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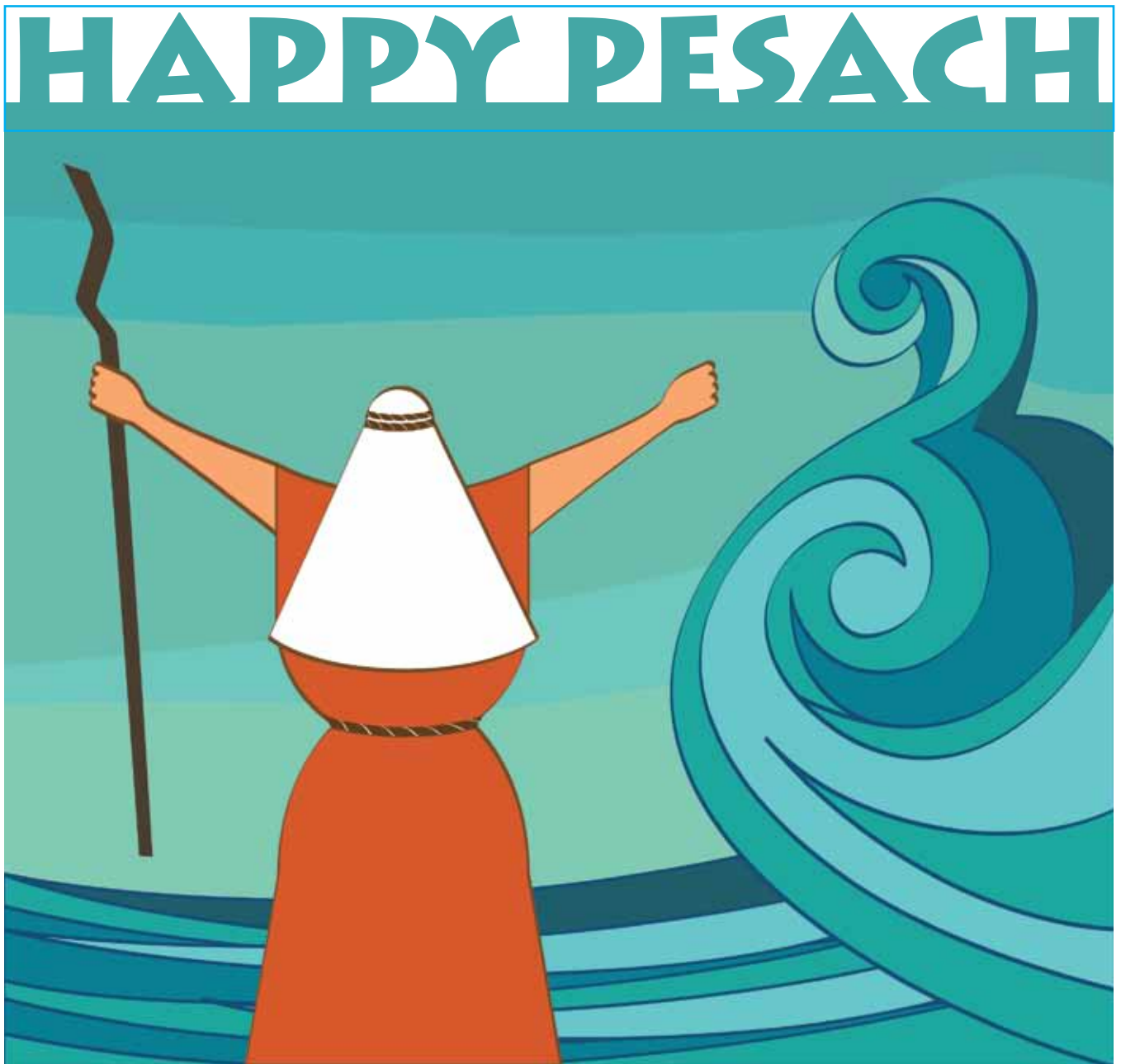
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Congregation Beth Ami enriches our lives, transforms our hearts, helps heal the world and sustains our Jewish heritage. We are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and welcome all to our community through celebration, learning, education, and prayer.

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Worship

A recent Facebook meme goes, “Religion is a person sitting in a church (substitute “synagogue”) thinking about kayaking; Spirituality is a person sitting in a kayak thinking about God.”

During the course of my work as a rabbi starting back in the spring of 1974, I’ve heard so many times, “Rabbi, I just don’t enjoy coming to services! For one, they’re too long; I mean, three hours?!”

And yet, when I reflect on the essence of what makes a synagogue a synagogue, I would have to say, it’s the fact that it’s a place where people can create a community to share common spiritual goals.

Examining the words that inhabit the pages of our Siddur, the Jewish book of prayer, provides a unique opportunity for people:

- To gather together to find expression of their deepest spiritual, emotional and intellectual selves and grow through the worship services.
- To meditate on the spectrum of existence; examining any element of reality with a sense of wonder and awe at its beauty, complexity or manifestation; from the microcosm eg that a spider is able to perform amazing feats of engineering to the macrocosm: the vastness of our universe.
- To discover a sense of perspective. How do I view myself, my life, my successes and failures in the light of infinite time and space?
- To develop a sense of duty. How do I account for my presence in this world as I stand before the Force through which I came into existence?
- To feel a sense of hope (despite all the challenges to our sense of well-being), that the Universe is in the ultimate control of a Power well beyond our brief sojourn or our ability to comprehend.

It affords the opportunity to shed feelings of loneliness by sharing moments spanning grief

through celebration, surrounded by a loving community.

Attending services provides the space and time to give voice to ideas that transcend space and time.

In engaging these ideas and being open to the challenge of combining old and new meanings, the words in our Siddur speak to our own needs.

The ideas above represent one of the approaches we practice here at Beth Ami. It could be termed contemplative or meditative.

There is another approach within the walls of this sanctuary which complements the meditative, we could call it the ecstatic. It involves all kinds of expression. It leans heavily on how the sounds of music speak to our emotions; how it’s capable of lifting our spirits or calming us down.

In this sense, we can observe that even regular spoken language creates a unique set of sounds; over and above the actual denotation of the words. It is another way that people who enjoy our services find great satisfaction in hearing the Hebrew being chanted or sung. They may not understand what the individual words mean, but they are sensitive to the atmosphere; the emotional content of the sounds; the way in which it has been able to survive the millennia; the way it connects us to people recently and long departed. This approach has appeal precisely because of its visceral nature; it speaks in a unique way to our emotional side.

In the ecstatic process, a person tries to lose themselves in the feeling. In the contemplative approach, a person tries to lose themselves in the thought.

Ironically, in losing our ego-selves in these ways, we discover a totally different side to our human personality. In engaging with open hearts in this process, we can approach a profound sense of who we really are—our true inner being. This is where we have the chance of finding purpose and peace.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Betty Franks	Jackie Katzel
Ruth Rosenberg	David Spitzer

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Judy Dzik	Rob Gitlin
Anna Judd	Alfred Batzdorff
Dennis Judd	Maury Jones
David Kahn	Etienne Sampiere
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5th Annual Sonoma County Israeli Film Festival

The Jewish Community Center (JCC) presents the 5th Annual Sonoma County Israeli Film Festival, 3/3–31, at Rialto Cinemas Sebastopol. The films focus on issues of gender, love at old age, secular and orthodox Judaism, and the Palestinian and Israeli conflict, and include international award winners and a Bay Area premiere. All films are on Tuesdays and screen twice on the day, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Flawless (Coming of Age)

Tues., 3/3, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tel Aviv On Fire (Comedy)

Tues., 3/17, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

The Other Story (Drama)

Tues., 3/24, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Love In Suspenders (Romantic Comedy)

Tues., 3/31, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Information and Tickets: www.jccsoco.org



GREEN COMMITTEE

*Tish Levee and
Myra Stern-Thomas, co-chairs*

Good news! We're phasing out more plastic. The Kitchen Committee has just ordered new glass kiddish cups—they'll replace the little plastic ones we've been using. Now we'll only put the following in the garbage (middle round barrel in the Social Hall): plastic bags, plastic film, packaging with plastic in it, and items too small to recycle, e.g. the sugar and sweetener packets and the creamers. Thanks, everybody for doing such a great job!!

Earth Day—the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day is April 22nd. Lots of events are planned around Earth Day itself and the following weekend. Earth Day is sponsoring The Great Global Clean Up™. There are currently none nearby, but we can do our own, register it with them, and get more people involved. Check out <https://cleanup.earthday.org> and let me know if you'd be interested in participating.—one day during the week of 4/20. If there's interest, I'll register us and get the word out on social media. Let more people know about what we're doing at Beth Ami.

There'll also be a huge global Fridayfor-Future Youth Climate Strike on 4/24.

See the cybershul for locations and times or call me. Let's all show up to let our youth know that we care about the planet and their future!

Save the Date, April 17th @ 4 PM for SRJC's 2nd Climate Action Night.

See the cybershul for details on time and location for this great presentation from students. Last year's was really awesome! You will be blown away by these students. ~ Tish Levee (707-526-9864; email tishela@sonic.net)

Toddah Rabbah—

Thank you to everyone who came and helped make my Bat Mitzvah on February 1st so special. It means so much to me to have this wonderful Beth Ami family. I am sure there are people I forgot to thank at the time. Please know that I am so grateful to all of you, even if I forgot to send you a note. ~Tish Levee.



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Carolyn Metz, President

Dear Members,

Every time I think we've reached a new plateau and I can take a breath, something new takes center stage, and here we go.....

On February 16 the Mid-Year Membership Meeting had an excellent turnout of more than 50 members, to hear the findings of the Strategic Planning Committee and particularly the Focus Groups conducted in the past year. Significant points of the findings include:

In the past, people joined Beth Ami looking for compatible relationships with folks who shared similar values, traditional religious practice, Jewish Community, looking for Jewish education for their children and support during life-cycle events.

Aimee Close, Planning Consultant from USCJ with whom we've been working this past year, has written, "As we know from many recent studies, the Jewish world is changing fast..... *the forces disrupting synagogues are significantly bigger than the capacity of most synagogues to overcome them on their own.*"

Current challenges to sustainability at Congregation Beth Ami include:

- Decreasing membership numbers and corresponding financial support;
- Aging membership; growing energy and leadership void;
- Lack of young families involved; traditional connection with Jewish institutions does not fit with contemporary culture.

Your Board has chosen to remain on this campus and face the challenges and opportunities to the best of our ability over the next five years. And, we are asking for your support and participation.

Central themes derived from the Focus Groups include:

- Creating Jewish Community: The CBA campus is an underutilized asset.
- Creating Religious/Spiritual Community:

Can we create relevant alternative Services?

- Children's Education/Beth Ami Community Nursery School: Engaging with Jewish families at BACNS is a gift within reach.

At the close of the Mid-Year Meeting everyone present was asked to express interest and excitement over something they had heard/learned. I'll be contacting you in the future to ask that you join us in creating solutions. Already I've heard new suggestions that haven't been mentioned before. Let's see where they take us.

The primary restraint in all our deliberations is our finances. Our financial resources are the backdrop of our ability to hire qualified professional staffing. CBA currently operates under a deficit budget, meaning we spend more than we bring in. The Friedman Center has been able to help us meet our financial commitments in the past 3 years – thank you, Andrea Nett, for your dedicated work and Benny Friedman (may his memory be a blessing) for his vision. We may be facing some hard decisions in the months and years ahead; I'm hoping we can create some miracles along the way as well. Stay involved, keep showing up, we'll get there together.

Thanks to all who keep Beth Ami, vibrant, engaged and relevant.

B'Shalom, Carolyn



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SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

A dear friend recently sent me an advertisement from the Danish government that challenged people to step outside their defining boxes of us/them. https://mashable.com/2017/01/31/danish-ad-all-that-we-share-box/?utm_cid=mash-com-fb-main-link&fbclid=IwAR1vjMgo_emGRx62xX-Fkl2-ZFnfd7zPW7iEiW9LGs2wgWQ3RZyAS53fInE#8DMUMhYvD9qk

I found it very intriguing so I thought I would pass it on to our Kehilla.

As we know it is sometimes very difficult to find things that we, as human beings, have in common. Even though we profess, as Jews, that we are all made in God's image, we often struggle applying this concept to people we dislike, distrust, are different from us, we are afraid of, or disagree with.

The exercise they show in the video makes it clear to people of very different social and economic strata and politics to see and acknowledge their commonalities rather than their differences.

It starts with a large group of Danes who have different opinions on immigration, religion, those they trust, those they avoid, and those they think they share nothing in common with.

Everyone is in their box with a big gap in the center. Starting with questions like, Who of you were a class clown in school? Who is a stepparent? Who was bullied or bullied others? Who works in life saving profession? Teachers?

Who is madly in love? Who is lonely? Who is bisexual? And who was lucky enough to have sex last week?

Slowly everyone stepped out of their box and everyone was standing in the middle. People were laughing and talking to each other. It seemed liked people realized how similar they are.


This exercise certainly made me think how easily I judge a person and I hope that I can stop and listen to someone else that I disagree with and find common ground. Certainly in these times when the us/them narrative has become mainstream we can try and not get caught up in the things that divide us and notice the many things that bind us as human beings.

I know this isn't the regular message from Social Action but it is about Tikun Olam, repairing the world.

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RE-JEW-VENATION

Eli Cohen

Will Congregation Beth Ami exist in 50 years? There are two big reasons to worry: 1) anti-semitism (the drive away from identifying as a Jew), and 2) assimilation (the ease of becoming a non-Jew.)

Antisemitism is rampant according to the ADL, from 9% in the US and Denmark to 93% in the West Bank and Gaza. We experience it in attacks on worshippers, in the acts against Jewish college students, and even in some K-12 schools' curricula.

Assimilation in America is both painless and rewarding. According to a 2013 Pew Research survey, intermarriage is at 71%. Two-thirds of marginal Jews raise their children as non-Jews. One-fifth of Jewish millennials think Jesus is G-d, and 34% think belief in Jesus as the Messiah is compatible with being Jewish. In the last 100 years, we have moved from being Jews living in America to Americans who are Jewish, and for some, to being just Americans.

How do we identify as Jews? For some, the answer is through praying, by assembling, and by eating the foods that our parents enjoyed. But these activities are universal; Christians do the same. So what makes Jews Jews?

What's unique to us is that we care about the plight of fellow Jews throughout the world, and we care about Zion. We say, "We are One," even if we never attend services or eat borscht. This sense of commonality of fate is what unites us all. Attacks on Jews in Russian, on the Russian River, or in the Negev shakes us.

This Re-Jew-Venation column will examine the question "Is there a future for Jews in America?" the growing rift in and between Jews in America and Israel which tears us apart, and how to re-Jew-venate ourselves.

Re-Jew-venation helps heal the splintering by focusing on what we have in common.

The next column in this series will examine the many ways that the American experience exploded what it means to be a Jew. Jews in America created variations of Judaism, from traditional orthodox to Modern Orthodox to Conservative to Reform and beyond.

A future column will explore the evolution of Judaism in Israel, the impact of the marriage of Sephardic and Ashkenazi traditions to the creation of something new, the Jew-raeli.

These columns will provide a reading list, for those so inclined.

For more, see <http://bethamir.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Re-Jew-venation2.pdf>

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THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

with Myra Stern-Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee

Right now is the season of preparations. At the time of writing this article, we are in the midst of preparing Hamantashen for the Purim Spiels, Purim Services and, of course, the Shalach Manos. This takes bakers as well as donors of fillings and dough (all done following our Food and Potluck Guidelines). For all of you who are helping this year with the making and baking of hamantashen, thank you.

Of course, with all this flour being used and with all of the baking being done, we are starting to think about the vast Passover Preparations that need to be done. Below is what we know so far:

Here are some important dates for Beth Ami's Preparations for Passover:

Sunday, March 29th—Volunteers will be needed to help clear out all of the food and relocate everything else in the kitchen that is movable.

If your group uses the Beth Ami kitchen refrigerator or freezer for storage, this is the time to have all your food removed from the kitchen. Any extra food left by then will be either donated, or composted, or tossed.

The apartment kitchen, refrigerator and freezer will be used for storing food and preparing for the April 4th Shabbat Potluck.

Also during that day the Passover items will be moved out to a special storage area until after the kitchen is koshered for Passover.

From March 30th through Havdalah on April 16th—The Congregation Beth Ami kitchen will not be available except for Passover cleaning and cooking. It will be returned to regular use sometime after Havdalah on April 16th.

On April 4th there will be a simple, regular Shabbat Potluck—but, all of the preparations and cleaning up will be done in the Beth Ami Apartment. Until the morning of April 8th the apartment will remain available for use.

From Wednesday, April 8th through Havdalah on April 16th—After the Morning Davening and the Fast of the First Born is over, all of the chametz and items for preparing chametz will be sold by contract.

This means there will be no access to the Beth Ami apartment, social hall cabinets, or kitchen pantry. [Remember that if you choose to use Congregation Beth Ami to sell your chametz, your form needs to be turned into the CBA office before 10 a.m. on April 8th. This form will be available at the CBA office and on the website.]

Saturday, April 11th—A simple Passover lunch after Shabbat Services will be available.

When we celebrate Passover, there is no potluck onegs or potluck lunches. Volunteers will be preparing and serving the food from the Beth Ami kitchen. All food will be kosher pareve or dairy for Passover.

Friday morning, April 17th—Volunteers will be re-packing the Passover supplies, shifting them back to the designated storage areas, and moving the regular items back to the Beth Ami Kitchen.

After this is done, the kitchen will be available for preparations for the Shabbat Potluck on Saturday, the 18th.

If you wish to volunteer for the kitchen preparation for Passover (on March 29th) or returning the kitchen to regular use (on April 17th) please contact Janet Stein-Larson (JSL2602@sonic.net or leave a message at 707-539-6612).

If you wish to be a volunteer for any of the other various Passover needs, please contact Judy Gunnar at her office (707) 360-3011.



USY NEWS

USY Mini Mission Mitzvah 2020

On January 20, 2020, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, SCUSY took part of USY's Mini Mission Mitzvah. Opting to collaborate with MUSY and their amazing advisor, Sara Glass, we chose to help cleanup Stinson Beach alongside many other volunteers. We spent approximately two hours picking up trash with buckets and grabbers, while exploring the beach and having lots of fun! After grabbing a quick lunch, we planned to work together more in the future. On the way back to Sonoma County, both of my kids, Pasha and Zack, kept talking about how much fun they had at Stinson Beach before they both fell asleep promptly for the duration of the ride home. Volunteering can be exhausting!

Please contact advisor Jeremy Lipsin at jeremycusy@gmail.com if you would like to learn more, help out or join one of our future events!



Beth Ami celebrates Tu B'Shvat 5780 (2020) in Armstrong Woods



This is the 15th community Purim Spiel at Beth Ami, and we can hardly believe it ourselves. We have to revisit all of them to make sure. Come along on this historic journey through the Purim story. You can sponsor a favorite character, or a classic hit song. You can even step forward as one of the major spiel underwriters. All donations go to support a grateful Congregation Beth Ami.

Tickets will be available at the door, but you can also pay in advance for Will Call.

Sunday, March 8, 1:30 p.m. \$10/Adults, Children 12 & under free. Following the performance you shouldn't leave hungry: have some Beth Ami-made hamantaschen.

Sunday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. \$27/person for spiel and party. Join us following the performance to party with the spieler; continue the fun with music, wine, refreshments, Beth Ami-made hamantaschen, and more.

Erev Purim Monday March 9, 7:30 p.m., service, Megillah reading, costumes, hamantaschen.
Purim morning Tuesday March 10 8:00 a.m.

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Services at Beth Ami

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

March Shabbat and other Services

Mar. 6 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service
6:30–7:15 p.m. dinner (Reservations necessary*)
7:15–8:15 p.m. program: Don Schlesinger of the Jewish National Fund

Mar. 7 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck.

Mar. 9 (Mon.)—7:30 p.m. Erev Purim Megillah of Esther read by Asher Nathan

Mar. 10 (Tues.)—8 a.m. Purim Services Megillah of Esther read by Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar

Mar. 13 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Mar. 14 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

Mar. 20 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Mar. 21 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service, **11:30 a.m. Kool Shul** followed by dairy potluck

Mar. 26 (Thurs.)—Rosh Chodesh Nissan

Mar. 27 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

Mar. 28 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

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Sun.–Thurs.—7 p.m. Evening Daily Daven by request in the Chapel, except for Jewish and Secular Holidays

April Shabbat and other Services

Apr. 3 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service

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

Apr. 8 (Wed.)—Erev Pesach 1st Seder

Apr. 9 (Thurs.)—9:30 a.m. 1st Day Pesach Services

Apr. 9 (Thurs.)—6 p.m. 2nd Seder dinner
Reservations necessary: see Cybershul for price

Apr. 10 (Fri.)—9:30 a.m. 2nd Day Pesach Services

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

Apr. 11 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by RPC hosted lunch

Apr. 15 (Wed.)—9:30 a.m. 7th Day Pesach Services

Apr. 16 (Thurs.)—9:30 a.m. 8th Day Pesach Services Yiskor

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

Apr. 18 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service
11:30 a.m. Kool Shul followed by dairy potluck

Apr. 24 (Fri.)—7:30 p.m. Shabbat evening service & Rosh Chodesh Iyyar

Apr. 25 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat Rosh Chodesh morning service, Bar Mitzvah of Harry Newton

Apr. 28 (Tues.)—Yom HaZikkaron Israel Memorial Day

Apr. 29 (Wed.)—Yom Ha'Atsma'ut Israel Independence Day

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



Harry Newton Bar Mitzvah

April 25, 2020

Please join Harry and his family in celebrating as he is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah!

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Mazal Tov to Nancy & Andy Fleming upon the birth of their granddaughter—*Anonymous*

In memory of Sherri Fern Kahn
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Todah rabah to all the Beth Hamon music weekend volunteers!
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Speedy recovery to Robby Gitlin
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In honor of Richard Kahn & Anne Brown for their service & dedication to Congregation Beth Ami
—*Arnold & Jane Kahn*

In honor of Tish Levee's Bat Mitzvah—*Audrey Darby*

In memory of dear, dear Arnold Drake—*Barbara Tomin*

In memory of my mother, Hazel Schloner—*Chip & Carol Swanson*

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In honor of the Board of Directors & the Chanukah Party—*Lisa Iskin*

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—*Mark Stoelting & Leanne Schy*

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—*Phillip Dwight & Jane Rogan*

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In honor of Andy & Nancy Fleming's new granddaughter
—*Stuart & Ethel Schy*

In honor of our children
—*Suzanna Goldblatt Clark*

In honor of Meineke Drake's birthday—*Tish Levee*

In memory of Sherri Fern Kahn
—*The Ballo family*

Mazel Tov to Nancy & Andy Fleming upon the birth of their granddaughter!—*The Ballo family*

Speedy recovery to Robby Gitlin
—*The Ballo family*

Todah Robah to all the *Beth Hamon Music Weekend* volunteers!
—*The Ballo family*

General Fund Shabbat Lunch

A thoughtful donation
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In memory of my mother-in-law,
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In honor of the birth of Isabel Rose,
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—*Paul Kaltenbach & Lindsay Kvam*
In memory of Sherri Kahn
—*Ross Jones & Jane Paul*
In honor Nancy & Andy Fleming's
new granddaughter—*Susan Miller*
In memory of Arnold Drake, I will
always remember your warmth &
friendliness—*Susy Boimoil*
In memory of Ruth Rosenberg
—*Tish Levee*



Friday, March 6

6 p.m. Service; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Talk at 7:15 p.m.
Dinner: Adults \$15 ; Children 6-17 \$8;
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Sunday, March 1

8:30am Morning Minyan
10:00am Israel Committee Meeting

Monday, March 2

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 3

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah Class

Wednesday, March 4

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class
7:30pm Midrash Class

Thursday, March 5

Office Open 10am -5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class

Friday, March 6

Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services
6:30pm Shabbat Dinner with
Jewish National Fund

Saturday, March 7

9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 8

8:30am Morning Minyan
1:30pm Purim Spiel - matinee
7:00pm Purim Spiel - evening
performance

Monday, March 9

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
7:30pm Erev Purim Megillah
reading

Tuesday, March 10

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
8:00am Morning Purim service and
Megillah reading
9:30am Nursery School Purim
Carnival

11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller

Wednesday, March 11

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 8th grade

Thursday, March 12

Office Open 10am -5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 11th/12th
grade

Friday, March 13

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:30am Kitchen Committee
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 14

9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 15

8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, March 16

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 17

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller
7:00pm Executive Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, March 18

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
4:00pm Adult Education Com. Mtg.
7:30pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller

Thursday, March 19

Office Open 10am -5:00pm
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class

Friday, March 20

Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 21

9:30am Shabbat Services
11:30am Kool Shul
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 22

8:30am Morning Minyan
8:00pm Absolute Music Concert

Monday, March 23

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 24

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller
7:00pm CBA Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class

Thursday, March 26

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class
7:00pm Rosh Chodesh Women's
Group

Friday, March 27

Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, March 28

9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, March 29

8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, March 30

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 17

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah Class

Beth Ami Calendar

Wednesday, April 1

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class
7:30pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller

Thursday, April 2

Office Open 10am -5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 11th/12th grade

Friday, April 3

Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 4

9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, April 5

8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, April 6

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, April 7

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller

Wednesday, April 8

Erev Pesach
Office Open 10am-2:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class

Thursday, April 9

First Day Pesach
Office closed
9:30am Passover morning service
6:30pm Community Seder

Friday, April 10

Second Day Pesach
Office closed
9:30am Passover morning service
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 11

9:30am Shabbat Services
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, April 12

8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, April 13

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, April 14

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller

Wednesday, April 15

Seventh Day Pesach
Office closed
9:30am Passover morning service

Thursday, April 16

Eighth Day Pesach
Office closed
9:30am Passover morning service

Friday, April 17

Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 18

9:30am Shabbat Services
11:30am Kool Shul
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, April 19

8:30am Morning Minyan
2:00pm Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Monday, April 20

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, April 21

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah Class

Wednesday, April 22

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class

Thursday, April 23

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 11th/12th grade

Friday, April 24

Office Open 10am-2pm
7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 25

9:30am Harry Newton Bar Mitzvah
12:00pm hosted Luncheon

Sunday, April 26

8:30am Morning Minyan

Monday, April 27

Office Open 10am-5:00pm

Tuesday, April 28

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:00pm Mishnah Class
7:00pm CBA Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

Office Open 10am-5:00pm
9:30am Memoir Writing Class
6:30pm Chaverim - 8th grade
7:30pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller

Thursday, April 30

Office Open 10am -5:00pm
11:00am Exercise Class
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) Class



March 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 Mar. 6 & 7

- Mar. 7 Morris Bernstein,
Grandfather of
Marc Bernstein
- Mar. 7 Frieda Goldman,
Mother of Ethel Schy
- Mar. 8 Michael Brust,
Father of Barbara McGee
- Mar. 8 Philip Feingold, Father of
Vivian Klein &
Brother of Stan Feingold
- Mar. 8 Brian Gross,
Husband of Fredrika Gross
- Mar. 9 Ellen Benbheim,
Mother of Prina Loeb
- Mar. 9 Saul Sampiere,
Father of Etienne Sampiere
- Mar. 11 Sidney Sternfield-Squires,
Husband of
Edee Sternfield-Squires
- Mar. 12 Simon Jimmy Saar, Brother
of Ahuva Simon-Saar
- Mar. 13 Polly Boyd,
Mother of Elizabeth Boyd
- Mar. 13 Edward Susnow,
Father of Nancy Fleming

Announced Mar. 13 & 14

- Mar. 14 Bernard Bernstein,
Father of Marc Bernstein
- Mar. 14 Rabbi Meyer Miller, Father
of Rabbi Mordecai Miller
- Mar. 15 Joseph Goldstein,
Mother of Elaine Golemb
- Mar. 16 Stan Diamond, Husband of
Marilyn Diamond &
Father of Lauren Newman

- Mar. 16 Leo Gurevitch, Husband of
Evelyn Gurevitch &
Eleanor Cohen
- Mar. 16 Jacob Stromer,
Father of Marilyn Sommer
- Mar. 17 Mary Hahn,
Mother of Edith Newman
- Mar. 18 G.K. Branangan, Father
of Branagan Branagan
- Mar. 18 Hazel Schloner, Mother of
Carol Swanson &
Frederic Schloner
- Mar. 19 Barbara Garam,
Mother of Rose Batzdorff

Announced Mar. 20 & 21

- Mar. 21 Pearl Lotsoff,
Mother of Cheryle Miller
- Mar. 24 Michael Abrams,
Brother of Patty Bernstein
- Mar. 24 Esther Herskovic, Mother
of Arnold Herskovic
- Mar. 25 Ester Gutman-Markman,
Aunt of Ahuva Simon-Saar
- Mar. 25 Boruch Zelichenok,
Father of Rimma Rivkin
- Mar. 27 Rae Abrams,
Mother of Patty Bernstein

Announced Mar. 27 & 28

- Mar. 28 Morris Estrin, Uncle
of Charlene Bornstein
- Mar. 28 Rachel Jones, Mother of
Maury Jones &
Grandmother of
Ross Jones

March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

- 12 Al & Sue Batzdorff
- 18 Debra & David Sokolsky
- 19 George & Paula Schlesinger
- 21 John & Barbara Whitaker
- 24 Nancy & Ed Sherman
- 27 Jeff & Karen Sommers

- Mar. 29 Yvonne Abrams,
Sister-in-law of
Patty Bernstein
- Mar. 29 Mannie Goldstein,
Father of Elaine Golemb
- Mar. 30 Shai ben Zalman,
Grandfather of
Eleanor Cohen &
Russ Gurevitch



April Yahrzeits

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Announced Apr. 3 & 4

- Apr. 4 Gail Negrin,
Mother of Ronit Glickman
- Apr. 5 Sylvia Kupperberg, Mother
of Michael Kupperberg
- Apr. 5 Justin Sommers, Son of
Karen & Jeffrey Sommers
- Apr. 6 Hyman Feinstein,
Father-in-law
of Lee Feinstein
- Apr. 8 Sydney Garson,
Father of Andrea Nett
- Apr. 8 Edward Newman,
Grandfather
of Jerry Newman
- Apr. 9 Alexander Newman,
Father of Jerry Newman
- Apr. 10 Harry Miller,
Father of Debra Sokolsky
- Apr. 10 Max Newman,
Father-in-law
of Edith Newman

Announced Apr. 10 & 11

- Apr. 11 Harriet Lotsoff,
Sister of Cheryle Miller
- Apr. 11 Esther Sokolsky,
Mother of David Sokolsky
- Apr. 12 Harry Estrin, Uncle
of Charlene Bornstein
- Apr. 12 Benjamin Miller,
Father of Susan Miller
- Apr. 12 Delores Swanson,
Mother-in-law
of Carol Swanson
- Apr. 13 Ralph Stern,
Husband of Cheryle Miller
- Apr. 14 Morris Abrams,
Grandfather
of Patty Bernstein
- Apr. 14 Ben Glass,
Father of Gussie Levine
- Apr. 15 Edward Kahn,
Father of Richard Kahn

- Apr. 15 Betty Katz,
Mother of Audrey Darby
- Apr. 15 Gerald Lakins,
Husband of Susan Miller
- Apr. 15 Betty Rosenblatt, Mother
of Robin Rosenblatt
- Apr. 15 Bessie Uday, Grandmother
of Richard Kahn
- Apr. 16 Peter Salvaggio, Father
of Stephanie Sweeney
- Apr. 17 Esther Miller,
Aunt of Susan Miller
- Apr. 17 Joseph Scherer,
Father of Juli Scherer

Announced Apr. 17 & 18

- Apr. 19 Abraham Schy,
Father of Stuart Schy
Grandfather of Leanne Schy
- Apr. 20 Elizavyeta Gaiger,
Mother of Marina Voulfson
- Apr. 20 Mary Salvaggio, Mother
of Stephanie Sweeney
- Apr. 21 Jennifer Hoffman,
Sister of Howard Glickman
- Apr. 22 Faygie Colton,
Sister of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Apr. 22 Bea Goldstein, Mother
of Marilyn Diamond
& Grandmother
of Lauren Newman
- Apr. 22 Lillian Magnus,
Grandmother
of Howard Glickman
- Apr. 22 Sophie Shapiro,
Mother of Michael Shapiro
- Apr. 22 Mildred Stromer,
Mother of Marilyn Sommer
- Apr. 23 John Gee,
Husband of Bonnie Gee
- Apr. 24 Donald Emblen,
Husband of Linda Emblen
- Apr. 24 Rosemary Friedman,
Mother of Bill Friedman
& Debra Chapman

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- 1 Asher Nathan
- 1 Sandra Shulkin
- 3 Howard Glickman
- 10 Debra Niestat
- 10 Joan Schloss
- 12 Jane Herman
- 13 Elizabeth Jarlsberg
- 14 Jay Holloway
- 18 Barbara Tomin
- 19 Barbara Whitaker
- 21 Phyllis Shapiro
- 23 Jeff Richman
- 27 Ross Jones
- 29 Biniese Goldberg
- 29 Carol Swanson
- 30 Jonathan Batzdorff
- 30 Gayle Farkas

Announced Apr. 24 & 25

- Apr. 25 Renee Newman,
Sister-in-law
of Edith Newman
- Apr. 27 Samuel Gordon, Husband
of Marjorie Gordon
- Apr. 29 Evelyn Decker,
Mother of Melvin Decker
- Apr. 29 Henry Herskovic,
Father of Arnold Herskovic
- Apr. 30 Joseph Liverman,
Grandfather
of Marc Bernstein
- May 1 Rose Abrams,
Grandmother
of Patty Bernstein
- May 1 Margret Close,
Mother of Signe Minuskin



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March Shabbatot

Mar. 7

Tetzaveh-Zachor

Candle Lighting—5:51 p.m.

Havdalah—6:50 p.m.

Mar. 14

Ki Tisa-Parah

Candle Lighting—6:58 p.m.

Havdalah—7:57 p.m.

Mar. 21

Vayakbel-Pekudei

Candle Lighting—7:05 p.m.

Havdalah—8:03 p.m.

Mar. 28

Vayikra

Candle Lighting—7:12 p.m.

Havdalah—8:10 p.m.

April Shabbatot

Apr. 4

Tzav

Candle Lighting—7:18 p.m.

Havdalah—8:17 p.m.

Apr. 11

Passover

Candle Lighting—7:25 p.m.

Havdalah—8:25 p.m.

Apr. 18

Shemini

Candle Lighting—7:32 p.m.

Havdalah—8:32 p.m.

Apr. 25

Tazria-Metzora/Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Candle Lighting—7:38 p.m.

Havdalah—8:39 p.m.