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COME CELEBRATE BETH AMI'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

**Ever wonder how Beth Ami got here?
Who started our congregation
and kept it going for the past 70 years?**

*On Sunday, Feb. 23rd at
Beth Ami, we will Celebrate
our History and Honor our
Pioneers.*

Harry and Edith Friedman*,
Evelyn Gurevitch*, Jan Harris,
Dan & Flo Hoffenberg, Mar-
vin & Sheila Hyman, Lou and
Sandy Menachof, Edith New-
man*, Raynore Paul*, Marsha
Shainsky, and Phyllis Shapiro
were part of a hardworking group
of Jewish families who helped
make our synagogue building a
reality. In 1943 we incorporated as
the Santa Rosa Jewish Community
Center. Twenty years later, our pres-
ent home was built.

**The program will begin at
10:30 a.m. and will include
a Champagne brunch.**

So that the whole community can attend,
the price for brunch is only \$10 for adults
and \$7 for children. You can also write a tribute for
the commemorative booklet. Please RSVP with the
form on your invitation by Feb. 12th.

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&

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Mission Statement

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

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

The Nature of Dignity...or What it Means to Become an Adult

For those of us well past the age of thirteen; we can appreciate the irony when the Bar or Bat Mitzvah says, "Today I am a man," or "Today I'm a woman."

On the surface, we know that they still have many years to go before they can really speak about being an adult, but how many of us pause to consider what it really means to become an adult? How does that relate to the ceremony of Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and beyond the opportunity it offers for celebration—(not to be sneezed at by any means!)—of what profound significance does it really have?

What does it mean to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah?

In Hebrew the term is an idiom which denotes that such an individual has reached a point in their development where they understand the consequences of their behavior in society. Traditionally, there is a b'rachah to be recited by the parents of a child who reaches this stage. "Baruch... she'patrani me'onsho shel zeh." "Blessed art You...Who has absolved me of the consequences due to this person."

In other words; up to this point in the child's development, the parent is held responsible for their child's actions (read *misbehavior*); from this point on, the child is now held accountable. To put this in Jewish terms since Mitz'vot (i.e. Divine Commandments) define the responsibilities of the individual—what their Creator obligates them to do and what their Creator forbids them to do; becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah means that person has reached the stage in their life where they are capable of understanding and complying with these obligations.

Speaking this kind of language puts in perspective the significance of each individual's

role in society. This comes to the original title of this article *The Nature of Dignity*. I would like to suggest that every human being has an innate yearning to be significant a *raison d'être*. There are very few—if any—who are satisfied being mere cogs in a wheel. The truth, however, is that very few of us will ever achieve the immortality of a Shakespeare or a Beethoven or a Moses, and even those individuals haven't achieved universal significance. What chance, then, do we have?

**"So the question shifts to
"Who or what do you serve?
To whom or what do you
devote your life?"**

A profound discovery occurs in the life of an individual when they realize that the nature of dignity—of self-worth—lies in being of service to others. This fundamental truth, which

flies in the face of natural human impulse, is suggested by the English word *knight*, which comes with the title *Sir...* The word is directly related to the German *knecht* (Yes, *gb* was once pronounced *ch* as in the Scottish word *loch*) which means *servant*. In fact one of the mottos of England is *Ich dien* which translates to *I serve*.

So the question shifts to "Who or what do you serve? To whom or what do you devote your life?" The more encompassing the answer, the higher the level of self-worth or human dignity.

Putting this together, becoming an adult essentially means taking on the responsibility to serve others; ones family and society—*giving back*. Again, from the Jewish perspective, there can be no greater service that represents such *giving back* than serving the Creator of the Universe—by performing God's commandments; mitzvot. In the process of discovering those commandments and in serving God by one's devotion to family and society, a mere mortal achieves universal significance!



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members:

Fara & Todd Elizalde (Daniel & Joseph)—
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Deaths:

Mazie Miller

Miriam Rubinstein

Albert Serman, brother of Whitey Serman

Fred Marvan, husband of Regina Marvan

Interfaith burials

In the spirit of a welcoming and inclusive community, we are pleased to announce that Congregation Beth Ami has designated spaces within the Beth Ami lawns, at Santa Rosa Memorial Park for interfaith families. This makes it easy for a Jewish person to be buried with his or her non-Jewish partner. For information on location of these spaces and how to arrange for this contact the cemetery at (707) 542-1580.

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., Feb. 5,
19, Mar. 5, 19**
**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.

Kosher Grape Juice

The Religious Practices Committee agreed to use kosher grape juice when we have Kid-dush. As far as we know, Kedem and Welch's

are the only kosher grape juices that are readily available. If you know of any other kosher grape juices or have questions, please contact Betty Boyd at (707) 537-2211 or BettyBoyd@InformingScience.org

Shabbat Across America

Mar. 7—6 p.m.

On March 7, Congregation Beth Ami's Friday evening catered Shabbat dinner will be devoted to people who want to know more about Judaism. That's what *Shabbat Across America* is all about. Now's your opportunity to be introduced to the beauty of Shabbat. *Shabbat Across America* was designed for you by the National Jewish Outreach Program. In hundreds of synagogues like ours across North America, tens-of-thousands of Jews everywhere will celebrate Shabbat together on March 7, many for the first time.

Come alone, with your family, or bring your friends. We particularly welcome Jews who are not currently affiliated with a congregation and want a taste of a Shabbat evening of food, worship, and community. So, in addition to bringing yourself to the Shabbat Family Dinner that night, please let your unaffiliated Jewish friends know about this event. To encourage their participation, we are offering a special non-member adult rate for this dinner:

Non-member adult	\$10
Adult member	\$18
Youths 5–12	\$9
Children under five	free

Please call (707 360-3000) or email office@BethAmiSR.org the synagogue office with your reservations by Monday, March 3.

After our 6 p.m. catered dinner, there will be a special Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by our post-Bnei Mitzvah group, The Thirteenth Tribe, and there will be extra materials available to explain and guide everyone through the service. We look forward to seeing you there!



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Arnold Drake, President

It is my job as your President to give you an interim report on what is happening in your synagogue since our last meeting in June.

Thanks to Rabbi Miller, we continue to have Friday evening services, now occurring at 7:30 p.m. This corresponds to the ending time of our once a month Shabbat dinners. We continue to have Saturday morning Shabbat services beginning at 9:30 a.m., Sunday mornings and national holiday's services begin at 8:30 am. We have now been holding daily services are at 7:30 a.m. on usual weekdays, Monday through Friday. To my knowledge, we are the only California congregation north of the Golden Gate Bridge to offer such an experience. And we always attempt to accommodate anyone who wishes for a special morning or evening service especially for a yahrzeit or a shiva.

Rabbi Miller has been encouraging extensive lay participation in all of our services. While our lay leaders are not as smooth as Rabbi Miller, we have extended participation to many people in our kehilla, and we have thus introduced an element of uncertainty and surprise into many of our services! I believe we are truly praying as a family, and many of us find our services to be truly inspiring.

Our High Holy Day services were very successful, with many visitors. Your gifts in response to our annual Kol Nidre appeal were very generous, and we met our budgeted goal. Since we began our policy of free tickets for

anyone who requests them, and a community break the fast with charges adapted for any individual circumstance, we have had results that were superior to the last year we charged for tickets.

Our survey of the entire High Holy Day season was returned by about 25% of our congregation, with very good comments and almost all positive results. The Religious Practices committee will study your suggestions, and we hope to make our services even more exciting next year.

Rabbi Miller and Rabbi Danzig continue to provide Adult Education. Pnina Loeb continues to increase the number of students in our Religious School. Our Beth Ami and You program continues to provide that link between our Nursery School and Congregation Beth Ami. A big thank you to the entire Beth Ami and You Committee Sarah Miller, Ronit Glickman, Pnina Loeb, Barbara Tomin, Barb McGee, and a host of volunteer parents.

Probably one of the most important activities we undertook this year was our Beth Ami Community Nursery School Assessment. This effort was led by our Vice-President of Youth and Education, Barbara Tomin, along with Carolyn Metz, Caroline Calvert, Robin Fisher-Tachouet, and the Nursery School teachers and parents, along with parents of alumni of the Nursery School, and some community Jewish parents who chose not to send their Jewish children here. This assessment included exten-



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sive surveys, meetings, and interviews. Then there were more meetings, discussions, more meetings, emails, and more meetings. There was a lot of what is called "frank and serious discussion". And there were more meetings. After about 11 months of planning, preparation and execution, and with the help of many consultants, some of them pro bono, we have produced a truly remarkable series of recommendations and suggestions. Over the next two to three years Carolyn, Caroline, Robin, and the teachers and parents of the Nursery School will work on implementation of these recommendations. We hope to position our Jewish nursery school for a long and bright future. After the recent proposal by the state legislature to eliminate all private 4 year old pre-school programs and replace them with public pre-kindergartens, it looks as though we did not get started any too soon.

I cannot say enough about Ellen Brosbe. She gave a great deal of time to this effort, and she will give one hour every month toward fulfilling one of the recommendations, providing professional development for our teachers. Ellen's time will be reimbursed by her educational organization. Thank you Ellen.

All of our synagogue fund raising this year will occur during the next five months. Our big fundraiser will be HaLayla HaGadol, during the week end of Feb. 1st. By enjoying a meal in the home of one of several synagogue families, you will have a chance to eat wonderful

delicious food, and help your synagogue at the same time.

We will celebrate our 70th Anniversary of Congregation Beth Ami on Sunday Feb. 23. This will not be a fund raiser, and it will be priced on a sliding scale and affordable to everyone. We hope many members will attend our festivities that day.

Purim will be Mar. 15 this year, and our long-awaited and always popular Purim Spiel will be the weekend of Mar. 22-23. A few sponsorships are still available.

We again had some unforeseen circumstances, and we ended our fiscal year with another modest deficit. For this reason, at our June meeting, we will ask you for a small dues increase, only the second increase in many years.

Your synagogue has voted to continue paying the interest on our Capital Campaign loan from our general operating funds. That means that all Capital Campaign pledges are being used only to decrease our principal balance. Thanks to a generous gift from the Friedman Center Endowment Fund, and thanks to Capital Campaign pledges by many of you last Spring, we are well on our way to retiring this loan in 5 years. We still need to raise approximately \$100,000 in additional pledges to retire our debt, and we plan to ask those of you who have not made a capital campaign contribution yet to consider doing that this year.

I am excited about 2014. I see our synagogue making great strides into a wonderful future. I am happy to answer any questions.

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Thank you!



NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

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

Greetings from a very bustling Nursery School! Excitement is in the air as we prepare for another year at the preschool! Registration is in full swing and the office is hopping! We have been busy preparing for our 2014/2015 school year although it doesn't begin until September. Applications are accepted as early as Feb. 1st and we expect several spaces to fill up quickly. We are working with our 4's teaching team on a few program additions, continuing to help bridge the gap from preschool to kindergarten for this age group. We will keep you apprised of any changes once implemented.

Our preschool Purim carnival is currently scheduled for the morning of Friday, Mar. 14th. Please feel free to stop by and see one of the sweetest events put on for the kids. If you need specific information about exact times closer to the event, please contact the Nursery School office at 360-3030. We would love for you to join us.

If you pop into our office, you may note

that we have a wonderful new addition to our team. Please introduce yourself to Mandi Emery-Flynn who will be taking over for Jennifer as Administrative Assistant. Jennifer has decided it is time to concentrate on her home based business. We will oh so miss you Jen and wish you the very best!! Welcome Mandi!!

The staff has been excited this year about the wonderful Professional Development opportunity with Ellen Brosbe this year. Ellen was one of the original co-founders of the Nursery School and currently works with Jewish Learning Works. It has been a great experience and we look forward to several more upcoming sessions with her. Thank you Ellen!

Many thanks to all of our parents who have generously donated their time, effort and energy last year and who will continue to do so this year all in an effort to make our preschool one truly remarkable place. We could not do this without you.

eScrip Update—



Thanks To Our Supporters!

Big news for our eScrip program; 2013's net contributions to CBA have surpassed all other years. Results are in through November and we have earned over \$2300! Stay tuned to the next report to hear our year-end total. This was all achieved by supporters just doing their regular shopping at Oliver's, Safeway and other merchants.

Speaking of our supporters, we welcome & thank six new families for becoming part of this very painless giving—Rabbi Jerry & Joy Danzig, Rabbi Mordechai & Susan Miller, Henry & Tara Winkler, Ira & Marlene Lowenthal, Carose Mendoza, and Karen Herskovic.

If you shop at Oliver's Markets in Santa Rosa or Cotati, remember to get your Community Card at the store and choose BETH AMI to get the eScrip proceeds. 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; go to escrip.com and put in ID# 136921119 or call the numbers below for help.

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.

Newsflash! Effective Nov. 1, 2013, Safeway purchases paid for with a credit card will no longer earn eScrip contributions for Beth Ami. Accepted payment types include check, cash, debit card and Safeway gift card. If this affects you, a suggestion is to purchase a Safeway gift card with your credit card and then use that to make your purchases. This will ensure that Beth Ami will receive your eScrip contributions.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Pnina Loeb, Religious School Director

Purim is the holiday on which the distinction of Jewish festival celebration most vividly comes to light.

How does the Jew's Torah differ from the universal concept of learning and scholarship? The key lies in the Book of Esther's choice of the Hebrew word *orab*—which is the feminine form of *light*—as a reference to Torah. All wisdom, whose function is to illuminate and enlighten, is light. Torah is not about intellect; the intellect is but a garment, a medium by which to convey the supra-rational essence it clothes. The universal function of the festival or holiday is to celebrate and commemorate the past. The function of the festival is to re-experience the past—or rather, to unearth the timeless essence of a past event that makes it real to one's present existence. We also transcend the present on festivals, and this, too, is a source of joy. But this is not an escapist joy. On the contrary, it is the joy of penetrating to the essence of our present-day self to discover the timeless self within. So ours is a disciplined joy, a joy that shatters external barriers while amplifying internal focus. Ours is a joy that makes us more responsible, more caring, and more committed.

Come in costume, and join the reading of the Book of Esther and let's party on and celebrate our freedom!

Upcoming Religious School Calendar Dates:

Friday, Feb. 7—Family Shabbat Dinner. Join the festivities and make your reservations early.

Sunday, Feb. 9—The 13th Tribe joins the morning Minyan at 8:15, then breakfast and Rabbi's roundtable.

Sunday, Feb. 9—Beth Ami & You Program is all about friendship and helping your neighbor, with learning centers and an interactive story by Lauren.

Monday, Feb. 10—The 13th Tribe Meeting at 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21—Rockin' Shabbat with Lisa Iskin begins at 5 P.m. for ages 2–6, then dinner with a potato bar for all at 6, then at 7 p.m. stay for a creative Rockin Shabbat!

Sunday, Feb. 23—Congregation Beth Ami's 70th Anniversary Celebration, Come join us in celebration and find out about our long congregational life. Students will be participating as well.

Monday, Mar. 3—The 13th Tribe Meeting at 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 7—Shabbat Across America. Please join our Family Shabbat Dinner as we welcome current CBA members and guests alike. Please call and make your reservations early.

Sunday, Mar. 9—The 13th Tribe joins the morning Minyan at 8:15, then breakfast and Rabbi's roundtable.

Sunday, Mar. 9—Beth Ami & You and Community Purim Extravaganza. Wear your costume and come have fun!

Monday, Mar. 24—The 13th Tribe Meeting at 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 28—Rockin Shabbat with another great artist, begins at 5 P.m. for ages 2–6, then dinner for all at 6, then at 7 P.m. stay for a creative Rockin Shabbat with Rabbi and Rick!

Sunday, Mar. 30—The 13th Tribe joins the morning Minyan at 8:15, then breakfast and Rabbi's roundtable.





MITZVAH MOMENTS

Tish Levee

Bal Tashchit—not Wasting Resources. Water conservation has been an ongoing concern for several years. The extremely dry conditions that have persisted since 2012 may continue more often in the future, given the current impact of climate change on California's snow-pack—the measure of water content in the snow—which is only 20% of normal.

There's a Drought On—Turn the Water Off! We are now facing the driest year on record, and on January 17th, Governor Brown officially declared a drought emergency in California, calling on Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent. This is definitely serious, but we can do it! Start by calculating your water usage at <http://www.saveourh2o.org/water-use-calculator>. The average California household uses 23,275 gallons of water monthly. Whatever your usage is, make it a game of it to see how much you can reduce it. If you can do better than 20%, Mazel Tov!

With tools and information from the 20-gallon Challenge in Sonoma and Marin Counties last year, there was an estimated 4% decrease in water. Now the challenge is to decrease it another 16%.

Saving 20 gallons, or more, of water daily is easy. Of the many resources online for saving water; I really like <http://www.monolake.org/about/waterconservation>. Two easy tips: turn the tap off when brushing teeth, shaving, and washing hands (300 gal/month for each action), and water your lawn efficiently (750-1500 gal/month)—better yet, convert it to native plants (more than 2500 gal/month), and get paid to do so (for details and more ideas, see <http://srcity.org/departments/utilities/conserv/>.)

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A Prayer for the Year—for Rain

from Rabbi Elihu Gevirtz,
submitted by Miriyam Gevirtz

*(recited in the Amidah 3 times each day between December 5
until the evening before Pesach)*

“Bless for our benefit, Adonai our God, this year, and every sort of its produce—for the good. Give dew and rain for blessing over the entire face of the land. Quench the thirst of the face of the earth and satiate the entire world from your bounty. Fill our hands from Your blessings and from the wealth of Your gifts. Protect and save this year from all evil, from all types of destruction, and from all types of tribulation. Create for it good hope and a peaceful ending. Take pity and have compassion upon it and upon all its grain and fruit, and bless it with rains of good will, blessing and benevolence. May its end be life, contentment and peace as other good years—for blessing, for You are God, good and beneficent, who blesses the years. Blessed are You, Adonai, who blesses the years.”

This is an ancient prayer of our people, going back at 1300 years, probably longer. The translation is that of Rabbi Eliezer Toledano in his *The Orot Sephardic Weekday Siddur*, published by Orot, Inc.



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HonestReporting.com's CEO, Joe Hyams, Visits Beth Ami

Ben Winkler

Editor's note: The following report, on a prominent defender of Israel, is in lieu of the Israel from the Left Coast column.

Joe Hyams, CEO of HonestReporting, spoke and shared ideas in an intimate parlor meeting at Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, on December 17.

HonestReporting monitors the news for bias, inaccuracy, or other breach of journalistic standards in coverage of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

It also facilitates accurate reporting for foreign journalists covering the region. HonestReporting is not aligned with any government or political party or movement.

HonestReporting believes that a fully informed public is essential to progress and understanding in conflict resolution. It is not enough to correct inaccurate reporting and expose breaches of journalistic ethics. HonestReporting, through its MediaCentral project, provides support services for journalists based in or visiting Israel, the Palestinian territories,

and the region to insure the free flow of information.

HonestReporting's work serves the public interest by fighting misinformation, such as

computer manipulations of images that give people a false impression of the conflict. At the same time, it provides agenda-free services to reporters, including translation services and access to news makers to enable them to provide a fuller picture of the situation. Honestreporting has over 140,000 subscribers and its



Some of the participants hearing about HonestReporting.com and sharing ideas with CEO Joe Hyams were (left to right) Audrey Darby, Bob Raful, Joe Hyams, Jeff Sheff, Betty Boyd and Eli Cohen. (Photo by Ben Winkler)

MediaCentral project handles over 1,000 inquiries from journalists each year.

We encourage readers to go to <http://honestreporting.com/>. Check out and share the slideshows and videos, as well as the other features.

Many thanks to Bob Raful, who organized Mr. Hyams appearance in Santa Rosa.

For more information on the meeting content, contact Ben Winkler at HBWink@gmail.com.

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LITERARY LINES

Gabor Por, Librarian

This spring we are joining, for the second time, dozens of other congregations and organizations in the Bay Area in reading and discussing the same book as part of the One Bay One Book program. This year's selection is *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn. Copies of the book will be available for borrowing in the office March 20. On April 24 we will have a discussion group facilitated by Susaane Batzdorff at 10 a.m. and another one by Gabor Por at 7 p.m.

Here is a hint what the book is about—software prodigy Josie Ashkenazi has invented an application that records everything its users do. When an Egyptian library invites her to visit as a consultant, her jealous sister Judith persuades her to go. A century earlier, another traveler arrives in Egypt; Solomon Schechter, a Cambridge professor hunting for a medieval archive hidden in a Cairo synagogue. Both he and Josie are haunted by the work of the medieval philosopher Moses Maimonides. An engrossing adventure that intertwines stories from Genesis, medieval philosophy, and the digital frontier, *A Guide for the Perplexed* is a novel of profound inner meaning and astonishing imagination.

If you purchase the books from Amazon.com, following the links below, a percentage of the price goes to Beth Ami:

bit.ly/HornPerplexed

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If you want to stay informed about the book and the program “like” this Facebook page:

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CHAVERIM TEEN PROGRAM

Rick Concoff

Chaverim, now in its second semester, serves Jewish teens throughout Sonoma County including Beth Ami. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County, Chaverim teens meet by grade twice monthly and for special activities to share Jewish experience, thought and celebration as well as great discussion.

Any Jewish teen is eligible to join Chaverim. Midyear additions and returnees are welcome.

If you have an interest in joining this group, or know someone who does, please visit <http://jccsoco.org> and look at the teen links. Or, call Rick Concoff at 707-823-3916.

Even if you are not registered in Chaverim, you can participate in several countywide Jewish events for teens. this winter and spring

Several events are planned or in the planning process. Please email us at concoff@yahoo.com if you're interested in participating in any of the following events:

San Francisco Jewish Day: Holocaust Archive Museum—Sunday in Feb. or Mar.

Alive at 25: A safe driving course offered every other year through Chaverim—weekday afternoon in Apr.

Spring Camp Out at the Russian River—May (celebrate Lag B'omer & Shavuot)

Israel Independence Day Celebration—May 4. Join us on Sunday, May 4, to celebrate Israel Independence Day with music, food, information, and more. There will be events for children as well as adults. Watch for details.



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WHAT'S COOKING WITH THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE?

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

Our kitchen's been getting lots of attention from our members. We've been getting more and varied foods for the Shabbat potlucks *and* we have gotten a number of donations of items for the kitchen. We now have a new cord for our warming plate, and a new knife sharpener, soup pot, and cutting board. Thanks to Ahuva Simon'Sa'ar, we have a new 12-cup drip coffee pot and a toaster. Using funds from the Judd family and the CBA Board's latke dinner, we purchased a new Cuisinart. Thank you all for your generosity, and thank you to all who have made the kitchen more open to our congregation's needs; members of the Kitchen Committee, mashgichim volunteers, and all the event volunteers—organizers, preparers, and cleaners.

In addition to Avi Gitlin's Bar Mitzvah, our Scholar-in-Residence program, and Shabbat potlucks, the kitchen was used for three different latke events—the Nursery School parents' latke dinner, the Board dinner for the Congregation, and a Chaverim latke meal. The Beth Ami and You program has used the kitchen for their Sunday morning events and for the dinners that accompany the Rockin' Shabbat services. One of these was combined with a dinner welcoming Interfaith Families, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, at which more than 100 persons were served.

As the kitchen is being used more and more, when you need the kitchen for your event, please be sure to reserve times for use with the office in a timely manner and make sure that there will be a mashgiach present.

Q&A for the Kitchen Committee

Q. Please remind me of the potluck guidelines following purchased foods.

A. For the best answer, check the Potluck Food Guidelines that are available in the office or on line in our Cybershul or on the Congregation Beth Ami website. If you have any questions, please ask our mashgichim. In general, the purchased foods brought to be used during potlucks must be kosher, must be milk or pareve, and must be brought in in its original unopened container.

Q. I brought kosher hummus for the potluck following the potluck guidelines, and it wasn't served. Why not?

A. When you bring purchased food for the potluck, please don't be upset if we don't serve it that day. We may have several similar items, so we will use the ones with the earliest expiration dates first.

The kitchen is where community happens and people come together. Thank you for your contributions.

OH WHAT A SPIEL!

The Jersey Boys Megillah



TIME FOR SOME TRAFFIC PROBLEMS— IT'S THE PURIM SPIEL!!

Yes, live from New Jersey, this year's Purim Spiel is coming up fast. Close the bridges, don't let anyone escape, it is the Jersey Boys Megillah! The show Chris Christie did not want you to see! With catchy tunes, brilliant acting, and a story that never grows old.

Save the dates. The Purim Spiel opens in the **Beth Ami Social Hall** on **Saturday evening, March 22**, with an **8 p.m.** curtain time. Come early for socializing, stay late for reception and mingling with the actors. And on **Sunday, March 23**, the Spiel returns for a **2 p.m.** afternoon show.

It promises to be a fun weekend to bring Purim to an end. Watch the Cybershul for more details to follow. Oh, What a Spiel!



SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Ellen Mundell (for Lyla Nathan)

The social action committee continues to work on programs that help us welcome people and learn more about our Beth Ami members and the community at large. Please consider joining any of the projects.

We are strengthening our relationship with Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) by picking up food from the Redwood Food Bank each month for their pantry as well as bringing donations from the congregation. Here is the list of most needed food items that you can leave in the bin in the lobby. Pick up a couple of items when you shop or check your kitchen shelves at home—canned tuna or chicken, canned soups (vegetarian and meat), canned chili or beans, peanut butter, mac-n-cheese, traditional foods, canned fruits, dry cereal, tea bags, hygiene products (small toothpastes, small shampoos, or individual wrapped rolls of toilet paper, adult depends).

Check the JFCS web site (www.jfcs.org/sonoma-county) to learn about their programs including the new Homecare services to help older adults live safely in their own homes.

We will be having a New Members Brunch at the home of Judi Hyman on Sun., Jan. 26 at 11:30. We plan to post pictures of new members in the lobby. Please make a special effort to introduce yourself to them.

We support the good work of Social Advocates for Youth to start the Dream Center, a residential facility for older teens and young adults who have aged out of the foster care system. The heads of Shomrei Torah's and Beth Ami's social action committees have written a letter of support for the Dream Center, endorsed by the Beth Ami Board of Directors, and sent it to the SR Planning Commission. There will be a public meeting on Thurs., Jan. 23 at 4:00 at the Santa Rosa City Council Chambers. Please attend or sign a petition supporting this project (www.saysc.org/the-say-dream-center/sign-the-say-dream-center

[petition/](#)).

Thanks to Susan Miller and her band of Soup Sisters, we are stocked with healing soup. Over two days, early this month, there was the steady sound of chopping, mixing, stirring as they lovingly prepare large vats of soup in the Beth Ami kitchen. If you or someone you know in the congregation is ill and needing a meal, call the Beth Ami office.

All of us on the Social Action Committee and Beth Ami send Lyla Nathan a huge thanks for all the work she does providing programs that help us to help our community.

Choosing an Electricity Supplier

How Will You Decide?

Get beyond the marketing slogans and hear a discussion regarding your choice of electricity suppliers and how it will affect you at a forum on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00 PM, at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road. Sponsored by the CST Environmental Action Committee, with Congregation Beth Ami as one of the co-organizers, this forum will include the CEO of Sonoma Clean Power, and Senior Vice-President of PG & E for Regulatory Affairs, and will be moderated by the Acting Director of the California Office of Ratepayer Advocates.

Sonoma Clean Power (SCP), formed last year as an alternative to PG & E to bring a local focus to energy purchase and production, will begin phasing in their program on May 1st to 20,000 customers (14,000 businesses and 6,000 residential customers) in unincorporated Sonoma County, and the cities of Cotati, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Windsor. Over the next two years, the remaining 200,000 residential, commercial and agricultural customers will be given the choice of SCP.

Seating is limited. Email ElectricityForum-SoCo@gmail.com to RSVP. Include your name(s) and an email address. You may also include prepared questions for the speakers.



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.

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February Yahrzeits

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Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1

- Feb. 3 Sam Dzik, Father of Judith Dzik
- Feb. 3 Nathan Hartzman, Grandfather of Cheryle Miller
- Feb. 3 Charles Yelin, Grandfather of Francie Rogovin
- Feb. 4 Mae Bernstein, Grandmother of Marc Bernstein
- Feb. 4 Aaron Spiegleman, Uncle of Ronit Glickman
- Feb. 6 Anna Branagan. Mother of Barbara Branagan
- Feb. 7 Sadie Seldowitz. Aunt of Susan Miller

Announced on Feb. 7 and 8

- Feb. 8 Lydia Ross. Wife of Stuart Ross and Sister of Henry Cohn
- Feb. 10 Sylvia Feingold, Mother of Stan Feingold and Grandmother of Vivian Klein
- Feb. 10 Andor Taubner, Father of Susy Raful
- Feb. 10 Yakov Zalessky, Brother of Sheyna Bakman
- Feb. 11 Fred Kaplan, Father of Sherri Kahn
- Feb. 12 Anatol Bakman, Son of Sheyna Bakman
- Feb. 12 Michael Brust, Father of Barbara McGee
- Feb. 12 Phillip Feingold. Brother of Stanley Feingold and Father of Vivian Klein

Announced on Feb. 14 and 15

- Feb. 15 Sidney Sternfeld-Squires, Husband of Edee Sternfeld-Squires
- Feb. 16 Simon Jimmy Sa'ar, Brother of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
- Feb. 17 Polly Boyd, Mother of Betty Boyd
- Feb. 18 Bernard Bernstein, Father of Marc Bernstein
- Feb. 19 Henry Loew, Father of Danella Lubar

- Feb. 20 Leo Gurevitch, Husband of Evelyn Gurevitch and Father of Eleanor Cohen and Russ Gurevitch
- Feb. 20 Jacob Stromer, Father of Marilyn Sommer
- Feb. 21 Fannie Peretz, Mother of Evey Abramowitz

Announced on Feb. 21 and 22

- Feb. 22 Glen Branagan, Father of Barbara Branagan
- Feb. 22 Barry Goldfarb, Uncle of Jennifer Hayes
- Feb. 22 Hazel Schloner, Mother of Carol Swanson & Fred Schloner
- Feb. 25 Pearl Lotsoff, Mother of Cheryle Miller
- Feb. 27 Marice Fried, Father of Caryn Fried
- Feb. 27 Hatskel Pipkin, Father of Sheyna Bakman
- Feb. 28 Michael Abrams, Brother of Patty Bernstein
- Feb. 28 Yehuda Leib, Mother of Esther Pilch
- Feb. 28 Lazar Peretz, Father of Evey Abramowitz

February Birthdays

- 2 Debbie Shapiro
- 3 Ellen Mundell
- 4 Arnold Drake
- 5 Eli Cohen
- 5 Hope Rambo
- 6 Julie Simkovitz
- 7 Rayme Shapiro
- 8 Ed Harman
- 9 Tara Winkler
- 10 Edith Friedman
- 10 Semyon Pekker
- 11 David Ballo
- 11 Andy Fleming
- 11 Betty Kale
- 14 Daryl Schloss
- 15 Barbara Branagan
- 18 Sid Burwell
- 19 Alfred Batzdorff
- 20 Yona Miller
- 21 Elizabeth Boyd
- 21 Audrey Darby
- 23 Bernice Fox
- 23 Barbara McGee
- 27 Dorothy Gerstein
- 27 Michael Newman
- 28 Stuart Ross

February Anniversaries

- 2 Alan & Janice Shotkin
- 4 Harry & Edie Friedman
- 14 Davis & Diane Brown
- 20 Patty & Marc Bernstein
- 23 Irvin & Vivian Klein

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Feb. 28 & Mar. 1

- Mar. 1 Ester Gutman-Markman
Aunt of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
- Mar. 3 Irwin Inman
Father of Lee Feinstein
- Mar. 6 Nichaman Rivkina
Mother of Adolph Rivkin

Announced on Mar. 7 & 8th

- Mar. 10 Arthur Margoese, Father
of Michelle Zygielbaum
and Irwin Margoese
- Mar. 13 Morris Bernstein, Grandfather
of Marc Bernstein
- Mar. 13 Freida Goldman
Mother of Ethel Schy
- Mar. 13 Edward Susnow
Father of Nancy Fleming

Announced on Mar. 14 & 15

- Mar. 15 Josephine Goldstein
Mother of Elaine Golemb
- Mar. 16 Stan Diamond, Husband of
Marilyn Diamond and Father
of Lauren Newman
- Mar. 19 Barbara Garam
Mother of Rose Batzdorff

Announced on Mar. 21 & Mar. 22

- Mar. 23 Mary Hahn
Mother of Edith Newman

- Mar. 23 Tillie Streitfeld, Mother-in-
law of Ricki Streitfeld
- Mar. 25 Boruch Zelichenok
Father of Rimma Rivkin
- Mar. 28 Joseph Meyer
Father of Jane Meyer

Announced on Mar. 28 & 29

- Mar. 29 Mannie Goldstein
Father of Elaine Golemb
- Mar. 29 Lotte Hankin
Mother of Harry Hankin
- April 1 Helen Goldman
Sister of Lillian Judd
- April 2 Rae Abrams
Mother of Patty Bernstein
- April 3 Rachel Jones, Grandmother
of Ross Jones
- April 4 Yvonne Abrams, Sister-in-
law of Patty Bernstein

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- 3 Melissa Bloom
- 3 Sherri Kahn
- 5 Rose Batzdorff
- 6 Nancy Sherman
- 15 Raynore Paule
- 16 Miriam Rubinstein
- 17 William Cordell
- 17 Dr. Alan Shotkin
- 19 Lee Feinstein
- 20 Jacqueline Sutter
- 23 Kim Cordell
- 23 Olga Pekker
- 24 Charli Silverman
- 26 Diane Brown
- 28 Adolph Rivkin
- 29 Warren Davis
- 31 Judith Dzik

March Anniversaries

- 3 Ivan & Kimiko Barta
- 9 Harry Hankin &
Gussie Levine Hankin
- 12 Al & Sue Batzdorff
- 19 George & Paula
Schlesinger
- 21 John & Barbara
Whitaker
- 24 Ed & Nancy Sherman
- 27 Jeff & Karen
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