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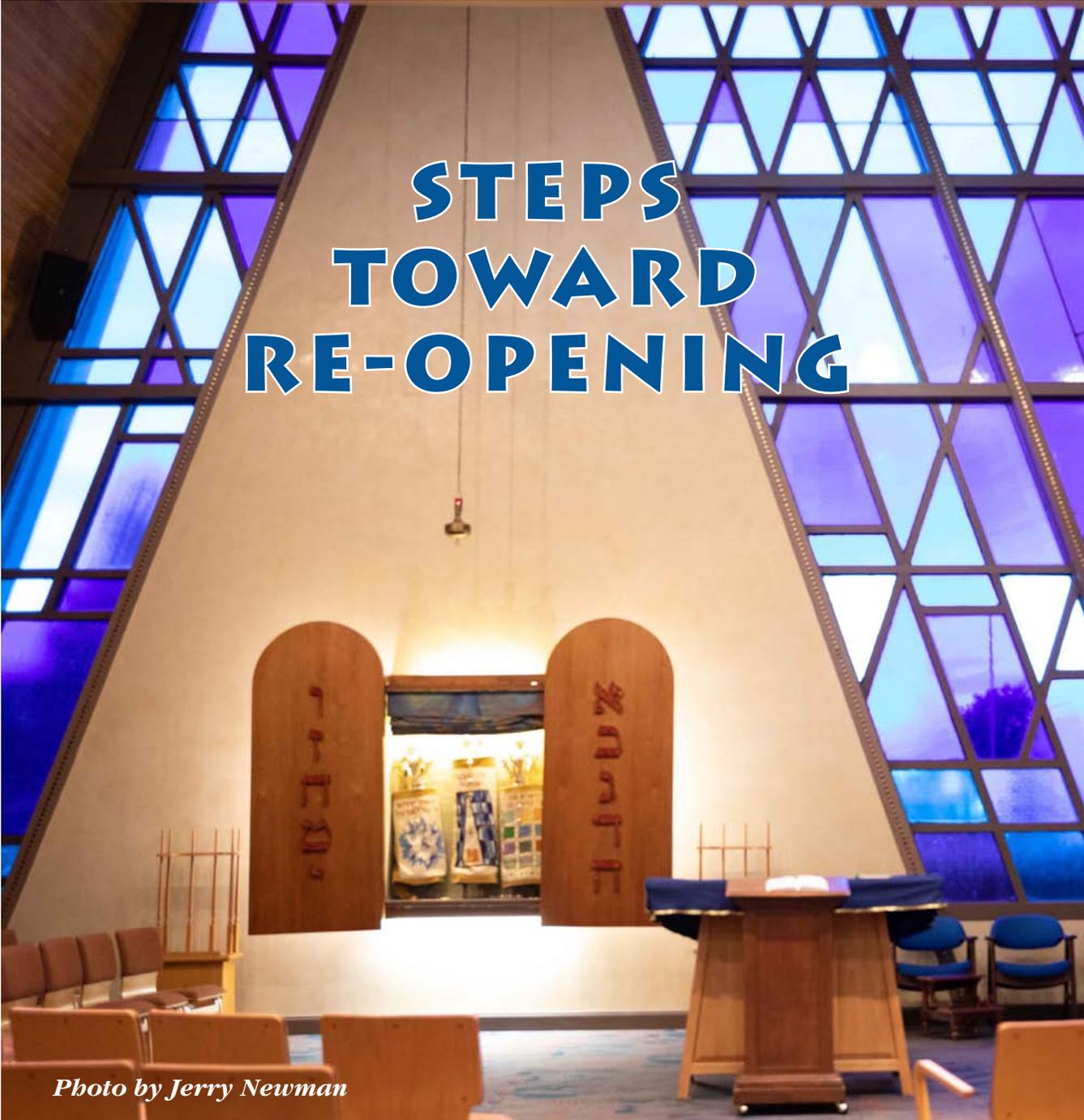
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## RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

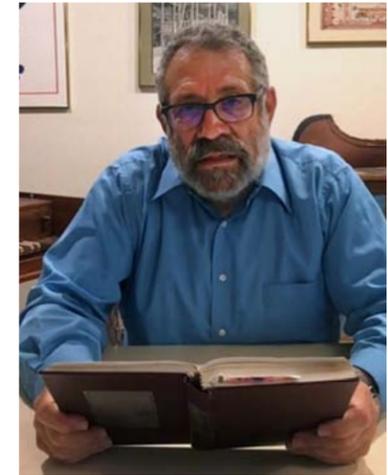
### A look back, and forward

Nine years ago ago, at my installation, I was faced with a difficult decision as the incoming rabbi. The ceremony included two outstanding rabbis, Marvin Goodman, representing the Northern California Board of Rabbis and Jerry Danzig as a local rabbinic presence. Need I tell you that both these men spoke eloquently? I was moved by their learning and their skill.

At the same time, as the third member of the clergy in line, I realized that I'd best be as brief as possible. As a result I offered the shortest "sermon" of my life and one of the very few that I can remember verbatim. In addressing my new congregation I told you that I had three letters to offer: "T. L. C!" With that I actually sat down, and president, Arnold Drake, of blessed memory, brought the proceedings to an end.

For those of you who remember where Beth Ami was about ten years ago; it was quite a different time. Among other challenges, and primarily as a result of the former disastrous economic downturn, we faced a crushing debt. The synagogue had experienced some transitions which had, naturally, caused a great deal of stress to its fabric. Much to the credit of the leadership, the decision had been made to engage the services of an interim rabbi, in the person of Rabbi Joel Rembaum. To his credit, he and his wife, Fredi, brought an important sense of healing to our congregation.

As part of the hiring process, I was made aware of these challenges. I realized how important it was to heal whatever wounds had occurred. It is never easy trying to fill the shoes of one's predecessor. Indeed, I was most fortunate in the fact that Rabbi George Schlesinger and his wife Paula, were truly gracious to me from the get-go. Rabbi George never hesitated to make sure that I felt included and honored if he was called in to serve a family that had developed a close relationship with him in the years he served Beth Ami. To



this day, our families look forward to the times we're able to reconnect, especially since the Schlesinger's are active participants in Congregation Kol Emeth, Palo Alto, where my daughter, Sarah, serves as Morat

Derech - Director of Spiritual Education.

The truth is, I fell in love with my new congregation; from its unique sanctuary to the spectrum of its talented members. I knew I had an experienced president in Arnold Drake, z"l and a formidable, intelligent and deeply caring Executive Director in Carolyn Metz. My mission was to see our reputation go from "Oy, Beth Ami!" to "Ah, yes, Beth Ami!" I never doubted that we had the community capable of making this possible, as is, I believe, the case.

Our road may have been bumpy at times, but at this point, we are debt-free, thanks to the direct involvement of Bill and Harry Friedman, z"l, the hard work of our dedicated leaders, and the amazing support of so many of our members.

In addition, to the best of my knowledge, Beth Ami holds the respect of our Sonoma community, again thanks to the work of our various committees, their members and chairs, and the overall support of our membership and staff. It goes without saying, that none of this could have been achieved without the hard work, dedication, and wisdom of the various presidents with whom I've had the privilege to serve. From Arnold Drake through Laura Alexander, Henry Cohn, and Carolyn Metz, it has been a labor of love for each one, in the face of challenges that go well beyond the normal difficulties that might be anticipated by a synagogue president. These included several severe fires and an international

**Deadline for Sept/ October  
Shofar is August 18th**



## RABBI'S REMARKS Continued...

pandemic, any one of which challenges, one could well say, "Dayenu!"

To every one of my presidents I offer my profound thanks. It has truly been an honor to serve with each of you. I value your courage, your passion, your dedication and wisdom and, of course, your willingness to take on the important task of leading our community. As you look back, I hope you can derive satisfaction in your desire to assume this essential position: this, despite moments when it may well have appeared to be a thankless task.

Carolyn, thank you for all the years you have devoted to seeing our congregation thrive. I look back on the long walks we used to take around Spring Lake when you were still our ED, as well as the bread we broke weekly at the East West Cafe, with a few other establishments thrown in for good measure. Your perspective reflects the many years you've spent in Sonoma County and with Beth Ami. I value your candor and your wisdom. Our conversations were never dull! I cannot tell you how many times I chose to take your advice with wonderful results, including the decision to use Zoom to hold our services and programs. I look forward to your continued involvement in furthering our educational programs, from our youngest and beyond.

I want to welcome our new Executive Director, Kevin Scheier. I've enjoyed our conversations and the wealth of experience you bring to the position through all your work developing your companies as well as your lay involvement in Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City. I look forward to working together in developing ways for Beth Ami to engage its current membership and reach out to unaffiliated families and individuals in our community so that we can continue to grow and thrive. We are so delighted that you and Hillary have chosen to move to Wine Country and that you are excited at the prospect of serving as our new Executive Director.

Barb McGee: to this day I actually remember where I was at the moment of that fateful phone-call, when you asked me if I might be interested in crossing the Rockies to California to serve this small, but mighty, congregation. I was actually in my study involved in contemplating how I was planning to move that unwieldy personal library of mine.

Since that time, and before, you have served our congregation in many capacities; from fiscal planning to serving as a teacher in our Religious School; from organizing our community seders to the more recent attempts to reach out to our membership in tangible ways, so as to keep the vital pulse of our congregation beating during these Covid times. All of this, in synchrony with your love of Judaism, your active participation in our community of worship and your love of Torah - as well as your day job and taking care of the needs of your family.

Now you have shown yourself willing to take on the mantle of the Presidency of this great congregation. May God bless you with all the strength, skill, energy, and wisdom required, as you execute your new responsibilities. May you be a strong link in the chain of leadership as Beth Ami anticipates the future.

May our synagogue always be a source of tender, loving care, and may HaShem find us worthy of Divine Blessing in the task we have before us. May each and every one of you be blessed with a sense of fulfillment, health, and joy in the years ahead.

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**May the favor of Ad-nai, our God,  
be upon us;  
Let the work of our hands prosper,  
O prosper the work of our hands!**  
(Psalm 90)

Wishing you every blessing,  
*Mordecai Miller*



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KEVIN SCHEIER By Patty Bernstein It's Bashert!

Ever since Kevin was on Congregation Beth Jacob's Board of Directors and Executive Board, he visualized being an Executive Director of a synagogue. When his family decided to move to Sonoma County, he looked to join Conservative Congregation Beth Ami. When he went to our website to see who was on the Board, he became aware that Carolyn Metz was a real estate agent and called her. Through Carolyn, they bought a home and property in Sebastopol. As they got to know each other, Kevin's qualities of visualization and goal setting, importance of community and the benefits of Judaism were clear. Carolyn soon asked Kevin if he would be interested in being Beth Ami's Executive Director. Bashert, right?

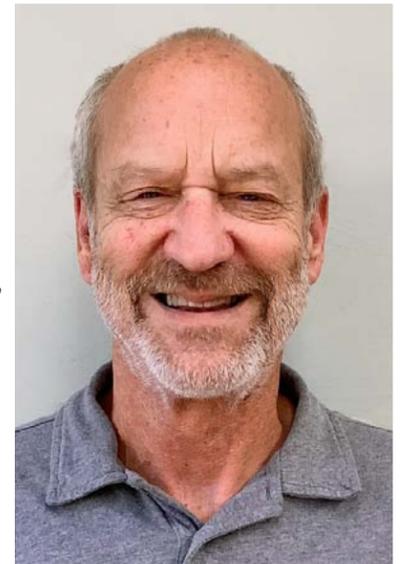
Here's some background on Kevin and his family. He was born in Brooklyn, but his family moved to Redwood City in 1965 when Kevin was 6 years old. There they joined Congregation Beth Jacob (CBJ), where Kevin was bar mitzvah, confirmed, and married by his lifelong Rabbi and Cantor. He was active in USY in high school. His dad and mother were active in the congregation: dad was on the Board and was Gabbai for 15 years; mother was sisterhood president and helped out in the office. Kevin's mother is still active and keeps kosher in the residence she and Kevin's dad moved into in Palo Alto.

Kevin received his BS degree in business from San Diego State, then sold copiers door to door in San Francisco. For 40 years he was in high tech, primarily as Vice President of Sales and CEO. He has a strong background in leading companies throughout the USA, France, and the UK. For the last 10 years he sold "rugged mobile computer systems to police, fire, EMS, warehouse, manufacturing, and mobile workforce.

He and Hillary married and lived in Mountain View. Daughters Abigail and Isabella were bat mitzvah at CBJ.

Now in Sebastopol, Abigail is 27 and married and Isabella is 23, living at home and attending UC Davis. White Labrador Spike has joined the family and enjoys the yard. Hillary is semi-retired from being a chef for 7 years at Kehilla High School in Palo Alto, which closed due to COVID. She previously catered Kiddush lunches at Beth Jacob.

Kevin's hobbies include following economics, business, and the stock market. He also enjoys gardening. Stop by the office and have a conversation with him. He's delightfully upbeat, knowledgeable, and friendly.



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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Barbara McGee, President

### Where do we go from here?

As a member of the Board of Directors and the Reopening Task Force, a lot of questions have been on my mind, especially now as the new CBA Board President. The main one is: how do we reopen and make everyone feel safe?

How do we start to have congregant participation on the campus as we are still in the midst of a pandemic? How do we proceed with the three strategic planning focus points 1) Engaging young BACNS families in the CBA community 2) Assessing our Congregational Spiritual and Rabbinic needs and 3) Expanding activities on the campus?

What can we keep from the old ways and what do we start anew? Sometimes it's easier to start from scratch and sometimes it's easier to take what we have and expand on it. As we re-enter society and until we can get everyone including our children vaccinated, is anyone completely safe? And for those who can't or won't get vaccinated, how do we keep them safe?

What does "safe" mean to you? Is it CBA's obligation to keep you safe while on the campus? And what level of safety should CBA provide? Besides the everchanging local conditions, these are questions the Task Force has been mulling over for months.

We all know that not everyone is comfortable transitioning back into a maskless society. It is one of the reasons we have approached reopening at the current pace. What is everyone's comfort level when praying or gathering together? What is safe inside and outside? Do we continue to use Zoom and in what capacity?

What are the safety rules now for social gatherings like Shabbat dinners, committee meetings, visiting the campus spaces, interacting with the nursery school and the wider community on the campus? And what about various sized gatherings? How do we not lose connection with each other?

We all have opinions. We can get facts on

what the CDC and the county says. That doesn't change how I feel or you feel. It's about how EVERYONE feels. Besides Divine protection that I am grateful for, how can we protect each other's physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being?

As Rabbi Miller tells us, it's about TLC. I agree. Tender loving care is one of the things I pray for every day. TLC for me includes respect for each other, patience, and awareness of how others feel. My "emotional" compass needs to be fine-tuned not just about how I feel but about how others feel and where their comfort level is. I hope others feel that way too. The metaphor about walking in someone else's shoes comes to mind.

Thank you, Carolyn, for leading us to this point. It's been a difficult journey for the last year and a half (and well before that too). You and Henry have kept us moving. Thank you both. Rabbi Miller, your positive energy, guidance, comfort, wisdom, spiritual work, and leadership has uplifted all of us. Much appreciation and thanks to you and your family. There are many others to thank as well: our dedicated staff, service leaders, the Board of Directors, event planners, committees, connectors and contributors to our Congregation. And we thank Lisa Iskin for the musical gifts she has shared with us.

As Kevin Schierer, our new Executive Director, gets acclimated to our community and teams with Rabbi Miller, the Board of Directors, staff, myself, and others, I am confident we can move forward.

I know it is part of my job to help set the tone so I will be in person on the campus a lot more now. The office is open five days a week and we have in person services on Shabbat morning starting June 26th. I hope you and



## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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yours can feel a sense of comfort and refuge when stepping on the campus. We all want a safe "home" away from home and that is what Beth Ami has been for many of us.

The new protocols to enter the campus safely should be posted on the doors, gates, and on-line as of this writing. Please make sure to read them every time you plan to enter the campus as they will be updated as needed. The next general board of directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th. Details as to time and place will be announced the week before in Cybershul and available in the office.

As we get closer to the High Holidays, which are early this year, I want to apologize if I have missed the mark and made anyone feel unsafe, disrespected, or unheard.

And please take part in up-coming events. Re-entry together can happen safely as long as we think of each other.

Be well and hope to see you soon,

Barb McGee,  
Congregation Beth Ami President,  
2021 - 2022



*The Beth Ami Community Nursery School has made good use of the courtyard planter box vacated by our short-lived tree.*



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

Debi Chapman	Rob Gitlin
Judy Dzik	Etienne Sampiere
Anna Judd	Karen Herskovic
Dennis Judd	Robin Cooper
Linda Emblen	

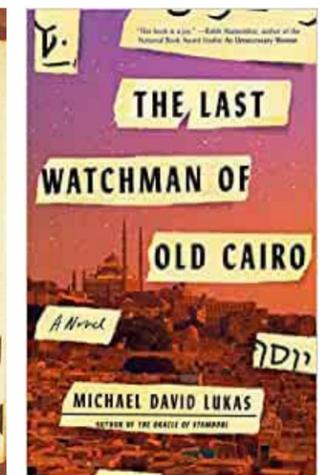
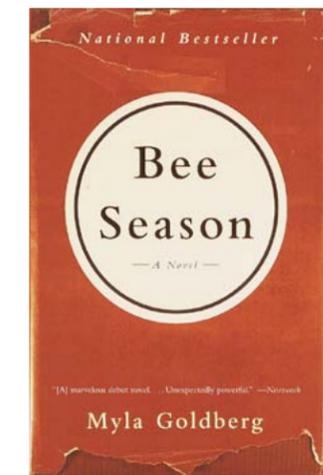
### Beth Ami Book Group News

by Linda Emblen

The July read for the Adult-ed committee sponsored book group is **BEE SEASON** by Myla Goldberg (fiction, 2000, 275 pgs.) We will meet in person at my place, probably on Sunday, July 25. As always, all CBA members and friends are welcome. For more info, comments, or to borrow a book, phone Linda at 544-4532.

We participate in the SF Jewish Community Library's Book Club - in - a - Box, a program of Jewish LearningWorks. We are able to borrow 12 copies of the same book and choose from over 150 titles. The library is newly reopened to the public on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays.

By popular demand, we have reserved SF Bay Area author Michael David Lukas' **THE LAST WATCHMAN OF OLD CAIRO**. We'll pick it up in late August.





## SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan, Co-Chair of the Social Action Committee

As we end the year and prepare for the early High Holidays the SAC is hoping for a return to more normal activities and programming this year. As stated in our yearly report this year was like none other. However, even with COVID restrictions we were able to continue in our mission of Tikun Olam.

A big thanks to our committee members: Judi Hyman, Susan Miller, Leanne Schy, Judy Gunnar, Carol Swanson, Karen Herskovic, Cheryl Miller, Rita Kagan, Fredrika Gross, Michelle Zygielbaum, Lenore Holloway, Debra Sokolsky, Ellen Mundell, Tish Levee, Bobbie Rosenthal, and Lyla Nathan. Everyone participated on some level.

### These are the highlights from last year.

- We met monthly on Zoom to check in with each other and plan our dinners for The Palms.
- Every other month we prepared and delivered 100 individual dinners for the residents at The Palms, a residential housing funded by Catholic Charities and the Veterans Administration. We have been serving meals there for over 4 years. The meal includes homemade chili with toppings, fresh baked corn bread and homemade cookies or brownies. The residents are very aware that these meals come from Congregation Beth Ami and are very grateful. Special thanks to Bobbie and Judi for spearheading this project. and to Michelle for helping with delivery.
- For the winter holidays we prepared a special stew and also provided toiletries and socks and hats for the residents. It was greatly appreciated.
- We were unable to go to The Redwood Empire Food Bank as a group. However we are starting again. More info to follow
- Last year we started a subcommittee on Racism and Social Justice. Carol Swanson



has taken over leadership of this committee and has done a wonderful job. Thank you so much, Carol.

### Upcoming plans for the new year.

On Wednesday, July 14, we are going to the food bank. You need to sign up online. We plan to work the 10:00- 1:00 shift and then go out for a simple meal. If you are interested please Contact me, lylanathan5@gmail.com or Judi Hyman: judihyman53@gmail.com for details. This is a great activity with your children or grandkids over 13. Or for any friend.

Our next dinner at The Palms will be on Wednesday, August 18. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Lyla.

I understand that high holiday services are being planned for this year. Assuming we meet in person, hopefully we will have the containers set up for donations to the food bank. More info to follow.

We hope to partner with the nursery school in a Tikun Olam activity. In the past we helped the children make bags of toiletries for those in need. As far as collecting warm winter items we will see how things go.

As we prepare for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur we hope that the new year will provide us with new optimism and hope for a better and kinder world. A place where we recognize that we are all made in God's image and that we treat each other with respect.

Thanks to all the Beth Ami kehilla (community) for supporting the SAC all these years. Anyone is welcome to join us!

Shana Tova 5782,  
Lyla Nathan



## THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

(Myra Stern Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee)

### Upcoming Holidays and Food (or not)

This summer, there are two days of remembrance coming up in our calendar. We have Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (the 17th of Tammuz starting on June 26) commemorating the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem and we have **Tishah B'Av (the 9th of Av starting on July 18)** marking the destruction of the First (and Second) Temple. Both holidays encourage us to remember, to mourn, to repent, and to atone for our behaviors past and present. Both of these days are fasting days.

So, why do we fast? Food or lack of food are very important traditions for all of our holidays. For mourning, reflecting, repentance, and atonement, we are able to use prayers and fasting to help increase our awareness and our spirituality. Lack of water and food focuses us on our physical needs, which in turn may promote a sense of vulnerability, of uncertainty, of loss...

It helps us by connecting the physical plane with the spiritual plane. With hunger, one feels empty. Feeling hunger on the physical level may assist one toward the concept of desires and needs on a more spiritual level. By combining fasting and prayers, you are following a path that may lead from awareness to repentance, atonement, and healing of yourself; and as a result healing a small part of our world.

The **Leil Selichot Service (this year on 20 of Elul or August 28)** is a turning point of our reflections. During the month of Elul we prepare ourselves for the High Holy Days; we reflect on our behavior and accomplishments during the past year. While there is no fasting, we use other traditions to help. The Shofar is sounded in the morning of most days. There are recitations of special psalms, penitential (Selichot) prayers, poems, songs, and Torah readings. We may use this time to visit loved ones' graves to remember and honor their memories, and to reflect on our own life's legacy. Our communal soul searching prayers for forgiveness, the Leil

Selichot Service, occurs on the Saturday night about one week before Rosh Hashanah. This service occurs usually after midnight, starting with Torah verses, hymns, special liturgy, and the Ashamnu confession toward the end. At Congregation Beth Ami, we study and eat (after all studying is hard work), dress the Bimah and Torahs in their High Holy Day Finery, and then we do the Selichot Service.

What about the feasts? For celebrations we also use the tradition of feasting to increase our spirituality. After all, there is nothing like the pleasure of a special meal to enhance our feeling of well-being. The special preparations for the holidays: dressing up your home, wearing special clothing, feasts with their special foods and traditions, good company; all can increase your spirit of celebrating the Holiday.

As we approach these holidays, be aware of how the importance of food (or the lack of food) adds to spirituality.

It's also a reflective time in the Beth Ami Kitchen. As the re-opening occurs at Congregation Beth Ami, we are preparing the kitchen for use. We have gone through the food, and unfortunately had to discard many outdated food staples. We need to replace these, and there will be a list created of what is needed so the you can help us replenish these supplies. If you wish to donate another way, remember, you can also make a donation to the Shabbat Lunch Fund. All of our utensils, kitchen-ware and serving-ware will be cleaned before we restart. We have replaced our old, unrepairable refrigerator. We have a new microwave stand put together. Our plans are to start out slowly and work up to speed when it comes to the weekly Shabbat Services. The High Holy Day plans are in the making, so stay tuned, as soon as we know, we will let you know. Meanwhile, we are in a happier state of mind with plans and preparations for the rest of this year and beyond...

Shalom —Janet Stein-Larson

## Services at Beth Ami

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

Erev Shabbat service on the first Fridays of the month and Shabbat morning services will be in person in the Sanctuary as well as on Zoom. Other Services will be held on Zoom unless announced otherwise. See the Virtual Calendar at [www.bethamisr.org](http://www.bethamisr.org) for the Zoom link.

### Daily Daven: weekdays

**Sun.–Fri.—7:30 a.m.** Torah Study  
**8 a.m.** morning services

**Sun.–Thurs.—7:00 p.m.** evening services

### July Services

**July 2 (Fri.)—Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat in the Sanctuary**

**4:30 pm.** Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Kabbalat Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

**8:17 pm.** Candle lighting

**July 3 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service  
(*announce new month of Av*)

**8:00 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*  
Ma'ariv **9:23 p.m.** Havdalah

**July 9 (Fri.)—4:30 p.m.** Mincha

**5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

**8:15 p.m.** Candle lighting

**July 10 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service (*Rosh Chodesh Av*)

**8:00 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*,  
Ma'ariv **9:20 p.m.** Havdalah

**July 16 (Fri.)—4:30 p.m.**

Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin & Rabbi Miller,  
**8:12 p.m.** Candle lighting

**July 17 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.**

Shabbat morning service  
**7:45 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*  
Ma'ariv **9:17 p.m.** Havdalah  
**9:30 pm.** Fast of Tisha B'Av  
(*reading of Lamentations*)

**July 18 (Sun.) 8:00 am.**

Morning Service (Services to commemorate the **Fast of Av**)  
Mincha **5:30 p.m.**  
Maariv **7:00 p.m.**

**Rabbi Miller on Vacation**  
**Tues July 20 - Tues, July 27**

**July 23 (Fri.)—4:30 p.m.**

Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller,  
**8:07 p.m.** Candle Lighting

**July 24 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.**

Shabbat morning service  
**7:45 p.m.** Mincha, Ma'ariv  
**9:12 p.m.** Havdalah

**July 30 (Fri.)—4:30 p.m.**

Mincha **p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin & Rabbi Miller,  
**8:01 p.m.** Candle

lighting

**July 31 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.**

Shabbat morning service  
**8:00 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*,  
Ma'ariv **9:06 p.m.** Havdalah

### August Services

**Aug 6 (Fri.)—Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat in the Sanctuary**

**4:30 pm.** Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller and Lisa Iskin

**7:54 pm.** Candle lighting

**Aug 7 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service  
(*announce the new month of Elul*)

**7:30 p.m.** Mincha, story,  
Ma'ariv, **8:58 p.m.** Havdalah

**Aug 8 (Sun) 8:00 am** Rosh Chodesh Elul 1st day

**Aug 9 (Mon) 8:00 am** Rosh Chodesh Elul 2nd day

**Aug 13 (Fri.) —4:30 p.m.** Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kindershul  
**5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song,  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin & Rabbi Miller,  
**7:45 p.m.** Candle Lighting.

**Aug 14 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service  
**8:00 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*,

## Services at Beth Ami Continued...

Ma'ariv **8:50 p.m.** Havdalah

**Aug 20 (Fri.)—4:30 p.m.** Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin & Rabbi Miller  
**7:36 p.m.** Candle Lighting

**Aug 21 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service  
**8:00 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*,  
Ma'ariv **8:41 p.m.** Havdalah

**Aug 27 (Fri.)—4:30 p.m.** Mincha **5:50 p.m.** Kid's Corner story & song  
**6 p.m.** Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin & Rabbi Miller,  
**8:20 p.m.** Candle Lighting

**Aug 28 (Sat.)—9:30 a.m.** Shabbat morning service  
**8:00 p.m.** Mincha, *Iyyun T'philab (Examining Prayer)*,  
Ma'ariv **8:31 p.m.** Havdalah



## High Holy Days at Beth Ami 5782-2021

Even as the summer is off to a start we are thinking about the up-coming High Holy Days.

It's hard to believe that our opening Selichot Service will take place at the end of August! (Saturday evening, August 28th).

In this regard we're pleased to announce that we have made arrangements with Cantor Cory Winter to serve as our Chazan during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

Just a few weeks ago, Lee Feinstein, our RPC Chair and I met with Cory to make a final decision regarding his hire. In the process he sang some melodies for us and I was delighted at his presentation which was warm, melodic, and beautiful. He is up-beat and very eager to try some new approaches to our services to continue to make them appealing and accessible.

For example, he mentioned to me that he chants the Haftarah of Jonah, arguably the longest in the repertoire, in English! With the appropriate trope! We also discussed the placement of certain prayers so as to balance the times we spend in the synagogue. We started to meet June 25th to outline our holiday services.

As the State starts to lift some of the Covid restrictions, we are beginning to experiment with live services in our lovely sanctuary. We are hoping that by the time the High Holy Days arrive, we can once again meet in the Friedman Center and the synagogue. We will also be looking into our ability to provide a Zoom Link for those who find it difficult to attend in person.

*May this coming year bring healing to our community.*

*May our fondest wishes be fulfilled.*

*May God find our meditations and prayers worthy, and*

*May we all be blessed with a Shanah Tovah um'tukah! a good and sweet Year!*

With fondest wishes,  
Rabbi Mordecai Miller

## OUR HIGH HOLIDAY CANTOR, CORY WINTER



As a soloist, Cantor Winter has appeared with several orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra on numerous occasions. He appeared as soloist with the Oakland-East Bay Symphony in the Sacred Service by Ernest Bloch and received much critical acclaim. Most recently, he appeared as soloist with the San Francisco Symphony in its June American Festival under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas.

Even with his extensive performing background, Cantor Winter's first love was teaching children and adults. Among his many accomplishments, Chazan Winter says, "I'm very proud that a dozen of my students have become Rabbis and Cantors."

Cantor Cory Winter, a native of Chicago, received his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Wisconsin--Madison and his Master's Degree in Music from Northwestern University, where he was assistant to Margaret Hillis, the renowned conductor of the Chicago Symphony Chorus. He was Chorus Master and Assistant Conductor of the Sacramento Opera for ten years. He founded and conducted the Bay Area Jewish Chorale for the Northern California Board of Cantors, of which he is a Past President.

Cantor Winter studied Chazanut with Max Janowski and Todros Greenberg and is a member of both the American Conference of Cantors and the Cantors Assembly. During his career, he has served both Reform and Conservative synagogues and seeks to combine the best of both traditions in his chanting.

"I daven traditional nusach faithfully," Chazan Winter says, "and encourage a great deal of congregational participation. I take the position, but not myself, seriously. I also welcome congregational members to do occasional davening."

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Rabbi Mordecai Miller's half-hour morning Rashi study now posted on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtMLk4BGrEQZzGVlc2vOFiA>

**We are monitoring changing health guidelines to design in-person procedures and events.  
First Friday Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning services with in-person as well as Zoom attendance.  
Procedures are posted below and in Cybershul, please check before coming.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
7:30 am Rashi Study with Rabbi Miller						
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 with Rabbi Miller and Congregants			
		2:00 - 3:00 pm Mishna class		2:30 - 3:45 pm TaNaCh-Bible class	Mincha at 4:30 p.m. <b>FIRST FRIDAYS</b> traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service in person in the sanc- tuary with Zoom available. 6:00 p.m.	
7:00 pm Evening Minyan	Other Fridays on Zoom only: Sing in Shabbat, by Lisa Iskin, at 5:50 pm	Mincha with Iyyun T'philah (Examining Prayer) and Maariv starts approx 1 hour before Havdalah				
			8:00 pm Midrash class			

### Keeping each other safe as we reopen the sanctuary for services.

**On Shabbat mornings and on the first Friday evenings of the month**, we will have the great joy of welcoming congregants into the Beth Ami sanctuary for services. The first obligation we each owe to others is to keep ourselves and those around us safe. We will start off with a basic set of rules, recognizing that science and the changing situation will call for adaptations and changes from this starting point as we go along.

**Anyone who has symptoms of being sick should not enter.** The rules for everyone are as follows:

For everyone's safety: for indoor services please wear a **mask** and maintain social distancing. Everyone will wear masks other than the person at the bimah who is talking or singing to conduct services.

All of the doors and windows will be open and we will provide various places to sit to maintain **social distance** and ventilation. Seating choices include the sanctuary, the social hall, and even in the breezeway outside, where you can see and hear through the windows.

Please be mindful and careful about **contact** and social distancing; Ask before you shake hands and or hug unless you are sure the other person welcomes the contact. Use hand sanitizer often, avoid sharing items like prayerbooks.

We are currently unable to serve lunch. **No food or drink** can be inside the building. We hope to return to our much missed Shabbat lunch together once it is safe.

Can't join us in person? There is always the option of Zoom for those who are out of the area, not vaccinated or vulnerable. See the Virtual Weekly Calendar for a link

For those attending in person, please be considerate of others by following the above guidelines. Congregation Beth Ami relies on the honor system and Jewish value of personal responsibility. We encourage those who haven't and can to please consider getting vaccinated as this has been proven to protect all our families, friends and dear ones. As a place of worship, we are open to all hearts and want to keep them around as long as possible.

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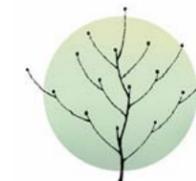
The security committee (chaired by Russ Gurevitch, with help from Richard Kahn, Henry Cohn, and yours truly) oversaw lots of progress this past year on projects that were funded by the security grants obtained by Henry Cohn. This includes:

- New windows installed in the classroom and office wing
- Higher-security locks and hinges on doors and gates with outside access
- New, brighter parking-lot lighting
- Large boulders integrated into the landscaping to act as security barriers (Michael Shapiro oversaw that work and is responsible for the much-improved landscaping around the campus)

Construction has also recently started on a fence surrounding the western field that the nursery school uses for an outdoor classroom, and for perforated security panels for the lower third of the stained-glass windows to prevent rocks and other malicious objects from entering the sanctuary. Finally, thanks to a do-

nation by Russ Gurevitch, five wireless security cameras with remote access were installed on the premises to monitor the parking lot and inner courtyard.

In addition to the above security improvements, Richard Kahn handled routine maintenance tasks that included fixing a water-heater gas leak, procuring a new freezer, overseeing a firesafety inspection, and replacement of smoke-alarm batteries.



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### Capital Fund

In memory of Florence Metz  
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### General Fund

In honor of the marriage of Ilana & SJ  
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In memory of Nancy Sherman's mother  
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In memory of Florence Metz  
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In honor of the wedding of Eliot Moss & Lindsay Blank  
—*Adrea Moss*

In memory of my father, Dr. Irving Senzer—*Adrea Moss*

In memory of Howard Moss  
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In honor of Oren Stoelting's wedding—*Adrea Moss*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's birthday—*Andrea Goodman*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 99th birthday  
—*Art & Charlene Bornstein*

Happy 99th Birthday to Evelyn Gurevitch—*Barry Sovel & Carol Newman*

In memory of Marge's parents, Oscar & Betty Mann  
—*David & Margorie Ballo*

Condolences to the family of Gussie Levine —*Anonymous*

Congratulations to Jeremy Lip-sin on his new New Frontier position—*Anonymous*

Mazel Tov to new grandparents, Irvin & Vivian Klein  
—*Anonymous*

Welcome to new member Susy Boimoil Starr  
—*Anonymous*

In honor of Hannah Lane's marriage—*Anonymous*

Welcome to new members Graham & Elizabeth Cooper  
—*Anonymous*

Toda Raba to Barb McGee for the Shalach Manot bags!  
—*Anonymous*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's birthday, with thanks for all her years of Mitzvot at Beth Ami —*Anonymous*

Toda Raba to Ellie Flier for Erev Shabbat singing  
—*Anonymous*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 99th birthday —*Dr. Louis & Sandra Menachof*

Happy 99th Birthday to Evelyn Gurevitch —*Edith Newman*

In honor of Irvin & Vivian Klein's new granddaughter  
—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

A thoughtful donation  
—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

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In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 99th birthday  
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In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 99th birthday—*Judi Hyman*

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In memory of Robert Shotkin, Father of Alan Shotkin  
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—*Mark & Carol Rosen*

In honor of Irvin & Vivian Klein's new granddaughter  
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In memory of Mel's mother, Evelyn Decker  
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## GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

Continued...

In honor of the recent marriages of Ilana Stoelting & Oren Stoelting—*Melvin Decker & Judith Stern*

In memory of Florence Metz  
—*Melvin Decker & Judith Stern*

In honor of Carolyn Metz, for being a fabulous leader for the synagogue—*Melvin Decker & Judith Stern*

In gratitude for the surgery performed on our Ruthie by Dr. Russ Gurevitch  
—*Richard Kabn & Anne Brown*

### Nursery School Donation

Mazel Tov to Elianna Sternfeld, Doctor—*Anonymous*

Mazel Tov to Ellen & Herb Brosbe and Liora Brosbe & R. Daniel Isaacson, upon the Bar Mitzvah of Elijah—*Anonymous*

### Malk Fund

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's very special birthday  
—*Phyllis Shapiro*

### Children's Education Fund

Mazel Tov to Dennis & Anna Judd upon Daniel's acceptance to UCLA  
—*Mark & Carol Rosen*

Mazel Tov to Irvin & Vivian Klein upon the birth of their granddaughter—*Mark & Carol Rosen*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of my cousin, Olga  
—*Etienne Sampiere*

In memory of Sandor Garam  
—*Jonathan & Rose Batzdorff*

A generous donation  
—*Mark Dierkhisig & Karen Brodsky*

In memory of Stanley Williams  
—*Jay & Lenore Holloway*

Making amends for my anger  
—*Richard Kabn*

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## July Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.  
Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.  
All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

### Announced on July 2 & 3

- July 5 Morton Goldstein, Father of Marilyn Diamond
- July 8 Charles Sternfeld, Father of Edee Sternfield-Squires
- July 9 John Ballo, Father of David Ballo
- July 9 Jeanette Friedman, Grandmother of Joslyn Metzger

### Announced on July 9 & 10

- July 10 Louis Shapiro, Father-in-Law of Phyllis Shapiro
- July 11 Louis Estrin, Grandfather of Charlene Bornstein
- July 12 Aaron Baruch, Father of Esther Baruch
- July 13 Saul Gordon, Father-in-Law of Marjorie Gordon
- July 14 Avraham Levanon, Brother-in-Law of Ahuva Simon-Saar
- July 14 Ursula Schussheim, Mother of Karen Herskovic

### Announced on July 16 & 17

- July 19 Lotte Batzdorf, Mother of Alfred Batzdorff
- July 19 Eric Batzdorff, Son of Rose & Jon Batzdorff and Grandson of Sue & Al Batzdorff
- July 20 J.J. Mattson, Son of Tish Levee
- July 22 Herbert Newman, Husband of Edith Newman and Father of Carol & Michael Newman
- July 23 Fredrick Marshall, Father of Carolyn Metz

### Announced on July 23 & 24

- July 24 Ruth Weiss, Mother of Dan Weiss
- July 25 Sylvia Goldman, Mother of Ben Goldman
- July 25 Sylvia Williams, Mother of Lenore Holloway & Bonnie Gee
- July 26 Amelia Olchovy, Mother-in-law of Raynore Paule
- July 27 Pearl Nathan, Mother of Asher Nathan
- July 28 Abraham Olchovy, Father-in-law of Raynore Paule
- July 30 Patricia Kauffman, Mother of Raphael Kauffman

### Announced on July 30 & 31

- July 31 Anne Goldstein, Aunt of Anne Goldstein
- August 2 Willy Cohn, Father of Henry Cohn
- August 3 John Rosenbach, Husband of Rhonda Rosenbach
- August 4 Rose Volper, Friend of Ahuva Simon Saar

### July Birthdays

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

- 2 Zelda Bettman
- 5 Rad Sommer
- 6 Lauren Newman
- 16 Henry Cohn
- 16 Andrea Nett
- 17 Terry Gurevitch
- 18 Dr. Michael Mundell
- 19 Connie Goldman
- 20 Marilyn Diamond
- 20 Rhonda Rosenbach
- 28 Patty Bernstein
- 31 Lee Mehlman

### July Anniversaries

- 6 Lee & Paul Feinstein
- 12 Andrew & Susan Brown
- 25 Rayme & Michael Shapiro
- 29 Diana Hylander & Neal Cronin

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## August Yahrzeits

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

### Announced on August 6 & 7

- Aug. 8 Josephine Sherman, Mother of Edward Sherman
- Aug. 10 Alice Miller, Mother of Susan Miller
- Aug. 12 Sarah Estrin, Grandmother of Charlene Bornstein
- Aug. 12 Joseph Raful, Father of Robert Raful
- Aug. 13 Arnold Drake, Husband of Mieneke Drake
- Aug. 13 Esther Rosenbaum, Mother of Lauren Buchsbaum
- Aug. 13 Ernest Rosenthal, Father of Roberta Rosenthal

### Announced on August 13 & 14

- Aug. 16 Salvatore Riggio, Father of Nick Riggio
- Aug. 16 Joyce Vrobel, Mother of Laura Alexander
- Aug. 18 Dorothy Drain, Grandmother of Janet Stein-Larson
- Aug. 18 Martin Rosenblatt, Father of Robin Rosenblatt
- Aug. 19 Ruth Newman, Mother of Jerry Newman
- Aug. 20 William Hahn, Father of Edith Newman
- Aug. 20 Harry Schulman, Cousin of Judith Helman

### Announced on August 20 & 21

- Aug. 21 David Katz, Father of Audrey Darby
- Aug. 21 Selby Morse, Husband of Myrna Morse
- Aug. 22 Susan Yelin, Mother of Francie Rogovin
- Aug. 24 Audrey Schoen, Sister of Phyllis Shapiro
- Aug. 26 Dan ben Hershel, Nephew of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Aug. 27 Sophie Sampiere, Mother of Etienne Sampiere

### Announced on August 27 & 28

- Aug. 28 Joshua Cohen, Father of Leonard Cohen
- Aug. 28 Morris Marks, Grandfather of Myrna Morse
- Aug. 29 Vivian Frye, Friend of Ellen Mundell
- Aug. 31 Emil Judd, Father of Dennis Judd
- Sept. 1 Naftali Morse, Father-in-law of Myrna Morse
- Sept. 3 Irving Nathan, Father of Asher Nathan
- Sept. 3 David Sternfeld, Father of Jeffrey Sternfeld

### August Birthdays

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- 1 Tad Shapiro
- 4 Suzie Friedman
- 4 Frederic Schloner
- 8 Mark Rosen
- 10 Ivan Barta
- 12 Lyla Nathan
- 14 Francie Rogovin
- 14 Stuart Schy
- 15 Michael Shapiro
- 17 Susy Boimoil Starr
- 24 Signe Minuskin
- 25 Susan Miller
- 26 Marc Bernstein
- 29 Larry Klapow
- 29 Paul Kobetz
- 30 Patrice LePera
- 31 Lauren Buchsbaum

### August Anniversaries

- 8 Joslyn Metzger & Judy Kupfer
- 11 Michael & Lauren Newman
- 12 Dan & Blair Pleasant
- 12 Liz & Dan Weiss
- 14 Pnina Loeb & Jeff Richman
- 16 Kim & Bill Cordell
- 19 Karen & Arnold Herskovic
- 25 Elly & Len Cohen



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## July Shabbatot

### July 2 - 3

*Pinchas*

Candle Lighting—8:20 pm  
Havdalah—9:23 pm

### July 9 - 10

*Mattot-Masei*

Candle Lighting—8:18 pm  
Havdalah—9:21 pm

### July 16 - 17

*Devarim*

Candle Lighting—8:14 pm  
Havdalah—9:17 pm

### July 23 - 24

*Va'et-bannan*

Candle Lighting—8:10 pm  
Havdalah—9:12 pm

### July 30 - 31

*Ekev*

Candle Lighting—8:04 pm  
Havdalah—9:06 pm

## August Shabbatot

### Aug 6 - 7

*Re'eb*

Candle Lighting—7:56 pm  
Havdalah—8:58 pm

### Aug 13 - 14

*Shoftim*

Candle Lighting—7:48 pm  
Havdalah—8:50 pm

### Aug 20 - 21

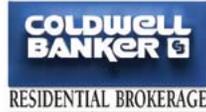
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Candle Lighting—7:39 pm  
Havdalah—8:41 pm

### Aug 27 - 28

*Ki tavo*

Candle Lighting—7:29 pm  
Havdalah—8:31 pm



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