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**Deadline for Nov./Dec. 2017  
Shofar is Oct. 15**

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## RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

### Dancing with Nature

Moving to California felt like moving to a new country. One impression that has struck me deeply is the sense that there is a certain “untamed” quality about living here. Between the majestic beauty of the mountains, the wild and dangerous coastline and the mysterious vastness of the Pacific Ocean, mother nature has a strong hold over our lives. Maybe that’s why our state has such a pro-active population when it comes to preserving this rugged beauty. Day by day we’re engaged in what might be termed a dance with nature: trying to appreciate this precious partner, to enjoy the beauty of her paces and not step on her toes.

At the same time we live with ever-present threat of the next big one and in recent weeks found ourselves facing the destructive forces of fire driven by strong winds. I’ve since learned that the bone dry conditions of late summer inevitably spark over a thousand fires over California. Under usual conditions we might be inconvenienced when some fire in some remote area gets too close to a highway. It’s a whole different story when the wildfire enters a densely populated area.

I recently traveled through one area affected, I found myself becoming emotional seeing the charred trees, the utter destruction of buildings left with nothing but rubble and twisted metal, and the random way in which the fire selected its victims.

There were two reasons I became emotional. One was the picture of a literal holocaust (the word itself refers to complete burning up by fire). The second was the recognition of the incredible valor of the fire fighters and everyone involved in securing lives in those early

horrifying minutes and subsequently attacking one of the largest conflagrations in California history. Just thinking of the combined forces of eleven thousand firefighters attacking the overwhelming forces of wind and flame on dry vegetation and buildings was humbling.

I’m still amazed at the ability and speed in which such a huge number of people were organized sparing thousands of lives. I’m deeply moved by all those families and individuals who lost their homes and all their possessions—many of them family heirlooms and

priceless memories—the stories of terror and bravery; the compassion showed to neighbors by people for whom every second counted in attempting their own escape and ultimately, the lives that were lost.

The 911 dispatchers were the unsung heroes fielding hundreds of calls from people screaming for help; telling them that help was on the way; hearing from the firefighters that the flames were making it impossible to break through and staying on the phone until the line became silent.

Is it possible not to be emotional? These are times when the partnership of the dance tragically becomes a need to overcome and take control. Clearly, there’s something to be learned from every experience. These are moments that bring out the extremes of human nature as well. It’s important to reflect on the overwhelming number of acts of compassion and bravery that overshadowed those who choose to profit from the misery of others.

We really are privileged to live in a great state and as we look ahead to the future, may our dances be celebrations filled with tears of joy.

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**CONGREGATION BETH AMI**

# **FALL FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017, Noon to 5:00 p.m.**

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**Application Deadline: November 3**

- Open to all community artists and artisans.
- 6-foot tables will be available. Artists are welcome to bring their own displays.
- Tables will be set up in the Social Hall and Multi-purpose room.
- Tables will be ready for set up at 10:00 a.m. the day of event.

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donated \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact Michele Baime for any further questions.**  
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**SHABBAT DINNER RSVP**

**Shabbat Dinner:**

☐ Friday, November 3

☐ Friday, December 1

# of Beth Ami Member Adults \_\_\_\_@ \$16 = \_\_\_\_

# of Non-member Adults \_\_\_\_@ \$18 = \_\_\_\_

# of Youth (ages 6–17) \_\_\_\_@ \$10 = \_\_\_\_

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## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Condolences to the Families of:

Regina Marvan

Phyllis Kaplan, mother of Rhonda (Ronnie)  
Rosenbach

### Welcome to Our New Members

Callen & Meredith Pollick and their children,  
Eliana, Zev, & Abigail

### Directory Update

New Address and phone number for:

Barbara Boren  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
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### Israeli Dancing

Israeli dancing moved to the Finley/Person Center for the sake of the nice wood floor there. However, the Finley Center is functioning as a shelter for people displaced by the fires. I have not heard any word of when it might reopen for regular classes.

As Robert Frost said, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, They have to take you in." So we are back to dancing in the **Social Hall at Beth Ami, every other Wednesday 7-9:30 p.m.** You do not have to

have signed up for the Person Center class to come. Dates are:

**Nov. 8 & 22**  
**Dec. 13 & 27**

Please check the Beth Ami website to see if we have moved back to the Person Center.



### JCCSOCO Chaverim Notes

Join Rick Concoff, Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County Chaverim Teen Educator for *Parenting Education through a Jewish Lens*

### Does Punishment Ever Really Work?

**Monday, January 29th, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.  
at Congregation Beth Ami**

We will explore the merits, challenges and history of various kinds of discipline in parenting as well as the paradigms of parenting styles. Often punishing behavior stops the behavior but does not correct the deeper issue. What worked and didn't work that your parents did? If you are co-parenting with a spouse or other how are you aligned or divided? How can you stop an ineffective parenting approach and start a new, more effective one? We will discuss these questions and more.

*Donations Benefit JCC Teen Program*

### Jewish Teens Love Chaverim

We welcome new 8th–12th Grade Jewish students any time in the year. Classes meet twice monthly by grade. Classes taught by Rick Concoff.

Go to [JCCSOCO.ORG](http://JCCSOCO.ORG) and look under *Teens/Young Adults* tab

### The Challenge Of Coexisting— Friday Night Speakers

**Friday, November 17, speakers from the Beit HaGefen Arab-Jewish Cultural Center on the art of shared living in Haifa**

The city of Haifa is unusual in the Israeli human landscape, offering an intercultural expanse that constitutes a model for building a shared society of Jews and Arabs, veteran Israelis and immigrants from the East and from the West. Founded in 1963, Beit HaGefen is a cultural center which seeks to create shared





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**5:30–6**—Asaf & Ulfat children's presentation (regular Shabbat services will be provided).

**6–7**—Dinner. Adults \$8, Kids \$4, family \$15.

**7–8:30**—Asaf & Ulfat's presentation (childcare provided).

### Israel 2017—The Challenge Of Being A Jewish Democratic State

Every fifth citizen in Israel belongs to the Arab minority. This group's integration in Israeli society constitutes a not always easy challenge, given that their fellow Arabs in the Middle East are in fact in a state of war against the country of their residence, Israel. This challenge is coupled with the collective memory of the events of 1948, which are a central motif in the Palestinian narrative in Israel and the surrounding region.

Our presentation will focus on these issues through the personal stories of Ulfat Haider and Asaf Ron as well as their mutual work experience at Beit Ha'Gefen—Arab Jewish Cultural Center, on the memory of the events of 1948: Independence versus *Nakba*, i.e., the events of 1948, deal with the question of Arabs defining their identity in their own eyes as well as those of the Jewish majority; raise a number of key questions concerning shared life of Jews and Arabs in Israel, with an attempt to examine the answers from both points of view and under-

stand the complexity of living within a common space. We will focus on the city of Haifa, a mixed city, as a unique model of living together with mutual respect and understanding.

### The Art of Shared Living in Haifa: Beit HaGefen Arab-Jewish Cultural Center

The city of Haifa is unusual in the Israeli human landscape, offering an intercultural expanse that constitutes a model for building a shared society of Jews and Arabs, veteran Israelis and immigrants from the East and from the West.

Founded in 1963, Beit HaGefen is a cultural center which seeks to create shared egalitarian spaces that contain the variety of identities and cultures in Haifa, and in Israel in general. Our activities and mission are based on the belief that interpersonal acquaintanceship and an encounter with another culture and its narratives are essential for breaking down barriers and building trust. We do so through cultural encounters and creating a space and forum for people and artists to represent their identities and narratives through art and dialogue. All of our divisions—including our youth and cultural events departments—strive to generate and foster a discourse surrounding social and political issues, with an emphasis on connection through arts and culture. Our programming directors have many years of experience building bridges between communities through cultural activities.

**Ulfat Haider** was born and raised in Haifa, Israel, where she lives today. As an outstanding

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young volleyball player, she joined the Israeli National Women's Team, as its only Arab member.

Ulfat has always combined her love of sports and the land with her desire to bring people together. In addition to earning her B.Ed. in Physical Education, she also completed a B.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Haifa, and a Master's degree in Gender Studies at Bar-Ilan University. Currently, Ulfat is working at Beit HaGefen—Arab—Jewish Cultural Center in Haifa as its Program Director. Two of her projects involve leading annual student expeditions to the Alps.

**Asaf Ron** was born in Haifa, Israel. He holds a B.A. in Education and in Israel Studies, and an M.P.A. in Public Administration from Haifa University. Between 2000 and 2003, Asaf served as a community Emissary (shaliach) in the Greater Hartford community in Connecticut. From 2006 Asaf directed the education department of the Gilboa Regional Council, 40 percent of whose residents are Arab. During that time he guided the Gilboa School Principals Forum, which was comprised of seven Arab schools and six Jewish schools, and initiated activities for stimulating mutual acquaintanceship. Asaf has served as director of Beit HaGefen—Arab-Jewish Cultural Center in Haifa since June 2010. In this capacity, Asaf is responsible for directing initiatives for coexistent life in Haifa together with the municipal council and the Mayor, and works with community leaders and the city's prominent clergy.



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Henry Cohn, President*

It is 3 weeks to the day that the devastating fires changed Sonoma County and especially Santa Rosa, and surrounding counties in a flash. I have written multiple messages and shared my remarks from our Healing Service. Thank you for the many kind comments about the words and thoughts I have shared. Rabbi Miller and I have had meetings with Danny Grossman, CEO of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma, the Consul General of Israel, Rabbi and Presidents of neighboring shuls and more. We are encouraged by the outpouring of support. There are many challenges ahead, but love and kindness will help us overcome them all.

I will continue sharing messages with you over the ensuing months. For this month, I am sharing a poem that Rabbi Miller read at the Healing Service. The author is Jane Kenyon and the poem is entitled *Otherwise*.

I got out of bed on two strong legs.  
It might have been otherwise.

I ate cereal, sweet milk, ripe, flawless peach.  
It might have been otherwise.

I took the dog uphill to the birch wood.  
All morning I did the work I love.  
At noon I lay down with my mate.  
It might have been otherwise.

We ate dinner together at a table  
with silver candlesticks.  
It might have been otherwise.

I slept in a bed in a room with paintings  
on the walls, and planned another day  
just like this day.

But one day, I know, it will be otherwise.







## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Judy Kupfer, Director

We are so fortunate to have our Beth Ami Community in these challenging times! There are so many admirable volunteers who share their time and talents with our children, families, and congregants. Thank you for being such amazing examples. You are showing us how to be and raise a Mensch.

What is a mensch? Someone who possesses the traits of decency, wisdom, kindness, honesty, trustworthiness, respect, benevolence, compassion, and altruism.

In actuality, however, these are not rare personality traits. They have to be taught and modeled. Here are some to focus on and to teach our kids:

### **Kavod (Respect)**

Kids should be taught to extend kavod to all people who touch their lives, not just mom and dad. Say "Kol hakavod" when a child, or an adult, does something well. Be open to situations where children of differing abilities are brought together. Model behavior that teaches children to be accepting and thus give kavod/respect to everyone.

### **Tzedakah**

This Jewish value implies a basic responsibility to do justice (tzedek) by sharing our resources with the community. Although it may require gentle nudges to get kids into the philanthropic spirit, encouraging them to put a small portion of their allowance in the tzedakah box on Shabbat or donating a few gently-used toys to those in need.

### **Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)**

This mitzvah reflects the reciprocal relationship which God established with human beings: it is our obligation to take care of the earth, and in turn, it takes care of us. Picking up trash at the playground, planting and watering flowers, and helping to care for household pets, all build a sense of environmental importance in kids.

### **Gratitude**

Gratefulness is a fundamental Jewish value. True gratitude, however, encompasses more than obligatory thanks; it entails Hakarat Hatov, Hakarat Hatov is bigger than gratitude, it's recognition for the things we have and the people we sometimes take for granted. Pointing out these to children by making comments like "Sara is such a good friend to save you a seat at lunchtime" or "it was so kind of Grandpa to help build your model airplane," we help our children recognize and appreciate the intangible gifts bestowed upon them by others.

### **Gemilut Hasadim (Acts of Lovingkindness)**

For us doing good deeds is not just a nice thing to do, it is what we do. Children may exhibit lovingkindness by sharing toys, cheering on a friend at little league, or inviting a lonely classmate to join the four-square game at recess. We can encourage gemilut hasadim in our kids by setting a climate of helpfulness at home, praising unsolicited lovingkindness on our child's part, and modeling this behavior ourselves.

### **Slichah (Saying I'm Sorry)**

We are human and make mistakes. It's powerful to be able to recognize and self reflect. Children's genuine apologies are often spontaneous. They may be a smile, a hug or an offering to share a toy. Having a conversation may be easier than insisting on an apology. A simple "I'm sorry" doesn't show a willingness to changing our behavior

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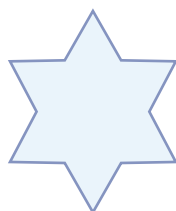
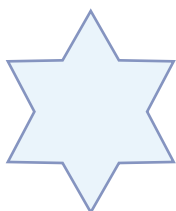
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## ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Ramah Israel Seminar by Daniel Sherman  
Bob Raful

Patrons of the SR JCC Jewish Film Festival enjoyed a unique experience on October 24th—a group of short films, instead of one feature.

One of the short films was shot in a hair salon in downtown Haifa, Israel, operated by Israeli Arab women. Because Haifa is the largest mixed ethnic city in Israel, the regular customers are both Arab and Jewish women.

The owner mounted a camera over the hair washing sink and recorded a dozen customers who shared a wide variety of views about life before and after 1948—history, politics, culture, love. It was a rare chance to listen in to frank, open talk about their lives in this most interesting city.

Then, the online Beth Ami Cybershul of Oct 25th featured an announcement—a special Friday evening program on November 17, *The Challenge Of Coexisting—The Art Of Shared Living In Haifa*.

So, this is an alert—and the back story serendipity of how this happened, and why you should mark your calendar.

Mark Rosen, a long time Beth Ami friend, has arranged a visit from an old friend of his—Asaf Ron. They met over 20 years ago in the Gilboa Region (Northern Israel) and worked together closely when Asaf was The Community Emissary (Shaliach) to the Greater Hartford, Connecticut Community (2000–2003).

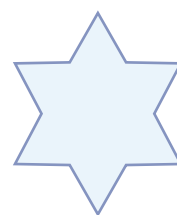
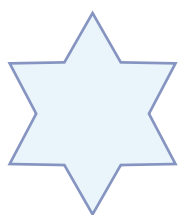
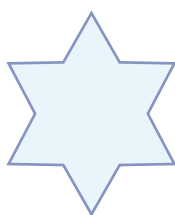
In 2010, Asaf became the Director of the Beit HaGefen Arab-Jewish Cultural Center in Haifa; and will be coming with his Program Director, Ulfat Haider (as an outstanding young volleyball star, the only Arab on the Israel

National Team). Their mission statement includes: “...Our activities and mission are based on the belief that interpersonal acquaintance-ship and encounter with another culture... are essential for breaking down barriers and building trust.” The October 25th Cybershul, has a link to more about this organization in Haifa at: <http://bethamisr.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Challenge-of-Coexisting-speakers.pdf>

The Center’s web site explains over a dozen activities—programs in art, culture, sports, tours. The most impressive, for me, are the youth programs, emphasized thus: “Firm in the belief that youth are the key to a better future, Beit HaGefen runs a variety of youth groups for ages 15–18 that meet weekly. Each grade has a leadership training program which prepares participants to be the future leaders by engaging them in program planning, dialogue, tours and workshops...A special group of girls focus on identity and understanding of the other; and concludes with a 10 day trip to the Swiss Alps” (led by Ms. Haider).

I am most impressed with outreach to young Arabs and Jews—that approach, to me, may be the precursor of a brighter future for Israel. This type of programming reminded me of a famous Golda Meir quote, when she was Israel’s 4th Prime Minister (1969–74):

“We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.”







## SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

### Predictions & Hopes After the Fires

It is three weeks since the fires began. They have had a devastating effect on our Beth Ami community and our larger community of Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino counties.

Like most, I awaken every morning to the realization that I haven't been dreaming and that the fires did really occur. Everywhere you go, people are talking about their experiences, or someone else's, with the fires. It is on everyone's mind. People are open, vulnerable, warm and full of compassion. There is a wonderful sense of community here at Beth Ami and in the community at large. People are looking for ways to help. I hope that, as time passes, we will continue to access this open-hearted empathy we now feel.

Santa Rosa will not be the same for many years: people will refer to before the fire and after the fire. Santa Rosa will rebuild and I hope there will emerge a more compassionate vision of how to make our community a better place for all those who live here. There needs to be safe housing for all economic strata in our community .

We had a huge housing shortage before the fires and a very serious homeless problem. Now things will be more dire. There no doubt will be families that will have difficulties finding housing. The homeless numbers will likely

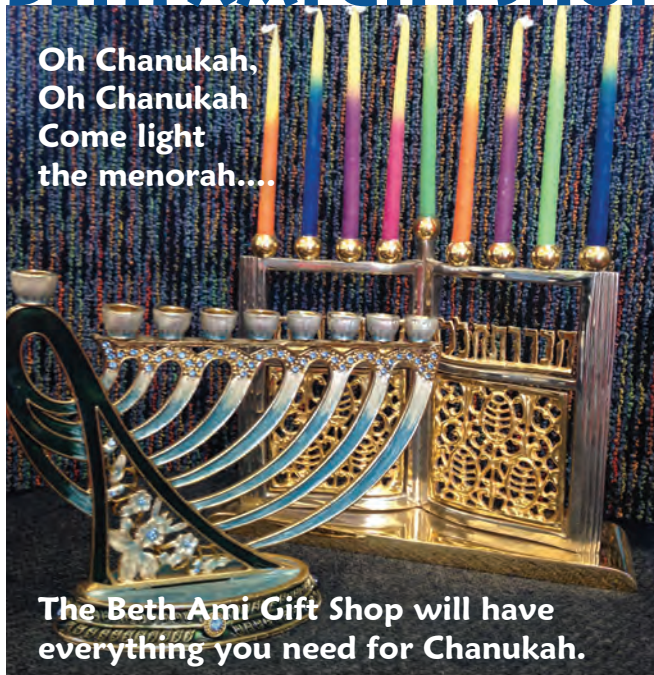
grow as working class people, who live paycheck to paycheck, may not have full employment because the economy may slow.

Many of us are looking for ways to give energy and funds to the fire victims. I suggest that we think first of the most needy when we give. Food banks and pantries will always need food. The homeless will still have huge needs. People will be looking for extra work. The [gratondaylabor.org](http://gratondaylabor.org) is an organization that is working to provide much needed support to workers and their families affected by the wildfires. Some lost everything and many other were temporarily displaced. There are so many people suffering emotionally and financially.

We are a very giving community. We believe in Tikun Olam. Let us continue to help those in need and keep an open heart.

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## THE KITCHEN CORNER

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson (Co-Chairs)

It certainly feels like a lifetime passed since the High Holy Days, and Sukkot (where did Shemini Atzaret and Simchat Torah go?) We all feel like this is a changed and unsettled world since the wildfires started October 8th. All of us were affected, some more than others. What can we do, where can we help? We all want to do something, even those who were affected the most. One thing everyone can do is listen. We all have a story to share, and there are those who need to tell their story. What better time it is to be listening then by sharing meals. And let's do this with food that brings on the good memories.

So, let's talk Jewish comfort food. Whatever your idea of comfort food is, now is the time to share. It can be as simple or as complex as

you want. Think bagels with lox and cream cheese, or how about mac & cheese, or sweet kugel, or chicken soup with matzah balls. Or how about dishes like eggs with onions & lox, potato knishes, shakshuka, cheese blintzes, matzoh brei, latkes, hamantaschen, rugelach and challah. Don't worry if the food seems out of season. It's the comfort of memories associated with this dish that you are making and sharing with others. And if your friends are helping with the making and the eating, what a wonderful time it is to be talking and listening and sharing...enjoy!

### Hanukah is coming

Since my creativity button has disappeared for a while, here is a slightly modified article reprinted from the December 2016 Shofar.





## THE KITCHEN CORNER

continued...

Hanukah is coming. The first candle is lit on sundown of December 12th. Truly this minor holiday can be full of fun and comfort. We have eight days to celebrate with lighting menorahs, parties, and special foods.

To help celebrate the miracle of lights we like, no...be honest...we love, to fry foods in oil. Potato latkes abound at our tables along with their cousin latkes—pancakes; parsnip, sweet potato, green (with zucchini), french onion (with caramelized onions), colorful veggies (with carrots, red bell peppers and zucchini), and even coconut. We also have Torzelli (deep fried curly endive), Tostones (fried plantains) and beer battered pumpkin rings. And for desserts we have Sufganiyot (jelly donuts), Bimuelos (honey drizzled fritters) and more.

We also celebrate with food made from cheese and dairy products to remember the apocryphal *Book of Judith*, the widow who single handedly killed the Assyrian leader, Holofernes, whose army surrounded her village Bethula during the time of the Maccabean revolt. Her tools were cheeses to make him thirsty, wine to make him drunk and a powerful blow using his sword. Think cheese latkes or grilled cheese on latkes and Mozzarella in Carrozza to help celebrate.

All of this information and recipes are available from the Recipes for Hanukkah by MJL Staff ( <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/hanukkah-foods> ).

Mmm...enjoy—Hanukkah Sameach!



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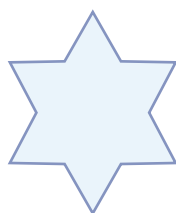
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Happy 90th Birthday to Ede Smith—  
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Mazel Tov to Phyllis Shapiro on her  
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Thank you, Rabbi Miller for Davida  
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**Dec. 12 (Tues.)—5:40 p.m.** Hannukah begins; light first Hannukah candle

**Dec. 15 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Dec. 16 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

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**Dec. 23 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**Dec. 29 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

**Dec. 30 (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.

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## 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. 3 & 4

- Nov. 4 Joyce Bressick,  
Mother of Sanford Bressick
- Nov. 5 Berkeley Garrison,  
Grandson of Tish Levee
- Nov. 5 Irv Judd,  
Father of Dennis Judd
- Nov. 6 Charles Cohen,  
Father of Eli Cohen
- Nov. 6 Marcia Kupfer,  
Mother of Judy Kupfer
- Nov. 7 Anna Myerfeld,  
Grandmother of  
Patty Bernstein
- Nov. 7 Sidney Rosenthal, Brother  
of Bobbie Rosenthal
- Nov. 8 Malka Wachsberg Miller,  
Mother of Eli Miller
- Nov. 8 Max Malk,  
Father of Phyllis Shapiro
- Nov. 8 Benjamin Weiss, Son of  
Elizabeth & Dan Weiss
- Nov. 9 Harold Zeamans,  
Grandfather of  
Judith Helman

### Announced on Nov. 10 & 11

- Nov. 12 Norman Schloner, Brother  
of Carol Swanson  
& Fredric Schloner
- Nov. 13 Belle Rosen,  
Mother of Mark Rosen
- Nov. 13 Esther Zittin, Mother of  
Charlene Bornstein
- Nov. 15 Hans Biberstein, Father  
of Susanne Batzdorff
- Nov. 16 Helen Margolese, Mother  
of Michelle Zygielbaum

### Announced on Nov. 17 & 18

- Nov. 18 Samson Hochfield  
Father of Malvina Tsipan
- Nov. 19 Moshe Tzaig, Husband  
of Branagan Branagan

- Nov. 20 Florence Goodman,  
Mother of  
Andrea Goodman
- Nov. 21 John Metz,  
Son of Florence Metz
- Nov. 22 Alvin Dove, Brother-in-law  
of Betty Franks
- Nov. 23 Minnie Friedman,  
Mother of Harry Friedman
- Nov. 23 Kees Rikjnveldt,  
Stepmother of  
Mienieke Drake

### Announced on Nov. 24 & 25

- Nov. 25 Marcella Liverman,  
Aunt of Marc Bernstein
- Nov. 25 Bernard Shelan,  
Father of Ron Shelan
- Nov. 26 Gay Spiegelman,  
Aunt of Ronit Glickman
- Nov. 26 David, Mark & Sylvia  
Spiegelman, Cousins of  
Ronit Glickman
- Nov. 27 Clara Glass, Mother of  
Gussie Levine &  
Sister-in-law of  
Irwin Margolese
- Nov. 27 Rudolph Kupfer,  
Father of Judy Kupfer
- Nov. 28 Joe Goldberg,  
Father of Rick Goldberg
- Nov. 29 Vivian Kearns,  
Aunt of Vivian Salmon
- Nov. 30 Miriam Malk,  
Mother of Phyllis Shapiro
- Nov. 30 Isadore Wiesenthal,  
Father of Natalie Friedman
- Dec. 1 Joaquin Boadella,  
Father of Lillian Shelan
- Dec. 1 Jennie Goldberg,  
Mother of Betty Franks
- Dec. 1 Rose Schneider, Mother  
of Evelyn Gurevitch

### November Birthdays

- 1 Roslyn Edelson
- 1 Vivian Salmon
- 6 Janice Sternfeld
- 8 Bonnie Gee
- 9 Vivian Klein
- 10 Dan Weiss
- 11 Harry Friedman
- 13 Jane Rogan
- 19 Joseph Minuskin
- 21 Edee SternfieldSquires
- 23 Claire Miller
- 26 Nancy Fleming
- 26 Sherrill Golemb
- 27 Carolyn Orlik
- 28 Dr. Russ Gurevitch

### November Anniversaries

- 16 Leanne Schy  
& Mark Stoelting
- 21 Stu & Ethel Schy
- 23 Eli Cohen & Betty Boyd

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### Announced on Dec. 1 & 2

- Dec. 2 Jacob Goldman,  
Father of Ethel Schy
- Dec. 4 Rochelle Adler,  
Sister of Judith Dzik
- Dec. 4 Raymond Nett,  
Father of Stephen Nett
- Dec. 4 Abraham Schwaber,  
Father of Fredrika Gross
- Dec. 7 Alma Shapiro,  
Mother of Raynore Paule
- Dec. 9 Froma Leah Leeb,  
Mother of Bill Leeb

### Announced on Dec. 9 & 10

- Dec. 10 Anna Barta  
Mother of Ivan Barta
- Dec. 11 Elsa Ballo, Grandmother  
of David Ballo
- Dec. 12 Laura Rosenthal,  
Stepmother of  
Bobbie Rosenthal
- Dec. 12 Dr. Eduardo Vrijdag,  
Father of Mienke Drake
- Dec. 13 Noah Minuskin,  
Father of Joseph Minuskin
- Dec. 14 Mary Minuskin,  
Mother of Joseph Minuskin

### Announced on Dec. 15 & 16

- Dec. 16 Henry Lotsoff,  
Father of Cheryle Miller
- Dec. 17 Herbert Leeb,  
Brother of Bill Leeb
- Dec. 17 Leo Schweitzer,  
Father of Blair Pleasant
- Dec. 18 Olive Cordill,  
Mother of Kim Cordell

- Dec. 18 Jack Guttenberg, Father  
of Michele Guttenberg
- Dec. 18 Joseph Schussheim,  
Father of Karen Herskovic
- Dec. 18 Max Stein, Father  
of Janet Stein-Larson
- Dec. 21 Rose Kovar, Grandmother  
of Dr. Gary Herzberg

### Announced on Dec. 23 & 24

- Dec. 25 Harold Boren, Husband  
of Barbara Boren &  
Father of Bonnie Boren
- Dec. 25 Carol Cohn,  
Mother of Henry Cohn
- Dec. 25 Gertrude German,  
Mother of Ellen Mundell
- Dec. 25 Evelyn Schwaber,  
Mother of Fredrika Gross
- Dec. 26 Gert Cohen,  
Mother of Eli Cohen
- Dec. 26 David Kerben,  
Husband of Claire Miller
- Dec. 27 Joseph Schafer,  
Father of Linda Emblen
- Dec. 28 Benjamin Strudler,  
Nephew of Susan Miller

### Announced on Dec. 30 & 31

- Jan. 1 Dean Fleming,  
Father of Andy Fleming
- Jan. 1 Elaine Fried,  
Mother of Caryn Fried
- Jan. 2 Abraham Backman,  
Father of Roslyn Edelson
- Jan. 2 David Goldberg,  
Father of Betty Franks

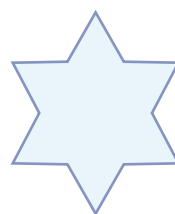
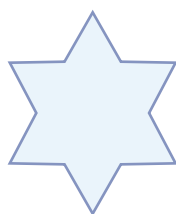
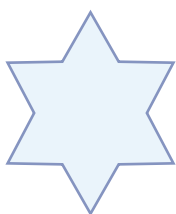
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- 1 Susan Brown
- 2 Anya Por
- 8 Ronald Shelan
- 10 Ronit Glickman
- 13 Eleanor Cohen
- 14 Michael Kupperberg
- 15 Debra Chapman
- 18 Melvin Decker
- 19 Carolyn Metz
- 19 Dan Pleasant
- 20 Stanley Feingold
- 24 Natalie Friedman
- 27 Fredrika Gross
- 29 Marilyn Sommer

### December Anniversaries

- 5 Bill & Suzie Friedman
- 7 Connie & Ben Goldman
- 9 Marina & Iosif Voulfson
- 18 Ron & Lillian Shelan
- 23 Howard & Adrea Moss
- 31 David & Sherri Kahn

- Jan. 3 William Friedman,  
Grandfather of  
Joslyn Metzger
- Jan. 3 Dorothy Murov,  
Sister of Betty Franks
- Jan. 4 Robert Deal, Brother  
of Barbara Whitaker
- Jan. 4 Jack Schiffman,  
Father of Bernice Fox
- Jan. 5 Beatrice Dzik,  
Mother of Judith Dzik
- Jan. 5 Bea Kaplan, Grandmother  
of Michelle Zygiellbaum





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## **November Shabbatot**

### **Nov. 4**

*Vayera*

Candle Lighting: 5:50 p.m.

Havdalah: 6:48 p.m.

### **Nov. 11**

*Chayei Sarah*

Candle Lighting: 4:43 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:42 p.m.

### **Nov. 18**

*Toledot*

Candle Lighting: 4:38 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:37 p.m.

### **Nov. 25**

*Vayeitzei*

Candle Lighting: 4:34 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:34 p.m.

## **December Shabbatot**

### **Dec. 2**

*LVayishlach*

Candle Lighting: 4:32 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:33 p.m.

### **Dec. 9**

*Vayeishev*

Candle Lighting: 4:32 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:33 p.m.

### **Dec. 16**

*Mikeitz*

Candle Lighting: 4:33 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:35 p.m.

### **Dec. 23**

*Vayigash*

Candle Lighting: 4:36 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:38 p.m.

### **Dec. 30**

*Vayechei*

Candle Lighting: 4:40 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:43 p.m.