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OUR MISSION: A KEHILLA THAT IS OPEN, WHERE RELATIONSHIPS MATTER Congregation Beth Ami enriches our lives, transforms our hearts, helps heal the world and sustains our Jewish heritage. We are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition and welcome all to our community for celebration, learning, education and prayer.





RABBI'S REMARKS *Rabbi Mordecai Miller* **Message for Annual Membership Meeting**

Dear Friends,

I excused myself from this meeting as my term at this wonderful synagogue is gently coming to a close and I would like to provide you with the chance to speak freely as you contemplate Beth Ami's future.

I'm truly grateful for the decade-plus that I've spent with you in this beautiful community. Not only have you provided me and my family with parnassah - a livelihood, but you have also afforded me the opportunity to learn with all of you and, (I hope), deepen my own understanding of Judaism and how to serve God and God's people.

Truly, our mission is to serve our members and the community at large. Here, the social and the spiritual have to work hand in hand - and across the generations. I believe that we exist to work together to ponder the "big" questions. In welcoming the Shabbat and avoiding the tasks of the work-week, we can find the time to meditate on why we have come into being; what role do we each have in this world, this universe?"

We can also find the time to examine the lives we lead, and recognize the thousands of ways in which we are recipients of so many blessings, whether deserved or undeserved.

We can gather in groups to see how we may share these blessings with others, through bringing food to the hungry and clothing to the needy. We also provide a unique way to celebrate the milestones in out lives; from arrival to departure, and everything in between: Namings, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Marriage and its attendant anniversaries.

As it says in Pirke Avot, "Yours is not to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from doing it."

In a nutshell: we exist to aid our members and anyone who comes under our roof, in discovering personal significance. Our prayers can train us to express appreciation; to admit our shortcomings; to seek forgiveness from our fellow human beings and from our Creator; to find healing through our own actions, the aid of others and ultimately from our Creator. Our Torah



can serve as a guide to perfect our lives in this world and, I believe gain an entrance to an existence beyond the grave.

Our mission would be impossible were it not for so many of you, who generously volunteer your precious time and serve on our various committees. Each one of you plays a vital role, and every committee chair and its members represent a different artery in our synagogue body.

Co-ordinating all these efforts is our synagogue president, Barb McGee, who visibly demonstrates the deep love she has for her faith and for Beth Ami. It has been such a privilege for me to have her as a partner in serving this congregation. I suspect that she may be one of the hardest working presidents that I've ever known. All these various tasks, I would remind you, are for her, a labor of love.

As Beth Ami looks towards the future, may God bless each and every one of you; your families and friends. May your deliberations lead to success as you prepare to make an important transition and take the time to choose a new spiritual leader. And may all the ways in which our synagogue serves its members and our community find favor in God's eyes.

"Chazak, chazak, venit'chazeik!"

"Be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen one another!"

With fondest wishes *Mordecai Miler*, *Rabbi*



PRESIDENT'S PAGE Barbara McGee, President President's Report July 2023

5783 has been a whirlwind of a year. Last September we started with well attended High Holiday services in the Friedman Center, the Preschool was back in session after a summer break, and Shabbat services with lunch had increasing attendance. We celebrated Chagim in person, too. In October, we started a small pod of religious school students off site and the Rabbinic search process was starting. We began first Friday Shabbat dinners in February and had two B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies. Life at shul was getting back to business as they say.

In January the torrential rains and winds initiated several building issues. We could only do temporary fixes, and with the stress of three straight months of inclement weather the Preschool closed before Passover break in April.

What bas the Board been doing? In mid May, once we could get contractors and multiple bids, the Board of Directors approved a contract to permanently fix the flat roof. We have allocated money for tree work in the courtyard and drainage as well. We are evaluating the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) for an August decision.

In April, your Board contracted to have Solar panels installed to lower the campus' fixed operating costs. We are looking at grant monies to fund most of the cost.

Where is the money coming from? We will use some of our restricted funds, then need to address on-going maintenance costs for the future. With no managing director on the campus, a written maintenance schedule will be one of our challenges this year. As insurance and fixed cost rise we cannot keep any vacant space. How we proceed with the building's purpose will be another Board focus.

In January, the Rabbinic Search committee started working on the synagogue resume and job application. The whole search process lasts about eighteen months and has many steps. I want to thank the committee and co-chairs Bonnie Boren and Karen Herskovic for their commitment, time and care. The final decision and negotiations are probably the most important task the board will have this coming year. The job will be posted in early fall and we hope to have someone hired by Pesach next year.



What as a congregant can you do to belp? PLEASE participate, create or help with a community or fundraising event, bring new unaffiliated friends to events, and be on one of our committees. Be involved, attend, and let a board member know what you think.

I want to thank each and every committee chair and member. It takes a lot of time to plan the many details to provide programs and serve the community. I am grateful the congregation continues to have events through your generous time and resources. Thanks to our musicians and prayer leaders for bringing us joy by sharing yourselves.

I want to acknowledge and thank Elizabeth, our office manager for 17 years who continues to take care of our many day to day office tasks while helping me reorganize the office. She is available 5 days a week to answer questions by phone and email.

This year, the Friedman Center has had many more events as the world has opened up again. It continues to be recognized as an elegant hometown location for celebrations and events. Thanks, Director Andrea Nett.

I want to thank Rabbi Miller for all his efforts to make sure we have services on Friday nights, Saturday mornings, daily services morning and night and all Chag services. He continues to teach every day, provides pastoral services, is involved with committees and events, and many other synagogue matters all on a part-time salary. He has been with us for the last eleven years and as he gets ready to retire at the end of June 2024, I want to thank him immensely for his continued kindness, teaching and service to our community.



I want to thank the CBA board of directors. Each one of them spends a lot of time to keep this congregation running. This year board member Henry Cohn is retiring from the board. He has been President twice and Treasurer for many of his 30 plus years as a member. He has been my mentor, sounding board and support for the last two years. Thank you, Henry. You will be missed. L'hitraot.

As summer season begins, we have many community events planned that I hope will pique your interest starting with a Matzah Brei Fry July 16. Please see this Shofar and coming cybershuls for this and other events.

I can also announce we'll have Jessie Leider as the High Holiday Chazzan this year. Jessie is a Northern California native. She recently moved to Los Angeles and is the daughter of former Kol Shofar Rabbi Susan Leider. Rabbi Miller and Jessie are already preparing to bring us meaningful and uplifting services. Information on High Holidays will be sent mid August. Renewal letters for 5784 will be sent mid July.

As my tour of service ends next fiscal year,

there will continue to be challenges and many wonderful surprises too. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. When I can help make positive connections, facilitate a happy event, work for and represent our community, I realize how fortunate I am to be part of Beth Ami. I look forward to next year and am grateful for each of you, and to our ultimate source too.

In peace and good health, Barbara McGee, President, 2023-2024



Our High Holy Day Cantor, Jessie Leider

The Religious Practices Committee is very, very happy to introduce our Cantor for the coming High Holy Days, Jessie Leider.

A native of California, Jessie grew up in Los Angeles where she was an active member of the Jewish and Performing Arts communities throughout her childhood. She completed her undergraduate studies in New York City, earning dual Bachelors of Arts degrees from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in French & Francophone Studies and Midrash.

Jessie has worked in formal and informal Jewish education spaces, including Berkeley Hillel and Congregation Kol Shofar in Tiburon, where she served as High Holy Day Cantor for 5 years. Since 2020, Jessie has enjoyed running her own small tutoring business, working with students of all ages on prayer leading, B'nai Mitzvah prep, music, and more.

Jessie loves traveling and foreign languages, and has spent extended periods living, vol-



unteering, and studying in France, Israel, and Mexico. Most recently, she had the amazing opportunity to spend three years living in Oaxaca, Mexico. This summer, Jessie will be returning to Los Angeles to pursue a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy at the California School of Professional Psychology.

When not studying or teaching, she enjoys writing music, painting, swimming, and salsa dancing. She is thrilled to be joining Congregation Beth Ami for the High Holy Days this year.

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Get Ready for a Beth Ami Rummage Sale Sunday August 20th

Even if your children and grandchildren don't want your old stuff, we have faith that there is somebody out there who not only wants it, but will pay money for it— money that can benefit Beth Ami's greatly needed fundraising efforts. Start collecting your stuff! David Kahn is our new Fundraising VP, and he along with Bonnie Boren will be sending out information and looking for volunteers to help. Stay tuned..

Ben Goldman

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Matzah Brei Fry in July! Sunday morning July 16th

Sunday July 16th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We'll answer the question, what to do with a wall of donated matzah? Well, come enjoy a Matzah Brei Fry on Sunday, July 16th and help us break down that wall.

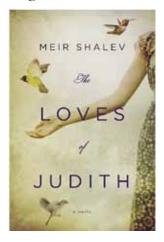
We'll have all your favorite toppings, which are much better in July than in April... plums, peaches, apricots, strawberries, cherries, everything is ripe now.

Our volunteer Matzah Brei cooks have perfected their techniques and the kitchen is ready to go. We are not charging but we rely on donations to buy supplies.

An RSVP email to the office helps too. Hope to see you there!

Beth Ami Book Group: The Loves of Judith by Linda Emblen

On Sunday, July 9, we'll meet for discussion of THE LOVES OF JUDITH (aka 4 MEALS) by Meir Shalev (Fiction, 315 pgs, Hebrew 1994, Engl. trans. 1999.) For those of you new to our congregation, we usually read fiction by Jewish authors and/or on Jewish themes and borrow books from the SF Jewish Community Library Book Club in a Box which includes 12 copies of the same title plus some in the original Hebrew. A few copies are still avail-



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able, even if you can't make this gathering. We like to get full use of the books and will deliver and pick up in the Santa Rosa area.

By Tuesday, July 18, A TALE OF LOVE AND DARKNESS by Amos Oz (Memoir, 560 pgs, Hebrew 2002, Engl. trans. 2004) will be



available here to borrow. Amos Oz, who grew up in Jerusalem in the years before and after Israeli independence, is a very famous and distinguished writer and his memoir is highly recommended by our Israeli/American writer and book club member, Dan Anbar. A TALE is also available as an e-book, audio book, AND as a MOVIE --- live-streaming and on Netflex. And I'm borrowing the DVD which will come with the book box. See www.jewishcommunitylibrary.org.

Usually, we meet in small. lively in-person discussion groups, 5-8 people, sometimes 2 groups, this time of year in my garden under the fig tree. Occasionally we meet in other members' homes. Last month Andy and Nancy Fleming graciously hosted us. For the Amos Oz memoir, we may meet in a somewhat larger group and view and discuss the movie too. Tune in to the Cybershul for update. Come regularly or for a particular book --- or movie. All CBA members and friends are welcome to participate. RSVP. Questions or comments to Linda 707-544-4532.

ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

by Carol Swanson, Chair

What have we been doing lately?

We visited the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center in Santa Rosa and saw some wonderful exhibits of local native America tribes, Pomo, Miwok, and Wappo. What a really fine cultural center. The center is partnered with the National Indian Justice Center and the California Indian Storytellers Association. We were fortunate to meet one of the directors and had an amazing discussion comparing Jewish and Native American stories of holocausts and discrimination. We hope to have her come speak at CBA. We plan to continue a relationship with the center and find ways to advocate for the social justice issues specific to the Pomo and Miwok community in Sonoma County.

In May our committee sponsored a Shabbat dinner which was followed with a panel of speakers who talked about our environment as a social justice issue. It was moderated by our own CBA member, Ilana Stoelting, daughter of Leanne and Mark Schy. Ilana is supervising park ranger at Sonoma County Regional Parks. Our guest speakers were Dan Levitis, Community Science Coordinator for Sonoma Ecology Center and Leah Halper, of the Climate Center Rapid Response Network of California. The future of our planet, what we can expect and how we can help was focused on. How is this a social justice issue? What can we do to take care of our planet and with Tikkun Olam in our hearts? It was an excellent evening that was motivational and inspirational.

> Our next project is an event that we hope everyone at CBA will participate in. **It is** called Reverse Tashlich; Tikkun Ha Yam. It is an international Jewish Community waterfront cleanup. On September 10, 2023 the Jewish community will come together around the world to clean their local environment for the 6th Annual Reverse Tashlich. Location, time and more information will be announced soon. www.repairthesea.org/ rt2023

> Our group meets 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.

Current members: Carol Swanson (Chair), Bonnie Boren, Betty Boyd, Myrna Morse,

Ellen Mundell, Lyla Nathan, Rabbi Miller, Michelle Zygielbaum, Myra Thomas, Jerry Newman.



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A Busy Year

The SAC committee consists of a dedicated group of people who volunteer in Tikkun Olam activities throughout the year. The committee has been active for many years. The current members are: Ellen Mundell, Michelle Zygielbaum, Andy and Nancy Fleming, Fredrika Gross, Judy Gunnar, Lenore Holloway, Leanne Schy, Bobbie Rosenthal, Judi Hyman, Deborah Sokolsky, Susan Miller, Karen Herskovic, Cheryle Miller and Lyla Nathan (chair)

This year we have concentrated our efforts at The Palms. The Palms is a converted motel on Santa Rosa Ave that serves chronically homeless vets or clients from Catholic Charities. The facility is managed by Catholic Charities. We serve in person. Our menu is generally the same: chili, salad, corn bread and brownies or cookies. Every dish is homemade. We serve about 100 people. Many of the residents know us and great us with "Shalom". We serve once every 2 months. We are serving Wednesday August 16.

This year we decided to have clothing and toiletries as part of our dinner. In the past it was a yearly event. We realized the need is

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great all year round.

I want to give a big shout out to the Beth Ami community for supporting the clothing and toiletries drive. We have received wonderful useful donations. The bins are in the foyer of the shul. Thanks so much.

A few months ago, we had a tour of the new Caritas Village. The village is owned and managed by Catholic Charities. It is a new state of the art wrap around facility for homeless and immigration services. It's the model that is hopefully the way of the future. There are tours every other Thursday. Sign up at Catholic Charities if interested. Last week we sponsored a very informative and interesting Friday night Shabbat featuring executives from the facility.

We still are supporting REFB. Hoping to set a date this summer to go as a group. However, you can always bring healthy food to the shul as the bins are there.

We have meetings every month. If you are interested in joining our team or would like to volunteer making something for the Palms you are very welcome. You can contact:

Lyla Nathan@707 -486-4905.



The Kitchen Corner

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



What's happening in the CBA Kitchen?

The Kitchen Committee is a sub-committee of the Religious Practices Committee. Before it was formed, the kitchen's use was strictly limited to those persons the Rabbi trusted to follow the rules of Kashrut, use the available equipment safely, and keep everything secure.

To open the CBA Kitchen to more people, in 2011, this sub-committee was formed to encourage the use of the CBA kitchen while following the Congregation Beth Ami's established guidelines and practices to ensure Kashrut status, safety, hygiene, and security were maintained. Our main task is to train and provide volunteer mashgichim to supervise and advise those who want to use the kitchen to prepare kosher food for their events.

In 2022, with the COVID pandemic going into its third year, we gradually saw the COVID infections and hospitalization rates dropping and the CBA Kitchen increasing in use. Shabbat lunches were restarted in June 2022, evolving from being fully sponsored and prepared in the CBA Kitchen to gradually returning to Potluck lunches as the COVID cases declined. In July, we were able to have a Matzo Brei Fry, and in September there was an outdoor BBQ. By

the time the High Holy Days and Sukkot were approaching, and the COVID case numbers continued to drop, we were discussing resuming our 'normal' activities. In December, every one enjoyed the kitchen made applesauce and latkes made for the Hanukah Party. The First Friday Shabbat Dinners were restarted in January with David Kahn being our cook in charge. So far this year we have had great food and entertainment with Klezmer Creek or have had meaningful panel discussions. We also had Mark Dierkhising (owner of Midtown and Parkside Dierk's Cafe), and Bernard and Maria Soltes (owners of Pasta Etc) add some exciting touches and help with some of the monthly dinners. In February and early March, we baked over 800 Hamantashen for the Shalach Manos Bags. Purim Services. and the Purim Piano Bar event. Passover was celebrated with a second night community seder and with either a lunch or an oneg after each in person holiday service. There was another BBQ on May 9th to celebrate Lag B'Omer. For Shavuot, besides having treats for the Tikkun Leil, about 75 blintzes were made to be enjoyed during the lunches served after Shavuot services. During this past year we also celebrated two B'nai Mitzvah, and had a few special birthdays celebrations.



THE KITCHEN CORNER

Throughout the year, chal-

lah was made in the CBA Kitchen for Kiddush for holidays and Shabbat. With our ongoing potluck lunches, we now have five mashgichim who have volunteered to organize one Shabbat Potluck per month. There is a new Dinner Team of volunteers formed to make the Shabbat Dinners be even easier to organize.

As the new year of 2023-2024 starts, we are looking forward to the continuation of our Shabbat Potluck Lunches, and First Friday Dinners. Currently there are more summer plans being discussed. Look forward to another Matzo Brei Fry and another BBQ before the High Holy Days arrive.

As events are developed, if food is involved, it is the volunteer mashgichim that opened up the kitchen to allow anyone to use the CBA kitchen. We also provided a Mashgiach class in late June 2022 to start training new candidates and provide a review for our volunteer Mashgichim. We continue to work on developing policies and procedures to help everyone (those who keep kosher and those who don't) understand how to maintain the CBA kitchen's Our chair of the Kitchen Committee is Myra Thomas. Our Mashgiach-in-charge of the Kitchen Committee is Rabbi Mordecai Miller.

On behalf of the kitchen committe, Thank you

Needs for the Kitchen

The Potluck Lunches needs food items donated. We need canned foods like tuna, salmon, kippers, mackerel, sardines, jars (not the restaurant size please) of mayonnaise, mustard, pickle relish, other condiments, cheeses (plain, domestic please), and of course; crackers, cookies. Remember packages need to be unopened and marked Kosher. Please no out-of-date foods.

If you are planning to bring a dish to our potluck, wonderful! Just remember to please make certain it follows the potluck guidelines. If you have any questions, just ask someone who's a mashgiach or on the kitchen committee. If they don't know, they know whom to ask.

Thank you! *Enjoy,* —*Janet Stein-Larson*

Kashrut status and keep everyone safe. In addition. this committee working along with the Facilities Committee sees to the maintenance of Kitchen, the appliances, and storage for supplies and food. Thanks go out to all of our volunteer mashgichim and members of the Kitchen Committee who help with all of this.



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ISRAEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Eli Cohen, Chair, Israel Committee Views in this editorial are those of the author

To Build Jewish Pride and End Jew Hatred

On Tisha B'Av Jews remember all Jewish catastrophes throughout history, including the Holocaust. This column explores catastrophe arising today within Judaism.

Russia Creates False Narratives. The Russian government used "active measures" against its Jewish population even before Stalin came to power. In 1903, the Czar commissioned the fabrication and dissemination of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a forgery about a conspiracy by Jews to do evil things, including killing Christian children and controlling the world. At that time, its purpose was internal to Russia, to rile up the masses to kill Jews. The lie spread. Later, Hitler used the forgery as justification for his final solution. The forgery is now widely distributed in Arab countries, Europe, the Americas, and even Japan. More recently, the falsification was used for the 30part miniseries televised throughout the Middle East. Syria later televised a 29-part Syrian series that aired in Lebanon, Jordan, and Iran.

Russian active measures, the set of tactics and strategies employed by the Russian government to influence events and shape narratives, expanded domestically and internationally in the following years. In recent years, this warfare has included sowing Jews have always served as the world's bogeyman. The KGB used bogeymen worldwide to create Jew-hatred.

- In Africa, they blamed Jews for Apartheid.
- In Latin America, for Imperialism.
- In Asia, with Japanese-style Irredentism and Revanchism.
- They allied with Arab countries, using the Jewish State as the common enemy. Russia armed Egypt and other Arab countries, whose aim was to annihilate the Jewish State.

Elsewhere, I summarized conclusive evidence that the KGB was instrumental in establishing Fatah and the PLO. They not only recruited and trained both Arafat and Abbas but were even very active in writing the PLO constitution.

Today we see all canards merged. The Jewish State is now accused of Racism, Apartheid, and Ethnic Cleansing. Jews are accused of controlling the news, entertainment, comedy, film, and TV, aiding in the Holocaust, disloyalty to their host country, war mongering, killing civilians, crimes and human rights abuses, occupation, pulling the strings for all global affairs, and holding outsized influence over US policy. *...continued next page*

confusion, manipulating public opinion, and creating divisions in targeted societies. These measures can include various activities, such as disinformation campaigns, propaganda dissemination, cyber operations, and covert operations. It can be summarized as disseminating untruths and establishing layers to obfuscate its source, then using any or all the above activities to drown out the truth and morality. It is now actively being used to create Jew Hatred and to deny the Iewish State.

משנה אבות א׳:י״ד (יד) הוּא הָיָה אוֹמֵר, אָם אֵין אֲנִי לִי, מִי לִי. וּכְשֶׁאֲנִי לְעַצְמִי, מָה אֲנִי. וְאָם לֹא עַכְשֶׁיו, אֵימָתַי:

Pirkei Avot 1:14

(14) He [Rabbi Hillel] used to say: If I am not for me, who will be for me? And when I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now, then when?

Congregation Beth Ami continues to follow the teaching of Rabbi Hillel as expressed in Pirkei Avot. We take seriously "If i am not for me, who will be for me?" We do not stop there. We do not forget the second sentence: "And when I am only for myself, what am I?" And we can all agree on "And if not now, when." —Shofar Editor

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KULANU: SYNAGOGUES IN ACTION AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

This National Program from USCJ and ADL Welcomes Beth Ami Participation

With the rise of antisemitic incidents over the last few years, USCJ and ADL have partnered to offer you the opportunity to participate in a nationwide synagogue engagement program called Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism. This no-cost, self-directed program for congregations of any size and budget educates and empowers clergy, staff and lay leaders to mobilize their members and local community in the fight against antisemitism and hate.

Kulanu, meaning "all of us", is an 8-month program running from October 2023 to June 2024. More than 30 USCJ synagogues participated in the first cohort of Kulanu, and we invite you to join the next cohort by applying by August 15, 2023. Participating congregations benefit from ADL experts, resources and content including an initiative inspiration library in addition to networking opportunities with Kulanu congregations across the country.

Kulanu synagogues form working groups to develop and launch two initiatives about combatting antisemitism in advocacy, community engagement, and education. One initiative is internal, engaging cohorts and age groups within your synagogue. The other initiative engages external organizations beyond your synagogue such as local non-profits, advocacy organizations, schools, faith communities or interfaith groups. Participating synagogues also benefit from a Community of Practice and exclusive access to ADL experts, content and webinars. Kulanu synagogues develop the necessary tools to activate their communities. If you are interested in spearheading or participating in this effort, contact Barb McGee 707-953-2526.

ISRAEL COMMITTEE Continued...

Throughout history, Jews were blamed for whatever they feared or hated. For all, our people are the universal Bogeyman. For example, consider the following:

- For Christians, we killed their Messiah
- For Moslems, we are infidels who must be subjugated
- During the dark ages, when the Black Plague killed much of the population of Europe, we were blamed for poisoning wells
- To Whites, Jews are colored •
- To Blacks, Jews are white.
- To socialists, Jews are capitalists.
- To capitalists, Jews are socialists. Everybody hates the Jews for their own reasons. Russian active measures against Jews did not die when the USSR collapsed. Even today, France reports finding KGB disinformation against Jews and Israel.

Divisions within Jewry. Active measures are designed to create or widen divisions. We see divisions growing within Jewry, where the largest division is Particularism and Universalism. For many Jews, Universalism as found in Russia has replaced Jewish particularism. Judaism teaches that they must be balanced. Instead, Universalism has created a schism within the Jewish People.

Jewish students at a pluralistic community high school learned about Kristallnacht and were then asked what they learned and for what cause they would not be silent. Their answers included homophobia, sexism, and gun violence. Not one mentioned antisemitism.

Holocaust education often stresses Universalism. Holocaust Remembrance Day should be about how Nazis and others aimed to kill all Jews worldwide because of their race and culture. Instead, the Holocaust is diluted and diminished by including all mass killings.

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, a well-known rabbi, said in his presentation to a gathering of Reform Rabbis, "I fear we are losing the soul of the Reform Movement" because of its embrace of Universalism. He pleaded with his fellow rabbis to heed the Jewish obligations to the Jewish People and the Jewish State.

Let me end with what I think we should do now. To end or at least diminish Jew-hatred, I believe we should instill Jewish pride in ourselves, our children, and our congregations. Jewish pride depends on Jewish education.

Media put out by "The Jewish Leadership Project" pronounces that current mainstream Jewish leaders have been sorely deficient in addressing these issues. -Eli Cohen

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. Friday Erev Shabbat services will be held on Zoom, and in person when Rabbi Miller is on site. First Fridays of the month will be in person as well as Zoom and feature a Shabbat dinner following. Weekday services are on Zoom. See the Rabbi's Virtual Calendar each week on the Beth Ami website: bethamisr.org. Hearing Assistive Devices are available for in-person events, and live transcript captioning for Zoom.

Daily Daven

Sunday - Friday Mornings

7:30 am. Torah Study (*Please* note that often there is no class on Wednesday Mornings)8:00 am. Morning Services

Sunday- Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm. Evening services

July Services

June 30 Friday

3:00 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Children's Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer 6:00 pm. Kabalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller

July 1 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service lay led,8:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv9:27 pm. Havdalah

July 7 Friday

3:00 pm. Mincha5:45 pm. Music6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat withLeah Gerber, NO DINNER

July 8 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service lay led
8:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv
9:25 pm. Havdalah

July 14 Friday

3:00 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Children's story by Isaac Bashevis Singer 6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Leah Gerber

July 15 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service lay-led8:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv,9:20 pm. Havdalah

July 19 Wednesday 8:00 am Rosh Chodesh Services on Zoom (Daily Minyan)

July 21 Friday 3:00 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Music 6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Leah Gerber

July 22 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service (Rabbi Miller on Zoom)8:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv9:15 pm. Havdalah

July 26 Wednesday Erev Tisha B'Av 8:00 pm. Services begin, 8:27 pm. Fast begins (Chanting the Book of Lamentations)

July 27 Thursday 8:00 am Tisha B'Av service on Zoom 9:10 pm Fast ends

July 28 Friday 3:00 pm. Mincha 5:50 pm. Children's story by Isaac Bashevis Singer 6:00 pm. Kabalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller

July 29 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller8:15 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv,9:08 pm. Havdalah

August Services

August 4 Friday

3:00 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Children's Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer 6:00 pm. Kabalat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Miller

6:45 pm Shabbat Dinner

Special Barbecue

(Reservations with payment required by preceding Wednesday)



August 5 Saturday 9:30 am. Shabbat morning services with Rabbi Miller 8:00 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv 9:00 pm Havdalah

Services at Beth Ami

Continued...

August 11 Friday

3:00 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Children's Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer 6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Leah Gerber

August 12 Saturday

9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller7:50 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv8:50 pm. Havdalah

August 17 Thursday

8:00 am. Rosh Chodesh Elul Day 1 on Zoom (Daily Minyan)

August 18 Friday

8:00 am. Rosh ChodeshElul Day 2 on Zoom (Daily Minyan)3:00 pm. Mincha;5:45 pm. Music6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat withLeah Gerber

August 19 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service lay led8:40 pm. Mincha, Discussion Ma'ariv8:40 pm Havdalah

August 25 Friday

3:00 pm. Mincha 5:45 pm. Children's Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer 6:00 pm. Kabalat Shabbat with Rabbi Miller

August 26 Saturday

9:30 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Miller7:30 pm. Mincha, Discussion, Ma'ariv8:30 pm Havdalah



Lisa Iskin, Leab Gerber and Rabbi Mordecai Miller leading an outdoors musical Sing in Shabbat for a summer Erev Shabbat.

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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*





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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 June 30 & July 1		July 28 Lotte Batzdorf		Announced on August 18 & 19	
July 2	Lillian Cohen Mother of Leonard Cohen		Grandmother of Jon Batzdorff	Aug 21	Esther bas Aaron v' Meira Mother of
July 3	Beatrice Adams Mother of Barbara McGee	July 28	Eric Batzdorff Son of Rose & Jon Batzdorff, Crandson of	Aug 22	Karen Zimmerman Sid Burwell Wife of Riis Burwell
July 3	Rosa Iskin Mother of Lisa Iskin		Batzdorff, Grandson of Susanne Batzdorff	Aug 22	Arnold Drake Husband of
July 5	Barney Abrams	Announced July 28 & 29			Mieneke Drake
July 6	Father of Patty Bernstein Samuel Weiss Grandfather of Dan Weiss	July 29	J.J. Mattson Son of Tish Levee	Aug 22	Esther Rosenbaum Mother of
July 7	Esther Morse Sister-in-law of	July 30	Anita Herman Grandmother of Howard Glickman	Aug 25	Lauren Buchsbaum Salvatore Riggio Father of Nick Riggio
July 7	Myrna Morse Joseph Robinson Father of Myrna Morse	July 31	Herbert Newman Husband of Edith Newman and Father of	Aug 25	Joyce Vrobel Mother of Laura Alexander
		Carol & Michael Newman		Announ	ced on August 25 & 26
Announ July 14	aced on July 7 & 8 Morton Goldstein Father of Marilyn Diamond	Aug 1	Bertha Brunstein Grandmother of David Brunstein	Aug 27	Dorothy Drain Grandmother of Janet Stein-Larson
Announced on July 14 & 15 July 18 John Ballo		Aug 2	Ruth Weiss Mother of Dan Weiss	Aug 27	Martin Rosenblatt Father of Robin Rosenblatt
July 18	Father of David Ballo Jeanette Friedman	Aug 3	Sylvia Goldman Mother of Ben Goldman	Aug 28	Ruth Newman Mother of Jerry Newman
<i>july</i> 10	Grandfather of Joslyn Metzger	Aug 3	Sylvia Williams Mother of Lenore Holloway	Aug 28	Elie Negrin Father of Ronit Glickman
July 19	Louis Shapiro Father-in-Law of Phyllis Shapiro	Announ Aug 5	reed on August 4 & 5 Pearl Nathan	Aug 29	Bitty Gladstone Mother of Connie Goldman
July 21	Edwin Dudley Father of Ruth Wilson	Aug 8	Mother of Asher Nathan Patricia Kauffman Mother of	Aug 29	William Hahn Father of Edith Newman
July 21	Marion Dudley Mother of Ruth Wilson	Aug 10	Raphael Kauffman Alice Miller	Aug 29	Harry" Huck" Schulman Cousin of Judith Helman
July 21	Aaron Baruch Father of Esther Baruch	Aug 11	Mother of Susan Miller Willy Cohn	Aug 30	Selby Morse Husband of Myrna Morse
Announ	ced on July 21 & 22	8	Father of Henry Cohn	Aug 31	Susan Yelin Mother of Francie Rogovin
July 22	Saul Gordon Father-in-Law of Marjorie Gordon	Announ Aug 12	Iced on August 11 & 12 John Rosenbach	Sept 1	Estelle Kahn Mother of Richard Kahn
July 23	Avraham Levanon Brother-in-Law of Ahuva Simon-Saar	Aug 13	Husband of Rhonda Rosenbach Rose Volper, Friend of		
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- 5 Rad Sommer
- 6 Lauren Newman
- 16 Henry Cohn
- 16 Andrea Nett
- 17 Terry Gurevitch
- 18 Dr. Michael Mundell
- 19 Connie Goldman
- 20 Marilvn Diamond
- 20 Rhonda Rosenbach
- 22 Raphael Kauffman
- 28 Patty Bernstein
- 31 Lee Mehlman

July Anniversaries

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- 12 Andrew & Susan Brown
- 25 Rayme & Michael Shapiro

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- Tad Shapiro 1
- 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

- Joslyn Metzger 8 & 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



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July and August Candlelighting

June 30 - July 1 Hukkat/ Balak Candle Lighting-8:20 pm Shabbat Nachamu Havdalah—9:26 pm

July 7 - 8 Pinchas Candle Lighting-8:20 pm Ekev Havdalah-9:25 pm

July 14 - 15 Mattot/Masei Shabbat Mevarchim HaChodesh Candle Lighting—8:17 pm Havdalah—9:21 pm

July 21 - 22 Devarim Shabbat Hazon Candle Lighting—8.01 pm Havdalah—9:06 pm

July 26 Erev Tish'a B'Av Fast begins-8:27 pm

July 27 Tish'a B'Av Fast ends-9:02 pm

July 28 - 29 Va'et-channan Candle Lighting—8:07 pm Havdalah-9:09 pm

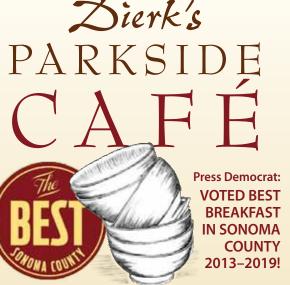
August 4 - 5 Candle Lighting-8:00 pm Havdalah—9:01 pm

August 11 - 12 Re'eh Shabbat Mevarchim HaChodesh Candle Lighting—7:49 pm Havdalah-8:50 pm

August 18 - 19 Shoftim Candle Lighting—7:43 pm Havdalah—8:42 pm

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