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Deadline for May/ June Shofar is April 19th



OUR MISSION: A KEHILLA THAT IS OPEN, WHERE RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

Congregation Beth Ami enriches our

LIVES, TRANSFORMS OUR HEARTS, HELPS
HEAL THE WORLD AND SUSTAINS OUR
JEWISH HERITAGE. WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED
IN JEWISH TRADITION AND WELCOME ALL
TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR CELEBRATION,
LEARNING, EDUCATION AND PRAYER.



Our Tradition holds a belief that counting something directly has unfortunate consequences. It's possible that such a practice casts too much attention on the individual items. This in turn may raise issues of jealousy on the part of others and so run the risk of the ayin hara'— "the evil eye." (I believe this has to do with the notion that when someone casts their eyes on an object in a malicious way, it has an impact. Experience teaches us that living life modestly, without drawing unnecessary attention to ourselves is, unquestionably, more likely to result in happiness than the opposite.)

The TaNaCH - our Bible - speaks of an incident where King David decides to count the population. The results turn out to be devastating, and King David is left attempting to choose the least of the three alternative punishments offered.

BUT we know there are times when it becomes necessary to take a count so as to ascertain, for example, a minyan. Back in the wilderness, it had to do with organizing a military force to conquer the Land of Canaan.

The Torah, itself, provides the solution to this dilemma: all the Israelite males, twenty years and up (the fighting force), are commanded to bring a half-shekel donation of silver.

In fact, the Israelites are told to make donations three times; twice with the contribution of the half-shekels, and once when they're invited to bring gifts of the materials used to construct the Mishkan.

- The first collection provided the silver to make the sockets to allow the boards which made up Tent of Meeting.
- The second provided the funds to purchase the animals for the public offerings.
- The third, mentioned above, provided the basic materials for the construction of the Tabernacle.

Since the Religious (Liturgical) year began on the first day of Nisan, it became the practice to take up the collection of half-shekels the month before, at the onset of Adar. Even though we no longer have a Temple requiring animal sacrifice, our people have



preserved the tradition of making the halfshekel donation each year at this season.

It starts with the reading the passage from the Torah on Shabbat, which speaks of this mitzvah. Subsequently, people are given the opportunity to make the donation of the halfshekel before the reading of the Megillah.

At Beth Ami, we wanted to make it possible for those who wished, to participate in this mitzvah. Lee Feinstein has purchased several hundred half-dollar coins which we are offering for sale as a modest fund raiser.

You may purchase all three coins or, if you prefer, even just one at the rate of a Dollar per coin. Following this, you will be able to deposit your coin(s) into a special jar at Beth Ami on the eve of Purim, or the next day. (If you can't be present, you can designate someone else to do this for you).

If you would like to participate, please call Elizabeth Jarlsberg at the synagogue office (707) 360-4000, and arrange to make your donation. On Purim we will have a table set up to give you your purchased coin(s). You can then make your "sacred donation."

The Torah (Exodus 30:11 -16) tells us that "it shall serve the Israelites as a reminder before haShem, as expiation for your souls."

In this modest way, our contributions "count!"

With a prayer for success and joy, and a yearning for World Peace.

B'Shalom,

Mordecai Miller, Rabbi



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Barbara McGee, President

Change and Tikkun Olam during COVID

One thing we are, as a people, is resilient. At the mid-year meeting, I was amazed at how many people were talking about the good works they were doing and the opportunities to get involved. As we begin to emerge from our homes again, there are so many more opportunities to help. Want to get involved? Call the office to get contact information for the following committees: Social Action Committee, the Committee on Racism and Social Justice, the Israel Committee, the Religious Practices Committee, the Kitchen Committee, the CBA Book Club, the newly formed Men's Club, the Facilities Committee, the Security Committee to name a few. Want to help CBA? Congregation Beth Ami relies heavily on volunteerism to get tasks done. Don't see something you want to do or have another idea or just want to do something on the fly? Give me a call. Write me. Let me know how you want to be involved.

As of this writing, we are on our second reopening of CBA after closing for a month. The office and library are now open 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). The main building is open all weekdays and for Saturday morning services. Fortunately, with this last round of closing and opening the Nursery school has been able to remain open safely. My hat's off to the teaching staff, Henry Cohn and the BACNS community for making this happen.

Prior to the pandemic few of us would have used a computer to attend webinars or on-line meetings with people from all over the world. For many years prior, even when we had a scholar in residence, very few lecture events were well attended. Now we can attend talks and in some cases see past recording on any topic we want. It's not the same as face to face contact, and for some there will be no substitute, but it offers a world of learning. Many committees along with Rabbi Miller are now tasked with finding interesting topics through a Jewish lens. This involves a lot more work than

people realize, so I thank all of you who continue to do this. Though we will do more face-to-face community activities, this new online world, this new



way of connecting, gives us an opportunity to expand our learning.

Speaking of community activities, there is a live Purim Megillah reading on March 16th in the evening with lots of goodies to enjoy. The Nursery school will be having their own safe Purim event with parents, children and teachers in the CBA courtyard, too. And everyone young and old will have the opportunity to send and receive Shalach Manos for Purim. In addition, a Community Pesach Seder is being planned which is something we have not been able to do for two years. Check our weekly cybershul for more details and what safety measures we will have in place. As long as we can keep each other reasonably safe there is no reason we can't have more community activities. As this pandemic becomes endemic and younger children can get vaccinated, we will figure out how to do that together.

Even bigger news is the two year contract we now have with Rabbi Miller that begins July 2022. We will have two more years to learn with our experienced and learned Rabbi. I hope all will take advantage of that opportunity. In the late fall we will start to evaluate the community's Rabbinic needs and begin a search which is at minimum an eighteen month process. The board will also be looking at ways to bridge the Nursery school community to the Congregational community. More on the search committee to be announced this summer.

We have many other changes occurring too. A newly formed Bylaws Committee headed by



Jerry Newman is reviewing and offering updates for the membership to consider. We are getting an upgrade on our shul software system to make the office run more smoothly and give more access to our membership to sign up for activities, make donations and get better notifications of holiday and life cycle events. Look for a mailing to each household in April/May on access and privacy information.

And there are the physical changes occurring on the campus as well. Deferred repairs are being done, a new safety garden gate in the courtyard has been installed and our landscape expert, Michael Shapiro, is making the campus more beautiful and safer. Come see the changes for yourselves.

There is one thing though that has not changed, and that is the love and care we have for each other. When we need to come together to celebrate, mourn or acknowledge, our community makes it possible to have a minyan, whether by Zoom or in person. I think we can all be grateful for that. With Ha Shem's blessings may we continue to find ways to connect with each other through community, learning and prayer.

B'shalom, Barb McGee



Sarah Welton, Early Education Director, captured this scene of enjoying warm weather at the Nursery School.



Welcome New Members

David Brunstein Louis Naidorf Karen Zimmerman

Mazeltov on the Births of:

Abel Riddley Fleming, grandson of Andy & Nancy Fleming

Adeline Ann & Emery Rose Hyska, granddaughters of Elizabeth Jarlsberg

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Larry Shulkin, husband of Sandi Shulkin and stepfather of Ken Plattner

Phillis Levine, aunt of Fredrika Gross Jeremy Jason Kahn, son of David Kahn

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

Alfred Batzdorff Anna Judd
Debi Chapman Dennis Judd
Judy Dzik Carol Swanson
Linda Emblen Etienne Sampiere

Florence Metz Memorial Unveiling

On Sunday, March 13th, at 11:00 AM, please join us for the unveiling of Florence Metz's Memorial Stone at Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

Afterwards there will be a lunch reception to honor her memory at Congregation Beth Ami.

Remember that Daylight Savings time starts on that Sunday, March 13th, so make



certain your clocks are set forward to the correct time.



Sonoma County Yom HaShoah Commemoration

The Annual Sonoma County Yom HaShoah Commemoration will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 2-3:30 p.m. via Zoom. The theme of this year's commemoration will be 'Speaking Up and Standing Up.' Three local Holocaust survivors or descendants will be sharing how they were helped by 'upstanders' who did the right thing. There will be musical performances as well as candle lighting by Jewish and other Holocaust survivors and those targeted by genocide.

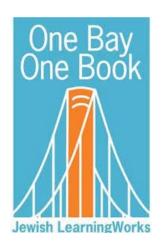
The program is free, but registration is required to access the Zoom link. To register, please go to https://www.jccsoco.org/main/yom-hashoah-commemoration/. To submit the names of loved ones who were victims of the Shoah in this year's Memorial Book, please go to https://www.jccsoco.org/forms/yom-hashoah-donation-and-memorial-book/.

Questions can be sent to socoyomhashoah@gmail.com

New: Men's Club



There's a new Beth Ami Group, the Men's Club. If you are not in this photo you missed the February event. March 14 is scheduled for a tour of Jack London State Park. You can get on their email list (if you are not already) by emailing Richard Kahn <earthin4@sonic.net>



Beth Ami Book Club News

by Linda Emblen

Wednesday, March 2, our book group will be discussing *THE HIDDEN PALACE, A Novel of The Golem and The Jinni*, by Helene Wecker. Captivating, but longish. It is an historical epic set in

NYC and the Middle East in the early 20th century and there will be a few more Zoom talks on related topics to it which one can learn more about at the SF Jewish Community Library website. This Wecker novel is this Jewish year's OneBayOneBook selection, which means that many other groups in the SF area are discussing the same book.

We mostly read Israeli and other Jewish fiction authors. Stories take place all over the world. Lately we've been indulging in much vicarious travel: geographically and through the minds of book characters. For you new people, our group borrows 12 copies of the same book through Book-Club-in-a-Box at the SF Jewish Community Library, which has over 150 choices.

In March our CBA book group will be reading Israeli writer David Grossman's A HORSE WALKS INTO A BAR (Fiction, 208 pgs, English translation, 2017.) --- Winner of the 2017 Man Book International Prize. More info in the Cybershul later.

Sunday, February 13, we had a gathering where each participant chose their own book: fiction, non-fiction, Jewish or non-Jewish–to speak briefly about. We meet IN PERSON, in small groups, usually in my backyard. Everyone who comes has been vaccinated. NO ZOOM. Some people are regulars and some come to only a particular discussion. Open to all CBA members and friends. For further info or comments phone Linda Emblen at (707) 544-4532. We look forward to seeing YOU.

RACISM & SOCIAL JUSTICE

by Carol Swanson and Betty Boyd



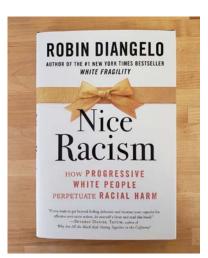
Our mission:

We strive to create change through education, self-reflection, listening with compassion, respecting and honoring differences, collaborating with faith-based and social partners, and engaging to prevent, intervene, and eliminate racism in our community.

What we have been doing lately:

Recently, members of our committee attended webinars put on by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA), the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel, and others.

We are working together, with the leadership of our CBA Board to learn about Diversity Training and how we can all benefit from it.



More to come later.

We are currently reading and discussing the book Nice Racism by Robin Diangelo. It is about some of the ways that, with best of intentions, we can inadvertently say or do things

that are hurtful to others. We encourage you to read it – it is short (less than 200 pages), easy to read, and is available from the Santa Rosa library.

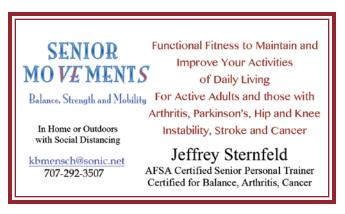
With the interest of pursuing better equity in education here in Sonoma County, we are following the application of California's Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum in Santa Rosa. Members of the committee are attending meetings of an educational committee at the district of Santa Rosa City Schools. We are gathering information to better understand Critical Race Theory and how it is being applied in education.

In the past we have sponsored speakers on racism in the Black community and we have led discussion groups on this topic; Courageous Conversations. Now, as we turn our focus to other marginalized groups in Sonoma County, we are learning about the Native Americans in our area. To that goal, several of us visited the Jesse Peter Museum on the SRJC campus to learn more about the Pomo in our community and other tribes throughout our country. We hope to have one or more speakers from the Pomo tribe in the future.

We continue to search for other speakers who can share with us their experiences regarding racism and social justice in our community as well as any other projects that fit our purpose. To this end, we keep in contact with other organizations that have similar purposes.

If you are interested in resources, please look at our growing list of books, websites, etc. to learn about racial issues on the Beth Ami website at: https://bethamisr.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/11/Resource-List-About-Race-and-Social-Justice1.pdf

Current members: Carol Swanson (Chair), Bonnie Boren, Betty Boyd, Myrna Morse, Ellen Mundell, Lyla Nathan, Jerry Newman, Rabbi Miller. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the committee, contact Carol Swanson at swangirl@comcast.net



THE KITCHEN CORNER Myra Stern-Thomas, chair perso

Myra Stern-Thomas, chair person of the Kitchen Committee written by Janet Stein-Larson

I am so excited!

After being, once again, limited by the highly virulent Omicron Varient of COVID, we're planning on slowly but surely opening up. We are gearing up for 3 big events that will need food preparation and serving. It's been a while, but we have been updating our Food Safety Guidelines to cover what to do to prevent COVID while preparing and serving food, and we are ready to go.

On March 13th, we remember Florence Metz.

After the unveiling of her stone, there are plans to have a simple memorial lunch at Congregation Beth Ami. How we will prepare the food, set-up and serve the food will be following COVID guidelines for food preparation and serving established by Sonoma County. We hope to set up seating for outside, and inside for those who wish it. We'll follow whatever Sonoma County rules that are current for that date. Hopefully everyone coming will be fully vaccinated and boosted. Keeping socially distant, having good ventilation, and wearing a mask (especially if you are in or exposed to the special population groups) will all be helpful to prevent COVID exposure.

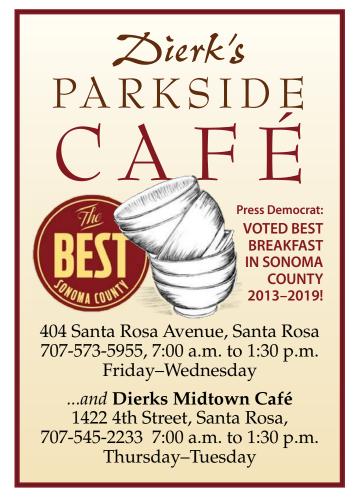
Did you know that Circular foods—namely, lentils, bagels, and round rolls—represent the cycle of life, which involves not only birth and death, but joy and sadness? Lentils also harken back to the stew Jacob prepared for his father, Isaac, after the death of his grandfather, Abraham.

Did you know that eggs, typically appear at memorial feasts or feasts of consolation, in hard-boiled form, is not just a symbol of mourning (as the circle of life; birth, reproduction, death...)? An egg hardens the longer it is cooked. That underscores that human beings must learn to be resilient themselves when death occurs.

For Purim on March 16th & 17th, there will be Hamantashen baked at CBA.

Once again people are donating the dough to store and filling in the refrigerator (If you want to participate, the dough needs to be pareve with no nut products and no nut oils and for the filling also needs to be pareve with no nut products and composed of uncooked kosher ingredients.) Since social distancing limits the amount of people who can be in our kitchen at one time; at this time, we don't need more bakers, but don't worry, If we do we will reach out. Our goal is make 650 (for the LIVE evening Purim Services on March 16th and for Shalach Manos bags that will be going out.)

Did you know that the Hamantashen we bake has more then one significant symbol? The 3 corners are a symbol for Haman's triangular





ears, his purse, or his hat. And since Hamantashen is stuffed with filling (and this applies to Kreplach, another traditional Purim food, as well) that pocket with stuffing symbolizes the 'hidden nature' of the Purim Miracle.

Did you know why feasts play a significant role in Purim?

There are many wine-infused feasts featured in the Purim story, starting with King Ahashuerus and his friends, then moving to Esther's coronation which is considered a banquet, the Jews' fate is sealed with a banquet between King Ahashuerus and Haman, and then the two feasts given by Queen Esther for the King and Haman, and finally the book ends with the Jews celebrating and agreeing to annually celebrate with feasts.

Did you know that Queen Esther was literally a vegetarian (maybe even a vegan)?

According to legend, when Esther married King Ahashuerus and moved into the palace, she ate only legumes, grains, nuts and fruit as a way to maintain a kosher diet. She loved seeds, too—caraway and poppy in particular.

Will our Community Seder be in-person?

For Passover, starting April 15th and continuing through April 23rd: whether we have a live, hybrid Community Seder or a Virtual Seder does depend on what happens with COVID. Remember, COVID is not done with us, no matter how or what we feel about the preventive measures we are taking for all of our members and us. Right now we are all hoping for our first Community Seder in what has been a long couple of years. The preparations for the Seder and the Seder itself will follow the most current Sonoma County COVID Guidelines we have for that time period. Remember, we will all need be flexible. We will keep everyone posted.

Did you know that matzah has to be made



Lee Feinstein, Abuva Simon Saar and their hamentashen

in under 18 minutes to make certain there is no fermentation? Once fermentation occurs, it becomes chametz which is not allowed. For that reason, when matzah is machine made, they need to clean the equipment throughly every 18 minutes. That is also the reason why in certain traditions matzah is only served as plain matzah and is not used in any other recipe. When you add liquid to the matzah, will it be chametz?

Did you know that the roasted egg became formally part of the seder around the 16th century, symbolizing the korban chagigah (festival sacrifice) offered in the Temple of Jerusalem? The roasted egg is a symbol of mourning over the destruction of the Temple and of the circle of life. It is not part of the formal seder, but may be used as the first course of the meal or an appetizer, dipped in salt water or vinegar.

Spring is full of joyful holidays and memories. We hope you are able to reach out and enjoy new memories with us at Congregation Beth Ami.

Stay healthy and happy, Shalom ~janet Stein-Larson



SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

by Lyla Nathan

New Activities to Come

The SAC continues to function with COVID still a concern. We are all hoping that there is some light at the end of this very dark tunnel!

We are looking into a few new activities in the near future.

- 1. Providing monthly meals at the Dream Center. The center provides housing and counseling for young adults who have aged out of foster care. They are a program of SAY. (Social Advocates for Youth.) They are also neighbors of Beth Ami. We have volunteered in the past and are happy to begin again.
- **2. Plan a clean up day at a local beach** or park on Earth day, in late April. Details when a date and location is secured.
- 3. We will participate in the bring out the vote campaign that is being facilitated by Nir Shalom and co-sponsored by Shomrei Torah. This is a non partisan effort to encourage citizens to vote in the upcoming elections. It consists of writing postcards to pre assigned people in differ-

ent states. There is a script that you follow. Many of us did it in last years elections. Postcards are shown to be effective in encouraging voting and it is a fairly easy way to participate from home. The campaign continues in mid-March. Details soon.

We are continuing to serve hot meals for 100 residents of The Palms every other month. We still pack individual dinners. We hope someday soon to serve in person and have more contact with the residents. Our next meal will be in April. If you are interested in participating we would love the help. We never can bring too much food.

We continue to volunteer at the food bank. Last time we were joined by members of the newly formed men's group. Wonderful. Our next scheduled date is March Wednesday 8, from 10:00-11:30 or 1:00. You must make a reservation to participate. The phone number is 1707-523-7900. refb.org

The Social Action Committee has a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00. The next scheduled meeting is March 9th. Hopefully this meeting will be in person. For more information please contact Lyla Nathan at 707-4864905 or lylanathan5@gmail.com

Hoping that everyone is safe and taking care, B'Shalom, Lyla

Fredrika Gross and Judi Hyman delivered the food to The Palms in February.





ISRAEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Eli Cohen, Chair, Israel Committee

What Our Holidays Teach Us

The upcoming Jewish holidays include both the saddest and the most joyous for Israel: our people and our homeland. These holidays remember seminal events in our history. The only holiday missing from this list is Tisha b'Av, the saddest day of the Jewish calendar. It mourns the fall of Jerusalem and the exile of the Jewish people during the destruction of the first and second temples. It takes place this year in August.

The holidays might be summarized as "they tried to kill us, they failed, let's eat" – Jewish bipolar existence. But they teach us more. The upcoming holiday season starts with Purim on March 17th. Purim serves as the archetype of the others. During Purim, we remember. We remember that our enemies try to eliminate our people. We remember that our people fought back in ancient Persia. Their efforts allow us to retell the tale of Esther, Mordecai, and Haman.

Purim is followed by Pesach / Passover, which we observe this year from April 16-23. We remember our plight in Egypt, living in exile, and the perils faced by our people. It also rejoices, commanding us to remember our people's journey through the wilderness to our homeland.

Our joy at redemption is short-lived as we next observe Yom Hashoah on April 28th. This holiday also bids us recall the dangers of living in exile in Europe around WWII. Like Purim, our people were accepted and felt safe until they tried to kill us once again.

Our mourning continues with the observance of Yom Hazikaron on May 4th. This day serves as a collective Yahrzeit (annual remembering). It commemorates all those who died at the hands of our Jewish state's enemies.

We are commanded to remember and forbidden to stay sad. We grieve at the loss of our loved ones and rejoice that our enemies failed. Indeed, Yom Ha'atzmaut, which falls on May 5th this year, celebrates our joy. Our people Israel returned from exile to reclaim our birthright, Israel, our ancient homeland. The most recent holiday, Yom Yerushalayim, May 29th this year, celebrates Jerusalem's reunification. "If I forget



PM Ben-Gurion Announces Israel's independence in 1948

thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither." Jordan invaded, occupied, and divided Jerusalem for 19 years at the birth of Israel's statehood. During this period, Jordan removed Jews from all areas they conquered, including Jerusalem, and moved Arabs into the homes of the Jews they exiled. On Jerusalem Day, we celebrate the reunification of our holiest city.

For all her achievements, Israel has problems. While we await the messiah to fulfill prophecy, perfection eludes our state. The problem is that all have differing ideas of perfection. And we argue. In Israel, it is not only permissible to criticize the policies of whichever government is then in power; it is Israel's national sport. Let us never forget that while Israel is far from perfect, she is the only Jewish state.

The upcoming holidays share the theme of overcoming danger. Today, as throughout our history, we need to respond to Jew-hatred. Today, many of us fear physical attack for wearing a Star of David or kippah in public. If our holidays teach us anything about our history in exile, they remind us that our neighbors' friendship has been fleeting throughout our history. Some of us have known antisemitism first-hand. Others only now are feeling its cruel grip.

Jew-hatred is now multifaceted, coming from many sources: the political left and the right, some Churches and Mosques, and especially the UN. Hatred of our people is now an epidemic. NPR reports that Jewish Americans are terrified amid antisemitic attacks. Let us learn from our holidays. They teach us that living in exile is perilous.

Services and Holidays at Beth Ami

We welcome you to join us for services. For additional information or to verify the times, call the office at (707) 360-3000. All Shabbat Services will be held on Zoom, also in person for those who are vaccinated. Weekday and Kabbalat Shabbat services will be held on Zoom. See the Rabbi's Virtual Calendar each week on the Beth Ami website: bethamisr.org. Hearing Assistive Devices are available for in-person events, and live transcript captioning is available for Zoom.

Daily Daven

Sunday - Friday Mornings

7:30 am. Torah Study 8:00 am. Morning Services

Sunday-Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm. Evening services

March Services

March 3 Thursday

8:00 am Morning Service Rosh Chodesh Adar II 1st day

March 4 Friday

8:00 am Morning Service Rosh Chodesh Adar II 2nd Day

4:30 pm. Mincha

5:48 pm. Candle lighting

5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's Violin"

6:00 pm. Kabalat Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Miller

March 5 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

5:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

6:48 pm. Havdalah

March 3 Mon Rosh Chodesh Shevat

March 11 Friday

4:30 pm. Mincha

5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's Violin"

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

March 12 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller5:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariy 6:45 pm. Havdalah

March 13 Sunday

2:00am Daylight Savings begins

11:00 am Florence Metz unveiling

12:00 noon Reception in honor of Florence (at Beth Ami)

March 16 Wednesday

6:00 pm Erev Purim: Read the Megillah of Esther

March 17 Thursday

8:00 am Purim morning: Read the Megillah of Esther Nursery School Purim carnival

March 18 Friday

4:30 pm. Mincha

5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's Violin"

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller

March 19 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service

6:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv 8:01 pm. Havdalah

March 25 Friday

4:30 pm. Mincha

5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's Violin"

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

March 26 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller6:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv8:08 pm. Havdalah

April Services

April 1 Friday

4:30 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's Violin" 6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller

April 2 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service Shabbat HaChodesh7:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv8:15 pm. Havdalah

April 8 Friday

4:30 pm. Mincha; 5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's

violin"

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller

April 9 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service

7:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

8:22 pm. Havdalah

April 15 Friday Erev Pesach First Seder 6:00 pm. TBD Congregational Seder

April 16 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service first day Pesach Second Seder8:30 pm Havdalah

April 17 Sunday

9:30 a.m. Yom Tov Service Second Day Pesach 7:15 pm. Mincha/Maariv 8:34 pm Havdalah

Services and Holidays at Beth Ami Continued...

April 21 Thursday

6:00 pm Kabalat Yom Tov Service

April 22 Friday

9:30 am Festival ServiceSeventh Day Pesach4:30 pm. Mincha5:45 pm. Fairy Story from"Elijah's Violin"6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat withLisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller

April 23 Saturday

Festival service Eighth Day
Pesach
7:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion
Ma'ariv
8:37 pm Havdalah

9:30 am. Shabbat morning

April 29 Friday

4:30 pm Mincha 5:38 pm, Candle lighting 5:45 pm. Story from "Elijah's Violin" 6:00 pm Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

April 30 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service7:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv8:45 pm. Havdalah

PURIM IS COMING

We are baking hamentashen, and putting them in Shalach Manos bags that you can order to give to friends and family. At 6:00 p.m. Wednesday March 16, Asher Nathan will chant the Megillah of Esther live and in person. Dress up, drink scnapps, eat hamentashen, get your groggers going. (You can listen on Zoom too, but sadly, you'll have to be on mute.) Bonnie Boren will bring her fabulous Purimspiel props to display. Next morning, Thursday at 8:00 a.m., Ahuva Simon-Saar will read the Megillah at morning Zoom services, and the Nursery School will have their carnival. Links to all the Purimspiel videos: https:// bethamisr.org/community/galleries/

PESACH IS TOO

The Kitchen Committee and their dedicated friends are hoping that we will be able to return to having a **community seder**, and are making preparations while staying flexible. They are planning the seder for the first night of Pesach, **Friday April**15. (Having a second seder on a Saturday night is very hard to do.) Of course there are morning festival services for days 1, 2, 7 and 8. Stay tuned for information. Chag Sameach!

Celebrate Purim the traditional way - Send Shalach Manos (Hand-crafted Hamantaschen and Goodies) to your friends and family.

We are offering you an easy way to send Shalach Manos bags and support us at the same time. What is Shalach Manos? Purim, one of our most lively Jewish holidays, happens on the 14th of Adar, March 17th this year. We hear the reading of the Megillah, we wear costumes, and have parties to celebrate our heroes Esther and Mordecai, we contribute to the needy and we also celebrate Purim by sending gifts of food, Shalach (sending) Manos (gift portions) to friends and family.

What's in a Shalach Manos Gift bag? You'll find Hamantaschen cookies, sweet and savory food items, candy, and a small surprise.

How do I order Shalach Manos? If you didn't get your order form in the mail, you can find it on the website: https://bethamisr.org/wp-content/up-loads/2022/02/Shalach-Manos-2022-order-form.pdf

Return the order form and payment to the Beth Ami office by Friday, March 11. How much does it cost to send Shalach Manos? Gift packages are \$10 each. Or, you can order a bag for the congregation for \$360 or Nursery School for \$360 or both for \$630.

PURIM SPIEL SETS: "OH WHAT A CHALLENGE"

by Bonnie Boren

For 15 years, a few months before Purim, I would start visualizing the backdrop and props for the Beth Ami Spiel. Beatles, Motown, Beach Boys, Broadway, Rogers & Hammerstein, Abba, Nashville, Les Mis, Jersey Boys, The Folk Megillah, Purim of Love, Back to the Future and The Best of...

In the beginning there was no backdrop but we had the Friedman Center stage. When we first moved to the Social Hall, a couple of ladders and poles were used to drape fabric. Not too exciting. Nashville was approaching and I wanted a barn. Russ Gurevitch had a solution and the frames for the sets were built, and Judy Gunnar could always be counted on for fabric and help with costumes.

Having the frames for the sets motivated me to begin more actively designing and then executing my ideas. Every year posed new challenges. What materials could I use to achieve my goals? As I think back, I have my favorites. Conceptually, Jersey Boys is #1. Purim of Love and Les Mis are tied for 2nd.

Each year, I felt so good, when everything fell into place and our talented cast began rehearsing on stage with my work in the background.

Thank you Carol and Chip Swanson, Ronnie Rosenbach and Leanne Schy for jumping in when I needed help, and to the stage set-up crew, Andy Fleming, Russ Gurevitch, Mark Stoelting and Phil Dwight. It was a great run.

At right: tied for second place as Bonnie's favorites: The Purim of Love and the Les Megillah sets. You can find links to Purimspiel videos in the Galleries page on our website. https://bethamisr.org/community/ galleries/

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

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

Closed Captioning/ Live Transcript instructions https://bethamisr.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Closed-Caption-Instructions-for-Beth-Ami.pdf

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	7:30 am Rashi Study with Rabbi Miller	7:30 am Rashi Study with Rabbi Miller	NO Rashi Study Wednesdays	7:30 am Rashi Study with Rabbi Miller	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	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 on Zoom and in person
		2:00 pm Mishnah class		2:00 pm TaNaCH-Bible class	On Zoom: 4:00 pm. Mincha Shabbat candles 5:45 pm story time 6:00 pm. First Fridays Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller / Other weeks, Sing In Shabbat with Lisa Iskin, Rabbi Miller	
7:00 pm Evening Minyan	7:00 pm Evening Minyan	7:00 pm Evening Minyan	7:00 pm Evening Minyan	7:00 pm Evening Minyan		On Zoom, approximately one hour before Havdalah: Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv; followed by Havdalah
			8:00 p.m. Midrash class			

We know the steps we can take to help protect us from COVID. We need to keep them in mind when we participate or attend our upcoming events.

The best defense is vaccination AND the booster. While that alone may not totally prevent infection, if we do get it, studies have demonstrated the booster wlll help to reduce the spread of infection to others and may also reduce the more serious consequences (hospitalization, critical care, death, etc) of the illness. However, all of us in high risk groups still need to be extra cautious.

Be aware of our health. This virus may have milder symptoms (especially if you have been vaccinated) but the virus is more contagious. So if you develop mild symptoms of cold or allergy, or if you know you were exposed to CO-VID; please, play it smart, by staying isolated, follow your provider's advice, and get the COVID test when appropriate. Remember, we all love it when we meet in person, but if we need to isolate, we still have ZOOM.

Well-fitted, good quality masks (check with CDC for best recommendations) are the next best tool we have for preventing and spreading any respiratory disease (and yes COVID has morphed to more of a respiratory virus, which is much easier to spread than it's predecessors). Since we are an 'older' (in body but not in spirit) congregation, any COVID variant still puts us at a higher risk for the more serious consequences of COVID. Keep in mind that wearing a mask correctly indoors helps to protect yourself and others around you.

Washing hands after contact. Twenty-seconds of soap and water hand-washing is always the best, but we are placing more hand sanitizer available for everyone to use.

Social distancing is still important, inside and outside. We love to gather for conversations, but we need to be mindful of how easily this virus spreads.

The better the ventilation is in an area, the lower is the concentration of the virus. That is why outside is better than inside and, if inside, opening all the doors and windows is better than closing things up. However we also have to weigh the pluses and minuses of cold and wet weather versus open air circulation.

As our caseload and hospitalizations decrease, our events will increase. Whether they be a simple Shabbat Kiddush or a larger event, we will try to have both outside and inside set-ups. Be mindful and respectful for those who choose to sit outside or inside. Be aware of keeping social distances in all areas. Since conversation and gathering will happen, wearing your masks and sanitizing your hands as you move around, may reduce COVID spreading. Be aware of your health. If you do develop symptoms, follow the recommendations of your provider, and do a test when recommended. Please let CBA know if you test positive. If you have been informed that you have been exposed to COVID, please isolate yourselves even if you have no symptoms, and follow your provider's recommendations.

Thank you and stay healthy! ~ianet



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We are very grateful for your support.

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In memory of Dean Fleming
—Andy & Nancy Fleming

Mazal Tov to Elizabeth Jarlsberg, new grandmother of Adeline & Emery!

—Anonymous

Condolences to David Kahn upon the passing of his son, Jeremy Kahn

—Anonymous

Happy Birthday greetings to Alfred Batzdorff

—Anonymous

Condolences to Mark & Carol Rosen upon Carol's sister's passing

—Anonymous

Thank you to Lee Feinstein for your many contributions to Shabbat services

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Toda Raba to Don Landis for his Olive program and to Lee Feinstein for arranging it

— Anonymous

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Condolences to Sandi Shulkin & Ken Plattner upon the passing of Larry Shulkin — Anonymous

In honor of Anita Wolfson's 100th birthday

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Mazel Tov to Miles Miller and his lovely family —*Judy Gunnar*

Wishes to Al Batzdorff for a speedy recovery

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In memory of my father, Irving Decker

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In honor of the births of Emery Rose & Adeline Ann, granddaughters of Elizabeth Jarlsberg

—Richard Kahn & Anne Brown

In honor of Andy & Nancy Fleming's new grandchild —Richard Kahn & Anne Brown

In honor of Rabbi Miller for conducting a beautiful service honoring Larry Shulkin's blessed memory

—Sandra Shulkin

Double Mazel Tov to Elizabeth Jarlsberg and Family
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In honor of Al Batzdorff's 100th birthday

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—Stuart & Linda Kauvar

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Thank you, Leanne Schy, for your many contributions to Shabbat services and the Shofar—*Anonymous*

Mazal Tov to Andy & Nancy Fleming, new grandparents to Abel

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—Tish Levee

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—Tish Levee

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March and April 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 March 4 & 5		Announced on April 1 & 2		March Birthdays		
Mar. 7	Stan Frommer Husband of Roz Frommer	April 3	Rae Abrams Mother of Patty Bernstein		en Goldman	
Mar. 8	Shulamith Miller Mother of Rabbi Mordecai Miller	April 4	Morris Estrin Uncle of Charlene Bornstein	3 M	aren Herskovic Telissa Bloom Oseph Kagan	
Mar. 11	Arthur Margolese Father of Michelle Zygielbaum	April 4	Rachel Jones Grandmother of Ross Jones	5 Rose Batzdorff6 Nancy Sherman7 Rabbi Mordecai Miller		
Announced on Mar. 11 & 12		April 5	Yvonne Abrams		aynore Paule	
Mar. 13	Elinor Herman Aunt of David Brunstein		Sister-in-law of Patty Bernstein	17 W	illiam Cordell	
Mar. 13	Edward Susnow Father of Nancy Fleming	April 6	Shai Ben Zalman Grandfather of Eleanor Cohen & Russ Gurevitch	19 Le	r. Alan Shotkin ee Feinstein üchele Baime	
Mar. 14	Morris Estrin Uncle of Charlene Bornstein	April 6	Sandra Chronis Naidorf Wife of Louis Naidorf	23 Kim Cordell 31 Judith Dzik		
Mar. 14	Frieda Goldman Mother of Ethel Schy	April 7	Susan Brunstein Sister of David Brunstein	March Anniversaries		
Mar. 14	Gershon Uday Uncle of Richard Kahn	Announced on April 8 & 9			l & Sue Batzdorff ebra & David Sokolsky	
Mar. 15	Brian Gross Husband of Fredrika Gross	April 11	Paul Klein Father of Irvin Klein	19 George & Paula Schlesinger		
Mar. 16	Stan Diamond Husband of Marilyn Diamond and Father of Lauren Newman	April 12	Gail Negrin Mother of Ronit Glickman Benjamin Miller f Susan Miller	21 John & Barbara Whitaker24 Nancy & Ed Sherman27 Jeff & Karen Sommers		
Mar. 16	Saul Sampiere Father of Etienne Sampiere	-	Justin Sommers aren & Jeffrey Sommers	Announced on April 15 & 16		
Announced on March 18 & 19		April 12	Delores Swanson Mother-in-law of		Alexander Newman Father of Jerry Newman	
Mar. 19	Barbara Garam Mother of Rose Batzdorff	April 13	Carol Swanson Hyman Feinstein	April 17	· · · · · ·	
Mar. 24	Mary Hahn Mother of Edith Newman	Father-in-law of Lee Feinstein		April 17	Max Newman Father-in-law of	
Announced on March 25 & 26		April 14	Aaron Buchsbaum Father of	April 10	Edith Newman Harriet Lotsoff	
Mar. 31	Esther Herskovic Mother of		Lauren Buchsbaum	_	Sister of Cheryle Miller	
	Arnold Herskovic	April 15	Sydney Garson Father of Andrea Nett	April 18	Mother of David Sokolsky	
		April 15	Edward Newman	April 19	Harry Estrin Uncle of	

Grandfather of

Jerry Newman

Charlene Bornstein



April Yahrzeits Continued...

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April Birthdays

- 1 Asher Nathan
- 1 Sandra Shulkin
- 3 Howard Glickman
- 10 Debra Niestat
- 10 Joan Schloss
- 13 Elizabeth Jarlsberg
- 13 Ann Press
- 14 Jay Holloway

April Anniversaries (None)

- April 20 David Cronin Father of Neal Cronin
- April 20 Elizavyeta Gaiger Mother of Marina Voulfson
- April 20 Ralph Stern Husband of Cheryle Miller
- April 21 Morris Abrams Grandfather of Patty Bernstein
- April 22 Edward Kahn Father of Richard Kahn
- April 22 Gerald Lakins Husband of Susan Miller
- April 22 Betty Rosenblatt

 Mother of

 Robin Rosenblatt
- April 22 Bessie Uday Grandmother of Richard Kahn

Announced on April 22 & 23

- April 24 Esther Miller Aunt of Susan Miller
- April 24 Joseph Scherer Father of Juli Scherer
- April 26 Abraham Schy Father of Stuart Schy
- April 28 Gordon Cooper Brother of Robert Cooper
- April 28 Jennifer Hoffman Sister of Howard Glickman

- April 29 Faygie Colton Sister of Evelyn Gurevitch
- April 29 Bea Goldstein

 Mother of

 Marilyn Diamond

 and Grandmother of

 Lauren Newman
- April 29 Lillian Magnus
 Grandmother of
 Howard Glickman
- April 29 Sophie Shapiro Mother of Michael Shapiro
- April 29 Mildred Stromer Mother of Marilyn Sommer

Announced April 29 & 30

- April 30 John Gee Husband of Bonnie Gee
- May 1 Margret Close Mother of Signe Minuskin
- May 1 Donald Emblen Husband of Linda Emblen
- May 1 Rosemary Friedman Mother of Bill Friedman & Debra Chapman
- May 2 Renee Newman Sister-in-law of Edith Newman
- May 4 Samuel Gordon Husband of Marjorie Gordon
- May 6 Evelyn Decker Mother of Melvin Decker
- May 6 Henry Herskovic Father of Arnold Herskovic

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March Shabbatot

March 4 - 5

Pekudey Candle Lighting—5:49 pm Havdalah—6:48 pm

March 11 - 12

Vi Yikra Candle Lighting—5:56 pm Havdalah—6:54 pm

March 18 - 19

Tzav Candle Lighting—7:03* pm Havdalah—8:01 pm

March 24 - 25

Shemini Candle Lighting—7:09 pm Havdalah—8:08 pm

*Note: Daylight Savings begins at 2 AM Sunday March 13th

April Shabbatot

April 1 - 2

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

April 8 - 9

Metzora Candle Lighting—7:22 pm Havdalah—8:22 pm

April 15 - 16

Pesach 1st Day Festival Candle Lighting—7:29 pm Havdalah—8:30 pm

April 22 - 23

Pesach 8th Day Festival Candle Lighting—7:36 pm Havdalah—8:37 pm

April 29 - 30

Acharey Mot Candle Lighting—7:42 pm Havdalah—8:45 pm



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