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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller
Encountering the Sh'ma

If there's one teaching of Judaism with which every Jew is familiar, it would have to be the "Sh'ma."

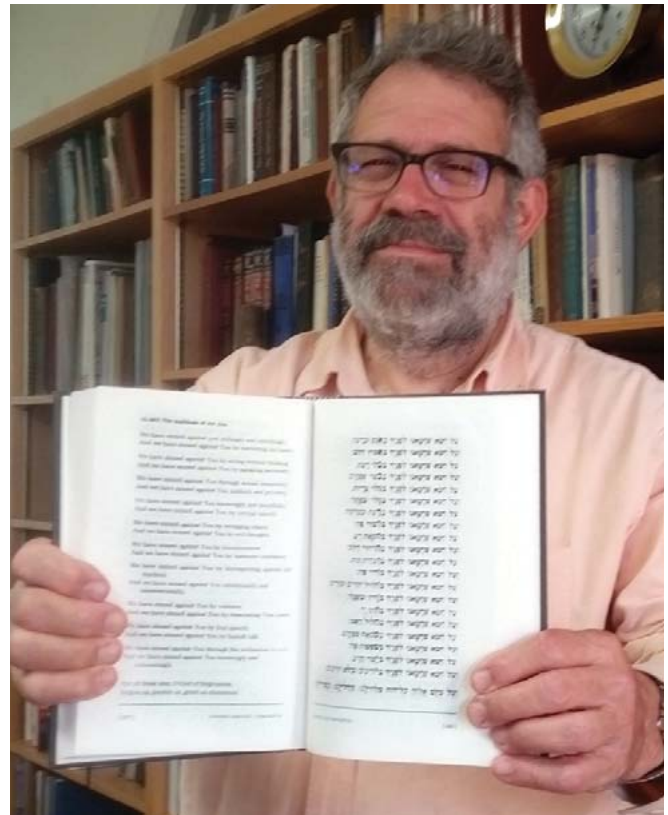
We're all aware of its importance; as the basic principle of Jewish belief - Belief in (only) One God."

- It may be the very first Hebrew sentence we learned as a child.
- It may be the only phrase in Hebrew that we are able to recite.
- It may be the only phrase in Hebrew that we feel we can translate.
- It may be the last sentence on our lips when we leave this life.

Throughout my life I've tried to understand what this sentence really means.

Translated it becomes, "Hear/listen/pay attention Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One (Sole/Unique/Indivisible)." But this is only the beginning of attempting to understand what we are being told here.

1. Who are we actually addressing by "Israel?"
2. What do we mean by the word we translate as "Lord?"
3. What do we mean by the word we translate as "our God?"
4. What's the difference between "Lord" and "God?"
5. Why do we say "our God," and not simply use the expression "the Lord is God?"
6. What are we saying we when we claim God "Sole/Unique of Indivisible?" and
7. Wouldn't it have meant the same thing if the verse had simply stated, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is One?"



By attempting to answer the first six questions, we may well arrive at the answer to our seventh question.

1. Who are we actually addressing by "Israel?"

Our verse is one found in the Torah, in the book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 6, verse 4. This book comprises a series of three speeches that Moses our great teacher gives to the Israelites about a month before his departure from the world. In this context, "Israel" could be understood as his referring to the assembled Israelites and a way of emphasizing the importance of this statement.

However, the value of the Torah, as sacred literature, goes beyond its literal context. The purpose of preserving these words was to provide a powerful message to future generations. In this context, "Israel" would refer to all Israel (i.e. the "Jewish People") regarding future generations. I remember a teacher suggesting that since "Israel" is a general way of referring to a person of Jewish extraction, we might substitute our own names for "Israel." In

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this way we would use this phrase as a meditation to ourselves; helping us focus on what follows. (I would be saying to myself, "Hear/pay attention, Mordecai, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.")

2. What do we mean by the word we translate as "Lord?"

The word used in the Torah is the Tetragrammaton. (The Hebrew letters, Yud-Hei-Vav-Hei). As young children learning Hebrew we are taught that, out of deep respect, we don't pronounce these letters as they are written. Instead we pronounce them as "A-do-nai."*

In analyzing the letters that make up this term for the God, we see that they can form the words "hayah," "hoveh," and "yihyeh," meaning "was," "is," and "will be." In other words "Eternal being!" One who exists beyond the scope of time and is the Ultimate Cause of everything else that exists. (eg. If we are capable, as humans, of thinking, what we term as God would be the cause of our thinking. This applies equally to every aspect of existence, from distant galaxies to the depths of the ocean, to every single creature and to our own bodily functions!) The belief in such a "transcendent" existent one arises from our own sense of wonder at the glory, variety and complexity of the Universe in which we live.

While there may be many who might choose to deny the existence of this dimension of reality, there are others who do sense and believe in this aspect of our existence.

Believing that there is a Sole, Unique, Indivisible Transcendent Existent One is the basis of believing in A-DO-NAI.

3. What do we mean by the word we translate as "our God?"

4. What's the difference between "Lord" and "God?"

5. Why do we say "our God," and not simply use the expression "the Lord is God?"

These questions are actually all connected.

The basic meaning of the word "Elohim" that we translate as "God," is "judge."

So when we say "A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu," we're actually declaring that we accept A-do-nai as our judge. In other words, we accept God as the one who is the sole and ultimate arbiter of our fate as human beings. It automatically means that we accept upon ourselves that we are individually - and collectively as members of the Jewish people - accountable to the One who is the Source of all Existence. That's why we use the term "our" in referring to "E-lo-him."

As Children of Israel, we recognize that while many others may believe in One God, that doesn't necessarily mean they accept the relationship that was initiated by Abraham and Sarah. Belief in a Divine Creator is one thing; Accepting Divine Authority is another. That is exactly where the mitzvot play an essential role. Again, accepting Divine Authority in general is one thing; accepting Divine Authority by performing specific acts as performing Divine Commandments takes the concept of this loyalty to a completely different level.

So declaring the words "A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu" is actually a pledge of loyalty to accept on ourselves the performance of the mitzvot! This clearly implies finding out what those mitzvot are, and devoting ourselves to understanding how we would put them into practice - a task of a lifetime.

6. What are we saying we when we claim God "Sole/Unique of Indivisible?"

I believe this deals with the setting of our priorities. To what degree do we consider

* Actually, we even go a step beyond this in showing respect for the Divine. We are only supposed to use these terms to denote God in prayer. Instead of "Ado-nai," we substitute the term "Adoshem," or simply "HaShem" (= "the Name"), and instead of "Elo-him," we use the term "Elokim." This principle is expanded to other names used for God. Our ancient rabbis introduced the term "HaKadosh Baruch Hu," meaning "The Holy One, blessed be He," to refer to God in common parlance.

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God's will in the decisions we make? In other words, "considering God's will" is taking into consideration our own relationship to the world in which we find ourselves. It takes us past our own self-interest and quite possibly to a place where we can find deep satisfaction with the role we play through the opportunities life presents us.

It also speaks to trust in "Something" far greater than ourselves. Essentially by declaring what we have up to this point and stating our recognition that there is only One, Ultimate Source of our being and the very existence of the Universe, we can work towards the belief and practice that that Source that created us and this complex, amazing world is the Source of Kindness. To quote our patriarch, Abraham, "Shall the Judge of all the earth, not perform justice?" Or a verse often quoted in the Psalms, "Acknowledge how good A-do-nai is, for His kindness endures forever!"

We can decide how we wish to interpret the events of our lives and find ways to learn and develop - if we choose to believe.

More recently I've come across one more interpretation of these six words also based on a traditional interpretation of "Yisra'el." We know that our patriarch, Jacob's, name was changed to "Israel." The suggested interpretation of "Sh'ma Yisra'el" is "Hear, O Jacob (Israel)! A-do-nai is our E-lo-him, A-do-nai the One."

In other words we are declaring, over the millennia, that we remain loyal to the God of our ancestors both in our belief and in our practice - despite the long course of our checkered history.

The Sh'ma, indeed, is a declaration of our Faith throughout history of our relationship to our ancestors and our God. So...

7. Wouldn't it have meant the same thing if the verse had simply stated, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is One?"

I'd like to let you answer that question!

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Barbara McGee, President

To My Dear Fellow Congregants and Friends

As of this writing, Sonoma County has been put in the GREEN and the New York Times reports a 95% herd immunity nationwide on COVID infections. That's great news! And at CBA, we have proven with small steps we can share a meal, pray together and safely open all aspects of our facility. After 2 ½ year, it's about time. That does not mean we go back to the way things were. First, we can never go back and two, normal is different for everyone. If anything we are much more aware about our safety, health and vulnerabilities.

This year **High Holy Day services** will be held in the Friedman Center. As we gather we plan to do this as safely as possible, too. We will have some seating outside by the doors and a much more subtle Zoom approach. No big screen or two way conversations. Plans include having a celebratory toast and honey cake after the Erev Rosh Hashanah service. We won't have a Pre-Fast dinner this year but we will be having a Break-Fast prepaid meal after Neilah on Yom Kippur.

Please note High Holy Day service times have changed. As I understand it, services will have a more balanced approach between tradition and contemporary practices. Detailed information will be mailed to members at the beginning of September and are available on the CBA web-site and cybershul.

The **Nursery school** is back in session with new director Caren Drezner and a small dedicated staff who believe in the Reggio approach to teaching young children. There is still childcare for families around the program but the focus will be on offering a high quality core program. Caren and her staff have worked hard to evaluate and prepare. Even with a new public school transitional kindergarten program and being closed for the summer there are parents who are looking at what we have to offer. Back to school night will be September 8 and open house soon after. Please call Caren for more information on the program.

There are **parents who want to restart a Jewish experience for their children**. An

organizational meeting with interested parties was held on

August 18. The plan is to start a program that focuses on building a learning and social community for families with school aged children. The first activity will be September 16. Call Rabbi Miller or me for more information.

In-person attendance at **Saturday services** is increasing with the addition of a simple in-person lunch. And **social events** like the Matzah Brie in July were well attended. Our next social gathering is a **Barbeque** sponsored by the board on Sept 11th in the late afternoon. See updates in cybershul. Hopefully, in the very near future I can announce a Friday night supper, too. Thank you to all the volunteers that make these activities possible.

Even with all the hope and change to revitalize CBA, there is still much work to be done. The new board of directors is now focused on the underutilized spaces on the campus that could generate funds while supporting the entire Jewish Community. Whether we offer new classes or have other non-profit groups use the facility, we are working towards making CBA a space for everyone.

We also have begun the Rabbi search process with Bonnie Boren and Patti Gregg as the co-chairs of the committee. More information on this will be sent after the High Holy days.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I want to thank everyone for their support and for sharing your thoughts directly with board members and staff. May this year bring us a sweet year, with good health, deep reflection, world peace and gratitude for what we have.

L'Shanah Tovah, Barb





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members:

Richard Feldman

Jeannie & Adam Anderson and their two sons, Greg (13) and Ethan (10)

Brandon Lujan & Rachel Girouard

Mazel tov to:

Robin and Robert Cooper on the birth of granddaughter Paige Diane Rogers

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Marjorie Goldhirsch, mother of Janice Shotkin

Lila Ruth Rogan, Mother of Jane Rogan Dwight

Judy Dzik, congregant and Religious School parent

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

Michelle Baime

Anna Judd

Debra Chapman

Dennis Judd

Sandra Shulkin

Etienne Sampiere

Richard Feldman

Pnina Loeb

Lindsay Kvam

Beth Ami Book Group reading S.Y. Agnon

CBA Book Group is now reading S.Y. Agnon TO THIS DAY (Fiction, 177 pgs., Hebrew, 1952; English translation 2008.) Agnon won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1966. He was the only Nobel Laureate to write in Hebrew.

This is the last of his many novels. The SF Jewish Community Library has this one sentence to describe TO THIS DAY: "This comic tale of a Galician Jew who has lived in Palestine, returns to Europe on the eve of WWI and gets stranded in Berlin evolves into a profound commentary on exile, Zionism, divine providence, and human egoism." We will probably be meeting for group discussion on a Sunday, TBD, in my backyard. As always, all CBA members and friends are welcome. To borrow a copy, or for questions, comments, or details: Linda (707) 544-4532.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The bridge between Native American and Jewish Spirituality with Ben Benson

Join us for a two-part Presentation with discussion to follow **Sunday September 18th and Sunday October 2nd at 2:00pm** Professor Ben Benson is of mixed heritage, Jewish and American Indian. This has given him unique access to Native cultures in both North and South America. While serving as coordinator of Native American Studies at Santa Rosa Junior College,

Professor Benson assembled a 3500-piece collection of Native Art for the Jesse Peter Museum, where he still serves as Director Emeritus. He regards being tutored by Native elders in Sonoma County as one of his most profound experiences. His multi-media presentation, at Congregation Beth Ami, will share the core features of the ancient Native American heritage of the North Bay region, which have fascinating similarities to our Jewish tradition.

This event will be available on Zoom. See CBA calendar for access. To protect all of our congregants, we are asking that masks be worn indoors.

Sponsored by the Congregation Beth Ami Committee on Racism and Social Justice.



SOCIAL ACTION RACISM & SOCIAL JUSTICE

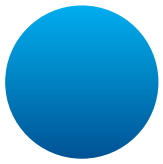
The Shabbat for Ukraine

Thanks to the Social Action Committee (Lyla Nathan, chair), the Committee on Racism and Social Justice (Carol Swanson, chair), the musicians of Klezmer Creek, Rabbi Mordecai Miller, and speakers (Dan, Yanna and Laura) for a memorable service and on information regarding the war in Ukraine and its displaced people. See our website gallery of photos by Jerry Newman and Patti Gregg

If you would like to help locally or want more information please call Carol Swanson or email the office at office@bethamisr.org

Organizations we recommend to help are HIAS, World Central Kitchen and UNICEF.





MEN'S GROUP

Richard Kahn



Photos by Jerry Newman

Matzah Brei with Ketchup?

The men's club hosted a wonderful breakfast with our congregants. The men's club members who participated included Dan Anbar Mark Rosen, Jeff Sheff, and Jerry Newman. In addition we had the assistance of Betty Boyd, Myra Thomas, Anne Brown, Sybille Anbar, and Barbara Mcgee, the event began at 9:30 and people finally went home at 11:45. It was delightful to see everyone sitting together and talking and enjoying food. We served matzoh brei, coffee, orange juice, strawberries, plus every topping we could think of including syrup, ketchup, cottage cheese, and other things too frightening to mention. I used to say that Matzoh Brei was a vehicle to get sour cream and jelly to your mouth but now I realize it is also a vehicle to schmooze with your friends.

We'll keep mixing it up so that we have different sorts of outings. I propose in September that we go to the growth of old redwoods on outside of Occidental. My emphases for the men's club outings will always be camaraderie, companionship, and conversation.



Men's Group outings may include beer.



THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

(Myra Stern Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee)

What's happening in the CBA Kitchen?

As the Covid cases are getting milder, more events are happening at Congregation Beth Ami, and the Beth Ami Kitchen use is increasing. The Kitchen Committee is doing its best to follow the Sonoma County Department of Public Health, and the CDC guidelines for preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the event., during these times of COVID.

Here is what has been happening over the last few months.

We have restarted the Saturday Lunches after the Shabbat services. The lunches are going smoothly, and we are seeing the live attendance at Saturday Services increase. The set-up is much simpler than before the pandemic. Currently people may bring home baked desserts and / or sealed packaged dairy or pareve goods marked with a Kosher symbol such as hummus, crackers, chips, lox, herring, etc. The rest is being prepared in the CBA Kitchen with one of our mashgichim supervising. We are serving inside and mostly eating outside when weather cooperates. Tables and seating is spaced, and hand sanitizers are available for use. We plan to continue lunches in this manner for the coming weeks and will reevaluate as COVID cases stabilize or change.

We have had a few major food events over the past few months, and they have been successful. Sadly, we've had to set up a few memorial or Shiva meals. There was a very successful Friday night Shabbat Service complete with an outside oneg focused on supporting Ukraine, that was presented by the the Committee on Racism and Social Justice. We've had a successful BBQ for Lag B'Omer. We just had the Men's Club Matzah Brei Brunch in July which was a complete success (the list of possible toppings for matzah brei just keeps on growing...). And, speaking of Matzah, we still have some of our 2021-2022 Passover food giveaway left.

To help refresh our skills in the CBA Kitchen

we had a Mashgiach Class on June 26. It was basic discussions on what our Mashgiach responsibilities are. In four hours we briefly glossed over the duties of Mashgiach, COVID and Food Safety information, working in the kitchen safely, as well as the use of the CBA Kitchen, with some bits on importance of and maintaining the CBA Kitchen's kosher status, and discussions on what do you do if.... I believe everyone who took this class will agree that there is a lot of knowledge behind being a responsible mashgiach. Mashgichim are continually learning as they participate in the kitchen committee sessions and volunteer for events. If you are interested, we have a binder located near the kitchen which references some of the topics that the class discussions were about.

Now for the Future:

For now the Friday night dinners are still on hold until the COVID cases stabilize or start decreasing.

There are plans being discussed for a possible BBQ event before the High Holy Days and also possibly for more Sunday Brunches.

Honey cake baking time is coming, watch the Cybershul for announcements for those of you who want to bake and donate honey cakes. The High Holidays start on September 25th. If the COVID cases cooperate and we have live services as planned, there will be a champagne and honey cake oneg set up after erev Rosh Hashanah Services so we can all toast in the new year. For the Rosh Hashanah Day One service, we are hoping to have a simple coffee with honey cake and other snacks set-up. While there will be no sit down meals planned for the High Holy Days, we are currently planning to have a very simple Break-the-Fast after Yom Kippur is over.

Shanah tovah u'metukah.

—Janet Stein-Larson,

Kitchen Committee reporter

You can find a history of honey cake and recipes on the Kitchen Committee blog.



ISRAEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Eli Cohen, Chair, Israel Committee

New Year, new Beginning

On Tisha b'Av, we recount Jewish tragedies and how they repeat and echo throughout our history. Rosh Hashanah calls upon us to turn and return. We turn by recounting our shortcomings this year and promise to return to our genuine selves as Jews. The forty-nine days between these holidays require us to turn and return, to remember and act.

The Torah tells us we are required to act -- for those of us in the diaspora and those of us in the State of Israel. In Parsha Matot (Numbers 32), the tribes of Ruben and Gad and half of Manasseh ask Moses if they can stay in the diaspora to prosper in its fertile fields. Moses replies, "yes," as long as they agree to serve as the vanguard to fight for the promised land. We learn from this that we in the diaspora need to lead the fight for the Jewish people. And Pirkei Avot tells us, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

What does it mean to fight for ourselves? We American Jews have been shunned for most of our people's time in America. Henry Ford promoted virulent antisemitism, including publishing the Protocols of the Elders of Zion -- starting before 1920. Father Coughlin blamed Jews for the Nazi violence and America's economic problems. They both exploited the most popular media of their times, print and radio.

Only for a short time following WWII did overt Jew hatred decline in the US. But it was never extinguished. Its embers ignited and spread unabated.

Today Jew hatred is freely expressed by the left and the right in mosques and churches. Jew hatred infects college campuses, government offices, and even grade schools in the training of its teachers. Jew haters once again exploit the most popular media to spread hatred.

Who will be for me? EndJewHatred.com writes, "Jew-haters have controlled our narrative and our history, trying to erase our historical and religious connections to our ancestral

homeland. On college campuses, denying our indigenous connection to our homeland has become a litmus test for being able to participate in classes and in activities. This is what we need to change."

What does it mean to fight for the promised land? We need first understand that after the Arab nations lost their military wars against Israel, they followed the Kremlin's playbook of disinformation and instituted a propaganda war. Over the last five decades, their long-game propaganda war proved successful.

As Rogers and Hammerstein note, you've got to be taught to hate and fear. Arab schools, including UN schools, as well as Arab media and mosques throughout the Middle East teach Jew hatred. So does Palestinian TV for kids. The world knows and mostly ignores this.

For example, Qatar and other Arab states infuse Jew hatred into higher education. They endowed chairs at major Western universities to advance their narrative that Jews and the Jewish state are evil. Graduates from these schools now occupy key positions in the media, industry, government, and universities.

On many US campuses, hooligans shout down truth-tellers and disrupt civil discussion. Student organizations and some professors ostracize and terrorize Jewish students who refuse to sign Jew hatred pledges.

What can we do? First, join the committee in publicly expressing our outrage on issues about Jew-hatred to our school boards, local officials, and the newspaper.

Second, join the Beth Ami Israel Committee. Our committee has linked hands with similar committees across the Bay area, and we even co-sponsor national webinars. Our website, <http://IsraelUpdate.INFO>, highlights upcoming talks and links to free videos to help us all learn from the comfort of our homes. Join us by emailing me at EliCohen@IsraelUpdate.INFO.

HIGH HOLIDAYS AT BETH AMI, 5783 2022

With recommendation of the Reopening task force and approval by the Board of Directors, we will be having **High Holiday Services in person in the Friedman Center. We will also be having Zoom** for those with safety concerns. We want everyone to be and feel safe this holiday season.

There are a few things that have changed with the Zoom option as we are using the Friedman center for most live services. Those off site will have a very limited view of the service and we will be using the streaming option to mitigate any sound issues. If you are a local congregant and will need a **Machzor** for the Zoom option, please call the office and make an appointment with Elizabeth to get a book. There will be a box by the office for returns after the holidays.

For those who will be attending in person

services, please do not come if you have had any recent exposure, have cold/flu symptoms, or if you have been sick with COVID and have not tested negative at least twice. We require those unvaccinated to wear a mask and highly recommend everybody inside to wear a mask. We encourage everyone who can to be up to date with vaccination and boosters. Sonoma county is in YELLOW status as of Aug 26th. Also, there will be a space under the overhang for those who wish to sit outside. We will make sure the building is as ventilated as possible.

If possible, please RSVP to the office (707-360-3030) or office@bethamir.org. This allows us to arrange seating that is more spaced out. Even if we are in GREEN status, there will be persons not ready to be near others and have stricter personal protective measures that may not align with yours.

This year the **children's service** will be held outside on the lawn and features Lisa Iskin and Leah Gerber. I am told it will be a joyful service geared for the young. Those attending that service (children and adults) will need to be masked and bring their own picnic blanket.

Holiday packets should be mailed the first week in September. Please see the HHD Order form as the dates vary for each item.

And finally, we ask if you have family or friends attending services or are new to the community, **please consider making a donation.** The congregation relies on donations and membership from the community to sustain itself. There is no other source of income except our local community.

*May this year
bring good health
and prosperity to
everyone.*

L'Shanah Tovah



Rabbi Mordecai Miller



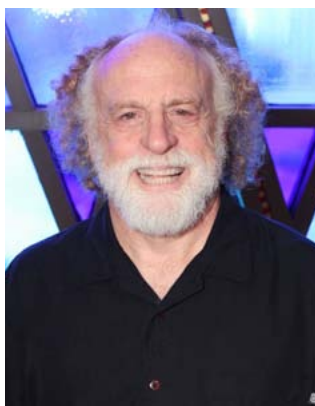
Cantor Cory Winter



Leah Gerber
Family Services



Lisa Iskin
Family Services



Rick Concoff
Teen Yom Kippur Service



FIRST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH TASHLICH SERVICE

WITH CONGREGATIONS SHOMREI TORAH AND BETH AMI

**Monday September 26th, 2022
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.

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: bethamir.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

September Services

September 2 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

5:45 pm. Musical prelude to Shabbat

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

September 3 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service, lay led

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

8:18 pm. Havdalah

September 9 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

September 10 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

7:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

8:06 pm. Havdalah

September 16 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

September 17 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

7:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

7:55 pm. Havdalah

8:30 pm Selichot

September 23 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

September 24 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller and Cantor Winter

6:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

7:44 pm. Havdalah

Sept 25/26/27 Rosh Hashanah (See High Holiday Schedule of Services)

September 30 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

5:45 pm. Musical prelude to Shabbat

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

October Services

October 1 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service lay led

6:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

7:33 pm Havdalah

Oct 4 Wed. Yom Kippur (See High Holiday Schedule of Services)

October 7 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

5:45 pm. Musical prelude to Shabbat

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

October 8 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service lay led

6:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

7:22 pm. Havdalah

October 9-18 Sukkot holidays (See High Holiday Schedule of Services)

October 14 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha;

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

October 15 Saturday Chol HaMoed Sukkot

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller zoom

6:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion

Ma'ariv

7:12 pm Havdalah

October 16-18 Simni Atzeret and Simchat Torah (See High Holiday Schedule of Services)

October 21 Friday

5:45 pm. Musical Prelude to Shabbat

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

October 22 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service lay led

6:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

6:55 pm Havdalah

Oct 17/18 Tues/Wed Rosh Chodesh Heshvan

October 28 Friday

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

October 29 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

6:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

6:55 pm Havdalah



CONGREGATION BETH AMI HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

Because of health and safety, social distancing and masks will be encouraged during in-person services. Zoom streaming available.

Service	Day	Location	Time
Selichot	Saturday, September 17	Sanctuary / Zoom	8:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah			
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sunday, September 25	Friedman Center / Zoom	7:30 p.m.
1st Day	Monday, September 26	Friedman Center / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Family, Children's Services	Monday, September 26	Lawn, Leah Gerber, Lisa Iskin	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tashlich	Monday, September 26	Howarth Park	4:30 p.m.
Mincha & Ma'ariv	Monday, September 26	Howarth Park	5:30 p.m.
2nd Day	Tuesday, September 27	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Mincha & Ma'ariv	Tuesday, September 27	Zoom	6:45 p.m.
End of Yom Tov	Tuesday, September 27	Zoom	7:44 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah			
Erev Shabbat Shuvah	Friday, September 30	Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, October 1	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Kever Avot & Genizah (Remembering the departed)			
Cemetery Visit	Sunday, October 2	S.R. Memorial Park sec.2	11:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur			
Mincha & Kol Nidre	Tuesday, October 4	Friedman Center / Zoom	6:00 & 6:20 p.m.
Yom Kippur Morning	Wednesday, October 5	Friedman Center / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Family, Children's Services	Wednesday, October 5	Lawn, Leah Gerber, Lisa Iskin	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Mincha, Yizkor	Wednesday, October 5	Sanctuary / Zoom	3:30 p.m.
Teen Service	Wednesday, October 5	Lawn, Rick Concoff	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Neilah	Wednesday, October 5	Sanctuary / Zoom	Approx. 6:15pm
Shofar / Ma'ariv	Wednesday, October 5	Sanctuary / Zoom	Approx. 7:31pm
Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah			
Sukkot 1st Evening	Sunday, October 9	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Sukkot 1st Day	Monday, October 10	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Sukkot 2nd Evening	Monday, October 10	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Sukkot 2nd Day	Tuesday, October 11	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yontiff Conclusion	Tuesday, October 11	Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Hosha'na Rabbah	Sunday, October 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	8:00 a.m.
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Sunday, October 16	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret	Monday, October 17	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yizkor	Monday, October 17	Sanctuary / Zoom	11:30 a.m.
Erev Simchat Torah	Monday, October 17	Sanctuary / Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Simchat Torah	Tuesday, October 18	Sanctuary / Zoom	9:30 a.m.
Yontiff Conclusion Service	Tuesday, October 18	Zoom	6:45 p.m.



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—*Richard Kahn & Anne Brown*

In memory of Lila Ruth Rogan

—*Richard Kahn & Anne Brown*

In memory of Joseph Kagan

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In honor of Evelyn Gurevitch's 100th birthday

—*Anonymous*

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Condolences to the Kagan family —*Anonymous*

For your kindness, Susan Miller,

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Condolences to the Pekker family. —*Anonymous*

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—*Edith Newman*

In memory of Joe Kagan

—*Linda Emblen*

In memory of My brother, Herman Vrydag

—*Mienieke Drake*

In memory of Joseph Kagan

—*Rita Kagan*

In memory of Lila Rogan

—*Stuart & Ethel Schy*

In memory of Herbert Newman

—*The Newman Family*

In memory of Joe Kagan

—*Robin Lowitz*

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—*Leanne Schy*

In memory of my maternal Grandmother Dora who was from Ukraine—*Joseph Wand*

In memory of Marjorie Goldhirsch, mother of Janice Shotkin—*Leanne Schy*

For your kindness, Sherman Family, Toda Raba

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In memory of John Ballo

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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. 2 & 3

- Sep. 4 Salvatore Nicholas Riggio
Father of Nick Riggio
- Sep. 4 Joyce Vrobel
Mother of Laura Alexander
- Sep. 6 Dorothy Drain
Grandmother of
Janet Stein-Larson
- Sep. 6 Martin Rosenblatt
Father of Robin Rosenblatt
- Sep. 7 Elie Negrin
Father of Ronit Glickman
- Sep. 7 Ruth Newman
Mother of Jerry Newman
- Sep. 8 William Hahn
Father of Edith Newman
- Sep. 8 Harry "Huck" Schulman
Cousin of Judith Helman
- Sep. 9 Ida Mann
Grandmother of
Judith Helman
- Sep. 9 Selby Morse
Husband of Myrna Morse

Announced on Sep. 9 & 10

- Sep. 10 Susan Yelin
Mother of Francie Rogovin
- Sep. 11 Estelle Kahn
Mother of Richard Kahn
- Sep. 12 Audrey Schoen
Sister of Phyllis Shapiro
- Sep. 14 Dan Ben Hershel
Nephew of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Sep. 15 Sophie Sampiere
Mother of
Etienne Sampiere
- Sep. 16 Joshua Maurice Cohen
Father of Leonard Cohen
- Sep. 16 Morris Marks
Grandfather of
Myrna Morse

Announced on Sep. 16 & 17

- Sep. 17 Vivian Frye
Friend of Ellen Mundell
- Sep. 19 Emil Javor Judd
Father of Dennis Judd
- Sep. 20 Naftali Morse
Father-in-law of
Myrna Morse
- Sep. 21 Yosef benYaakov v' Esther
Brother of
Karen Zimmerman
- Sep. 22 Irving Nathan
Father of Asher Nathan
- Sep. 22 David Sternfeld
Father of Jeffrey Sternfeld
- Sep. 23 Frances Spiegleman
Grandmother of
Ronit Glickman

Announced on Sep. 23 & 24

- Sep. 25 Carolina Gordon
Granddaughter of
Marge Gordon
- Sep. 25 Harald Quam
Father of Lindsay Kvam
- Sep. 26 Rose Zittin
Grandmother of
Bill Friedman
& Debra Chapman
- Sep. 27 Myer Brust
Grandfather of
Barbara McGee
- Sep. 27 William Colton
Brother-in-law of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Sep. 28 Avra Metzger
Mother of Joslyn Metzger
- Sep. 29 Marilyn Sternfeld
Mother of Jeffrey Sternfeld
- Sep. 30 Helene Senzer
Mother of Adrea Moss

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 Carol Newman
- 22 Ahuva SimonSa'ar
- 25 Susanne Batzdorff
- 26 Leonard Cohen
- 26 Robin Rosenblatt
- 30 Joyce Kobetz

September Anniversaries

- 4 Boyd & Martha Lane
- 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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- Oct. 2 Frances Brust
Grandmother of
Barabara McGee
- Oct. 2 Lillian Kahn
Mother of David Kahn
- Oct. 2 Raymund Mundell
Father of Michael Mundell
- Oct. 4 Joseph Diamond
Father-in-law of
Marilyn Diamond
- Oct. 4 Shulamit Sapojnikov
Mother of
Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
- Oct. 7 Carl Connors
Father of Tish Levee
- Oct. 7 Harry Friedman
Husband of
Edith Friedman
and Uncle of Bill Friedman
& Debra Chapman
- Oct. 7 Ruth Hess
Mother of Barbara Tomin

Announced on Oct. 7 & 8

- Oct. 8 Shmuel Berenstein
Father of Dan Anbar
- Oct. 11 George Barta
Father of Ivan Barta
- Oct. 12 Merrill William Gitlin
Father of Rob Gitlin
- Oct. 12 Dorothy Yelin
Grandmother of
Francie Rogovin
- Oct. 14 Patricia Allen Naidorf
First wife of Louis Naidorf

Announced on Oct. 14 & 15

- Oct. 16 Morris Edelberg
Father of Marjorie Gordon
- Oct. 16 Phyllis Kaplan
Mother of
Rhonda Rosenbach
- Oct. 18 Naomi Goren
Mother of Judith Helman
- Oct. 18 Michael Letourneau
Son of
Pam Jacobs Letourneau
- Oct. 18 Frances Miller
Mother of Debra Sokolsky
- Oct. 18 Lester Schloner
Father of Carol Swanson
- Oct. 19 Marcia Kupfer
Mother of Judy Kupfer

Announced on Oct. 21 & 22

- Oct. 23 Mitchell Boyd
Father of Betty Boyd
- Oct. 23 Adolph Stern
Father of
Myra Thomas-Stern
- Oct. 25 Mary Diamond
Mother-in-law of
Marilyn Diamond
- Oct. 25 James Plattner
Father of Kenneth Plattner
- Oct. 25 Harold Rosen
Father of Mark Rosen
- Oct. 25 Al Sherman
Father of Edward Sherman
- Oct. 27 Yaakov ben Shlomo
v'Adah
Father of
Karen Zimmerman
- Oct. 28 Tillie Edelberg
Mother of Marge Gordon

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- 7 Earl Goldberg
- 9 Laura Alexander
- 11 Blair Pleasant
- 14 Jeffrey Sommers
- 14 Karen Zimmerman
- 19 Richard Kahn
- 19 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

Announced on Oct. 28 & 29

- Oct. 30 Anna Whitaker
Daughter of Barbara &
John Whitaker
- Nov. 2 Tzfvir Anbar
Brother of Dan Anbar
- Nov. 2 Lisa Ballo
Mother of David Ballo
- Nov. 3 Irene Gordon
Mother-in-Law of
Marge Gordon
- Nov. 4 Ann Van Mourik Cory
Mother of Linda Emblen

Cemetery news at Santa Rosa Memorial Park – recently we have added 8 additional grave sites to our beautiful Beth Ami Front Lawn (which is the site to the temple handwashing monument).

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September and October Services and Holidays

September 2 - 3

Shofetim

Candle Lighting—7:19 pm

Havdalah—8:18 pm

September 9 - 10

Ki Tetse

Candle Lighting—7:08 pm

Havdalah—8:06 pm

September 16 - 17

Ki Tavo

Candle Lighting—6:57 pm

Havdalah—7:55 pm

10:00 pm Selichot

September 23 - 24

Nitzavim

Candle Lighting—6:45 pm

Havdalah—7:44 pm

September 25 - 27

Rosh HaShanah

Candle Lighting—6:44 pm

Havdalah—7:40 pm

September 30 -

October 1

Vayelech

Candle Lighting—6:36 pm

Havdalah—7:33 pm

October 4 - 5

Yom Kippur

Candle Lighting—6:30 pm

Havdalah—7:31 pm

October 7 - 8

Haazinu

Candle Lighting—6:25 pm

Havdalah—7:28 pm

October 9 - 10

Sukkot

Candle Lighting—6:22 pm

October 10 - 11

Candle Lighting—7:19 pm

Havdalah—7:20 pm

October 14 - 15

Shabbat Chol HaMoed

Candle Lighting—6:15 pm

Havdalah—7:12 pm

October 17 - 18

Shemini Atzeret

Candle Lighting—6:12 pm

Simchat Torah

Candle Lighting—7:09 pm

Havdalah—7:12 pm

October 21 - 22

Beresbit

Candle Lighting—6:05 pm

Havdalah—6:55 pm

October 28 - 29

Noach

Candle Lighting—5:57 pm

Havdalah—6:55 pm



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