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LEARNING, EDUCATION AND PRAYER.



## RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

### For the Sake of an Argument

There is a famous story in the Talmud about the great Rabbi Yochanan and Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish - better known as "Resh Lakish."

Before he became a great scholar and teacher, Resh Lakish had been an infamous robber. Rabbi Yochanan saw something different about Resh Lakish, became his teacher and drew him close to the Torah. Resh Lakish abandoned his former "profession" and devoted himself to his studies. In time he became known as a great authority in his own right. There are pages in the Talmud that record the many points of disagreement between Rabbi Yochanan and Resh Lakish! In fact, the two are known as classic interlocutors.

On one occasion they were debating the point at which a sword, a knife, a military spear, a hand sickle and a harvesting sickle were capable of becoming ritually impure. They both agreed that the point would occur when they were finished being produced.

The question now was, "When could they be considered fully produced?"

Rabbi Yochanan said, "From when they are tempered in the furnace."

Resh Lakish said, "From when they are polished with water."

At which point Rabbi Yochanan turned to Resh Lakish and said, "A thief knows about the tools of thievery!"

To which Resh Lakish responded, "And how have you benefitted me? Before (when I was a robber) they called me 'master,' and here they call me 'master!'"

Rabbi Yochanan replied, "I have benefitted you by bringing you under the wings of the Shechina."

Rabbi Yochanan became upset and Resh Lak-

ish grew weak.

Resh Lakish's wife - who was also Rabbi Yochanan's sister - came and pleaded with her brother to pray for Resh Lakish to get well. Rabbi Yochanan refused.

Eventually, Resh Lakish died and Rabbi Yochanan grieved over him bitterly.

His colleagues discussed what they might do to ease his mind. They decided to send Rabbi Elazar ben Pedat since his mind was so sharp.



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Rabbi Elazar went and sat before Rabbi Yochanan. Whenever Rabbi Yochanan would make a statement regarding a hallacha (point of Jewish Law), Rabbi Elazar would say to him, "There is a Baraita (an earlier source) that supports you."

Rabbi Yochanan then said to him, "Are you like Bar Lakisha (Resh Lakish)? When I would make a statement, Bar Lakisha would challenge me with 24 objections and I would answer him with 24 answers, which would lead us to a greater understanding of the law.

"You say, 'There is a baraita that supports you!?' Am I not already aware of the strength of my statement?"

He went out and tore his clothes and cried out, saying, "Where are you Bar Lakisha? Where are you Bar Lakisha?" And he shouted until his mind left him.

The rabbis begged (God) for mercy for him and he died. (b.t. Bava Metzia 84a)

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## RABBI'S REMARKS

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We might rephrase Patrick Henry's quote here as "Give me disagreement or give me death!"

These days it seems as if we have lost the art of polite debate. Genuine disagreements - especially along political or religious lines - seem to devolve into some version of casting insults at the person who hold opposing views. Yet the truth is, that if there is a divergence of opinion, that can be expressed in objective terms using specific examples and supportive evidence, the willingness to honestly debate an issue can lead to much greater understanding.

It shouldn't be about "winning the argument," it should be about the desire to listen to novel ideas, and perhaps gain a better perspective on what motivates the one disagreeing.

As some of you already know, I was fortunate to be invited to participate in a program entitled "Mahloket Matters." This is offered by the Pardes Institute. The aim is to develop the tools through which to engage in constructive debate and encourage others to do so as well.

As challenging as it may be, being able to pay attention to opinions that might differ considerably from our own, is a necessary first step if there's any hope of peace in this world.

*With all good wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer,*

*Rabbi Mordecai Miller*



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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Barbara McGee, President

### Changes, Cleanup and Reopening Activities

What a year it has been. COVID is still in our midst, and still producing variations. But now we have access to vaccines, therapeutics and general knowledge on how to stay safe, and we have slowly opened again. Our goal has been to reduce the risk of Covid and to have community on the campus when possible, while maintaining a risk-free option to participate on Zoom.

As of June 18th, we started having lunch after Shabbat morning services. Lunches are free. Unlike in the past, lunch is not a potluck at this time. A limited menu is being offered, prepared by a mashgiach and volunteers trained in CBA food safety handling. If you would like to help or sponsor a lunch please call Myra Thomas, 707-287-0786. Tables are set outside in the shady breezeway garden between the social hall and Friedman Center.



*The breezeway between the social hall and the Friedman center is a shady green spot to eat together outdoors.*

We have been adding more in person events. The annual meeting was in person as well as Zoom on June 9th. It's hard to transmit hot-dogs and hamburgers through the internet, so the Lag B'Omer barbeque in May was in person only (seated outside.) A Matzah Brie Fry is

being planned for a Sunday morning at the end of July.

Our Friday night services are still online and better attended than before Covid when held in person without a dinner. Until we return to having dinners they will continue on-line. Lisa Iskin and Leah Gerber are leading services this Friday July 1st on Zoom with new tunes and a special performance by Scott Gerber at 5:45 pm. Hopefully, by summer's end, we should be having Friday night dinners in person with live music again.

The Committee on Racism has planned a Friday night program for Ukraine to be held July 22nd in person and on Zoom. Though only the oneg treats are in person. Many of our committees have begun meeting on the campus. And other organizations and individuals are holding events on the campus as well.

The High Holy Days are late in September this year. We hope to have some programs earlier in Elul to start the season with a Selichot in person service as well. This year's High Holy Day services will be in person, back in the Friedman Center after three years, with more spacing between family units.

As many of you are aware, The Nursery school is off for the summer. There was no director or adequate staff to have a preschool program. We have been actively looking for a director outside of the organization and work-

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ing with other organizations to make sure the program is viable and managed sustainably for the Santa Rosa Jewish community and friends. Changes with public school now offering transitional kindergarten has made us rethink how we should offer our program to support all families. As of this writing, I am happy to announce we have found a well qualified experienced Preschool director to restart the program. More on the director will be announced in the coming weeks.

We are taking advantage of the time off to spruce up the Nursery school and continue to work on improving the CBA facilities too. COVID had put our efforts on hold for many reasons, and it feels good to work on reorganizing and cleaning out the cobwebs this summer.

The Friedman Center is booking many events this summer too. Every weekend there seems to be more happy events being celebrated there. Please spread the word.

On July 1st, a new board of directors take over the responsibilities of CBA. This new board will be deciding the best way to utilize the campus for everyone and will be starting a new Rabbinic search process. Within the next two months, the committee members will be announced and a preliminary survey on what we need should be in development and sent to all congregants just in time for Elul.

Please watch for your renewal letter in July. We count on everyone to hand them in as soon as possible so we can make decisions on program and staffing. At the annual meeting there was a vote to raise the dues to keep up with inflation. We continue to welcome members regardless of ability to pay, as we have always done. But as we worked on next year's budget, increased costs had to be reflected in increased dues.

Blessings of peace and good health to all,

*Barb McGee*



**EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mazeltov on the Birth of:**

Eli Robert Kobetz, grandson of Joyce & Paul Kobetz

Beau Asher Nathan, grandson of Lyla & Asher Nathan

**Our Condolences to the Family of:**

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Semyon Pekker, husband of Olga Pekker

**Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:**

Michelle Baime

Debi Chapman

Judy Dzik

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**A Thank You from Evelyn Gurevitch**

To all far and near,

Thank you for coming to help celebrate my 100th birthday. Thank you for all of the beautiful cards and gifts. I've lived a long time in relatively good health and I hope it stays that way. I want to thank my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for making this party possible, especially my daughter and son and their spouses who make it easy for me to still live in my own home by myself. What a blessing. Enjoy life!

*Evelyn*



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

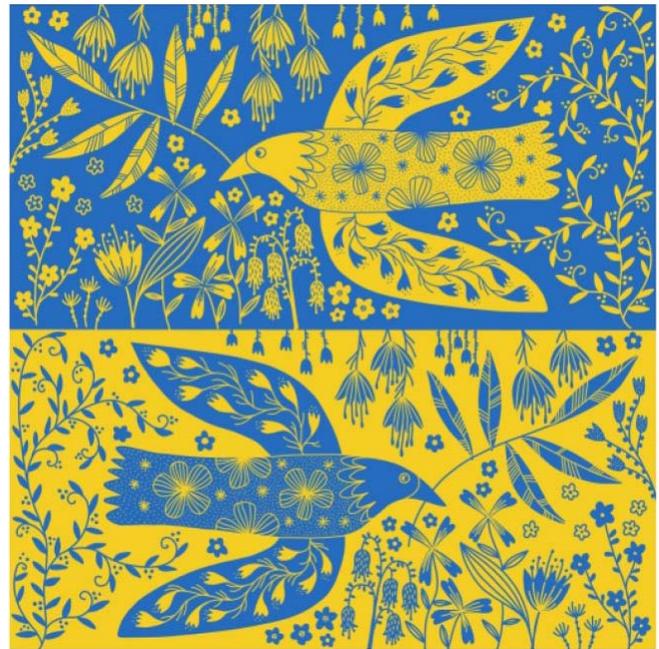
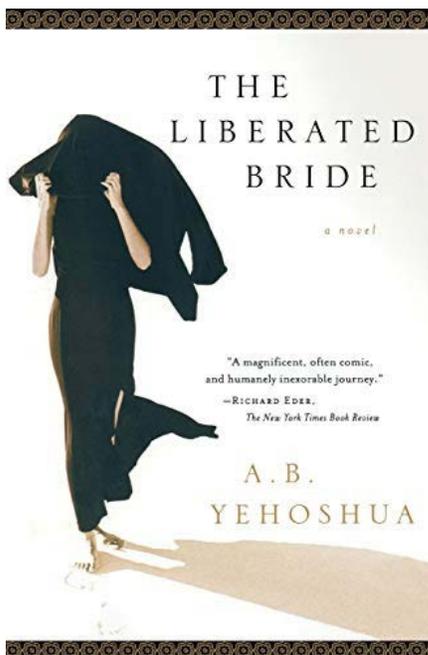
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### Beth Ami Book Group is reading AB Yehoshua

We're currently reading famous Israeli writer A.B. Yehoshua's *THE LIBERATED BRIDE* (Fiction, 568 pgs., Hebrew, 2001; English translation, 2004.) Yehoshua, (who died recently) was a 5th generation Israeli and lived in Haifa. He wrote numerous novels and somehow many in our group hadn't read any of them yet.

So we borrowed 12 copies of *THE LIBERATED BRIDE*, including one in Hebrew, from our usual source, the SF Jewish Comm. Library. In this book, Yehoshua focuses on the family and professional life of a Haifa professor of Near Eastern Studies. It's about characters from diverse sectors of Israeli society, relationships, and written with humor and many cultural references. I'm about 100 pgs.in and enjoying it and find it easy to follow.

We'll probably be meeting Sunday, July 17, for discussion in my backyard. All CBA members and friends are always welcome. To borrow a book, or for details or comments, phone Linda at 707-544-4532.



### Friday Shabbat Service for Peace in Ukraine on July 22, 6:00 pm

On Friday July 22 at 6:00 p.m. join the Committee on Racial and Social Justice for a Kabbalat Shabbat service dedicated to peace for Ukraine, with a special D'var Torah by Rabbi Miller (also, on Zoom - see website for link).

Ukrainian music will be provided by the Klezmer Creek Band.

Following the service, please join us for a special Oneg in the courtyard with Ukrainian pastries.

As a social justice issue, our committee wants to express our support for the citizens of Ukraine. The devastation is heartbreaking and difficult to process.

Our service will speak to our concerns and hopefully give us a direction in our efforts.

We pray for peace and justice for all.

Here are some organizations that are helping Jews and others in Ukraine:

- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
- Project Keshet
- World Jewish Relief
- HIAS
- World Central Kitchen

*The Committee on Racism and Social Justice*



## SOCIAL ACTION

Lyla Nathan

The Social Action Committee has continued to meet monthly and do various mitzvot through out the year. We are committed to helping those in need in our community.

We have continued bringing 100 individual meals to The Palms every other month. During the holidays we served, in person, a festive meal and also provided individual bags of toiletries. Many of the toiletries were given by people who attended the Chanukah party at the shul this year. Thanks so much !

An update about the article concerning health issues at the The Palms last month. We have spoken to the Veterans Administration here in Sonoma county. They have asked us to continue helping the residents who were chronically homeless before coming to the Palms. They need outside help more than ever. Also conditions at the facility are being attended to. We hope to return to serving at the facility in the future.

We also have been volunteering at the Redwood Empire Food Bank every other month. Members have joined us. The food bank needs volunteers more than ever as food insecurity is unfortunately very real here in our community. We usually go on a Wednesday morning. Volunteering is outside in an open tent. We hope to go for lunch afterwards but COVID has kept us from doing it. The next volunteer date is Wednesday, July 6 th at 10:00-11:30.

We are planning a park cleanup soon. We have set the date for Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00 at Howarth Park. We will meet at the boat house and pick up liter around the park. Afterwards we will have a picnic lunch and a meeting of the Social Action Committee. If you are interested in helping please contact lyla nathan at 707-486-4905.

The members of the committee are: Judi Hyman, Cheryle Miller, Ellen Mundell, Andy and Nancy Fleming, Lenore Holloway, Susan Miller, Karen Herskovic, Fredrika Gross, ,Rita Kagan, Deborah Solosky, Leanne Schy, Carol

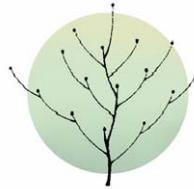
Swanson, Michelle Zygielbaum. Co - chairs, Bobbie Rosenthal, Lyla Nathan.

We appreciate all their help and continued dedication to Tikun Olam.

There will be a food drive for the Redwood Empire Food Bank during the high holidays. Look for more information as holidays near.

Enjoy the summer and consider doing a mitzvah for someone in need.

*shalom, lyla*



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## MEN'S GROUP

*Richard Kahn*

### Socializing and Service

A Big Thank You to all those who helped make the Lag B'Omer BBQ a success.

Mark Stoelting, Anne Brown, Leah Kahn, Mark Rosen, Myra Thomas, Russ Gurevitch, Jerry Newman, Ken Plattner, Mel Decker, Rabbi Miller, Betty Boyd, Arnold Herskovic, Abe & Gayle Farkas, Jeff Sheff, and Marge Ballo.

A special thank you to the Klezmer Creek Band, Patti & Larry Gregg, David Ballo with guest clarinetist Rabbi Miller.

A shout out to all those participants who dusted, cleaned chairs and carpeting and rearranged the CBA sanctuary and lobby. The space looks so much brighter. Thank you: Phil Weil, David Kahn, Jeff Sheff, Mark Stoelting, Ken Plattner, Sarah and Raphael Kaufman, Russ Gurevitch, Richard Kahn(Organizer), and Janet and Jeffrey Stein-Larson

May 27 we met at Corbell Champagne sellers for a tasting and lunch. We picked a pretty brisk day but we still had a very good time. In attendance were: myself, Russ Gurevitch, Phil Weil, David Sokolsky, Arnold Herskovic, Rob Gitlin, and Dan Anbar. We had a very



pleasant time, and the host was very gracious and poured their 'only available at the cellars' champagne for us because we were such a great bunch of guys.

I'm proposing our next event for next Friday the 17th, I once again propose we go to Riverfront regional Park for a walk and just a generally, you know, stretch your legs out and have a chat. Followed by lunch at Russian River brewery. Of course I'm open to any suggestions anyone has for someplace they like better that we could hike around a bit near Windsor.

For our next event I propose we make ourselves breakfast at Beth Ami on a Sunday in

July, and we will discuss about hosting a breakfast for the congregation. I suggest a \$10 contribution from each one of you who attend to defray the basic expenses, but then my point is for us to get together and have a pleasant time and give an opportunity for some of the working guys to join us for some fun. We will need two or three volunteers to staff the kitchen. I guarantee you that along with breakfast there will be adult refreshments.

*Photographs by Jerry Newman*



# 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:

We are excited to share that we have scheduled a guest speaker at CBA, Ben Benson, a native American anthropologist who is also Jewish and a professor at Santa Rosa Junior College. He will make his presentation in early

Fall. Stay tuned. More to come.

The education committee to implement Ethnic Studies curriculum at the district of Santa Rosa City Schools is on summer break. It will pick back up in the Fall.

We continue to examine the rise of Antisemitism and Replacement Theory in our country and discussing how we can be proactive as advocates to promote social justice on these two specific issues.

We have established a supportive relationship with the North Bay Organizing Project, a nonprofit organization in Sonoma County that works to improve lives in our minority communities.

Current members: Carol Swanson (Chair), Bonnie Boren, Betty Boyd, Myrna Morse, Myra Thomas, Ellen Mundell, Lyla Nathan, Jerry Newman, Rabbi Miller, Michelle Zygielbaum.

We meet every third Thursday of the month in the afternoon. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the committee, contact Carol Swanson at swangirl@comcast.net

**Beth Ami Virtual Week** The Beth Ami Zoom Room, Services and classes:

<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		2:30 pm TaNaCH-Bible class	On Zoom: 3:30 pm. Mincha (Sanctuary open when Rabbi Miller is on-site) 5:45 pm story time	
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	6:00 pm. First Fridays Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller / Other weeks, Sing In Shabbat with Lisa Iskin, Rabbi Miller	On Zoom, approximately one hour before Havdalah: Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv; followed by Havdalah
			8:00 p.m. Midrash class			



## ISRAEL COMMITTEE

*Dr. Eli Cohen, Chair, Israel Committee*

### **Hazak Hazak veNit'Hazek**

When a Torah book is concluded, the assembled call out hazak, hazak, ve-nithazek, be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened. That is the title and theme of this column.

In Parsha Beha'alotcha, Moses learned that others in his camp were making prophecies. He wasn't angry, saying the more sharing divine inspiration, the better. But, he told us to look to Joshua for the future. Joshua was a man of action.

Similarly, Jews in the US and Europe often suppose that we, as the narrator in Poe's Pit and the Pendulum, see terror increasing but feel powerless to escape it. We felt this way during our persecutions in the 1880s, 1930s, and now in the 2020s. But now, we can become like Joshua and take action.

First, let's open our eyes to discover the prevalence of the danger we are in.

The incidence of Jew-hatred crimes grows year by year. In Germany, antisemitic crime rose 29% in 2021 from the year before; in the US, the increase was an even greater 34%.

Yet the media overlooks the prevalence of antisemitic crimes. When the media reports heavily on hate crimes against minority communities, hate crimes against those populations drop. But the media chooses not to report hate crimes against Jews as widely as it reports hate crimes against other minorities.

Newsweek reports that "Jews are per capita the victims of more hate crimes than any other group in the United States—by a large margin. Yet, these instances get among the least media coverage, leading to the incorrect perception that antisemitism is a rare or inconsequential problem.

Our study found that Jews received on average less than two news articles per hate crime, whereas hate crimes against Muslims generated more than six." People don't realize the size of the Jew-hatred problem and the media seems not to care.

The reality is seven times a day, day in and day out, US Jews are the target of hate crimes. About half come from the far right, a quarter from the far left, and the other quarter from Islamists and others.

One institutional source of hate is BDS, which claims it only targets Israelis and those who don't hate the Jewish State. But earlier this month (June 3), BDS and other left-wing groups published 'A Jewish hit list,' mapping the locations of Jewish institutions in Massachusetts. Its purpose was to incite violence against and to intimidate workers at hundreds of Jewish institutions, such as the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Labor, and the American Jewish Committee.

Boston's JCRC executive director calls this "deeply clarifying with regard to the actual agenda of far-left proponents of BDS in Boston." Nonetheless, at many universities, BDS holds sway over students' perceptions of Jews.

1. So it is great to know that we, like Joshua, do have power. We can and need to speak out.

The American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris calls upon us to take these actions:

1. Communicate our concerns to elected officials and hold them accountable. Call their offices, write emails, and use social media to express our alarm. In the US Congress, seven members recently called Israel's rebirth in 1948 a "catastrophe." Don't let them get away with this.
2. Similarly, hold institutions accountable. Jew-haters poison our schools and colleges with hatred, bigotry, intimidation, bullying, and ostracism. Jewish students have the right to feel safe, protected, and free to express their beliefs and pride as Jews.
3. Show your own Jewish Pride. Don't feel intimidated by the haters. Place mezuzahs on your doors and kipot on your head.

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## ISRAEL COMMITTEE

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When you feed the poor, proclaim that you are fulfilling your Jewish values.

4. Embrace Israel. The anti-Zionists aim to destroy the Jewish State. They say it is because Israel is not perfect. But no country is perfect. Since they are not denouncing other “not perfect” countries, you know their real aim is to destroy Jewish peoplehood.
5. When you see something, say something. Recognize and condemn the virus of anti-

semitism wherever it arises –from the left, the right, replacement theology Christians, jihadist Muslims, and even some Jews.

6. Provide our youth with the knowledge and tools they need to affirm their Jewish identity, now and on college battlefronts. Nowadays, upholding one’s Jewish identity requires not just knowledge, but also courage. Support organizations like Club Z and Stand With Us that advance Jewish pride in our youth.
7. Engage Partners. Whether you are LGBT, a social activist, or a bicycle club member, work with others in your group to promote love for the Jewish people and the Jewish homeland.
8. Doing any of the above requires knowledge of basic truths about the Jewish people, particularly in the Middle East. So learn. We provide access to web talks at <http://IsraelUpdate.INFO>.

These two points summarize what we need to do.

Let everyone know that Jew-hatred is a problem for everyone, not just Jews. Hatred is everywhere. To overcome it, we need everyone to open their eyes, ears, and hearts.

Understand the past so as not to repeat it. As in the past, those who hate Jews hate all those they perceive as different from them.

—Eli Cohen



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*Tisha B'Av looks at the history of anti-Jewish violence and calls us to realize that our response to it can move the whole world away from hate and towards love.*

**August 6**

**Saturday, 8:15**

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**The Conscience of a City (Educational Film)**

**Available from July 31-Aug 14th**

“The Conscience of a City” is a Dutch short film that brings to light the story of a small town (Enschede) where a minister took it upon himself and the members of his church to save as many local Jews as they could during the Holocaust. The film will be available via a youtube link (see Cybershul and CBA web) for these 2 weeks.

**Two Conversations with Survivors, Righteous Gentiles, and the film's Writer/Director**

In addition to the documentary, we have connected with three survivors who were hidden, as well as the niece of the minister, and the granddaughter of a non-Jewish family who hid Jews - all from Enschede. The film director and writer are also part of this amazing group, who will be part of 2 zoom sessions on Sunday, August 7th at 9:00am PST and Noon Cybershul will have link.

### **ABOUT TISHA B'AV:**

Tisha B'Av (“the ninth of Av”) is an annual fast day in Judaism, on which a number of disasters in Jewish history occurred, primarily the destruction of both Solomon's Temple by the Neo-Babylonian Empire and the Second Temple by the Roman Empire in Jerusalem.

Tisha B'Av is regarded as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar, and it is thus believed to be a day which is destined for tragedy. The observance of the day includes five prohibitions, most notable of which is a 25-hour fast. The Book of Lamentations, which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem, is read in the synagogue, followed by the recitation of kinnot, liturgical dirges that lament the loss of the Temples and Jerusalem. As the day has become associated with remembrance of other major calamities which have befallen the Jewish people, some kinnot also recall events such as the murder of the Ten Martyrs by the Romans, expulsions from England, Spain and elsewhere, massacres of numerous medieval Jewish communities during the Crusades, and the Holocaust. —*Wikipedia*

## Services at Beth Ami

We welcome you to join us for services. All Shabbat morning services will be held on Zoom, as well as in person for those who are vaccinated and wear masks as Sonoma County guidelines require. Friday Erev Shabbat services will be held on Zoom. Weekday services are on Zoom. See the Rabbi's Virtual Calendar each week on the Beth Ami website: [bethamisr.org](http://bethamisr.org). Hearing Assistive Devices are available for in-person events, and live transcript captioning is available for Zoom.

**Sing in Shabbat led by Leah Gerber with Lisa Iskin at 6pm & Special Guest Scott Gerber at 5:45!**



### Daily Daven

#### Sunday - Friday Mornings

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

#### Sunday- Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm. Evening services

### July Services

#### July 1 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

**5:45 pm. Scott Gerber sings**

**6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Leah Gerber & Lisa Iskin**

#### July 2 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service, lay led

8:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

9:26 pm. Havdalah

#### July 8 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

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

#### July 9 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

8:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

9:24 pm. Havdalah

#### July 15 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### July 16 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service lay led

8:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

9:20 pm. Havdalah

#### July 17 Sunday

4:23 am.-9:26 pm. Fast of Tammuz

## Services and Holidays at Beth Ami *Continued...*



### July 22 Friday Shabbat Service for Ukraine

3:30 pm. Mincha  
5:45 pm. Story from “Elijah’s  
Violin”

6:00 pm. special D’var  
Torah from Rabbi  
Miller Ukrainian music  
by the Klezmer Creek  
Band. Following the  
service, please join  
us for a special Oneg  
in the courtyard with  
Ukrainian pastries.

### July 23 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning  
service with Rabbi Miller  
8:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion,  
Ma’ariv  
9:14 pm. Havdalah

### July 29 Friday, Rosh Chodesh Av

3:30 pm. Mincha  
5:45 pm. Story from  
“Elijah’s Violin”  
6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat  
with Lisa Iskin and  
Rabbi Miller

### July 30 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning

service with Rabbi Miller  
8:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion,  
Ma’ariv  
9:07 pm. Havdalah

### August Services

#### August 5 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha  
5:45 pm. Story “Elijah’s Violin”  
6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat  
with Rabbi Miller

#### August 6 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning  
service with Rabbi Miller  
8:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion,  
Ma’ariv

### 8:15 Begin Fast of Tish b’Av 9:15 pm. Havdalah, Read Lamentations

### Aug. 7 Sun. Tisha B’Av 8:00 am morning services on Zoom 5:00 pm -Special national zoom service

7:30 pm Mincha - Maariv  
8:49 pm End Fast



#### August 12 Friday

4:30 pm. Mincha;  
5:45 pm. “Elijah’s Violin”  
6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with  
Lisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller

#### August 13 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning  
service with Rabbi Miller  
7:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion,  
Ma’ariv  
8:50 pm. Havdalah

#### August 19 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha;  
5:45 pm. Story from “Elijah’s  
Violin”  
6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with  
Lisa Iskin and Rabbi Miller

#### August 20 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning  
service with Rabbi Miller  
7:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion,  
Ma’ariv  
8:39 pm. Havdalah

#### August 26 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha;  
6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with  
Lisa Iskin

#### August 27 Saturday Rosh Chodesh Elul

9:30 am. Shabbat morning  
service lay led  
7:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion  
Ma’ariv

8:29 pm  
Havdalah

#### August 28 Sunday

8:00 am  
Morning  
Service Rosh  
Chodesh Elul



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### General Fund

Speedy recovery to Patty BernsteIn —*Anonymous*

In memory of Betty & Oscar Mann —*Anonymous*

Thank you to all the BBQ helpers! —*Anonymous*

Mazel Tov to grandparents Joyce & Paul Kobetz upon birth of their grandson, Eli —*Anonymous*

Todah Rabah to the Pre-Shavuot cleaning volunteers — *Anonymous*

In memory of Irving (Israel) Senzer —*Adrea Moss*

In memory of Howard Moss —*Adrea Moss*

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In honor of Lila Newton's Bat Mitzvah —*Tish Levee*

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In honor of Edith Newman's 99th birthday —*Lauren & Michael Newman*

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In honor of Phyllis Shapiro's birthday —*Lauren & Michael Newman*

In honor of Richard Kahn for helping with my grandson's Bar Mitzvah —*Mieneke Drake*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's birthday —*Mieneke Drake*

In honor of Edith Newman's birthday —*Mieneke Drake*

A generous donation —*Edith Friedman*

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Mazel Tov to Lyla & Asher Nathan upon the birth of their grandson, Beau —*Carol & Chip Swanson*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday —*Marjorie Gordon*

In honor of Edith Newman's 99th birthday —*Marjorie Gordon*

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In honor of Edith Newman's 99th birthday —*Carol Newman & Barry Sovel*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday —*Carol Newman & Barry Sovel*

In memory of Al Batzdorff —*Carol & Mark Rosen*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday —*Janet & Jeffrey SteIn-Larson*

In memory of Al Batzdorff —*Janet & Jeffrey SteIn-Larson*

A thoughtful donation —*David BrunsteIn*

Happy Birthday to David Kahn —*Anonymous*

Toda Raba to all the helpers that helped with the community seder —*Anonymous*

Toda Raba to Scott & Leah Gerber —*Anonymous*

Mazal Tov to the Nathans, new grandparents of Beau —*Anonymous*

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In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday —*Ethel & Stuart Schy*

In memory of Rayme Shapiro's mother —*Evelyn Gurevitch*

Congratulations to Lyla & Asher Nathan upon the birth of their grandson, Beau —*Evelyn Gurevitch*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday —*Ivan Barta*

In honor of being called to the Bimah —*Ivan Barta*

In memory of Bonnie Gee —*Anne Brown & Richard Kahn*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday —*Anne Brown & Richard Kahn*

In memory of Alfred Batzdorff —*Anne Brown & Richard Kahn*



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In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's  
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—*Juli Scherer*

In memory of Al Batzdorff

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—*Mr. & Mrs. Roland Stein*

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In memory of Al Batzdorff

—*Adrea Moss*

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—*Adrea Moss*

In memory of our son Justin

—*Karen & Jeffrey Sommers*

In memory of Al Batzdorff

—*Rose & Jonathan Batzdorff*

In memory of Alfred Batzdorff

—*Robin Lowitz*

In memory of Alfred Batzdorff

—*Hollis Stein*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's  
100th birthday

—*S.E. Thompson*

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100th birthday—*Joan Kaplow*

In honor of the birth of Beau  
Asher Nathan —*Judy Gunnar*

In memory of Alfred Batzdorff  
—*Martha Hicks Courant*

In memory of Joe Kagan

—*Anne Brown &*

*Richard C. Kahn*

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—*Leanne Schy &*

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### Capital Campaign

In memory of Joe Kagan

—*Edie Sternfield-Squires*

### Children's Education Fund

In honor of Lila Newton's Bat  
Mitzvah

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

In memory of Joe Kagan

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

Mazal Tov to Bat Mitzvah Lila  
Newton!

—*Anonymous*

Get well soon to Irvin Klein

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

Get well soon to Patty  
Bernstein

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

Happy Birthday to Evelyn

Gurevitch

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

Happy Birthday to Edith

Newman

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

In honor of the Installation  
of Rabbi Micah Miller, son of  
Rabbi Mordecai Miller

—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

In honor of David Kahn's  
birthday—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

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birthday—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

In honor of Jon Batzdorff's  
birthday—*Carol & Mark Rosen*

### Library Fund

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's  
100th birthday —*Tish Levee*

In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's  
100th birthday

—*Patty & Marc Bernstein*

### Malk Fund

In honor of Edith Newman's  
99th birthday with love from  
Phyllis —*Phyllis Shapiro*

In honor of Phyllis Shapiro's  
birthday —*Carol Newman &*  
*Barry Sovel*

In honor of Phyllis Shapiro's  
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### Nursery School Donation

Continuing better health to  
Irvin Klein —*Anonymous*

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Maldonado Shapiro's mother,  
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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 1 & 2

- July 2 Anna Seldowitz,  
Grandmother of  
Susan Miller
- July 2 Olga Marguerite Whitcomb  
Cousin of  
Etienne Sampiere
- July 4 Benny Friedman  
Father of Bill Friedman &  
Debra Chapman
- July 4 Irwin Levy, Father of  
Janice Sternfeld

### Announced on July 8 & 9

- July 9 Murray Shapiro, Father of  
Carolyn Orlik
- July 10 Bessie Hartzman,  
Grandmother of  
Cheryle Miller
- July 10 Jean Inman, Mother of  
Lee Feinstein
- July 12 Lillian Cohen, Mother of  
Leonard Cohen
- July 12 Ellen Jane Rosenthal  
Mother of  
Bobbie Rosenthal
- July 13 Beatrice Adams, Mother  
of Barbara McGee
- July 13 Rosa Iskin, Mother  
of Lisa Iskin
- July 15 Barney Abrams, Father of  
Patty Bernstein

### Announced on July 15 & 16

- July 16 Samuel Weiss  
Grandfather of Dan Weiss
- July 17 Esther Morse, Sister-in-law  
of Myrna Morse
- July 17 Joseph Robinson  
Father of Myrna Morse

### Announced on July 22 & 23

- July 24 Morton Goldstein, Father  
of Marilyn Diamond
- July 26 Amelia Olchovy,  
Mother-in-law of  
Raynore Paule
- July 28 John Ballo  
Father of David Ballo
- July 28 Jeanette Dolgan Friedman  
Grandmother of  
Joslyn Metzger
- July 28 Abraham Olchovy  
Father-in-law of  
Raynore Paule
- July 29 Louis Shapiro  
Father-in-Law of  
Phyllis Shapiro

### Announced on July 29 & 30

- July 30 Louis Estrin, Grandfather  
of Charlene Bornstein
- July 31 Aaron Baruch  
Father of Esther Baruch
- Aug 1 Saul Gordon,  
Father-in-Law of  
Marjorie Gordon
- Aug 2 Avraham Levanon  
Brother-in-Law of  
Ahuva Simon-Saar
- Aug 2 Ursula Schussheim  
Mother of Karen Herskovic

### July Birthdays

- 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 Birthdays

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

### Announced on August 5 & 6

- Aug 7 Eric Batzdorff, Son of Rose & Jon Batzdorff
- Aug 7 Lotte Batzdorf, Grandmother of Jon Batzdorff and Mother-in-law of Susanne Batzdorff
- Aug 8 J.J. Mattson Son of Tish Levee
- Aug 9 Anita Herman Grandmother of Howard Glickman
- Aug 10 Alice S. Miller Mother of Susan Miller
- Aug 10 Herbert Newman Husband of Edith Newman and Father of Carol & Michael Newman
- Aug 11 Bertha Brunstein Grandmother of David Brunstein
- Aug 11 Fredrick Marshall Father of Carolyn Metz
- Aug 12 Ruth Weiss Mother of Dan Weiss

### Announced on August 12 & 13

- Aug 13 Sylvia Goldman Mother of Ben Goldman
- Aug 13 Sylvia Williams, Mother of Lenore Holloway & Bonnie Gee Z"L
- Aug 15 Pearl Nathan Mother of Asher Nathan
- Aug 18 Patricia Kauffman, Mother of Raphael Kauffman

### Announced on August 19 & 20

- Aug 21 Willy Cohn Father of Henry Cohn
- Aug 22 John Rosenbach, Husband of Rhonda Rosenbach
- Aug 23 Rose Volper, Friend of Ahuva Simon Saar

### Announced on August 26 & 27

- Aug 27 Josephine Sherman Mother of Edward Sherman
- Aug 31 Sarah Estrin, Grandmother of Charlene Bornstein
- Aug 31 Esther bas Aaron v' Meir Mother of Karen Zimmerman
- Sept 1 Arnold Drake, Husband of Mieneke Drake
- Sept 1 Esther Rosenbaum, Mother of Lauren Buchsbaum
- Sept 1 Ernest Rosenthal, Father of Roberta Rosenthal

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## July Shabbatot

### July 1 - 2

*Korach*

Candle Lighting—8:20 pm

Havdalah—9:56 pm

### July 8 - 9

*Chukat*

Candle Lighting—8:19 pm

Havdalah—9:24 pm

### July 15 - 16

*Balak*

Candle Lighting—8:15 pm

Havdalah—9:20 pm

### July 22 - 23

*Pinchas*

Candle Lighting—8:11 pm

Havdalah—9:14 pm

### July 29 - 30

*Mattot/Masei*

Candle Lighting—8:05 pm

Havdalah—9:07 pm

## August Shabbatot & Tisha B'Av

### August 5 - 6

*Devarim*

Candle Lighting—7:58 pm

Havdalah—8:50 pm

### August 6 - 7

*Tisha B'Av*

Begin Fast—8:15 pm

End Fast—8:40 pm

### August 12 - 13

*Va'Etchanan*

Candle Lighting—7:50 pm

Havdalah—8:50 pm

### August 19 - 20

*Ekev*

Candle Lighting—7:41 pm

Havdalah—8:39 pm

### August 26 - 27

*Re'eh*

Candle Lighting—7:31 pm

Havdalah—8:20 pm



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