldt, Stepsister
of Mienke Drake
- Jan. 12 Edith Volkmann,
Sister of Evelyn Gurevitch

Announced on Jan. 12 & 13

- Jan. 14 Mary Lastofka,
Sister of Susy Raful
- Jan. 14 Ruth Levy,
Mother of Janice Sternfeld
- Jan. 15 J.J. Fitzgibbons, Husband
of Andrea Goodman
- Jan. 16 Verne Paule,
Husband of Raynore Paule
- Jan. 16 Albert Sterman,
Brother of Whitey Sterman
- Jan. 17 Sylvia Bernstein,
Aunt of Marc Bernstein

Announced on Jan. 19 & 20

- Jan. 20 Charles Feingold,
Father of Stanley Feingold
- Jan. 22 Lewis Magnus, Grandfather
of Howard Glickman
- Jan. 22 David Myerfeld,
Grandfather of
Patty Bernstein
- Jan. 23 Erna Biberstein, Mother
of Susanne Batzdorff
- Jan. 23 Eleanor Marshall,
Mother of Carolyn Metz
- Jan. 25 Irving Decker,
Father of Mel Decker
- Jan. 25 George Waldman,
Grandfather of
Barbara Whitaker
- Jan. 26 Simon Kovar, Grandfather
of Dr. Gary Herzberg

Announced on Jan. 26 & 27

- Jan. 27 Nomi Lev-Yahm,
Mother of Vivian Klein
- Jan. 30 Lillian Margolese,
Grandmother of
Michelle Zygielbaum
- Jan. 30 Isac Rijnveld, Stepfather
of Mienke Drake
- Jan. 30 Michelle Stein, Mother
of Janet Stein-Larson
- Jan. 31 Florence Alexander,
Grandmother of
Abe Alexander
- Jan. 31 Mariya Antonovsky,
Mother of Olga Pekker
- Jan. 31 Marguerite Connors,
Mother of Tish Levee
- Feb. 2 Fannie Miller,
Grandmother of
Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Feb. 2 Harry Schneider,
Father of Evelyn Gurevitch

January Birthdays

- 3 Margorie Ballo
- 4 Evan Zelig
- 6 Abraham Alexander
- 6 Mienke Drake
- 8 Art Bornstein
- 9 Tish Levee
- 16 Lenore Holloway
- 16 Ricki Streitfeld
- 17 Paula Schlesinger
- 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
- 3 Joyce & Paul Kobetz
- 7 Mort & Ruth Weiss
- 17 Jerry Lakins & Susan Miller

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February Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.

Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Feb. 2 & 3

- Feb. 3 Mark Gurevitch,
Brother-in-law
of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 5 Sheyna Morse,
Mother-in-law
of Myrna Morse
- Feb. 7 Quentin Brown,
Father of Ann Brown
- Feb. 7 Freda Weiss, Mother of
Mort Weiss & Grandmother
of Dan Weiss
- Feb. 8 Erwin Batzdorff,
Father of Alfred Batzdorff
- Feb. 8 Gerson Kahn,
Father of David Kahn
- Feb. 9 Helen Keller,
Mother of Ruth Weiss

Announced on Feb. 9 & 10

- Feb. 10 Rayfield Helman,
Father of Judith Helman
- Feb. 11 Zislye bas Mendel Laib,
Mother-in-law
of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 11 Sophie Shapiro,
Mother-in-law
of Phyllis Shapiro
- Feb. 15 Mort Sherman,
Father of Nancy Sherman
- Feb. 16 Irwin Inman,
Father of Lee Feinstein

Announced on Feb. 16 & 17

- Feb. 18 Sam Dzik,
Father of Judith Dzik
- Feb. 18 Nathan Hartzman,
Grandfather
of Cheryl Miller
- Feb. 18 Shulamith Miller,
Mother of
Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Feb. 18 Charles Yelin, Grandfather
of Francie Rogovin
- Feb. 19 Mae Bernstein,
Grandmother of
Marc Bernstein

- Feb. 19 Stan Frommer,
Husband of Roz Frommer
- Feb. 19 Sylvia Shelan,
Mother of Ron Shelan
- Feb. 19 Aaron Speigelman,
Uncle of Ronit Glickman
- Feb. 20 Lillian Garson,
Mother of Andrea Nett
- Feb. 21 Anna Branagan, Mother
of Branagan Branagan
- Feb. 22 Sadie Selowitz,
Aunt of Susan Miller
- Feb. 23 Arthur Margolese, Father
of Michelle Zygielbaum
- Feb. 23 Lydia Ross,
Sister of Henry Cohn

Announced on Feb. 23 & 24

- Feb. 25 Sylvia Feingold,
Mother of Stan Feingold
& Grandmother of
Vivian Klein
- Feb. 25 Andor Taubner,
Father of Susy Raful
- Feb. 25 Robert Tedder,
Husband of Anne Tedder
- Feb. 26 Morris Bernstein,
Grandfather of
Marc Bernstein
- Feb. 26 Frieda Goldman,
Mother of Ethel Schy
- Feb. 26 Fred Kaplan,
Father of Sherri Kahn
- Feb. 27 Michael Brust,
Father of Barbara McGee
- Feb. 27 Phillip Feingold, Father of
Vivian Klein & brother of
Stan Feingold
- Feb. 28 Ellen Benbheim,
Mother of Pnina Loeb
- March 2 Sidney Sternfield-Squires,
Husband of
Edee Sternfield-Squires

February Birthdays

- 2 Debbie Shapiro
- 3 Ellen Mundell
- 4 Arnold Drake
- 5 Eli Cohen
- 6 Julie Simkovitz
- 7 Rayme Shapiro
- 8 Ed Harman
- 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 Janice & Jeff Sternfeld
- 20 Patty & Marc Bernstein
- 23 Irvin & Vivian Klein

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January Shabbatot

Jan. 6

Shemot

Candle Lighting—4:46 p.m.

Havdalah—5:48 p.m.

Jan. 13

Va'eira

Candle Lighting—4:53 p.m.

Havdalah—5:55 p.m.

Jan. 20

Bo

Candle Lighting—5 p.m.

Havdalah—6:02 p.m.

Jan. 27

Beshlach

Candle Lighting—5:08 p.m.

Havdalah—6:09 p.m.

February Shabbatot

Feb. 3

Yitro

Candle Lighting—5:16 p.m.

Havdalah—6:16 p.m.

Feb. 10

Mishpatim

Candle Lighting—5:24 p.m.

Havdalah—6:24 p.m.

Feb. 17

Terumah

Candle Lighting—5:32 p.m.

Havdalah—6:31 p.m.

Feb. 24

Tetzaveh

Candle Lighting—5:40 p.m.

Havdalah—6:38 p.m.