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RABBI'S REMARKS
Rabbi Mordecai Miller
Human Survival

In Hebrew we speak of *ahavat haShem*, *Love of God* and *yir'at Shamayim*, *Fear of Heaven*, and I'm sure you've come across the phrase, *God fearing*.

Over all the years that I've served as rabbi, I've encountered a knee-jerk resistance to this latter concept. The part that people find most objectionable is the element of fear.

"Why?" they say, "should we want people to be afraid of God? Shouldn't we want them to be encouraged simply to love God?"

We know that our Torah contains both positive ("thou shalt...") and negative ("thou shalt not...") commandments. Love of God motivates us to perform the positive, while fear of God is what motivates us to avoid violating the negative ones.

As human beings, we are often tempted to give in to our impulses—or appetites. In trying to examine these impulses a little more closely, we realize that we simply couldn't continue to exist if we lost our desire to eat, to procreate, or seek other types of pleasure.

Believe it or not, tradition recognizes to what extent our very existence depends on these appetites. So much so that there is actually a *b'racha*—an acknowledgment of their Divine nature. This is the *b'racha* that is recited after eating a snack or a meal which doesn't include bread.

Blessed are You, Ad-nai our God, who has created so many creatures, every one with their appetites, (the Hebrew word translates as *deficiencies* or *lacks*) so that through them (i.e. those appetites) every living creature can exist. Blessed is the Sustainer of the Universe.

The fact that these activities are so necessary for human existence, it comes as no surprise that these urges have a powerful grip on human emotion. At the same time, ironically, if we aren't willing to temper these urges, we face the possibility—if not the probability—of

destroying our lives as well as the lives of others. It's an amazing example of how sustaining our humanity involves a balancing act—avoiding excess and seeking moderation.

Understanding this challenge as a fundamental necessity, we can begin to understand some of the more arcane negative commandments. For example, placing strict limits on the kinds of food we can eat through the laws of Kashrut or forbidding adultery or consanguineous relationships are both attempts to preserve human life and society. They allow us to enjoy *the promise of appetite* and at the same time exercise our unique ability as humans to exert control over them and not be controlled by them.

Here's where the concept of *Fear of Heaven* kicks in. These impulses are so strong—and lie so deep within our psyches—they require equally powerful restraints. We just have to look at the news to see how many prominent individuals have wrecked their careers simply because they were incapable of controlling their urges. For the most part, the majority of the people who have destroyed their careers and families were ill-prepared to control their impulses.

Tradition tries to nurture our human souls from childhood up to recognize that we are part of a much greater Reality; that we are quite literally, creatures, created by an Existent One that transcends our own existence. We are



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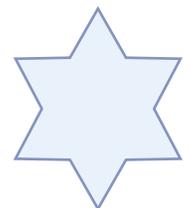
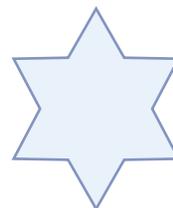
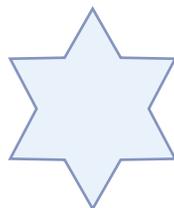
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RABBI'S REMARKS

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born into the world with the potential ability to breathe, digest, walk, speak, think—the list is almost endless. Our responsibility is to develop that potential to its maximum. Recognizing that we aren't the creators of ourselves—that we are all ultimately dependent on an outside source, suggests that we are forever in partnership with that source. Essentially, we will be held accountable for how we develop the gifts that were given to us when we were brought into this world.

When Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph, no one else was in the house. No one would ever find out what they had done. The Torah trope associated with this passage indicates the tremendous degree to which Joseph was tempted. His response, however, was two-fold: (a) "How can I betray my master's trust?" and (b) "How can I do this most wicked thing and sin before God?" (Genesis 39:9)

It is precisely this sensitivity on Joseph's part—this concern of sinning before God—that prevents him from giving in to her charms—and his very human desire. This is the classic case of being yir'at Shamayim—God-fearing.

There are all kinds of heroism in this world—examples of individuals who have stretched the normal ability to perform. Some may even make the headlines. Yet, in a sense, we have the opportunity to act as heroes every single day, whenever we are confronted with our impulses.

As we read in Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), "Who is the mighty one? He who conquers his impulse, as it says, 'slowness to anger is better than a mighty person and the ruler of his spirit than the conqueror of a city.' (Proverbs 16:32)". (Pirke Avot 4:1)



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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Condolences to the Families of:

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Stanley Howard Simon, brother of Lyla Nathan

Debby Zygielbaum, niece of Paul & Michelle Zygielbaum

Mazel Tov to the Families of:

Jessica Lily, granddaughter of Lyla & Asher Nathan

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Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Beth Ami's Rosh Chodesh women's group is open to all Jewish women. It's not necessary to formally join the Rosh Chodesh group. Most activities are drop in, some require RSVPs because of space constraints. Here is the calendar for this year:

Mon., Jan. 7—7 p.m. Guest speaker regarding fire restoration and trees that benefit from fire. Celebrating Rosh Chodesh Shevat.

Tues. Feb. 5—7 p.m. Yoga at Hannah Caratti's studio. \$5 contribution is requested (but no



For Rosh Chodesh Kislev, Bonnie Boren taught us how to make mandelbrot using her mother Barbara's recipe.

one will be turned away) for this Rosh Chodesh I Adar event.

Thurs., Mar. 7—7 p.m. Making masks for Purim bring glitter, beads, decoration for this Rosh Chodesh II Adar event.

Sun., Apr. 7—11 a.m. Passover treats and recipes demonstrated in the Beth Ami kitchen Rosh Chodesh Nissan.

Sun., May 5 Lunch at Kosher Chinese Shangri-la and time at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco. **Carpooling from Beth Ami at 10:30 a.m.** Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Iyar.

Tues., June 4—7 p.m. Guest speaker (TBA) and guided meditation Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Sivan.

Wed., July 3—5 p.m. Parve or dairy potluck picnic at Spring Lake Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Tammuz.

Fri., Aug. 2 Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Av as Rosh Chodesh women participate in the Friday night **Kabbalah Shabbat service—7:30 p.m.** **Family Dinner—6:30 p.m.** Reservations required—call Elizabeth in the Beth Ami office (360-3000).

Sun., Sept. 1—11 a.m. Planning meeting for Rosh Chodesh Gatherings, 5780. Potluck, dairy or parve brunch.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



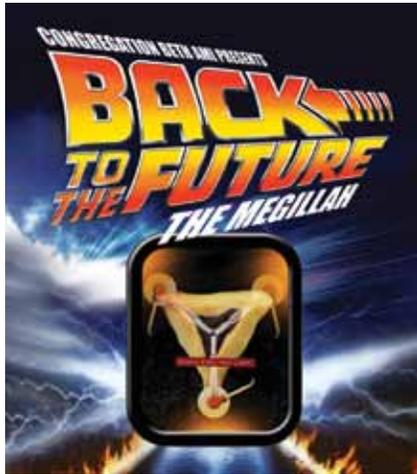
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There is a Purim Spiel in your Future!

Join Mordy McChai and Bubbe Brown and go back to the 80s for 5779's Spiel. We let the band do rock and roll last year and now we can't get them to stop, so we'll be doing songs by Madonna, Michael Jackson, Queen, Tina Turner, Huey Lewis, Cyndi Lauper, Whitney Houston, Blondie, Eurythmics, Olivia Newton-John, Boy George, David Bowie, Journey, Bon Jovi, even Twisted Sister and who knows who else.

The performances are scheduled for March 23 and 24, the rehearsals have started, the party committee has met, so mark your calendars. Don't stop the spieling—hold on to the feeling!



JCC Chaverim Teen Education Program

Believe it or not, Chaverim, our county-wide Jewish teen educational program, is getting close to finishing the first semester. Jewish teens from all over the county meet by grade level twice monthly on a weeknight for dinner and to discuss relevant teen issues through a Jewish lens. We welcome you to join us for our second semester. For more info, call Rick Concoff, M.A., Chaverim Program Director at 707 477-9196.



Hold the Date—Saturday Night, Dec. 21, 2019

Alumni Reunion Gathering for any and all participant in Jewish community youth or teen activities/education/camp.

Come one and come all—Chaverim, Kehillah, Tzadikim, USY, SHORTY, Camp Chai, Shomrei Torah, Beth Ami, Shir Shalom, Bnai Israel, Ner Shalom, Chabad, etc. Alumni from the last 35+ years. We did this 10 years ago and over 100 alumni showed up. Don't miss this rare opportunity to reconnect! More details coming.

To be in the loop, email long time educator/ Camp Director Rick Concoff at concoff@yahoo.com or call 707-823-3916

Sonoma County Diversity & Inclusivity Summit

Please join us for sessions 4, 5, and 6 of our Sonoma County Diversity & Inclusivity Summit

The fourth session of the Diversity and Inclusivity Summit will be:

Mon., Jan. 28, 2019—
6:30–8:30 p.m.

Session 4 Topic: LGBTQ Inclusion and Support, led by Rebecca Weiner, representing Keshet.

For all teens, parents & interested adults to gain a deeper understanding of the LGBTQI Community.

This workshop will explore the LGBTQI identity and adolescent development. We will present common terminology and developmental milestones. We will learn about ways that we all can give support to our LGBTQI teens and become better allies. Through discussion and scenarios, we will have an experiential and thoughtful exploration of LGBTQI teen development.





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Upcoming Summit Dates and Topics

Mon., Feb. 25, 2019—6:30-8:30 p.m.

Embracing Those Living with a Chronic Illness or Disability

Mon., Apr. 8, 2019—6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Remembering Susy Raful



← With Bob the day after meeting him

The day she arrived in NY →



↓ Being honored at the CA Assembly



↑ On her wedding day



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Henry Cohn, President

Eighteen months have elapsed since July 2017 when I became President for the 2nd time. Time has swept by like a whirlwind. So many events have transpired in the world, in the United States, and at Beth Ami. The most notable events for Beth Ami, Sonoma County, and surrounding communities were the devastating fires that ignited on the night of October 8, 2017. The lives, homes, and cherished mementos lost will be remembered for a generation. Several Beth Ami members, who lost their homes, left the county. Enrollment in our Religious School dropped precipitously that we had to eliminate the Religious School Director position. Too many long-time members have journeyed to the Olam Ha-ba. In the past week, we lost our beloved Susy Raful. New membership growth has not kept pace with the deaths. An infusion of new leaders is needed to step forward and lead Beth Ami into the future.

During the same time, our Nursery School under Priscilla Lowell's leadership has flourished. The Friedman Center, thanks to the remodeling that occurred 2 years ago and Andrea Nett's persistent efforts, had its best year since it opened. Multiple successful holiday events such as Tu b'Shevat, Purim, and the Passover Scavenger Hunt brought many families with children onto the campus. Our Ha-Layla HaGadolseries, under Mel Decker's direction, have brought old and new faces together to enjoy delicious repasts at the homes of various hosts. This past Sunday we celebrated the 8th night of Chanukah that was attended by 250 adults and children. I myself have spent countless hours in successfully applying for 2 security grants totaling \$210,000.

It is with sadness and a sense of incompleteness, therefore, that I have elected to step down as President on January 1, 2019. I am pleased to announce, though, that the Board of Directors has elected Carolyn Metz as interim President through June 30, 2019, when my



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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term would have ended.

The decision to resign has been an agonizing process and results from the confluence of several factors, not the least of which is my hospitalization in September. In the final analysis, I had to balance what is my best interest and in Beth Ami's best interest. I need to step back and focus on my personal needs. On the positive side, my hospitalization occurred during Yom Kippur and I was blessed with a 5-day fast so I have a pass for the next 5 years!

In challenging times, I find comfort in *The Guest House* by the 13th century Sufi philosopher-poet, Mawlana Jalaladdin Rumi:

*This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing and invite
them in.
Be grateful for whatever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.*

The transition from me to Carolyn will be seamless. Carolyn and I have worked closely together and she is aware of the important items on which I have focused my attention. I will be around to help Carolyn be successful and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as Immediate Past President.

Thank you for the words of encouragement and support that I received over the past 18 months. I am both humbled and honored to have served as President.

A Message from Carolyn Metz, Interim President

Thank you to Henry Cohn and CBA Board members for putting their trust in me to shepherd Congregation Beth Ami through the next 6 months. I wish the situation were otherwise (that Henry were able to complete the remainder of his 2-year term) but I am confident that together we will work cooperatively with one another, staff and you to address whatever comes our way. Henry will be close by and his respected counsel will always be welcomed.

As I look toward the next 6 months I hope to focus on strategic planning for Beth Ami's next 5 years, including leadership recruitment and development, and coming to terms with security needs in these troubling times.

Communication with you will be key in developing a viable and sustainable plan for the future. Together, I invite you to work with me and the Board to formulate a vision and plan, grounded in reality, based on our organizational strengths and challenges, sometimes asking hard questions, but eventually providing us with a path to move forward with alignment of our dreams and the capacity to fulfill them.

I've created a new email address specifically to serve my new status: mzmetzpresident@gmail.com and my direct line is 707-481-3390. I welcome your communications.

I look forward to serving you in the new year.



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NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Priscilla Lowell
Early Education Director

Well, what an exciting time it has been around the Nursery School. We all so enjoyed celebrating Chanukah alongside the Congregation at this year's Chanukah party! We had a huge turn out from the Nursery School, not only of current, but also of past families that came to celebrate. We are all starting to wind down from the holiday now as we get ready to switch gears and leave for our two-week Winter Break. But before we say goodbye, we have one last hurrah together. This week, we are partnering up with volunteers from the Social Action Committee for a special event. Committee volunteers will be working with the children to assemble and decorate toiletry bags for the needy. Every year, the Social Action Committee collects toiletries and assembles them into bags to give to people in need. This year, the Nursery School took part in collecting items as well, and will get to involve the children in this special act of tzedakah. The children will put items in each bag and then decorate them with stickers. The Social Action Committee will take it from there and be sure they get into the hands of those in need.

When we return from break, we will be getting ready for our Open House—that's January 31st—and then for Summer and Fall Registration which begins in February. We are currently full for this school year, but have many parents on a wait list excited to join our Community in the Summer and Fall. Information on our Open House and Registration will be available online on our website the beginning of January.



ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

Memo from Jerusalem

This is a small world story from Jerusalem. In the middle of October, son, Bruce and I flew non-stop, San Francisco to Tel Aviv, so we could attend the dedication of a new facility—The Lone Soldier Residence in Jerusalem, at the Israel Goldstein Youth Village (see my column in the September Shofar).

As usual, we took time to visit the Negev site of the Memorial for David Ben Gurion.

This time we stopped at Kibbutz Sde Boker, the location of the desert home for Ben Gurion. While there, we stopped at the Snack Bar for a water. Inside, the host was behind the counter, trying to sell wine he made from local grapes.



The Raful Boys in Jerusalem. Bruce (left) and Bob (right) attend the dedication of The Lone Soldier Residence in Jerusalem, at the Israel Goldstein Youth Village in October 2018.

In response to the typical question, we said we are from California Wine Country. "Where?" he asked. "Northern California." "Where?"

"Santa Rosa." "I lived in Novato and graduated from San Rafael High School." Since that is Son's territory, he asked, "Did you belong to a Shul?" "Yes. Kol Shofar."

What followed—typical Jewish Geography, family names, Rabbi names, etc.,—and, of course, Son knows the family well.

Yes, it is a small world—and no, we did not buy any wine.

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At left: the Social Action committee and the Nursery School worked together to assemble bags of toiletries for those in need.



SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Ellen Mundell for Lyla Nathan

Our committee has been extending the generous and kind image of Congregation Beth Ami by helping our community in Santa Rosa. We have been working at the Redwood Empire Food Bank, The Living Room, a shelter for homeless women and children, making dinners bi-monthly at the Palms which is a home for previously homeless veterans and others, as well as working with Jewish Family and Children's Services. We have participated by working hard to help others and letting everyone know that we are members of Congregation Beth Ami!

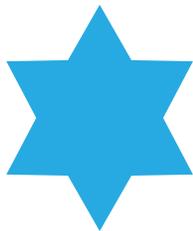
However, we need more volunteers to help us help others. In the spirit of full disclosure, we also have lots of fun doing it. Come join us!

Our next dinner at the Palms is January 30th. Please help us by making brownies or meat chili or helping to serve.

Call the office and speak to Judy Gunnar, or Lyla Nathan at lylanathan5@gmail.com or call her at 707-526-7438.

For the Winter Clothing Drive we will be collecting items for The Living Room which is a shelter for homeless women and their children. This organization really works hard to help these women and children and they need clothes and bedding. You can drop off these items at their facility. If you can't, we will deliver them for you. The clothing drive ends the end of January.

Our next Social Action Committee meeting is at Beth Ami on January 8th at 12:30. Please come and join our meeting.



At right: The Social Action committee cooks and serves dinner at The Palms approximately once a month..



The Social Action committee arranged volunteer opportunities at the Redwood Empire Food Bank.





GREEN COMMITTEE

Tish Levee and Myra Thomas, co-chairs

We finally have a Composting & Recycling Program & it's a big success! Not only are we helping the planet and saving energy, we are also reducing the size of our garbage dumpster from 4 to 3 cubic feet, thus saving the shul \$131 a month or nearly \$1600 a year. As we continue to compost and recycle more, we will be able to cut our trash bill even more.

It may seem complicated at first, but if you look at the items that are fastened to the posters above the new GREEN (compost) and BLUE (recycle) containers in the social hall as well as the familiar BLACK (round) trash barrel, you'll soon see what goes where.

Here's a few tips:

- GREEN barrel—Compost
uncoated paper plates or bowls, complete with food scraps; coffee filters and grounds; kitchen scraps; paper napkins; paper towels; flowers; wooden coffee stirrers.
- BLUE barrel—Recycling
Empty plastic glasses and cups, including the little kiddush cups—pour out liquid into the Compost or Trash barrels; reasonably clean & dry glass, metal, and rigid plastic containers with lids on—wiped out with a paper towel or rinsed off and

shaken dry; reasonably clean & dry disposable aluminum pans; reasonably clean aluminum foil—rolled into the shape of a tennis ball

- BLACK barrel (round)—Trash
Everything else! Coated coffee cups or dishes; plastic knives, forks, & spoons; plastic bags & film soft plastics; anything smaller than 3", i.e. sugar packets, creamer packets, tea bag packaging; styrofoam or net bags (from fruits).

Look and ask

Look for posters over each bin as well as table topper signs.

If you don't know what goes where, ask a member of the GREEN or the Kitchen Committees.

When in Doubt, Throw it Out!

Put anything you aren't sure of in the trash. We only get reduced rates IF we don't contaminate the compost and recycling bins.

Toddah rabbah to everyone who's been getting on board with this new program. We hope you're doing this at home, too. Think how much less waste there'll be when we all are doing this!



THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

with Myra Thomas-Stern, Chair of the Kitchen Committee

A Bit of Thanks

We have many different ways of contributing to our community at Congregation Beth Ami. Some members contribute donations of money or items. Some contribute their skills. We have many volunteers who come and use our Beth Ami kitchen. They are either volunteer mashgichim themselves, or they use our mashgichim

when they want to cook in our Kosher kitchen. Their contribution is to help provide the "Let's eat!" part of celebrations, holidays and other events. We have those who help set-up, help clean-up, some donate foods or wine or liquor; some are cooks. I don't need to mention names, we know who they are.

They are the ones who prepared and served



THE KITCHEN CORNER

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the latkes for Hanukah and Hamantashen for Purim and the Purim Spiels. They come in periodically to make the challah. Volunteers come in during the week to cook for the First Friday night Shabbat dinners. They come in during the week to make soups, pasta and potato salads for our potluck Shabbat lunches. Some have prepared kugel or other special foods for special occasions. Because our kitchen is kosher, the dishes they prepare can not be made at home and brought in. Our volunteers take time out to make their special dishes for all of us to enjoy. And we all benefit from their efforts. Thank you one and all, you make our community at Beth Ami even more special.

The Volunteer Mashgichim

Working in the CBA Kitchen is quite a challenge, whether you keep kosher at your home, or not.

If you keep kosher, you understand the basics already because you do this all the time. Understanding the keeping of Kashrui explains a lot of the whys: why won't we allow certain packaged foods items, why can't we bring and use our cookware from home, why do we check raw eggs before adding them to the food, why do we need to do the prepping and cooking in the Beth Ami kitchen instead of home, etc. Those who don't keep kosher may understand the general concept of keeping kosher, but the details to doing this are many and can get confusing.

That is why we developed the Beth Ami Volunteer Mashgichim. Their role is to help maintain the Kashrui of the kitchen, no matter who is using it. They are also monitoring and, if necessary, making suggestions for food safety and kitchen safety. They know how our appliances work, and usually can locate where the cookware, utensils and smaller appliances are or should be (yes, things go wandering). Please note: we, volunteer mashgichim, are not qualified to be professional mashgichim, which

is a major undertaking in training and knowledge.

We just had one of our introductory classes and further training in what our volunteers need to be aware of as volunteer mashgichim. We gave out reading materials to review on Kitchen and Food Safety, Mashgiach Duties with Checklist, Appliances in the Kitchen. We had discussions on why Kosher and what is the purpose of mashgiach; the challenges of verifying if the food item is kosher (involving the variety of Kosher and other nutritional symbols); safety issues; and the new recycling and composting procedures in the kitchen. Then, we had questions on the reading material and we did roleplaying scenarios and situations that may (and have) come up. For those who are further interested in being mashgichim, we have mentoring sessions with our more experienced volunteer mashgichim at potlucks or other events. And the learning doesn't stop there.

And for those who are planning events, you need keep all of this in mind as you organize. When you fill out the event planner in the office, make certain you get and review the various available pamphlets to help you prepare. The volunteer mashgiach working with you (or if your event has several days of preparation in the kitchen then possibly multiple mashgichim) are concerned about food safety, kitchen safety, and keeping the Beth Ami kitchen kosher. They will be checking all of your purchased packaged food to see if it's kosher before you start cooking. If they have questions on it, they will inquire. If it isn't kosher, it isn't usable in Beth Ami, so you will need to get an alternative. The volunteer mashgiach will be in the kitchen, not as part of your team of preparers, servers, and clean-up crew, but to insure what is done there follows the standard kosher rules and is done safely. That is their responsibility.



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January Events and Services

Jan. 4 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Family dinner/Kabalat Shabbat Service and speaker Jon Batzdorff

Jan. 5 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning services followed by dairy pot luck lunch

Jan. 11 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat evening service

Jan. 12 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck lunch

Jan. 18 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat evening service

Jan. 19 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck lunch

Jan. 21 (Mon.)—Tu B'Shevat events to be announced

Jan. 25 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat evening service

Jan. 26 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck lunch

February Events and Services

Feb. 1 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Family Dinner/Kabalat Services and Speaker Phyllis Rosenfeld from Listening for a Change

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

Feb. 8 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat evening service

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

Feb. 15 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat evening service

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

Feb. 22 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Kabalat Shabbat evening service

Feb. 23 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck lunch

Daily Daven

Sundays and National Holidays—8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan in the Chapel followed by a light breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

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

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Join us the first Friday of every month for Shabbat service, community dinner (no charge) and a program featuring extraordinary contributions to resilience, hope and recovery and the people in our community who make them.

Join us for services (6:00pm) and dinner (6:30pm) with program to follow; invite your family and friends.

You **MUST** make reservations by the previous Wednesday. Donations are always appreciated!

January 4: Jon Batzdorff, CPO, Founder & President of ProsthetiKa

February 1: Phyllis Rosenfeld, Executive Director of Listening for a Change in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County, present The Fire Survivor Story Project

March 1: Christyne Davidian, Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust: Armenian Genocide

April 5: Donna Waldman, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Free Clinic

May 3: Sarith Honigstein, Senior Director of Operations, IsraAID (US) Global Humanitarian Assistance, Inc.

Beth Ami Calendar

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
New Year's Day
Office Closed
6:00pm evening service
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
7:30pm Midrash Class
Thursday, January 3, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Friday, January 4, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services
6:30pm Shabbat Dinner
Saturday, January 5, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, January 6, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
2:30pm Shloshim for Susy Raful
6:00pm evening service
Monday, January 7, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
10:30am Kitchen Committee Mtg.
6:00pm evening service
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
Thursday, January 10, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Friday, January 11, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services
Saturday, January 12, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services

12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, January 13, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
6:00pm evening service
Monday, January 14, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
7:30pm Exec Com Mtg.
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 9th Grade
7:30pm Midrash Class
Thursday, January 17, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 11/12th Gr
Friday, January 18, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services
Saturday, January 19, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, January 20, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
6:00pm evening service
Monday, January 21, 2019
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
7:30pm CBA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service

6:30pm Chaverim - 10th Grade
Thursday, January 24, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 8th Grade
Friday, January 25, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
10:30am Religious Practices Mtg
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, January 27, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
6:00pm evening service
Monday, January 28, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 9th Grade
7:30pm Midrash Class
Thursday, January 31, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim- 11/12 Grade
Friday, February 1, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services
6:30pm Shabbat Dinner
Saturday, February 2, 2019
Haylala HaGadol
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, February 3, 2019
Haylala HaGadol
8:30am Morning Minyan

6:00pm evening service
Monday, February 4, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 10th Grade
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 8th Grade
Friday, February 8, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services
Saturday, February 9, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, February 10, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
6:00pm evening service
Monday, February 11, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim parent night
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 9th Grade
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 11/12 Grade
Friday, February 15, 2019

Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services
Saturday, February 16, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, February 17, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
6:00pm evening service
Monday, February 18, 2019
Office Closed
Presidents' Day (regional holiday)
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
7:30pm Executive Com Mtg.
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Friday, February 22, 2019
Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, February 23, 2019
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, February 24, 2019
8:30am Morning Minyan
6:00pm evening service
Monday, February 25, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
7:30pm CBA Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Study Book of Joshua
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 10th Grade
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Office Open 10am -5:00pm
6:00pm evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 11th/12th Grade



Saturday,
January 26, 2019
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Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Jan. 4 & 5

- Jan. 5 J.J. Fitzgibbons, Husband of Andrea Goodman
- Jan. 6 Verne Paule, Husband of Raynore Paule
- Jan. 6 Ruth Susnow, Mother of Nancy Fleming
- Jan. 7 Sylvia Bernstein, Aunt of Marc Bernstein
- Jan. 9 Sara Feinstein, Mother-in-law of Lee Feinstein
- Jan. 10 Charles Feingold, Father of Stanley Feingold

Announced on Jan. 11 & 12

- Jan. 12 Lewis Magnus, Grandfather of Howard Glickman
- Jan. 12 David Myerfeld, Grandfather of Patty Bernstein
- Jan. 13 Erna Biberstein, Mother of Susanne Batzdorff
- Jan. 13 Eleanor Marshall, Mother of Carolyn Metz
- Jan. 14 Eli Brisgel, Grandfather of Sue Bell
- Jan. 15 Irving Decker, Father of Mel Decker
- Jan. 15 Ralph Swanson, Father-in-law of Carol Swanson
- Jan. 15 George Waldman, Grandfather of Barbara Whitaker
- Jan. 16 Warren Davis, Husband of Judith Helman
- Jan. 16 Simon Kovar, Grandfather of Dr. Gary Herzberg
- Jan. 17 Nomi Lev-Yahm, Mother of Vivian Klein

Announced on Jan. 18 & 19

- Jan. 20 Lillian Margolese, Grandmother of Michelle Zygielbaum
- Jan. 20 Isac Rijnveld, Stepfather of Mienke Drake
- Jan. 20 Michelle Stein, Mother of Janet Stein-Larson
- Jan. 21 Florence Alexander, Grandmother of Abe Alexander
- Jan. 21 Mariya Antonovsky, Mother of Olga Pekker
- Jan. 21 Marguerite Connors, Mother of Tish Levee
- Jan. 23 Fannie Miller, Grandmother of Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Jan. 23 Harry Schneider, Father of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Jan. 24 Mark Gurevitch, Brother-in-law of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Jan. 25 Quentin Brown, Father of Ann Brown
- Jan. 25 Irwin Margolese, Uncle of Michelle Zygielbaum

Announced on Jan. 25 & 26

- Jan. 26 Sheyna Morse, Mother-in-law of Myrna Morse
- Jan. 28 Freda Weiss, Mother of Mort Weiss & Grandmother of Dan Weiss
- Jan. 29 Erwin Batzdorff, Father of Alfred Batzdorff
- Jan. 29 Gerson Kahn, Father of David Kahn
- Jan. 31 Rayfield Helman, Father of Judith Helman

January Birthdays

If you do *not* wish to have your birthday listed in the Shofar, please contact the office

- 3 Marge Ballo
- 4 Evan Zelig
- 5 Judy Kupfer
- 6 Abe Alexander
- 6 Mienke Drake
- 8 Art Bornstein
- 9 Tish Levee
- 15 Tamar Landau
- 16 Lenore Holloway
- 17 Paula Schlesinger
- 21 Michele Guttenberg
- 26 Karen Brodsky
- 28 Bill Friedman
- 28 Bob Raful
- 31 Stephen Nett

January Anniversaries

- 2 Laura & Abe Alexander
- 2 Mark Deirkhising & Karen Brodsky
- 3 Joyce & Paul Kobetz
- 17 Jerry Lakins & Susan Miller

Jewish Community Contacts

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February Yahrzeits

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Feb. 1 & 2

- Feb. 1 Zislye bas Mendel Laib,
Mother-in-law
of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Feb. 1 Sophie Shapiro,
Mother-in-law
of Phyllis Shapiro
- Feb. 5 Mort Sherman,
Father of Nancy Sherman
- Feb. 8 Sam Dzik,
Father of Judith Dzik
- Feb. 8 Nathan Hartzman,
Grandfather
of Cheryle Miller
- Feb. 8 Charles Yelin, Grandfather
of Francie Rogovin

Announced on Feb. 8 & 9

- Feb. 9 Mae Bernstein,
Grandmother
of Marc Bernstein
- Feb. 9 Sylvia Shelan,
Mother of Ron Shelan
- Feb. 9 Aaron Speigelman,
Uncle of Ronit Glickman
- Feb. 10 Lillian Garson,
Mother of Andrea Nett
- Feb. 11 Anna Branagan, Mother
of Branagan Branagan
- Feb. 12 Sadie Selowitz,
Aunt of Susan Miller
- Feb. 13 Lydia Ross,
Sister of Henry Cohn
- Feb. 14 Mollie Brisgel,
Mother of Sue Bell
- Feb. 15 Sylvia Feingold, Mother of
Stan Feingold &
Grandmother of
Vivian Klein

Announced on Feb. 15 & 16

- Feb. 16 Fred Kaplan,
Father of Sherri Kahn
- Feb. 17 Michael Brust,
Father of Barbara McGee
- Feb. 17 Phillip Feingold,
Father of Vivian Klein &
Brother of Stan Feingold
- Feb. 18 Ellen Benbheim,
Mother of Pnina Loeb
- Feb. 20 Sidney Sternfield-Squires,
Husband of
Edee Sternfield-Squires
- Feb. 21 Simon Jimmy Saar, Brother
of Ahuva Simon-Saar
- Feb. 22 Polly Boyd,
Mother of Elizabeth Boyd

Announced on Feb. 22 & 23

- Feb. 23 Bernard Bernstein,
Father of Marc Bernstein
- Feb. 23 Rabbi Meyer Miler, Father
of Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Feb. 25 Leo Gurevitch, Husband
of Evelyn Gurevitch &
Father of Eleanor Cohen
& Russ Gurevitch
- Feb. 25 Jacob Stormer,
Father of Marilyn Sommer
- Feb. 27 G.K. Branagan, Father
of Branagan Branagan
- Feb. 27 Hazel Schloner,
Mother of Carol Swanson
& Fred Schloner

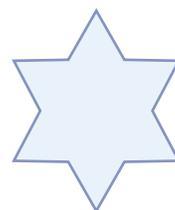
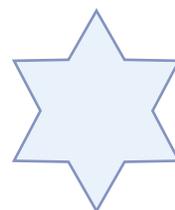
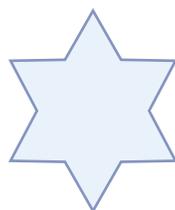
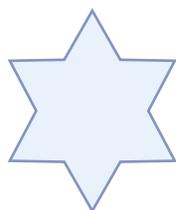
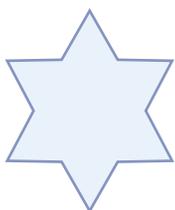
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- 2 Debbie Shapiro
- 3 Ellen Mundell
- 4 Arnold Drake
- 5 Dr. Eli Cohen
- 6 Nemani Rasiga
- 6 Julie Simkovitz
- 7 Rayme Shapiro
- 8 Ed Harman
- 10 Edith Friedman
- 10 Semyon Pekker
- 11 David Ballo
- 11 Andy Fleming
- 14 Daryl Schloss
- 15 Keith Abrams
- 15 Branagan Branagan
- 18 Sid Burwell
- 19 Alfred Batzdorff
- 21 Betty Boyd
- 21 Audrey Darby
- 23 Bernice Fox
- 23 Barbara McGee
- 24 Arnold Herskovic
- 25 Allan Brody
- 26 Priscilla Lowell
- 27 Michael Newman

February Anniversaries

- 2 Alan & Janice Shotkin
- 14 Davis & Diane Brown
- 19 Janice & Jeff Sternfeld
- 20 Patty & Marc Bernstein
- 23 Vivian & Irvin Klein
- 26 Tamar Landau
& Roy Camarillo





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January Shabbatot

Jan. 5

Va'eira

Candle Lighting—4:45 p.m.

Havdalah—5:47 p.m.

Jan. 12

Bo

Candle Lighting—4:52 p.m.

Havdalah—5:54 p.m.

Jan. 19

Beshalach

Candle Lighting—4:59 p.m.

Havdalah—6:01 p.m.

Jan. 26

Yitro

Candle Lighting—5:07 p.m.

Havdalah—6:08 p.m.

February Shabbatot

Feb. 2

Mishpatim

Candle Lighting—5:15 p.m.

Havdalah—6:15 p.m.

Feb. 9

Terumah

Candle Lighting—5:23 p.m.

Havdalah—6:23 p.m.

Feb. 16

Tatzaveh

Candle Lighting—5:31 p.m.

Havdalah—6:30 p.m.

Feb. 23

Ki Tisa

Candle Lighting—5:38 p.m.

Havdalah—6:37 p.m.