HAPPY PESACH
Mission Statement

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

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A recent Facebook meme goes, “Religion is a person sitting in a church (substitute “synagogue”) thinking about kayaking; Spirituality is a person sitting in a kayak thinking about God.”

During the course of my work as a rabbi starting back in the spring of 1974, I’ve heard so many times, “Rabbi, I just don’t enjoy coming to services! For one, they’re too long; I mean, three hours?”

And yet, when I reflect on the essence of what makes a synagogue a synagogue, I would have to say, it’s the fact that it’s a place where people can create a community to share common spiritual goals.

Examining the words that inhabit the pages of our Siddur, the Jewish book of prayer, provides a unique opportunity for people:

• To gather together to find expression of their deepest spiritual, emotional and intellectual selves and grow through the worship services.

• To meditate on the spectrum of existence; examining any element of reality with a sense of wonder and awe at its beauty, complexity or manifestation; from the microcosm, e.g. that a spider is able to perform amazing feats of engineering to the macrocosm: the vastness of our universe.

• To discover a sense of perspective. How do I view myself, my life, my successes and failures in the light of infinite time and space?

• To develop a sense of duty. How do I account for my presence in this world as I stand before the Force through which I came into existence?

• To feel a sense of hope (despite all the challenges to our sense of well-being), that the Universe is in the ultimate control of a Power well beyond our brief sojourn or our ability to comprehend.

It affords the opportunity to shed feelings of loneliness by sharing moments spanning grief through celebration, surrounded by a loving community.

Attending services provides the space and time to give voice to ideas that transcend space and time.

In engaging these ideas and being open to the challenge of combining old and new meanings, the words in our Siddur speak to our own needs.

The ideas above represent one of the approaches we practice here at Beth Ami. It could be termed contemplative or meditative.

There is another approach within the walls of this sanctuary which complements the meditative, we could call it the ecstatic. It involves all kinds of expression. It leans heavily on how the sounds of music speak to our emotions; how it’s capable of lifting our spirits or calming us down.

In this sense, we can observe that even regular spoken language creates a unique set of sounds; over and above the actual denotation of the words. It is another way that people who enjoy our services find great satisfaction in hearing the Hebrew being chanted or sung. They may not understand what the individual words mean, but they are sensitive to the atmosphere; the emotional content of the sounds; the way in which it has been able to survive the millennia; the way it connects us to people recently and long departed. This approach has appeal precisely because of its visceral nature; it speaks in a unique way to our emotional side.

In the ecstatic process, a person tries to lose themselves in the feeling. In the contemplative approach, a person tries to lose themselves in the thought.

Ironically, in losing our ego-selves in these ways, we discover a totally different side to our human personality. In engaging with open hearts in this process, we can approach a profound sense of who we really are—our true inner being. This is where we have the chance of finding purpose and peace.
Our Condolences to the Families of:
Betty Franks
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Judy Dzik
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David Kahn
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5th Annual Sonoma County Israeli Film Festival
The Jewish Community Center (JCC) presents the 5th Annual Sonoma County Israeli Film Festival, 3/3–31, at Rialto Cinemas Sebastopol. The films focus on issues of gender, love at old age, secular and orthodox Judaism, and the Palestinian and Israeli conflict, and include international award winners and a Bay Area premiere. All films are on Tuesdays and screen twice on the day, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Flawless (Coming of Age)
Tues., 3/3, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

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Tues., 3/17, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

The Other Story (Drama)
Tues., 3/24, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Love In Suspenders (Romantic Comedy)
Tues., 3/31, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Information and Tickets: www.jccsoco.org

Good news! We’re phasing out more plastic. The Kitchen Committee has just ordered new glass kiddish cups—they’ll replace the little plastic ones we’ve been using. Now we’ll only put the following in the garbage (middle round barrel in the Social Hall): plastic bags, plastic film, packaging with plastic in it, and items too small to recycle, e.g. the sugar and sweetener packets and the creamers. Thanks, everybody for doing such a great job!!

Earth Day—the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day is April 22nd. Lots of events are planned around Earth Day itself and the following weekend. Earth Day is sponsoring The Great Global Clean Up™️. There are currently none nearby, but we can do our own, register it with them, and get more people involved. Check out https://cleanup.earthday.org and let me know if you’d be interested in participating—one day during the week of 4/20. If there’s interest, I’ll register us and get the word out on social media. Let more people know about what we’re doing at Beth Ami.

There’ll also be a huge global Friday for Future Youth Climate Strike on 4/24.
See the cybershul for locations and times or call me. Let’s all show up to let our youth know that we care about the planet and their future!

Save the Date, April 17th @ 4 PM for SRJC’s 2nd Climate Action Night.
See the cybershul for details on time and location for this great presentation from students. Last year’s was really awesome! You will be blown away by these students. ~ Tish Levee (707-526-9864; email tishela@sonic.net)

Toddah Rabbah—
Thank you to everyone who came and helped make my Bat Mitzvah on February 1st so special. It means so much to me to have this wonderful Beth Ami family. I am sure there are people I forgot to thank at the time. Please know that I am so grateful to all of you, even if I forgot to send you a note. ~ Tish Levee.
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Dear Members,
Every time I think we’ve reached a new plateau and I can take a breath, something new takes center stage, and here we go………

On February 16 the Mid-Year Membership Meeting had an excellent turnout of more than 50 members, to hear the findings of the Strategic Planning Committee and particularly the Focus Groups conducted in the past year. Significant points of the findings include:

In the past, people joined Beth Ami looking for compatible relationships with folks who shared similar values, traditional religious practice, Jewish Community, looking for Jewish education for their children and support during life-cycle events.

Aimee Close, Planning Consultant from USCJ with whom we’ve been working this past year, has written, “As we know from many recent studies, the Jewish world is changing fast…… the forces disrupting synagogues are significantly bigger than the capacity of most synagogues to overcome them on their own.”

Current challenges to sustainability at Congregation Beth Ami include:
• Decreasing membership numbers and corresponding financial support;
• Aging membership; growing energy and leadership void;
• Lack of young families involved; traditional connection with Jewish institutions does not fit with contemporary culture.

Your Board has chosen to remain on this campus and face the challenges and opportunities to the best of our ability over the next five years. And, we are asking for your support and participation.

Central themes derived from the Focus Groups include:
• Creating Jewish Community: The CBA campus is an underutilized asset.
• Creating Religious/Spiritual Community:
  • Can we create relevant alternative Services?
  • Children’s Education/Beth Ami Community Nursery School: Engaging with Jewish families at BACNS is a gift within reach.

At the close of the Mid-Year Meeting everyone present was asked to express interest and excitement over something they had heard/learned. I’ll be contacting you in the future to ask that you join us in creating solutions. Already I’ve heard new suggestions that haven’t been mentioned before. Let’s see where they take us.

The primary restraint in all our deliberations is our finances. Our financial resources are the backdrop of our ability to hire qualified professional staffing. CBA currently operates under a deficit budget, meaning we spend more than we bring in. The Friedman Center has been able to help us meet our financial commitments in the past 3 years – thank you, Andrea Nett, for your dedicated work and Benny Friedman (may his memory be a blessing) for his vision. We may be facing some hard decisions in the months and years ahead; I’m hoping we can create some miracles along the way as well. Stay involved, keep showing up, we’ll get there together.

Thanks to all who keep Beth Ami, vibrant, engaged and relevant.

B’Shalom, Carolyn
A dear friend recently sent me an advertisement from the Danish government that challenged people to step outside their defining boxes of us/them. https://mashable.com/2017/01/31/danish-ad-all-that-we-share-box/?utm_cid=mash-com-fb-main-link&fbclid=IwAR1vjMgo_emGRx62xX-Fkl2-ZFnd7zPW7iEiW9LGs2wgWQ3RZyAS53fInE#8DUMhYvD9qk

I found it very intriguing so I thought I would pass it on to our Kehilla.

As we know it is sometimes very difficult to find things that we, as human beings, have in common. Even though we profess, as Jews, that we are all made in God’s image, we often struggle applying this concept to people we dislike, distrust, are different from us, we are afraid of, or disagree with. The exercise they show in the video makes it clear to people of very different social and economic strata and politics to see and acknowledge their commonalities rather than their differences.

It starts with a large group of Danes who have different opinions on immigration, religion, those they trust, those they avoid, and those they think they share nothing in common with.

Everyone is in their box with a big gap in the center. Starting with questions like, Who of you were a class clown in school? Who is a stepparent? Who was bullied or bullied others? Who works in life saving profession? Teachers?

Slowly everyone stepped out of their box and everyone was standing in the middle. People were laughing and talking to each other. It seemed liked people realized how similar they are.

This exercise certainly made me think how easily I judge a person and I hope that I can stop and listen to someone else that I disagree with and find common ground. Certainly in these times when the us/them narrative has become mainstream we can try and not get caught up in the things that divide us and notice the many things that bind us as human beings.

I know this isn’t the regular message from Social Action but it is about Tikun Olam, repairing the world.

We will be serving dinner at The Palms on Wednesday, March 18.
Will Congregation Beth Ami exist in 50 years? There are two big reasons to worry: 1) antisemitism (the drive away from identifying as a Jew), and 2) assimilation (the ease of becoming a non-Jew.)

Antisemitism is rampant according to the ADL, from 9% in the US and Denmark to 93% in the West Bank and Gaza. We experience it in attacks on worshippers, in the acts against Jewish college students, and even in some K–12 schools’ curricula.

Assimilation in America is both painless and rewarding. According to a 2013 Pew Research survey, intermarriage is at 71%. Two-thirds of marginal Jews raise their children as non-Jews. One-fifth of Jewish millennials think Jesus is G-d, and 34% think belief in Jesus as the Messiah is compatible with being Jewish. In the last 100 years, we have moved from being Jews living in America to Americans who are Jewish, and for some, to being just Americans.

How do we identify as Jews? For some, the answer is through praying, by assembling, and by eating the foods that our parents enjoyed. But these activities are universal; Christians do the same. So what makes Jews Jews?

What’s unique to us is that we care about the plight of fellow Jews throughout the world, and we care about Zion. We say, “We are One,” even if we never attend services or eat borscht. This sense of commonality of fate is what unites us all. Attacks on Jews in Russian, on the Russian River, or in the Negev shakes us.

This Re-Jew-Venation column will examine the question “Is there a future for Jews in America?” the growing rift in and between Jews in America and Israel which tears us apart, and how to re-Jew-venate ourselves.
Congregation Beth Ami
Community Passover Seder

Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Led by Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Welcoming all ages, affiliations, interfaith & LGBT communities, members, and non-members. The meal will be fish, dairy and vegetarian, with a special dessert. Let us know about dietary restrictions especially to nuts or milk.

Reservations Deadline: Monday, April 6 by noon

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Right now is the season of preparations. At the time of writing this article, we are in the midst of preparing Hamantashen for the Purim Spiels, Purim Services and, of course, the Shalach Manos. This takes bakers as well as donors of fillings and dough (all done following our Food and Potluck Guidelines). For all of you who are helping this year with the making and baking of hamantashen, thank you.

Of course, with all this flour being used and with all of the baking being done, we are starting to think about the vast Passover Preparations that need to be done. Below is what we know so far:

Here are some important dates for Beth Ami’s Preparations for Passover:

**Sunday, March 29th**—Volunteers will be needed to help clear out all of the food and relocate everything else in the kitchen that is movable.

If your group uses the Beth Ami kitchen refrigerator or freezer for storage, this is the time to have all your food removed from the kitchen. Any extra food left by them will be either donated, or composted, or tossed.

The apartment kitchen, refrigerator and freezer will be used for storing food and preparing for the April 4th Shabbat Potluck.

Also during that day the Passover items will be moved out to a special storage area until after the kitchen is koshered for Passover.

**From March 30th through Havdalah on April 16th**—The Congregation Beth Ami kitchen will not be available except for Passover cleaning and cooking. It will be returned to regular use sometime after Havdalah on April 16th.

**On April 4th there will be a simple, regular Shabbat Potluck**—but, all of the preparations and cleaning up will be done in the Beth Ami Apartment. Until the morning of April 8th the apartment will remain available for use.

**From Wednesday, April 8th through Havdalah on April 16th**—After the Morning Davening and the Fast of the First Born is over, all of the chametz and items for preparing chametz will be sold by contract.

This means there will be no access to the Beth Ami apartment, social hall cabinets, or kitchen pantry. [Remember that if you choose to use Congregation Beth Ami to sell your chametz, your form needs to be turned into the CBA office before 10 a.m. on April 8th. This form will be available at the CBA office and on the website.]

**Saturday, April 11th**—A simple Passover lunch after Shabbat Services will be available.

When we celebrate Passover, there is no potluck onegs or potluck lunches. Volunteers will be preparing and serving the food from the Beth Ami kitchen. All food will be kosher pareve or dairy for Passover.

**Friday morning, April 17th**—Volunteers will be re-packing the Passover supplies, shifting them back to the designated storage areas, and moving the regular items back to the Beth Ami Kitchen.

After this is done, the kitchen will be available for preparations for the Shabbat Potluck on Saturday, the 18th.

**If you wish to volunteer for the kitchen preparation for Passover (on March 29th) or returning the kitchen to regular use (on April 17th) please contact Janet Stein-Larson (JSL2602@sonic.net or leave a message at 707-539-6612).**

**If you wish to be a volunteer for any of the other various Passover needs, please contact Judy Gunnar at her office (707) 360-3011.**
On January 20, 2020, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, SCUSY took part of USY’s Mini Mission Mitzvah. Opting to collaborate with MUSY and their amazing advisor, Sara Glass, we chose to help cleanup Stinson Beach alongside many other volunteers. We spent approximately two hours picking up trash with buckets and grabbers, while exploring the beach and having lots of fun! After grabbing a quick lunch, we planned to work together more in the future. On the way back to Sonoma County, both of my kids, Pasha and Zack, kept talking about how much fun they had at Stinson Beach before they both fell asleep promptly for the duration of the ride home. Volunteering can be exhausting!

Please contact advisor Jeremy Lipsin at jeremyscusy@gmail.com if you would like to learn more, help out or join one of our future events!

Beth Ami celebrates Tu B’Shvat 5780 (2020) in Armstrong Woods
This is the 15th community Purim Spiel at Beth Ami, and we can hardly believe it ourselves. We have to revisit all of them to make sure. Come along on this historic journey through the Purim story. You can sponsor a favorite character, or a classic hit song. You can even step forward as one of the major spiel underwriters. All donations go to support a grateful Congregation Beth Ami.

Tickets will be available at the door, but you can also pay in advance for Will Call.

**Sunday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.** $10/Adults, Children 12 & under free. Following the performance you shouldn’t leave hungry: have some Beth Ami-made hamentashen.

**Sunday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.** $27/person for spiel and party. Join us following the performance to party with the spielers; continue the fun with music, wine, refreshments, Beth Ami-made hamantaschen, and more.

**Erev Purim Monday March 9, 7:30 p.m., service, Megillah reading, costumes, hamantaschen.**

**Purim morning Tuesday March 10 8:00 a.m.**
Services at Beth Ami

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

March Shabbat and other Services

Mar. 6 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service
6:30–7:15 p.m. dinner (Reservations necessary*)
7:15–8:15 p.m. program: Don Schlesinger of the Jewish National Fund
Mar. 7 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck.
Mar. 9 (Mon.)—7:30 p.m. Ereiv Purim Megillah of Esther read by Asher Nathan
Mar. 10 (Tues.)—8 a.m. Purim Services Megillah of Esther read by Ahuva Simon-Sa’ar
Mar. 13 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Mar. 14 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck
Mar. 20 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Mar. 21 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service, 11:30 a.m. Kool Shul followed by dairy potluck
Mar. 26 (Thurs.)—Rosh Chodesh Nissan
Mar. 27 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Mar. 28 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

Daily Daven

Sundays and National Holidays—8:30 a.m.
Morning Minyan in the Chapel
Mon.–Fri.—7 a.m. Morning Daily Daven by request in the Chapel, except for Jewish and Secular Holidays
Sun.–Thurs.—7 p.m. Evening Daily Daven by request in the Chapel, except for Jewish and Secular Holidays

April Shabbat and other Services

Apr. 3 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Apr. 4 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck
Apr. 8 (Wed.)—Ereiv Pesach 1st Seder
Apr. 9 (Thurs.)—9:30 a.m. 1st Day Pesach Services
Apr. 9 (Thurs.)—6 p.m. 2nd Seder dinner Reservations necessary: see Cybershul for price
Apr. 10 (Fri.)—9:30 a.m. 2nd Day Pesach Services
Apr. 10 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Apr. 11 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by RPC hosted lunch
Apr. 15 (Wed.)—9:30 a.m. 7th Day Pesach Services
Apr. 16 (Thurs.)—9:30 a.m. 8th Day Pesach Services Yiskor
Apr. 17 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service
Apr. 18 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service 11:30 a.m. Kool Shul followed by dairy potluck
Apr. 24 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service & Rosh Chodesh Iyyar
Apr. 25 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat Rosh Chodesh morning service, Bar Mitzvah of Harry Newton
Apr. 28 (Tues.)—Yom HaZikkkaron Israel Memorial Day
Apr. 29 (Wed.)—Yom Ha’Atsma’ut Israel Independence Day

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

Harry Newton
Bar Mitzvah
April 25, 2020
Please join Harry and his family in celebrating as he is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah!

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In honor of Meineke Drake’s birthday—Tish Levee
In memory of Sherri Fern Kahn—The Ballo family
Mazel Tov to Nancy & Andy Fleming upon the birth of their granddaughter!—The Ballo family
Speedy recovery to Robby Gitlin—The Ballo family
Todah Rabah to all the Beth Hamon Music Weekend volunteers!—The Ballo family

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In memory of Sherri Kahn
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In honor Nancy & Andy Fleming’s new granddaughter—Susan Miller
In memory of Arnold Drake, I will always remember your warmth & friendliness—Susy Boimoil
In memory of Ruth Rosenberg
—Tish Levee

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8:30am Morning Minyan
10:00am Israel Committee Meeting

Monday, March 2
Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 3
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah Class

Wednesday, March 4
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class
7:30pm Midrash Class

Thursday, March 5
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class

Friday, March 6
Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services
6:30pm Shabbat Dinner with Jewish National Fund

Saturday, March 7
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 8
8:30am Morning Minyan
1:30pm Purim Spiel - matinee
7:00pm Purim Spiel - evening performance

Monday, March 9
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
7:30pm Erev Purim Megillah reading

Tuesday, March 10
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
8:00am Morning Purim service and Megillah reading
9:30am Nursery School Purim Carnival

Wednesday, March 11
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 8th grade

Thursday, March 12
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 11th/12th grade

Friday, March 13
Office Open 10am-2pm
10:30am Kitchen Committee
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 14
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 15
8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, March 16
Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 17
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller

Wednesday, March 18
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
4:00pm Adult Education Com. Mtg.
7:30pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller

Thursday, March 19
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class

Friday, March 20
Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 21
9:30am Shabbat Services
11:30am Kool Shul
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 22
8:30am Morning Minyan
8:00pm Absolute Music Concert

Monday, March 23
Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 24
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller
7:00pm CBA Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 25
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class

Thursday, March 26
Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class
7:00pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Friday, March 27
Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 28
9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 29
8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, March 30
Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 31
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March Yahrzeits
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Announced Mar. 6 & 7
Mar. 7 Morris Bernstein, Grandfather of Marc Bernstein
Mar. 7 Frieda Goldman, Mother of Ethel Schy
Mar. 8 Michael Brust, Father of Barbara McGee
Mar. 8 Philip Feingold, Father of Vivian Klein & Brother of Stan Feingold
Mar. 8 Brian Gross, Husband of Fredrika Gross
Mar. 9 Ellen Benbheim, Mother of Pnina Loeb
Mar. 9 Saul Sampiere, Father of Etienne Sampiere
Mar. 11 Sidney Sternfield-Squires, Husband of Edee Sternfield-Squires
Mar. 12 Simon Jimmy Saar, Brother of Ahuva Simon-Saar
Mar. 13 Polly Boyd, Mother of Elizabeth Boyd
Mar. 13 Edward Susnow, Father of Nancy Fleming

Announced Mar. 13 & 14
Mar. 14 Bernard Bernstein, Father of Marc Bernstein
Mar. 14 Rabbi Meyer Miller, Father of Rabbi Mordecai Miller
Mar. 15 Joseph Goldstein, Mother of Elaine Golemb
Mar. 16 Stan Diamond, Husband of Marilyn Diamond & Father of Lauren Newman
Mar. 16 Leo Gurevitch, Husband of Evelyn Gurevitch & Eleanor Cohen
Mar. 16 Jacob Stromer, Father of Marilyn Sommer
Mar. 16 Mary Hahn, Mother of Edith Newman
Mar. 18 G.K. Branangan, Father of Branangan Branangan
Mar. 18 Hazel Schloner, Mother of Carol Swanson & Frederic Schloner
Mar. 19 Barbara Garam, Mother of Rose Batzdorff

Announced Mar. 20 & 21
Mar. 21 Pearl Lotsoff, Mother of Cheryle Miller
Mar. 24 Michael Abrams, Brother of Patty Bernstein
Mar. 24 Esther Herskovic, Mother of Arnold Herskovic
Mar. 25 Ester Gutman-Markman, Aunt of Ahuva Simon-Saar
Mar. 25 Boruch Zelichenok, Father of Rimma Rivkin
Mar. 27 Rae Abrams, Mother of Patty Bernstein

Announced Mar. 27 & 28
Mar. 28 Morris Estrin, Uncle of Charlene Bornstein
Mar. 28 Rachel Jones, Mother of Maury Jones & Grandmother of Ross Jones

March Birthdays
If you do not wish to have your birthday listed in the Shofar, please contact the office
1 Ben Goldman
1 Karen Herskovic
3 Melissa Bloom
5 Rose Batzdorff
6 Joseph Kagan
6 Nancy Sherman
15 Raynore Paule
17 William Cordell
17 Dr. Alan Shotkin
19 Lee Feinstein
23 Michele Baine
23 Kim Cordell
23 Olga Pekker
26 Diane Brown
28 Adolph Rivkin
31 Judith Dzik

March Anniversaries
12 Al & Sue Batzdorff
18 Debra & David Sokolsky
19 George & Paula Schlesinger
21 John & Barbara Whitaker
24 Nancy & Ed Sherman
27 Jeff & Karen Sommers

Mar. 29 Yvonne Abrams, Sister-in-law of Patty Bernstein
Mar. 29 Mannie Goldstein, Father of Elaine Golemb
Mar. 30 Shai ben Zalman, Grandfather of Eleanor Cohen & Russ Gurevitch
April Yahrzeits
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Announced Apr. 3 & 4
Apr. 4 Gail Negrin, Mother of Ronit Glickman
Apr. 5 Sylvia Kupperberg, Mother of Michael Kupperberg
Apr. 5 Justin Sommers, Son of Karen & Jeffrey Sommers
Apr. 6 Hyman Feinstein, Father-in-law of Lee Feinstein
Apr. 8 Sydney Garson, Father of Andrea Nett
Apr. 8 Edward Newman, Grandfather of Jerry Newman
Apr. 9 Alexander Newman, Father of Jerry Newman
Apr. 10 Harry Miller, Father of Debra Sokolsky
Apr. 10 Max Newman, Father-in-law of Edith Newman

Announced Apr. 10 & 11
Apr. 11 Harriet Lotsoff, Sister of Cheryle Miller
Apr. 11 Esther Sokolsky, Mother of David Sokolsky
Apr. 12 Harry Estrin, Uncle of Charlene Bornstein
Apr. 12 Benjamin Miller, Father of Susan Miller
Apr. 12 Delores Swanson, Mother-in-law of Carol Swanson
Apr. 13 Ralph Stern, Husband of Cheryle Miller
Apr. 14 Morris Abrams, Grandfather of Patty Bernstein
Apr. 14 Ben Glass, Father of Gussie Levine
Apr. 15 Edward Kahn, Father of Richard Kahn
Apr. 15 Betty Katz, Mother of Audrey Darby
Apr. 15 Gerald Lakins, Husband of Susan Miller
Apr. 15 Betty Rosenblatt, Mother of Robin Rosenblatt
Apr. 15 Bessie Uday, Grandmother of Richard Kahn
Apr. 16 Peter Salvaggio, Father of Stephanie Sweeney
Apr. 17 Esther Miller, Aunt of Susan Miller
Apr. 17 Joseph Scherer, Father of Juli Scherer

Announced Apr. 17 & 18
Apr. 19 Abraham Schy, Father of Stuart Schy
Apr. 19 Grandfather of Leanne Schy
Apr. 20 Elizavetya Gaiger, Mother of Marina Voulfson
Apr. 20 Mary Salvaggio, Mother of Stephanie Sweeney
Apr. 21 Jennifer Hoffman, Sister of Howard Glickman
Apr. 22 Faygie Colton, Sister of Evelyn Gurevitch
Apr. 22 Bea Goldstein, Mother of Marilyn Diamond & Grandmother of Lauren Newman
Apr. 22 Lillian Magnus, Grandmother of Howard Glickman
Apr. 22 Sophie Shapiro, Mother of Michael Shapiro
Apr. 22 Mildred Stromer, Mother of Marilyn Sommer
Apr. 23 John Gee, Husband of Bonnie Gee
Apr. 24 Donald Emblen, Husband of Linda Emblen
Apr. 24 Rosemary Friedman, Mother of Bill Friedman & Debra Chapman

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1 Asher Nathan
1 Sandra Shulkin
3 Howard Glickman
10 Debra Niestat
10 Joan Schloss
12 Jane Herman
13 Elizabeth Jarlsberg
14 Jay Holloway
18 Barbara Tomin
19 Barbara Whitaker
21 Phyllis Shapiro
23 Jeff Richman
27 Ross Jones
29 Binese Goldberg
29 Carol Swanson
30 Jonathan Batzdorff
30 Gayle Farkas

Announced Apr. 24 & 25
Apr. 25 Renee Newman, Sister-in-law of Edith Newman
Apr. 27 Samuel Gordon, Husband of Marjorie Gordon
Apr. 29 Evelyn Decker, Mother of Melvin Decker
Apr. 29 Henry Herskovic, Father of Arnold Herskovic
Apr. 30 Joseph Liverman, Grandfather of Marc Bernstein
May 1 Rose Abrams, Grandmother of Patty Bernstein
May 1 Margret Close, Mother of Signe Minuskin

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March Shabbatot

Mar. 7
Tetzaveh-Zacchor
Candle Lighting—5:51 p.m.
Havdalah—6:50 p.m.

Mar. 14
Ki Tisa-Parah
Candle Lighting—6:58 p.m.
Havdalah—7:57 p.m.

Mar. 21
Vayakhel-Pekudei
Candle Lighting—7:05 p.m.
Havdalah—8:03 p.m.

Mar. 28
Vayikra
Candle Lighting—7:12 p.m.
Havdalah—8:10 p.m.

April Shabbatot

Apr. 4
Tzav
Candle Lighting—7:18 p.m.
Havdalah—8:17 p.m.

Apr. 11
Passover
Candle Lighting—7:25 p.m.
Havdalah—8:25 p.m.

Apr. 18
Shemini
Candle Lighting—7:32 p.m.
Havdalah—8:32 p.m.

Apr. 25
Tazria-Metzora/Shabbat Rosh Chodesh
Candle Lighting—7:38 p.m.
Havdalah—8:39 p.m.