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March 18 & 19

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**Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.
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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

Healthy Debate

"When a human king mints coins," goes a certain Midrash, "he mints them in such a way that each one resembles the other. On the other hand, when the blessed Holy One mints coins—humans—each one is unlike the other." That is the glory of our Creator—the fact that every single one of us is unique!

Inevitably, then, we are not going to see eye-to-eye on any given issue. Our differences span the gamut from personal taste to political ideology.

My question, then: does that mean that, equally inevitably, we can't get along? I suspect that such a question is most relevant given the deep divides that our country is currently experiencing and I'd like to suggest that we can—as my father, of blessed memory, loved to say—"disagree without being disagreeable!"

It's ok to be passionate about one's beliefs, values or opinions. Being passionate doesn't give us license to rag on others in our conversations. We may even come to dislike someone quite intensely, that doesn't mean that we aren't capable of engaging in civil discourse. We may not be able to love everyone; we are capable of being respectful to everyone!

But, are there any guidelines to what it means to be disrespectful? Here are just a few that I gleaned over the years:

- Using derogatory words such as *jerk, stupid, narcissistic*.
- Phrases such as *Where were you born!?, You need to crawl out from behind your bush*.
- Telling people what they are feeling or thinking. There's a world of difference between *You sound angry/emotional to me* and *You're angry/emotional*.
- Using sarcasm or heavy irony. *Well, of course you'd say something like that!*

There's a definition of how well a person has studied the Talmud: when he can argue both

sides of the Talmudic argument in a compelling way!

At the very least, we do need to try to get past our feelings and *listen* to what the other person is saying. I don't believe we need to be afraid of changing our minds if fresh facts or explanations turn out to be significant.

There's a drash on the two Hebrew words: Emet, *truth* and Sheker, *falsehood*.

The letters that make up the word emet; aleph, mem and tav are the first, middle and last letters of the aleph-bet. The letters that make up the word sheker are right next to one another: kof, resh and shin. Similarly, finding the truth takes diligent searching from one end to the other; falsehood takes very little effort in just seeing one side of a situation.

The letters that make up the word Emet all stand on two legs; the letters for sheker all have only one leg. Conclusion: Truth stands firm while falsehood topples over!

Healthy debate is a cornerstone of great civilizations. It is an expression of the fact that we are all unique coins in God's treasury. It can broaden our own perspectives and lead to a greater approximation of discovering the Truth.

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Wednesday, March 8, 2017
6:30 p.m.

**A Special
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Join renowned Sonoma County chef Mark Dierkhising and his wife Karen for a special gourmet dinner at the Parkside Café, 404 Santa Rosa Avenue, in Santa Rosa. Mark and Karen have graciously offered to provide their restaurant – and the food – for our CBA Dinner Fundraiser. Bring your friends and family and let's come together as a community once again to enjoy each other's company and to support our congregation, which is so dear to each of us.

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No Corkage Fee tonight –
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Seating is limited to 48 people and is open to the greater community as well: make your reservations now! Bring friends and reserve a table.

To RSVP call or email the CBA office with your choice of entrée:

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Millie Hirschman, Abe Alexander's grandmother (great-grandmother of Ben & Nick Alexander)

Marilyn Salsman-Stockfleth

Irwin Margolese

County-Wide Holocaust Commemoration

The annual Sonoma county Holocaust commemoration for 2017 will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2–4 p.m.** at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa. The theme for this year's event is *Speaking for The Other: The Moral Obligation of Holocaust Memory*. Presenters will remember the words and deeds of notable community members who brought action to memory, and who have passed away since last year's event. A candle-lighting ceremony will honor survivors, and music to lift our spirits as we remember. The event is sponsored by Sonoma county synagogues and Jewish agencies and organizations.

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Israeli Dancing

Israeli dancing will be irregularly scheduled in March because of several events. We are scheduled in the **Social Hall, Mar. 1 & 22, Apr. 5 & 19.**

For more information, contact Leanne Schy, Leanne@sonic.net

The Viva Las Vegas Purim Spiel March 18 and 19

Are you a sponsor yet?

The Viva Las Vegas Purim Spiel has all the glamor and pizzaz you would expect of a musical extravaganza featuring Sinatra and the Rat Pack, Elvis, dancing showgirls, and a shark.

We think it's safe to say that this year the Spielers will look more ridiculous than ever before. Fortunately some of us sound really good. Some of us. The rest of us will just smile a lot.

By the time this Shofar arrives, you should have seen a sponsorship mailer that describes the characters, crew and songs that you can sponsor to get in on all the fame and glory. Help support the spiel, Beth Ami, and especially the hamentashen bakers. But hurry...by the time the Shofar arrives we'll need to get your names into the program as sponsors right away! If you didn't get the mailer, you can get





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a pdf on the website, BethAmiSR.org.

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Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. \$10/adults, kids 12 & under free. Following the performance you shouldn't leave hungry—have some Beth Ami-

made hamentashen, tea, coffee and juice.

Tickets will be available at the door, but buying tickets in advance will avoid the Havdallah rush, and make things easier Sunday too.

Don't forget the real gantze Megillah, read by Megillah Mavin Asher Nathan Saturday night March 11, 6:30 p.m., and by Hamentashen and Hebrew Hero Ahuva Simon Sa'ar March 12 at 8 a.m. Ahuva and the hamentashen bakers are baking hundreds of hamentashen, come eat some!

Services at Beth Ami

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

March Shabbat & other services

March 3 (Fri.)—6-6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening services. **6:30-7:15 p.m.** dinner (Reservations necessary*) **7:15-8:15 p.m.** talk by Shawn Lichaa

March 4 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

March 10 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

March 11 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck. **6:30 p.m.** Purim service with reading of the Megillah—come in costume!

March 12 (Sun.)—8 a.m. Purim morning service with reading of the Megillah

March 17 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

March 18 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

March 24 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

March 25 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

March 31 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

April Shabbat & other services

April 1 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

April 2 (Sun.)—Kitchen koshered for Passover and closed except for Passover food preparation. From this date until Passover, any non-Passover food will be prepared in the apartment.

April 7 (Fri.)—6 p.m. First-Friday Shabbat evening service (no dinner because of Passover preparation)

April 8 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck (all food prepared in the apartment kitchen)

April 10 (Mon.)—7 a.m. Morning service, followed at 7:30 by Fast of the First Born and a light breakfast. **11 a.m.** Sale of Hametz

Start of Passover

April 10 (Mon.)—6 p.m. erev Passover service (first night of Passover)

April 11 (Tues.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service and first day Yom Tov service. **6 p.m.** Ma'ariv service preceding the community seder. **6:30 p.m.** (second night) Community Seder (Reservations necessary*)

April 12 (Wed.)—9:30 a.m.—12 morning service for second day Yom Tov. **6 p.m.** service, end of Yom Tov

April 14 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service (oneg with kosher for Passover food)

April 15 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service and first day Yom Tov service followed by Kosher for Passover dairy lunch prepared by CBA (not a potluck)

April 16 (Sun.)—6 p.m. erev Yom Tov Service (erev 7th day of Passover)

April 17 (Mon.)—9:30 a.m.—12 Seventh Day morning service. **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat and 8th day evening service

April 18 (Tues.)—9:30 a.m.—12 Eighth Day morning service with Yiskor **8:20 p.m.** service for end of eighth day. **9 p.m.** sell back Hameitz

April 19 (Wed.)—Kitchen reopened for normal use

April 21 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

April 22 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

April 23 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

April 24 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

April 28 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

April 29 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

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

Daily Daven

Sundays & National Holidays—8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan in the Chapel followed by a light breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

Mon.—Fri.—7 a.m. Daily Daven in the Chapel except for Jewish and Secular holidays

Sun.—Thurs.—6-6:30 p.m. Daily Daven in the Chapel except for Jewish and Secular holidays



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Laura Alexander, President
Values

In the secular world when one is asked about values one might think of American, family or religious values. As President, I am guided by our Beth Ami values to help make decisions and help guide our Board. I often hear the words “Jewish values” tossed around but what do they really mean? I turned to our by-laws, which are based on the Torah for perspective. Our by-laws list our values as:

- **Teshuvah** (*return*): We value the opportunity, through careful attention to our lives, to make every moment meaningful and to increasingly avoid harmful acts.
- **Tzedakah** (*generosity*): We value the opportunity to use our wealth and resources to benefit other people.
- **Gemilut Chesed** (*acts of loving kindness*): We value the opportunity to perform acts of loving kindness through speech and deed.
- **Talmud Torah** (*prayer and learning*): We value the insight and inspiration we get through the study of our sacred texts and our people's culture.
- **Mishpacha** (*family and community*): We value the strength that our congregants derive from forming relationships with each other and sharing in each other's joys and sorrows.
- **Hagim & Simchot** (*celebration*): We value the opportunities to mark together the passage of time, the changes of seasons, the continuing story of our people and the cycles of our own lives.
- **Tikkun Olam** (*repairing the world*): We rejoice in the role we play in helping to make the world an ever better place.
- **K'vod Habriyot** (*care for the earth*): We value our responsibility as God's stewards to protect and preserve all life on Earth.
- **Eretz & Am Yisrael** (*the people and land*

of Israel): We value our participation in the unfolding history of our people, rich in culture, diverse in practice and bound through time by the Hebrew language. We are inspired by the challenge of creating a Jewish state that strives to express the truest values of our people and provides refuge for all Jews.

- **Kehillah Kadosha** (*holy community*): We are humbled and heartened that through the concrete expression of all our values we can indeed create a community in which holiness can be expressed and brought into the world.

Beth Ami's stated values touch on the overarching Jewish values that guide us as a community and in particular as a Board to perform mitzvot. In a world where we're surrounded by “the important thing is to feel good about what you're doing.” Judaism says, “the important thing is to do good, regardless of what you feel.” Judaism expects us to perform mitzvot even we're not feeling it, even if our heart isn't into it. Our values guide us and are expressed through our purpose to foster the growth and fuller expression of Jewish life. By joining as a community to provide a spiritual, nurturing, stimulating and social place of worship, we all benefit from a richer, fuller, religious life and our Jewish values grow. Judaism focuses on relationships and the Torah is the instruction manual of how to have good relationships with others and to be moral and kind people and create a more harmonious society.

As my term as President winds down, I can't help but reflect on how fortunate I feel to serve our community in this capacity. I am also grateful to our hard working, dedicated and generous Board members who have gone above and beyond to care for our “house of my people.” I have learned so much about myself and our community. The relationships



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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and bonds that I have formed over the years are irreplaceable and have brought a deeper meaning and understanding of Jewish values and purpose on a personal level. Despite the many challenges of the last three years, I am grateful to all of you for trusting me to be your fearless leader and for giving me the opportunity to learn about myself, to grow as a leader and most importantly to give back to our community. For all the challenges and missteps, I have gained so much more and have a better understanding of the true meaning of performing mitzvot. In other words, actions are far more important and speak louder than words.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Judy Kupfer, Director

Opportunity To Work With Religious School Kids

We are seeking a teacher for our small K-1 class. Capable Madrichim assist every week. Classes meet Fridays 4–5:30 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30–6 p.m. Qualifications: Experience working with the children; Hebrew knowledge helpful but not required. If you or someone who know might be interested, please have them send a resume or call/email. For additional information, contact Judy Kupfer RS@bethamir.org or (707) 360-3000.

Save These Religious School Dates:

March 7th—next Teen Classes: free and open to community. Ira Rosenthal will be the speaker from *Stand With US*. **4:30–5 p.m.** Teen Lounge with snacks. **5–6 p.m.** Presentation

March 24th—Dinner Club; **6 p.m.** following Kabbalat Shabbat **5:30 p.m.**

April 11th—**6:30 p.m.** Beth Ami Community Seder

April 21st—Dinner Club at **6 p.m.**

May 7th—Yom Hatzmaut Israeli/Jewish Variety Show (All children and adults are invited to participate)

May 19th—Last Day of Religious School. *Rockin Shabbat* with Mia Cohen. **5:30 p.m.**

Kabbalat Shabbat for kids. **6 p.m.** Dinner. **7 p.m.** Shabbat Service with Rabbi and Mia.

May 21st—Simcha Sunday **10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

A big thank you to our volunteers Esther Baruch, Debi Niestat, Francee Kaplan and Mark Rosen for making the Dinner Club happening with food and clean-up!!

With best wishes for a happy Purim and a Chag Pesach kasher v'same'ach, a joyous and kosher Pesach)



NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Jenny Levine-Smith

Nursery School Director

Registration for the summer and for the 2017–18 school year has gotten off to a wonderful start at Beth Ami Community Nursery School. In addition to our many returning families and the younger siblings who finally get to join big brother or sister, we've met a number of new families through our Open House and our participation at the first annual Preschool Fair at the Children's Museum of Sonoma County. I'm thrilled to report that at CMOSC, families were asking organizers for help finding our booth. The word is out! And at our Open House, we had a mini-reunion among alumni parents who went here in the first years of our school, and are now returning with their children. Such a treat! If you or someone you know may be interested in bringing their child to our school, please call today to set up a tour. There's no way to know how much longer we will have openings.

I am also thrilled to announce that BACNS has just been accepted to join the Quality Counts program through the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County. We were visited in January by Jill St. Peter, who loved our program, and will be coaching us through the steps we need to take for accreditation. Once we finish the process, which should take about a year (give or take), Quality Counts will give families who cannot afford our program vouchers to pay tuition. In addition to them recommending us, if a family comes to us and wants to be here but can't afford it, we can refer this family to them to receive the vouchers. High quality early childhood education is an essential tool for promoting equity, but its high cost makes that a difficult goal to achieve. This program will help us become accessible to all families, regardless of income, on top of what we are able to raise for scholarships. This is what tzedakah is all about. Yay!

And, of course, we still have plenty to do during this school year. On March 8, the nurs-

ery school will produce its annual Purim Festival, put on by parents for their children during the morning school program. It's a sweet event, with crown making and games, and, of course, costumes! If you are a member of the community and have a preschool age child or grandchild, even if they are not enrolled here, feel free to send me an e-mail (nsdirector@bethamir.org) or give me a call. We'd be happy to have you bring them for the program.

Then, on March 30, we will have our school-wide Passover Seder. This is also a daytime event, and features an interactive performance of the Passover story, put on by the teachers, and then a Seder plate tasting along with explanations for children and their families.

Wishing you all a beautiful start to Spring!



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ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

Earlier this month (Feb.), the online magazine, *Tablet*, published a story with this lead: *Feb 1, 17—Tablet—In reversal, Israel to allow nine Venezuelan Jews Entry on Condition of Second, “Symbolic” conversion.*

Conversion has been a contentious issue in Israel for many years. I have a strong interest, probably because many years ago we met a rabbi who has devoted his life to fighting this battle. As I suspected, he was involved in this one too. So I wrote our friend, Rabbi Andy Sacks, a senior official at the Masorti Movement Headquarters. His reply:

“I have been working tirelessly on the Aliyah of the Venezuelan Jews since last April. I was stymied at every turn. Finally success came to us last week. I will fly to Latin America to accompany them home to Israel after Purim. Here is the thank you report I wrote to all those who helped us...”

As I write these words emotions are swirling. Last April a group of nine Jews by Choice from Venezuela applied to make Aliyah. All nine, representing three families, were converted by a Beit Din of three Masorti rabbis. They continue weekly study with Rabbi Juan Mejia. Under the Law of Return they are entitled to make Aliyah. The conversion process began in 2011. The request for Aliyah was turned down by the Interior Ministry. Each week brought a new explanation. We contacted Israeli officials at every level, including the Prime Minister, Natan Sharansky (who became involved), people at the Foreign Ministry, and others. Our leadership lent support. Letters were received from prominent rabbis from all denominations and many lay people in the Diaspora Jewish community advocated on their behalf.

At the request of MK Yael Cohen Paran (a member of a Masorti congregation), MK Elazar Stern, and MK Avraham Nuguise, a Knesset hearing was held this morning on the fate of the #VenezuelaNine. There was prevarication

and obfuscation by the officials of the Interior Ministry who were hard pressed to explain their actions in anything resembling a satisfactory manner. They would not relent. But the MKs of the Knesset Committee for Immigration and Absorption would not let them off the hook.

Eventually a solution was designed. It is a solution that broadcasts continued disdain for non-Orthodox converts. It is a solution we would have rejected. But saving lives is the highest priority in Judaism—so we acquiesced. The nine will undergo another conversion in Latin America with three Masorti rabbis. They will then be allowed to come to Israel on an A5 visa. This will allow them to work. They have also been promised health care. After a nine month period of membership in one of our Masorti congregations—they will be granted citizenship.

As we view them as Jews today, agreeing to Mikveh a second time is insulting and bizarre. But if that is what it takes to overcome bureaucratic intransience—so be it. I am just glad the officials in the Interior Ministry did not demand that they be circumcised yet again.

Note: This story is about *nine* Jews. All Jewish lives are precious!



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SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

The Social Action Committee recently met and prepared bags for the homeless and those in need. We have been doing this project for over a year and have found it to be a very worthwhile and satisfying experience. People on the receiving end have been very thankful and most responses have been positive. I want to thank the congregation for participating by bringing hygiene items and by taking some bags and distributing them. I also want to thank the members of SAC for donating so many wonderful items. Members are: Susan Miller, Cheryl Miller, Lenore Holloway, Judi Hyman, Tish Levy, Bobbie Rosenthal, Ellen Mundell, Karen Herskovic, and Lyla Nathan. The bags have a new and very necessary item this time: very sturdy ponchos, so important this year. These ponchos were personally given to us by Billy Friedman. A warm thank you to you and your family for your continued generosity helping those less fortunate in our community.

As always, we continue to provide food for the pantry at JFCS. Thanks to the whole congregation for keeping the bin in the foyer full of healthy food products. They always need low sodium and non-gluten foods. Peanut butter, tuna, non-refrigerated milk are always needed. Please keep up the great work you do.

We will have our next volunteering at the Redwood Empire Food Bank on Wednesday, March 1, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Hope you can make it.

Once again, thanks to everyone for making Beth Ami a giving and caring community.



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ADULT EDUCATION

Chevra Kadisha Information—March 5, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Nancy Dotti from the Sonoma County Chevra Kadisha, will speak to us about the role of the Chevra Kadisha in Jewish burial and the activities of the local Chevra group. The local chapter is active in the preparation of the deceased for burial and providing shomrim to stay with the deceased until internment.

Our Jewish tradition calls for the respectful treatment of the deceased and this will be an excellent opportunity to learn about our traditions, including information on making plans for yourself. There is no charge and refreshments will be provided.

Poetry Reading by Frieda L. Ferrick—March 26, 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Beth Ami member Frieda Ferrick will read from her third book, *Stories of Love, Hope and Courage*. Frieda writes, “This is my 3rd book of poems and some short stories and I feel that I have come full circle with what I wanted to share about my family, my philosophy of life and my perspective on ongoing event arounds us.”



Frieda's previous readings at Beth Ami have been enjoyed by many in the congregation.

Refreshments will be served. Copies of *Stories of Love, Hope and Courage* will be available for you to purchase.

Doorway to Davening—Every other Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Ongoing

Rabbi Miller is leading us through the Prayer Book, discussing the structure of the Jewish prayer services as well as the individual prayers. Doorway to Davening can add to your understanding and personal experience of prayer. No prior experience or knowledge is necessary.

The Beth Ami Adult Education Committee plans and presents opportunities for Jewish Learning for the Beth Ami Community. Co-chaired by Jerry Newman and board member Jeff Sternfield, the committee is working on programs for the 2017–18 fiscal year. In order to develop the programs that benefit the Beth Ami Community, please let us know the ideas and topics you would like to see. Please email either Rabbi Miller (rabbi@bethamiSR.org), Jerry Newman (jernewm@gmail.com) or Jeff Sternfield (jster@sonic.net) or give us a call at (707) 829-1388 for Jerry or (707) 527-9503 for Jeff.

The Adult Education Committee is also looking for new members of the Committee. If you would like to know more about being on the Adult Education committee, please call or email Jerry or Jeff.





THE KITCHEN CORNER

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

Who helps make our Shabbat potlucks great? You do!

You do this by bringing food to share. You may do this by preparing the food at home, just make certain to follow the Food & Potluck Guidelines. Or, by bringing purchased food to share, just make certain that it is in its original, sealed package and is kosher. For cheeses, we will accept kosher and/or domestic, unprocessed cheese in its original, sealed package. Or, by donating food for our pantry. We can always use more canned/packaged foods like crackers, sardines, sprats, kippers, pickles, olives, beans, corn, herring; etc. Again, the food has to be kosher and in its original, sealed container. Any questions? Just ask our mashgichim.

You do this by donating money to CBA. Just designate your donation to the Kitchen or Shabbat Fund so we can keep track of how much money was donated to help augment the food purchases for this purpose.

You do this by helping us with setting up and clearing the tables so we can all get out early enough to enjoy the rest of Shabbat or washing our table clothes and bringing them back as soon as possible. Interested in volunteering? Just talk with Myra Thomas-Stern or Betty Boyd.

After Purim comes...Passover

Passover starts after sunset on April 10th and you know what that means, lots and lots of preparation will need to be done for Passover week and for the community seder on April 11th! So, after Purim and the Purim Spiels are over and after all the Hamantaschen are gone, it will be time to go through your food stored in the CBA kitchen refrigerator and freezer and remove what you want to keep.

- The deadline for the refrigerator and

freezer to be emptied will be Saturday, April 1st. Starting on Sunday April 2nd the kitchen will be made kosher for Passover and will be unavailable. Any food left over in the refrigerator or freezer that can't be stored in the apartment will be donated or thrown away.

- The kitchen will only be available for Passover events until after Havdalah on April 18th.
- The Shabbat potluck of April 8th will be a very simple affair as any of the food preparation needed will be done in the apartment kitchen which will be accessible until April 10th.
- At 10 AM on April 10th the doors of the apartment, the social hall pantry and cupboards will be sealed and the hametz contract signed.
- Remember, the form to sell the hametz for your home needs to be filled out and submitted to CBA office before the above deadline. This form is available at the CBA office and on the website.
- During Passover, the Shabbat of April 15th lunch will not be a potluck. A simple Kosher for Passover meal will be provided.

The work of cleaning, setting up and preparing for Passover in general is spiced up with the joy of sharing recipes and foods that one may use for seders and during Passover. Oakland Kosher Foods (3419 Lakeshore Ave. in Oakland, CA 94610) and Molly Stones (270 Bon Air Ctr. in Greenbrae, CA 94904) are just two sources of good selections of Kosher for Passover Foods. There are smaller selections in our local Safeways and Olivers. If anybody has a 'find' to share, let us know and we'll try to get the word out. Just let the office know or contact Janet at JSL2602@sonic.net.



THE KITCHEN CORNER

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The Art of Food Safety

The following tidbit is from the article,
Leftovers and Food Safety
(<https://www.fsis.usda.gov>):

“Keep food out of the *Danger Zone*. Bacteria will grow rapidly between the temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit (F.) and 140 degrees F. After the food is safely cooked, hot food must be kept hot at 140 degrees F. or warmer to prevent bacteria growth...Cold perishable food should be kept at 40 degrees F. or below.”

- It takes 2 hours for cooked (or warmed) food to cool down or for cold food from the refrigerator to heat up (2 hours from the appliance to the table) in normal weather, or if the temperature is above 90 degrees F. it will take 1 hour.
- So perishable leftovers that have been left out for more than 2 hours at room temperature (or 1 hour if temperature is above 90 degrees F.) should be discarded.

Kitchen Safety and Food safety are an ongoing part of the Kitchen Committee discussions.

The safety items listed below are practiced in our CBA kitchen. We would like to share them with you.

For hot dishes:

- We're utilizing the chafing dishes to keep foods hot for the Shabbat dinners.
- Anything left over that has been kept 140 degrees F. or above can be cooled down in refrigerator for future use. If not, it will not be re-used.

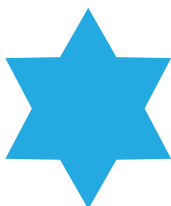
For cold dishes:

- During our Shabbat potlucks, we are limiting portions that we take out of the refrigerator, and we'll take the cold perishables from the refrigerator directly to the table before lunch.
- When the weather gets hot we will be utilizing ice water bathes to keep things cool.

And for Leftovers:

- We also aren't reusing any perishable leftovers that have been out of the refrigerator for 2 hours.

Beth Ami welcomed Israeli Defense Force citizen soldiers Yuval and Itay (1st and 2nd from left) presented “Real Soldiers, Real Lives, Real People,” co-sponsored by StandwithUs.com.





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Congratulations to Judy Kupfer on a wonderful Rockin Shabbat event!

—Mark & Carol Rosen

In honor of Zoe Baruch's birthday

—Mark & Carol Rosen

In honor of Arnold Drake's birthday

—Mark & Carol Rosen

General Fund

In memory of my husband, J.J. Fitzgibbons—Andrea Goodman

In honor of Russ Gurevitch's caring concern for Lovey Dovey. Many thanks!—Barbara Tomin

In honor of wonderful Dr. Arnold Drake's 80th birthday. YAY!! Many, many more!!—Barbara Tomin

May Irwin Margolese experience a speedy and easy recovery
—Barbara Tomin

May Susie Miller experience continued and complete healing
—Barbara Tomin

In memory of Blair's father, Leo Schweitzer—Dan & Blair Pleasant

In memory of Abe Alexander's grandmother
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Welcome new member Charlene Bornstein—David & Margorie Ballo

Thank you Ahuva Simon-Saar, Mark Rosen and Myra Thomas for your magnificent luncheon creations!
—David & Margorie Ballo

Welcome new members Dan & Liz Weiss—David & Margorie Ballo

Condolences to Bob Raful on the passing of his sister Alice Lev
—David & Margorie Ballo

Mazal Tov to Andy Goodman on the birth of grandson, Elias Zarate
—David & Margorie Ballo

Welcome new members Simone & Aaron Ravel & family
—David & Margorie Ballo

Welcome new member Charlene Bornstein—David & Margorie Ballo

Welcome new members Carolyn Orlick—David & Margorie Ballo

Kol Ha'Kavod to Henry Cohn, who ran a civil and productive community meeting—David & Margorie Ballo
Todah Rabah to Bob Raful for continuing his *Israel from the Left Coast* articles—David & Margorie Ballo

A hearty todah rabah to everyone who made Keshet Rainbow Shabbat a success—David & Margorie Ballo

Welcome new members: Richard & Chanah Robinson and family
—David & Margorie Ballo

Speedy recovery to Jane Paul
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In memory of my mother, Rose Schneider—Evelyn Gurevitch

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—Irvin Klein

In honor of being called to the bimah—Ivan Barta

In appreciation of the Chanukah party—Joseph & Rita Kagan

In memory of Sylvia Buckfire—Judi Hyman

In honor of Bob Raful's birthday
—Juli Scherer

In memory of Joel Jones—Maurice Jones

In memory of Benjamin Jones, brother of Maury Jones—Maurice Jones

In memory of my brother, Joseph Jones—Maurice Jones

In memory of Bob Raful's sister, Alice Lev—Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren

Speedy recovery to Susan Miller
—Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren

In memory of Fannie Miller, grandmother of Mordecai Miller
—Rabbi Mordecai & Susan Miller

In memory of my husband, Verne Paule—Raynore Paule

In memory of my parents—Raynore Paule

In memory of Abe Alexander's grandmother, Millie Hirschman
—Richard Kahn & Anne Brown

In memory of Dr. Raymond Kauffman
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In memory of Roz's father
—Stanley Feingold & Roslyn Edelson

In memory of Raymond Lachman
—Vivian Salmon

General Fund—Shabbat Lunch

Speedy & complete recovery wishes for Susan H. Miller
—David & Margorie Ballo

In honor of Debi Niestat and a lovely Rockin Shabbat dinner
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In honor of Jenny's award winning performance. Mazel Tov!—*Barbara Tomin*

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In memory of my mother-in-law, Zislye bas Mendel Laib—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

In memory of my brother-in-law, Mark Gurevitch—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

In memory of my father, Harry

Schneider—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

Malk Fund

In honor of Debbie Shapiro's birthday—*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of my mother-in-law, Sophie Shapiro—*Phyllis Shapiro*

Nursery School Fund

In memory of Joseph Schussheim—*Arnold & Karen Herskovic*

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In gratitude for Susan Miller's improving health—*Alan Krubiner & Jane Meyer*

In memory of my father, David Goldberg—*Betty Franks*

Speedy Recovery to Susan Miller Chana Tovah bat Mindel—*Edee Sternfield-Squires*

Speedy recovery to Susan Miller—*Edith Newman*

Wishing Susan Miller blessings for good health

—*Edward & Nancy Sherman*

Get well to Susy Raful—*Gerald Lakins & Susan Miller*

In memory of Ruth's mom, Olvie Conklin Boyer—*Ira & Ruth Rosenberg*

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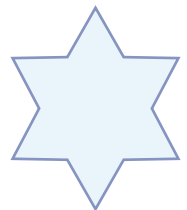
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In memory of my husband, Fred Marvan—*Regina Marvan*

On the occasion of Joint Chanukah Celebration—*Susan Richter*

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Speedy recovery to Susan Miller—*Richard Kabn & Anne Brown*



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March Yahrzeits

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced Mar. 3 & 4

- Mar. 4 Anna Branagan, Mother of
Branagan Branagan
- Mar. 5 Sadie Seldowitz,
Aunt of Susan Miller
- Mar. 6 Arthur Margoese, Brother
of Irwin Margoese &
Father of Michelle
Zygielbaum
- Mar. 6 Lydia Ross,
Sister of Henry Cohn
- Mar. 8 Sylvia Feingold, Mother
of Stan Feingold &
Grandmother of
Vivian Klein
- Mar. 8 Andor Taubner,
Father of Susy Raful
- Mar. 8 Robert Tedder, Husband
of Anne Tedder
- Mar. 9 Morris Bernstein,
Grandfather of
Marc Bernstein
- Mar. 9 Frieda Goldman,
Mother of Ethel Schy
- Mar. 9 Fred Kaplan,
Father of Sherri Kahn
- Mar. 10 Michael Brust,
Father of Barbara McGee
- Mar. 10 Phillip Feingold, Father of
Vivian Klein & brother of
Stan Feingold

Announced Mar. 10 & 11

- Mar. 11 Ellen Benbheim,
Mother of Pnina Loeb
- Mar. 13 Sidney Sternfield-Squires
Husband of
Edee Sternfield-Squires
- Mar. 13 Edward Susnow,
Father of Nancy Sherman
- Mar. 14 Simon Jimmy Saar, Brother
of Ahuva Simon-Saar
- Mar. 15 Polly Boyd,
Mother of Betty Boyd
- Mar. 15 Josephine Goldstein,
Mother of Elaine Golemb

- Mar. 16 Bernard Bernstein,
Father of Marc Bernstein
- Mar. 16 Stan Diamond, Husband of
Marilyn Diamond &
Father of Lauren Newman
- Mar. 16 Rabbi Meyer Miller, Father
of Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Announced Mar. 17 & 18

- Mar. 18 Leo Gurevitch, Husband of
Evelyn Gurevitch & Father
of Russ Gurevitch &
Eleanor Cohen
- Mar. 18 Jacob Strommer,
Father of Marilyn Sommer
- Mar. 19 Barbara Garam,
Mother of Rose Batzdorff
- Mar. 19 Mary Hahn,
Mother of Edith Newman
- Mar. 20 G.K. Branagan, Father of
Branagan Branagan
- Mar. 20 Hazel Schloner, Mother of
Carol Swanson &
Fred Schloner
- Mar. 23 Pearl Lotsoff,
Mother of Cheryle Miller
- Mar. 23 Tille Streitfeld,
Mother-in-law of
Ricki Streitfeld

Announced Mar. 24 & 25

- Mar. 25 Maurice Fried,
Father of Caryn Fried
- Mar. 25 Boruch Zelichenok,
Father of Rimma Rivkin
- Mar. 26 Michael Abrams,
Brother of Patty Bernstein
- Mar. 26 Sabina Pelta,
Mother of Esther Pilch
- Mar. 27 Ester Gutman-Markman,
Aunt of Ahuva Simon Saar
- Mar. 29 Rae Abrams,
Mother of Patty Bernstein
- Mar. 29 Mannie Goldstein,
Father of Elaine Golemb
- Mar. 30 Morris Estrin, Uncle of
Charlene Bornstein

March Birthdays

- 1 Ben Goldman
- 1 Karen Herskovic
- 3 Melissa Bloom
- 3 Sherri Kahn
- 5 Rose Batzdorff
- 6 Nancy Sherman
- 15 Raynore Paule
- 17 William Cordell
- 17 Dr. Alan Shotkin
- 19 Lee Feinstein
- 23 Michele Baime
- 23 Kim Cordell
- 23 Olga Pekker
- 26 Diane Brown
- 28 Adolph Rivkin
- 29 Warren Davis
- 31 Judith Dzik

March Anniversaries

- 3 Ivan Barta
- 12 Al & Sue Batzdorff
- 19 George & Paula Schlesinger
- 21 John & Barbara Whitaker
- 24 Ed & Nancy Sherman
- 27 Jeff & Karen Sommers

- Mar. 30 Rachel Jones, Grandmother
of Ross Jones
- Mar. 31 Yvonne Abrams,
Sister-in-law of
Patty Bernstein



April Yahrzeits

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Announced Mar. 31 & Apr. 1

- Apr. 1 Shai Ben Zalman,
Grandfather of
Russ Gurevitch &
Eleanor Cohen
- Apr. 6 Gail Negrin,
Mother of Ronit Glickman
- Apr. 7 Sylvia Kupperberg, Mother
of Michael Kupperberg
- Apr. 7 Justin Sommers, Son of
Karen & Jeffrey Sommers

Announced Apr. 7 & 8

- Apr. 10 Sydney Garson,
Father of Andrea Nett
- Apr. 10 Jack Weinstein, Father of
Jo Anne Bressick
- Apr. 12 Benjamin Miller,
Father of Susan Miller
- Apr. 12 Max Newman,
Father-in-law of
Edith Newman
- Apr. 13 Harriet Lotsoff,
Sister of Cheryle Miller
- Apr. 14 Harry Estrin, Uncle of
Charlene Bornstein
- Apr. 14 Ben Glass,
Father of Gussie Levine

Announced Apr. 14 & 15

- Apr. 15 Harry Drake,
Father of Arnold Drake
- Apr. 15 Ralph Stern,
Husband of Cheryle Miller
- Apr. 16 Morris Abrams,
Grandfather of
Patty Bernstein
- Apr. 17 Edward Kahn,
Father of Richard Kahn
- Apr. 17 Betty Katz,
Mother of Audrey Darby
- Apr. 17 Bessie Uday, Grandmother
of Richard Kahn

- Apr. 19 Esther Miller,
Aunt of Susan Miller
- Apr. 19 Joseph Scherer,
Father of Juli Scherer
- Apr. 19 Tema Zygielbaum,
Aunt of Paul Zygielbaum
- Apr. 20 Elizavyeta Gaiger,
Mother of Marina Voulfson
- Apr. 21 Abraham Schy,
Father of Stuart Schy

Announced Apr. 21 & 22

- Apr. 23 Jennifer Hoffman,
Sister of Howard Glickman
& Daughter of
Gloria Glickman
- Apr. 24 Bea Goldstein, Mother of
Marilyn Diamond &
Grandmother of
Lauren Newman
- Apr. 24 Lillian Magnus,
Grandmother of
Howard Glickman
- Apr. 24 Rose Pinsky, Mother of
Dorothy Gerstein
- Apr. 24 Sophie Shapiro,
Mother of Michael Shapiro
- Apr. 24 Mildred Stromer,
Mother of Marilyn Sommer
- Apr. 25 John Gee,
Husband of Bonnie Gee
- Apr. 26 Donald Emblen,
Husband of Linda Emblen
- Apr. 26 Rosemary Friedman,
Mother of Bill Friedman
& Debra Chapman
- Apr. 27 Renee Newman,
Sister-in-law of
Edith Newman
- Apr. 28 Joseph Zygielbaum,
Father of Paul Zygielbaum

April Birthdays

- 1 Asher Nathan
- 3 Howard Glickman
- 6 Alan Krubiner
- 10 Debra Niestat
- 10 Joan Schloss
- 13 Elizabeth Jarlsberg
- 14 Jay Holloway
- 18 Barbara Tomin
- 19 Barbara Whitaker
- 21 Phyllis Shapiro
- 23 Jeff Richman
- 27 Ross Jones
- 28 Betty Franks
- 29 Binese Goldberg
- 29 Carol Swanson
- 30 Jonathan Batzdorff
- 30 Gayle Farkas

Announced Apr. 28 & 29

- Apr. 29 Samuel Gordon, Husband
of Marjorie Gordon
- May 1 Margret Close,
Mother of Signe Minuskin
- May 1 Henry Herskovic,
Father of Arnold Herskovic
- May 1 Anna Serman,
Mother of Whitey Serman
- May 2 Joseph Liverman,
Grandfather of
Marc Bernstein
- May 3 Rose Abrams,
Grandmother of
Patty Bernstein
- May 4 Sheldon Margolese,
Brother of Irwin Margolese
& Uncle of
Michelle Zygielbaum
- May 5 Constance Schweitzer,
Mother of Blair Pleasant

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March Shabbatot

March 3

Terumah

Candle Lighting: 5:48 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:47 p.m.

March 10

Tetzaveh

Candle Lighting: 5:55 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:54 p.m.

March 17

Ki Tisa

Candle Lighting: 7:02 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:00 p.m.

March 24

Vayakhel-Pekudei

Candle Lighting: 7:09 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:07 p.m.

March 31

Vayikra

Candle Lighting: 7:16 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:14 p.m.

April Shabbatot

April 7

Tsav

Candle Lighting: 7:22 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:21 p.m.

April 11—Passover, 1st Day

Shemot 12:21–51

Candle Lighting: 8:25 p.m.

April 12—Passover, 2nd Day

Vayikra 22:26–44

Candle Lighting: 8:26 p.m.

April 14

Shemot 33:12; 34–26

Candle Lighting: 7:29 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:29 p.m.

April 17—Passover 7th Day

Shemot 13:17–15:26

Candle Lighting: 8:31 p.m.

April 18—Passover 8th Day

Devarim 15:19–16:17

Candle Lighting: 8:32 p.m.

April 21

Shemini

Candle Lighting: 7:35 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:36 p.m.

April 28

Tazria-Metzorah

Candle Lighting: 7:42 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:44 p.m.