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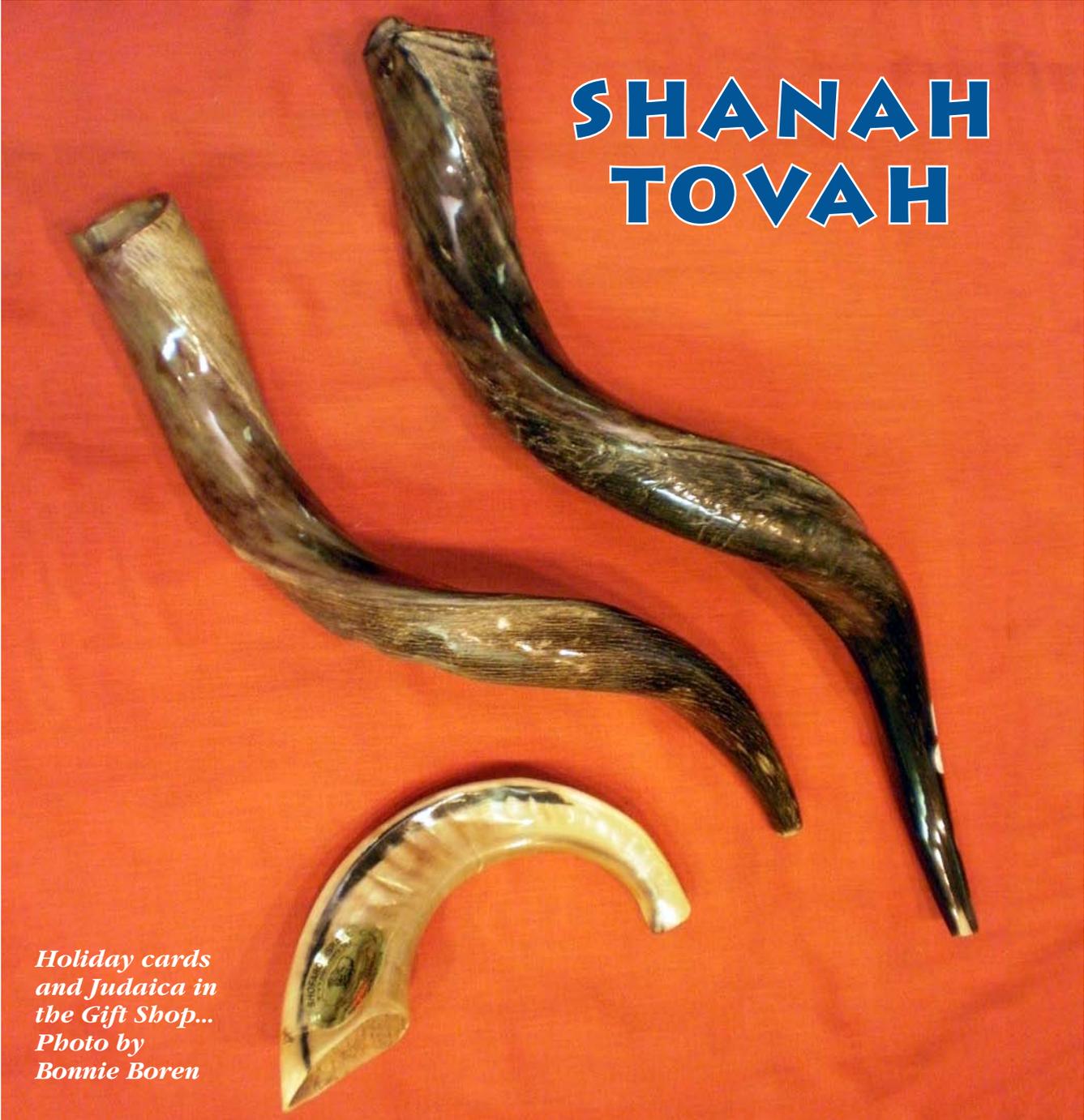
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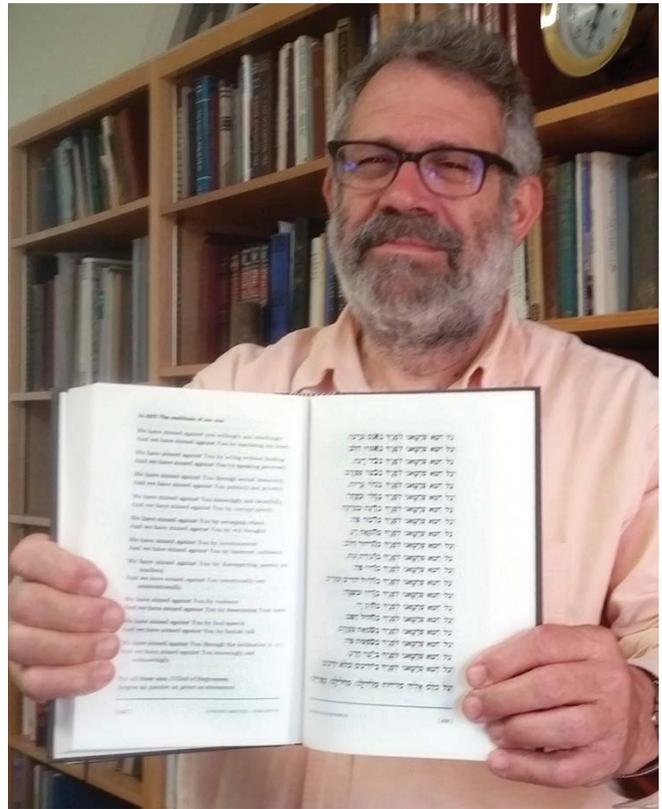
RABBI'S REMARKS
Rabbi Mordecai Miller
Selichot 5781

Summer may be a time when most families are looking forward to “vacation ease.” This year, however, our Jewish calendar has ordained that the Yammim Nora'im, (the “awesome days” of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur) should fall just shy of the first week in September: Monday evening September 6, in other words Labor Day! Anyone in the “synagogue business” understands all the preparation involved in observing these days. This is hardly the time to even contemplate “vacation ease!”

Our Tradition looks upon Rosh Hashanah as the day which introduces a period called Aseret y'mai teshuvah— the Ten Days of Repentance, which culminates with Yom Hakippurim - literally, “the Day of Atonement.” **This is a time for spiritual stocktaking.** Each one of us is given the opportunity as the agricultural year comes to an end, to examine our lives; to go through the process of **personal evaluation**; to squarely face up to the mistakes we have made, whether intentionally or unintentionally; to take responsibility and admit that we were wrong; to take the time for feeling genuine regret — as challenging as this may be — and to seek the forgiveness from the One who gave us the gift of life, as well as **seeking reconciliation with those individuals we have wronged.**

All this, in the hopes that we can find peace and joy in our lives, in recognizing that we are all here to leave the world in better shape than we found it!

For some, the hardest word to express sincerely is, “Sorry!” In fact, for some it's downright impossible. Yet the truth is, there isn't a person in the world devoid of some imperfection! We might even say, that the very purpose for which we were born, was to give us the opportunity to gain a high degree of self-



understanding, to recognize our own faults, to labor to overcome them and experience the possibility of growth! When our Tradition states, “The righteous are called ‘alive in death,’ and the wicked are called ‘dead when alive,’”

*...a time of
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 stocktaking,
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 reconciliation***

it could be referring to the fact that the very definition of “living” involves “growing!” Spiritually this means, “growing in wisdom.”

Essentially, we accept the fact that, as humans, we have tremendous control regarding the fate of our world. The fact that we are currently living the consequences of modern human's mismanagement of our natural resources is only one example of how true this is!

I believe this may well be a significant moment and I hope you will be able to join our community.

May we all be inscribed for a year filled with health, blessing, joy and peace for our planet and for us!

Mordecai



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Barbara McGee, President

High Holy Days here we go again

Well not quite. Last year, We knew we would not be having services together. The virus was not going to let that happen. People were dying all over the country and in many parts of California. The protocols we were using were keeping us relatively safe and most people were isolating as a vaccine was still being developed and tested. And then many had to evacuate because of the Glass fire on Erev Yom Kippur. 5781's start was a little rough to say the least.

Many of us thought the end of this pandemic would occur in 2021 by the early fall.

Now here we are just days before Rosh Hashanah 5782 and it does not feel safe again. There is the vaccine which I hope you and everyone you know has gotten by now if 12 and older. We now know more how to protect each other. And vaccinated we can still spread the virus even if we are not showing any signs of being sick. At greatest risk now for transmission are our most vulnerable, the children. Even if you do not have children, by having contact with their parents or grandparents you can indirectly give the virus to a child. A frightening thought for all involved.

There are some people who say "If I get sick and die, it is HaShem's will." We know in Judaism that to save a life is sacred. We also know if we follow all of the protocols and are vaccinated, transmission to others has been less than 1%. But with the Delta variant, transmission occurs easier. It is raging in the deep South. It's everywhere and I suspect many of us have vulnerable family members and friends with young children that have been directly affected already here in California with schools opening.

So what to do for High Holidays? At this point in time, we are the only synagogue in Sonoma County that will have hybrid services. In person services are ONLY FOR MEMBERS and their close vaccinated relatives, no exceptions. We have gone beyond the strictest of protocols

in Sonoma County by requiring vaccination proof for everyone over the age of 12. Is it enough? Have we considered everything that needs to be addressed?

Can we trust each other to do the right thing? Are we aware of who we have been in contact with and what contacts they have had in their lives? These are the questions that I hope you consider before coming to shul with family in tow. Now the decision is yours to make.

Decide now if you will be having contact with younger family members directly or indirectly for 5 days before and after you come to shul. Decide if you can put your heart into prayer while being safe around others at in-person services. I am not trying to discourage anyone. I just want us all safe.

As for the children, our future, we will be having a family service for them on the lawn by the Nursery School. There will be no going back and forth and no mingling or saying Shannah Tovah across the barrier. They are asked to come and go home directly after. It's sad.

For me, not to be able to open our beautiful sanctuary to everyone is disappointing. I was looking forward to seeing others in the community that may only come to shul once a year. I hope they will still join us by Zoom. I also understand if they can't or won't. G-d willing we can find the answers that we are supposed to learn physically, mentally, socially and especially spiritually in the coming year.

May you and your families be healthy and prosper in the New Year. I pray we can be together next year.

Barb McGee,
Congregation Beth Ami President,
2021 - 2022





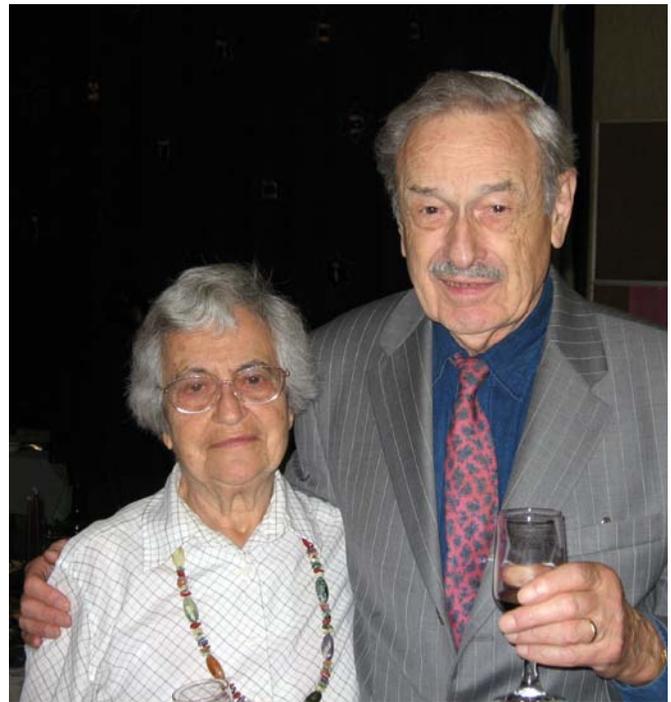
EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

Charles Sanford	Linda Emblen
Chris Miller	Rob Gitlin
Ann Elizabeth Thayer	Etienne Sampiere
Jeffrey Wong	Zac Singer
Robin Cooper	Larry Shulkin
Judy Dzik	Jay Morse
Anna Judd	Elizabeth Jarlsberg
Dennis Judd	Marilyn Sommer

A Special Birthday

Yom Huledet Sameach to **Susanne Batzdorff**, who turns 100 on September 25, and whose contributions to the Jewish Community and the world at large are beyond counting.



Al and Susanne Batzdorff



We've attached a photo that we took today at the Kotel. We had been staying in Bat Yam but relocated to Jerusalem last Friday. We'll be looking around here for a place to stay and it's our intention to live in Jerusalem for at least 1 to 1 1/2 years. It's amazing, but also wonderful for us, how empty Jerusalem is at this time.

—Jim & Stephanie

A Letter from Jim & Stephanie Sweeney

Shalom everyone,
We just wanted to send a quick note to express our gratitude and appreciation at having been accepted into the Beth Ami family for the last 6 years. In October of 2015 we arrived with curiosity about Judaism and how it was expressed in daily living. By observing and interacting with all of you and under Rabbi Miller's guidance we took the next step and became members of the tribe in March 2017. We will always remember and treasure our time at Beth Ami and those who were so willing to help us along our journey. Several years ago we visited Israel, fell in love and began thinking of and yearning for Aliyah. On August 4 an El Al flight with Stephanie, myself and 70 other olim set down at Ben Gurion airport and we became Israeli citizens. We will always be grateful for the part you played in our travels to get to this place in our lives.

!!! THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM !!!

All the best,
Jim & Stephanie Sweeney



ISRAEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Eli Cohen, Chair, Israel Committee

Join Beth Ami's Israel Committee

Will you join Beth Ami's Israel Committee to help bring Israel Programming to Sonoma County? The committee arranges non-political opportunities to learn about Israel: our People and our homeland. To join the committee, contact Eli Cohen at EliCohen@IsraelUpdate.INFO. To just be notified of our events, sign up at <http://List.IsraelUpdate.INFO>. Our committee's focus is learning more about and celebrating the People Israel (Jews throughout the world) and the Land of Israel (the land we pray about and our history). For more than 20 years, we have accomplished the following:

- Programming Israel Independence Day Celebrations (Yom haAtzmaut)
- Helping to program the Israel Memorial Day Observance (Yom haZikaron)
- Putting on the Sonoma County Israel Fair
- Bringing to our community Speakers and Scholars-in-Residence
- Organizing Seminars on antisemitism and pro-Semitism

Of course, during the pandemic, we could have no in-person events. So, we drew upon the expertise of other communities to offer this year's Memorial Day observance and Independence Day celebration.

This year, our main accomplishment has been offering a series of six Zoom sessions, "Voices of Israel."

View the recording of the talks at <http://IsraelUpdate.INFO>. The topics were varied:

- **Cartoons and Zionism talk - "Mr Dry Bones"** Yaakov Kirschen
- **Understanding Zionism - Charlotte Korchak**
- **Challenges faced by non-orthodox Jewry in Israel- Rabbi Andrew Sacks, Director of the Masorti [Conservative] Movement's Rabbinical Assembly in Israel**
- **Antisemitism for Dummies - Naya Lekht**
- **Black South African stands with Jews against antisemitism - Olga Meshoe Washington**
- **Hamas's war on Israel - Professor Paul Liptz**

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SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Lyla Nathan, Co-Chair of the Social Action Committee

Shana Tova to the Beth Ami kehilla(community) The Social Action Committee wishes you a sweet and healthy New Year. May 5782 be a year when the pandemic is controlled, when there will be food and sustenance for the hungry, and peaceful and loving energy will sustain us all.

I want to personally thank everyone who has supported the SAC or any group or organization whose goal is Tikun Olam. You helped make the world a better place. Every small mitzvah is important.

A little update on The Palms

We have continued to provide individual dinners at the Palms. A very dedicated group from our committee make over 100 meals which include an entree, corn bread and dessert. Everything is homemade and quite tasty and nutritious.

The Palms is located on Santa Rosa Ave. It is a converted motel. I think Days Inn. A local young man started this wonderful residence for the unhoused about 8 years ago. It is HUD subsidized. The Palms is home to Vets and Catholic Charity clients. There are about 100 individual furnished rooms. There are some couples but most are single. The facility is based on the 'housing first model' which maintains that people need a safe place to live before they can begin to deal with drug addiction and alcoholism. Bobbie Rosenthal recently had a conversation with the person in charge of the veterans and she reported that the vets who are at The Palms had struggled finding a place to live. At the Palms they are assisted by a VA case manager and social worker. They have a safe place. A room of their own. She reported that the program is doing well.

The SAC has been making meals for many years now. I think almost 5. We miss when we could meet together and personally serve dinner and talk to the residents. The sense of community connection was real. However due

to COVID, that is no longer possible. We can only hope that this year we will begin serving in person.

As the new year progresses we hope to expand our efforts to help those in need in our community.

Shalom, Lyla Nathan and all the committee



Committee on Racism and Social Justice

It has been an exciting summer, and our committee members have been taking advantage of easing Covid restrictions. We are spending time with our families and enjoying reconnecting with the world out there. Consequently, we have been meeting less frequently. We plan to start our biweekly meetings up again after the High Holy Days. This summer, some of us have been attending discussion groups with other congregations, reading and discussing books and attending webinars. The resulting conversations have been informative and clarifying.

We have received a lot of positive feedback about the past presenters and discussion groups we have hosted. So, we are reaching out to the local community hoping to bring more to Congregation Beth Ami. We continue to build relationships within our community. Our goal is to find ways to create more equity for all people of color and ethnicities. In the future, we hope to plan events with other congregations in Sonoma County. Our common cause is to build alliances so we can live in an environment that supports Social Justice.

—Carol Swanson





THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

(Myra Stern Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee)

Upcoming Holidays and Food (or not)

—Part Two

In the previous Shofar article I touched briefly on the importance of food in our spiritual lives. Focusing on the fast, I wrote how participating in a fast (the lack of food and water) may help us to intensify our focus and spirituality. As we focus on our physical needs of hunger and thirst, they help to promote a sense of discomfort., vulnerability., uncertainty., loss. This may assist us toward concepts of desires and needs on the spiritual level. From the physical level to the spiritual level, fasting works along with prayer, reflections, repentance, and atonement.

We have two holidays during this time which have fasting as part of the religious experience.

The Fast of Gedaliah (the 3rd of Tishrei starting from first light of Sept 9) laments the assassination of the righteous governor of Judah, Gedaliah, which also ended Jewish rule following the destruction of the First Temple.

Yom Kippur (10 Tishrei 5782, starting Wednesday eve, Sept 15) is the major Holy Day where the fast is used for spiritual elevation, praying, repentance, and atonement.

Focusing on the feasting and food for the Holy Day and festivals, is another way to boost spirituality. The preparation builds on the importance of our special celebrations. It works in conjunction with cleaning and 'dressing up' our homes, synagogues, and ourselves for the Holy Days and Festivals. When we 'dress up' our tables for the feast we use traditional dishes for the celebratory meals. There are traditional foods, customs, prayers, and songs that add to the specialness of the meal. We share with our family and friends. All of this serves to elevate the spirituality of this special day of celebration.

Rosh Hashanah (the 1st and 2nd of Tishrei, starting on the evening of Monday, Sept 6) is the Day of Judgment, the Day of Remembrance, the Day of Blowing of the Shofar, and the Day of the New Year. During

services, spiritually we approach this Holy Day as an acknowledgement of Hashem in the role of the great Judge and the great Ruler of us all. Instead of our usual daily supplications for sustenance, health, long life, protection from arrogance, etc, we are focusing on Hashem's Merciful Judgement and Remembrance of us, the chosen people. We demonstrate how we accept Hashem as our ruler, our agreement to listen and follow Hashem's Mitzvot, and spiritually we seek to repent, atone, and ask for forgiveness for our sins. Our feasts focus on elevating our spirits and celebrate the good year and outcomes we have received from Hashem. We also use the traditional foods to address supplications that were not addressed during the service in synagogue. We subtly request another good year of health, happiness, and sweetness with the round challah to represent life; the honey, sweetness for a good year; and apples, represent the sweet smell of the Garden of Eden. Traditional foods that are used to indirectly pray for other beneficial outcomes; for our merits to increase, to overturn our enemies, for adversaries be removed, etc. are symbolized by the gourds, fenugreek, leeks, cabbage, beets or dates you'll find in many of the traditional dishes served on Rosh Hashanah.

Feasts also play a major role with **Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah (starting 15 Tishrei 5782, the evening of Monday, September 20)**. Sukkot is a celebration of the fall harvest. It is the Feast of the Booths, Festival of Tabernacles, and the one of the three pilgrimage festivals to the temple. It is the time of the harvest of grapes, olives, wheat, figs, dates, and pomegranates. It is also a time for water, praying for water now that the harvesting is done. The focus on foods all deal with the harvest, fruits and vegetables take center stage with sweetness to continue the wish started at Rosh Hashanah. Meals feature products of the harvest. (Think stuffed vegetables, fruits, grains, and kreplach).



THE KITCHEN CORNER

Continued...

Celebratory feasts, songs, and prayers occur in the Sukkah (the traditional temporary hut that is built for the holiday) with friends and family during the 8 days of holiday: a time for joy, and celebration.

Feasts help to raise our spirits higher by bringing more celebration in our lives, and fasts help our spirits by bringing more focus as we pray, reflect, lament, repent, and atone. Both are used to increase the spirituality of the celebration or the remembrance we are observing.

What's happening in the Beth Ami Kitchen

All of us are frustrated with the rules, regulations, limitations that we are encouraging everyone to follow. As a member of the Kitchen Committee, I experience a very high level of frustration since all of food and celebrations done in this synagogue are a major focus in our lives and hearts. I am not alone.

However, there is one very good reason we go on with all of these rules and regulations. We put all of them in place because of the Jewish tradition Pikuach Nefesh. Pikuach Nefesh places the responsibility of preservation of human life above all of the commandments in Judaism. This responsibility rests on each and every one of our shoulders. So here we all are encouraging vaccinations, if you are able; wearing masks indoors and outside in gatherings; keeping social distancing; and being in areas of good air flow.

For now, we are trying to keep things very simple to encourage minimal groupings. We have minimized set-up and clean-up to take as little time as possible, and reduce tasks to do in the kitchen. To this end, for Shabbat, we celebrate Kiddush and challah outside while encouraging social distancing, and masking outside is appreciated since we are all able to spread this virus. We ask everyone to respect and follow these rules, regulations and suggestions we put together for the purpose of Pi-

kuach Nefesh.

Currently, keeping our celebrations short, simple, and sweet is the Kitchen Committee's answer to our celebrations at Congregation Beth Ami.

We would rather things be different; but we will still celebrate the coming of this new year in the best, safest way we can.

For this year may you, your family, and friends take special time to gather together in small gatherings with challah, apples, honey, champagne to share; and be certain to toast everyone for a good, sweet, healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

Shanah tovah u'metukah.

—Janet Stein-Larson and Myra Stern Thomas,
Kitchen Committee Chair

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707-545-2233 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Thursday–Tuesday



ROSH CHODESH *Patty Bernsteine* **Inviting All Jewish Women**

Rosh Chodesh (literally, “head of the month” or “head of the moon”), the first of every Hebrew month, always falls on the new moon. In biblical times, Rosh Chodesh was a festival marked by celebratory sacrifice and feasting. Today Beth Ami’s Rosh Chodesh women’s group continues to celebrate this semi-holiday.

We gather at the beginning of each new Jewish month to explore our spiritual selves, make connections, take note of and recognize our beliefs, feelings and attitudes through the means of Jewish activities and rituals.

Rosh Chodesh Gatherings 5782

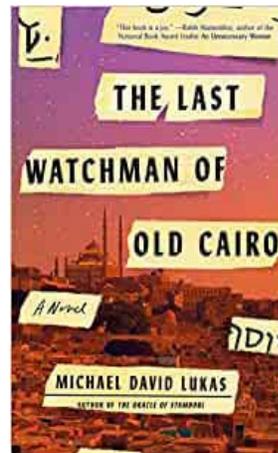
All Jewish women are welcome, regardless of affiliation (or not)

- Sunday, September 26, 12 noon, lunch in the sukkah
- Thursday, October 7, 7pm, Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
- Friday, November 5, Moon Mavens lead services for Rosh Chodesh Kislev
- Thursday, December 2, 7pm, Rosh Chodesh Tevet celebrate Chanukah with 5 candles, dessert, childhood memories of Chanukah
- Monday, January 3, 7pm, celebrate Rosh Chodesh Sh’vat
- (Possible Tu BiShvat Seder on Sunday, January 16, 11am)
- Wednesday, February 2, 7pm, Gail Weiner will lead a discussion about relationships/connections between people to celebrate Rosh Chodesh Adar I
- Thursday, March 3, 7pm, celebrate Rosh Chodesh Adar II by discussing Vashti and Esther as role models
- Sunday, April 3, 11am potluck brunch, celebrate Rosh Chodesh Nisan by sharing Passover memories and determining what elements a women’s Seder should have
- Sunday, May 1, 1pm, join us at the Holocaust Memorial Wall at Santa Rosa’s Memorial Park for a Yom Hashoah commemoration on Rosh Chodesh Iyyar
- Wednesday, June 1, 7pm, Ice Cream Social



before Shavuot

- Wednesday, June 29, 7pm, gather on the Beth Ami patio to celebrate Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
- Friday, July 29, sponsor the Oneg for Rosh Chodesh Av
- Sunday, August 28, 11am potluck brunch, celebrate Rosh Chodesh Elul by sharing a part of yourself



Beth Ami Book Club News

by Linda Emblen

The Adult-ed committee sponsored book club will meet in person outdoors in the garden at my place, on a Sunday afternoon to be arranged. 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 now have SF Bay Area author Michael David Lukas’ **THE LAST WATCHMAN OF OLD CAIRO**. We’ll pick it up in late August.



**FIRST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH
TASHLICH SERVICE**

WITH CONGREGATIONS SHOMREI TORAH AND BETH AMI

**Tuesday September 7th, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

Lake Ralphine at Howarth Park
630 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa

From the Summerfield Rd. entrance, follow the road to the upper parking lot near Upper Oak Picnic Area and walk to the lake.

On Rosh HaShanah afternoon we gather to sing, pray and “cast our sins into the water.” Though it is traditional to use bread crumbs, we now know that bread pollutes the lake and is making the ducks sick. **We will supply healthy duck food to use instead.**

We will not be doing a potluck this year, due to Covid restrictions. You may bring a DAIRY/VEGETARIAN picnic for yourself and your family, if you wish.

Please stay and join us for a Mincha-Ma'Ariv service in the park at 5:30 p.m.

HIGH HOLIDAYS AT BETH AMI, 5782 2021

This year, because of the concerns we all still have about Covid, we have seen a preference as well as necessity for most people to attend High Holiday services at Beth Ami on Zoom. All are welcome to our usual Beth Ami Zoom room to join Rabbi Mordecai Miller, Cantor Cory Winter, and congregants in study and meaningful, musical prayer. The Events at a Glance box on the home page has a link to our Virtual Weekly Calendar containing the zoom link.

We will have a very limited number of socially distanced in-person seats for services, which will be reserved in advance by Beth Ami members. Members will receive their High Holiday packets with this information by postal mail.

We have prepared a pdf with descriptions of holidays and customs throughout the season, High Holiday Guide 2021, as well as the one-page schedule on the following page.

Please note the services for **families with young children** led by Lauren Kalmenson and Barbara McGee, and the **teen service** for Yom Kippur led by Rick Concoff, all outside on the lawn under the redwoods.

If you would like a Machzor, the High Holiday prayerbook, to attend Beth Ami services on Zoom, please pick it up in the Beth Ami office (Mon-Fri 10 am to 3 pm) by Sept. 6th. Please call the office ahead of time at 707-360-3000 for an appointment to pick the prayerbook up. Non-members will need to leave a deposit of \$40 per book and can get their deposit back on return of the book after the High Holidays starting Sept 17th during office hours. We also have volunteers who can deliver your Machzor by special request.

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!



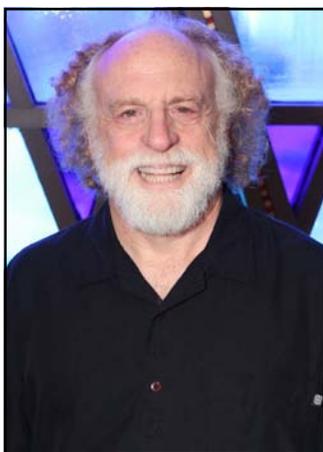
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Cantor Cory Winter



Lisa Iskin
Sing in Shabbat



Rick Concoff
Teen Yom Kippur Service



Lauren Kalmenson
Family Rosh HaShanah



Barbara McGee
Family Yom Kippur



CONGREGATION BETH AMI HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE
 Because of health and safety, the limited number of in-person seats are by reservation for members. All are welcome on zoom.

Service	Day	Location	Time
Selichot	Saturday, August 28	Sanctuary / Zoom	8:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah			
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Monday, September 6	Sanctuary / Zoom	7:30 p.m.
1st Day	Tuesday, September 7	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Family, Children's Services	Tuesday, September 7	Lawn, Lauren Kalmenson	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tashlich	Tuesday, September 7	Howarth Park	4:30 p.m.
Mincha & Ma'ariv	Tuesday, September 7	Howarth Park	5:30 p.m.
2nd Day	Wednesday, September 8	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Mincha & Ma'ariv	Wednesday, September 8	Sanctuary / Zoom	7:15 p.m.
End of Yom Tov	Wednesday, September 8	Zoom	8:15 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah			
Erev Shabbat Shuvah	Friday, September 10	Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, September 11	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Kever Avot & Genizah (Remembering the departed)			
Cemetery Visit	Sunday, September 12	S.R. Memorial Park sec.2	11:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur			
Mincha then Kol Nidre	Wednesday, September 15	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Morning	Thursday, September 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Family, Children's Services	Thursday, September 16	Lawn, Barb McGee	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Mincha, Torah	Thursday, September 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	4:30 p.m.
Teen Service	Thursday, September 16	Lawn, Rick Concoff	5:00 p.m.
Yizkor	Thursday, September 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	5:15 p.m.
Neilah	Thursday, September 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	Approx. 6:15pm
Shofar / Ma'ariv	Thursday, September 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	Approx. 8:01pm
Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah			
Sukkot 1st Evening	Monday, September 20	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Sukkot 1st Day	Tuesday, September 21	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Sukkot 2nd Evening	Tuesday, September 21	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Sukkot 2nd Day	Wednesday, September 22	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yontiff Conclusion	Wednesday, September 22	Zoom	7:30 p.m.
Hosha'na Rabbah	Monday, September 27	Sanctuary / Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Monday, September 27	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret	Tuesday, September 28	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yizkor	Tuesday, September 28	Sanctuary / Zoom	11:30 a.m.
Erev Simchat Torah	Tuesday, September 28	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Simchat Torah	Wednesday, September 29	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yontiff Conclusion Service	Wednesday, September 29	Zoom	7:15-7:40 p.m.

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

We are monitoring changing health guidelines to design in-person procedures and events. Procedures are posted below and in Cybershul; **CHANGES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED: please check below before coming.**
 First Friday Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning services in-person in the Sanctuary as well as on Zoom.

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.	
7:00 pm Evening Minyan	FRIDAYS on Zoom only: Sing in Shab- bat, by Lisa Iskin, at 6:00 pm	Mincha with Iyyun T'philah (Examining Prayer) and Maariv starts approx. 1 hour				
			8:00 pm Midrash class			

Keeping each other safe in the sanctuary and on campus: masking and proof of vaccination is now required.

On Shabbat mornings and on the first Friday evenings of the month, we will have been 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.**

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

Please show your proof of vaccination the first time you enter under this new protocol. For everyone's safety: please wear a **mask outdoors as well as indoors** 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 Jewish values of personal responsibility and caring for each other. We encourage those who haven't and can to please get vaccinated as this has been proven to protect all our families, friends and dear ones. Each one of you is dear to us.



GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

We apologize that some donations that should have appeared in the July/August Shofar were left out. They appear here in bold. We are very grateful for your support and think it's important that your donation is acknowledged in the Shofar. (The minimum donation for each occasion is \$9.00)

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—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

In honor of Edith Newman's
birthday wishing you many,
many more!
—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

Mazel Tov to Evelyn Gurevitch
on her 99th birthday
—*Gerald & Anne Brisgel*

In memory of Florence Metz
—*Jeffrey Sheff*

In memory of Florence Metz
—*Joan Fishbein*

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—*Tish Levee*

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—*Arnold & Karen Herskovic*

In memory of my father,
Frederick Marshall
—*Carolyn Metz*

In memory of Olga Whitcomb,
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—*Anonymous*

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—*Anonymous*

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John Ballo
—*Anonymous*

In memory of Vivian Frye
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In memory of Sylvia Williams
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September 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 Sep. 3 & 4

- Sep. 3 Irving Nathan
Father of Asher Nathan
- Sep. 3 David Sternfeld
Father of Jeffrey Sternfeld
- Sep. 4 Frances Spiegleman
Grandmother of
Ronit Glickman
- Sep. 7 Rose Zittin
Grandmother of
Bill Friedman,
Debra Chapman
and Charlene Bornstein
- Sep. 8 Myer Brust, Grandfather of
Barbara McGee
- Sep. 8 William Colton, Brother-in-
law of Evelyn Gurevitch
- Sep. 9 Ida Mann, Grandmother of
Judith Helman
- Sep. 9 Avra Metzger
Mother of Joslyn Metzger
- Sep. 10 Marilyn Sternfeld
Mother of Jeffrey Sternfeld

Announced on Sep. 10 & 11

- Sep. 11 Helene Senzer
Mother of Adrea Moss
- Sep. 13 Frances Brust
Grandmother of
Barabara McGee
- Sep. 13 Lillian Kahn
Mother of David Kahn
- Sep. 13 Raymund Mundell
Father of Michael Mundell
- Sep. 15 Joseph Diamond
Father-in-law of
Marilyn Diamond
- Sep. 15 Shulamit Sapojnikov
Mother of
Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar

Announced on Sep. 17 & 18

- Sep. 18 Carl Connors
Father of Tish Levee
- Sep. 18 Harry Friedman, Husband
of Edith Friedman and
Uncle of Bill Friedman and
Debra Chapman
- Sep. 18 Ruth Hess
Mother of Barbara Tomin
- Sep. 19 Shmuel Berenstein
Father of Dan Anbar
- Sep. 20 Florence Zivin, Mother of
Edee Sternfield-Squires
- Sep. 22 George Barta
Father of Ivan Barta
- Sep. 23 Merrill William Gitlin
Father of Rob Gitlin
- Sep. 23 Dorothy Yelin, Grand-
mother of Francie Rogovin
- Sep. 24 Mollie Rafal
Mother of Bob Rafal

Announced on Sep. 24 & 25

- Sep. 25 Dean Darby
Husband of Audrey Darby
- Sep. 25 Carolina Gordon,
Granddaughter of
Marjorie Gordon
- Sep. 25 Harald Quam
Father of Lindsay Kvam
- Sep. 27 Morris Edelberg
Father of Marjorie Gordon
- Sep. 27 Phyllis Kaplan, Mother of
Rhonda Rosenbach
- Sep. 29 Naomi Goren
Mother of Judith Helman
- Sep. 29 Michael Letourneau, Son
of Pam Jacobs Letourneau
- Sep. 29 Frances Miller
Mother of Debra Sokolsky
- Sep. 29 Lester Schloner
Father of Carol Swanson
- Sep. 30 Marcia Kupfer
Mother of Judy Kupfer

September Birthdays

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

- 2 Myra Stern Thomas
5 Phil Weil
6 Bonnie Boren
8 Leanne Schy
11 Ilana Stoelting
13 Adrea Moss
16 Ethel Schy
18 Florence Metz Z"L
18 Carol Newman
22 Ahuva Simon Sa'ar
25 Susanne Batzdorff
26 Leonard Cohen
26 Robin Rosenblatt
30 Joyce Kobetz

September Anniversaries

- 7 Daryl & Joan Schloss
10 Ronit & Howard Glickman
14 Phil Dwight & Jane Rogan
15 Ross Jones & Jane Paul
25 Russ & Terry Gurevitch

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Oct. 1 & 2

- Oct. 4 Mitchell Boyd
Father of Betty Boyd
- Oct. 4 Adolph Stern, Father of
Myra Stern Thomas
- Oct. 6 Mary Diamond
Mother-in-law of
Marilyn Diamond
- Oct. 6 James Plattner
Father of Kenneth Plattner
- Oct. 6 Harold Rosen
Father of Mark Rosen
- Oct. 6 Al Sherman
Father of Edward Sherman

Announced on Oct. 8 & 9

- Oct. 9 Tillie Edelberg
Mother of Marjorie Gordon
- Oct. 11 Anna Whitaker
Daughter of Barbara &
John Whitaker
- Oct. 14 Tzfvir Anbar
Brother of Dan Anbar
- Oct. 14 Lisa Ballo
Mother of David Ballo
- Oct. 15 Irene Gordon
Mother-in-Law of
Marge Gordon

Announced on Oct. 15 & 16

- Oct. 16 Ann Van Mourik Cory
Mother of Linda Emblen
- Oct. 19 John Holloway, Husband
of Lenore Holloway
- Oct. 20 Sydney Paul
Mother of Jane Paul
- Oct. 20 Riva Levanon
Sister of Ahuva Simon Saar
- Oct. 20 Dora Schiffman
Mother of Bernice Fox
- Oct. 22 Berkeley Garrison
Grandson of Tish Levee
- Oct. 22 Irv Judd
Brother of Dennis Judd

Announced on Oct. 22 & 23

- Oct. 23 Charles Cohen
Father of Eli Cohen
- Oct. 24 Anna Meyerfeld
Grandmother of
Patty Bernstein
- Oct. 24 Sidney Rosenthal
Brother of
Bobbie Rosenthal
- Oct. 26 Max Malk
Father of Phyllis Shapiro
- Oct. 26 Benjamin Weiss, Son of
Elizabeth & Dan Weiss
- Oct. 29 Norman Schloner, Brother
of Carol Swanson

Announced on Oct. 29 & 30

- Oct. 30 Belle Rosen
Mother of Mark Rosen
- Oct. 30 Esther Zittin
Mother of
Charlene Bornstein

October Birthdays

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

- 7 Earl Goldberg
- 9 Laura Alexander
- 11 Blair Pleasant
- 14 Jeffrey Sommers
- 18 Judi Hyman
- 19 Richard Kahn
- 19 Rabbi Rabbi George
Schlesinger
- 19 Jeffrey Sheff
- 20 Andrew Brown
- 20 Kenneth Plattner
- 20 John Whitaker
- 23 Judy Gunnar
- 25 Gerald Petlock
- 26 Paul Kaltenbach
- 27 Rita Kagan
- 30 Rick Concoff

October Anniversaries

- 1 Michele & Steve Baime
- 6 Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren
- 25 Joe & Signe Minuskin
- 25 Andrea & Stephen Nett



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September Services

September 3 - 4

Nitzavim

Candle Lighting—7:19 pm
Havdalah—8:15 pm

September 6, 7, 8

Rosh HaShanah

Candle Lighting— 7:14 pm
Candle Lighting First Day
after 8:11 pm
Havdalah—8:09 pm

September 10 - 11

Va-Yelech / Shabbat Shuvah

Candle Lighting—7:08 pm
Havdalah—8:14 pm

September 15 - 16

Yom Kippur

Candle Lighting—7:00 pm
Havdalah—7:56 pm

September 17 - 18

Ha'azinu

Candle Lighting—6:57 pm
Havdalah—7:53 pm

September 20, 21, 22

Sukkot

Candle Lighting—6:52 pm
Candle Lighting First Day
after 7:31 pm
Havdalah—7:46 pm

September 24 - 25

Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Candle Lighting—6:46 pm
Havdalah—7:41 pm

September 27, 28, 29

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Candle Lighting Shemini
Atzeret—6:41 pm
Candle Lighting Simchat Torah
after 7:33 pm
Havdalah—7:35 pm

October Shabbatot

October 1 - 2

Beresbeit

Candle Lighting—6:35 pm
Havdalah—7:30 pm

October 8 - 9

Noach

Candle Lighting—6:24 pm
Havdalah—7:20 pm

October 15 - 16

Lech Lecha

Candle Lighting—6:14 pm
Havdalah—7:10 pm

October 22 - 23

Vayeira

Candle Lighting—6:04 pm
Havdalah—7:01 pm

October 29 - 30

Chayei Sarah

Candle Lighting—5:56 pm
Havdalah—6:53 pm



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