



CONGREGATION
Beth Ami

4676 MAYETTE AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA 95405

Shofar

707-360-3000

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013

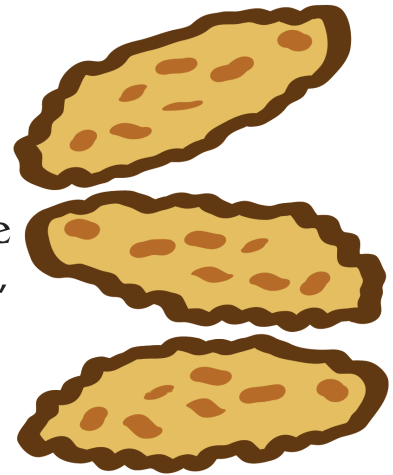
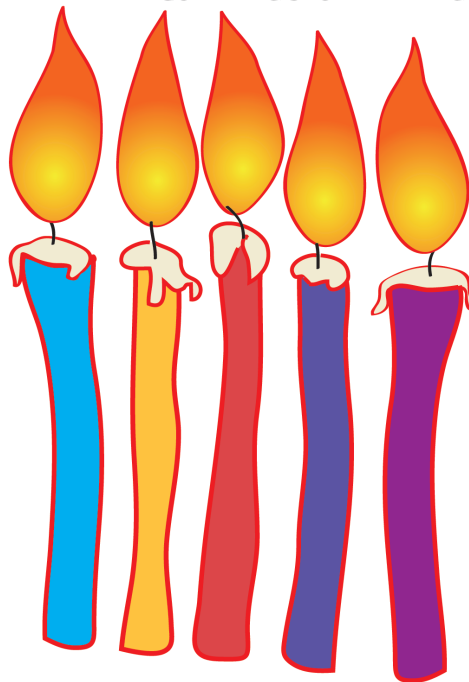
5774

HAPPY HANUKKAH!
HAPPY HANUKKAH!
HAPPY HANUKKAH!

The Beth Ami Board Hosts Family Chanukah Potluck, Latkes and Game Night!

**Sunday, December 1,
4:00-7:30 p.m. in the
CBA Social Hall**

Fifth Candle! bring your
Chanukah menorah (hand made
non-flammable ones are great!),
candles and dreidels



Songs, Stories and Games: Ping Pong, Twister, Bowling, Bean Bag Toss, and Dreidel, of course. Also Sorry, Apples to Apples, Scrabble, Chess, Bananagram, Sequence, Cards, Cribbage and more.

Potluck: Letters A-M uncooked veggie salad, fruits, or veggie sticks; letters N-Z desserts (parve or dairy)

Potluck questions? There's a link to guidelines in the Cybershul, or call or email Jeffrey or Janet, 707-539-6612, JSL2602@sonic.net. Robyn and Caroline are ready to answer any questions Nursery School parents might have: ns@bethamisr.org.

**Latkes and trimmings provided
and cooked by the board!!!!**

**RSVP to Beth Ami Office by
Wednesday Nov. 27, or we
won't have enough latkes!
360-3000**

Cost: Free for CBA members, Nursery School and Religious School. Please bring 2 non-perishable food or toiletry donations for the Jewish Family Service Food Bank

Congregation Beth Ami

4676 Mayette Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Telephone: 707/360-3000

Fax: 707/360-3003

Email: office@BethAmiSR.org

Website: www.BethAmiSR.org



Please "like" us at www.facebook.com/CongregationBethAmi

Office, Library, and Gift Shop Hours

Mon.–Thurs. 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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.

Personnel

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

314-308-3672
chaver37@gmail.com

Carolyn Metz, Executive Director

707-360-3011
execdirec@bethamistr.org

Elizabeth Jarlsberg, Office Manager

707-360-3000
office@bethamistr.org

Diane Lennox, Bookkeeper

bookkeeper@bethamistr.org

Caroline Calvert and Robyn Fisher-Tachouet, Nursery School Co-Directors

707-360-3030
ns@bethamistr.org

Jennifer Hayes, NS Assistant

707-360-3030
ns@bethamistr.org

Rick Concoff, JCC Teen Program

707-823-3916
rickc@jccsoco.org

Ben and Tara Winkler, Shofar Newsletter

707-695-0711
newsletter@bethamistr.org

Pnina Loeb, RS Director

707-360-3000
rs@bethamistr.org

Gabor Por, Librarian

707-360-3006
library@bethamistr.org

Bonnie Boren, Gift Shop

707-360-3022

Andrea Nett, Friedman Center Director

707-360-3021
director@friedmaneventcenter.com

Edythe Smith, Invitations

707-538-3698

Officers and Board of Directors, 2012–13

Arnold Drake, President
gidrdrake@gmail.com, 542-1765

Barbara McGee, Treasurer
barbara.mcgee@ffic.com, 953-2526

Betty Boyd, Secretary
bettyboyd@informingscience.org,
537-2211

David Ballo, Past President
klezhead@yahoo.com, 576-0612

Irvin Klein, VP of Administration
707-695-0711

Russ Gurevitch, VP of Facilities
russgurev@msn.com

**Barbara Tomin,
VP of Youth & Education**
btomin@sonic.net, 576-1167

**VP of Ways and Means, (currently
open)**

Members at Large

Mel Decker
meldecker5@gmail.com, 540-0614

Richard Kahn
earthin@sonic.net, 217-5265

Alan Krubiner
akrubiner@msn.com, 694-6239

Tamar Landau
landrillo2@yahoo.com, 228-0303

Myrna Morse
mrm75@att.net, 539-5457

Lyla Nathan

lylalya2@yahoo.com, 526-7438

Leanne Schy, Torah/Haftarah Readings

leanne@sonic.net, 528-4874

Mark Sutter

drmarksutter@vom.com, 935-7737

Members Ex Officio

Carolyn Metz, 481-3390
Caroline Calvert, 322-7216
Pnina Loeb, 695-2275
Rabbi Miller, (314) 308-3672
Robyn Fisher-Tachouet, 484-8553
Andrea Nett, 707-360-3021

Deadline for December 2013/ January 2014 Shofar is November 15

A New Look

In this issue, we have changed the layout to make The Shofar more readable for both online and hard copy readers. Let us know how you like it.

The calendar pages are staying but have taken a different format so readers don't have to rotate the newsletter to see what's happening. The calendar can also be accessed online at <http://www.bethamistr.org>.

We are always interested in your opinions and welcome new contributors. If you would like to write an article, please let us know.

The Shofar and CBA would like to thank Irvin Klein for standing in as editor these past few months and helping us get up to speed for our first issue.—*Tara and Ben Winkler*



RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

A Hanukah Miracle

It all started so innocently!

I had some “thank-yous” to write and I’d run out of postage stamps. I headed to the Clayton, MO Post Office to buy a few more. I found a parking space, (never to be taken for granted), and headed in. I glanced into the hall where the clerks attend to the customers and saw that there was a wait. So I walked back to one of the automatic vending machines at the entrance.

I looked over the options. It appeared that my one choice was the item mysteriously labeled “Holiday Baubles”. I pressed the appropriate button, put in my credit card and awaited results. Out came two sheets of stamps. Perhaps I shouldn’t have been surprised; each stamp was adorned with a picture of one of those glass ornaments people put on Christmas Trees. I realized I had made a mistake, so I reluctantly headed back to the main hall to speak to a clerk.

After waiting for my number to come up, I went up to the clerk. I knew him from many previous visits and explained my predicament to him.

“Sorry,” Bill said, “but we’re not allowed to exchange stamps.” (He couldn’t look me in the eye).

I stood back in disbelief. “You’ve got to be kidding! I just bought these over at the machine.”

“Yes,” he said, “and that’s the other problem: different stock inventory. What’s more, it says ‘All sales final’ on the bottom of your receipt.”

I laughed ironically at the bureaucracy. “This is amazing! Of course I didn’t actually get the receipt until I bought the stamps. The other part is that I’m a rabbi and I have to send some notes to Jewish people. I can only imagine the impression it’s going to make on them when they see the Christmas stamps.”

“I’m really sorry,” he said. “There’s really nothing I can do about it.”

I had pretty much figured that I was going to have to use the stamps, but I couldn’t help noticing that the clerk was blushing. “Bill, you’re

blushing! You have to be embarrassed yourself to have to tell me this.”

Bill nodded and I thought that was going to be the end of it, but another clerk was sitting at the adjoining counter. She had been listening to the conversation as she wasn’t helping customers at the time.

“I’ll tell you what I’m going to do,” she said. “I’m going to buy one of the sheets of stamps. It’s only that I don’t have enough cash on me to buy both. At least you’ll be able to replace the one sheet.”

I was really touched and impressed by her consideration. “Thank you,” I said, “You’re really going over the top on this one!”

“No problem!” She fished in her purse for the money and handed it to Bob. Bob went over to another drawer and brought out a sheet of ...Hanukah stamps! I handed my “baubles” over to Dianne. I was about to leave when a thought occurred to me.

“Dianne, I have a ‘twenty’ I can give you. You can just pay me back tomorrow. That way you can buy the second sheet.”

At this point, Bill turned to Dianne, “Listen, I’ll spot you the change and you can take care of it when you see me tomorrow.”

“Thanks,” I said. “I can’t believe how considerate you both have been. That’s really impressive!”

“Glad to oblige.”

I hadn’t realized it at the time, but during this whole transaction a crowd had begun to assemble. I turned around to see a few hostile faces. It’s bad enough when the customer ahead spends time chatting with a clerk while you’re waiting to do business. I had succeeded in making a “double-play!”

All I could think of was to say to the lady next in line with a slight shrug of my shoulder, “High finance!”

I was relieved to see a smile cross her face as I hurried out to the car.

May your Hanukah be filled with miracles!



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

Raphael & Sarah Kauffman

Blair Dub and her daughter, Bella

Juli Scherer

Rob & Karla Gitlin and their children

Caryn Fried

Diane Ashton

Misheberach

Lillian Judd—for a refuah shlaimah

Rosh Chodesh: Celebrating the New Moon with other Jewish Women

The first of each Jewish month; the celebration of the new moon, its slender crescent barely visible in the night sky; is a day historically associated with women's renewal and celebration.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Rosh Chodesh gatherings in 5774 with the exception of June 29, which will be held in a private home (Details and directions to follow). All gatherings will be held at Congregation Beth Ami.:

Kislev	Sun.	Nov. 3	11 a.m.
Tevet	Tues.	Dec. 3	7 p.m.
Sh'vat	Wed.	Jan. 1	7 p.m.
Adar I	Thurs.	Jan. 30	7 p.m.
Adar II	Sun.	Mar. 2	11 a.m.
Nissan	Mon.	Mar. 31	7 p.m.
Iyar	Wed.	Apr. 29	7 p.m.
Sivan	Thurs.	May 29	7 p.m.
Tammuz	Sun.	Jun. 29	7 p.m.
Av	Mon.	Jul. 28	7 p.m.
Elul	Mon.	Aug. 25	7 p.m.



Joel Nelson
PRODUCTIONS

SOCIAL & CORPORATE EVENT PRODUCTION
DJ'S | BANDS | SPECIALTY ENTERTAINMENT

www.joelnelson.com

Mazal Tov to our Bar Mitzvah, Avi Gitlin

Nov. 16, 2013—Shabbat Vayishlach



My name is Avi Gitlin and I am 12 years old. I live in Redwood Valley, about 1 and a half hours north of Santa Rosa. I have 4 sisters: Leora, Arielle, Ellie and Rosie. I go

to school at River Oak Charter School. I play basketball and baseball and I wrestle and sometimes write songs when I have free time. I also love skateboarding. I play cello, piano, and a little guitar. My family has a lot of chickens, a cat and three dogs. A lot of the time when I'm not doing homework I hang out with my friends up the road. I am looking forward to having my Bar Mitzvah at Beth Ami.

Israeli Folk Dance— 2 Wednesdays a Month

Come dance circle dances to songs from Israel, and other places too—with varied speeds, moods and styles. We like varied styles of people too. Just drop in and dance.

6:30–9:30 p.m., Oct.

9, 23, Nov. 6, 20

**Friedman Center, \$3
donation to Beth Ami**

For more information contact Leanne at 707-528-4874, join our email list by emailing Leanne@sonic.net, or check the calendar at BethAmiSR.org.





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Proof that a Group of Jewish Men Can Put Something Together

(with a little help from a few women)

In a little over an hour, the Sukkah Builder's Team erected the Beth Ami Sukkah in the courtyard in front of the shul. After Sunday minyan and breakfast, supplied by the Stein-Larsons, Ishie Petlock found the Sukkah (stored on top of tables in the Social Hall closet!). He and Gary Highland got most of the parts out to the courtyard. Helping to shlep and put up the framework, fabric and other Sukkah components were Arnold Drake, Michael Shapiro, Jeffrey and Janet Stein-Larson, and Mark Rosen. Tish Levee and Carose Mendoza helped tie the little bungee cords holding the fabric to the framework. Michael, Arnold, Jeffrey and Janet put on the shchach.

Israeli Speaker—Oct. 30

The Director of the Gush Etzion Foundation, Shani Abrams Simkovitz, will speak at Congregation Beth Ami about this historic locale, how the Gush Etzion played an heroic and important part in Israel's war of Independence in 1947, as Jerusalem and surrounding Jewish areas were blockaded and attacked in response to the U.N. resolution to partition Palestine.

The Bnei Etzion, the children of those who fought and died, returned 19 years later to reestablish their community and created a memorial in the very spot where their parents hid during the final attack.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Kibbutz Movement, this site was declared a National Heritage Project by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has launched a special campaign with the Gush Etzion Foundation and others to revitalize the museum at the memorial.

Shani Simkovitz, who has been living in Israel for 42 years, is from Brooklyn, NY.

7–8:30 p.m., Oct. 30

All Good News

Esther Baruch

We've had a run of wonderful simchas in recent months: Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and big birthdays, celebrated with good food, good company, and good wishes.

Then we were privileged to celebrate the holidays with warm, heartfelt services. We saw many old friends drawn back to Beth Ami. There was a palpable sense of family and community. On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we even got up and danced in the middle of the service, to Cantor Yael's lively tune. Compliments about our rabbi and cantor rained down upon us.

Our president, Arnold Drake, introduced what was a big hit and sure to become a custom: a pre-fast meal catered by our own Andrea Nett. And Andrea's ever-popular break-the-fast meal drew 100 people and many compliments.

Six families have joined our Beth Ami family in recent weeks, and several others have expressed interest in membership. Our most recent member, asked why she joined, responded: "The rabbi and the dinners!"

Our Religious School and Nursery School have new families.

Expect a call from our new Chessed Committee. We hope to weave more of our senior members and others into the fabric of our community with calls, visits, cards, and, whenever possible, rides. Please call Mark Rosen at (860)202-8953, or email me, Esther Baruch, esther@pacific.net, if you would like to offer and/or receive support!

New and old members expressed interest in being part of a chavurah. Please email me if this describes you.

I hope you are as heartened as I am by Hashem's blessings upon our beloved home, Congregation Beth Ami.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Nily Shiryon, Scholar in Residence Shabbat

Friday night lecture *What's in a Name?* with a special dessert.

Time of regular services, Nov. 22

Shabbat services D'var Torah, special pot-luck lunch, and lecture after lunch *Crime and Punishment—Curse and Blessing: The rape of Dina.*

Time of regular services, Nov. 23

Saturday night Havdallah and Lecture *Judaism and Psychotherapy* with a special dessert.

7 p.m., Nov. 23

\$5 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.

About Dr. Shiryon

Dr. Nily Shiryon, an Israeli psychologist and educator, holds B.A.s in Education and Broadcast Communications, an M.A. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Shiryon has a private practice and was Staff Psychologist in two major Psychiatric Hospitals in Israel. She has worked in clinics, youth authority and psychiatric closed wards; with women, single adults and Literatherapy groups on a various topics, including Jewish identity and problems of assimilation in the U.S. and Israel.

InterfaithFamily Classes & Workshops

Love & Religion—Online

Make Jewish choices while honoring the traditions of your spouse. A 4-session workshop that meets online, with video conferencing and in-person to work on your religious lives together before or after you are wed.

7:30–9 p.m. Thursdays: Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Raising a Child with Judaism

Insights from Jewish tradition for you to bring Jewish wisdom and customs to your home during major parenting situations like

bedtimes, mealtimes. This work at your own pace course provides opportunities to meet in person.

8-session online class begins Oct. 8

Preparing Your Interfaith Family for Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Learn about the history and traditions of this life cycle event, with roles for all family members. This work at your own pace class will connect you with other local interfaith families, in a forum for you to question and share.

8-session online class begins Oct. 25

Sign up for any or all at:

www.interfaithfamily.com/bayarea

Emergency Prep Presentation

Are you prepared to cope in an emergency, such as a wildfire or earthquake?

In an emergency prep presentation, COPE (Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) will help you:

- *Organize* your street and help vulnerable neighbors
- *Provide basic emergency training* about wildfires and earthquakes
- *Teach your children* what to do if they are home alone or you are injured...and much more.

Sunday, October 6, 3–5 p.m.

Congregation Shomrei Torah Sanctuary
2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

Free, open to the public, refreshments served!

COPE is a program of the Santa Rosa Fire Dept., with help from CAL FIRE and the Red Cross.

Sponsored by the Social Action Committees of Congregations Shomrei Torah and Beth Ami.

Have Faith!
Braces are only temporary...
The smile you achieve will last a lifetime!



Proudly Supporting Local Community and Youth Programs
CALL (707) 575-0600 for your FREE CONSULTATION!

Santa Rosa • Windsor • Petaluma
WWW.BERNSTEINBRACES.COM



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Arnold Drake, President

By the time you read this, the High Holy Days will be behind us. As we settle into 5774, and a new academic year, we begin to think about the year ahead. We begin planning all those things we have put off for too long, and have resolved to do. I would like to add a new dimension to our planning..

The Great Recession seems to be waning, despite the generally-agreed idiocy of the sequestration. Yet we need to try to provide some mechanism whereby Beth Ami can weather the next general economic calamity without all the strife we recently experienced.

We would like to think long term. And one of the best things you can do is remember Beth Ami in your planned giving, bequests, and estate plans. We were greatly helped recently by generous bequests from two long time members.

There are many options and vehicles that will help Beth Ami and yet will not pose a current burden for you. You can consider making a specific bequest in your will, leaving Beth Ami property or a portion of your retirement plan, make a future gift of a portion of your life insurance, and many more even more complex vehicles.

Let all of us make 5774 the year we all begin to think long-term about our synagogue. Let us all start on that planning we have put off for too long. Your *kehilla* and the Jewish Community of Sonoma County will appreciate it. And you will too.

ALEF isn't enough
BET isn't tough
Study Modern Hebrew from
the source with a native Israeli.
All levels. The easy way.
Prayers, Chanting Torah Tropes
call: Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
545-2454

א
ב
ג
ד
ה
ו
ז
ח
ט

NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Caroline Calvert & Robyn Fisher-Tachouet
Nursery School Co-Directors

By the time you read this we will have celebrated all of the High Holidays and will be gearing up (unbelievable) for a very early Chanukah celebration. Our Apples and Honey event was a lovely way to begin this year (thank you so much Rabbi Miller) and what a treat it was to see so many of our families attend. Thank you to everyone for helping make it a success.

Our second annual Preschool Raffle Fund-raiser is fast approaching. Tickets are on sale now!! Winners will be announced on Friday, December 13th and you need not be present to win. There are *lots* of incredible prizes (something for just about everyone in your family) so please, please, please help support the Nursery School and purchase a ticket today. They are only \$20 each and you need not be present to win. Tickets are available in the Nursery School office or the Beth Ami office. 100% of the proceeds go straight into the preschool. Many thanks to Ronit Glickman who has been working tirelessly on this for us...we could not do it without you, Ronit!!!

We wish you all a lovely holiday season.





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Pnina Loeb, Religious School Director

Save the Dates:

October 18—Rockin Shabbat; 4:30–5:30 for ages 2-6+ and their families, then dinner (please make reservations) from 5:30–7, and then at 7 Shabbat services for everyone. Our guest artist is Lior Ben Hur with Regge and Israeli fusion,

Sunday, October 27—Beth Ami & You program for children ages 2–6+ *Being Kind is a State of Mind*: 10–12, playground opens at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 10—Beth Ami & You program for children ages 2–6+ *An Attitude of Gratitude*: 10–12, playground opens at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 15—Interfaith Rockin Shabbat begins at 4:30–5:30 for ages 2–7 and their families, dinner (please make reservations) from 5:30–7, and then at 7, Shabbat services for everyone. Our guest artist is UC Berkeley's only a capella group *Kol Ha Dov!*

Sunday, November 24—Dr. Nily Shiryon will lead activities with each religious school class!

Sunday, December 1—All-CBA Chanukah Party beginning at 5 p.m.

We now have 4 classes in the religious school! They are: Grades pre-K through K, grades 1–3, grades 5–7, and a post-B'Mitzvah group called *The Tribe*. We are very excited to be offering these wonderful opportunities for your children. Please call Pnina Loeb at 707-695-2275 for more information. Don't let the expense keep you from giving your children the best education. We do have partial scholarships available.



Leanne Schy
Graphic Design
& Copywriting
1145 Murray Ct.
Santa Rosa,
California 95404
707-528-4874
LSchy@Sonic.net

Hanukkah

Will the stores be selling turkey-shaped dreidels? Maybe Horn of Plenty oil holders to keep the lights going?

Hanukkah will be on Thanksgiving this year.

Thanksgiving is set as the fourth Thursday in November, meaning the latest it can be is 11/28. 11/28 is also the earliest Hanukkah can be.

The Jewish calendar repeats on a 19 year cycle, and Thanksgiving repeats on a 7 year cycle. You would therefore expect them to coincide roughly every $19 \times 7 = 133$ years. Looking back, this is approximately correct—the last time it would have happened was 1861. However, Thanksgiving was only formally established by President Lincoln in 1863. So, it has never happened before.

Why won't it ever happen again? The reason is because the Jewish calendar is very slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar, at a rate of 4 days per 1000 years. This means that while presently Hanukkah can be as early as 11/28, over the years the calendar will drift forward, such that the earliest Hanukkah can be is 11/29. The next time Hanukkah falls on 11/28 is 2146, which is a Monday. Therefore, 2013 is the only time Hanukkah will ever overlap with Thanksgiving. Of course, if the Jewish calendar is never modified in any way, then it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar, until it loops all the way back to where it is now. So, Hanukkah would again fall on Thursday, 11/28...in the year 79,811. Given our trajectory with global warming, it is fair to say humans won't be here then and if there are no humans, the holidays will be cancelled.

So on November 28th 2013, enjoy your turkey and your latkes. It has never happened before, and it will never happen again.





MITZVAH MOMENTS

Tish Levee

Winter Holidays Are Coming

For the first *and* only time ever, Thanksgiving and the 1st day of Hanukkah occur on Nov. 28th (find out why it's the only time it will happen, at <https://sites.google.com/site/mizrahijona-than/home/ThanksgivingAndHanukkah>.) Holidays mean gifts, decorations, and lots and lots of food, which can also mean huge amounts of waste. This means we can practice two important mitzvot:

Ma'achil R'evim—Feeding The Hungry

Nearly one billion people (1 in 7) worldwide (and 17.2 million households in the U.S.) are going hungry. Help by donating to Mazon (<http://mazon.org/>), the Malk Fund at Beth Ami, and putting extra food in the food barrel in the shul lobby or in Redwood Empire Food Bank's barrels in stores. Another important way to help feed the hungry involves the mitzvah of...

Bal Tashchit—Not Wasting Resources

Americans generate an extra five million tons of household waste each year between Thanksgiving and Jan. 1st, including wasting three times as much food as the rest of the year. According to the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization, roughly one-third of all food produced for human consumption—approximately 1.3 billion tons—is lost or wasted each year—34 million tons a year in the U.S. Consumers in developed countries, such as the U.S., are responsible for 222 million tons of this waste—nearly the amount of food that is produced in all of sub-Saharan Africa. Wasted food that is not composted (most of it) ends up in landfills where it produces methane emissions, a greenhouse gas with a warming effect 21 times greater than carbon dioxide. Check out <http://www.worldwatch.org/reducing-food-waste-during-the-holiday-season> for the Worldwatch Institute's 10 simple steps to waste less food.

Bikkur Cholim—Visiting The Sick

CBA is in the process of forming a Chessed Committee, to arrange to visit, call or offer rides to our homebound elders or other members who are going through difficult times. For more information, call Mark Rosen at 860-202-8953 or email Esther Baruch at esther@pacific.net.

P'kuach Nefesh—Saving A Life; The Highest Commandment In Judaism

Save and enhance up to 50 lives in a few minutes when you register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor at <https://www.donatelifecalifornia.org/register/> and join nearly 10.5 million Californians who have already signed up. Nearly 120,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant, but only 28,052 organs were transplanted in 2012. November is National Donor Sabbath Month. Don't let your age or medical history stop you; medical tests at the time of death will determine whether or not your organs can be donated.

HANUKKAH IS NOT FAR OFF...

Your Beth Ami Gift Shop has a full selection of Menorahs, Dreidels, and gifts for all ages.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>29</div> <div>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>9am - Mature Drivers</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>7pm - Midrash Study @ Room</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Office Open 10am-2pm</div> <div>7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</div>	<div>5</div> <div>9:30am - Shabbat Services</div> <div>12pm - Potluck Luncheon</div>
<div>6</div> <div>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth</div> <div>10:30am - Member Event</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>4:30pm - Chaverim - 8th Grade @</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:30pm - Israeli Dancing</div> <div>7pm - Midrash Study @ Room</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</div> <div>12pm - Friendship Circle</div> <div>4:30pm - Chaverim - 11th & 12th</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Office Open 10am-2pm</div> <div>7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</div>	<div>12</div> <div>9:30am - Shabbat Services</div> <div>12pm - Potluck Luncheon</div>
<div>13</div> <div>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div> <div>7pm - Executive Committee Mtg.</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>7pm - Midrash Study @ Room</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Office Open 10am-2pm</div> <div>10am - Religious Practices</div> <div>7pm - Rockin Shabbat Services</div>	<div>19</div> <div>9:30am - Shabbat Services</div> <div>12pm - Potluck Luncheon</div>
<div>20</div> <div>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>4:30pm - Chaverim - 8th Grade @</div> <div>7pm - Budget & Finance</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div> <div>7pm - CBA Board Meeting @ CBA</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:30pm - Israeli Dancing</div> <div>7pm - Midrash Study @ Room</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</div> <div>4:30pm - Chaverim - 11th & 12th</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Office Open 10am-2pm</div> <div>7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9:30am - Shabbat Services</div> <div>12pm - Potluck Luncheon</div> <div>6:30pm - Israeli Dancing</div>
<div>27</div> <div>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth</div> <div>10am - Beth Ami & You event</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:30pm - Chaverim</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</div> <div>7pm - Midrash Study @ Room</div> <div>7pm - Shani Simkovitz Talk @</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Office Open 10am-2pm</div> <div>6pm - Family Shabbat Dinner</div> <div>7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9:30am - Shabbat Services</div> <div>12pm - Potluck Luncheon</div>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>27</div> <p>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth 10am - Beth Ami & You event 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>28</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:30pm - Chaverim</p>	<div>29</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>30</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 7 pm - Midrash Study @ Room 7 pm - Shani Simkovitz Talk @</p>	<div>31</div> <p>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</p>	<div>1</div> <p>Office Open 10am-2pm 6 pm - Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</p>	<div>2</div> <p>9:30am - Shabbat Services 12pm - Potluck Luncheon</p>
<div>3</div> <p>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>4</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 4:30pm - Chaverim - 8th Grade @</p>	<div>5</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>6</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:30pm - Israeli Dancing 7 pm - Midrash Study @ Room</p>	<div>7</div> <p>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm 4:30pm - Chaverim - 11th & 12th</p>	<div>8</div> <p>Office Open 10am-2pm 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</p>	<div>9</div> <p>9:30am - Shabbat Services 12pm - Potluck Luncheon</p>
<div>10</div> <p>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth 10am - BA & You Program 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>11</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</p>	<div>12</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @ 7 pm - Executive Committee Mtg.</p>	<div>13</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 7 pm - Midrash Study @ Room</p>	<div>14</div> <p>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm</p>	<div>15</div> <p>Office Open 10am-2pm 7 pm - Rockin' Interfaith Shabbat</p>	<div>16</div> <p>9:30am - Avl Gitlin's Bar Mitzvah 12pm - Hosted Luncheon 5pm - Parent's Night Out @</p>
<div>17</div> <p>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>18</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 4:30pm - Chaverim - 8th Grade @ 7pm - Budget & Finance</p>	<div>19</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @ 7 pm - CBA Board Meeting @ CBA</p>	<div>20</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:30pm - Israeli Dancing 7 pm - Midrash Study @ Room</p>	<div>21</div> <p>Office Open 10am - 4:30pm 4:30pm - Chaverim - 11th & 12th</p>	<div>22</div> <p>Dr. Nily Shiryon - Scholar-in-residence @ residence Office Open 10am-2pm 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</p>	<div>23</div> <p>9:30am - Shabbat Services with 12pm - Potluck Luncheon</p>
<div>24</div> <p>8:30am - Morning Minyan @ Beth 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @ 7 pm - Absolute Music Concert</p>	<div>25</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm</p>	<div>26</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 6:45pm - Bingo at Beth Ami @</p>	<div>27</div> <p>Office Open 10am-4:30pm 7 pm - Midrash Study @ Room</p>	<div>28</div> <p>Office Closed</p>	<div>29</div> <p>Office Closed 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Services</p>	<div>30</div> <p>9:30am - Shabbat Services 12pm - Potluck Luncheon</p>



ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

The following blog, published in the *Jerusalem Post* on August 30th was written by Rabbi Andrew Sacks the Director of the Masorti (Conservative) Movement's Rabbinical Assembly in Israel (the organization of Masorti/Conservative rabbis). Normally I stay away from items about internal disputes; but this one directly affects my rights to pray in Jerusalem. Find the entire piece on the *Jerusalem Post* web site.

"This morning I was contacted by an American journalist writing about the marginalization of the non-Orthodox movements in Israel. She wanted my views on this subject. I am not sure that my response was in line with her premise. I have begun to feel optimistic.

Since the Masorti Movement was established in Israel we have found the doors to MKs and ministers closed. Our congregations, youth groups, and rabbis were not granted funding. The political coalitions with the zealously Orthodox made speaking with us in any official capacity almost radioactive.

But that was then. This is now. There seems to be a new spirit in the air. Maybe I am naïve. Maybe I am excited by what may turn out to be a passing phenomena. But I am seeing something I have not witnessed since my Aliyah in 1987.

The Minister of Religions has met with Masorti and Reform leaders. In fact he greeted us in the Knesset. So too the Chair of the Knesset. In June our rabbis met with the President of Israel at his home. The Minister of Justice has met with us on numerous occasions.

Now had all of this been confined to a few meetings where niceties were exchanged—some of us may have said Dayeinu (we are pleased). But it did not end there.

The courts have decided that non-Orthodox rabbis may be entitled to funding. Our right to use of Mikvehs will soon be adjudicated. The doors to dialogue are open.

Just this week the new egalitarian section of

the Kotel was opened to the public. Davening 24/7 is now available at the Robinson's Arch area. The government will provide Sifrei Torah (they are currently provided by the Masorti Movement). Masorti prayer books will be purchased by the government. This is the southern end of the Western wall. It embodies no less sanctity than the section to its side. Indeed the atmosphere is more peaceful and the area cleaner. (Ed. Note—During our last visit, Susy and I prayed at the area described here. It is a special spiritual place)

Last year hundreds of Minyanim, and over twenty thousand people, davened at the new Kotel space through the Masorti Movement. That number will now grow as more hours and resources are made available. And we shall not be limited to weekday mornings only. You may now daven there on Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning. In deed you may daven there any time you wish. This is a victory for all of the Jewish people who believe in religious pluralism. It is available for women's prayer groups—those that feel that to daven as a woman's prayer group in this section is just fine. I believe that this compromise comes as a result of new found attention paid to the non-Orthodox denominations both in Israel and in the Diaspora.

There is truth in those who protest that separate but equal is not truly equal. But again I would assert that perfect is often the enemy of good. Indeed, the pluralistic area is more esthetic and pastoral.

Our struggle for religious pluralism shall continue. We will continue to work to advance our goals."

Please Support Our Advertisers

Contact Congregation Beth Ami Office
office@bethamir.org
for details about advertising in the Shofar.

Thank you!



LITERARY LINES

Gabor Por, Librarian

There is not one, but three great pieces of news from the library. First of all, we replaced the big table and the 10 chairs with four *really comfortable easy chairs* and two smaller tables for a more informal look. Second, *the library is now open both during business hours of the office* (Mon.–Thurs., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Fri., 10 a.m.–2 p.m.) and on every Sunday morning when there is religious school. We did these changes so we could invite you to spend in the library. Come on in between two errands when you are running around town, or when you want to have a quiet hour and immerse yourself into the space of great Jewish books.

The third and possibly the best, news is that we instituted a self-checkout *system*. This means that you are allowed, welcome and encouraged to borrow books (and DVDs, CDs, and tapes) from the library, even when there is no librarian present. We only ask you to

Fill out the sheet on the desk, including your full name and phone number, the spine number (including the second and third line if they exist) and the material number (the six digit number written in pencil or printed under the bar-code on the inside of the book)

Borrow no more than 10 items at a time

Leave the items/books you bring back on the librarian's desk or in the library's box in the office.

If you are new to the library, i.e. you never borrowed an item before, fill out the patron registration form that includes your name, address, phone number and affiliation.

We hope that these changes will improve your library experience, that you will re-discover more of the treasures we have hiding here, and that they will keep enriching your life.



earth
in
upheaval
e. i. u., inc.

outstanding service
and repair for your vehicle

on the web at:

earthinupheavalautorepair.com

an unusual name
with
unusual excellence

1970-2013

Forty-Three Years Of Quality Service

We know and are equipped to work on:

Acura	Lexus	Volvo
Audi	Mazda	VW
BMW	Mercedes-Benz	Domestics
Honda	Mini	Hybrids
Hyundai	Nissan	
Infiniti	Subaru	
Kia	Toyota	

5300 Sebastopol Rd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Open Monday - Saturday
rental cars available
earthin@sonic.net

Richard Kahn (707) 523-3777

Larry Gregg

Bujinkan Santa Rosa Dojo

Traditional Martial Arts -
Self Defense

phone: 707 481-7370

email: srbd@att.net

web: santarosabujinkan.com



at the Friedman Center

Every Sunday and Tuesday

6:45pm Doors open at 4:00 pm

Win up to \$350 per game

Buy-in starts at just \$15!



Carolyn Metz

Ecogreen Certified Agent

DRE # 01488014

707-537-2369 - Direct

707-481-3390 - Cell

cmetz@fhallen.com

www.carolynmetz.com



460 Mission Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95409



WHAT'S COOKING WITH THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE?

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

We are calling all helping hands to bring a cold raw vegetable, fruit salad, fish, eggs, crackers, cheese, desserts, cookies, cake, fruit, juice, pop, and, yes, wine! Whatever suits your taste buds, or if you have a favorite recipe that everyone raves about, our taste buds are ready. Basically, don't labor to cook; it's Shabbat; just make certain it meets our pot-luck guidelines. We have a Shabbat Potluck Recipe Pamphlet available on the welcome table and cookbooks in our library where you may find unique salad or dessert recipes.

Many hands make work light and easy, but if you are not able to bring anything, no problem; we still want you. We are community! For those of you who don't have time to cook; a prepackaged un-opened item from the store is just as edible and yum-yum. Just be sure to look for the kosher mark on the package and remember it must be pareve or dairy.

Here are some important reminders for your tasty treats: If you need the Potluck Food Guidelines or the Shabbat Potluck Recipe Pamphlet, call the office (360-3000) or contact Janet & Jeffrey at JSL2602@sonic.net and they'll email it to you. Remember that our kitchen is *dairy*, so please no meat items.

Most importantly—we are community and we hope to see you!

eScrip: To Totally Painless Giving

Thanks to all of our supporters for making this a great year for eScrip! This very easy fundraiser keeps on giving to Beth Ami.

For the first seven months of 2013, Beth Ami earned \$1,500 from eScrip. This was achieved by supporters *just doing their regular shopping* at Oliver's, Safeway and other merchants.

Anyone can participate and contribute; you do not have to be a CBA member & you do not have to live in Sonoma County. Ask your friends & relatives; have them call the numbers below to get help signing up or go to escrip.com and put in ID# 136921119.

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 (707) 538-9388 or nancysherman06@gmail.com or call Lauren Newman at (707) 525-9029.



SHABBAT DINNER RSVP

Shabbat Dinner:

☐ Friday, October 4 _____

☐ Friday, November 1 _____

of Beth Ami Member Adults _____ @ \$18 = _____

of Non-member Adults _____ @ \$22 = _____

of Youth _____ @ \$9 = _____

Please return payment and forms to:

Congregation Beth Ami
4676 Mayette Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
707/360-3000

Name _____

Phone _____

I want to volunteer for (indicate which event)

Total amount enclosed _____

☐ Check _____ ☐ Visa/MC

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date ____ / ____

Billing Zipcode _____



SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

Shalom Haverim! I hope that everyone is enjoying the holidays. We at the Social Action Committee wish everyone a sweet and healthy New Year in which we all try create for a better world. Tikun Olam.

It is a quick switch from Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services to think about the preparation for Chanukah. But it is just one of those years.

The holiday conversations on Yom Kippur and well as Rosh Hashana were very successful. People seemed to enjoy connecting on a more personal level. Thanks to everyone who participated. We are hoping, that as a result of our conversations on a caring community on Yom Kippur, that we will once again have a Chessed Committee here at Beth Ami.

We have been very busy of late. In August, we had a very successful evening at the Mundell's where we meet with a number of interfaith families from CBA. The conversation was lively and very informative and enjoyed by all. Everyone liked the personal stories that were told. Most of the couples were passed the child rearing stage and we hope that younger families can join the conversations in the future. We hope to continue getting to know all the different groups that make up our wonderfully diverse community.

We have been very active providing food to JFCS pantry by getting food from the Redwood Food Bank. We also continue to receive generous contributions from our members who always fill the bins with healthy and nutritious food. Thanks so much for your support of those in our larger community who need extra food to make ends meet. We will continue providing food throughout the year as hunger has no time limit.

We are continuing our cooperation with the Social Action Committee at Shomrei Torah. On Oct. 6th at 3–5 p.m. there is an event sponsored by Cope to prepare for emergencies (please see flyer). We are also having an evening for the two committees to get to know each other.

We are co-sponsoring an informational meeting with SAY to find out more about the proposed Dream Center at Warrack Hospital. We plan to co-sponsor a movie *Bully* in January (more info to follow).

During the week of Nov. 15–24th, the Interfaith Families of SF is having a week in which congregations in the Bay Area will celebrate the interfaith families in our communities. On Nov. 15th, which is a Rock-in Shabbat, we will have a dinner especially honoring our interfaith families. It will be a pizza dinner and it should be a wonderful time for all our families to celebrate (more details to follow).

The Soup Sisters had a summer hiatus but we plan to have some hearty soup in the fall. We are also working in the garden and the classroom cooking at our neighborhood school Spring Creek on Wed. mornings. Anyone interested? Please contact Lyla at lylalyla2@yahoo.com

Dates to Save

Oct. 6, 3–5 p.m. at Shomrei Torah—COPE Emergency Preparedness

Oct. 29, 7–8:30 p.m.—SAY Dream Center informational meeting

Nov. 15, at CBA—Rock-in Shabbat and interfaith celebration dinner

JEWISH COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Hillel of Sonoma County

Lindsay Folkerth, 795-5464, www.sonomahillel.org

JCC, Sonoma County

Beth Goodman, 528-4222, www.jccsoco.org

Jewish Community Federation

Barbara Levinson, 568-6207, www.sfjcf.org

Jewish Community Free Clinic

Donna Waldman, 585-7780, www.jewishfreeclinic.org

Jewish Community Relations Council

Suzan Berns, 415/957-1551, www.jcrc.org

Jewish Family & Children's Services

Diana Klein, 571-8131, www.jfcs.org/sonoma-county



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.

General Fund

In honor of Sylvia Sucher's 101st birthday—*Jane & Chip Carnathan*

In memory of my mother, Netka Taubner—*Susy Raful*

In honor of Sylvia Sucher's 101st birthday—*Sabib-Amar & Amar Khalsa*

In honor of Al Batzdorff's recovery—*Rabbi Jerry & Joy Danzig*

In honor of being called to the Bima for an aliyah—*Ivan Barta*

In honor of Sylvia Sucher's birthday—*Judi Hyman*

In memory of Debbie Shapiro's father, Irving Herman—*Lauren & Michael Newman*

In honor of Amy Shapiro's wedding—*Lauren & Michael Newman*

Wishing Al Batzdorff a quick and safe return to health—*Sylvia Sucher*

In honor of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar—*Ira & Ruth Rosenberg*

In honor of Daniel Sherman's Bar Mitzvah—*Jane Meyer & Alan Krubiner*

In honor of Moriah Rosenthal's Bat Mitzvah—*Jane Meyer & Alan Krubiner*

Continuing better health wishes to Anna Judd—*The Ballo Family*

Condolences to Esther Pilch on the passing of her husband—*The Ballo Family*

Speedy recovery to Al Batzdorff—*The Ballo Family*

Thank you for your kindness, Russ & Terry Gurevitch—*The Ballo Family*

Mazel Tov to Irwin Margolese—*The Ballo Family*

Continuing recovery to health for Jerry Lakins—*The Ballo Family*

Mazel Tov to Esther Pilch and the Samuel family upon the birth of a baby girl—*The Ballo Family*

Speedy recovery to Al Batzdorff—*Norman & Beverly Feldman*

In honor of Moriah Rosenthal's Bat Mitzvah—*David Gluck*

In honor of Mazie Miller's 100th Birthday—*Helen & Fred Schwartz*

In honor of Mazie Miller's 100th Birthday—*Roma Barnes*

In memory of Anita Glickman, mother of Donald—*Donald & Gloria Glickman*

Happy Birthday to Susy Raful—*Susan L. Miller*

In honor of Bob & Susy Raful—such good neshomas—*Susan L. Miller*

Healing and good health to Ira Rosenberg—*Susan L. Miller*

Good health and healing to Alfred Batzdorff—*Susan L. Miller*

Healing wishes for Anne Tomin—*Susan L. Miller*

In honor of Arnold & Mienke Drake—good neshomas—*Susan L. Miller*

In celebration of Rabbi Miller & family's new home—*Carolyn Metz*

In honor of my Aliyah—*Elisabeth Van Nuys*

In memory of Debbie Shapiro's father—*Marge Gordon*

In memory of Sanford Bressick's father, Norman Bressick—*Richard Kahn & Anne Brown*

Speedy recovery to Al Batzdorff—*Lindsay Kvam*

Thanks to Alan Krubiner—*Lindsay Kvam*

In memory of my husband, Abraham Rubinstein—*Miriam Rubinstein*

Speedy recovery to Lillian Judd—*The Ballo family*

Mazel Tov to the Danzig family on their new granddaughter and the Eppelmans on their daughter, Ayelet—*The Ballo family*

Shana Tova-A peaceful, sweet year to our entire Beth Ami family—*The Ballo family*

Toda Raba to the entire Zygielbuam family and Mazal Tov to Irwin Margolese—*The Ballo family*

Condolences to Sanford & JoAnne Bressick and family on the passing of Sanford's father, Norman Bressick—*The Ballo family*

Speedy recovery to Alfred Batzdorff—*Mark Rosen*

Speedy recovery to Irvin Klein—*Mark Rosen*

In memory of Irving Herman, father of Debbie Shapiro—*Barbara & Gary Greensweig*

In loving memory of Lester Schweit—*Rosalie Schweit*

In appreciation of Asher Nathan for his excellent Bar Mitzvah tutoring—*Ed & Nancy Sherman & Family*

In appreciation of Bob Raful for his excellent Simcha planning and floor Gabbaiing for Daniel's Bar Mitzvah—*Ed & Nancy Sherman & Family*

In memory of my father, George Barta—*Ivan Barta*

In honor of being called to an Aliyah—*Ivan Barta*

In memory of Helene Senzer—*Adrea & Howard Moss*

In memory of Jenny Weisenthal—*Natalie Friedman*

For the kindness Ruth & Ira Rosenberg have shown to me—
Raynore Paule

In memory of Norman Bressick,
father of Sanford Bressick—*Howard
& Adrea Moss*

In appreciation of Andrea Nett for
making Kol Nidre dinner extra special
by including the 90th birthday
of Barbara Boren—*Bonnie Boren &
Phil Weil*

Malk Fund

In memory of Debbie Shapiro's
father—*Judi Hyman*

Speedy recovery to Marge Gordon—
Phyllis Shapiro

In honor of Sydney Perlman's 99th
birthday. Happy Birthday!—*Phyllis
Shapiro*

In memory of my sister, Audrey
Schoen—*Phyllis Shapiro*

A very happy birthday to Shelley
Davis with lots of love, Phyllis—
Phyllis Shapiro

In memory of Jennifer Shawn
Hoffman—*Don & Gloria Glickman*

Happy Birthday to Carol Newman—
Phyllis Shapiro

In memory of Henry Tausk, father of
Gloria Glickman—*Donald & Gloria
Glickman*

Nursery Fund

In loving memory of Vivian Frye—
The Ballo family

Rabbi's Fund

In honor of being called to an
Aliyah—*Ivan Barta*

In memory of my husband, Emil
Tsipan—*Malvina Tsipan*

In appreciation of Rabbi Miller's
teaching and support for Daniel's
Bar Mitzvah—*Ed & Nancy Sherman
& Family*

Religious Fund

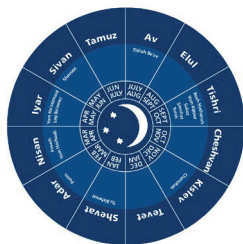
In memory of Myer Bernard &
Frances Brust—*Barb McGee*

Zittin Fund

In memory of Rose Zittin—*Bill &
Suzie Friedman*

REKINDLING ROSH CHODESH GATHERINGS

by Patty Bernstein, Bonnie Boren, Sarah Miller, Susan Miller



We hope you'll consider joining Congregation Beth Ami's Rosh Chodesh group. All Jewish women, regardless of affiliation (or non-affiliation) are welcome.

Our Rosh Chodesh group focuses on building an intimate atmosphere to explore our personal Jewish identities and experi-

ences as modern Jewish women of *diverse observance and practices, lifestyles, and background*. This is an open environment where questions are encouraged—about Judaism, Torah spirituality and life itself.

Discussion topics will be created based on where the conversation takes us, so open your heart and mind to a new Jewish experience that we get to create and mold ourselves, as we build new relationships and learn from one another.

We've created a nice sense of community in this women's group, and we value diversity. *So, whatever your Jewish background, your questions, your age, or life stage, please consider joining us.* Please contact Patty Bernstein (basberyl@sonic.net), Bonnie Boren (bonniegboren@gmail.com), Sarah Miller (sarahpaige@aol.com), Susan Miller (henrisuetina@gmail.com), or the Beth Ami office (office@bethamir.org). if you'd like to join the mailing list so that you can stay up to speed about upcoming gatherings and discussion topics.

Our first re-gathering will occur on Sunday, November 3 at 11 a.m. at Congregation Beth Ami when we'll connect through activities to enable this special women only spark and support element. You won't regret attending...you'll relish your connection with other Jewish women. We've heard from so many who've attended these gatherings that they've found them meaningful. We do...please join us!

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
Plaque \$450



October 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 Oct. 4 and 5

Oct. 7	Morris Edelberg	Father of Marjorie Gordon
Oct. 9	Bessie Drake	Stepmother of Arnold Drake
Oct. 10	Ruth Meltzer	Mother of Allan Meltzer
Oct. 11	Herman Hecht	Grandfather of John Metz

Announced on Oct. 11 and 12

Oct. 12	Lisa Ballo	Mother of David Ballo
Oct. 13	Irene Gordon	Mother-in-law of Marjorie Gordon
Oct. 15	Aaron Friedman	Brother of Harry Friedman
Oct. 15	Eugene Streifeld	Husband of Rick Streifeld
Oct. 17	John Holloway	Husband of Lenore Holloway
Oct. 17	Sydney Paul	Mother of Jane Paul

Announced on Oct. 18 and 19

Oct. 18	Riva Levanon	Sister of Ahuva Simon Sa'ar
Oct. 18	Moises Rosenbach	Father of John Rosenbach
Oct. 18	Dora Schiffman	Mother of Bernice Fox
Oct. 20	Berkeley Garrison	Grandson of Tish Levee
Oct. 20	Irv Judd	Son of Lillian Judd
Oct. 21	Charles Cohen	Father of Eli Cohen
Oct. 22	Anna Myerfeld	Grandmother of Patty Bernstein
Oct. 23	Malka Wachsberg Miller	Mother of Eli Miller
Oct. 24	Max Malk	Father of Phyllis Shapiro

Announced on Oct. 25 and 26

Oct. 27	Norman Schloner	Brother of Carol Swanson and Fred Schloner
Oct. 28	Bella Rosen	Mother of Mark Rosen
Oct. 28	Brokha Vilenskeya	Mother of Malvina Tsipan
Oct. 29	Max Sucher	Husband of Sylvia Sucher
Oct. 29	Mayer Wegman	Father of Jack Wegman
Oct. 30	Hans Biberstein	Father of Susanne Batzdorff
Oct. 31	Helen Margoless	Mother of Michelle Zygielbaum and Sister-in-Law of Irwin Margoless

October Birthdays

4	Danella Lubar
7	Earl Goldberg
7	Carl Servin
8	Ruth Weiss
9	Laura Alexander
11	Blair Pleasant
12	Malvina Tsipan
13	Eli Miller
14	Evey Abramowitz
14	Jeffrey Sommers
18	Judi Hyman
19	Richard Kahn
19	Rabbi George Schlesinger
19	Jeffrey Sheff
20	Andrew Brown
20	John Whitaker
25	Ishie Petlock
27	Rimma Rivkin
29	Lillian Judd
30	Rick Concoff

October Anniversaries

5	John & Rhonda Rosenbach
6	Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren
12	Ben & Tara Winkler
25	Don & Gloria Glickman
25	Joe & Signe Minuskin
25	Stephen & Andrea Nett
29	Paul & Michelle Zygielbaum
31	Eli & Yona Miller

"...the best breakfast & lunch joint around."

Jeff Cox, Santa Rosa Magazine



DIERK'S PARKSIDE CAFE

404 Santa Rosa Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

707/573-5955

Mark Dierkhising and Karen Brodsky, Owners



Wine Country Kosher

...still trendy after 3000 years

MODERN • GOURMET • KOSHER

- Flavors of the Wine Country
- International Jewish Cuisine

Andrea Nett
707/206-8686

CATERING

We specialize in B'nei Mitzvah
winecountrykosher@sbcglobal.net



November 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 Nov. 1 and 2

Nov. 5	Florence Goodman	Mother of Andrea Goodman
Nov. 6	Dorit Epstein	Mother of Shacharit Rosenthal
Nov. 7	Alvin Dove	Brother-in-Law of Betty Franks
Nov. 8	Minnie Friedman	Mother of Harry Friedman
Nov. 8	Kees Rijnveldt	Stepbrother of Mieneke Drake

Announced on Nov. 8 and 9

Nov. 9	Harold Zeamans	Grandfather of Judith Helman
Nov. 10	Marcella Liverman	Aunt of Marc Bernstein
Nov. 11	David Spiegelman	Nephew of Gail Negrin and Cousin of Ronit Glickman
Nov. 11	Gaye Spiegelman	Sister-in-law of Gail Negrin and Aunt of Ronit Glickman
Nov. 11	Mark Spiegelman	Nephew of Gail Negrin and Cousin of Ronit Glickman
Nov. 11	Sylvia Spiegelman	Niece of Gail Negrin and Cousin of Ronit Glickman
Nov. 12	Leonard Klein	Brother of Lillian Judd
Nov. 13	Lev Bakman	Husband of Sheyna Bakman
Nov. 15	Phil Epstein	Father of Shacharit Rosenthal
Nov. 15	Miriam Malk	Mother of Phyllis Shapiro
Nov. 15	Isadore Weisenthal	Father of Natalie Friedman

Announced on Nov. 15 and 16

Nov. 16	Jennie Goldberg	Mother of Betty Franks
Nov. 16	Rose Schneider	Mother of Evelyn Gurevitch
Nov. 17	Jacob Goldman	Father of Ethel Schy
Nov. 18	Samson Hochfield	Father of Malvina Tsipan
Nov. 19	Rochelle Adler	Sister of Judith Dzik
Nov. 19	Nina Nekrasova	Daughter-in-Law of Sheyna Bakman
Nov. 19	Raymond Nett	Father of Stephen Nett

Nov. 19	Abraham Schwaber	Father of Fredrika Gross
Nov. 21	George Kaplan	Father of Rhonda Rosenbach

Announced on Nov. 22 and 23

Nov. 23	Frances Ross	Mother of Stuart Ross
Nov. 24	Joseph Harrosh	Uncle of Mark Sutter
Nov. 25	Anna Barta	Mother of Ivan Barta
Nov. 26	Elsa Ballo	Grandmother of David Ballo
Nov. 27	Clara Glass	Mother of Gussie Levine
Nov. 27	Dr. Eduard Vrijdag	Father of Mieneke Drake
Nov. 28	Noah Minuskin	Father of Joseph Minuskin
Nov. 29	Vivian Kearns	Aunt of Vivian Salmon
Nov. 29	Mary Minuskin	Mother of Joseph Minuskin

Announced on Nov. 29 and 30

Dec. 1	Henry Lotsoff	Father of Cheryle Miller
Dec. 2	Irving Winkler	Father of Ben Winkler
Dec. 3	Olive Cordill	Mother of Kim Cordell
Dec. 3	Jack Guttenberg	Father of Michele Guttenberg
Dec. 6	Rose Kovar	Grandmother of Dr. Gary Herzberg

November Birthdays

1	Roslyn Edelson
1	Vivian Salmon
8	Bonnie Gee
9	Vivian Klein
9	Erik Uriarte
11	Harry Friedman
11	Harvey Lubar
13	Jane Rogan
19	Joseph Minuskin
22	Gloria Glickman
23	Claire Miller
26	Nancy Fleming
26	Sherrill Golemb
28	Dr. Russ Gurevitch

November Anniversaries

8	Erik & Chelsie Uriarte
16	Leanne Schy & Mark Stoelting
18	Jack & Patie Wegman
21	Stuart & Ethel Schy
23	Eli Cohen & Betty Boyd



Congregation Beth Ami

4676 MAYETTE AVENUE, SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Address service requested

October Shabbatot

October 5

Parshat Noach Gen. 6:9–8:14

Friday Candle Lighting 6:32 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 7:28 p.m.

October 12

Parshat Lech Lecha Gen. 12:1–13:18

Friday Candle Lighting 6:21 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 7:17 p.m.

October 19

Parshat Va-Yera Gen. 18:1–33

Friday Candle Lighting 6:11 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 7:08 p.m.

October 26

Parshat Chayyei Sarah Gen. 23:1–24:9

Friday Candle Lighting 6:02 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 6:59 p.m.

November Shabbatot

November 2

Parshat Toledot Gen. 25:19–26:22

Friday Candle Lighting 5:54 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 6:51 p.m.

November 9

Parshat Ve-Yetzah Gen. 28:10–30:13

Friday Candle Lighting 4:46 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 5:45 p.m.

November 16

Parshat Vayishlach Gen. 32:4–33:20

Friday Candle Lighting 4:40 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 5:39 p.m.

November 23

Parshat Vayeshev Gen. 37:1–36

Friday Candle Lighting 4:36 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 5:36 p.m.

November 30

Parshat Mikkets Gen. 41:1–41:52

Friday Candle Lighting 4:33 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah 5:34 p.m.