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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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**Deadline for Nov./Dec. 2018
Shofar is Oct. 5**



RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Finding a New Perspective in a Shrinking World

This Jewish New Year, 5779, 9/11—September 11th, falls on the Second Day of Rosh HaShanah. To put it mildly, this date is stamped in our hearts as one which changed the nature of life in the United States of America for the foreseeable future. Not since Pearl Harbor have we had reason to feel so vulnerable. What was worse about 9/11 is that it didn't take place in a US possession half-way across the Pacific Ocean to Asia, it happened right here on our shores in two of our greatest cities: New York and Washington, DC.

How we have processed and continue to process the events of that day still challenges our lives on a daily basis. (Especially, if you have to travel anywhere by air!) One direct conclusion: our world is a much smaller place. We can no longer count on taking advantage of our ocean borders to grant us an added sense of security.

This raises a series of related questions.

- How do we adjust our values to take disappearing boundaries into account?

- Can purely national interests contribute to security in a world where technology continues to make our world shrink?
- Are we capable of developing an awareness that we live in a world where we represent members of a Global Family?

We can't count on somehow coming up with a way to address these challenges simply through an emotional response. It takes a combination of those qualities of mindfulness—patience, mutual respect, openness to new models—to work toward a solution.

And then there's the nagging question: How many of us are even aware of this as a problem?

For our own Jewish community, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur provide an opportunity for us to contemplate these issues. Through this process we can seek ways to solve a universal question, "Am I my brother's (or sister's) keeper?"

Warmest wishes that you find the inspiration to carry you through 5779 and beyond.



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Congregation Beth Ami High Holidays Schedule

Please note times since they change each year.

Sat., Sept. 1, Selichot, Sanctuary, 8:30 p.m.-
Havdallah, refreshments. 9:30 study, service

Rosh Hashanah

Sun., Sept. 9, Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friedman
Center, 8 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 10, 1st Day, Friedman Center, 8:30
a.m.

Children's Activities and Service with Lisa Iskin,
Sanctuary/Social Hall, 10 a.m. (see pg.6)
Tashlich, Potluck dinner follows, Howarth Park,
4:30 p.m., Mincha & Ma'ariv follow, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 11, 2nd Day, Sanctuary, 8:30 a.m.,
Light lunch after services—No reservations nec-
essary, no cost. Mincha & Ma'ariv, 7:15 p.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Fri., Sept. 14, Shabbat Shuvah, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 15, Shabbat Shuvah, 9:30 a.m.

Kever Avot & Genizah

Sun., Sept. 16, Remembering the departed, S.R.
Memorial Park 11 a.m., section #2 toward rear of
cemetery

Yom Kippur

Tues., Sept. 18, Pre-Kol Nidre Dinner, Reserva-
tions required, Social Hall, 5 p.m., Mincha fol-
lowed by Kol Nidre, Friedman Center, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 19, Yom Kippur, Friedman Center,
9:30 a.m.

Children's Activities 10 a.m., family service with
Lisa Iskin, Sanctuary, 11:30–12 noon
Mincha & Yizkor, (Yizkor is after Torah service),
Friedman Center, 4:15 p.m.,

Teen T'Shuvah Service led by Rick Concoff,
Room 12–13, 5 p.m.

Neilah, Friedman Center, approximately 6:30
p.m., Shofar (followed by Ma-ariv), Friedman
Center, approximately 7:30 p.m.,

Break-the-Fast, Reservations required, \$18 per
adult, \$8 6–17 years old, Social Hall, 8 p.m.

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah

Sun., Sept. 23, Sukkot 1st Evening, Sanctuary,
6:00 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 24, Sukkot 1st Day, Sanctuary, 9:30
a.m., Sukkot 2nd Evening, Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 25, Sukkot 2nd
Day, Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.,
Yontiff Conclusion, 7:15 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 30, Hosha'na Rab-
bah, Sanctuary, 8 a.m., Sh-
emini Atzeret Evening Service,
Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 1, Shemini Atzeret,
Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m., Yizkor,
Sanctuary, 11:30 a.m.,

**Erev Simchat Torah, Haka-
fot** (dancing with the torah),
Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 2, Simchat Torah,
Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m., Yontiff
conclusion, 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SHABBATOT:

September 7 (Fri) 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat
Shabbat Service and Shabbat Dinner with
speaker Susan Cooper

September 15: a Shabbat in honor of the
oufrouf of Vivian and Irvin Klein's son Max
and bride Adi

September 21: 7:30 p.m. Sing In Shabbat
with Lisa Iskin

September 22: Birthday celebration and
hosted Shabbat luncheon for Florence Metz
(turning 103!)

September 29: Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Matzner

October 5 (Fri) 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat
Service and Shabbat Dinner with speaker Paul
Lowenthal

October 19: 7:30 p.m. Sing In Shabbat with
special guest Scott Gerber



Lisa Iskin



Scott Gerber



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Whitey Sterman

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Ruth Weiss

Ruth Prewett, sister of Evelyn Gurevitch and Aunt of Elly Cohen & Russ Gurevitch

Joseph Helberg, father of Yona Miller

Mazel Tov to the Families of:

Jeremy Elon Richard Baron, great grandson of Tish Levee

Eliana Tenorio Metz, granddaughter of Carolyn Metz and great-granddaughter of Florence Metz

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

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Anna Judd

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Jerry Lakins

Paul Zygielbaum

Barry Silk

Arnold Drake

Tish Levee

Israeli Dancing at the Person Center



Dancers, it's time to register for the next session of Israeli folk dance at the Finley/Person Center. The next session starts Aug. 29 and runs until Feb. 4, every other Wednesday, roughly, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. I am giving you

links, but if you are reading a printed copy of this announcement, it would be easier to go to Beth Ami's website, BethAmiSR.org, and go to the Israeli Dance blog to click on these links.

The dates of this session are:

08-29	:	10-10	:	11-21	:	01-09
09-12	:	10-24	:	12-05	:	01-23
09-28	:	11-07	:	12-19	:	02-06

Cost is \$36 to \$46 for 12 sessions.

We are on page 25 of the activity guide, the session code for registration is 5387 https://issuu.com/santarosarecreationandparks/docs/ag_fall-winter2018_web

The Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks url to register for our class is <https://srcity.perfectmind.com/23508/Clients/BookMe4LandingPages/CoursesLandingPage?widgetId=73245cfe-3133-493b-a426-acc4069f69e9&embed=False&redirectedFromEmbeddedMode=False&courseId=63dd09bb-1410-4748-9026-7c79f4f13529>

Please email me at Leanne@sonic.net if you'd like to come but can't register.

In the meantime, the first dance of the next session is August 29th.

Jewish Teens Love Chaverim!

Over the past 25 years 600+ Jewish different Jewish teens from many walks of Jewish life have enjoyed meeting every other week for a dinner and discussion, celebrating an opportunity in the middle of the week to see their friends from their B'nai Mitzvah cohorts.

Jewish teens from all over the county claim that Chaverim is an important and valued part of their busy schedules.

If you have registered for 2018-19, many thanks. If not, or if you know any Jewish teen in Sonoma County who might be interested go to the *teen tab* at jcsoco.org for registration and information, or call Rick Concoff, Chaverim Director at 707-477-9196.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Judy Kupfer, Director

High Holiday Activities and Services for Children and Young Families
(Ages 2–12)

Time for both days: 10 a.m.–12 noon

Enter through the Beth Ami Courtyard. Pre-K will meet in Room 6–7 Elementary kids will meet in Room 12/13.

Monday, Sept. 10th, 10 a.m. Activities start

10:30 a.m.—Children’s interactive Rosh Hashanah Services with Lisa Iskin. Meet in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Sept. 19th, 10 a.m. Activities

11:30 a.m.—Children’s Interactive Yom Kippur Service with Lisa Iskin, in the Sanctuary.

Reservations can be made through email RS@bethamir.org or phone 707-360-3000. Please provide your child(s) name and age with your RSVP.

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 “History of the Matzah Ball”

GUEST ARTICLE

Help Israeli Victims of Hamas Arson

Posted August 5, 2018 by *Israel Affairs Committee* & filed under *Israel Affairs*.

Hamas mobilizes Arabs of Gaza to reject peace and burn nature sanctuaries and farms in the Jewish homeland.

Our community knows the harm of fires. Hamas terrorists are starting fires in Israel to destroy nature preserves and farms. For over 130 days, Israelis in southern Israel have faced not only massive rocket barrages from Gaza, but now also thousands of kites and balloons laden with explosives to start fires. Hamas states, “Our goal is to burn Jews and the land of Israel.” Please help!

So far, over 1,000 separate fires have scorched over 30,000 dunams (7,400 acres), destroying huge portions of nature reservations, killing animals and wildlife in the area, and decimating the farming crops of Israelis throughout the south.

You can help the Israeli farmers who have lost their land and their crops. The fires greatly impacted their livelihood.

Help us support the families of southern Israel as they seek to rebuild their communities and repair their land. Join us in making the desert bloom again. 100% of your donation will be divided among the farmers and families most impacted by this form of terrorism. Thank you in advance for your urgently needed help!

Fight EcoTerrorists! Help Jewish Victims of Hamas Arson. Donate at my.israelgives.org/en/campaign/IsraelFires2018

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GREEN COMMITTEE

Making the New Year (5779) a GREEN One!

Beth Ami's GREEN Committee hopes to have our new composting and recycling program in place for the New Year. Look for a new green bin for compost and a blue one for recycling to join the black trash container in the social hall. Using the new bins will substantially reduce what we send to landfill (our trash) and thus the amount we have to pay to Recology.

What Goes Where?

- **Compost:** Put any uncoated paper plates or bowls, complete with food scraps, into the GREEN compost bin, as well as all kitchen scraps. Put paper towels and paper napkins in the compost bin—for this reason, please don't put anything else in the paper towel receptacles. They will be labeled.
- **Recycling:** Put plastic glasses and cups (and the little kiddush cups) into the BLUE recycling as long as they are empty (no more than a few drops of liquid). Recycle glass, metal, and plastic containers if they are reasonably clean (wiped out with a paper towel or rinsed off and shaken dry) in the BLUE recycling bin.
- **Trash:** Put plastic bags, plastic cutlery, and coated coffee cups in the BLACK trash bin.

Look and ask: Look for signs over each bin as well as table topper signs. If you don't know what goes where, ask a member of the GREEN or the Kitchen Committees. And, "if in doubt, throw it out!" Put anything you aren't sure of in the trash. We can only get reduced rates IF we don't contaminate the compost and recycling bins.

Let's make 5779 a really GREEN year at Beth Ami. Toddah rabbah!—The GREEN Committee, Tish Levee and Myra Thomas, co-chairs.



ADULT EDUCATION

Committee-Sponsored Book Groups

The Brothers Ashkenazi (1936) by I.J. Singer is the current novel that people are reading for the Adult Education Committee-sponsored book group which is open to all CBA members and friends. *Brothers*, a powerful, multi-layered classic, deals with the life of the Jewish Community in Poland which was annihilated by the Germans in World War II. Originally written in Yiddish about Jews, the book invokes and celebrates the human spirit in all peoples.

Loretta Denner, SRJC professor emerita and fluent in Yiddish, will again lead the discussion on Wednesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., probably in the CBA Succah. A limited number of books borrowed from the SFJC Library are available in the CBA Office. Questions or comments? Call Linda Emblen at (707) 544-4532.

Also, the San Francisco area, *One Bay One Book* selection for 2018–19 is *The Plot Against America* (2004) by Philip Roth. Roth's novel is about what it would have been like if Charles Lindbergh had been elected President instead of FDR. Please phone if you are interested in reading and/or leading discussion of it.

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Midrash Class with Rabbi Mordecai Miller: Wednesday evenings 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Rabbi's Study)

We examine the original text of the Midrash Rabba (the Great Midrash) on Genesis as well as an 18th Century commentary called "Eitz Yoseph". These provide original insights into the Biblical text. Discussion is encouraged. Bi-weekly schedule.

Parsha of the week class and discussion

With Rabbi Miller meeting Wednesday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class will be cancelled on those Wednesdays which are actual Yom Tovim.

There is no charge for Rabbi Miller's classes. Please be sure to call Rabbi Miller at 707-889-6905 or email rabbi@bethamir.org to make sure that the class is being held.



ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

This is a Jerusalem story about one of our favorite places and a special lady, among our Israeli extended family.

Shortly after we came to Santa Rosa (1990), Herb Brosbe invited us to a fundraising parlor meeting, supporting the Israel Goldstein Youth Village, among the best Middle/High schools in Jerusalem. That night we met their Development Director, Judy Segal. By the end of the evening, we joined Judy's "family".

The Village was opened in 1949 by a former IDF Officer who helped liberate that part of Jerusalem during the War of Independence. The original group was 40 orphaned Holocaust survivors. As Israel developed, so did the Village—moving from a purely vocational training curriculum to half a dozen academic and specialized educational tracks using the most modern facilities and methods. There is heavy emphasis on bringing students, without families, from the Former Soviet Union, France, Morocco and several other countries. Today the Village has about 300 residential and 200 local commuter students.

We see Judy every year, mostly during her annual fundraising trips to the U.S. And over the years, as our support has continued, she shared her concern for Village graduates and her dream solution—she told us about 50–70 young men and women graduate each year from the residential school. Upon graduation, almost 100% are inducted into the Israel Defense Forces. Because many of them are in Israel without family, they automatically join a special group—*Lone Soldiers*.

Judy went on to explain about the centrality of the Israeli family-oriented society; and the difficulty and stressful reality of army service. These soldiers, having lived in the Village cocoon for 4–6 years, are now faced with life in the real world in addition to adjusting to army life. They need to deal with the problems and challenges of renting an apartment, paying util-

ity bills, buying food and preparing their own meals. And so—Judy's dream—*A Residence for Lone Soldiers at the Village*.

After 3 years of hard work, raising well over \$1,000,000 the dream of building the *Residence* is about to be fulfilled. The construction of an additional floor on an existing dormitory building with a separate entrance is complete. By September 1st, 24 graduate *Lone Soldiers* will move into the living units. In addition there is a lobby/lounge, staff room/sealed security room, kitchen and laundry room. And, the spacious rooftop will be used for outdoor entertaining.

Our friend Judy Segal is justly proud of her dream. So are we. More information? www.israelyouthvillage.org

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THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson and Myra Thomas Stern

First off, have you checked out the new *July 2018 Food and Potluck Guidelines*? There have been some changes that may be of interest to you. We've added a new section on *Baked Main Dishes* which are entirely prepared and baked in a single, disposable aluminum pan. Remember, this pamphlet is easily available. If you have a computer with internet, it is available on the Website (bethamisr.org, select *Community*, and then select *Food*). Also on that site are other pamphlets that you might be interested in especially if you are planning to use the kitchen (and therefore will need a volunteer mashgiach) for your events (for example; *Guidelines for Kitchen Use*, *Role of the Volunteer Mashgiach*, and *Special Events, Use of the Kitchen*). For those of you who don't have a computer, just come in to the CBA office and ask to have it printed for you.

The High Holy Days are coming fast. Many will be busy with preparation for foods for all the HHD services. For Congregation Beth

Ami, that ranges from the Selichot services, the congregational Rosh Hashanah toast (apples, champagne, and honey cakes) for a sweet new year after the first night services; first day Rosh Hashanah snacks, simple lunch after second day Rosh Hashanah services; on through the pre-fast meal before Kol Nidre and break the fast meal of Yom Kippur. But wait, don't forget the various services and celebrations during Sukkot. All of this requires many volunteers to plan, organize, and implement. If you want to volunteer, don't hesitate to offer, just inquire at the office.

For each and everyone of you who are volunteering, thank you. You are making Congregation Beth Ami an even more special place to be during these High Holy Days and Sukkot.

And finally—for those of you who expressed interest in training, reviewing for, or introduction to what is a volunteer mashgiach—there are plans for another Mashgiach Class after the holidays. Stay tuned for time and date.

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Mazel Tov to Carolyn & Florence Metz and the whole Metz family upon the birth of Eliana
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In honor of Sarah Miller and her incredibly valuable contributions to New Frontier USY and the future of our Jewish community
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Shabbat Dinner Series Programming at Congregation Beth Ami for 2018-2019

Join us the first Friday of every month, starting in August 2018, for Shabbat Service, community dinner (no charge) and program featuring extraordinary contributions to resiliency, hope and recovery and the people in our community who make them.

Shabbat is a time to be with family and friends, and this year we particularly are mindful of how the presence of a strong community offers survivors of any disasters stepping stones on the path to normalcy.

Join us for Services (6:00pm) and Dinner (6:30pm) with program to follow; invite your family & friends. There is no charge for Dinner, but you must make a reservation. This program is generously underwritten by a grant from the Jewish Community Federation's Wildfire Relief Fund. Call 707-360-3000 for reservations.

September 7: Susan Cooper, Executive Director: Community Action Partnership



Have you ever wondered why people live in poverty? Or how small actions by many people can result in a Big Change? Join Susan Cooper from Community Action Partnership,

Sonoma County's designated anti-poverty agency, as she talks about her work to repair the world one day at a time. Susan will discuss the agency's programs that work to change the cycles of poverty in this community, how the fires effected their programs and clients and how her Jewish values play a part in her work. *Introduction by Ellen Mundell.*

October 5: Paul Lowenthal, Assistant Fire Marshall, Santa Rosa Fire Department

Join us on October 5 to honor Paul Lowenthal, Assistant Fire Marshall with Santa Rosa Fire Department. In the early morning hours of October 9, Paul was instrumental initiating evacuations in the Larkfield, Mark West and Fountaingrove areas, alerting the Chief Fire Marshall that the Tubbs Fire was here, in Santa Rosa, likely saving 100's of lives. Paul's focus was on getting others to safety, even as he



knew his own home was lost in the fire.

We'll honor Paul for what he did that night, and what he does every day.

Paul's family and parents, Ira & Marlene Lowenthal, will join us, as will his sister (current Beth Ami Community

Nursery School Director) Priscilla Lowell and her family. We'll hear from members of Beth Ami whose homes were lost in the Tubbs Fires. Experience firsthand the value of community in creating hope and sustaining recovery. *Introductions by Jerry Newman & Carol Swanson*

November 2: Vanessa Johns, Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB)

The Redwood Empire Food Bank, Sonoma County's largest hunger-relief organization, serves 82,000 individuals and families. Learn how the fires have affected REFB and about "Station 3990 emergency food distribution to all of our neighbors directly impacted by the fires" at mobile drive-through distribution sites throughout Sonoma County each week. Distributions are free and open to anyone affected by the Sonoma Complex Fire, including those who lost homes, employment or wages, access to previous food assistance, those who are sheltering others who lost homes, and those who experienced financial hardship following the fires due to loss of power and gas, access to work, or increased



expenses as a result of the fires. No proof of income or identification needed.

Members of Congregation Beth Ami's Social Action Committee volunteer regularly at Redwood Empire Food Bank. Jewish values at work in our community. *Introduction by Lyla Nathan.*

December 7: Roy Zajac, Concert with Principal Clarinetist of the Santa Rosa Symphony

The fires of last October raised many different emotions in our hearts. Music has always served as a means of expressing thoughts and feelings where words alone fail. The flames associated with the Chanukah menorah may well conjure up new associations for us, not least of which: the inner strength of our community. As part of our celebration of the Shabbat of Chanukah Roy Zajac will feature a piece by the composer Felix Mendelssohn, grandson of the once well-known Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn. We hope you find comfort and inspiration in the experience.

Introduction by Rabbi Mordecai Miller

January 4: Jon Batzdorff: CPO, Founder & President of ProsthetiKa

ProsthetiKa helps improve the lives of physically disabled people who require artificial limbs and orthopedic braces. ProsthetiKa's mission is to provide appropriate and sustainable assistance to disabled people in developing countries. Jon regularly witnesses resiliency of people/communities in places like Haiti, Ukraine, Bolivia, Columbia and others around the world; Jon's work provides individuals with the hope and the experience that he/she will again be an able and contributing member of community life. *Introduction by Jerry Newman*

February 1: Phyllis Rosenfield and the Fire Survivor Story Project

Listening for a Change Oral History Projects of Fire Survivors

Following the devastating fires of October 2017, Listening for a Change was invited by the Museums of Sonoma County and the Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County (with funds from San Francisco Jewish Federation) to conduct video recorded

oral history interviews of fire survivors. This is a logical project for Listening for a Change to undertake as the organization has been taking and teaching oral history interviewing since the original Sonoma County Survivor Project in 1991. Phyllis will share some of the most poignant stories and elucidate how telling one's story is a vital component in the healing process. *Introduction by Ellen Mundell.*

March 1: Christyne Davidian: Armenian Genocide

Christyne Davidian is a third generation Armenian Genocide survivor. Her story describes how her relatives escaped death, how they managed to recover, and restart their lives in the United States. Introduction by Carol Swanson, Board member of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Congregation Beth Ami.

April 5: Donna Waldman

Drawing on Jewish traditions of Tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world) we offer free health care services to anyone in need, without regard to religion. We offer an atmosphere of respect, empowerment and partnership with our patients, and strive to assist them in attaining full health and well-being. *Introduction by Carolyn Metz.*

May 3: Sarith Honigstein, Senior Director of Operations, IsraAID (US) Global Humanitarian Assistance, Inc.

IsraAID is a leading humanitarian non-governmental organization, committed to providing life-saving emergency relief and durable solutions for populations affected by natural disasters, epidemics and post-conflict situations. Since its inception in 2001, IsraAID has become synonymous with a rapid response to humanitarian crises. Its medical teams, search & rescue units, trauma experts, community specialists and other professionals have led international responses in natural disasters and civil strife around the world. After the initial emergency period, IsraAID shifts to long-term programs, all to accompany communities and governments as they strive to build a better tomorrow. As of 2017, IsraAID has responded to crises in 42 countries and has on-going programs in 17 countries. IsraAID was here, working in Sonoma County on October 9. *Introduction by Bob Raful.*



September 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 Aug. 31 & Sept. 1

- Sept. 1 Vivian Frye,
Friend of Ellen Mundell
- Sept. 3 Emil Judd,
Father of Dennis Judd
- Sept. 4 Naftali Morse, Father-in-law
of Myrna Morse
- Sept. 6 Irving Nathan,
Father of Asher Nathan
- Sept. 6 David Sternfeld,
Father of Jeffrey Sternfeld
- Sept. 7 Frances Spiegleman,
Grandmother of
Ronit Glickman

Announced on Sept. 7 & 8

- Sept. 9 Ida Mann, Grandmother
of Judith Helman
- Sept. 10 Arthur Levine, Former
husband of Gussie Levine
- Sept. 10 Rose Zittin, Grandmother
of Bill Friedman and
Charlene Bornstein
- Sept. 11 Myer Brust, Grandfather
of Barbara McGee
- Sept. 11 William Colton,
Brother-in-law
of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Sept. 12 Sylvia Golemb,
Mother of Sherrill Golemb
- Sept. 12 Avra Metzger,
Mother of Joslyn Metzger
- Sept. 13 Marilyn Sternfeld,
Mother of Jeffrey Sternfeld
- Sept. 14 Helene Senzer
Mother of Adrea Moss

Announced on Sept. 14 & 15

- Sept. 15 Susan Dove,
Niece of Betty Franks
- Sept. 16 Frances Brust,
Grandmother of
Barbara McGee
- Sept. 16 Lillian Kahn,
Mother of David Kahn

- Sept. 16 Raymund Mundell,
Father of Michael Mundell
- Sept. 18 Joseph Diamond,
Father-in-law
of Marilyn Diamond
- Sept. 18 Yechezkiel Rivkin,
Father of Adolph Rivkin
- Sept. 18 Shulamit Sapojnkikov,
Mother of
Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
- Sept. 21 Carl Connors,
Father of Tish Levee
- Sept. 21 Edith Goldman,
Mother of Anne Tedder
- Sept. 21 Jennie Klein,
Mother of Ricki Streitfeld
- Sept. 21 Ruth Hess,
Mother of Barbara Tomin
- Sept. 21 Ester Pekker,
Mother of Semyon Pekker

Announced on Sept. 21 & 22

- Sept. 22 Joaquin Boadella,
Brother of Lillian Judd
- Sept. 23 Florence Zivin, Mother of
Edee Sternfield-Squires
- Sept. 25 George Barta,
Father of Ivan Barta
- Sept. 25 Carolina Gordon,
Granddaughter of
Marjorie Gordon
- Sept. 26 Abraham Jones,
Brother of Maury Jones
- Sept. 26 Dorothy Yelin,
Grandmother of
Francie Rogovin
- Sept. 27 Herbert Goldman,
Father of Anne Tedder
- Sept. 27 Mollie Raful,
Mother of Bob Raful

Announced on Sept. 28 & 29

- Sept. 28 Dean Darby,
Husband of Audrey Darby

September Birthdays

- 2 Myra Stern Thomas
- 5 Phil Weil
- 6 Bonnie Boren
- 8 Leanne Schy
- 13 Brian Gross
- 13 Adrea Moss
- 16 Ethel Schy
- 18 Elaine Golemb
- 18 Dr. Gary Herzberg
- 18 Florence Metz
- 18 Carol Newman
- 18 Sherri Weinstein
- 20 Randy Weinstein
- 22 Ahuva SimonSa'ar
- 25 Susanne Batzdorff
- 26 Leonard Cohen
- 26 Lote Rasiga
- 26 Robin Rosenblatt
- 30 Joyce Kobetz
- 30 Gerald Lakins

September Anniversaries

- 7 Daryl & Joan Schloss
- 10 Ronit & Howard Glickman
- 13 Jodi & Dylan Cohen
- 14 Adolph & Rimma Rivkin
- 14 Phil Dwight & Jane Rogan
- 15 Ross Jones & Jane Paul
- 25 Russ & Terry Gurevitch

- Sept. 30 Morris Edelberg,
Father of Marjorie Gordon
- Sept. 30 David Friedman,
Brother of Harry Friedman
- Oct. 2 Michael Letourneau, Son
of Pam Jacobs Letourneau
- Oct. 2 Lester Schloner,
Father of Carol Swanson
and Fred Schloner
- Oct. 3 Nicholas Sweeney,
Father of Jim Sweeney



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- Oct. 7 Mitchell Boyd,
Father of Elizabeth Boyd
- Oct. 7 Adolph Stern, Father
of Myra Thomas-Stern
- Oct. 9 Mary Diamond,
Mother-in-law
of Marilyn Diamond
- Oct. 9 Harold Rosen,
Father of Mark Rosen
- Oct. 9 Al Sherman,
Father of Edward Sherman
- Oct. 12 Tillie Edelberg,
Mother of Marjorie Gordon

Announced on Oct. 12 & 13

- Oct. 14 Bessie Drake, Stepmother
of Arnold Drake
- Oct. 17 Lisa Ballo,
Mother of David Ballo
- Oct. 18 Irene Gordon,
Mother-in-law
of Marjorie Gordon
- Oct. 19 Ann Van Mourik Cory,

Mother of Linda Emblen

Announced on Oct. 19 & 20

- Oct. 20 Aaron Friedman,
Brother of Harry Friedman
- Oct. 20 Eugene Streitfeld,
Husband of Ricki Streitfeld
- Oct. 22 John Holloway, Husband
of Lenore Holloway
- Oct. 22 Sydney Paul,
Mother of Jane Paul
- Oct. 23 Riva Levanon,
Sister of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
- Oct. 23 Dora Schiffman,
Mother of Bernice Fox
- Oct. 24 Joyce Bressick,
Mother of Sanford Bressick
- Oct. 25 Berkeley Garrison,
Grandson of Tish Levee
- Oct. 25 Irv Judd,
Brother of Dennis Judd
- Oct. 26 Charles Cohen,
Father of Dr. Eli Cohen
- Oct. 26 Marcia Kupfer,
Mother of Judy Kupfer
- Oct. 26 Ira Rosenberg, Husband
of Ruth Rosenberg

Announced on Oct. 26 & 27

- Oct. 27 Anna Myerfeld,
Grandmother
of Patty Bernstein
- Oct. 27 Sidney Rosenthal, Brother
of Bobbie Rosenthal
- Oct. 28 Brukha Vilenskeya,
Mother of Malvina Tsipan
- Oct. 28 Malka Wachsberg Miller,
Mother of Eli Miller
- Oct. 29 Max Malk,
Father of Phyllis Shapiro
- Oct. 29 Benjamin Weiss, Son
of Dan & Elizabeth Weiss
- Nov. 1 Norman Schloner,
Brother of Carol Swanson
& Fred Schloner

October Birthdays

- 7 Earl Goldberg
- 7 Carl Servin
- 9 Laura Alexander
- 10 Sanford Bressick
- 11 Blair Pleasant
- 12 Malvina Tsipan
- 13 Eli Miller
- 13 Anne Tedder
- 14 Jeffrey Sommers
- 18 Judi Hyman
- 19 Richard Kahn
- 19 Rabbi Rabbi George
Schlesinger
- 19 Jeffrey Sheff
- 20 Andrew Brown
- 20 John Whitaker
- 23 Judy Gunnar
- 25 Marge Brody
- 25 Ishie Petlock
- 27 Rita Kagan
- 27 Rimma Rivkin
- 30 Rick Concoff

October Anniversaries

- 1 Michele & Steve Baime
- 6 Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren
- 25 Joe & Signe Minuskin
- 25 Andrea & Stephen Nett
- 29 Michelle & Paul Zygielbaum
- 31 Eli & Yona Miller

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September Shabbatot

Sept. 1

Ki Tavo

Candle Lighting—7:22 p.m.

Havdalah—8:21 p.m.

Sept. 8

Nitzavim

Candle Lighting—7:13 p.m.

Havdalah—8:09 p.m.

Sept. 10

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day

Candle Lighting—7:10 p.m.

Sept. 11

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day

After 8:06 p.m.

Candle Lighting—8:04 p.m.

Sept. 15

Vayelech

Candle Lighting—7:02 p.m.

Havdalah—7:58 p.m.

Sept. 18

Yom Kippur

Candle Lighting and

Fast starts—6:56 p.m.

Sept. 19

Yom Kippur

Break the Fast—7:51 p.m.

Sept. 22

Ha'azinu

Candle Lighting—6:51 p.m.

Havdalah—7:47 p.m.

Sept. 29

Sukkot

Candle Lighting—6:40 p.m.

Havdalah—8:09 p.m.

Sept. 30

Shemini Atzeret

Candle Lighting—6:37 p.m.

October Shabbatot

Oct. 2

Simchat Torah

After 7:32 p.m.

Candle Lighting—7:31 p.m.

Oct. 6

Beresbit

Candle Lighting—6:29 p.m.

Havdalah—7:35 p.m.

Oct. 13

Noach

Candle Lighting—6:19 p.m.

Havdalah—7:15 p.m.

Oct. 20

Lech-Lecha

Candle Lighting—6:09 p.m.

Havdalah—7:05 p.m.

Oct. 27

Vayera

Candle Lighting—6:00 p.m.

Havdalah—6:57 p.m.