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# HAPPY CHANUKAH



*This year's Latke party will be December 18 at 4:30 pm. Photo by Jerry Newman, featuring Sandra Shulkin, Judy Stern (see page 7)*

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RELATIONSHIPS MATTER  
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HEARTS, HELPS HEAL THE WORLD AND  
SUSTAINS OUR JEWISH HERITAGE. WE ARE  
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## RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Mordecai Miller

### The Mystery of "Eyn Keloheinu"

There is none like our God,  
There is none like our Lord.  
There is none like our Sovereign,  
There is none like our Savior.

אין כאלוקינו  
אין כאדונינו  
אין כמלכינו  
אין כמושיענו

Who is like our God?  
Who is like our Lord?  
Who is like our Sovereign?  
Who is like our Savior?

מי כאלוקינו  
מי כאדונינו  
מי כמלכינו  
מי כמושיענו

Let us acknowledge/thank our God.  
Let us acknowledge/thank our Lord.  
Let us acknowledge/thank our Sovereign.  
Let us acknowledge/thank our Savior

גודה לאלוקינו  
גודה לאדונינו  
גודה למלכינו  
גודה למושיענו

Blessed are You our God.  
Blessed are You our Lord.  
Blessed are You our Sovereign.  
Blessed are You our Savior.

ברוך אלוקינו  
ברוך אדונינו  
ברוך מלכינו  
ברוך מושיענו

You are our God.  
You are our Lord.  
You are our Sovereign.  
You are are our Savior

אתה הוא אלוקינו  
אתה הוא אדונינו  
אתה הוא מלכינו  
אתה הוא מושיענו

Simplicity itself, and yet, as I took a closer look, I realized for the first time - and after all these years - that there was a manifest contradiction in what I was singing!

If I had just stated there was none like our God, like our Lord, like our Sovereign nor like our Savior, why was I following this with the question "Who is like our God, etc?"

Hadn't I just stated quite emphatically, and in four different ways, "There is none like our God?"

As I pondered what might be an answer to this puzzle, two different answers emerged.

**Answer 1.** (Which I heard while a student in Rabbinical School from Professor, Dr. Jakob Petuchowski).



I can't even imagine how young I must have been when I first learned "Eyn Keloheinu." It must have been one of the first "prayer songs" I learned as a very young child. Between the music, the words and the repetition, could there be anything simpler? Growing up, it marked the final song of the Saturday morning service - either that or "Adon Olam." Later on, when I moved to a more traditional style, it marked the beginning of the closing elements of the lengthy Shabbat morning prayers, "liturgical dessert," if you will. What could be simpler?

If we look at the first Hebrew letter of the first three stanzas, we come up with א (aleph) in the first, מ (mem) in the second, and נ (nun) in the third. Together they spell out the word אמן (Amen); the word we use to affirm a blessing or a prayer that someone else has completed.

In the next two stanzas, the first starts with the word ברוך baruch (Blessed), and the second with the word אתה atah (You are).

At this point of the service, it's as if we are saying "Amen" to indicate our affirmation to one another of our worship, and all those prayers that have been stated up to this point. It's as if as through that word of affirmation, we are emphasizing that we've come to a point of conclusion.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Barbara McGee, President

### The So-Called "Quiet" Month

It's the Jewish month of Chesvan, the so called quiet month. The days are getting shorter, the Sukkah has been put away, and no immediate Holidays to get ready for. After the High Holidays we have a whole month to recoup, or so it seems. In reality, the board is making plans for the rest of the year and committees are planning their year's activities.

And we haven't yet stopped thinking about the High Holidays: please watch for the **High Holiday and Priorities** Survey link sent on Monday October 31st and please complete the High Holiday survey by Wednesday, November 9th. This gives the board some time to download and collect the survey results.

Besides answering questions, please let us know what you think. Your written responses are always appreciated. Please send comments to [office@bethamir.org](mailto:office@bethamir.org) and title the subject line 5783 Survey and Priorities Comments— or give me a call.

This year I observed a lot more attendance at all High Holiday services. People were careful, did socially distance and wore masks if they needed to. What I saw more than anything was that those who attended were joyfully present. The Break-Fast meal was well attended, too. People were greeting each other and it felt like community.

Your board of directors are meeting November 13th for a mini retreat to discuss the results of the High Holiday survey, make plans for the campus and see what fundraising efforts are needed this year. Most importantly, we are looking for ways for all of us to connect. We realize not everyone can or wants to attend services. Connection comes in many forms: like community events, talks, simchas, etc.

As of today, the good news is we are still in green status according to the CDC. The real-

ity is people will be getting sick during the winter months as we meet inside and ventilation decreases. Please, this is the time to make sure your vaccinations and boosters are up to date, and to take seriously safe practices for you and your loved ones.

Because there are still communicable diseases and health issues, a new Committee named the Wellness Committee will be taking the place of the Reopening committee. It is prob-

ably something we should have always had and there is no time like the present to address these issues. This new committee will meet quarterly or on an as needed basis. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact me by email at [barbmccgee@comcast.net](mailto:barbmccgee@comcast.net) or by phone.

Another recent area of concern is the rise of anti-

semitism nationally and locally. I am not going to get into details regarding a local Santa Rosa incident as there are many in the community already addressing this. But I am going to ask you to support our local community by attending a community wide meeting on November 9th at 7 pm with the Chief of Police, John Cregan. The meeting will be live at Shomrei Torah or you can sign up to be remote on Zoom. There is a link in cybershul to RSVP whether you attend in person or on Zoom. Call the office if you do not receive the link or need to RSVP by phone.

On a lighter note, Wednesdays are becoming busy days in the social hall with a new Exer-

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cise class for older adults in the morning and Folk dancing every other Wednesday night. We are looking for more community use of our space; please let any board member know if you have ideas.

And on a younger note, starting in January, the Nursery school will be offering a new program for 2-year-olds. Please spread the word and give Caren, the director, a call at 707-360-3030 for more information.

Don't forget, November 8th is election day. Please VOTE. More than ever we need to show the importance of our democracy by the numbers of participants who cast their vote.

And finally, there is our Beth Ami Community Chanukah party scheduled for Sunday December 18th, the first night. It starts at 4:30 p.m. in the social hall. Please watch for more information in cybershul. There will be latkes, salads and desserts. The Social Action committee will be collecting toiletries and small warm items like scarves, hats, gloves and socks for adults as well. We'll have games and a sing-along for the young at heart. Hope to see you there.

Wishing you a safe, peaceful and healthy fall season. *Barb*



*The Rambam taught that exercise should be joyous and fun.*



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome New Members:

Rafaela & Robert Equils-Watson

### Our Condolences to the Families of:

Sid Burwell, wife of Riis Burwell

Karen Brodsky, wife of Mark Dierkhising

Rose Conner, remembered by the Nursery School

### Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:

Michelle Baime

Anna Judd

Debra Chapman

Dennis Judd

Linda Emblen

Etienne Sampiere

Richard Feldman

Prina Loeb

Michael Schloss

Lindsay Kvam

### Exercise for Older Adults

A weekly, in-person group exercise class for active, older adults on **Wednesdays at 10:30 am.** in the Social Hall at Congregation Beth Ami and will last about an hour. The class will promote functional strength, flexibility, balance and fall prevention combining physical and cognitive exercises. A variety of novel tools and toys will be utilized which will be provided. We will incorporate games, obstacle courses, and competitions to spice up our aerobic movement, stretching, and free weight lifting. The Rambam taught that exercise should be joyous and fun.

Individual attention to participants of all fitness levels. A \$5 donation per class is requested, which will be used to purchase equipment and as donations to Congregational Beth Ami. Each participant is requested to bring a yoga mat and a water bottle. The class will be taught by Jeff Sternfeld. Certifications of instructor: Senior Personal Trainer, Functional Aging Specialist, Brain Health Trainer, Cancer Exercise Specialist, Activator Pole Instructor, Arthritis Exercise Group Leader, Kettlebell Sport Instructor, Matter of Balance Coach.

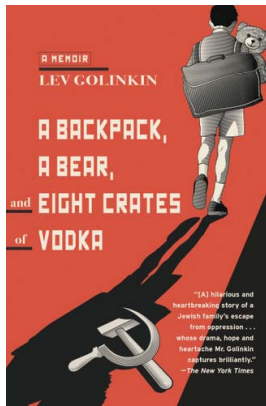




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### Beth Ami Book Group reading *A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka*



Our current read is a memoir by Lev Golinkin, *A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka* (2014, 303 pgs.) Golinkin was born in Kharkov, Ukraine, in 1980 during the end of the Cold War and the Soviet Union. Critics say the memoir is vivid, darkly comic, gripping.

We'll discuss it November 13, in person at my home: outside, if weather permits.

Our group participates in the SF Jewish Community Library's Book Club in a Box program sponsored by Jewish Learning Works. We borrow 12 copies of the same book with about 150 different choices! Mostly we read fiction.

After November 17, our group's read is Omar Friedlander's debut collection, *The Man Who Sold Air In The Holy Land*, the SF Jewish Community Library's One Bay One Book selection—Jewish people all over the Bay Area are reading it this year. There will be a limited number of e-copies available also. Many related talks on ZOOM and in person. More info later in Cybershul, or if you want to start your own group contact Leah Strauss, librarian, at Leah@jewishlearning.works.

I, too, am very busy, especially this time of year. Reading is a little escape from the day-to-day. If you or a family member needs to stay home a few loaner copies are available for people who can't make it to our discussion.

As always, all CBA members and friends are welcome to join us. Everyone is encouraged to express opinions. We meet in small groups—usually 5-8 people. Some regulars, some come now and then—all good. For further info, phone Linda Emblen (707) 544-4532.



### The best Latkes in the entire world will be at Beth Ami's Chanukah Latke Night Sunday December 18, 4:30-7:45 p.m.

December 18th is the first night of Chanukah, so get the holiday off to a good start by eating latkes at Beth Ami. Richard Kahn has spent decades refining his recipe and technique, and training his crew to produce the finest latkes known to man or woman.

**4:30 - 5:30** come schmooze, play a card/board game

**5:30** a short service, songs and light candles (Bring your Chanukiah and 2 candles!)

**6:00 - 7:30** Latke (and salad) dinner served

**7:30** Birkat HaMazon

**RSVP** to the Beth Ami office by Wednesday Dec. 14, or we won't have enough latkes! Cost: FREE but donations accepted with gratitude.

The Social Action Committee is **collecting winter items for the residents of the Palms**. They will have baskets for drop off at the party for toiletries and small winter clothing: new or slightly worn hats, scarves, gloves, socks. Large sizes are preferred.



## SOCIAL ACTION

by Lyla Nathan, Chair

### How to Help

Shalom all. As we prepare for the winter and the holiday season which is quickly approaching, it is really important to consider those in our Sonoma County community who struggle to meet their daily needs. I am always taken aback when I pass the Veterans building by Highway 12 and see the lines of cars (people) waiting for food distribution from the Redwood Empire Food Bank. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful food bank in our area. However the need for healthy food is a year round concern. There are bins located all over the county where you can deposit your donations of food. And of course there is the bin in the foyer of the sanctuary here at Beth Ami.

REFB is always looking for volunteers, food or money donations. The Social Action Committee is planning a morning at REFB on Tuesday, November 8th from 10:00 - 11:30 am. You need to call or go on line to reserve: 707-523-7900. The work is now inside. You can go almost any day if this date doesn't work for you. Ask a friend, take a child (over 13) or go by yourself. It is a friendly environment!

The annual Chanukah party is on December 18th. The SAC will once again collect toiletries, new socks, gloves and hats for the residents of The Palms. Last year at the Chanukah party people were amazingly generous with their donations. We are hoping that your support will continue. Thanks so much. There



will be baskets at the entrance of the Shul. Also I want to make it clear how much your effort is appreciated by the residents of the Palms.

I want to remind everyone that the midterm elections are fast approaching. There is nothing more important to democracy than the right to vote. Please get your ballots in.

Thank you and take care, Lyla





## COMMITTEE ON RACISM & SOCIAL JUSTICE

by Carol Swanson, Chair

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:

In July, our committee hosted a Shabbat service honoring the citizens of Ukraine. We invited the family of Dan Levitus from Santa Rosa that has been providing housing and a Ukrainian family, Yana Kalmykova and her son, who recently immigrated to the US. It was a wonderful evening filled with music by the Klezmer Creek band, singing, and an Oneg with Ukrainian pastries. After the service everyone listened to Daniel share his story of how he became a host for Ukrainian immigrants and of course Yana's story of how she arrived in our country. Members of our committee have sponsored Yana and her school costs at the Junior College and have gotten to know her better over lunch and other activities.

In September and October, we had a series on the Native American experience in Sonoma County. It was a two-part series, both presented by Ben Benson. Mr. Benson is a cultural anthropologist who has taught at both Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University. As an anthropologist, he has observed and also lived with indigenous peoples. His presentation included an enlightening perspective on spiritual practices of both Judaism and Native Americans and their common practices and beliefs. There were some

great discussions with Ben and the audience after his presentation.

We continue to meet monthly to share and discuss recent current events, books, articles, etc. that are relevant to our goal of advocating for social justice. We recently started holding our meetings in person, which is so fantastic. And, now that the public is slowly returning to socializing, we can have more guest speakers in the future. 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](mailto:swangirl@comcast.net)

If you are interested in resources on social justice issues, please look at our growing list of books, websites, etc. on the Beth Ami website at: <https://bethamir.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, Michelle Zygielbaum.

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Photo by Jerry Newman



## THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

(Myra Stern-Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee)

### What's happening in the CBA Kitchen?

Fall is here. The months-long holidays of reflection and celebration are over. The Rosh Hashanah Champagne Oneg, the morning coffee on Day 1, and the Day 2 lunch were successes. The Yom Kippur Break-the-fast Dinner worked out well. We enjoyed lunches in the Sukkah after Sukkot Services. Now all of the honey cakes are gone. The Sukkah has been taken down. It's quiet in the synagogue. Everyone is taking well deserved rests.

But, not in the CBA kitchen.

We are planning for when the synagogue restarts the **First Friday Shabbat Dinners** and special events like the **Chanukah Party**. We even have the Chanukah Latkes, Night by Night from the 2020 handout available on the blog in the website if you want to refresh your latke recipe memories. We are also ramping up the Shabbat potlucks as more people attend lunch after Shabbat services.

### Shabbat Potlucks:

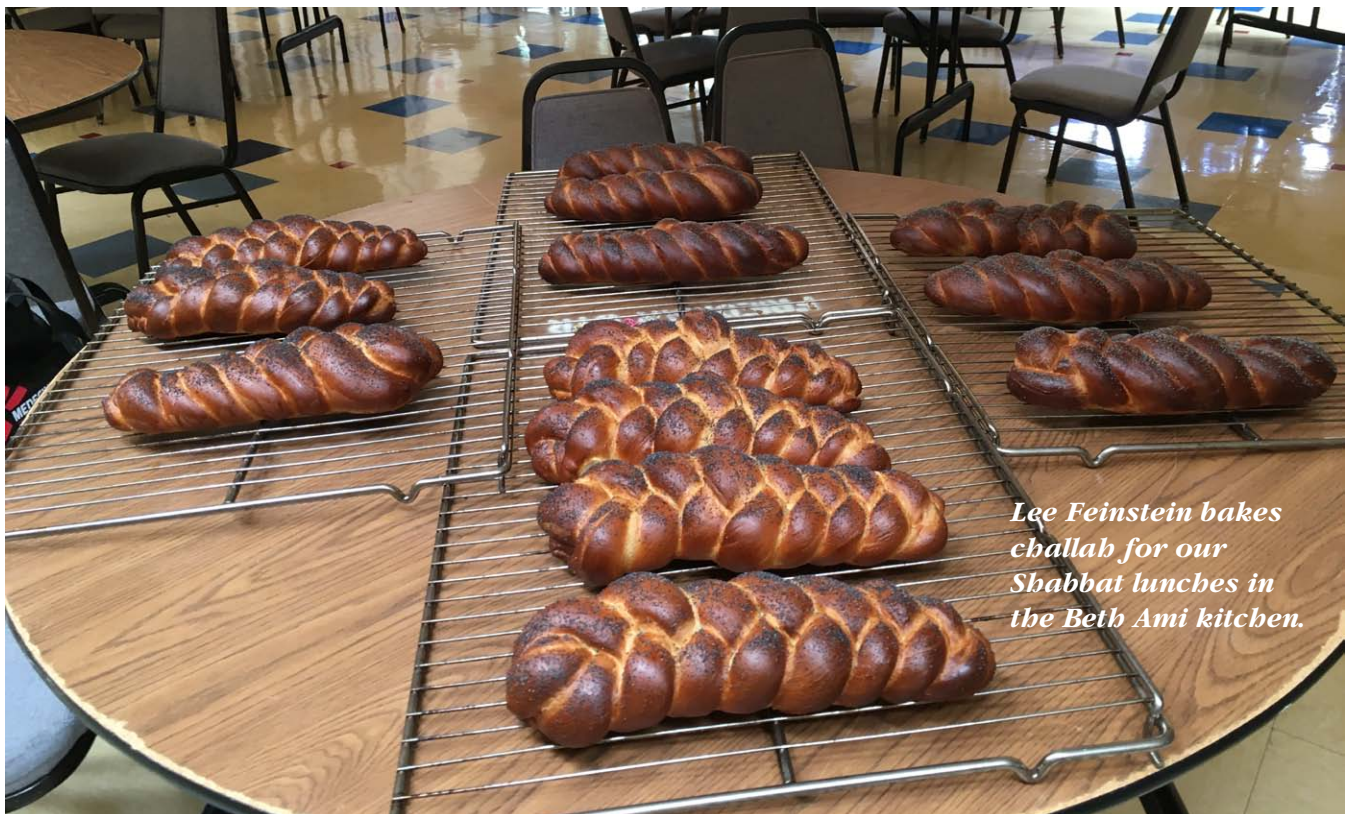
Participants may now bring in home-prepared food as long as their dish follows The Food and Potluck Guidelines (<https://bethamISR.org/community/food-2/>)

The easiest way is to bring unopened, sealed, purchased containers of Kosher dairy or pareve food. You might want to check with us before you bring in items so we don't get an overabundance of one type of food. To guarantee the safety of the food, it needs to be used before the discard date. The manufacturer's sealed package guarantees the total contents of package is Kosher.

All other home prepared foods, whether they be simple vegetable salads, or dessert baked goods, do need to follow the pamphlet. This applies to all home kitchens, even for those homes who keep kosher.

Remember these guidelines are a compromise so that everyone may participate in pro-

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*Lee Feinstein bakes  
challah for our  
Shabbat lunches in  
the Beth Ami kitchen.*





## THE KITCHEN CORNER

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viding for the meal, whether they keep kosher at home or don't. Compromises can be confusing. These guidelines are a compromise that relies on trusting you to follow them (from using all kosher foods to prepare your dishes, to the method of preparing them) so that when they are shared, they are prepared in a manner that is acceptable to all who participate.

To prepare something not covered in the guidelines that involves cooking, you can come in and make it in the CBA kosher kitchen. You will need a mashgiach to work with you.

It is also important to realize that our mashgichim are there to help keep these guidelines in place. They are all volunteers that have received some training in keeping Kosher and food safety and security. If they ask you questions regarding your contribution, please understand that they are doing their best to ensure that your dish does follow these guidelines.

Finally, if you have questions about the guidelines (or other food questions) feel free to ask them or other members of the kitchen committee. If they don't know the answer, they know how to find out.

### Special Events:

Because of the complexity of events, there is a form (the CBA Program and Event Planning Guide) that needs to be filled out (in CBA Office) during your beginning stages of planning. If you are going to be using the CBA kitchen for any reason, also get and read the Special Events, Use of the Kitchen pamphlet and the Role of the Volunteer Mashgiach pamphlet. Printed copies are in the office and near the kitchen, and links to online pdfs are on the food page, <https://bethamir.org/community/food-2/>. If you wish to read blog articles (including the Latke recipes), just go to the top of the page and select Blog in the right corner, to see our Kitchen Committee Blog.

*Enjoy the change of Seasons...*

—Janet Stein-Larson



## ISRAEL COMMITTEE

*Dr. Eli Cohen, Chair,  
Israel Committee*

### Illuminating candles against Jew-hatred on Chanukah

Michelle Boorstein writes, "Hanukkah's darker origins feel more relevant in time of rising antisemitism, intense interest in identity." This Hanukkah let us not only shine a light on Jew-hatred but do something about it.

American society is normalizing Jew-hatred in almost every area of American political thought. Hatred of Jews is growing in its schools and universities, churches and mosques, and even organizations that formerly advocated for human rights.

American Jew-hatred is hardly new. CNN's Dana Bash points out that antisemitism has been prominent in our country for a long time. What's new is its rapid increase and acceptance throughout society. According to the FBI, Jews and Jewish institutions are attacked more per capita than Blacks, Asians, Hispanic, Muslims, LGBT+, or any other community. For example, hate crimes against Jews are more than 3 times more prevalent than crimes against Muslims and almost 8 times more than Asians.

But this column is not about the rise in Jew hatred. It is about our collective silence.

We have not organized a million Jew march to promote Jew Pride. Indeed, as a Jew is attacked on one side of the street, we American Jews keep walking. We are taught from a young age not to make waves and to keep our heads down. Even today, our legacy Jewish leadership organization's response to the crisis is to avoid controversy and settle differences behind closed doors. We see this most strikingly in their tepid response to campus antisemitism by students, faculty, and outsiders. Likewise, we experience how easily antisemitic legislators escape censure.

Jew-hatred is not just an American experience. It is even worse in Belgium, France, Sweden, and England. Jews in Israel are attacked in their homes. But we are Americans.

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## ISRAEL COMMITTEE

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Some Jew-haters say, “I’m not antisemitic. I am only against part of the Jewish identity: love of its homeland.”

Yet, Jews on campus are afraid to wear their star of David or kippa in public. On many college campuses, millennial Jews must choose between social acceptance and our right as a people to the Jewish State. They are told that they must sign a pledge to join campus clubs. The pledge requires them to renounce and denounce Zionism, that the Jewish people’s fate and destiny are intertwined, and that we have the right to live in peace in our homeland.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks reminds us that anti-semitism is not about Jews. It is about Jew-haters. He warns us that the appearance of anti-semitism in a culture is the first symptom of a disease. He said not liking individual Jews is not antisemitism. We all have people we don’t like. And simply criticizing Israel is not anti-semitism. (Indeed, it is the national sport of Israel.) It instead denies that Israel has a right to exist. Jewish students must choose between supporting Jew-hatred by signing the pledge or being rejected, shunned, and ostracized.

Antisemitism is expressed as treating Israel differently from all other countries. Like all countries, Israel makes mistakes. The difference is that the Jew-hater focuses exclusively on Israel’s mistakes and ignores similar or worse ones made by other countries. They ignore its accomplishments or attribute them to a Jewish conspiracy. Likewise, they attribute Jewish success to privilege, not merit. They construct conspiracy theories that Jews control the world and are the source of all misfortune.

Jew-haters fabricate or believe lies. For example, Thane Rosenbaum points out the truth about the trifecta libel against the Jewish State. His talk for the Indiana University Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism rips apart the absurd accusations that Israel has engaged in Occupation, Apartheid, or Ethnic

Cleansing. His experience and mine are that those who toss around those terms are ignorant. They know neither what these words mean nor the truth about Israel. Nor do they care. They see the world in terms of black and white. Either you are for them, or you are evil. Truth does not matter to the Jew-hater.

How have we Jews responded? The Jewish community’s response has been hushed for the most part. We at Beth Ami also have been too quiet. This is because we, like others, feel helpless.

But this need not be the case. We can raise our voices in newspapers, with neighbors, with school boards, and with our votes. Let us join a growing choir of voices that speak out against antisemitism.

Here are some leaders in that choir. Stand With Us informs us of our power to fight Jew-hatred. It instructs us what to do. First, educate ourselves, our families, and our friends. Stand proud. Share your story and your family history with friends. When you see or hear Jew-hatred, report it and respond. Reach out to schools and public officials. The Alliance for Constructive Ethnic Studies warns us that another organization is worming Jew-hatred into schools.

Join Stand With Us, support Club Z, or, even better, volunteer with the Jewish Leadership Project. Let your voice be heard about urgent issues, like the “Jew-free” zones on campus. Make it clear that Kanye West’s tirades are unacceptable and must be condemned in the media and Congress. And visit the Beth Ami Israel Committee’s website at <http://IsraelUpdate.INFO> for many more learning opportunities.

Rabbi Hillel wrote in Pirkei Avot, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if not now, then when.” Now is the time for action. Join our choir, and join the Beth Ami Israel Committee. Send an email to Eli Cohen at [EliCohen@InformingScience.org](mailto:EliCohen@InformingScience.org).

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to order special items.



## 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: protocols for vaccination and masking will follow Sonoma County guidelines. 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](http://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

### November Services

#### November 4 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

#### November 5 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service, lay led

5:45 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

6:51 pm. Havdalah

*Daylight Savings ends at midnight. Put the clocks back one hour.*

#### November 11 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### November 12 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

4:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:45 pm. Havdalah

#### November 18 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### November 19 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

4:10 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:39 pm. Havdalah

#### November 25 Thursday *Thanksgiving and Rosh Chodesh Kislev*

#### November 25 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### November 26 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service, lay led

4:10 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:36 pm. Havdalah

### December Services

#### December 2 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

#### December 3 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

4:05 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:34 pm. Havdalah

#### December 9 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### December 10 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller

5:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:36 pm. Havdalah

#### December 16 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha;

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### December 17 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning

service with Rabbi Miller zoom

4:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion

Ma'ariv

5:36 pm. Havdalah

#### December 18 Sunday

**First evening of Chanukah and Latke Party at Beth Ami**

*(See the back cover for candle-lighting times for 8 days)*

#### December 23 Friday

3:30 pm. Mincha

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### December 24 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat Rosh Chodesh morning service, lay led

4:10 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:39 pm. Havdalah

#### December 25 Sunday

**Eighth Chanukah candle  
Rosh Chodesh 2 Tevet**

#### December 30 Friday

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

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Lisa Iskin

#### December 31 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service, lay led

4:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv

5:44 pm. Havdalah



## Services at Beth Ami

*Continued...*

### WEAVING THE CHANUKAH HITS INTO THE WEEKDAY SERVICE

*by Lisa Iskin*




*Lisa Iskin and Leah Gerber at Beth Ami's Chanukah party in 2019.*

It's been such a blessing to bring Sing in Shabbat to Beth Ami on Zoom for the past 2 1/2 years. Leah Gerber has led it with me many times, often inviting her father Scott to make a guest appearance. Last Chanukah the three of us wove some of Chanukah's greatest hits into the weekday Ma'ariv service, which was great fun! I think we may have to do it again this year. I'm having the time of my life, living my fondest dreams, some I didn't even know I had. This community is a special one, that I am delighted to be part of. BlesSings to all!

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Thank you to Anne Brown & Richard Kahn & Dan Anbar for cooking all the Matza Brei  
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In memory of Sid Burwell  
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Mazal Tov to the Simkovitz-Schloss family upon Rachel & Mike's marriage —*Anonymous*

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Thank you to the versatile-voiced Cantor Cory Winter for his light Neilah song, sense of humor, and working so well with our Rabbi Miller.  
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Mazal Tov to Brooke & Carolyn Kantor on the birth of their granddaughter, Livier.  
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Thank you to Cantor Cory Winter and Eli Cohen for their beautiful Kol Nidre; Roy Zajac and Brian Wilson for the sensitive clarinet and piano Kol Nidre. —*Linda Emblen*

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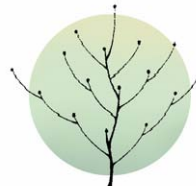
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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

### Announced on Nov. 4 & 5

- Nov. 7 John Holloway, Husband  
of Lenore Holloway  
Nov. 7 Sydney Paul  
Mother of Jane Paul  
Nov. 8 Riva Levanon  
Sister of Ahuva Simon Saar  
Nov. 8 Dora Schiffman  
Mother of Bernice Fox  
Nov. 9 Harold Zeamans  
Grandfather of  
Judith Helman  
Nov. 10 Berkeley Garrison  
Grandson of Tish Levee  
Nov. 10 Irv Judd  
Brother of Dennis Judd  
Nov. 11 Charles Cohen  
Father of Eli Cohen

### Announced on Nov. 11 & 12

- Nov. 12 Anna Meyerfeld  
Grandmother of  
Patty Bernstein  
Nov. 14 Max Malk  
Father of Phyllis Shapiro  
Nov. 14 Benjamin Weiss  
Son of Dan &  
Elizabeth Weiss  
Nov. 16 Frieda Leah Kahn  
Grandmother of  
Richard Kahn  
Nov. 17 Norman Schloner  
Brother of Carol Swanson  
Nov. 18 Belle Rosen  
Mother of Mark Rosen

### Announced on Nov. 18 & 19

- Nov. 19 Sam Cohen  
Grandfather of  
David Brunstein  
Nov. 20 Hans Biberstein, Father of  
Susanne Batzdorff  
Nov. 21 Samuel Cooper  
Father of Robert Cooper  
Nov. 21 Helen Margolese  
Mother of  
Michelle Zygielbaum  
Nov. 25 Francis Dickerson  
Father of Sarah Kauffman  
Nov. 25 Moshe Tzaig  
Husband of  
Branagan Branagan

### Announced on Nov. 25 & 26

- Nov. 26 Florence Goodman  
Mother of  
Andrea Goodman  
Nov. 28 Israel David Brunstein  
Grandfather of  
David Brunstein  
Nov. 29 Kees Rijnveldt  
Stepbrother of  
Mienieke Drake  
Dec. 1 Marcella Liverman  
Aunt of Marc Bernstein  
Dec. 1 Gideon Rosenbach  
Grandson of  
Rhonda Rosenbach  
Dec. 2 Gaye Spiegelman  
Aunt of Ronit Glickman  
Dec. 2 David, Mark & Sylvia  
Spiegelman  
Cousins of Ronit Glickman

## November Birthdays

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

- 1 Jerry Newman  
3 Neal Cronin  
6 Janice Sternfeld  
7 Elizabeth Cooper  
9 Vivian Klein  
13 Jane Rogan  
19 Joseph Minuskin  
23 Claire Miller  
26 Nancy Fleming  
27 Carolyn Orlik  
28 Lauren Guarducci  
28 Dr. Russ Gurevitch

## November Anniversaries

- 11 Jeannie & Adam Anderson  
16 Leanne Schy &  
Mark Stoelting  
21 Ethel & Stuart Schy  
23 Betty Boyd & Eli Cohen

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- Dec. 3 Rudolph Kupfer  
Father of Judy Kupfer
- Dec. 4 Joe Goldberg  
Father of Richard Goldberg
- Dec. 6 Miriam Malk  
Mother of Phyllis Shapiro
- Dec. 7 Rose Schneider  
Mother of  
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Dec. 7 Alma Shapiro  
Mother of Raynore Paule
- Dec. 8 Jacob Goldman  
Father of Ethel Schy  
Grandfather of  
Leanne Schy

### Announced on Dec. 9 & 10

- Dec. 10 Raymond Nett  
Father of Stephen Nett
- Dec. 10 Abraham Schwaber  
Father of Fredrika Gross
- Dec. 12 Joel Jones  
Uncle of Ross Jones
- Dec. 12 George Kaplan  
Father of  
Rhonda Rosenbach
- Dec. 16 Anna Barta  
Mother of Ivan Barta

### Announced on Dec. 16 & 17

- Dec. 17 Elsa Ballo  
Grandmother of  
David Ballo
- Dec. 18 Dr. Eduardo Vrijdag  
Father of Mienieke Drake
- Dec. 19 Noah Minuskin  
Father of Joseph Minuskin
- Dec. 20 Mary Minuskin  
Mother of Joseph Minuskin
- Dec. 23 Leo Schweitzer  
Father of Blair Pleasant

### Announced on Dec. 23 & 24

- Dec. 24 Olive Cordill  
Mother of Kim Cordell
- Dec. 24 Joseph Schussheim  
Father of Karen Herskovic
- Dec. 24 Max Stein  
Father of  
Janet Stein-Larson
- Dec. 26 Mildred Brunstein  
Aunt of David Brunstein
- Dec. 27 Natan Kahn  
Grandfather of  
Richard Kahn

### Announced on Dec. 30 & 31

- Dec. 31 Harold Boren  
Father of Bonnie Boren
- Dec. 31 Carol Cohn  
Mother of Henry Cohn
- Dec. 31 Gertrude German  
Mother of Ellen Mundell
- Dec. 31 Evelyn Schwaber  
Mother of Fredrika Gross
- Jan. 1 Rachel Gertrude Cohen  
Mother of Eli Cohen
- Jan. 1 Dean Fleming  
Father of Andy Fleming
- Jan. 1 David Kerben  
Husband of Claire Miller
- Jan. 2 Joseph V. Schafer  
Father of Linda Emblen
- Jan. 3 Benjamin Strudler  
Nephew of Susan Miller
- Jan. 4 Sherri Kahn  
Wife of David Kahn
- Jan. 5 Ruth Schwartz Susnow  
Mother of Nancy Fleming

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- 1 Susan Brown
- 1 David Brunstein
- 7 Debra Sokolsky
- 10 Ronit Glickman
- 12 Etienne Sampiere
- 13 Eleanor Cohen
- 15 Debra Chapman
- 18 Melvin Decker
- 19 Dan Pleasant
- 23 David Sokolsky
- 27 Fredrika Gross
- 27 Lindsay Kvam
- 29 Marilyn Sommer

### December Anniversaries

- 5 Suzie & Bill Friedman
- 7 Connie & Ben Goldman
- 9 Marina & Iosif Voulfson
- 16 Elizabeth &  
Graham Cooper

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).

There has been no property available in this Lawn for at least the past 10 years - please contact Jan (707.799.5870) at S.R.M.P. – for further information and a map of availability (and exact locations), in regards to their proximity to where you may have loved ones buried.



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## **November and December Candlelighting**

### **November 4 - 5**

*Lech Lecha*

Candle Lighting—5:49 pm

Havdalah—6:47 pm

### **November 11 - 12**

*Vayera*

Candle Lighting—4:43 pm

Havdalah—5:42 pm

### **November 18 - 19**

*Chayei Sara*

Candle Lighting—4:37 pm

Havdalah—5:37 pm

### **November 25 - 26**

*Toldot*

Candle Lighting—4:34 pm

Havdalah—5:34 pm

### **December 2 - 3**

*Vayetzei*

Candle Lighting—4:32 pm

Havdalah—5:33 pm

### **December 9 - 10**

*Vayishlach*

Candle Lighting—4:31 pm

Havdalah—5:34 pm

### **December 16 - 17**

*Vayeshev*

Candle Lighting—4:33 pm

Havdalah—5:36 pm

### **December 18**

*First Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:22 pm

### **December 19**

*Second Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:22 pm

### **December 20**

*Third Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:23 pm

### **December 21**

*Fourth Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:23 pm

### **December 22**

*Fifth Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:24 pm

### **December 23**

*Sixth Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—4:36 pm

### **December 23 - 24**

*Miketz (Rosh Chodesh Tevet)*

Candle Lighting—4:37 pm

Havdalah—5:39 pm

### **December 24**

*Seventh Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:40 pm

### **December 25**

*Eighth Chanukah Candle*

Candle Lighting—5:28 pm

### **December 30 - 31**

*Vayigash*

Candle Lighting—4:41 pm

Havdalah—5:44 pm