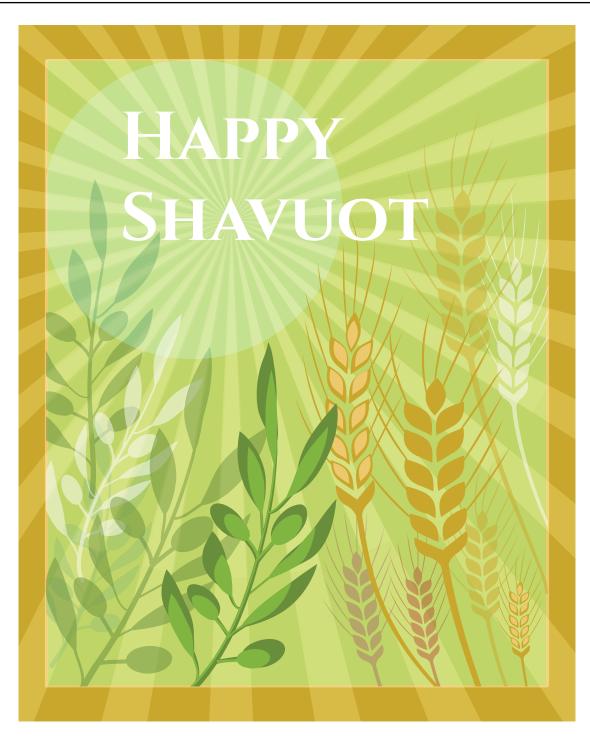


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Congregation Beth Ami enriches our lives, transforms our hearts, helps heal the world and sustains our Jewish heritage. We are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and welcome all to our community through celebration, learning, education, and prayer.

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"You shall count off seven weeks; start to count the seven weeks when the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall observe Feast of Weeks for the Lord your God, offering your freewill contribution according as the Lord your God has blessed you..." (Deuteronomy 16:9–10)

"On the day of the first fruits, your Feast

of Weeks, when you bring an offering of new grain to the Lord, you shall observe a sacred occasion..." (Numbers 28:26)

"And from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering—the day after the sabbath—you shall

count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week—fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the Lord…" (Leviticus 23:15–16)

You might say that it's a good thing that we have Tradition to clarify these Biblical texts. While there's more on the subject than has been quoted, it's still not so clear as to the precise dating or the nature of this festival (sacred occasion).

Tradition (by way of the Talmud) informs us that "the day after the sabbath" refers to the day after the first day of Pesach. So, the seven weeks counting begins a process that ends with the Feast (Festival) of Weeks—in Hebrew, *Shavuot* means *weeks*. This corresponds to the start of the wheat harvest, while seven weeks before, Pesach came at the time of the barley harvest.

Notable is the fact that the Torah doesn't mention explicitly Shavuot as the time of the giving of the Torah. This has to be derived from passages in Exodus, Chapter 19 which

begins by stating that "On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone forth from the land of Egypt, on that very day, they entered the wilderness of Sinai..." It is only through a very careful analysis of the passages that describe the events that follow that an estimate can be made as to the exact day of the month—the sixth—when the Ten Command-

ments were given.

What is clear, is the connection between Pesach and Shavuot; what starts as the liberation of the slaves concludes with the giving—and acceptance—of the Torah. Note that it takes seven weeks or

close to a full fifty days for that process to take place. Why not sooner?

A solution can be found in the agriculture basis of the two festivals; barley and wheat. Barley represents fodder, while wheat represents food! Wheat contains additional elements not found in barley, and bread made from wheat has a level of nutrition—and flavor—not found in bread made from barley.

A second suggestion can be found in the fact that Pesach represents a time of unleavened bread, while on Shavuot, leavened loaves were brought as an offering.

What starts off at Pesach as a large group of liberated slaves develops - over the course of the weeks - into a nation governed through Law; in this case, Divine Law. The fact is, that it takes careful consideration and reflected experience to recognize the deeper levels of liberation: "Doing what ever you want," isn't freedom at all if it means allowing your impulses - or emotions - to control what you do and think. Essentially such a person has become a slave to their impulses!

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# Yom Hashoah Commemoration L'dor V'dor From Generation to Generation

Sunday, May 5, 2019 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Friedman Event Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa

### Sonoma County's Annual Community-Wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration



We are honored to have Elizabeth Rosner, a Holocaust descendant and author of *Survivor Café: The Legacy of Trauma and the Labyrinth of Memory*, as the keynote speaker. We will also hear from Rena Victor, who was hidden during the Holocaust, her daughter Susan Victor, and her grandson Micah Victor Lesch. The event will include music by the Elsie Allen High School Choir, and the traditional candle-lighting ritual by Holocaust survivors and

descendants, as well as candles for the victims of genocides worldwide, and presentation of the Essay contest winners.

All are Welcome — Admission is Free. Yellow Memorial Candles will be available for lighting at home (donations gratefully accepted). The event will be interpreted in American Sign Language.



Co-sponsored by the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State University (SSU); Chevra Kadisha of Sonoma County (Jewish Burial Society); Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County (JCCSOCO); Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties; Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) North Bay Region; Jewish Family and Children's Services, Sonoma Region; North Bay Chapter of Hadassah; and Congregations Beth Ami, B'nai Israel, Ner Shalom, Shir Shalom and Shomrei Torah.







It's the freely chosen, personal acceptance of the rule of law—a law that is an expression of justice and equity (eg. the Torah) - that actually guarantees our freedom and that of others!

It takes maturation to reach such a conclusion.

Simply liberated Israelite slaves were operating on the level of animals - feeding off barley. Once those Israelites recognized the responsibility that came with that freedom—by accepting the Torah at the giving of the Ten Commandments—they could become truly human—consuming wheat!

Shavuot is a quiet festival. It contains few, if any, notable symbols or traditions such as the sounding of the Shofar on Rosh HaShanah, the beautiful Sukkah, or the Pesach Seder. Yet, it celebrates the very essence of our religion: the striving to accept Divine Law and fulfilling human potential throughout the weeks of our lives.

Wishing you many blessings of safety and joy throughout the summer.











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### **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Our Condolences to the Families of:

Esther Herskovic, mother of Arnie Herskovic Brian Gross, husband of Fredrika Gross and father of Sophia Gross

Sydney Wexler

### Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

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### Israeli Dance



### May 15 & 29 June 12 & 26 7–9:30 p.m.

We will expand the beginning lesson to 40–45 minutes, and we'll keep repeating a set of basic dances that demonstrate various building

block steps. We will try some styling exercises and talk about how to think about steps to make dances easier to follow.

After that we'll go over a couple of solid repertory dances that have been popular for a long time. At around 8 I'll be mixing intermediate dances with easy-to follow ones for recreational dancing. Sometimes it looks like a little bit of walk-through will get more people up and dancing a particular dance, so I'll explain things briefly. At 8:15 or so we can work on a new intermediate dance.

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# Annual Sonoma County Holocaust Commemoration

Sonoma County's annual commemoration of victims and survivors of the Holocaust, known by its Hebrew name, Yom Hashoah, will be held in Santa Rosa on Sunday afternoon, May 5th. The theme of the event will be "L'dor V'dor, From Generation to Generation" and will focus on the role of Holocaust descendants in preserving Holocaust memory.

We are honored to have Elizabeth Rosner, a Holocaust descendant and author of Survivor Café: The Legacy of Trauma and the Labyrinth of Memory, as the keynote speaker. We will also hear from Rena Victor, who was hidden during the Holocaust, her daughter Susan Victor and her grandson Micah Victor Lesch.

The event will include music by the Elsie Allen High School Choir, as well as the traditional candle lighting ceremony and a memorial book remembering the names of victims of the Shoah who are close to members of our community. Winners of our Annual Holocaust Essay Contest for Middle and High School students will read excerpts from their essays.

Our intention is to honor all Holocaust survivors and transmit their legacy to younger generations in ways that are meaningful and empowering.

The event will be held at the Friedman Center on the campus of Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sonoma County rabbis and members of the community will lead elements of the program.

The commemoration is co-sponsored by Sonoma County synagogues; Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County; the Jew-



ish Community Relations Council, North Bay Region; Jewish Family & Children's Services Sonoma Region; the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide; Chevra Kadisha of Sonoma County; and the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin and Sonoima Counties.

The event is free and open to the public.

For additional information call the Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County, (707) 528-4222

### First Friday Shabbat Dinner

with Speaker Aiko-Sophie Morrissette-Ezaki

Shabbat is a time to be with family and friends. On the first Friday of the month, join us for Services (6 p.m.) and dinner (6:30 p.m.) with program to follow; invite your family & friends. You must make reservations by Wednesday the week of the dinner.

On Friday, May 3, Aiko-Sophie Morrissette-Ezaki will showcase the Jewish Community Federation's role in creating hope and supporting recovery and resilience in our community after



the fires of October 2017. Federation has the power and ability to intervene with leadership and funding wherever Jewish life and community is threatened as we were in those terrible days. Hear about the North Bay Wildfire Relief Fund, and ongoing plans to further support our resilient community, including Congregation Beth Ami.



The Social Action committee continues to serve a meal every other month at The Palms on Santa Rosa Avenue and alternate months at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. We encourage anyone to join us. There is a sense of satisfaction being at these two facilities—we know that what we do has an immediate impact on our larger community.

Last month we had another successful dinner at The Palms. We served 62 residents. We had a chance to speak with some of the former homeless veterans who live there and listen to their stories which we would like to share with you. The first veteran is a 56-year-old male who served in the army in the 80s. He lived in Germany and studied to be a cook. After the army, he fell on hard times and ended up living in his car. He learned about The Palms from Catholic Charities and, since he is a veteran, he is qualified for housing at The Palms. He is now back in school and hoping to get his AA degree in informational technology. The second veteran, also a male, retired from the military after serving for over 20 years. He served in special operations, and in three separate wars. He's a native of Sonoma County and came home to take care of his ailing father. After his father died, he fell on hard times and lost the apartment. He has applied for disability for mental and physical issues and is now waiting for his disability to be approved. Both of these veterans expressed great appreciation for the dinners we provide them. They say we are wonderful people—the food is a treat they look forward to the company and good food.

Please contact Bobbie Rosenthal at 415-517-4323 or robertarosenthal16@gmail.com, or Judi Hyman at 707-484-8970 or judihyman@att.net with any questions. We guarantee you'll feel rewarded from either experience.



In a previous column, I described a recent one-week trip to Jerusalem. The sole purpose was dedication of a new building at the Goldstein Youth Village, where our friend, Judy Segal is Director of Development. In response to my request, Judy has given me an update:

January 17, 2019

Dear Bob,

First of all, as I believe I already told you, I want to thank you so much for attending the dedication. It meant a lot to me to have you there as I celebrated the fulfillment of my personal dream. I felt the dedication was everything I wanted it to be. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did!

The Soldiers' Home has quickly filled up. We have accepting three groups of soldiers into the residence. First are those who are just now beginning their army service and need a place to live and call home. Second are those who are in the midst of their army service, but are having a difficult time (financially and/or emotionally) and need to return home. Third are those who are soon completing their military service and the security of home as they decide their future plans of work and/or study.

Just to give you a brief description of a few of the soldiers living in the residence—most are graduates of the Naaleh Project (those who came from the former Soviet Union alone at the age of 15 for the 9th grade) who have no family in Israel.

**Leonid:** (Naaleh) has been working at the Village since graduation. He will be inducted into the army next month

**Mark & Liza:** (Naaleh) both majored in voice, are exceptional singers and were accepted into the Entertainment Troupe of the IDF which is quite an achievement!

**Eyal:** from France and a graduate of the French-language program. He has no family in Israel and will be inducted next month.

**Masha:** (Naaleh) is serving in the border police.

**Diana:** has a family in Israel but is unable to go home to them due to severe problems.

Your contribution is going into a Soldiers' Fund which has just been created. It will be used to maintain the facility (utilities, repairs, cleaning) and to provide extras for the residents (e.g. drinks, snacks, little gifts, etc.). There will also be funds for expenses not covered by the army and emergencies. The fund will help all the Village lone soldiers—not only those living in the residence. It is hoped that the fund will also be able to provide partial scholarships for those who wish to begin their studies upon completion of their military service.

Thanks so much for helping my dream come true.

Judy Segal, Director of Development



Liberation From The Mitzrayim Of Plastic Cutlery Celebrated At Pesach

Liberation is the theme for Pesach. This year we had a special liberation—from plastic cutlery. At the Seder on Friday night we used our brand new stainless steel cutlery for the very first time. What a shechiyanu moment! We also now have truly compostable double-walled coffee cups. No more having to decide where the cutlery or the cups go! (The cutlery goes in a bucket of soapy water to be dealt with after Shabbat by Richard Kahn, Barb McGee, and Myra Thomas; the cups are compostable at our facility and can go in the green bin along with plates, bowls, napkins, paper towels, *and* food scraps.)

Last Shofar we'd suggested that people bring their own utensils from home, but this wasn't a satisfactory solution, as many people don't carry on Shabbat. So with the help of the Rabbi, Judy Gunnar, the Administrator, and the Board, we came up with this solution. Judy arranged for Sonoma Cutlery to get the flatware for us wholesale, but when she asked Dylan Cohen for the bill, he said it was a donation.

A great shout out to Dylan and Sonoma Cutlery for donating 108 four-piece place settings to Beth Ami, and to his mom, Judy Gunnar, for raising such a mensch!

Toddah rabbah to Dylan, Judy, and the washing up crew.

A big toddah rabbah to everyone who has been doing a such great job to make our composting/recycling program a success. The cutlery and cups will make a big reduction in our garbage—and in the confusion over what goes where! Our zero waste specialist at Recology, Anita Migliore, made a presentation to the pre-schoolers, and the nursery school is on board with this program, which should reduce our garbage even more, so that we can probably reduce our weekly pick up another cubic foot, which translates to another \$130 plus savings each month. Thanks, also, to Richard Kahn for getting locks for the garbage bins and compost barrels to keep out non-Beth Ami trash—which had become a real problem.



The end of the school year is right around the corner and Summer Camp is on the horizon! How did that happen so fast?! We have begun registration for next school year and we are already full. However, there are still spots available for our Summer program. Summer is a fun-filled, water-filled and science-filled extravaganza, anyone interested can call the Nursery School office for more information on Summer sessions and enrollment.

We are excited to announce that the Nursery School is growing! Starting this upcoming school year, we will opening a second two's classroom! Expanding our program allows us to most optimally serve the needs of our school and our community. As a result of the new classroom, we were thrilled to have been able to welcome all new Jewish families applying for the upcoming year!

As enrollment season for the Fall began, this



air of excitement was shared by some new and some old, but all very exciting, events. We celebrated Passover as a school community with a mock seder and a telling of the Passover story in which the teachers acted out the story, including yours truly playing Moses! We also hosted our first annual fundraising, Trike-a-Thon! It was a smashing success. We exceeded our fundraising goal and had a terrific time in the process. Children brought their trikes and

bikes and ride-on toys to school, decorated them for the event, and then took off riding through a colorful course set up for them, accompanied by upbeat DJ'ed music the whole ride. Friends and family sponsored the children's laps and they raised money for each lap completed. We had a huge family turnout for the event and can't wait for the second annual. We plan to do the next one on a weekend and welcome back alumni!

### Services at Beth Ami

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

#### May Shabbat and Other Services

May 2 (Thurs.)—Yom HaShoah

May 3 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service 6:30–7:15 p.m. dinner (Reservations necessary\*) 7:15–8:15 p.m. program: See Cybershul for details

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

May 5-6 (Sun.-Mon.)—Rosh Chodesh Iyyar

May 8 (Wed.)—Yom HaZikaron

May 9 (Thurs.)—Yon HaAtzma'ut

May 10 (Fri.)—6:30p.m. Shabbat evening service

May 11 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

May 17 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

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

May 23 (Thurs.)—Lag B'Omer

May 24 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

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

May 31 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

#### **Daily Daven**

**Sundays and 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.—5 p.m.** Evening Daily Daven in the Chapel, except for Jewish and Secular holidays

#### June Shabbat and Other Services

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

June 2 (Sun.)—Yom Yerushalayim

June 4 (Tues.)—RoshChodesh Sivan

**June 7 (Fri.)**—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service 6:30-7:15 p.m. dinner (Reservations necessary\*) 7:15-8:15 p.m. program: See Cybershul for details

June 8 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service

**June 9 (Sun.)—9:30 a.m.** Shavuot Day 1 Festival morning service

June 10 (Mon.)—9:30 a.m.Shavuot Day 2 Festival morning service

June 14 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

**June 15 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

June 21 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

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

June 28 (Fri.)—6:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

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

July 3-4 (Wed.-Thurs.)—Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

\*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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### **Beth Ami Calendar**

Wednesday, May 1		2:30pm Gentle Yoga for Seniors		Tuesday, May 21	
Office Open 10am-5:00pm		7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services		en 10am-5:00pm
11:00am	Study of the Book of Joshua	7:30pm	Yom HaZikaron observance	7:00pm	evening service
1:00pm	Matter of Balance class	Saturday,	May 11	7:30pm	Executive Committee Mt
6:30pm	Chaverim - 9th Grade	9:30am	Shabbat Services	Wednesd	ay, May 22
7:00pm	evening service	12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm
Thursday, May 2		Sunday, M	May 12	11:00am	Study of Book of Joshua
Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm	8:30am	Morning Minyan	1:00pm	Matter of Balance class
Yom HaSh	noah/Holocaust Memorial Da	7:00pm	evening service	6:30pm	Chaverim - 10th Grade
6:30pm	Chaverim - 11th/12th Grade	Monday, I	May 13	7:00pm	evening service
7:00pm	evening service	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Thursday	, May 23
Friday, M	ay 3	1:00pm	Matter of Balance class	Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm
Office Ope	en 10am-2pm	7:00pm	evening service	7:00pm	evening service
6:00pm	Erev Shabbat Services	Tuesday, May 14		Friday, May 24	
6:30pm	Yom HaAtzmaut Shabbat Dinner	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Office Ope	en 10am-2pm
Saturday,	May 4	7:00pm	evening service	2:30pm	Gentle Yoga for Seniors
9:30am	Shabbat Services	Wednesd	ay, May 15	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services
12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Saturday,	May 25
Sunday, I		11:00am	Study of the Book of Joshua	9:30am	Shabbat Services
8:30am	Morning Minyan	1:00pm	Matter of Balance class	12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon
7:00pm	evening service	6:30pm	Chaverim - 9th Grade	Sunday, M	May 26
Monday, May 6		7:00pm	evening service	8:30am	Morning Minyan
Office Open 10am-5:00pm		7:30pm	Book Discussion Group	7:00pm	evening service
1:00pm	Matter of Balance class	Thursday	, May 16	Monday, I	May 27
7:00pm	evening service	Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm	Memorial Day	
Tuesday, May 7		6:30pm	Chaverim - 11th/12th Grade	Office Closed	
Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	7:00pm	evening service	7:00pm	evening service
7:00pm	evening service	7:30pm	Book Discussion Group	Tuesday,	May 28
Wednesd	ay, May 8	Friday, May 17		Office Open 10am-5:00pm	
Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Office Ope	en 10am-2pm	7:00pm	evening service
Yom HaZi	karon (Memorial Day)	5:15pm	Sing In Shabbat / Scott & Lisa	7:30pm	CBA Board Meeting
11:00am	Study of the Book of Joshua	Saturday,	May 18	Wednesd	ay, May 29
1:00pm	Matter of Balance class	9:30am	Shabbat Services	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm
6:30pm	Chaverim - 10th Grade	12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	11:00am	Study of Book of Joshua
7:00pm	evening service	Sunday, M	May 19	7:00pm	evening service
Thursday, May 9		8:30am	Morning Minyan	Thursday	, May 30
Office Open 10am -5:00pm		10:00am	Israeli Celebration / Lunch	Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm
Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day)		7:00pm	evening service	7:00pm	evening service
6:30pm Chaverim - 8th Grade		Monday, May 20		Friday, May 31	
7:00pm	evening service	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Office Ope	en 10am-2pm
Friday, May 10		1:00pm	Matter of Balance class	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services
Office Open 10am-2pm		7:00pm	evening service		

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Saturday,	June 1	Wednesd	lay, June 12	
9:30am	Shabbat Services	Office Op	en 10am-5:00pm	
12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	11:00am	Study of Book of Joshua	
Sunday, J	une 2	7:00pm	evening service	
8:30am	Morning Minyan	Thursday	, June 13	
7:00pm	evening service	Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm	
Monday, J	June 3	7:00pm	evening service	
Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Friday, Ju	ine 14	
7:00pm	evening service	Office Ope	en 10am-2pm	
Tuesday, .	June 4	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services	
Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Saturday,	June 15	
7:00pm	evening service	9:30am	Shabbat Services	
Wednesda	ay, June 5	12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	
Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	Sunday, J	lune 16	
11:00am	Study of the Book of Joshua	8:30am	Morning Minyan	
7:00pm	evening service	7:00pm	evening service	
Thursday,	June 6	Monday, .	June 17	
Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	
7:00pm	Annual Membership Meeting	7:00pm	evening service	
7:00pm	evening service	Tuesday,	June 18	
Friday, Ju	ne 7	Office Open 10am-5:00pm		
Office Ope	n 10am-2pm	7:00pm	evening service	
6:00pm	Erev Shabbat Services	7:30pm	Executive Committee Mtg	
6:30pm	Shabbat Dinner	Wednesd	ay, June 19	
Saturday,	June 8	Office Ope	en 10am-5:00pm	
9:30am	Shabbat Services	11:00am	Study of Book of Joshua	
12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	7:00pm	evening service	
9:00pm	Erev Shavuot Service	Thursday	, June 20	
Sunday, J	une 9	Office Ope	en 10am -5:00pm	
Shavuot (F 9:30am	Pentecost) Shavuot Service	7:00pm	Halayla HaGadol at Dierk's Parkside Cafe	
		7:00pm	evening service	
6:00pm	Shavuot evening service	Friday, Ju		
Monday, J			en 10am-2pm	
2nd Day of Office Clos		2:30pm	Gentle Yoga for Seniors	
		7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services	
9:30am	2nd Day Shavuot Service	Saturday,		
9:15pm	2nd Day Shavuot evening	9:30am	Shabbat Services	
Tuesday,		12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon	
	n 10am-5:00pm	Sunday, J		
7:00pm	evening service	8:30am	Morning Minyan	
		7:00pm	evening service	
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Monday, June 24					
Office Open 10am-5:00pm					
7:00pm	evening service				
Tuesday, J	Tuesday, June 25				
Office Oper	n 10am-5:00pm				
7:00pm	evening service				
7:30pm	CBA Board Meeting				
Wednesday, June 26					
Office Oper	n 10am-5:00pm				
11:00am	Study of Book of Joshua				
7:00pm	evening service				
Thursday, June 27					
Office Oper	n 10am -5:00pm				
7:00pm	evening service				
Friday, June 28					
Office Oper	n 10am-2pm				
7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services				
Saturday, June 29					
9:30am	Shabbat Services				
12:00pm	Potluck Luncheon				
Sunday, June 30					
8:30am	Morning Minyan				
7:00pm	evening service				



### May 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 May 3 & 4 May 1		May 16	Dorothy Sweeney,	
May 4	John Gee,		Mother of Jim Sweeney	May Birthdays
	Husband of Bonnie Gee	May 17	Isadore Herman,	If you do <i>not</i> wish to have your birthday
May 5	Donald Emblen,		Father of Jane Herman	listed in the Shofar, please contact the office
·	Husband of Linda Emblen	Annour	nced on May 17 & 18	2 David Kahn
May 5	Rosemary Friedman,	May 18	Manny Simon	2 Bill Leeb
•	Mother of Debra Chapman		Father of Lyla Nathan	3 Mark Stoelting
	& Bill Friedman	May 18	Herman Uday, Grandfather	<ul><li>4 Judith Helman</li><li>7 Anne Brown</li></ul>
May 6	Renee Newman,		of Richard Kahn	8 Janet SteinLarson
·	Sister-in-Law of	May 19	Rosa Marks, Grandmother	10 Iosif Voulfson
	Edith Newaman	1114 17	of Myrna Morse	14 Richard Goldberg
May 8	Samuel Gordon, Husband	May 19	Martin Mermelstein,	14 Edith Newman
	of Marjorie Gordon	1.100) 1)	Brother of Shirley Klapow	15 Evelyn Gurevitch
May 8	Lily Zeamans,	May 21	Julius Newman,	16 Edward Sherman
	Grandmother of	1.144) =1	Brother-in-Law of	16 Marina Voulfson
	Judith Helman		Edith Newman	22 Nancy Dotti
May 10	Evelyn Decker,	May 23	Shneer Antonovsky,	22 Irvin Klein
	Mother of Mel Decker		Father of Olga Pekker	May Anniversaries
May 10	Henry Herskovic, Father	May 23	Sheldon Bornstein,	12 Barb & Mitch McGee
	of Arnold Herskovic		Brother of Art Bornstein	17 Asher & Lyla Nathan
Announced on May 10 & 11		May 24	Nathan Paul,	19 Dave & Marge Ballo
May 11	Joseph Liverman,		Father of Jane Paul	21 Allan & Marge Brody
	Grandfather of	Annour	nced on May 24 & 25	23 Simone & Aaron Ravel
	Marc Bernstein	May 27	Dalia Sheff,	27 Jon & Rose Batzdorff
May 12	Rose Abrams,	Í	Wife of Jeff Sheff	<ul><li>27 Tad &amp; Debbie Shapiro</li><li>28 Richard Kahn</li></ul>
	Grandmother of	May 27	William Spiegelman,	& Anne Brown
	Patty Bernstein	•	Grandfather of	30 Janet & Jeffrey SteinLarson
May 13	Sheldon Margolese, Uncle		Ronit Glickman	Jordan & Jenney Steinbarson



May 14

May 14

May 15



May 29

May 30

of Michelle Zygielbaum

Mother of Dan Anbar

Constance Schweitzer,

Mother of Blair Pleasant

Husband of Phyllis Shapiro

Beba Minsky,

Everett Shapiro,



Richard Hyman,

Sandor Garam,

Father of Judi Hyman

Father of Rose Batzdorff







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	iced on May 31 & June 1  Kay Simon,	June 11	Morris Hartzman, Uncle of Cheryle Miller	June Birthdays
June 1 June 2	Mother of Lyla Nathan Marlene Jones, Wife of	June 11	Jon Simkovitz, Former Husband of Julie Simkovitz	If you do <i>not</i> wish to have your birthday listed in the Shofar, please contact the office
june 2	Maury Jones & Mother of Ross Jones	June 13	Hyman Golemb, Father of Sherrill Golemb	2 Roz Frommer 8 Linda Emblen
June 3	Sidney Baba, Father of William Cordell	June 14	Bluma Rudnitskaya, Sister of Iosif Voulfson	<ul><li>8 Andrea Goodman</li><li>8 Michelle Zygielbaum</li><li>9 David Matzner</li></ul>
June 3	Lillian Judd,	Annour	nced on June 14 & 15	9 David Matzner 11 Dan Anbar
	Mother of Dennis Judd	June 16	John Hess,	12 Ruth Rosenberg
June 3	Robert Paul,		Father of Barbara Tomin	15 Joslyn Metzger
	Brother of Jane Paul	June 16	Lena Liverman,	16 Roberta Rosenthal
June 4	Betty Mann,		Grandmother of	17 Charlene Bornstein
	Mother of Marge Ballo		Marc Bernstein	17 Jeffrey Sternfeld
June 4	Oscar Mann,	June 16	Nisel Pekker,	<ul><li>21 Marjorie Gordon</li><li>27 Juli Scherer</li></ul>
,	Father of Margorie Ballo		Father of Semyon Pekker	27 Lillian Shelan
June 4	Stanley Williams, Father of	June 16		28 Shirley Klapow
	Lenore Holloway & Bonnie Gee	_	Great Aunt of Susan Miller	30 Jane Paul
Juno 5		June 16		June Anniversaries
June 5	Anna Stein, Aunt of Bob Raful	T 10	Father of Jane Rogan	
June 6	Israel Senzer,	June 18	Joel Brodsky, Brother of Karen Brodsky	<ul><li>2 Gayle &amp; Abe Farkas</li><li>13 Larry &amp; Shirley Klapow</li></ul>
June 0	Father of Adrea Moss	I 10	Tom Fleming,	18 Sherri & Randy Weinstein
June 6	Abe Shapiro,	June 18	Brother of Andy Fleming	20 Sherrill & Elaine Golemb
Julie 0	Father of Raynore Paule	Juna 19	Bertha Schy,	25 Charlene & Art Bornstein
June 7	George Conklin,	Julie 16	Mother of Stuart Schy	26 Nancy & Andy Fleming
<i>J</i>	Father of Ruth Rosenberg	June 20	•	26 Binese & Earl Goldberg
June 7	Selma Drachenberg,	Julie 20	Grandfather of	
	Mother of Arnold Drake		Abraham Alexander	June 26 Mies Rijnveldt,
June 7	Ann Stern,	Annour	nced on June 21 & 22	Mother of Mieneke Drake
	Myra Stern-Thomas		Robert Shotkin,	Announced on June 28 & 29
Announ	iced on June 7 & 8	<i>y</i>	Father of Dr. Alan Shotkin	June 30 Allen Moss,
June 8	Sam Keller, Grandfather of Dan Weill	June 23	Thomas Cordill, Father of Kim Cordell	Father of Howard Moss  July 1 Stephen Bernstein,  Brother of Marc Bernstein
June 9	Bessie Tsipan, Mother-in-law of	June 23	Harry Hankin, Husband of Gussie Levine	July 2 Barbara Boren,
	Malvina Tsipan	June 23	Louis Stein,	Mother of Bonnie Boren
June 10	Allen Moss,	-	Uncle of Robert Raful	July 4 Steven Freistadt, Cousin of Jane Rogan
	Father of Howard Moss	June 24	Myer Zittin, Father	Cousin of Jane Rogan

of Charlene Bornstein

### Address service requested

### May Shabbatot

### May 4

*Acharei*Candle Lighting—7:46 p.m.
Havdalah—8:48 p.m.

### **May 11**

*Kedoshim*Candle Lighting—7:53 p.m.
Havdalah—8:56 p.m.

### **May 18**

Emor Candle Lighting—7:59 p.m. Havdalah—9:03 p.m.

### **May 25**

Behar Candle Lighting—8:05 p.m. Havdalah—9:10 p.m.

### June Shabbatot

### June 1

*Bechukotai* Candle Lighting—8:10 p.m. Havdalah—9:16 p.m.

### June 8

Bamidbar Candle Lighting—8:15 p.m. Havdalah—9:21 p.m.

### **June 15**

Naso

Candle Lighting—8:18 p.m. Havdalah—9:24 p.m.

### June 22

*Behalotchaki* Candle Lighting—8:20 p.m. Havdalah—9:26 p.m.

### June 29

Shlach Candle Lighting—8:21 p.m. Havdalah—9:26 p.m.