

Welcome to Congregation Beth Ami's Days of Awe

We're so pleased to welcome you to Beth Ami as we approach the coming Jewish New Year, 5781.



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At a time for opening our hearts, we're opening our "virtual doors" as well.

Congregation Beth Ami warmly welcomes everyone. No tickets are required.

Donations are gratefully accepted.

Please call the office for information on how to join our services, or to make a donation.

May you and your loved ones be blessed with love, health and joy throughout this New Year.

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A Work in Progress

The challenges we've had to face this past year have been extraordinary, to say the least. Dealing with the Coronavirus epidemic and its associated complications have presented unique challenges and forced us to change the daily course of events.

Given the significant vulnerability of most of our members we have decided to pull back from holding services in our sanctuary and chapel and use the Zoom platform to have communal worship in your own home.

To help make up for this lack, we are providing you with a "High Holiday Kit!"

Please make sure to fill out the form included in the Yizkor mailing and return it to us so that we can take care of your holiday requests. If you have not received the Yizkor mailing, please contact our office.

The kit will contain any of the following items per your request:

- One or two High Holiday prayer book/s (The *Machzor*).
- A schedule of Services
- The Yizkor book for 5781 (2020-2021)
- Jewish Calendar for 5781 (2020-2021)
- A visual card for silent responses with "Amen" on one side and "Yasher Ko'ach" on the other. (This is the greeting offered to someone who has just performed a mitzvah participating in the service - it means "May your strength increase!")
- A sheet with the Tashlich Service
- Meditations for the "Kever Avot" (Cemetery) visit.
- Apples and Honey
- A round Challah
- Tea candles for erev Yom Kippur
- A yahrzeit candle for Yizkor

In order to provide the opportunity for communal worship, we are offering the opportunity for people to use their personal computers, tablets or phones (both regular and "smart") utilizing the Zoom platform. If you haven't had the chance, so far, to participate in this way, we invite you to give this a try. If you need help using Zoom, please let us know and we'll give you some step-to-step guidance. You can contact Elizabeth at (707) 360-3000 and she will be able to direct you further.

If you don't have a computer, we may be able to provide you with one. Otherwise, we can give you the information to join us over the phone. Again, please contact Elizabeth.

We are joining many other synagogues in "going virtual" over these coming holidays. The times for our services are listed elsewhere. Please take a look and see when you will join in the service.

- This year, the first Day falls on Shabbat, so we will proceed with our usual Rosh HaShanah format.
- We are planning to experiment the second day. Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah I am planning to experiment with the services
 - We'll be starting at 9:30 a.m. with a very brief *Shacharit and Torah Service at 10 AM*
 - 11:30 a.m. We plan to explore just one or two of the unique prayers of the High Holidays
 - To prevent harm, we will sound the shofar over Zoom.
 - If you are able to sound a shofar at home, please feel free to sound it after services so that you can participate in the mitzvah..
- You are invited to observe the following traditions at any convenient time during the week between Rosh HaShanah and Shabbat, (Monday, Sept 21 - Friday, Sep 25):
 - Tashlich - the Ritual of Atonement by casting our sins on a large body of water.
 - Kever Avot - Visit the cemetery to meditate and offer your personal prayers.
 - We are including sheets with appropriate songs and meditations in your Holiday Kit.
- Yom Kippur Services will be broadcast on Zoom with the same schedule we normally follow and is listed on one of the following sheets.

May we invite you to join us for services BEFORE the holidays to experience the Zoom platform. We offer daily morning and evening services, and Friday and Saturday Shabbat services. You can find all the information you need on our website www.bethamir.org under our "BETH AMI VIRTUAL WEEK" link. You can come as late as you like and stay as long as you wish. Our intention is that you have some familiarity with the ZOOM experience prior to joining us for the Holidays.

In this way we hope to provide you with an opportunity to experience the great days in ways that will satisfy your need for a spiritually rewarding experience.

L'Shanah tovah tikateivu!

May you and all those you hold close be written in the Book of Life for a good and sweet year!

Thank you

Mordecai Miller

Rabbi

Carolyn Metz

President

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The official beginning of the Season of Self-examination: We gather as a community to look into our hearts; to study, to visit, and to pray. Do we have the courage to admit our errors and to seek forgiveness? We will meet on ZOOM for this service and then join others at the USCJ for a study session.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Join us to step outside your daily routine and embrace the New Year in community.

ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



The “beginning (head) of the year” commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve, the first people. It is an appropriate time for serious contemplation on evaluating our lives. Rosh Hashanah is known in the Torah as the “Day of Remembrance” (Yom haZikaron) and the “Day of Shofar Blasts” (Yom T’ru-ah). “Remembrance” has to do with our Creator “judging” the universe individually and collectively. The shofar blasts are a unique medium through which our thoughts and emotions can carry us beyond words

alone This year, because First Day falls on Shabbat, we do NOT blow the Shofar this day.

- 8:30 a.m. Preliminary Service on page 78
- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit (Morning) Service on page 134
- 9:30 a.m. Torah Service on page 192
- 11:30 a.m. Sermon
- 11:20 a.m. Musaf on page 266
- 1:30 p.m. End of Services

Children’s Services Lisa Iskin leads a Family service filled with highlights of the music of the Days of Awe, that will delight all ages.

10:30 -11:00 a.m. See Virtual Calendar for Zoom link.

Tashlich, “Because Rosh Hashanah Day One is on Shabbat, Tashlich is observed on Day2. See below.

Mincha & Ma’ariv are afternoon and evening prayer services. Each taking about twenty minutes, they provide further opportunity to meditate on the great themes of the day.

What does it mean to acknowledge the Divine as “Sovereign”?

7:00 p.m. Mincha is on page 360; Ma’ariv is on page 18;

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Second Day is more relaxed. Since we are now more familiar with the flow of the service, it actually allows us to discover elements and moments of meditation and prayer that may elude us on the First Day. The Torah reading recounts the dramatic story of the “Binding of Isaac”, while the Haftarah (Prophetic Reading) taken from Jeremiah, is one of the most deeply moving statements of G-d’s compassion for the Jewish people.

I hope to use our time together to engage in study and prayer so as to add a new level of understanding of how our Tradition can open up new experiences for us to enrich our lives.

9:30 a.m. Brief Morning Service (Sh'ma)

10:00 a.m. Torah Service on page 192 (First set of Shofar sounds on page 249)

11:30 a.m. Musaf Experience (Includes Shofar)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Tashlich, “to cast,” is based on verses that speak of “G-d casting our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7: 18 ff.). It is customary to go to a flowing body of water and to recite prayers while casting our sins (represented by bread crumbs) into the water. There will be no group gathering this year due to Covid-19. We encourage you to find a local body of water and use the sheet in your Holiday Kit to conduct your private prayers.

FAST OF GEDALIAH

The **Fast of Gedaliah** (Dawn to Evening) is a day set aside to commemorate the assassination of Gedaliah, the Babylonian-appointed official charged with administering the Jewish population remaining in Judah following the destruction of the Temple and exile in 586 BCE. Gedaliah was an Israelite who was assassinated by Israelite zealots. This act of defiance caused the Babylonians to remove any vestige of Israelite sovereignty over the land of Judah.

KEVER AVOT & GENIZAH - CEMETERY VISIT

The Kever Avot ceremony honors those who have passed and supports those who mourn. It allows us to experience the High Holiday season connected to previous generations. Adults and children are welcome to learn and be comforted as we prepare for a fuller experience on the Day of Atonement. You are encouraged to observe this by visiting the cemetery at your convenience to encourage social distancing. A sheet with meditation and prayers is in your Holiday Kit for you to use if you choose.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-26

The Shabbat that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: named after the opening words of the Prophetic reading (Hosea 14:2-4) “(Shuvah) Return, O Israel, to the Lord your G-d...” Are we willing to take an honest look at the consequences of our past behavior... and connect the dots? Siddur Chadash usual Shabbat Service with inclusions.

Friday: 5:30 p.m. Afternoon service (Mincha); 5:40 p.m. Children's Story; 6:00 p.m. Candle lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat;

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services;

6:30 p.m. Shabbat afternoon, evening and 7:45 p.m. Havdalah services

The "Day of Atonement" is a day on which we atone for sins committed against G-d or our fellow human beings. To atone before G-d for misdeeds against another person, one must seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrong whenever possible. To demonstrate our sincerity we "afflict our souls" by fasting from food and drink. The Talmud restrictions include: washing, bathing, anointing one's body, shaving, etc., wearing leather shoes, or engaging in sexual activities.

Morning Service: An essential part of the service allows us to participate in public confession. The words in our prayer book (Machzor) are intended to help us remember specific moments during the past year/s when we failed to remember that we are "created in G-d's image". Asking G-d to forgive us and being reassured that we can be forgiven allows us a fresh approach to the future and to heal emotionally and spiritually.

9:30 a.m. Preliminary Service on page 78,

10:00 a.m. Shacharit on page 134; Amidah is on page 496;

11:30 a.m. Torah Service on page 534

Children's Service: Lisa Iskin leads a Family service filled with highlights of the music of the Days of Awe, that will delight all ages.

11:00 a.m -11:30 See Virtual Calendar for zoom link.

Avodah: Kohen Gadol Service: There are certain services that are performed only on Yom Kippur. One such service is the Ritual of the High Priest (Kohen Gadol). This takes us through the various rituals that the High Priest performed on Yom Kippur in the Temple in Jerusalem. There are three points in this service where we have the opportunity to prostrate ourselves out of a sense of submission to the Divine and a physical act of awe and humility. The service reminds us that Life has elements that go beyond our abilities to provide rational explanations. There are elements to the process of forgiveness that may be ineffable:

2:00 p.m. on page 638

Martyrology: Eyleh Ezkerah, "THESE I REMEMBER:" Perhaps one of the most deeply moving parts of the Yom Kippur liturgy is the Eyleh Ezkerah. This is a martyrology which brings to light the various times in our history - from early ages and down to our times - when members of our people gave up their lives to express their belief in G-d and their commitment to Torah. It provides us with the realization that, at times, expressing our beliefs and values comes at a great price. Sadly, our own times appear to hang in the balance.

2:20 p.m on page 732;

Teen T'Shuvah Service: Rick Concoff leads this alternative service for teens (8th grade and up).

5:00 p.m. Zoom link; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86551418503?pwd=TnJQMxBDCzhIRGo3TmZ5QlJuRHlKdz09>

Mincha, Torah Service & Yizkor: As the day progresses, the mood shifts; a certain degree of inner calm becomes perceptible. There's a "lighter touch" to the proceedings. The Haftarah comprises the Book of Jonah - a dramatic narrative that contrasts G-d's capacity to forgive and the brittleness of the human spirit over "small stuff". Do "our possessions" matter more than "people"?

4:15 p.m. Mincha on page 670;

Yizkor allows the chance to focus on the impact that others have on our own lives - despite the fact that they may no longer be physically present. Can we recognize the degree to which we are interdependent and how that may impact our choices?

5:00 p.m. on page 568 and Yizkor Booklet;

Neilah, "Locking the Gates", takes place at the time when the city gates would be locked for the night. While it marks the final moments of Yom Kippur, it reminds us that we "don't have all the time in the world" to redirect our life choices and mend our broken relationships. As Yom Kippur comes to a close and our future is being sealed, we turn to G-d to accept our sincere repentance and ask to be sealed in the Book of

Life. We pray for the Eternal One to judge our thoughts and actions favorably and grant us a New Year filled with health and joy, prosperity and peace.

6:15 p.m. on page 760;

During the Silent Amidah we will display an image of our Ark and Torah Scrolls and encourage you to meditate for a few minutes to replace our custom of stepping up to the Ark for private prayer.

Ma'ariv & Shofar Blowing: Evening prayer service and the final moment of Yom Kippur: Sealing the Book of Life for 5781.

7:10 p.m. on page 810;

7:40 p.m. Yontiff ends on page 828; (final shofar blast for everyone: off mute);

Breaking the Fast: Regrettably, we will be unable to join together to partake. We hope that you will be able to enjoy your own break-fast as you reflect in the afterglow of your Yom Kippur experience.

SUKKOT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Sukkot (Booths) is a joyous holiday that celebrates the harvest in the land of Israel. It is a pilgrimage festival when ancient Israelites traveled to the Temple in Jerusalem with gifts of the first fruits and offerings to G-d. The Sukkah is a temporary shelter and symbolizes the idea that our true and ultimate protection comes from G-d. According to the Torah we are commanded to “dwell” in it for seven days and no more. One interpretation of “dwelling” is “eating meals.” Today, Sukkot resembles Thanksgiving as a festival where we thank G-d for the blessings of the harvest. It is a time for sharing and hospitality and inviting people to join us for a meal in our Sukkah.

SUKKOT LULAV & ETROG



If the High Holidays are coming, then Sukkot can't be far behind. That means it's time to order your Lulav and Etrog. *What's that?* It's a citron and palm/myrtle/willow combination that we use each day of the holiday to celebrate the harvest. *Why should I have one?* They are an integral part of the synagogue service (except on Shabbat). They smell good, look funky, sound neat when shaken, and signify much that edifies us. In addition, they make for a tangible and memorable holiday practice: Once you've held one you'll never forget it, and you'll look forward to Sukkot all year. Your Lulav and Etrog will

be available for pick up at Beth Ami fully assembled, with an explanation of how to use them, what the significance is, and transliterated blessings.

Hoshana Rabbah

Friday, Oct 9 morning

This is the last day of Sukkot and the penitential season comes to an end. The Gates of Repentance are finally closed for the season. In pre-Covid times we would march around the sanctuary seven times carrying the lulav & etrog reciting Hoshanot. During the prayers following, we beat willow twigs (also called Hoshanot) on the ground/floor to beat off the leaves. This symbolizes both the casting off of sins and the rain beating on the trees. The lulav and etrog are set aside after the service ends.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Morning Service



Shemini Atzeret is the last day of the Festival Season. The rabbis interpreted its significance as the party after the party; an indication that G-d “did not want to part” with the Israelites when they had to return home after all the other holidays. There is also a custom to say the Yizkor memorial prayers during the morning services of this festival.

Friday: 5:30 p.m. Afternoon service (Mincha); 5:50 p.m. Children's Story; 6:00 p.m. Candle lighting, Services and Kiddush;

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret & Shabbat Morning Services;

Simchat Torah, “Rejoicing with the Torah,” falls on the second day of Shemini Atzeret! It is filled with joy and love for G-d, the Torah, and the Jewish community. It marks the completion of the yearlong cycle of weekly Torah readings. Everyone is called up to receive an Aliyah. A special honor is given to the person who is called up for the very last Aliyah over the Torah (Chatan/Kallat Torah) and the person who is called up for the very first Aliyah in the new cycle (Chatan/Kallat Bereishit).

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Afternoon services for Shemini Atzeret (Mincha), Evening Services for Simchat Torah (Ma'ariv), & Havdalah services

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning services for Simchat Torah;
7:00 p.m. Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah services

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

NOW AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, REMEMBER THAT GIVING TZEDAKAH (CHARITY) HELPS OTHERS WHILE IMPROVING OURSELVES. JOIN WITH MANY OF US AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK, MAZON AND SUPPORT THE MALK FUND. THANK YOU!



To give greater meaning to our voluntary fast and to

help end the involuntary fast of those who are poor and hungry, we ask that you contribute to Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger, the amount you would have spent to feed yourself and your family on Yom Kippur. Those dollars received from thousands in our Jewish community will, in turn, bring decency and sustenance to thousands in need of help.

Malk Fund

Another vehicle to help our community and Sonoma County is **the Malk Food and Shelter Fund**. Everett (Z'l) and Phyllis Shapiro generously created this fund in memory of Phyllis' father, mother, and sister. Its purpose is to provide food, shelter, and clothing for those in need in the Sonoma County Jewish Community.

Redwood Empire Food Bank

As we prepare for the High Holidays, we usually pack a bag of healthy food to bring to the shul on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This year check your Sonoma County Jewish Leadership Cohort community message for available drop points. This year, due to the virtual nature of services, we cannot drop off food at the Synagogue. The Redwood Empire Food Bank needs cash donations more than ever. With the cash they are able to buy food that is in demand. So please consider making a contribution to the REFB. The website is REFB.org.



Please note times since they change each year. See page 2 for Sukkot - Simchat Torah

Service	Day	Location	Time
Selichot	Saturday, September 12	Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah			
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Friday, September 18	Zoom	5:30 p.m. Mincha, 5:40 p.m. children's story 8:00 p.m. Maariv
1st Day	Saturday, September 19	Zoom	8:30 a.m.
Children's Services	with Lisa Iskin	Zoom 2nd Link	10:30-11:00 a.m.
No Shofar on Shabbat but included on 2nd Day. Observe Tashlich on 2nd day on your own.			
Mincha & Ma'ariv		Zoom	7:00 p.m.
2nd Day: Shorter Service	Sunday, September 20	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Tashlich: On your own, using your local body of water, with service included in New Year's Bag			
Mincha & Ma'ariv		Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah			
Shabbat Shuvah	Friday, September 25	Zoom	5:30 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, September 26	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Kever Avot: (Remembering the departed) after Rosh Hashanah and before Yom Kippur, September 21 to 27 (am) at S.R. Memorial Park (Beth Ami 2 toward the rear) at a time convenient to you.			
Yom Kippur			
Mincha followed by Kol Nidre	Sunday, September 27	Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur	Monday, September 28	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Children's Service	with Lisa Iskin	Zoom 2nd Link	11:00 a.m. - 11:30
Mincha and Yizkor	Yizkor after Torah service	Zoom	4:15 p.m.
Teen T'Shuvah Service	with Rick Concoff	Zoom 3rd Link	5:00 p.m.
Neilah, followed by Havdallah		Zoom	Approx. 6:00 p.m.
Ma'Ariv	(followed by final Shofar)	Zoom	Approx. 7:10 p.m.
Final Shofar Blast	Unmute and all blow!	Zoom	7:40 p.m.

HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE PAGE 2— 2020

Service	Day	Location	Time
Sukkot			
Sukkot 1st Evening	Friday, October 2	Zoom	5:30 p.m. Mincha, 5:40 p.m. children's story 8:00 p.m. Maariv
Sukkot 1st Day	Saturday, October 3	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Sukkot 2nd Evening	Saturday, October 3	Zoom	7:00 p.m..
Sukkot 2nd Day	Sunday, October 4	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yontiff Conclusion	Sunday, October 4	Zoom	7:25 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret			
Hosha'na Rabbah	Friday, October 9	Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Shemini Atzeret Evening Service	Friday, October 9	Zoom	5:30 p.m. Mincha, 5:40 p.m. children's story 8:00 p.m. Maariv
Shemini Atzeret	Saturday, October 10	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yizkor		Zoom	11:30 a.m.
Simchat Torah			
Erev Simchat Torah Mincha and Ma'ariv	Saturday, October 10	Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Simchat Torah	Sunday, October 11	Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yontiff conclusion Mincha and Ma'ariv	Sunday, October 11	Zoom	7:00 p.m.



Beth Ami is online every day... our non-holiday schedule:

The Zoom Link to recurring Beth Ami Services and classes:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/862157330?pwd=c2V5dEp6YzA4ZERHL2p2REdFU29uQT09>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
7:30 am Rashi Study	7:30 am Rashi Study	7:30 am Rashi Study	7:30 am Rashi Study	7:30 am Rashi Study	7:30 am Rashi Study	
8:00 - 9:00 am Morning Minyan	8:00 - 9:00 am Morning Minyan	8:00 - 9:00 am Morning Minyan	8:00 - 9:00 am Morning Minyan	8:00 - 9:00 am Morning Minyan	8:00 - 9:00 am Morning Minyan	9:30 am Shabbat Services
		2:00 - 3:00 pm Mishna class with Rabbi Miller		2:30 - 3:45 pm TaNaCH-Bible class with Rabbi Miller		
NEW TIME 7:00 pm Evening Minyan	NEW TIME 7:00 pm Evening Minyan	NEW TIME 7:00 pm Evening Minyan	NEW TIME 7:00 pm Evening Minyan	NEW TIME 7:00 pm Evening Minyan	5:30 pm Mincha 6:00 pm Community Candle lighting followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	NEW- 7:00 pm Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah
			NEW: 8:00 pm Midrash class with Rabbi Miller		6:45 pm Community recitation of Kiddush	

To avoid Zoom technical problems, please put yourself on mute when you are not speaking to the group.

Although we are unable to gather in person at the Beth Ami building, we have continued to provide all kinds of services using "Zoom." Using the calendar above, we welcome you to participate in study and prayer, to whatever degree you wish.

You are always welcome to "check it out" and see if the program meets your needs.

1. Rashi Study: Weekday mornings, Sunday - Friday 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. (Also streamed and recorded on Facebook)

We examine the text of the coming week's Torah reading using the original Hebrew text and Rashi's commentary. A full oral translation is always provided and there's ample opportunity for discussion. Rashi's exposition often gives a novel understanding of the words in the Torah. This is "pitched" intentionally for the person who is just starting out a path of traditional Jewish learning.

2. Weekday Minyanim: We are fortunate to be able to host a "minyan" at least once a day. We try to make it possible for those saying "Kaddish" to recite it. There are a number of our members who have suffered recent losses and are committed to recited Kaddish in their loved-ones memory.

Mornings: Sundays - Friday 8:00 a.m. (Average time is about an hour. Times can vary depending on the "menu" for the day which can include a Torah Reading, Hallel, Musaph, Tachanun (prayers of supplication))

Afternoon - Evening: Currently Sunday through Thursday evenings 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. We are fortunate that Lisa Iskin has been providing musical "jewelry" through the course of our prayers.

3. Mishna Class Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Discover the Oral Torah. Tradition has it that Moses was given two Torahs: one written: that is, the words in the Scroll of the Torah, and the other

oral: passed down by word of mouth through the generations until the year 200 of our current era. At the time, the Romans, who occupied the land of Judea, forbade the study of Torah on pain of death.

Extreme situations called for extreme measures. Rabbi Judah haNasi, the leader of the community at the time, took the revolutionary step of committing what had always been kept strictly oral and committed it to writing. In this way he and the leaders of the people hoped to prevent the Oral Torah from being entirely forgotten. The result: the Mishna exists even today!

4. Midrash Class Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. This is an unusual analysis of the text of the Torah. Every significant word is analyzed through a lively discussion on the page. Disagreements are frequent between these scholars. The result: we all turn out a little wiser with a depth of understanding that is a source of joy; sometimes even a smile.

5. TaNaCH class: Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. We read through the text in English and pause to take questions and comments. There's usually a lively discussion. We have just started the Second Book of Kings. As you might imagine, there's plenty of intrigue and political struggle as we read about wise and poor leadership.

Shabbat services:

Friday evening, Mincha will begin at 5:30 p.m. Community candle-lighting at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Musical service led by Lisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller. We'll conclude with our communal Kiddush

Saturday 9:30 am Shabbat Services

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Mincha, Maariv, Havdalah