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***Look at all the opportunities  
for you to celebrate  
Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with  
Congregation Beth Ami!***



**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Israeli Shabbat Dinner** – Join us for Shabbat dinner with Israeli food, Israeli dancing and even a birthday cake! Adults \$14, Youth (ages 6-12) \$7.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lunch and Learn** - Join Adam Stein, Rabbinic student from American Jewish University Rabbinic School for Shabbat services followed by a light luncheon of Israeli food. Adam and Bob Raful will be speaking about current issues in Israel during lunch. Suggested donation \$8 per person.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Havdalah and a Movie** – Join us at 9 p.m. for Havdalah and a viewing of Academy Award-nominated foreign film, Beaufort, followed by a discussion. Cost is \$10 for movie and snacks.



***Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, May 23 & 24  
with Rabbi Paul Freedman***

Rabbi Paul is well known as the first international president of USY and as a former director of the Youth Department of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. While juggling his many current volunteer and professional responsibilities, such as serving as international liaison for Project Reconnect, outreach director of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, and director of United Synagogue's Israel Commission, Rabbi Paul plays a major role in welcoming North American students and families to Israel, whether they are visiting or making aliyah.

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## Congregation Beth Ami Mission Statement

Through celebration, learning, prayer and community, we seek to enrich our lives, transform our hearts, help heal the world and sustain our Jewish heritage.

## Congregation Beth Ami Vision

A vibrant, growing campus for Jewish living where the joys of Jewish values and rituals are made accessible and relevant to the everyday lives of our members. A flourishing, prospering congregation enjoying the wholehearted support, commitment and involvement of all our members.

## Hours of Operation

### Beth Ami Main Office

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Library

Monday - Thursday: 3:45 - 6 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 - 12:15 p.m.

### Gift Shop

Tuesday & Thursday: 3 - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *(when Religious School is in session)*

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## Deadline for JUNE/JULY SHOFAR: MAY 16

All editorial submissions must be received in the *Shofar* box in the Beth Ami office or via email on or before the deadline. **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, brevity and content.** Please submit articles as Microsoft Word documents via email attachments. Contact Karen Gould, Editor, at 360-3000 or at newsletter@bethamistr.org with corrections, concerns or questions.

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## President's Page

**Andy Fleming, President**

### A gateway to participation

Those of us in leadership positions at Beth Ami often discuss how we can “lower the barriers” that inhibit members from participating more in synagogue activities. One of the “barriers” that is most frequently cited as a particular issue in Conservative Judaism is the difficulty of understanding and taking part in the religious services. As someone who was not raised in Judaism, I can certainly sympathize with anyone who finds our services difficult to access. The structure is complex, they are largely conducted in Hebrew, and anyone who is new to the service will feel incompetent and self-conscious. These factors certainly can be seen as barriers to anyone trying to find a place of comfort within our services.

But one of the appeals of Conservative Judaism is that it values and encourages deep involvement in Jewish learning and traditions. Part of the beauty of the Jewish prayer service is the discipline and learning required. Like any true religious path, a participant needs to bring some commitment to it. Even if you have no understanding or knowledge, having an open mind and a willingness to learn are enough with which to begin. Lowering the barrier begins with that willingness to engage.

One of the best ways to begin participating in the experience of a Jewish prayer service is at the Friday night services. They begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Kabbalat Shabbat service, which is almost exclusively conducted through music. Our siddur has plenty of transliteration, which is the writing of the Hebrew using the English alphabet, so that everyone can take part in the singing. There are many traditional melodies, which we have been using for years, but we are also introducing new versions and tunes. The act of singing together is central to most religious practices; it brings feelings of joy and relaxation to participants. Furthermore, learning through music is an ancient and effective practice. As time goes by, you will find that little bits and pieces of Hebrew are actually sinking into your consciousness. After only a few Friday night services, you will find that you are beginning to learn entire psalms and prayers.

Following the Kabbalat Shabbat service, which is the welcoming of Shabbat, we observe a Shabbat evening service. This service includes many components that appear in almost every Jewish prayer service, such as the Sh'ma, the Amidah, and the Mourner's Kaddish. It is a mix of communal prayer, silent contemplation, and some more singing. Again, this is an easy way to become familiar with these building blocks of all prayer services.

And, as in all of our services, there is a portion devoted to words of Torah and study. It is always a source of amazement

to me that even the most arcane of Torah portions can contain elements that resonate with me, that allow me to reflect on my own life in a way that is different from my ordinary daily perspective.

Singing, contemplation, tradition, study – all contained in a 45 minute service that marks the beginning of Shabbat. I invite you to come and join us on Friday evenings. It has always been a small, but friendly and enthusiastic group that attends on Friday. Please come and help create the feeling of community, the *ruach* and spirit of welcoming the Shabbat. It is a wonderful habit to get into, a relaxing way to end the



### Melissa's Musings

**Melissa Bloom, Executive Director**

#### Welcome to Congregation Beth Ami

We are proud to announce that Andrea Nett of Wine Country Kosher Catering has been hired as Congregation Beth Ami's new Catering Director. For many years now Andrea has been serving quality food to our community and we know that with this new relationship she will be able to offer us so much more.

Please help me in welcoming her to her new role in our Beth Ami community. If you'd like Andrea to cater your next event at Congregation Beth Ami, please give her a call at 206-8686 or [winecountrykosher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:winecountrykosher@sbcglobal.net).

#### Shabbat Luncheons

Have you ever wanted to contribute to the potluck, but didn't get it together to cook or buy something? Have you ever wished you could just contribute because this is a wonderful unique tradition at Congregation Beth Ami? Well now you can!

If you would like to make donations in order for food items to be purchased for our weekly Shabbat potluck lunches you now can. This will count as a tax -deductible donation!

Please send your donation to the main office and note that it is to go to Shabbat potluck. Thank you for understanding that Francie will NO LONGER be able to accept cash in hand.



## Events & Announcements

Thank you to everyone for their love and support during Howard's long recovery. He loves reading every card, letter and Misheberach. We are grateful to everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

~ Howard & Adrea Moss & family

Please continue sending mail:

Howard Moss

c/o Kentfield Rehab Hospital

1125 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Kentfield, CA 94904

### ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS

You can now link to Amazon via our website  
and Beth Ami will earn up to 10% in referral fees  
on all qualifying purchases.

Go to [www.bethamir.org](http://www.bethamir.org) and click on Amazon.

## Ongoing programs at Congregation Beth Ami

♦ **THE JCC FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE EXERCISE CLASS** meets  
Wednesday and Fridays in the Beth Ami Social Hall from  
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

♦ **ISRAELI FOLK DANCING, TUESDAYS, 7 p.m.**, Friedman  
Center. For more info contact Leanne Schy at 528-4874 or  
[Leanne@sonic.net](mailto:Leanne@sonic.net).

Rabbi Schlesinger will be on sabbatical from April 15  
- July 15. Classes will resume in mid-July.

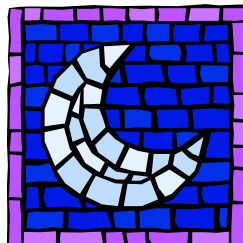
### SINCERE CONDOLENCES FROM BETH AMI TO:

Roz Edelson and her family on the death of her  
nephew, Lawrence Backman.

Lori, Rebecca and Josh Zaret on the death of Jeff  
Zaret.

Andrea Nett and her family on the death of  
beloved father, grandfather and father-in-law,  
Sydney Garson.

## Welcome to our newest member Carol Swanson



### Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Rosh Chodesh Iyar falls two  
days before Yom Ha'Atzmaut,  
Israeli Independence Day. And,  
coincidentally, it's a Tuesday, Israeli  
dance night at Beth Ami. All Jewish  
women are invited to come to the  
Multi-Purpose Room off the Social

Hall at 7 p.m. to open the evening, and then join the Israeli  
folkdancers in the Friedman Center. We'll have a special  
Rosh Chodesh dance program, talking about the different  
immigrant communities in Israel and the impact they've had  
on dance and culture, while learning dances that illustrate  
these varying styles.



## Book Discussion Group

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from  
10 – 11:30 a.m. at Congregation Beth Ami. If you would  
like to join our group, we can always make room for a  
few more. For information call Susanne Batzdorff at  
538-9731

Our program continues as follows:

**May 7:** *Panther in the Basement*

**June 4:** *Suite Française*

**July 2:** *Freedom: The Story of  
My Second Life*







## Events & Announcements

### eScrip Report

Thank you and welcome to our newest eScrip supporters: The Haiman and Kolman families.

The results are in for 2007 ...our net contribution from eScrip was \$1563.89. This compares to \$1481.33 in 2006 and \$1376.39 in 2005. We're definitely going in the right direction. But there is still great potential to earn even more money for Beth Ami.

If you haven't signed up yet, go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and designate Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, ID#136921119 to receive contributions. Then just register your Safeway club card, Macy's card and other credit or debit cards that you might use at participating merchants. Don't forget that if you are already doing eScrip with your school, you can split your contribution with Beth Ami.

Contact Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or [enshermn@pacbell.net](mailto:enshermn@pacbell.net) for assistance.



### Funds available for Jewish education

**Mark Rosen, CJEEF Coordinator**

The Children's Jewish Education Endowment Fund (CJEEF) has funds available to distribute as stipends to provide students and faculty with Jewish educational opportunities.

Requests for financial assistance during the 2008-2009 congregational school year can be submitted to the synagogue office Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. until Erev Rosh Hashanah (September 29, 2008).

Please include:

- ♦ Information about the desired program
- ♦ Its cost
- ♦ The benefit of attending
- ♦ The amount requested (\$300-\$500)

You can submit a one-page letter with the above information or call the office and request a Dedicated Fund Request Form.

Recipients will be notified by Erev Hoshana Rabbah (October 20, 2008).

Please consider furthering your child's Jewish education, or your own, if a Jewish educator.

The Jewish Community of Sonoma County  
Will observe its annual

### Yom Hashoah Commemoration

(Holocaust Memorial)

## *Dor L'Dor Passing the Flame of Memory To a New Generation*

A Memorial to Those who Perished  
A Celebration of Survivors' Lives

**Sunday, May 4, 2008 · 2 p.m.**

**The Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa**



Dr. Debbie Findling

#### Program Highlights:

Guest speaker: Dr. Debbie Findling, noted Holocaust and teen educator. Led March of the Living groups for ten years. Co-author of "Teaching the Holocaust."

Featured speaker, Miriam Susan Dregey, who survived as a hidden child

Candle lighting ceremony by local survivors

A remembrance pledge by local youth

Cantorial solos, niggun, and songs

Yiddish songs of remembrance

Presentation by Susy Raful Essay Contest winner

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Agency of Sonoma County, with the cooperation of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust, all Sonoma County Synagogues, and the Jewish Community Federation. Hands photo by Murray Rockowitz.

# May 2008

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# First Place Essay

## Keeping the Faith

**Kyla Wegman**

By the time I was two, my Zayde had told me the story about how the bullet had gotten in his hand and that he never let a doctor remove it so he would always have proof. My Bubbe taught me how to make the best matzo balls; not too big, not too small. In broken English, she explained how to get the perfect ball shape. I always knew that my Bubbe and Zayde were different, not because they would greet us in Yiddish and with the wettest kisses you will ever receive, but because they survived the most atrocious event in history, and still had faith in G-d and His miracles.

I have always been confident with my Jewish identity. I love for our non-Jewish neighbors to see our menorahs burning brightly and to see us walking to shul, my father in his yarmulke. However, when the Holocaust comes up, I feel weak and want to quickly change the subject. Not because I am ashamed that I, a Jew, had family in the Holocaust, but because my friends who ask me about the Shoah will never understand the stories like I do. Never will they understand the stomach-churning feeling I get when I see someone with the black numbers stained on their forearm. Never will they understand why I cannot just say, "See you later Bubbe," but I hold onto her tightly for about ten minutes and yearn for the next visit. I think the Shoah is horrifying, I cannot even think of an adequate word to describe my feelings about the Holocaust. I will never understand why there was such a passion to kill six million Jews. Although the Shoah was atrocious and horrific, seeing survivors still having faith makes me have faith and the courage to believe.

When I have children, I will wish I could tell them what my parents told me: "Ask Bubbe and Zayde." I will tell my children that we lost so much family, but we did not lose G-d. I will tell my children that although the Jews were malnourished and weak, they were also strong and faithful in spirit. When my children ask me "what was it like?" I will tell them it was worse than you can imagine. Worse than a nightmare, because you could not just wake up and it would be over. Although many, many people suffered and died, my Bubbe and Zayde live the rest of their lives with laughter and love and cherishing each day as they receive it. I will tell my children that we should all be so lucky to be as strong as the survivors I knew.

All the thoughts and images about the Shoah will I keep with me forever. Even the thoughts of people that say the Holocaust never happened, just to remind myself of the kinds of people I do not want to become. The many photos I have seen are glued in my brain and the many stories I have heard

## Susy Raful Essay Contest

The 2007 essays were so well done that the judges decided to award second place to Leah Pickar, and two honorable mentions, Aaron Peterson and Sarah Hadburg, with cash prizes.

Mazal tov to all the contestants.

~Bob Raful

from my own flesh and blood are now a storybook written in my heart. To hear first hand about the Shoah, not in a textbook by a twenty-something year old who did research on the Internet, has forever changed my outlook not only on the Holocaust, but on life.

Already my non-Jewish friends ask me about the Shoah, because they know that I know facts that they can only hear from Jews whose families have endured the tragedy. I am not at all ashamed to tell my friends from other faiths about the Holocaust, but proud because I can say that my grandparents survived. I will tell these people that although the Holocaust seemed like a perfect opportunity to turn your back on your faith, my family did not. My family still found time to pray even in the concentration camps. My views on the Shoah will not be influenced or cut short by the fact that I am talking to people of other faiths, but I will speak with the same zeal and confidence as I would to my Hebrew school buddy.

Do I have enough information in order to make a decision about my feelings? Honestly, I have had enough information since the day I was born. The information that has been passed down to me is in my blood. When I talk to my family about the Shoah, they will always find a funny story to tell me that happened in the camps as well. The fact that my uncle is able to laugh while telling me a story shows me that he is brave and although his soul might have hurt, it was never lost. My feelings show me that I am a Jew who is proud of her strong family and can conquer anything the way my family conquered the Shoah.

Fifty years from now World War II will be very old history and all survivors will be gone, but I will always be able to talk about the Shoah. The Shoah happened, and now that memory cannot go away. My pride in my family will never fade and the passion that I have for talking about my family of survivors will always be a part of me. Because of my extremely strong family, my faith in Judaism is everlasting and my pride in my Bubbe and Zayde is forever growing. I will always be able to tell my family's stories about the Shoah, because like my family, the Shoah is a part of me.



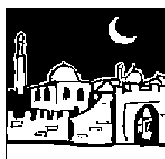
## Mitzvah Moments

### Tish Levee

#### Tikkun Olam—Repairing the world at the grocery store

Ask a Jew an either/or question and often the answer is “both,” but when the clerk asks, “paper or plastic,” the best answer for the planet is “neither.” Instead, bring your own reusable bag as Europeans have been doing for years, partly because of taxes on the use of plastic bags, similar to one being considered in the State Assembly. Plastic bag use in Ireland is down 95% since a \$0.15/bag tax began in 2003. Approximately 12 million barrels of oil are used in making the 84 billion bags consumed in the US annually (19 billion in California and more than 500 billion worldwide). While many bags are reused, millions more litter our roads and watercourses. Those that do end up in landfills can last up to 1,000 years before breaking down into tiny, toxic particles that become part of the soil and water. In the ocean they kill up to 1 million sea creatures a year. If you use them to line trash cans, try biodegradable kitchen bags from <http://biobagusa.com>, made from non-GMO corn. Unfortunately, paper bags aren’t really better. According to a plastics trade group, plastic bags consume 40% less energy, generate 80% less solid waste, produce 70% fewer atmospheric emissions, and release up to 94% fewer waterborne wastes.

Now that you have your reusable grocery bag, what to put in it? How about fish? Shopping for fish that is healthy for you AND the planet isn’t easy. According to [www.rainforestsites.com](http://www.rainforestsites.com), 75% of the world’s fisheries are fully fished or overfished. The California commercial salmon season was canceled this year to help restore the Sacramento River Chinook fishery. Many people turn to farm-raised salmon (also labeled ocean-raised), which are fed processed meal and oil made from wild fish, using more wild fish than would be consumed by wild salmon. Plus farmed salmon aren’t as healthy as wild salmon. They have fewer valuable Omega-3 oils and significantly higher levels of PCBs, dioxin, and other cancer causing agents than wild salmon, and more antibiotics are administered to farmed salmon by weight than any other form of livestock. One solution is Alaskan Wild Salmon or canned pink salmon from Alaska. The “Pocket Seafood Selector” put out by Environmental Defense can help you make good seafood choices. Look for it at your local market (Pacific Market’s butcher has it) or go to [www.oceansalive.org/eat.cfm](http://www.oceansalive.org/eat.cfm).



## Israel from the Left Coast

Bob Raful

Shortly before the Pesach holiday we spent a week in a foreign country—New York City. If you were not born or raised there you will know what I mean.

Fortunately, the reason for the trip and the experiences we had were directly related to my current focus on Israel’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, and my determination to revisit some of the major chapters and highlights of these first 60 years.

We went to New York at the invitation of our younger son, to help welcome two Israelis who were at the center of several important chapters in Israeli history: the most famous story of early immigration; the first (and only) death penalty trial; and the process of how the rule of law operated through the

courts, including landmark cases before the Supreme Court and the High Court of Justice.

Leon Uris’s book *Exodus* spawned the classic movie, “Exodus.” The main character in the book, played in the movie by Paul Newman, was based on the real life of Yehuda Arazi. His daughter, Ruthie, filled our week with stories of her father and his exploits.

Her husband, Justice Gabriel Bach, is a retired Israeli Supreme Court Justice; he first rose to fame as the prosecutor of Adolf Eichman, in the case that transfixed the world in 1961. Justice Bach went on to a brilliant career with enough stories to fill a book or two, many of which we heard during his three speeches that week.

Not enough space for more details but hope to say more during future Beth Ami services.

#### Religion and State:

##### Fundamentalism or Freedom

Save the date: Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Location: any computer with Internet access. Join our first international town hall, bringing Israel’s leading experts on religious pluralism and coercion to your computer for an hour of lively, interactive discussion. Visit [www.nif.org](http://www.nif.org) for more information.

## CONGREGATION BETH AMI JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> the  
Gift Shop will go to summer schedule.

~OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY~

Please call the office, 360-3000,  
who will put you in touch with  
Susy or Helen.







## Literary Lines

Gabor Por, Librarian

On Yom HaShoah, on the first day of May we remember the ones lost in the Holocaust. Trying to comprehend, cope with and overcome our feelings and memories related to the murder of millions of Jews is an utterly solemn occasion. The full official name of the holiday is *Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laGvura*, translated as “Remembrance Day for the Holocaust and Heroism.” I would like to share some of the resources of the library that go beyond our somber duty of remembering points out the beauty and artistic representations that were borne under and out of such tragic circumstances.

The library has over 200 non-fiction books on the Shoah; 20 books for children and teens, and dozens of novels for adults. Here are a few examples of our rich collection:

- Hilda Schiff’s anthology of *Holocaust Poetry* answers the philosophical question “Can there be poetry about the Holocaust?” with an affirmative yes. Sixty-two poets from a wide spectrum share their voices through hundreds of poems.
- The *Plays of the Holocaust* compilation, edited by Elinor Fuchs, contains the scripts of six plays. They are all insightful, stimulating and thought provoking in different ways.
- Shirli Gilbert’s *Music in the Holocaust: Confronting Life in the Nazi Ghettos and Camps* is the authoritative volume on the role of music amongst communities imprisoned under Nazism.
- *In Memory’s Kitchen* is a cookbook assembled by female prisoners at Terezin. They wrote down their recipes from memory for chocolate torte, breast of goose, plum strudel ...as a testament to the future, so that their grandchildren might receive a fragment of their inheritance.
- *Children Remember the Holocaust* is a documentary hosted by Keanu Reeves, who narrates letters, diaries, and published stories of children who have lived through the Holocaust.
- Yaffa Eliach conducted numerous interviews with Hasidim and gathered their oral histories. From his research he published 39 original stories in *Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust*.

The suffering and testimonies, when told by Holocaust survivors, are a song, a hymn, a testimony to the eternity of Jewish people and the greatness of their spirit.

Yaffa Eliach,  
*Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust*

To keep updated with the world of the library, check out and subscribe to our blog via email at [www.bethamistr.org/library](http://www.bethamistr.org/library).

### Library Hours:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Monday to Thursday: 3:45-6 p.m.

Or call Ruth Rosenberg at 544-2919 for an appointment.



## Religious School Report

**Elisabeth Van Nuys, RS Director**

Teaching religious school is one of the best ways of fulfilling our obligations to the next generation of Jews; it's also one of the best ways to keep growing as Jews ourselves.

From: Teach Them Diligently,  
A Midrash on the Jewish Educator's Year

Amazingly, we're nearing the end of another school year.

A religious school is a strange thing. It's of supreme importance while your children are in it but, once they have become Bar and Bat Mitzvah, it gets replaced in the minds of parents by newer concerns. Other congregants barely notice the school, having their own good reasons for affiliating with a synagogue.

Religious schools are a favorite target of certain authors. Every single year there is an article or two bemoaning the fate of congregational schools. Every year, statistics are trotted out to show that two days a week, for a couple of hours, doesn't teach kids anything. And yet every year there are other articles pointing out that most Jews have received their religious education in our congregational schools and that the majority of Jewish children attend such schools.

Religious schools are also the favorite target of people with *programs*. For only a few (or more) thousand dollars, your school too can be turned into an educational paragon of all things Jewish. All you have to do is sign up, pay your money, follow an "innovative" or "revolutionary" program and your school will achieve perfection – until the next program comes along and come along it will, within a very short time. This is not unique to religious schools. As anyone who works in the public school system will tell you, programs that offer to revolutionize the classroom come along each and every year like clockwork. Would that it were all that easy.

As a long-time educator, I've seen many programs and consultants. Sometimes you can glean a few ideas from them. Sometimes there's nothing to get except tired ideas and practices dressed up in new language. What rarely gets said is that any school and any educational program will only be as good as the people on the front lines – the teachers.

A good teacher can make any program a good program.  
A good teacher is the single most important ingredient in any classroom.

And a good teacher is the cornerstone of a good school.

It *is* that easy. That's what works – good teachers. Teachers who want to teach, teachers who can teach and teachers who care, not just about the alef-bet or the correct chanting of G'vurot, but about each and every single child in their classroom and in the greater school community.

We here, at Or Ami Religious School, are blessed with such teachers.

And now, at the end of this school year, I would like to thank our teachers: **Laura Alexander** (Kindergarten and first grade); **Barbara McGee** (second grade); **Pnina Loeb** (third and fourth grade); **Idan Amran** (fifth grade); **Marcia Gladstone** (sixth grade and Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutor); and **Jane Rogan-Dwight** (seventh grade) for their professionalism, their dedication, their teamwork, their willingness to go the extra mile, and above all, for their respect for the children and their love for our Jewish heritage. In my book, you *are* the best. Todah rabah.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

*We have come to the end of  
another successful school year  
and want to thank  
Sinai Memorial Chapel, Chevra Kadisha  
for once again generously  
supporting our programs.  
Todah rabah from the children,  
parents and teaching staff of the  
Religious School.*

*Gratefully,  
Elisabeth Van Nuys,  
Director of Education*





## Note From a Proud SCUSY Parent

*Blair Pleasant*

I am a proud SCUSY parent, and anyone who was at the SCUSY Last Chametz Dinner knows why – these teens are amazing! For those of you who aren't familiar with United Synagogue Youth and our local Sonoma County chapter (SCUSY), USY is a high school age youth group of the Conservative Movement. Its goals are to include a better understanding of Conservative Judaism, Jewish education, involvement in the synagogue and Living Judaism through involvement in such things as Torah, prayer, and gmilit hasadim (good works). The teens have lots of fun at both local events (with the help of their advisor Sharon Benson) and at regional and international conventions, while gaining important leadership skills that will help in every aspect of their lives.

Our SCUSY teens hosted a Last Chametz Dinner just before Passover, where they served dinner, explained the procedure for the removal of chametz, presented a slide show featuring all the fabulous activities our teens have been involved in, and had a wonderful raffle with prizes including services provided by the teens, such as babysitting services, tennis lessons, math tutoring, and a cooking lesson. The teens also led us in the Birkat Hamazon, which prior to joining USY, I would assume most of them couldn't even pronounce.

In addition to the monthly local events, there are also several regional events and conventions throughout the year. These weekend events and conventions include exciting programming, social action/tikkun olam or SATO projects, Israel awareness, prayer, and ruach. They also lead to lasting friendships with Jewish teens from all over Northern California and throughout the US (in fact, I've spent much of the last few months driving my teen to different parts of Northern California to visit USY friends).

As you would expect, these conventions and events aren't cheap, and here's where angels like Mark Rosen come in. Mark has taken it upon himself to encourage our teens to not only attend conventions, but to seek out the various scholarships and funds made available by Congregation Beth Ami members. Mark has donated both time and money to ensure that our teens can fully participate in these USY events, and on behalf of the SCUSY families, I offer a huge THANK YOU, MARK!

The teens also participate in several fundraisers during the year to help raise needed funds for SCUSY programming, SATO, and convention scholarships.

So when you get a phone call from one of our wonderful teens to buy a High Holiday Challah box or Superbowl Sunday Lox box, or if you would like to donate to any of the funds that help our teens, such as the Harris Youth Fund, remember that these teens are tomorrow's Jewish leaders. And based on what I've seen from our USY teens, the future looks bright.

## Your USY

*Sharon Benson, USY Youth Advisor*

Thank you for attending our wonderful Chametz Dinner! It was a huge success! Thank you to our sponsors once again for supporting the youth of Sonoma County. Don't forget to check out the evening's pictures on the SCUSY website.

SCUSY members have recently attended a SATO (Social Action Tikkun Olam) Seder. This was a fun regional event. I took three USYers down to Walnut Creek for ruach (Spirit) and pre-Seder fun! Check out all the fun we had on the SCUSY website.

**On May 18 SCUSY is having elections along with an Ice Cream Social.** Be sure to download your Board application on the SCUSY website under the Board tab. Board applications are due May 15. We encourage all members of SCUSY to run for an office position, even if you are new to SCUSY.

Get ready for the last convention of the year May 23-26 in San Mateo. Download your applications on the SCUSY website today. This year's convention's theme is *Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll*. This has been a fantastic year for SCUSY and we thank everyone for his or her hard work and dedication. A special thank you goes to the 2007-2008 SCUSY board:

Haley Pleasant - Co-President

Jacob Kreger - Co-President

Ethan Sherman - Executive/Programming V.P.

Oren Stoelting - Social Action/Tikkun Olam V.P.

Ben Jones - Communications V.P.

Nathan Edelstein & Abigail Selya -  
Freshman Representatives

Have a fantastic summer! Can't wait for more adventurous fun in 2008-2009!







## May Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death

Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami

### ***Announced on April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>st</sup>***

April 23 Rosemary Friedman  
*1<sup>st</sup> wife of Benny Friedman,  
Mother of William Friedman,  
Mother of Debra Chapman*  
April 23 Harry Estrin  
*Uncle of Charlene Bornstein*  
April 23 Harry Rubin  
*Uncle of Elizabeth Stalker  
Brother of David Rubin*  
April 24 Nathan Hershman  
*Father of Bill Sommers*  
April 25 Morris Abrams  
*Grandfather of Patty Bernstein*  
April 25 Betty Katz  
*Mother of Audrey Darby*  
April 26 Saul Baer Appel  
*Father of Carol Appel*  
April 27 Gertrude Rostov  
*Mother-in-Law of Tova Rostov*  
April 28 Albert Sisenwein  
*Father of Shirley Rosaler*  
April 28 Tema Zygielbaum  
*Aunt of Paul Zygielbaum*  
April 29 Fritz Oppenheimer  
*Mother of Margot Oppenheimer*  
April 30 Yefim Friedland  
*Brother of Sheyna Bakman*  
April 30 Chena Penkovich  
*Aunt of Sarah Tyutinman*  
May 1 Margret Hovda Close  
*Mother of Signe Minuskin*  
May 1 S.J. Weil  
*Father of Phil Weil*

### ***Announced on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>***

May 3 Bea Goldstein  
*Mother of Marilyn Diamond and  
Grandmother of Lauren Newman*  
May 3 Rose Pinsky  
*Mother of Dorothy Gerstein*  
May 3 Sophie Shapiro  
*Mother of Michael Shapiro*  
May 3 Mildred Strommer  
*Mother of Marilyn Strommer*  
May 7 Joseph Zygielbaum  
*Father of Paul Zygielbaum*  
May 8 Samuel Gordon  
*Husband of Marjorie Gordon*  
May 8 Lilly Zeamans  
*Grandmother of Judith Helman*  
May 9 Isaac Monoson  
*Father of Rosalie Schweit*

### ***Announced on May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>***

May 10 Jules Goldman  
*Brother-in-Law of Evey Abramowitz*  
May 10 Robert Maurice Lasky  
*Friend of Esther Robinson*  
May 10 Anna Sterman  
*Mother of Milton Sterman*  
May 11 Joseph Liverman  
*Grandfather of Patty Bernstein*  
May 11 Sara-Mysya Penkovich  
*Grandmother of Sarah Tyutinman*  
May 12 Rose Abrams  
*Grandmother of Patty Bernstein*  
May 13 Lucille Lachman  
*Mother of Vivian Salmon*  
May 13 Sheldon Margolese  
*Uncle of Michelle Zygielbaum*  
May 14 Saul Meltzer  
*Father of Allen Meltzer*  
May 15 Bertha Krubiner  
*Mother of Alan Krubiner*  
May 15 Jake W. Rubin  
*Brother of David Rubin and Uncle of  
Elizabeth Stalker*  
May 16 Garrett H. Rosenberg  
*Cousin of Ira Rosenberg*  
May 16 Maurice Smith  
*Husband of Edythe Smith*

### ***Announced on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>***

May 18 Frances Southern  
*Mother of Dolores Trichter*  
May 19 Rosa Marks  
*Grandmother of Myrna Morse*  
May 19 Martin Mermelstein  
*Brother of Shirley Klapow*  
May 21 Julius Newman  
*Brother-in-Law of Edith Newman*  
May 22 Sylvia Duchon  
*Mother of Barbara Duchon*  
May 22 Ruben Miller  
*Father of Eli Miller*  
May 23 Shneer Antonovsky  
*Father of Olga Pekker*  
May 23 Rosanne Sterman  
*Wife of Milton Sterman*

### ***Announced on May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>***

May 24 Nathan Paul  
*Father of Jane Paul*  
May 26 Joseph Friedman  
*Brother of Harry & Benny Friedman*  
May 26 William Friedman  
*Brother of Harry & Benny Friedman*  
May 26 Herbert Klapow  
*Father of Larry Klapow*  
May 27 Miriam Backman  
*Mother of Roslyn Edelson*  
May 27 William Spiegelman  
*Father of Gail Negrin*  
*Grandfather of Ronit Sepulveda*  
May 28 Harry Boorstein  
*Father of Seymour Boorstein*  
May 29 Richard Hyman  
*Father of Judi Rosenthal*  
May 30 Sandor Garam  
*Father of Rose Batzdorff*  
May 30 Arthur Lowenthal  
*Father of Ira Lowenthal*

### ***Announced on May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>***

June 1 Hyman Berman  
*Father of Sanford Berman*  
June 1 Morris Trichter  
*Father of Julius Trichter*  
June 3 Sidney Baba  
*Father of William Cordell*  
June 3 Robert Paul  
*Brother of Jane Paul*  
June 4 Betty Mann  
*Mother of Margorie Ballo*  
June 4 Oscar Mann  
*Father of Margorie Ballo*  
June 4 Bernice Perlman  
*Sister of Benny & Harry Friedman  
and wife of Sydney Perlman*  
June 5 Anna E. Stein  
*Aunt of Bob Raful*  
June 6 Edith Biletsky  
*Mother of Sasha LaHaye*  
June 6 Israel Senzer  
*Father of Adrea Moss*  
June 6 Abe Shapiro  
*Father of Raynore Paule*



### May Anniversaries

3	Robert & Jennifer Schilling
12	Barbara & Mitchell McGee
17	Asher & Lyla Nathan
19	David & Marg Ballo
19	Irwin & Doris Langer
24	Ira Cohen & Carol Appel
25	Judith Helman & Warren Davis
27	Jon & Rose Batzdorff
27	Tad & Debbie Shapiro
28	Richard Kahn & Anne Brown
28	Ellen Perry & Robert Lane
28	Esther Baruch & David Butler
30	Julius & Emma Schlesinger
30	Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson

### May Birthdays

1	Greta Winter
3	Mark Stoelting
4	Judith Helman
5	Noorillah Karr
6	Paul Kellogg
6	Jayne Sanders
7	Anne Brown
9	Ivy Edelstein
10	Daniel Pickar
10	Iosif Voulfson
14	Rick Goldberg
14	David Kerben
14	Edith Newman
15	Lori Zaret
15	Evelyn Gurevitch
16	Valerie Kreger
16	Ed Sherman
16	Whitey Sterman
16	Marina Voulfson
18	Jeanne Crump
19	Leena Newcomb
21	Gussie Hankin
22	Nancy Daniels
22	Irvin Klein
22	Julius Schlesinger
27	Steve Whitely
30	Sanford Berman
30	Jenifer Levini
31	JoAnne Bressick

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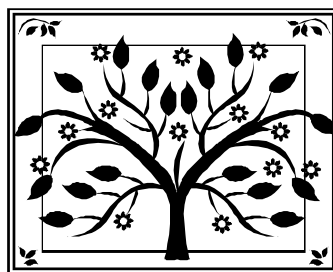
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The fee for this event is \$8.00 for members of Friendship Circle \$10 for non-members. This includes lunch and dessert. Payment is accepted at the door. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Call Fran Danoff 528-1476 to save your place.

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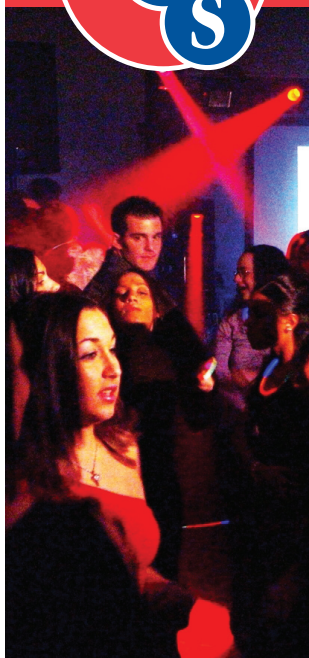
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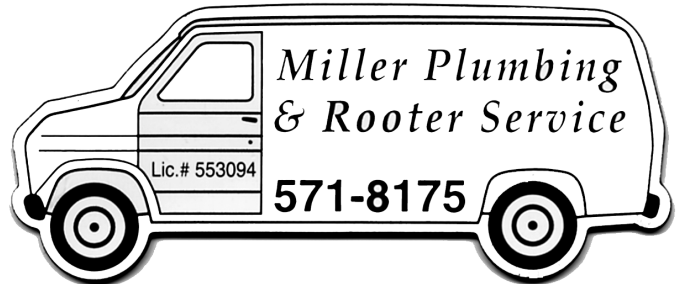
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ADULT: 13+ YEARS OLD; YOUTH 6-12 YEARS OLD

## YES, WE'D LOVE TO ATTEND SHABBAT DINNER

☐ Friday, May 2: Celebrate Israel @ 60 with a delicious Israeli meal!

☐ Friday, June 6

Tickets:

Adult: \$14 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14= \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: \$7 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7= \_\_\_\_\_

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*Live music by Zim Zum & Israeli folk dancing after services!*

*6 p.m. Dinner (reservations required); 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Services;*

*8:30 p.m. Oneg, Music & Dancing*



## YES, WE'D LOVE TO ATTEND HAVDALAH AND A MOVIE

☐ Saturday, May 3: Join us at 9 p.m. for Havdalah and a viewing of Academy Award-nominated foreign film, *Beaufort*, followed by discussion. The movie is two hours long and in Hebrew with English subtitles. Cost is \$10 for movie and refreshments.

Tickets:

Adult: \$10 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10= \_\_\_\_\_

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## Beaufort Review Summary

"Beaufort" may be, strictly speaking, a war movie, but for long stretches it feels more like science fiction. The small band of Israeli soldiers who are its main — virtually its only — characters inhabit a mountain outpost in southern Lebanon that might as well be a space station marooned in a hostile galaxy. The men spend most of their time inside its heavily fortified walls, trundling down coffin-shaped corridors in spacesuitlike combat gear and bracing for the next round of attacks from an invisible enemy. Their lives are governed by tedium, claustrophobia and anxiety, and yet they clearly feel something like affection for the bleak, isolated place that has become their home. Even if it does not entirely rise above cliché, "Beaufort" has an earnest, sober intelligence that makes it hard to shake.

— A. O. Scott, *The New York Times*

- ▶ Please contact the office if you have a food allergy or need a vegetarian meal.
- ▶ Reservations must be made one week prior to each event.
- ▶ Reservations made after the deadline will increase by \$5 per person.

Names of all attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Candle Lighting 7:45 pm)

6 p.m. Israeli Shabbat Dinner (reservations required)

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

8:30 p.m. Oneg, Live music by Zim Zum and Israeli folk dancing

Guest leader: Adam Stein

## Saturday, May 3 • 28 Nisan

9:30 am Shabbat Kedoshim Services

Israeli luncheon following services with discussion about current events in Israel

(Saturday Havdalah: 8:53 pm)

Guest leader: Adam Stein

## Friday Evening, May 9

(Candle Lighting: 7:58 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Services will be led by 3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Religious School students

## Saturday, May 10 • 5 Iyar

9:30 am Shabbat Emor Services

Torah service will be led by 6th grade Religious School students

Potluck luncheon following services

(Saturday Havdalah: 8:59 pm)

## Friday Evening, May 16

(Candle Lighting: 8:04 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Guest Leaders: Hannah Caratti & Sheila Katz

## Saturday May 17 • 12 Iyar

9:30 am Shabbat Behar Services

10:00 am Tot Shabbat led by Lauren Kalmenson

Guest leader: Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David

Potluck lunch following services

## May 23 & 24: Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Paul Freedman

## Friday Evening, May 23

(Candle Lighting: 8:09 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

## Saturday, May 24 • 19 Iyar

9:30 am Shabbat Bechukotai Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 9:10 pm)

## Friday Evening, May 30

(Candle Lighting: 8:09 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

## Saturday, May 31 • 26 Iyar

9:30 am Shabbat Bemidbar Services

Guest leader: Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 9:10 pm)