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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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As the Chinese (or is it French)? curse goes, "May you live in interesting times!" It doesn't take too much to see how this might refer to us. In the last seven plus years, we've been subjected to a minor earthquake, two major fires (three if you count the ones in Lake County), flooding and at present the new Corona Virus. We might well ask, "Where does this end?" Is there a way we can view this from a Divine perspective?

Since the close of World War II, the United States has been blessed with Peace! Yes, there have and continue to be major problems on all kinds of levels, but the truth is, we really have been living lives of privilege compared to people who live in parts of the world, such as Syria, where so many have to eke out their existence as refugees, having seen their homes and livelihood destroyed.

Can we even imagine what it must be like to endure an air raid: to sit huddled in fear and wondering if the next sound of a bomb falling might land on you and your family? What must it be like to hear the sound of tanks rumbling through your neighborhood or the constant sounds of sirens in their attempts to rescue victims?

Compared to life in the area of active armed conflict or losing our source of livelihood, or having been exposed to the virus or worse yet, developed a case of Covid-19, most of us are having to put up with inconvenience.

It's so easy to take the relative ease with which we get on with our lives for granted, if not an entitlement!

More than ever, we are given the opportunity to see, in a profound way, just how intertwined our lives are. Life has become so global in scope and function that something that started many thousand miles away has essentially affected the entire planet. The question is, are we capable of realigning our thinking to realize this fundamental principle? Can we con-

sider seriously (for the first time ever) just how we simply cannot afford to view what is right or wrong as it only affects our own selfish interests? My late father used to tell the story of the people seated in a boat on a lake. At one point, a certain individual starts to drill a hole under his seat. When the rest of the group start to protest, he responds with, "It's my seat. No one has a right to tell me what I can do!"

This inter-connection goes well beyond the ties that connect one human being to another. I'm in awe at how something microscopic in size, such as the virus, can have such a huge effect on life on the entire planet. Not only this, but within the space of weeks, we have seen our way of life turned upside down. How great and complex are the foundations of Life!

My thoughts go out to individuals who are being respectful of the shelter in place policy. I know there are many elderly who are enduring a special kind of loneliness. For those who are fortunate enough to own a computer with access to the internet, there remains the ability to take advantage of a whole host of opportunities that have sprung up across the country and beyond. These offer all kinds of experiences from lectures on a vast array of subjects to virtual concerts to tours of places distant and nearby.

In this regard, I'm very grateful to be able to join other interested people in prayer and study. Initially, I had thought to use a camera and equipment to stream video from our sanctuary to those who might be interested. I never dreamed that the interactive experience we are currently providing would work so well. We even have a few people who join us from cities in other time zones and who feel a connection with our community.

If you miss the services we were holding in our sanctuary and have not taken advantage of this current opportunity, I hope you will consider joining us on Zoom to see for yourself



how uplifting the experience can be.

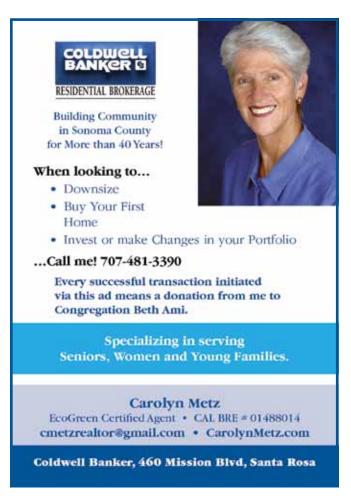
This medium has also allowed me to engage in learning with new students. Please refer to our weekly *Beth Ami Virtual Calendar* to see the times for these opportunities and also the link through which you can join us.

There are silver linings in all this complicated, sad mess! For some inexplicable reason, I have the inner sense that we are experiencing a unique manifestation of the Divine. Our Tradition would have us try to see even moments of adversity as coming from a Loving Source. Depending on the specifics of one's circumstances, that could well prove extremely challenging! Yet the mental/spiritual effort required to interpret the current times in this way may well save us from drowning in our own despair.

Actively recognizing the positive elements

may transform the adversity into opportunities. I'm personally so grateful to see familiar faces and welcome newcomers into the virtual community we've created. It appears that more people are able to engage and be involved in the spiritual journey we share. I hope it provides strength and encouragement to all and that, once we can gratefully heave a sigh of relief that the worst is over and that delicious normalcy can return ("speedily and in our lifetimes!"), we will have set down a solid foundation that individuals can grow on.

I cannot even begin to speculate where we might be on the timeline at the time you will be reading this article. At this point I hope that the worst will be over and that we will be able to return to richer, less interesting but ever more fulfilling lives.







### **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Welcome, New Members:

Phyllis Morton

#### Mazel Tov to the Families of:

Josiah David Kerben, grandson of Claire Miller

### Our Condolences to the Families of:

Paul Klein, father of Irvin Klein Felice Klein, mother of Irvin Klein Zelda Hofle, mother of Maria Soltes

## Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

Judy Dzik Rob Gitlin

Anna Judd Alfred Batzdorff

Dennis Judd Maury Jones

David Kahn Etienne Sampiere

Linda Emblen Howard Moss

#### **SCUSY News**

Though SCUSY has made it a point to stay home and practice social distancing, that won't stop us from conducting our Spring Convention and running our elections for next year! Hosted over Zoom, New Frontier USY will be be taking part in "Zoom to the Jungle!" Spring Convention. Taking advantage of this technology means we will get to see our very own Pasha Toub run for next year's Membership/Kadima VP. In the meantime, we've been joining other Northern California chapters for Saturday Havdallah evenings while taking part in various USY digital opportunities. Wishing everyone good health and safety!

— Jeremy Lipson



# The Daily Daven Is The Daily Minyan Most Days

With people from each of Rabbi Miller's former congregations, local non-members, visits from former congregants back East, and the regulars at the Daily Daven, these Zoom services usually have a minyan—great as four to five people are saying Kaddish. Come join the fun, see familiar faces, and get a chance to schmooze after services. See the Beth Ami Virtual Week on the website for the Zoom link





It's hard to know where to begin to comprehend the profound disruption to each of our lives we've been experiencing in the last 6+ weeks: to health, finances, human touch and connection, emotions, boredom, creativity, willingness to wear a mask and practice social distancing in the effort to bend the curve because by doing so, we know we are really saving lives—maybe our own, but not only our own.

We had to completely shut down the Nursery School; Friedman Center is closed; gates are locked at Mayette Ave. We're starting to think about how we will open up—how can we follow CDC, State and local Health Department guidelines and safely do the business of the Shul, or will some functions remain better done off site, from the comfort of a staff members home? Interesting.

We're getting used to meeting for prayer, work and friendship via Zoom. I light Shabbat candles with my family located from Portland to San Diego, via Zoom—we didn't know how to do that before this. Even Florence is on Zoom!

I had a congregant tell me how much she

enjoys attending Rabbi Miller's services because one sees the faces of all the others in attendance instead of looking at the back of another's head.

Keep your eye out for some new ways to connect—a phantom Ha Lyla Hagadol, a Member's Garden Tour, *Guess Who's Coming to Shabbat Dinner?* following Kabalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller. Get creative and let me know how you might want to connect from the comfort of your own home.

We, at Congregation Beth Ami, are, above all a community. You may be a service-goer, a staff member, play a leadership role, read the weekly *Cybershul* once in a while, be a member of a Chavurah, make donations at times of simchas (joyful events) or in mourning—all of these things or none of these things, it really doesn't matter—in some way this community is a place you feel tethered when you connect. And that is really important right now.

Watch for an announcement of the upcoming Annual Meeting in early June. Shall we make it a tailgating bagel brunch in the CBA parking lot? Or Zoom with 60+ of our closest friends? Stay safe, stay home, stay connected.

















## SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan

I sincerely hope that everyone is well and taking care of themselves, family and friends.

This has been a particularly difficult period for everyone. I am sure each of us has felt the stress and unease that comes with facing the unknown.

However it has been devastating to those in our community that haven't the resources needed to make it through this trying period. As you know, the Social Action Committee has always had a hands-on commitment to help those in need. At this juncture, we have suspended all outreach to the community. Sadly, the needs of the community only continue to grow as the virus spreads and the economic realities worsen. I am sure everyone has helped in their own way and it is greatly appreciated. There so are many true acts of kindness and generosity that I see and read about everyday.

I would suggest that we find it in our hearts and budgets to support an organization or group, that is in need. I know the list is very long. Here are a few that come to my mind:

- The Redwood Empire Food Bank: provides food to the growing number of food insecure in our county.
- The Jewish Free Clinic: open to those in need of medical help.
- The JFCS: families and seniors
- Catholic Charities: services for housing the insecure.
- Sonoma County Secure Family Collaborative (Immigrant rights).

Whatever we do provides hope to many! In the spirit of Tikun Olam I thank you all.

I know in time we will resume our outreach to the community. Until then, please stay safe. Be kind to yourself, to loved ones and to strangers.







## Re-Jew-venation

Eli Cohen

Welcome to the second column in the series on Rejuvenating Jewish Identity in Sonoma County. The previous column focused on the twin threats to Judaism in America of assimilation and antisemitism. In this column, we ask, "Is there a future for American Jews?"

Two decades ago, Alan Dershowitz decried in *The Vanishing of American Jew* that we, American Jews, were dying out. Even then, we were losing our identity as Jews.

In recent years, other authors agreed and offered alternatives to this dilemma. Some, like Jack Wertheimer in *The New American Judaism*, see American Judaism splitting apart with Reform Jews and Orthodox viewing each other as the enemy rather than as siblings of the same family. Some of us feel more at home with Christians of action or even witches than with observant and learned Jews.

Even worse, some American Jews deny our past, claiming that Judaism is just another religion that one may choose to acknowledge from time to time when convenient. They tend to feel nothing for the plight of fellow Jews who live in other lands, notes Steven Weisman in *The Chosen Wars*.

Fortunately, there is a movement to return to acknowledging us as the Jewish people, sharing religious traditions, literature, values, and a common language. The movement returns us from imagining Judaism from the light version taught to children to discovering that our

Judaism provides the life path we desperately seek. So writes Sarah Hurwitz, a speechwriter for President and Michelle Obama, in *Here All Along*. Instead of rejecting what we don't know, she wants us to rediscover the beauty that is our Jewish heritage and identity.

More recently, American/Israeli authors suggest that Israel and America share the mantle as centers for Jewish learning. Reading the books of authors like Tal Keinan in *God is in the Crowd*, and Daniel Gordis in *We Stand Divided* offers hope that the survival of Judaism both in America and Israel is through building connections.

Our children and grandchildren will spend 24 hours each day doing something. Without our guidance, they will waste time watching their phone or TV. With our support, they can develop their Jewish Identity. Let us give them opportunities to spend time attending Jewish summer camps, meeting other committed Jewish teens at Club Z (https://clubz.org/), and discovering their identity while on Birthright trips (https://birthright.org/).

As adults, let us strengthen our own Jewish identity through visits to Israel, and through resources like Stand With Us's Youtube channel at https://www.standwithus.com/connect. (They also have videos for young kids, such as the reading of *The Lion that loved Strawberries*. Check it out.)





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In many ways, COVID-19 helps us see how we can tackle the Climate Crisis. Because we're staying home, working on Zoom, not flying everywhere, we've seen changes in the world that just a few months ago we were told simply couldn't happen, because they were too expensive and the economy would be damaged.

Well, the economy's been damaged, but somehow we've found the money to bail out a lot of little people (along with a lot of big corporations.) Companies, who said their employees could never work from home, discovered ways to operate virtually.

Because of changes we've had to make during the pandemic, global emissions of carbon dioxide are down six per cent. Other common emissions, especially nitrous oxide, have also decreased resulting in some very visible changes; for the first time in more than 30 years the Himalayas can be seen from cities in northern India. Nitrous oxide is short lived—weeks or months—in the atmosphere, but carbon dioxide lasts centuries, so its decrease isn't making a real difference in global heating.

And, if we go back to normal after this, the emissions will climb again.

We can't go back to normal. We need to have a new normal. A normal that includes the changes we've made recently.

Fifty years ago today on the first Earth Day, 20 million Americans—10% of the US population—took part in events raising environmental consciousness leading to legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the EPA. Since then carbon dioxide levels have risen 26% and the average temperature globally has increased 0.86° Celsius—that's 33.5° Fahrenheit! We need to make sure that as we recover our economy, we find ways to insure we don't go back to "business as usual.' We need to show the same solidarity and science for #ClimateAction as we're showing against #COVID19.

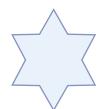
#### **Quick GREEN Tip**

We're all washing our hands, but we're also in a new drought. Turning the water off while soaping your hands saves six gallons/day if you're washing your hands just nine times daily (the pre-COVID-19 average).











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And you shall count for yourselves, from the morrow after the day of rest, from the day that ye brought the Omer of the wave offering, seven complete weeks shall there be. To the morrow after the seventh week shall you count fifty days; and you shall present anew grain offering unto the Lord.—Leviticus 23: 15-16

We are ordered to Count the Omer for 49 days from the Second day of Passover until Shavuot (which means *weeks.*) 49 days is a week of weeks (i.e., 7 x 7). To help with this daily counting, many Omer Counters have been devised. For years, I used one that was 7 flowers with 7 petals and I would mark off a petal each evening or the next day if I forgot.

A number of years ago our friend, the calligrapher and graphic artist, David Moss, designed and published a print as his contribution to the tradition of Omer Counters. When I saw it, I knew immediately that I wanted to reproduce it as a quilt. When I asked his permission, he readily agreed but stipulated that I must correct the error in his print. I agreed and once I figured it out, the correction was easy to make. If you want to see where the error is, you will have to wait until I can display the quilt in the Sanctuary again and put out David's explanatory notes that include a small reproduction of his original print.

His print is based on 49 rectangles that are divided into 3 parts and 7 colors plus gray for the background. The colors represent each of the seven lower Sefirot, or Divine attributes. Each week is assigned one of the colors, and each day of the week is also assigned one of the colors. They are:

- White—Chessed or Lovingkindness.
- Red—Gevurah or Judgement or Strength.
- Purple—Tiferet or Beauty or Balance.
- Light Pink—Netzach or Victory or Eternity.
- Dark Pink—Hod Splendor or Humility.
- Orange—Yesod Foundation or Creativity.

Blue—Malchut Sovereignty or Divine Presence.

As you count across and down the quilt, the colors intersect and you have 2 sets of attributes to think about each day. So, for example, during week 2, the color of the week is Red for Gevurah you have a week to think about each given attribute within the attribute of the week. Day 10 would be Gevurah sh'b' Tiferet—Beauty within Kindness.

This is how the counting part works. After the blessing there are three parts of the daily counting recited out loud:

The consecutive day from 1 to 49.

- 1. The number of complete weeks that have elapsed.
- 2. The number of additional days in the current week.

So, for example, day 33 (Lag B'Omer) would be counted like this:

Today is 33 days, which are four weeks  $(4 \times 7 = 28)$  and five days (28 + 5 = 33) of the Omer.

Now we apply this to the design of each block. The top and bottom parts of the block, in white, represent the consecutive days. The top are the units of ten (the top row is days 1–7 so no tens which is why there are no white rectangles of fabric). The bottom part of the block is the numbers 1–9. So, continuing with the example of Lag B'Omer, if you look at the fifth row, and the fifth block from the right, it has 3 white rectangles at the top for the 3 tens making 30 and at the bottom of the block there are 3 more rectangles for the 3 days to make 33 days.

Now for the Four weeks and Five days part of the counting. This is done in the center portion of the block using the colors of the Sefirot. Each week has a central square of the color of the week; if you look down the right side the



central squares are in order; white, red, purple, light pink, dark pink, orange and red. The first week uses the white rectangles at the bottom of each block to count the first 7 consecutive days and uses the central squares to introduce the colors and their intersections: white on white, red on white, purple on white, etc.

The second week starts with white on red with a whole square on a whole square which means 1 week and 1 day, then the red on red is 2 red rectangles on a whole red square for 1 week and 2 days. It is easier to see row 2, fourth block, where the central colors have more contrast. It is a red square and 4 light pink squares for 1 week and 4 days. Notice that the white says ten on top and 1 on the bottom for 11 = 7 + 4.

Also notice that the last block of the second row on the left the red square is divided in two and the center blue square has curved corners. It says we are at 2 weeks and 0 days.

The curved corners represent 0. Each block on the left is the beginning of the next week.

So, back to Lag B'Omer. It is row 5, and 5 from the right. It has 3 tens at the top for 30 days and 3 ones at the bottom for 33 days total. In the center it dark pink on dark pink, (sorry if it is hard to see) Hod on Hod or Splendor or Humility within Splendor or Humility. The outer dark pink square is divided in 4 representing Four whole weeks and the center dark pink square is divided into 5 for the Five days in the current week. Again  $4 \times 7 + 5 = 33$ . Got it?

Happy counting and enjoy your meditations while we are sheltering in place. I hope it makes life more bearable for us all. I have written this to make up for the fact that I cannot hang the quilt in the Sanctuary at this time so at Leanne Schy's suggestion, I have brought it to you in print.

## **SHAVUOT: THE BASICS**

Shavuot has a double significance. It marked the all-important wheat harvest in the Land of Israel (Exodus 34:22) and it commemorates the anniversary of the day when God gave the Torah to the nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai—although the association is not explicit in the Biblical text between the giving of the Torah (Matan Torah) and Shavuot.

The holiday is one of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals of the Bible. The word Shavuot means "weeks" and it marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer. Its date is directly linked to that of Passover; the

Torah mandates the sevenweek Counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover, to be immediately followed by Shavuot. This counting of days and weeks is understood to express anticipation and desire for the giving of the Torah. On Passover, the people of Israel were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot, they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving God. The yahrzeit of King David is traditionally observed on Shavuot.

Shavuot is celebrated in Israel for one day and in the Diaspora for two days, with Yiskor on the second day.

#### **CUSTOMS OF SHAVUOT:**

- Aqdamut, the reading of a liturgical poem during Shavuot morning synagogue services
- Chalav (milk), the consumption of dairy products like milk and cheese
- Ruth, the reading of the Book of Ruth at morning services (outside Israel: on the second day)
- Yereq (greening), the decoration of homes and synagogues with greenery
- Torah, engaging in all-nightTorah study.

---Wikipedia



The Beth Ami Kitchen Committee wants to reach out and thank all of you who have helped us with your donations of food, supplies, and monies. You help us make the Beth Ami food events even better.

All of us are looking forward to when we can return to normal operations. But in the meantime, stay healthy, be safe, and keep in contact. We miss you.

# Why is this year different from all other years?

On all other years we spent a fair amount of time rearranging and koshering our Beth Ami Kitchen for Passover, then we did our household.

This year, with the shelter in place, we only had to do our household and we had extra time to clean and sort all of our rooms in the house.

On all other years, shopping for Kosher for Passover food items was done with many trips and many miles of traveling.

This year, travel is limited to essential trips only. With the shipping and stocking of foods and merchandise very limited, there were fewer choices of Kosher for Passover foods available within local stores. Whether you shopped by Instacart or other delivery programs (or did pick-ups at the curb), alot of items were just not available. If you shopped in person, you had to get around as quickly and as efficiently as possible to keep your social distance to be safe.

On all other years, there was two big Seders dinners for family and friends. The Beth Ami Community Seder was available to all of our Jewish Community and was one of the options for the second night Seder.

This year, both Seder meals were only for

your live-in group of family and/or friends. Creativity was was key for both of the Seders. Clean up was alot easier. There were many of opportunities to share your company with others (including Rabbi Miller's community Seder at his house) via telephone, or computer video conferencing (Zoom, Facetime, or Google Hangout, etc.)

On all other years, family and friends were able to meet, greet and hug.

This year all greetings are either at least 6 feet apart, or by phone or computer; and hugs are done as air hugs (aka: zen hugs). You meet either in person keeping social distances or by phone or on computer screen with a group video conference.

Why is this year different from all other years?

COVID-19 has reared its ugly head and changed our world in ways we couldn't have imagined.

But we are seeing good come out of this. People are reaching out in safe ways to keep in touch with the rest our community. Food is being delivered to those who can't get out and shop. We are communicating by phone and by computer in ways we wouldn't have dreamed of doing as we shelter in place in our homes.

May you all be happy, healthy and safe.

## Food and Holidays

Passover is over. After that, our next major holiday is Shavuot and in between, starting on the second day of Passover and continuing until Shavuot, is the Counting of the Omer .

On the second day of Passover we start doing the mitzvah of Counting the Omer. On the second day of Passover an Omer of Barley (the first fruits of the barley harvest) was presented to the temple. Starting from that day, we do a count each day for 49 days, while we waited

# THE KITCHEN CORNER Janet Stein-Larson

with Myra Thomas-Stern, Chair of the Kitchen Committee

for the wheat to mature. On the 50th day, the first fruits of the wheat harvest were presented to the temple as loaves. The Omer counting is to remind us of the link between Passover and Shavuot, between freedom from slavery in Egypt and receiving the Torah at Mt Sinai. These 49 days allow us spiritual reflection before celebrating our receiving the Torah.

When we celebrate Shavuot, starting the evening of May 28th, we study Torah. We use flowers, greens from trees for decorations. We share baskets of the seven species of fruit. We have milk meals to remind us of the nurturing of the Torah to us spiritually, as milk is the nourishment for us and our offspring. It also reminds us of the receiving of the laws of Torah, and receiving one of the mitzvot of being Jewish, which is keeping kosher (separating milk from meat, along with many other rules/restrictions).

Why is this year different then all other years?

On all the other years, we would in groups of 3, 4,or 5 people make batches and batches of blintzes (over 100) in our Beth Ami Kitchen, to share them at the Onegs after the Shavuot Services and with the Shabbat Potlucks.

This year (and I hope I'm wrong) I don't believe we will be able to do that. With the social distancing, having more then one family unit in the Beth Ami kitchen will make food preparation a challenge. That doesn't mean you can't have fun at home making blintzes or a dish similar to treat for your family to enjoy. (One of the great things about working in a kitchen as a team, is the camaraderie of each person working together, each with their various tasks. Think preparing the leaves (crepes), preparing the filling, the stuffing and folding the blintzes, and the frying or baking before enjoying the fruits of your labors.)

We want this to be fun, not a challenge. If you can't find flour (because there is a stocking problem of this, alot of people are baking at home) or you don't want to make individual crepe/blintzes, then there are many other milk dishes to choose from. (Crepe casseroles, stuffed manicotti, vegetable lasagna, omelettes with cheese fillings, etc., etc.)

Of course, you can also use food to make decorations. How about creating a basket with the first fruits of seven species from Israel (wheat, barley, olives, grapes, pomegranates, dates, figs) with flowers, tree leaves, branches, and other greens to decorate your table center.

However you plan for the holidays, keep it simple (we have enough going on that is different).

I wish you and your family and friends good health, stay happy, and have fun.







## GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

The next time you are looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a joyous occasion, remember a loved one, or comfort a mourner, please consider a donation to Congregation Beth Ami. When you make a gift, a card is send to the honoree or the family and your donation is proudly acknowledged in the Shofar. The minimum donation for each occasion is \$7.50. Congregation Beth Ami truly appreciates your support.

# Children's Education Fund

In memory of Irvin Klein's parents — Mark & Carol Rosen

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Speedy recovery to Maury Jones

—The Ballo family

In memory of Ruth Rosenberg, with condolences to her family

—The Ballo family

Speedy recovery to Ahuva Simon-Saar—*The Ballo family* 

Toda Raba to the Winklers for continuing to edit the Shofar so successfully—*The Ballo family* 

In memory of Betty Franks, with condolences to her family

—The Ballo family

Todah Raba to all Halaya HaGadol hosts—*The Ballo family* 

Toda Raba to the whole Purim Spiel crew!—*The Ballo family* 

Many, many thanks to Asher Nathan for chanting Megillat Ester —The Ballo family

Speedy recovery to Al Batzdorff — The Ballo family

In memory of Irvin Klein's parents, Felice & Paul Klein —The Ballo family

A generous donation—*Elise Watkins*In honor of being called to the bimah—*Ivan Barta* 

In memory of Ira & Ruth Rosenberg
—James & Janet Robinson

In memory of Zelda Hofle, mother of Maria Soltes—*Judi Hyman* 

In memory of Irvin Klein's father, Paul Klein—*Judi Hyman* 

In memory of Irvin Klein's father, Paul Klein—*Juli Scherer* 

In memory of Irvin Klein's mother, Felice Klein—*Juli Scherer* 

A thoughtful donation

—Katherine Derenia

In memory of Irvin Klein's father, Paul Klein

—Richard Kahn & Anne Brown

In memory of my husband, Stanley Frommer—Roz Frommer

In memory of Brian Gross
—Stuart & Ethel Schy

In memory of Ethel's mother, Frieda Goldman—Stuart & Ethel Schy

In honor of Dennis Judd's birthday—*Tish Levee* 

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—Dr. Eli Cohen & Elizabeth Boyd

A generous donation—Robert Raful

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In memory of Zelda Hofle, mother of Maria Soltes—*The Ballo family* In memory of Jackie Katzel

—The Ballo family

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In memory of my mother Zelda Hofle and Toda Raba to Rabbi Miller for the Kaddish service

—Maria Soltes & Family

In memory of my father, Gerson Kahn—*David Kahn* 

In memory of Irvin Klein's mother, Felice Klein

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#### May Shabbat and other Services

While sheltering in place on Zoom, see Virtual Calendar for schedule and access codes

May 1 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service on Zoom if sheltering in place

May 2 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service on Zoom

May 8 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service with Lisa Iskin on Zoom

May 9 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed on Zoom

May 10 (Sun.)—Mothers Day family holiday

May 12 (Tues.)—Lag B'Omer

May 15 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service with Lisa Iskin on Zoom

May 16 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck or Zoom

May 22 (Fri.)—Yom Yerushalayim

May 22 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service or Zoom

May 23 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck or Zoom

May 24 (Sun.)—Rosh Chodesh Sivan

May 25 (Mon)—Memorial Day Federal Holiday

May 28 (Thurs.)—8:30 .m. Shavuot Leyl Tik-kun

**May 29 (Fri.)—9:30 a.m.** Shavuot Day 1 or Zoom

May 29 (Fri.)—6 p.m. Shabbat evening service or Zoom

May 30 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shavuot Day 2 (Yiskor) or Zoom

#### **Daily Daven**

While sheltering in place on Zoom, see Rabbi's Virtual Calendar for schedule and access codes

Weekdays, non Festival—8:30 a.m. Morning Minyan in the Chapel or Zoom

**Sun.—Thurs.—8 p.m.** Evening Daily Daven in the Chapel or on Zoom, except for Jewish and Secular Holidays

#### June Shabbat and other Services

**June 5 (Fri.)—6 p.m.** Shabbat evening service **6:30–7:15 p.m.** dinner (Reservations necessary\*) **7:15–8:15 p.m.** program

June 6 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

**June 12 (Fri.)—6 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

June 13 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service

**June 19 (Fri.)—6 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

June 20 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

June 21 (Sun.)—Fathers Day family holiday

June 22-23 (Mon.–Tues.)—Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

**June 26 (Fri.)—6 p.m.** Shabbat evening service

June 27 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service followed by dairy potluck

\*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.

## **Beth Ami Online Events Calendar**

#### Friday, May 1

Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, May 2

9:30am Shabbat Services 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, May 3

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, May 4

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, May 5

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 1:00pm Social Action Committee 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Wednesday, May 6

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Thursday, May 7

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Friday, May 8

Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, May 9

9:30am Shabbat Services 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, May 10

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, May 11

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, May 12

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Wednesday, May 13

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Thursday, May 14

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Friday, May 15

Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, May 16

9:30am Shabbat Services 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, May 17

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, May 18

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, May 19

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 7:00pm Executive Committee Mtg. 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Wednesday, May 20

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 4:00 pm Adult Education Mtg. 7:00pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Thursday, May 21

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Friday, May 22

Yom Yerushalayim Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, May 23

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

#### Sunday, May 24

Rosh Chodesh 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday- office 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, May 26

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 7:00pm CBA Board Meeting 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Wednesday, May 27

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 4:00 pm Adult Education Mtg. 7:00pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Thursday, May 28

Erev Shavuot
Office Open (remote)10am -2pm
7:55 am Parsha study
8:30am Morning Minyan
2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class
8:30pm Erev Shavuot, Leyl Tikkun

#### Friday, May 29

Shavuot Day 1 9:30am Festival Service 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, May 30

9:30am Shabbat, Shavuot 2, Yiskor 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, May 31

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

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#### Thursday, June 4

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Friday, June 5

Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, June 6

9:30am Shabbat Services 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, June 7

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, June 8

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, June 9

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#### Friday, June 12

Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, June 13

9:30am Shabbat Services 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, June 14

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, June 15

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, June 16

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 7:00pm Executive Committee Mtg. 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Wednesday, June 17

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 4:00 pm Adult Education Mtg. 7:00pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Thursday, June 18

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Friday, June 19

Yom Yerushalayim Office Open (remote)10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, June 20

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

#### Sunday, June 21

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, June 22

Rosh Chodesh
Office Open (remote)10am -2pm
7:55 am Parsha study
8:30am Morning Minyan
2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller
7:00pm CBA Board Meeting
8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, June 23

Rosh Chodesh 2 Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Wednesday, June 24

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Midrash with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Thursday, June 25

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:30pm TaNaCH (Bible) class 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Friday, June 26

Yom Yerushalayim Office Open (remote) 10am -12 8:00am Parshah Study 8:30am Daily Minyan 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, June 27

9:30am Shabbat, Shavuot 2, Yiskor 7:50pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah

#### Sunday, June 28

7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Monday, June 29

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Evening Minyan

#### Tuesday, June 30

Office Open (remote) 10am -2pm 7:55 am Parsha study 8:30am Morning Minyan 2:00pm Mishnah with Rabbi Miller 8:00pm Evening Minyan



## 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 May 1 & 2		May 15	Herbert Klapow,	1.4 1	p:l
May 2	Sheldon Margolese, Uncle		Father of Larry Klapow		Birthdays
	of Michelle Zygielbaum	Annound	ced May 15 & 16		o not wish to have your birthday the Shofar, please contact the office
May 3	Beba Minsky, Mother of Dan Anbar	May 16	Dalia Sheff, Wife of Jeff Sheff		avid Kahn ill Leeb
May 3	Constance Schweitzer, Mother of Blair Pleasant	May 16	William Spiegelman, Grandfather of	3 M	ark Stoelting adith Helman
May 4	Everett Shapiro, Husband of Phyllis Shapiro	May 21	Ronit Glickman Kay Simon,	7 A	nne Brown .net Stein-Larson
May 5	Dorothy Sweeney, Mother of Jim Sweeney	·	Mother of Lyla Nathan	10 Ic	osif Voulfson ichard Goldberg
May 6	Isadore Herman, Father of Jane Herman	May 22	Marlene Jones, Wife of Maury Jones & Mother of Ross Jones	14 E	dith Newman velyn Gurevitch
May 7	Manny Simon, Father of Lyla Nathan		ced May 22 & 23	16 E	dward Sherman arina Voulfson
May 7	Herman Uday, Grandfather of Richard Kahn	May 23	Sidney Baba, Father of William Cordell		ancy Dotti vin Klein
May 8	Rosa Marks, Grandmother of Myrna Morse	May 23	Lillian Judd, Mother of Dennis Judd	_	Anniversaries arb & Mitchell McGee
May 8	Martin Mermelstein, Brother of Shirley Klapow	May 23	Robert Paul, Brother of Jane Paul	17 As	sher & Lyla Nathan ave & Marge Ballo
May 8	Lily Zeamans, Grandmother of	May 24	Stanley Williams, Father of Lenore Holloway & Bonnie Gee	27 Jc 27 D	on & Rose Batzdorff ebbie & Tad Shapiro ichard Kahn
<b>A</b>	Judith Helman	May 25	Anna Stein,		Anne Brown
May 10	ced May 8 & 9  Julius Newman,  Brother-in-Law  of Edith Newman	May 26	Aunt of Bob Raful Israel Senzer, Father of Adrea Moss	30 Ja	net & Jeffrey Stein-Larson
May 12	Shneer Antonovsky, Father of Olga Pekker	May 27 May 28	Ann Stern, Mother of Myra Stern-Thomas Sam Keller,	June 5	John Hess,
May 12	Sheldon Bornstein, Brother of Art Bornstein	May 29	Grandfather of Dan Weill Richard Hyman,	June 5	Father of Barbara Tomin Lena Liverman,
May 13	Nathan Paul, Father of Jane Paul	-	Father of Judi Hyman ced May 29 & 30		Grandmother of Marc Bernstein
May 14	Rabbi Samuel Jones, Father of Maury Jones &	May 30	Sandor Garam, Uncle of Cheryle Miller	June 5	Nisel Pekker, Father of Semyon Pekker
May 15	Grandfather of Ross Jones William Friedman,	May 31	Jon Simkovitz, Former Husband of Julie Simkovitz	June 5	Alice Rapkin, Great Aunt of Susan Miller
•	Grandfather of Bill Friedman	June 4	Betty Mann & Oscar Mann, Parents of Marge Ballo	June 5	Ben Rogan, Father of Jane Rogan



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- June 6 Abe Shapiro, Father of Raynore Paule
- June 7 Joel Brodsky, Brother of Karen Brodsky
- June 7 Bertha Schy, Mother of Stuart Schy
- June 9 Albert Hirschman, Grandfather of Abraham Alexander
- June 9 Bessie Tsipan, Mother-in-law of Malvina Tsipan
- June 11 Robert Shotkin, Father of Dr. Alan Shotkin
- June 12 Thomas Cordill, Father of Kim Cordell
- June 12 Harry Hankin, Husband of Gussie Levine
- June 12 Louis Stein, Uncle of Robert Raful

#### Announced June 12 & 13

- June 13 Hyman Golemb, Father of Sherrill Golemb
- June 13 Myer Zittin, Father of Charlene Bornstein
- June 14 Bluma Rudnitskaya, Sister of Iosif Voulfson
- June 15 Mies Rijnveldt, Mother of Mieneke Drake

- June 18 Tom Fleming,
  Brother of Andy Fleming
- June 19 Allen Moss, Father of Howard Moss

#### Announced June 19 & 20

- June 20 Stephen Bernstein, Brother of Marc Bernstein
- June 21 Barbara Boren, Mother of Bonnie Boren
- June 22 Mortimer Weiss, Father of Dan Weiss
- June 23 Steven Freistadt, Cousin of Jane Rogan
- June 25 Anna Seldowitz, Grandmother of Susan Miller

#### Announced June 26 & 27

- June 27 Benny Friedman, Father of Bill Friedman & Debra Chapman
- June 27 Eugene Leeb, Brother of Bill Leeb
- June 27 Irwin Levy, Father of Jancie Sternfeld
- July 2 Murray Shapiro, Father of Carolyn Orlik
- July 3 Bessie Hartzman, Grandmother of Cheryle Miller

#### June Birthdays

If you do *not* wish to have your birthday listed in the Shofar, please contact the office

- 2 Roz Frommer
- 8 Linda Emblen
- 8 Andrea Goodman
- 8 Michelle Zygielbaum
- 11 Dan Anbar
- 15 Joslyn Metzger
- 16 Bobbie Rosenthal
- 17 Charlene Bornstein
- 17 Jeffrey Sternfeld
- 21 Marjorie Gordon
- 27 Juli Scherer
- 28 Shirley Klapow
- 30 Jane Paul

#### June Anniversaries

- 13 Larry & Shirley Klapow
- 18 Sherri & Randy Weinstein
- 20 Sherrill & Elaine Golemb25 Charlene & Art Bornstein
- 26 Nancy & Andy Fleming
- 26 Binese & Earl Goldberg

July 3 Jean Inman, Mother of Lee Feinstein













#### Address service requested

### May Shabbatot

#### May 2

Acherei Mot-Kedoshim Candle Lighting—7:45 p.m. Havdalah—8:54 p.m.

#### May 9

Emor

Candle Lighting—7:52 p.m. Havdalah—9:01 p.m.

#### May 16

*Behar-Bechukotai* Candle Lighting—7:58 p.m. Havdalah—9:07 p.m.

#### **May 23**

Bamidbar Candle Lighting—8:04 p.m. Havdalah—9:13 p.m.

#### May 30

Shavuot Day 2 Candle Lighting—8:09 p.m. Havdalah—9:18 p.m.

#### June Shabbatot

#### **June 6**

Naso

Candle Lighting—8:14 p.m. Havdalah—9:22 p.m.

#### June 13

Beha'alotcha Candle Lighting—8:17 p.m. Havdalah—9:26 p.m.

#### June 20

Sh'lach

Candle Lighting—8:20 p.m. Havdalah—9:28 p.m.

#### June 27

Korach

Candle Lighting—8:20 p.m. Havdalah—9:28 p.m.