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## **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.

## **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.



## **Shofar**

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 [newsletter@bethamISR.org](mailto:newsletter@bethamISR.org) with corrections, concerns or questions.

## **Deadline for next issue!**

## **August/September Shofar**

# **July 15th 2013**

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## RABBI'S REMARKS

### Rabbi Mordecai Miller

#### A Different Pesach!

I must admit I wasn't looking forward to it. No! I'm not referring to Pesach, as the title might imply; it was the thought of returning to St. Louis so that we could empty out the contents of our home and ready it for its new owners. Over twenty years of accumulation required purging. Decisions needed to be made:

1. What would we ship back to Santa Rosa?
2. What would we try to sell?
3. What would we have to have carted away?

Closing was scheduled for March 28th and in looking over our schedule, the only opportunity for Susan and me to fly to St. Louis would be the weekend before, returning late Sunday evening. We decided to take a late Wednesday night flight out of San Francisco which would give us Thursday, Friday, Saturday night and Sunday to try to get the job done. Of course the fact that Monday was erev Pesach only added to the level of stress!

We had advertised an "Estate Sale" in the Post-Dispatch and offered two larger items on Craig's List. Whatever didn't sell would have to be carted off or shipped to Santa Rosa, and there wasn't exactly a "big window" in which to figure which was which.

On Friday, people stopped by in a trickle. At the same time I had to figure what we were going to have hauled off, since we only had Friday and Sunday to do the job. While past experience at these sales had been less than encouraging, I must admit that I did learn two major lessons this time.

A gentleman stopped by to see what we had for sale. In the basement he came across a rusty enamel cabinet that had come with the house when we bought it in 1991. It was so decrepit that I never used it for anything in over twenty years. The gentleman saw me and said, "How much do you want for this cabinet?"

I responded, "What would you say to \$20?"

Without another word he took twenty dollars out of his pocket and handed it to me. Now it's possible that I sold him a 2,000 dollar cabinet for \$20 dollars, but that's fine with me. From my "non-expert" perspective the lesson learned was: Never try to guess what anyone might want to purchase! Lesson number two for garage/estate sales was: make sure you have a table or two with nothing marked and let people know they can name their price. (I really think it's a "control thing"!)

Finally, it really was a tremendous lesson having to send so much "stuff" off with the hauler. He wound up taking four (Yes, four!) cartloads. A lot of the things he took weren't junk at all; just things we couldn't take with us nor sell. (A big snowstorm, Sunday, had a negative effect on anyone who might have been curious to see what we had to offer). It made me realize just how ephemeral a hold we have on the material things we think we "own". It really doesn't take much at all to lose our grip on them. Coming, as this experience did, on the eve of Pesach, it made me wonder what it must have been like for those Israelites, leaving their homes in Egypt and having to make similar decisions, all for something they believed would be better.

May you and your families be blessed with a relaxing and safe summer.

**Sincerely, Mordecai**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Arnold Drake, President



Almost 12 years ago our synagogue embarked on an ambitious Capital Campaign. The building needed major repairs and renovations, and a Capital Campaign yielded promises of \$1.3 million dollars. That money was to pay the principal and interest on a loan of \$750,000.

If \$1.1 million dollars of those pledges had been paid on time, the loan would have been retired in ten years. Several things happened. Many pledges were not honored on time for various reasons. Some pledges were never honored. Some members moved away. We had to endure the Great Recession. But loyal congregants redeemed over \$700,000 of those pledges over the years. We lowered our loan balance from \$750,000 to \$530,000. And we never missed an interest payment.

This year we resumed the Capital Campaign. We asked all new members, and all members who had never made a pledge, to consider a donation to the Capital Campaign. In addition, several congregants who had made a contribution to the Capital Campaign in the past made a new commitment. The Board of Directors directed that interest payments on the loan be made from operating funds, and that all Capital Campaign contributions be used to reduce the principal of the loan. Then the Friedman family gave us a wonderful gift. And Bill Friedman personally negotiated a lower interest rate for us at the bank.

As a result, our loan balance is now well below \$300,000. Our monthly interest payment is about one-third of what it was. And we have new pledges of over \$150,000 from congregants, and promises to pay old pledges of \$70,000.

Our goal is to retire this loan over the next five years. And we need to establish a fund for major capital improvements and repairs. As I stated in my letter to you, a building does not exist for free. We will continue to have expenses with the repair and maintenance of our synagogue. But we have suspended our Capital Campaign for this year. Next year we will again ask any members who did not make a significant Capital Campaign pledge to please consider supporting our synagogue with a financial gift to be paid over five years.

Besides, we wish to have a party when we "burn" our note to the bank!!!!.....I know you will help.

Thank you,

**Arnold**







## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New/Returning Members

Michelle & Paul Zygielbaum

Ben and Tara Winkler

Judi Hyman

### Correction to last Issue

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### Sincere condolences to

Ronit Glickman and family, on the passing of her mother Gail Negrin.

Diane Brown and family on the passing of her mother Jeannette Blatter

### Misheberach

Bless those in need of healing with refu'ah sh'layma, the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit

Miriam Rubinstein

Anne Tomin

Dalia GoldschmittSheff

Paul Zygielbaum

Florence Metz

Lillian Judd

Anna Judd

Mazie Miller

Lauren Newman

Miriam Rubinstein

Ira Rosenberg



### Shavu'ot

Shavu'ot is one of the 'Shalosh Regalim', the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals when all Jews gathered together at the Temple. The word Shavuot means "weeks." It marks the completion of the seven week counting period 'the Omer' between Passover and Shavuot when the first wheat is harvested, It is also known as Hag HaKatzir the 'Harvest Festival' or the 'Holiday of First Fruits' as the first produce of the land is brought into the Temple. The holiday of Shavuot is a two day holiday, beginning at sundown of the 5th of Sivan and lasting until nightfall of the 7th of Sivan. (In Israel it is a one day holiday, ending at nightfall of the 6th of Sivan.)

Shavuot is also the Jewish holiday that celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It took Moses and the Israelites seven weeks of trekking through the desert to reach Mount Sinai. The Omer are the forty-nine days between the holiday of Passover (leaving Egypt), and the holiday of Shavuot (weeks) receiving the Torah on the 50th day. The Talmud tells us that God gave the Ten Commandments to the Jews on the sixth night of the Hebrew month of Sivan.

### Israeli Folk Dancing on Wednesdays!

May 8th and 22nd

June 5th and 19th

July 10th and 17th

Wednesdays @6:30 in Friedman Center.

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Beth Ami & YOU 2013

Tot Shabbat Family Education series

**Learn • Connect • Grow • Play**

**May 5 Shavu'ot**

**please call for additional upcoming dates**

\$5 per event at the door.

Time: 10am - 12 pm.

Arrive at 9:30 am to join the Religious School students  
celebrate Havdalah, marking the end of Shabbat.

For more information and registration, contact **Ronit Glickman**, 291-6822 or [ronit.glickman@yahoo.com](mailto:ronit.glickman@yahoo.com).

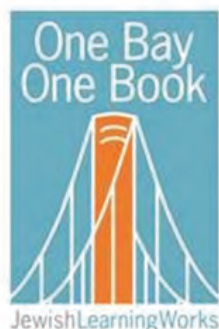




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On April 17, we held two book discussions, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. Our attendance for both groups made up in quality what it lacked in quantity of attendees, as we discussed Nathan Englander's book of short stories 'What we Talk About When we Talk About Anne Frank'. Tickets are now on sale for Nathan Englander's appearance on May 6th in Palo Alto and will soon be on sale for his appearance on May 5th in SF.

Get your tickets and join us when Nathan Englander appears for the One Bay One Book closing events this May!! There will be time for audience questions and book signing.



**Sunday, May 5, 2013 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco &**

**Monday, May 6, 2013 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Oshman Family JCC, Palo Alto**

**Tickets on sale NOW!**

**Because of the Annual Meeting & BBQ on June 6, we will not schedule a community Shabbat Dinner on June 7.**

**Please come at 6:30 and join us for the BBQ, and voting!**



**We will however be having Congregational Shabbat Dinners on....**

**Friday May 3rd  
and  
Friday June 14th**

**Remember!**

**Please be sure to call and book your reservation!**

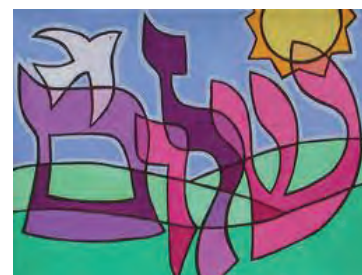


### **Conflict and Peacemaking in the Tanach:**

#### **The Rodef Shalom**

Mon, May 13, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Weekly on Monday, 7 times  
The Rodef Shalom is a 7-session course sponsored by the Pardes Center for Judaism in Jerusalem. It is presented by Tamar Landau, who, fortunately for Beth Ami, has returned to Sonoma County after her studies there.



### **Fighting for Equality: American Jewry During the Civil War Lecture**

Sun, May 19, 2pm – 4pm



Fighting for Equality: American Jewry During the Civil War Lecture with Dr. Mark Shapiro at Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, 2-4 p.m. More information here: <http://www.jccsoco.org/clientuploads/Civil%20War/civilwar.pdf>

## **Tikkun Leyl Shavu'ot**

### **Study Session**

Tue, May 14, 7pm – Wed, May 15, 2am

Congregation Beth Ami - Social Hall  
Informal study will continue until dawn! This is our night of revelation - when the Children of Israel received Torah. And we are receiving it still today. Join rabbis and teachers from around Sonoma County as we look at the ways in which Torah is still coming at us; how our inherited and innovated wisdom informs who we are in the world.

Delicious dairy treats will be served. Childcare available until 9 PM. Formal study sessions run until 2 AM, after which informal study will continue for as long as teachers and students can hold out, ending with shacharit at dawn! Teachers include:

Carolyn Shoshana Fershtman, PhD

Rabbi Jerry Danzig

Rabbi George Gittleman

Reb Judith Goleman

Reb Irwin Keller

Rabbi Stephanie Kramer

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Sarah Miller

David and Andrea Rubinstein

Rabbi Mendel Wolvovsky



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25 Iyar 5773 Cinco de Mayo 8:30am - Morning Minyan 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami	26 Iyar 5773 Office Open 10am-4pm 7 pm - Conflict and	27 Iyar 5773 Office Open 10am-4pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami	28 Iyar 5773 Office Open 10am-4pm	29 Iyar 5773 Office Open 10am - 4pm 7 pm - BACNS Assessment	1 Sivan 5773 Office Open 10am-2pm 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat	2 Sivan 5773 9:30am - Shabbat Services 12pm - Potluck Luncheon
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3 Sivan 5773 Mother's Day 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami	4 Sivan 5773 Office Open 10am-4pm 5pm - Chaverim - 8th Grade 7 pm - Conflict and	5 Sivan 5773 Eve of Shavuot Office Open 10am-4pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami	6 Sivan 5773 Office Closed Shavuot	7 Sivan 5773 Office Closed Shavuot (except Israel) 5pm - Chaverim - 11th/12th	8 Sivan 5773 Office Open 10am-2pm 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat	9 Sivan 5773 9:30am - Shabbat Services 12pm - Potluck Luncheon
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# JULY 2013

CBA - Public, Hebrew Calendar, US Holidays

Jul 2013 (Pacific Time)

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## MAZAL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH DANIEL SHERMAN JULY 20TH



Hi, my name is Daniel Sherman. I am twelve years old and in seventh grade at Rincon Valley Middle School. I was born and raised in Santa Rosa,

and I have gone to the Nursery and Religious schools here to prepare me for my Bar Mitzvah. My hobbies include hanging out with friends, playing sports, traveling, and playing my clarinet. I have belonged to Congregation Beth Ami as long as I can remember, and have seen my two older brothers go through the same process as I have. I would like to thank Rabbi Miller, Rabbi Schlesinger, and Asher Nathan for tutoring me to become a Bar Mitzvah. I would not be where I am without their help. I have studied very hard and I can't wait to become a son of the commandments. I hope all of you can join me on July 20th.



Lag Ba'Omer is a time during the Counting of the Omer when people can celebrate. While the Omer is a somber time, on Lag Ba'Omer (33rd day) marriages can be performed, children are taken to parks to play, get a haircut, or often gather in the parks for large bonfires.



## MAZAL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH MORIAH ROSENTHAL JULY 27TH

Shalom!

My name is Moriah Rosenthal. I am in 5th grade at Hidden Valley Elementary and 11.75 years old. My family moved here from Piedmont about 2 years ago. I have 3 older brothers. Thus it won't surprise you to know that I'm outgoing and fun loving. The most important thing in my life is being Jewish. I also love Israel and want to make

Aliyah. I am interested in STEM programs for women in science, technology, engineering, and math. I will be a famous scientist in Israel one day so you may want to get my autograph! I like playing basketball, violin, and Tae Kwon Do, but not at once. I love dogs, baking, and I'm a creative artist. I love learning with Rabbi Miller, my other teachers, and learning with my awesome Hebrew school class friends. I pray every day, and try to do as many mitzvahs as I can. My family and I invite you to join us in prayer and celebration as I become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, July 27th Parshat Eikev. Thank you for being there to welcome me into the Beth Ami community.

Love and prayers from, Moriah



Rosalind Franklin was born in London on July 25, 1920.

Franklin studied chemistry and physics at Cambridge, and, in 1942, began carrying out research that helped develop carbon fibre technology.

As a woman and a Jew, Franklin faced many difficulties. The combination of anti-Semitism and sexism also was an underlying factor in her work. Franklin made a number of advances in x-ray diffraction techniques with DNA that contributed to the 1962 Nobel Prize. Many scientists believe Franklin played a larger than acknowledged role in the research that led to the discovery of DNA's double helix. Later, Franklin joined Birkbeck College to carry out research into the tobacco mosaic virus. Her findings laid the foundation for structural virology.





## SUSY RAFUL ESSAY CONTEST

### First Prize: Gabe Ferrick

When I think of the Shoah, I envision crowds of terrified Jews, young and old, religious and secular; all facing the same unimaginable horrors: frightening raids; dreadful dehumanization; forced marches; gruesome gas chambers. In simple terms, they faced inhumane efforts to annihilate a people, my people, our people.

I have heard references to the horrors and lessons of the Holocaust as long as I can remember. I read *Number the Stars*, a novel that made me deeply appreciate the sacrifices that Jewish people have made. *Schindler's List* was difficult to watch, but it made me think of how important it is to reach out to help those suffering crimes against humanity. I had the same revelation when I visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington and saw the connection between history and current genocides. When Lillian Judd spoke at my Walk to End Genocide, hundreds of people were riveted as she told of her father being brutally murdered in front of her and quietly spoke of her mother and sisters dying in the gas chambers. People listened when she implored us to speak against intolerance and encouraged us to create a hate-free, genocide-free future. I pledged that for the rest of my life I would honor my Jewish heritage and help repair the world. Even though the world said, "Never Again" after 6 million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, almost 6 million more have lost their lives in Sudan and Congo and 46 more genocides have taken place around the world. Every day, young girls are brutalized and boys even younger than I are being forced to become child soldiers. Too many people turn their backs, just as they did during the Holocaust. Whether Jew or gentile, suffering is suffering and we must say "Never Again" and mean it. As Elie Wiesel said, "We have absolutely no right to disregard another when the other is suffering. If you stand by, you are an accomplice."

I did not stand idly by. My voice was heard on Capitol Hill where I spoke passionately about international human rights. After one of my Walks to End Genocide, the Board of Supervisors declared April Genocide Awareness month. My Walks and community-based movement the last six years have raised awareness and over \$100,000 to provide support and hope for survivors of genocide. After hearing testimonies of Holocaust survivors and working to combat genocide and human rights abuses, I knew I had to go to Africa to meet some of the people I'd been working to help.

In Rwanda, it became real and personal. I met Jimmy, an 18-year-old orphan, who was found on his mother's murdered body when he was just two during the genocide, where 1 million people were slaughtered. Today, he smiles and has a passion for learning. Then I met Lawrence, who told of seeing 13 of her 14 children and her husband murdered in front of her during the genocide...by their NEIGHBOR. She wiped away OUR tears, and I struggled to believe it when she told us that she had forgiven her neighbor. Lillian Judd, Susy Raful, Lawrence, and Jimmy live a world apart in geography, but they share experiences that genocide survivors, regardless of religion or ethnicity, carry with them. They share their suffering, strength and resolve to rebuild their lives and pay tribute to those who perished.

I brought my experiences back to Sonoma County. Perhaps through my stories and involvement in my Walks, a bully who once made ethnic jokes will choose instead to speak out against intolerance. Perhaps others will be inspired to listen to survivors' testimonies and understand that the Holocaust did not begin in gas chambers but rather with words. Perhaps we will all work together to build peace and acceptance in our communities and throughout the world.



By recalling the past and integrating lessons learned from the holocaust into our daily lives, we honor survivors and those who perished. We must keep the message alive that hatred destroys people and put our thoughts into action as we work to prevent a recurrence. We must ensure that our history will stay with us forever. We can forgive but we must NEVER forget!

**Gabe Ferrick** lives in Santa Rosa and is Senior Class President at Montgomery High School. He is a member of Chaverim youth group and was a Shomrei Torah religious school teaching assistant for three years. Gabe is a Diller Tikkun Olam Award winner, has raised over \$108,000 to aid those impacted by human rights abuses, and his 5th Annual Santa Rosa Walk to End Genocide will start and end at Congregation Shomrei Torah on Sunday, April 14.

Gabe will attend college in the fall and aspires to become an engineer so that he will be able to solve problems and help develop creative solutions here and abroad for those in need.



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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Pnina Loeb ~ Religious School Director

### Very Exciting Religious School News!

Our new program for older kids– **The Tribe** – will begin next year. We are very enthusiastic and have a fantastic curriculum that is being assembled including conversational Hebrew!



The pre-Siyum preparation and celebration on March 10th with Rabbi Rue was a once in a life experience! Our students had an opportunity to help Rabbi Rue cut out sections of our Torah that need to be replaced. They also watched as Rabbi rewrote the words and glued the new parchment in place. We were also treated to an incredible lesson by Roy Camarillo, learning how to write Hebrew calligraphy as it is done in Torahs.

As you are reading this, our Torah Rededication will have been completed. I hope that all of you took the opportunity to join in the festivities!

We had a very moving Yom Hashoah morning on April 7th When Susie Rafal spoke with our 4-5th grade class about herself and her family's experiences during the Holocaust. At the same time, Lillian Judd and her son, Dennis Judd, spent time with our 6-7 graders, their parents, students from the J School, and other community members. Lillian brought memorabilia and a book that she and Dennis had written that chronicles her life during and after the Holocaust. Both groups had the benefit of interacting with, and asking questions of these wonderful people. A very memorable experience!

Israel's 64th birthday, Yom Hatzmaut, was certainly a momentous occasion. We celebrated it by learning Hatikvah and making a numerical and pictorial timeline of Israel's history.



**Please join us on May 3rd for our monthly Shabbat dinner. Zim Zum will be here! To make your reservations early, call the office at 707-360-3000**

As the Religious School year comes to a close (our last day will be Thursday, May 9th), registration packets will be sent via email and (for those who wish) USPS. Please return them with your registration deposit by August 1, 2013. We are offering a \$25. per child discount special for those who register before June 7th!

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# ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

## MEMO FROM JERUSALEM

Nothing is better than an up close

and personal, behind the scenes story of life in Israel -

This is one: Vivian Klein's sister, Meggi and brother-in-law, Tuly are very successful caterers in Israel. They do a big business with weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, plus a number of major State Dinners for the President. SO—let us look at Meggi's emailed story to their Uncle Stan Feingold:



....Dear Uncle Stan, here is a nutshell synopsis of the past three weeks. When it became evident that Obama was sure to come, Shimon Peres's people started to look for the right caterer. We had worked there a few times before and Tuly had a great relationship with some of his most difficult staff. We wrote up one menu, they asked to taste another complete one and scheduled a tasting date. My staff and myself worked really hard that day.

As it turned out, the Peres staff went to two other caterers and other restaurant chefs too. Between Tuly's expert human relationship skills and the kitchen's meticulous work, we were commissioned for the job. Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending how you think about it...) we were already booked for two other weddings that day. But there was no way we were going to pass on this once in a lifetime opportunity! It was all about the logistics and staff and planning, so we started immediately. Over the next two weeks the menu changed almost on a daily basis, as Peres's staff had a really hard time making up their minds. We didn't agree with many of their choices, but let them have their way. As the big day came closer, I kept thinking how proud both my Dad and Mom would have been!

Most of our equipment for a Thursday dinner was transferred to Jerusalem on Sunday, so every plate, glass and cooking utensil would be electronically screened before the big day. 2 days before Tuly and I each went on national TV, for two different morning shows.

On the day of the Real Thing, representatives of the Health Ministry were with us all day. A member of The White House Chef staff spent the afternoon and evening with me. Tasting, watching and choosing the plate that would be served to The President.

It was huge. I felt really honored.

I am told, and I hear that everyone on the floor was really happy with the food. I was (happily) buried in the kitchen with my staff, doing my thing. There is always something in perspective that we know we could have done differently, maybe better, and we try to learn. But considering what we had going on, the day was a profound one: Professionally and personally.



That was the story—Interested in the menu ??— OK!

## Menu for Obama State Dinner – March 21st 2013

Individual Falafel and Humus with Whole Wheat Pita

### Appetizers:

Seared Tuna with cucumber in sesame seed on a bed of Ikra

Fish Trio with micro basil, black rock salt and tomato oil

Tuna & Pineapple Tartare with Crispy Peas

Tomato & Basil Carpaccio with Galilee Olive Oil

### Main Course:

Beef Filet and Lamb Chop Duo with Potato Tart

Zucchini Flower filled with assorted mushrooms topped with whipped beets on bed

of Beet Carpaccio

Red Peppers stuffed with Tabouli

Israeli Salad

### Dessert:

Assorted Pastries with Fruit Sorbet.



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## MITZVAH MOMENTS

### Tish Levee

Summertime and the living is easy—it's a great time to go to the beach AND to think about the ocean and how to save it.

June 8th is World Oceans Day. Global warming has heavily impacted the world's oceans, which are also being overfished, and polluted with plastics. These three problems top the National Geographic's list of ways to save the ocean at <http://ocean.nationalgeographic.com/ocean/take-action/10-things-you-can-do-to-save-the-ocean/>.

- Reducing energy use and lowering your carbon footprint will help to slow global warming (it may be too late to actually reduce it). You can monitor your carbon footprint at <http://www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/index.htm>,

and also donate to offset your use. During vacations, especially be mindful of the impact of your travel plans. Flying contributes the most towards global warming.

- Choosing sustainable seafood will help the many fish populations that have been severely depleted, due to demand, habitat destruction, and unsustainable fishing practices. Pick up a pocket guide to sustainable (and safe) choices at most fish markets or download a free guide from [http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr\\_seafoodwatch/download.aspx](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/download.aspx).

- Reduce the amount of plastic you use and responsibly recycle the rest. Plastics end up in the ocean, where they entangle and kill thousands of marine animals annually. In recent years there has been a lot of publicity about the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," a conglomeration of mostly small bits of plastic floating on or below the surface of the ocean. The approximately 46,000 pieces of plastic per square mile of ocean kill 100,000 marine mammals and one million birds each year. Once thought to be an island the size of Texas, the "Garbage Patch" is now believed to actually be a thin soup covering 2/3 of the planet's surface. As such, all efforts to remove it are doomed, but eventually these bits and pieces either sink to the bottom or come ashore. If we quit adding to the problem, eventually the ocean can clean itself. Carry a water bottle, use your own reusable shopping bags, and find reusable items to replace throwaway plastic bags, containers, and cutlery (40 billion use-and-toss utensils are consumed in the U.S. every year.) Find great options at <http://www.reuseit.com/>,

which has empowered nearly 325,000 customers to eliminate over 1.2 billion use-and-toss items. They also donate 1% of their profits to 1% For the Planet.

June 8th is Shabbat, but why not plan to go to the ocean on Sunday and clean-up the beach a bit?

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## SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

### Lyla Nathan

### Social Action Committee

Shalom Haverim!

First off I would like to thank Karen Gould for all her hard work in preparing the Shofar for these past years. Her professionalism and patience with everyone has been greatly appreciated. I wish her much success in her new endeavors. And now a huge thanks in advance to Irvin Klein for taking on the position of editing the Shofar. Todah Rabah!

Helping the hungry in Sonoma County has been a big part of our work this last year. We have collaborated with the Redwood Empire Food Bank and Jewish Family and Children Services.

We continue to collect food for JFCS. The bins are in the foyer. Please consider bringing a can or two when you come to the synagogue. And also consider the dietary needs of the people. Many are on low sodium diets, thanks!

The food bank presented a 'hands on' seminar on Hunger. We have volunteered several times there, both in the morning and in the evenings, packing fresh fruit and produce. These events have been well attended. Sometimes they have had too many volunteers and not enough work and we have questioned whether we could be more helpful somewhere else. An opportunity has come up.

Jewish Family and Children Services has asked us to collaborate with them to provide food to their clients. They buy much of their food from the food bank and they also want to give out their free produce. The committee decided that we want to work for JFCS as it is a Jewish organization (although many of their clients are not Jewish) and they really need our help. We are in the planning stages but we will hopefully soon begin a bi-monthly volunteer commitment. However it will only be in the weekday mornings.

I know that many people cannot make it in the mornings so we will still do a few evenings at the the Redwood Empire Food Bank. They have moved to a new facility near the Sonoma County Airport. It is much larger than the old one. I will make an evening date soon.

Carolyn Metz and I recently visited the principal at Spring Creek Elementary School (across the street from Beth Ami). We went to discuss ways in which we could be good neighbors and build community. They have a garden the students work in on Wed. mornings. They also prepare food using the vegetables they pick. It is an organized program but I am hoping that we can join them before school ends in June. I know some people are interested in gardening so hopefully this can grow into something

We continue to try and make our community more welcoming and strong. We will have our next meeting on Thus, May 2 at 6:00 at CBA. We always welcome new faces.



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The story of Ruth is associated with Shavu'ot. It is the story of the first conversion to Judaism. A famine forces Elimelech and his wife Naomi to flee from their Israelite home to the foreign country of Moab. Soon Elimelech dies, and Naomi is widowed in Moab. She continues living there with her two sons, who eventually marry two Moabite girls, Orpah and Ruth. Tragically, both sons also die, leaving Naomi to live with her two widowed daughters-in-law in a strange land. Naomi decides to leave Moab and journey to Bethlehem to live amongst the Israelites again. She encourages both Orpah and Ruth to return to their parents and remarry in Moab. Orpah reluctantly agrees, but Ruth refuses— out of love, she chooses instead to stay with her mother-in-law and embrace Judaism. This could not have been an easy choice, for Ruth had to leave behind everything she knew in order to stay with Naomi. Her kindness and obedience to God are eventually rewarded in Bethlehem, where she marries a wealthy farm owner named Boaz. Together they have a son named Obed, who becomes the grandfather of King David. Ruth's choice to stay with Naomi and embrace Judaism also made her a part of this important lineage.

Ruth made famous the phrase, "For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." The story of Ruth teaches us that unconditional love often requires sacrifice. Ruth makes a difficult choice, and her kindness is rewarded in the end. The message is that God blesses those who are good and merciful.

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## WHAT'S COOKING WITH THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE?

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson

### Shavuot and Food

The Festival of Shavuot, the Feast of the Weeks, Chag Habikkurim, the Festival of the First-fruits; all describe the festival that started with ancient agricultural origins associated with the sweetness of spring bounty that later in history shifted to the Revelation of Torah.

The First-fruits of Spring being dates, figs, grapes, pomegranates and olives; the last harvest of barley, and the first harvest of wheat compose the seven species available in this ancient land of Israel. These comprised the First-fruit offerings made to the ancient temple during this festival. The two loaves of bread made from the finest flour were given by Jews from their farms given to the priests at the temple for wave offerings.

In the Bible (Exodus 23:19; 34:26), a reference is made twice to bringing the first fruits "You shall bring the first-fruits of your land to the house of the Lord your God...", and it is paired along with the reference to what rabbis inferred as a command to separate milk from meat "You shall not cook a kid in its mother's milk". Eating dairy food on the Festival of the First Fruits was drawn from this association of ideas.

Dairy foods also serve during Shavuot as symbolic of milk. Milk is symbolic of the infancy of the Jewish people, and their birth as a nation at Mount Sinai. Milk is the breast food that according to the story, Moses would only drink from his Israeli mother and not drink from his new non-Jewish mother. Chalev, (milk in Hebrew) numerically is 40, which corresponds to the number of days Moses spent on the Mount studying Torah so that he could teach it to the Israelites. Milk in Hebrew, Chalev, is also an acronym formed of Hebrew letters meaning "To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning" (Psalms 92:3) and the entire Torah is lovingkindness. Song of Songs verse 4.11: "knowledge of the torah is like milk and honey under the tongue."

Chag Sameach. ~J&J

### What is a Mashgiach?

What does a Mashgiach do, and why do we need one in the CBA Kitchen?

How can I become a Mashgiach for CBA?

Questions, questions, questions!!!

**Solution: Attend our workshop on...  
Sunday, June 23rd, 9:30 am**

The kitchen committee is developing a workshop for Mashgiach training. It will be presented by Rabbi Miller and will feature kitchen & food safety and Mashgiach training for maintaining Kashrui in the Beth Ami kitchen.

Whether you are interested what Kashrui is all about, or what being a Mashgiach for Beth Ami or want to review your skills as a Mashgiach or wonder what Mashgichim do for those who are using the Beth Ami Kitchen, this workshop is for you.

Kitchen access is limited only by the number of Mashgichim available. Become one! This is not a closed club. Complete our Mashgiach workshop and you can become a member of our Beth Ami Mashgiach team.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, contact :Mark Rosen or J&J via JSL2602@sonic.net

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## NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Caroline Calvert & Robyn Fisher-Tachouet



### Greetings from the Nursery School!

Busy, busy, busy is how we describe ourselves this time of year! Registration is in full swing for both summer and fall. The phones are ringing and we are answering! It has been a delight to give tours when the campus looks so nice. The grass is green, the trees have leaves and the flowers have begun to bloom.

We returned from our spring break to find that not only have our seedlings begun to sprout in the garden, our children have grown so much taller we barely recognized some of them. It was funny to hear parents talking about the need to buy new pants for their little (or not so little) ones. Hope everyone had a delightful Passover with their families.

We hosted a wonderful event this week at the Nursery School. Glo Wellman, a parent educator and author came to present a workshop on Positive Discipline for parents. She is an experienced educator and helped parents deal with a spectrum of specific issues parents are dealing with at home. Anything to help bridge the gap between school and home while providing consistency in a little ones life is so beneficial. The hope is that next year, we can offer a series of parenting classes for parents.

Our Barefoot Books fundraiser raised over \$300 for the Nursery School! What a delight to see children developing a love of reading!!!! Thank you to Birgit Sacher and Anastasia Ordonez for making this event so successful. And a very special thanks to our local Whole Foods for donating the delicious coffee and pastries.

The last day of school is Friday, May 24th. We will be hosting our annual End of the Year Picnic at 11:30 in the courtyard (if sunny) or the Social hall (if rain). Please join us if you can. It will include a celebration for Jill Tager who has been teaching at our Nursery School for 28 (that is not a misprint) years.

Hope to see you there.

Shalom, Robyn and Caroline

### CHAVERIM

Rick Concoff



### JCCSOCO, CHAVERIM, CAMP CHAI

Join us for our Annual Chaverim Graduation service at 6:15 pm May 3 to honor our graduating Seniors at Congregation Shomrei Torah

chaverim Registration for the 2013-14 year is happening now, paperless, at [jccsoco.org](http://jccsoco.org). Please support our teens and their program by registering now for 8th-12 grade. Camp Chai - Directed by Rick Concoff, MA meets during the traditional last two weeks in June. We welcome campers entering Kindergarden-7th grade and Counselor's In Training entering the 9th and 10th Join us for a great two weeks

**Questions ?** call Rick for more info 823-3916



## GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

The next time you are looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a joyous occasion, remember a loved one, or comfort a mourner, please consider a donation to Congregation Beth Ami. When you make a gift, a card is sent to the honoree or the family and your donation is proudly acknowledged in the Shofar. The minimum donation for each occasion is \$7.50. Congregation Beth Ami truly appreciates your support.

### BUILDING

Thank you to Arnold & Meineke Drake  
*Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson*

In memory of Warren Levin  
*Ana Noles*

### CJEEF

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Prina Loeb & Jeff Richman*

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of my father, Michael Brust  
*Barb McGee*

In honor of Josh Simkovitz's Bar Mitzvah  
*Carol Newman & Barry Sovel*

In memory of Mort Sherman  
*Andy & Nancy Fleming*

In honor of Josh Simkovitz on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah  
*Andy & Nancy Fleming*

In memory of my brother, Phillip Feingold  
*Stan Feingold*

In memory of my mother, Sylvia Feingold  
*Stan Feingold*

In memory of Adrea's uncle, Al Hochberg  
*Adrea, Howard, Eliot & Carina Moss*

In memory of Nancy Sherman's father, Mort  
*Henry Cohn*

In honor of Bob Raful's 90th birthday  
*Henry Cohn*

In honor of Josh Simkovitz's Bar Mitzvah  
*Jane Paul & Ross Jones*

Get well to Ira Rosenberg  
*Edith Newman*

In memory of Leo Gurevitch  
*Russ Gurevitch*

In memory of Nancy Sherman's father  
*Zara Raab*

Thank you to Dave & Marge Ballo for the Shalach Manos  
*Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson*

Thank you to Eli Cohen & Betty Boyd for the Shalach Manos  
*Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson*

Thank you to Mel Decker & Judy Stern for the Shalach Manos  
*Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson*

Thank you to Florence Metz for the Shalach Manos  
*Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson*

In memory of Nancy's father, Edward S. Susnow  
*Andy & Nancy Fleming*

In memory of Roemary Friedman  
*Sydney Perlman*

### GENERAL FUND cont.

In memory of Joseph Friedman  
*Sydney Perlman*

In memory of William Friedman  
*Sydney Perlman*

In memory of Everett Shapiro  
*Sydney Perlman*

In honor of the birthday of Phyllis Shapiro  
*Sydney Perlman*

A thoughtful donation  
*Nick Alexander*

In honor of being called for Aliyah  
*Ivan Barta*

In memory of Nancy Sherman's father  
*Howard & Adrea Moss*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Ron, Judy & Family Mack*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Edith Newman*

Speedy recovery to Gerald Lakins  
*The Ballo family*

Continuing recovery to Ira Rosenberg  
*The Ballo family*

Condolences to Elizabeth Jarlsberg on the passing of her father  
*The Ballo family*

Condolences to Diane Brown on the passing of her mother, Jeanette Blatter  
*The Ballo family*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Judy Stern & Mel Decker*

In memory of my mother, Sophie Shapiro  
*Michael Shapiro*

In memory of Josephine and Mannie Goldstein  
*Elaine & Sherrill Golemb*

In memory of Abraham Schy  
*Ethel & Stuart Schy*

In memory of Harry Drake  
*Arnold Drake*

In memory of Barbara Garam  
*Rose Batzdorff*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Marvin & Sheila Hyman*

In memory of my dear friend Gail Negrin  
*Bonnie Jeffreys Bankofier*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Binese & Earl Goldberg*

In memory of Renee Stimach's father  
*Binese & Earl Goldberg*

In memory of my mother, Gail Negrin  
*Ronit Glickman*

### GENERAL FUND Cont.

In memory of Diane Brown's mother,  
Jeanette Blatter  
*Harold & Barbara Boren*

### MALK FUND

In memory of Mr. Leibling  
*Edith Newman*

In memory of my husband, Everett Shapiro  
*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Jennifer Hayes*

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Phyllis Shapiro*

In honor of Phyllis Shapiro's birthday  
*Edith Newman*

In memory of Harriet Schwartz  
*Phyllis Shapiro*

### NURSERY SCHOOL

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Nancy & Ed Sherman & family*

### RABBI'S FUND

In honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah  
*Julie Simkovitz*

In memory of Leo Gurevitch  
*Russ Gurevitch*

In honor of Dave & Marge Ballo Happy Purim  
*Evey Abramowitz*

In memory of my mother, Pearl Lotsoff  
*Cheryle Stern Miller*

In memory of Justin Sommers  
*Jeffrey & Karen Sommers*

Thank you to Rabbi Miller  
*Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson*

In appreciation of Rabbi Miller's support of my father's Shiva Minyan service  
*Nancy & Ed Sherman & family*

In memory of Helen Goldman  
*Lillian Judd & family*

In memory of Rosemary Friedman  
*Bill & Suzie Friedman*

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### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In memory of Gail Negrin  
*Richard Kahn & Anne Brown*

### SHABBAT LUNCH FUND

A generous donation  
*Ivan Barta*

### USY

In honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah  
*Julie Simkovitz*



## 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 May 3rd and 4th*

May 7	Kay Simon	Mother of Lyla Nathan
May 8	Bertha Krubiner	Mother of Alan Krubiner
May 8	Lily Zeamans	Grandmother of Judith Helman
May 9	Sidney Baba	Father of William Cordell
May 9	Robert Paul	Brother of Jane Paul
May 10	Bernice Perlman	Wife of Sydney Perlman, Sister of Harry Friedman, and Aunt of Bill Friedman
May 10	Stanley Williams	Father of Lenore Holloway and Bonnie Gee

### *Announced on May 10th & 11th*

May 11	Anna Stein	Aunt of Robert Raful
May 12	Israel Senzer	Father of Adrea Moss
May 13	George Conklin	Father of Ruth Rosenberg
May 13	Selma Drachenberg	Mother of Arnold Drake
May 13	Lucille Lachman	Mother of Vivian Salmon
May 14	Sam Keller	Father of Ruth Weiss
May 14	Warren Levin	Husband of Ana Noles
May 14	Saul Meltzer	Father of Allan Meltzer
May 16	Mary Gibson	Aunt of Hope Rambo
May 16	Hanna & Elmer Klein	Parents of Lillian Judd
May 16	Raisel & Feige Klein	Sisters of Lillian Judd
May 17	Lillie Gross	Mother of Sylvia Sucher
May 17	Morris Hartzman	Uncle of Cheryle Miller
May 17	Jon Simkovitz	Former Husband of Julie Simkovitz and father of Joshua & Rachel Simkovitz

### *Announced on May 17th & 18th*

May 22	John Hess	Father of Barbara Tomin
May 22	Lena Liverman	Grandmother of Marc Bernstein
May 22	Nisel Pekker	Father of Semyon Pekker
May 22	Alice Rapkin	Great Aunt of Susan Miller
May 22	Ben Rogan	Father of Jane Rogan
May 24	Joel Brodsky	Brother of Karen Brodsky
May 24	Bertha Schy	Mother of Stuart Schy

### *Announced on May 24th & 25th*

May 25	Molly Leavy	Sister of Evey Abramowitz
May 26	Albert Hirschman	Grandfather of Abraham Alexander
May 28	Herman Metz	Father of John Metz
May 28	Robert Shotkin	Father of Alan Shotkin
May 29	Thomas Cordill	Father of Kim Cordell
May 29	Louis Stein	Uncle of Robert Raful
May 30	Sandor Garam	Father of Rose Batzdorff

### *Announced on May 31st & June 1st*

June 1	Mies Rijnveldt	Mother of Mienieke Drake
June 2	Lillian Graff	Mother of Margorie Ballo
June 4	Betty Mann	Mother of Margorie Ballo
June 4	Oscar Mann	Father of Margorie Ballo
June 5	Mary Umanskay	Mother of Sofya Pekker
June 6	Stephen Bernstein	Brother of Marc Bernstein
June 6	Abe Shapiro	Father of Raynore Paule

## May Birthdays

2	David Kahn
2	Lawrence Lieberman
3	Mark Stoelting
4	Judith Helman
7	Anne Brown
8	Janet Stein Larson
10	Iosif Voulfson
13	Patricia Wegman
14	Edith Newman
15	Evelyn Gurevitch
16	Edward Sherman
16	Milton Sterman
16	Marina Voulfson
22	Nancy Daniels
22	Irvin Klein

## May Anniversaries

12	Barb McGee
16	Fred & Regina Marva
17	Asher & Lyla Nathan
19	Dave & Marge Ballo
25	Warren Davis & Judith Helman
27	Jon & Rose Batzdorff
27	Tad & Debbie Shapiro
28	Richard Kahn & Anne Brown
30	Jeffrey & Janet Stein Larson



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### *Announced on June 7th & 8th*

June 9	Stephen Bernstein	Brother of Marc Bernstein
June 9	Bessie Tsipan	Mother-in-law of Malvina Tsipin
June 10	Irving Peretz	Brother of Evey Abramowitz
June 11	Anna Seldowitz	Grandmother of Susan Miller
June 13	Benny Friedman	Father of Bill Friedman and Debra Chapman and Brother of Harry Friedman
June 13	Hyman Golemb	Father of Sherrill Golemb
June 14	Bluma Rudnitskaya	Sister of Iosif Voulfson

### *Announced on June 14th & 15th*

June 16	Pearl Dove	Sister of Betty Franks
June 16	Golda Nemchenko	Sister of Sarah Tyutinman
June 18	Tom Fleming	Brother of Andy Fleming
June 19	Bessie Hartzman	Grandmother of Cheryle Miller
June 19	Jean Inman	Mother of Lee Feinstein
June 19	Harold Kale	Husband of Betty Kale
June 19	Irving Streitfeld	Father-in-law of Ricki Streitfeld
June 20	Mildred Loew	Mother of Danella Lubar
June 21	Lillian Cohen	Mother of Leonard Cohen

### *Announced on June 21st & 22nd*

June 24	Norman Abramowitz	Son of Evey Abramowitz
June 24	Barney Abrams	Father of Patty Bernstein
June 25	Samuel Weiss	Father of Mort Weiss
June 26	Esther Morse	Sister-in-law of Myrna Morse
June 26	Joseph Robinson	Father of Myrna Morse

### *Announced on June 28th & 29th*

July 2	Stanley Friedman	Husband of Natalie Friedman
July 3	Morton Goldstein	Father of Marilyn Diamond and Grandfather of Lauren Newman

## *June Birthdays*

2	Chelsie Uriarte
8	Andrea Goodman
8	Michelle Zygielbaum
9	David Matzner
12	Ruth Rosenberg
15	Joslyn Metzger
18	Esther Baruch
19	Harry Hankin
20	Shacharit Rosenthal
21	Marjorie Gordon
24	Carol Levine
28	Shirley Klapow
28	Ira Rosenberg
30	Jane Paul

## *June Anniversaries*

4	Hal & Barbara Boren
9	Alan Krubiner & Jane Meyer
13	Larry & Shirley Klapow
18	Randy & Sherri Weinstein
20	Sherrill & Elaine Golemb

## **SIMCHA BOARD TREE OF LIFE**

Honor thy mother...also thy aunt, uncle, cousin, child, best friend, teacher with an engraved leaf on our Simcha Board commemorating any joyous occasion, bestowal of an honor, or cause for thanksgiving.

Leaf \$360

Small Stone \$1000

Large Stone \$2500

We also provide the opportunity for you to memorialize loved ones.

## **Yahrzeit Board**

A plaque is \$450



## JULY YAHRZEITS

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Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

### *Announced on July 5th and July 6th*

July 6	Bella Levine	Former Mother-in-law of Gussie Levine
July 7	John Ballo	Father of David Ballo
July 7	Jeanette Friedman	Grandmother of Joslyn Metzger
July 8	Louis Shapiro	Father-in-Law of Phyllis Shapiro
July 9	Ronda Heard	Sister of Stanley Feingol
July 10	Aaron Baruch	Father of Esther Baruch
July 11	Saul Gordon	Father-in-law of Marjorie Gordon
July 11	Irvin Lubar	Father of Harvey Lubar
July 12	Avraham Levanon	Brother-in-law of Ahuva Simon-Saar

### *Announced on July 12th and July 13th*

July 13	Netka Taubner	Mother of Susy Raful
July 15	David Krubiner	Father of Alan Krubiner
July 17	Lottie Batzdorf	Mother of Alfred Batzdorff
July 18	James Mattson	Son of Tish Levee
July 19	Anita Herman	Grandmother of Howard Glickman

### *Announced on July 19th and July 20th*

July 20	Herbert Newman	Husband of Edith Newman and Father of Carol and Michael Newman
July 21	Abe Gerstein	Husband of Dorothy Gerstein
July 21	Fredrick Marshall	Father of Carolyn Metz
July 23	Sylvia Williams	Mother of Lenore Holloway and Bonnie Gee
July 25	Pearl Nathan	Mother of Asher Nathan
July 26	Amelia Olchovy	Mother-in-law of Raynore Paule

### *Announced on July 26th and July 27th*

July 27	Louis Abramowitz	Husband of Evey Abramowitz
July 28	Abraham Olchovy	Father-in-law of Raynore Paule
July 31	Willy Cohn	Father of Henry Cohn
July 31	Julian Streitfeld	Brother-in-law of Ricki Streitfeld

## *July Birthdays*

1	Paul Zygielbaum
5	Rad Sommer
6	Lauren Newman
13	Sylvia Sucher
16	Henry Cohn
16	Andrea Nett
17	Terry Gurevitch
18	Dr. Michael Mundell
20	Marilyn Diamond
20	Rhonda Rosenbach
28	Patty Bernstein
30	Susy Raful

## *July Anniversaries*

4	Hal & Barbara Boren
6	Paul & Lee Feinstein
9	Gabor & Anya Por
12	Andrew & Susan Brown
25	Michael & Rayme Shapiro
30	Randy & Candice Mann

## **Escrip update -**

Help CBA raise funds

Did you know since 2005, Beth Ami has raised \$14,725 through eScrip contributions? And 2012 was our second highest year ever, raising over \$2100. This was achieved by supporters **'just doing their regular shopping..!'** at Oliver's, Safeway and other merchants! The way to keep increasing funds is to sign up more supporters (friends, relatives, new members). Don't be shy - ask around to see who is on eScrip and if they're not, have them call the numbers below to get help signing up.

If you shop at Oliver's Markets in Santa Rosa or Cotati, remember to get their Community Card at the store and choose BETH AMI to get the eScrip proceeds.  
If you are not a part of this easy way to help Beth Ami, join us NOW!

To sign up or get eScrip help, contact Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or [nancysherman06@gmail.com](mailto:nancysherman06@gmail.com) or call Lauren Newman at 525-9029.





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## May Shabbatot

May 4th (24 Iyar 5773) Torah Reading  
**Behar-Behukotai** - Leviticus 27:1 to 34  
Candle lighting 7:46 pm Havdala 8:48

May 11th (2 Sivan 5773) Torah Reading  
**Bemidbar** - Numbers 3:14 to 4:20  
Candle lighting 7:52 pm Havdala 8:55

### Shavu'ot Services

Tuesday May 14th 7:00 pm (see page 5)  
Wednesday May 15th 9:30am  
Wednesday May 15th 6:00pm  
Thursday May 16th 9:30 (including Yiskor)  
Thursday May 16th 8:30pm Mincha and Ma'ariv

May 18th (9 Sivan 5773) Torah Reading  
**Naso** - Numbers 7:1-89  
Candle lighting 7:58 pm Havdala 9:02

May 25th (16 Sivan 5773) Torah Reading  
**Beha'alotecha** - Numbers 10:35 to 12:16

## June Shabbatot

June 1st (23 Sivan 5773) Torah Reading  
**Shelach Lecha** - Numbers 15:8 to 41  
Candle lighting 8:10 pm Havdala 9:15 pm

June 8th (30 Sivan 5773) Torah Reading  
**Korach / Rosh Chodesh**  
Scroll 1 - Numbers 17:25 to 18:32  
Scroll 2 - Numbers 28:9 to 15  
Candle lighting 8:14 pm Havdala 9:20 pm

## June Shabbatot (cont.)

June 15th (7 Tammuz 5773) Torah Reading  
**Chukat** - Numbers 20:22 to 22:1  
Candle lighting 8:18 pm Havdala 9:24 pm

June 22nd (14 Tammuz 5773) Torah Reading  
**Balak** - Numbers 22:39 to 25:9  
Candle lighting 8:20 pm Havdala 9:26 pm

June 29th (21 Tammuz 5773) Torah Reading  
**Pinchas** - Numbers 28:16 to 30:1  
Candle lighting 8:21 pm Havdala 9:26 pm

## July Shabbatot

July 6th (28 Tammuz 5773) Torah Reading  
**Matot-Mas'ey** - Numbers 33:50 to 36:13  
Candle lighting 8:20 pm Havdala 9:25 pm

July 13th (6 Av 5773) Torah Reading  
**Devarim-Chazon** - Deuteronomy 2:31 to 3:22  
Candle lighting 8:18 pm Havdala 9:22 pm

July 20th (13 Av 5773) Torah Reading  
**Va'etchanan-Nachamu** - Deuteronomy 6:4 to 7:11  
Candle lighting 8:14 pm Havdala 9:17 pm

July 27th (20 Av 5773) Torah Reading  
**Ekev** - Deuteronomy 10:12 to 11:25  
Candle lighting 8:09 pm Havdala 9:11

### MORNING MINYAN

#### Every Sunday at 8:30 am

Come meet and talk with President Arnold Drake during informal "ask the President" sessions, after most minyanim.