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HAPPY CHANUKAH



Suzie and Bill Friedman light Chanukah candles at the Beth Ami latke party. This year's party will be on the eighth night: December 21. (see page 7)

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FIRE! WHERE DO I GO?

We didn't know either, so your security team recently met with our local fire inspector and found out.

Over the next few months, we'll conduct fire drills and show you what we learned. — *Esther Baruch*

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CELEBRATION, LEARNING, EDUCATION AND
PRAYER.



JONATHAN GOLDSTEIN, WRITING ON OCTOBER 9, 2023

Rabbi Ron Koas

A reminder to all of us. Jonathan Goldstein is a past chairman of the UK Jewish Leadership Council and the CEO of Cain International. Here is an article he wrote October 9, 2023, that I would like to share with you (he didn't know yet the real numbers).

"The weekend's events in Israel are beyond comprehension. As I left Ben Gurion airport on Sunday, I felt mixed emotions: happiness, because being in London meant I could hug my kids — a joy taken away from so many over the weekend. At the same time, I felt guilt that I was leaving Israel at a time when the country needs our support — moral, physical, and financial.

Israel needs to know that Jews and non-Jews around the world bleed when Jews bleed. It needs to know that the young people at the party in the Negev Desert who were indiscriminately gunned down are our sons and daughters, that the grandma taken into Gaza and paraded on a golf buggy is our grandma, and that the brave young men and women tasked by the IDF to avenge more than 700 murdered and over 130 hostages are sons and daughters to us all. In the case of my niece and nephew, that should be taken literally.

The political and military inquest will and should happen. How could this take place? How did the intelligence not know? And why did it take the army so long (apparently) to respond? These are not questions we in London can answer. I am sure, in time, the Israeli people will demand this of their leaders.

So what can we do as we sit here in London, New York, or anywhere else? To me, it's clear: we must give our unstinting and total support to whatever action Israel determines in its absolute discretion as an appropriate response to this atrocity.

Imagine for a moment that one bright sunny morning, dozens of armed men landed on the Welsh or Floridian coast and murdered hundreds of our countrymen and women in cold blood, over 260 of them attending a nature party

in the desert. Imagine them taking your brother or sister and 130 other people hostages, parading them on social media whether dead or alive! Imagine celebrating and dancing in the streets around the bodies of dead soldiers and civilians. What would an English or American "proportional response" to this be?

The answer is: I, myself, do not know and I am relieved I am not the one making that decision. What I do know is that whatever Israel decides is good with me. It is for Israel to decide how to protect itself against this barbarism and, however difficult the next few weeks may be, I urge Britain, the US and their allies, as well as Jewish communities worldwide to stand full square behind whatever action Israel takes. No nuance. No half measures. Loud, proud, and uncompromising. We have witnessed evil this weekend the likes of which the Jewish people have not experienced since the fall of the Nazis. Let us remember that always and stand full square behind the land and people who are our brothers and sisters and who, now more than ever before, need our full and unequivocal support."

All I can say after two years of war is, "Baruch atah Adonai, matir asurim" a Hebrew phrase from the siddur, a Jewish prayer that translates to "Blessed are You, Adonai, who frees the captive". It is part of our daily liturgy and is often recited in times of hope and concern for those held captive or imprisoned.

This prayer was especially relevant in the past two years, during times of crisis involving hostages, and we recited it with added urgency, praying for the safe return of those held captive.

The live hostages are back home, the war is almost over, and we are waiting for the dead hostages to be back home as well, and have a dignified Jewish burial. Just then, I will be able to remove my yellow bracelet, and sleep peacefully. Thank you, Robbie Gitlin (and Karla), for every Friday evening leading a meditation service. As we told each other, time and again, prayers help!!!



FROM THE BOARD

Richard Kahn on the roof

I first attended the board as an observer, probably 20 years ago and since then I've been a member and had several positions at this point.

I'm in charge of facilities and physical security. Congregation Beth Ami is the place where I can go and feel that I'm doing the mitzvah of doing good for others. Gives me an opportunity to contribute to the policies and practices

that advance our community.

The latest project that I completed was the solar panel installation for the sanctuary. They can be seen in this photo along with a new sealant coating that we all hope will end leaks this winter.





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new members

Dr. Elianna Sternfeld

Sakina Bryant

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Sandra Shulkin

Lenore Holloway

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Anna Judd

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Chip Swanson

Kathleen Whiting

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Monthly class on Mondays

Join us for our next Nevi'im (Prophets) class on Monday, November 10, at 6:00 PM, where Rabbi Koas will lead us in looking at the books of the Prophets. Following Simchat Torah's celebration of completing this past year's annual Torah reading cycle, we will be picking up where Deuteronomy leaves off by diving into the Book of Joshua.

As we join the generation that crosses the Jordan to enter the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, the children of Israel will encounter a new set of trials, tribulations, and miracles during the conquest of Canaan. This class will be an ongoing endeavor taking place every month on the third Monday at 6:00 as we work our way through the Prophets. Make sure to bring snacks and an appetite for learning more about the history of our people.



Zoe Baruch

November 15: Introducing Tot Shabbat!

We're excited to invite you and your little ones to a brand-new, kid-friendly Shabbat experience led by Zoe Baruch. Join us once a month for Tot Shabbat, a warm and playful hour designed just for children ages 1 to 5. We'll have stories, songs, and activities that help introduce our youngest members to the beauty of Shabbat and Jewish traditions in a way that's fun and engaging.

Beginning November 15th from 11:00 am until noon. Bring your kids, let them sing along, and watch them discover the joy of Shabbat in a welcoming and lively atmosphere.

Then join us for lunch! We can't wait to celebrate together. (Next date: December 20)

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Sponsored by Congregation Beth Ami, underwritten by Absolute Music



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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December 21 Sunday 4:30 pm Chanukah Community Party, with latkes and 8 candles!

Sunday December 21 is the eighth night of Chanukah, and we are happy to be continuing our traditional Beth Ami Board-sponsored latke dinner.

4:30 - 5:00 schmooze, card/board games

5:16 a short service, and light candles (Bring your Chanukiah and 9 candles!) Followed by Latke (and salad) dinner served

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6:00 - Music and singing with Susy Boimoil Starr, and Jeremy Lipsin!

RSVP to the Beth Ami office by Thursday, Dec. 18, or we won't have enough latkes! FREE, donations are accepted with gratitude.

The Social Action Committee is collecting non-perishable food for the Redwood Empire Food Bank, and winter items for the residents of the Palms. See page 12 for more information. They will have baskets for drop off.





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Save the Date: Chinese food and comedy at Beth Ami, on December 25!

The chefs of Beth Ami are so good at latkes, they are ready for an additional challenge: Chinese food at Beth Ami on December 25. Menus and entertainment are being planned, (and cost figured out) so watch cybershul and our website for developments.



CBA Book Group update

Next up : YOUR PRESENCE IS MANDATORY by award-winning author Sasha Vasilyuk. 12 copies from SFJC Library available November 7 for early December discussion.

Then in December: We have reserved the ONE BAY ONE BOOK selection for this Jewish calendar year, FAGIN THE THIEF, by Allison Epstein. A novel expanding on Dickens' OLIVER TWIST character Fagin the Jew. This one is, for sure, available in e-book and audiobook format also. Write leah@jewishcommunitylibrary.org.

All CBA members and their friends are always welcome to our discussions. See Cybershul for more info and phone Linda (707-544-4532) to comment or borrow a book.



Programs led by Rabbi Koas

Torah Study Every Shabbat at 9:00 to 9:45 am, when Rabbi Koas leads Services, which will follow at 9:45 a.m.

Torah on Tap: November 13, December 18 at 6:30 pm We provide the beer. You provide the nosh. (Veggie only – follow potluck guidelines.)

Torah on Trails: November 9, December 7, usually Second Sunday of the month **at 10:30 am** email the rabbi for meeting place: rabbi@bethamir.org

Prayers and Breakfast, November 9, December 7 at 9 am; On the second Sunday of the month (usually) weekday morning minyan services (shorter than Shabbat!) and breakfast.

Lunch and Learn: November 12, December 10, usually 2nd Wednesday of the month: lunch at noon, class 12:30 to 1:30 pm Order a Veggie Wrap or Tuna Sandwich (box lunch, chips and a drink for \$12). Order through the office at 707-360-3000 by the Monday prior.

Havdalah Gathering: November 15, December 20 at 8:00 pm. Gather round to end Shabbat together.

Nevi'im, the Prophets Monday, November 10, December 8 at 6:00 PM, where Rabbi Koas will lead us in looking at the books of the Prophets.

Introduction to Judaism/Bnai Mitzvah Class Wednesdays November 12, December 10, 7:00 pm. How to be Jewish for beginners. A step-by-step guide to gaining an understanding of Judaism and Jewish life. Contact Rabbi Koas if you are interested rabbi@bethamir.org.

All are welcome at Beth Ami's programs.

BETH AMI GIFT SHOP

Menorahs, dreidels, colorful candles, latka servers, beeswax candle-making kits, Chanukah decorations and more.

**Office open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. Monday - Thursday and
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday. Call 707-360-3000**

If possible, make an appointment with Elizabeth before your visit.

Call Bonnie Boren at 528-1628 to order special items.





THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

(Myra Stern Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee)

Post holiday slowdown? Not in the kitchen!

After the High Holy Days and Sukkot, we enter a slower period between the holidays in the Jewish calendar cycle. But that doesn't apply when food is concerned. We still have our regularly scheduled monthly Shir Shabbat Family Dinners, monthly Erev Shabbat Friday casual potluck dinners, weekly Shabbat potluck lunches, monthly Sunday daven with breakfast, Wednesday Lunch and Learn, and Thursday Torah on Tap. Plus, there are a few big events coming up that will involve the the CBA kitchen. There will be an Absolute Music program on November 23rd, the Board of CBA Hanukah Party featuring latkas on December 21st, and the Kung Pau Comic Night (with a Chinese meal) on December 25th. So, as far as the CBA kitchen and the CBA Kitchen Committee is concerned, it is business as usual.

It's the CBA Kitchen Committee that deals with

food and food safety during events, large or small. They also strive to maintain the kitchen, the kitchen supplies, the Kashrui status, food and kitchen use safety. If any event needs to use the CBA Kitchen, the Kitchen Committee is involved. We are all constantly learning and relearning which is why we try to have periodic classes.

If you are interested, we have a general class on the Introduction to the CBA Kitchen. It introduces some of the topics you need to be aware of when you work in our CBA Kosher Kitchen. It touches on topics of Kashrui, food safety, general safety and more. As it's a broad topic, there are articles and references provided which go deeper into each topic. We are thinking of doing a class in our near future and we would like your feedback.

Being a volunteer mashgiach at CBA takes more than just the class, you need experience.



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THE KITCHEN CORNER

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If you are interested in that let us know.

Do you bake Challah? We have a lot of challah bakers out there. Are you interested in a class, or just a group meet and bake challah discussion, for sharing techniques or recipes? Let us know?

Is there another type of food class you may be interested in taking, or teaching us?

If you are interested in any of the above or something else reach out to our chairperson Myra Stern-Thomas. We may be volunteers, but we aim to try our best.

Food and Potluck Guidelines simplified

Have you noticed that the Food and Potluck Guidelines have been simplified? The goal is to make things easier for people to make and bring in food to share. What you do at home is to make dairy or pareve vegetarian dish (using kosher ingredients) and bring it in a dish designated just for CBA use or bring it in a disposable dish. Leave that dish either in the Social Hall or Multi-Use room. We have a small refrigerator and microwave if needed. This way Friday night potlucks items may be warmed up (but you do need to do this in your own dish). Your leftover food can either be shared with the other participants, or you can bring it

home. Left over foods left at CBA will be put in compost bin. This way all food stays out of the kitchen which is kosher.

For Saturday Shabbat lunches we have volunteer mashgichim who work in the kitchen to make some basic dishes for all to share: simple salads, bagels and cream cheese, maybe a dessert, sometimes more (fruit, cheese and crackers etc.). The more dishes brought in, the easier it is to make a festive meal, and easier for the volunteers. They also oversee set up and clean up. If you wish to contribute to our food cabinet, we can use jars or canned or packaged foods (but not restaurant size please—we hate to throw out outdated or spoiled food) like tuna, salmon, kippers,

mackerel, sardines, salad dressing, mustard, pickle relish, other condiments, cheeses (plain, domestic cheese please), and of course; crackers, cookies. Remember packages need to be unopened and marked Kosher. Also, gentle reminder that home rules are different then community kitchen rules, we can't accept or use outdated food for CBA use due to safety reasons.

We survive due to our volunteers. The various teams of volunteers that put together and oversee all of the above events (and more) are the main reason we can do these events. This also includes all the other volunteers who donate with money, equipment, food, drinks, or labor. This is how our CBA events work. I may focus on events with food involving the CBA kitchen, but this also applies to most of what happens at Congregation Beth Ami.

If we didn't have volunteers, what would we accomplish?

Thank you all, and if you are able, please consider volunteering for one of our committees (if you haven't already). Help, big or small, is very appreciated. We survive and thrive because of our volunteers. —Janet Stein-Larson

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SOCIAL ACTION

by Lyla Nathan, Chair

Calling for Winter Donations

Shalom all,

As the days get shorter and cooler we are aware of the winter needs of others. The Social Action Committee is having our annual dinner and clothing and toiletries distribution at The Palms on December 17 this year. Our Beth Ami community has always been very generous and we are hoping for the same kindness this season.. Todah Rabat! Please donate clean, slightly or never worn, large sizes for men and women who reside at The Palms Inn. Clothing: socks, hats, scarves, gloves, sweatshirts, warm tops, jeans, rain gear, jackets, shoes, slippers. Toiletries: tampons, pads, toothbrush and paste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. There will be bins in the foyer of the shul until Monday, December 15.

If anyone is interested in helping with dinner please contact Lyla Nathan 707 486-4905 or Elizabeth at the office 707-360-3000 There can never be too many cookies.

Suspension of SNAP

As I write this article for the Shofar, SNAP (Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program) will be halted on November 1. The US Department of Agriculture announced the suspension of benefits last week due to the government shutdown and lack of funds. This is a huge loss



to the 43,000 Sonoma County residents, affecting nearly 23,000 households. These are not numbers, they are our neighbors!

As a result of the suspension of SNAP, people will have to rely heavily on our Redwood Empire Food Bank. The food bank is the most efficient way to distribute food to the residents in need. They have been preparing to deal with the influx of clients.

We, as a giving community, have supported the food bank for many years. Now they need our help to feed our neighbors who have lost their benefits. Please give to REFB now by bringing healthy staples (canned tuna, or chicken, pasta, rice, healthy cereal etc.) volunteering at the food bank or distribution site, and most importantly donating money so they can buy in bulk. Any way we can help will be a mitzvah!

Thanks to everyone in our Kehilla in advance. We are a loving congregation! The website for food bank: refb.org Telephone 707-5237900

Shalom, Lyla Nathan



ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

by Carol Swanson, Chair



Reverse Tashlich was another success this year. Member attendance was not as great as last year, but we found plenty of opportunities to beautify Doyle Park. We plan on continuing this tradition next year. We are searching for another location in, or near Santa Rosa that needs Tikkun Olam. We appreciate your feedback and new ideas. Perhaps doing it right after the High Holy Days is preferred. Please let us know what you think.

Our committee is continuing to work on designing and creating a **banner** that supports an important social justice issue. It will represent a quote from Leviticus, about being strangers in new lands. We feel committed to supporting

our immigrant citizens that live in our community. This is one way to express our support and be reminded of our ancestors' struggles. We will keep the Board and the membership informed as we continue.

We have also made a **tzedakah box** to help provide funds to immigrants who are needing legal support. Any donation will go to VIDAS: Vital Immigrant Defense Advocacy Services of Sonoma County. You will see the box in the entry way to the sanctuary soon. To learn more about VIDAS go to <https://vidaslegal.org/>

We continue to stay in touch with Yana Kalmykova and her family, the **Ukrainian immigrants** that our synagogue welcomed at our Friday, Shabbat service two years ago. Our Advocates for Social Justice committee sponsored Yana and her son when she was living in Santa Rosa with a family while waiting for her husband to get a visa to come here. They are doing well, now living in the Los Angeles area.

What we have planned for the future

We are also creating a resource list to provide support for local immigrants. More information to come later.

Our committee

We meet every month on the third Thursday at 1:00 at CBA. Please join us. Members: Bonnie Boren, Rabbi Koas, Lyla Nathan, Myrna Morse, Michelle Zygielbaum, Barb McGee, Susan Miller, Tamar Landau-Camarillo, Carol Swanson, chairperson.





ISRAEL COMMITTEE

Teddy Bear Project

by Esther Baruch

Teddy Bear Milestones: One year, 200 bears

Hard to believe that the Teddy Bear Project will soon celebrate its first anniversary.

We're also about to ship our 200th bear. All the bears reach Israeli children traumatized by the events on and since October 7th. Some have been orphaned. Some haven't seen their dad in months. Some have spent too many nights huddled in shelters.

It's been so gratifying to see photos of the young recipients hugging their teddies. Three youngsters from a kindergarten that recently re-opened after being evacuated since October 7th made a very sweet, very touching little video thanking us for the bears.

The families are also gratified to know that Americans support them. We enclose notes to go with each bear, listing all the makers and letting them know we're thinking of them.



Thanks to all who have knit, crocheted, and sewn teddies, all who have donated shipping funds, and all who have filled their suitcases with teddy bears as they take off for Israel.

Want to be part of this heartwarming project? Let me know at finishingtouches18@gmail.com
Esther Baruch



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Teddy Bear Project,...continued

What inspires us

It's an easy thing to do,
to give a child love and
support, to bring joy. —*Susy
Boimoil Starr*

Kids need love. We send
the bears to help them feel
secure. Everyone needs
to be hugged and to hug
someone/something. —
Lauren Newman

We teach love, not hatred.
—*Rafaela Ozlem-Equils*

I am of the deep belief
that everyone needs a teddy
bear. —*Barbara Tomin*

The whole idea is to give
comfort to the children and
their parents. To be good
to the children, to show love. It's important
because it's the work of God. That's what we
do in our lives.—*Susan Morabito*

I really enjoy the camaraderie and doing
something even if it is a small act for the
children in Israel. Can't believe it's been
already a year. Thanks, Esther, for your
leadership on the project and happy travels to
the 200+ teddy bears. —*Barb McGee*

What we love about our group

I enjoy the warmth and camaraderie of the
group. Even though they're there and we're
here, this project brings us together. —*Rafaela
Ozlem-Equils*

It lets me explore my artistic side, my
creativity. I like playing with color and pattern.
Every bear is different. The meetings are like
an old-fashioned quilting bee. —*Adrea Moss*

We talk, we laugh, we help each other, we
laugh some more. We have fun together while
keeping our commitment to Israel and to the
next generation. They're on the front lines for
all of us. —*Esther Baruch*

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All **Shabbat Morning** Services will be held in person and on Zoom. **Friday night** Kabbalat Shabbat services will be held in person and on Zoom unless noted below.

November Services

November 7 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan
6:00 pm. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Koas and Klezmer Creek followed by catered dinner

November 8 Saturday

9:00 am. Torah Study, Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas

November 9 Sunday

9:00 am. Morning Service followed by light breakfast and hike, weather permitting

November 14 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan
6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas, followed by Potluck dinner

November 15 Saturday

9:00 am. Torah Study, Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service
11:00 am Tot Shabbat with Zoe
6:00 pm Havdalah service

November 21 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan
6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas

November 22 Saturday

9:00 am. Torah Study in the Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas

November 28 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan on Zoom only
6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Leah Gerber on Zoom only

November 29 Saturday

9:45 am. Shabbat morning service - Lay led

December Services

December 5 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan
6:00 pm. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Koas and Klezmer Creek followed by catered dinner

December 6 Saturday

9:00 am. Torah Study in the Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas

December 7 Sunday

9:00 am. Morning Service followed by light breakfast and hike, weather permitting

December 12 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan on Zoom only
6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat lay led

December 13 Saturday

9:45 am. Shabbat morning service - Lay led

Potluck lunch begins after Saturday morning services approximately at noon.

Monthly **Sunday Morning Services** start at 9:00 am. followed by a light breakfast

Sunday - Thursday, **7 pm Evening Services** when a Minyan is requested to say Kaddish. To request and schedule, please call the office one week prior.

December 19 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan
6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas, followed by Potluck dinner

December 20 Saturday

9:00 am. Torah Study, Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas
11:00 am Tot Shabbat with Zoe
6:00 pm Havdalah service

December 21 Sunday 4:30 pm Chanukah Community Party, 8 candles

December 26 Friday

5:30 pm. Meditative Minyan
6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas

December 27 Saturday

9:00 am, Torah Study, Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas





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We are very grateful for your support and think it's important that your donation is acknowledged in the Shofar. (The minimum donation for each occasion is \$9.00) You can donate online at [BethAmiSR.org /giving/](http://BethAmiSR.org/giving/)

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In honor of Bonne Boren & Phil Weil's birthdays
—*Arnold & Karen Herskovic*

In honor of a wonderful group of people —*Craig Jio*

In honor of Yom Kippur call to the bimah —*Ivan Barta*

In honor of many calls to the bimah —*Ivan Barta*

In honor of Bonnie Boren & Phil Weil. Mazel Tov!
—*Stuart & Ethel Schy*

In memory of my brother, Norman Schloner
—*Chip & Carol Swanson*

In honor of David Kahn's anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
—*Anonymous*

In memory of my father, Lester Schloner
—*Chip & Carol Swanson*

In memory of Dan Hoffenberg, husband of Flo Hoffenberg —
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In memory of Dr. Joseph Landau, father of Tamar Landau
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Shana Tova, a healthy safe year to all our Beth Ami friends
—*Anonymous*

In memory of my mother, Anna Barta —*Ivan Barta*

A thoughtful donation
—*Howard & Ronit Glickman*

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Mazal Tov to Stuart Schy on his birthday! —*Anonymous*

In memory of Pnina Loeb
—*Joel Rubin & Diane Ashton*

In memory of Joseph Landau, with condolences to the Landau-Camarillo family
—*Anonymous*

A thoughtful donation
—*Ivan Barta*

BIG THANKS to Mark Dierkhising for all he does for Beth Ami —*Myrna Morse*

In honor of Susanne Batzdorff's 104th Birthday! Happy birthday to our beautiful matriarch! We love you! —*Lindsay Kvam*

In honor of Myrna Morse's kindness —*Anonymous*

In memory of: Dora, William, Edith and Herman Wand
—*Joseph Wand*

In memory of Dr. Joseph Landau
—*Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren*

In honor of Susanne Batzdorff's 104th Birthday —*Tish Levee*

In memory of Edythe Smith with condolences to her family
—*Anonymous*

A thoughtful donation
— *Elisa Watkins*

General Fund: Shabbat Lunch

In memory of Dr. Joseph Landau, father of Tamar
—*David Kahn*

Todah Rabah to Dave Kahn and Mark Dierkhising for their wonderful, nutritious, Shabbat dinners! —*Anonymous*

A thoughtful donation
—*Evelyn Gurevitch*

Thank you very much to Myra Stern-Thomas —*Myrna Morse*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Bill & Suzie Friedman
—*Sanford & Jo Anne Bressick*

In memory of Joseph W. Landau —*Roy Camarillo & Tamar Landau*

A thoughtful donation —
Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson

Capital Improvement, Repairs and Maintenance Fund

In memory of Murray and Adele Kleiman
—*Mitchell Kleiman*



November Yahrzeits

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death.

Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day.

All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced Oct. 31 & Nov. 1

- Nov. 1 Ann Van Mourik Cory
Mother of Linda Emblen
- Nov. 4 John Holloway
Husband of
Lenore Holloway
- Nov. 4 Sydney Paul
Mother of Jane Paul
- Nov. 5 Dora Schiffman
Mother of Bernice Fox
- Nov. 7 Berkeley Garrison
Grandson of Tish Levee
- Nov. 7 Stanley Abrams
Father of Anne Steirman
- Nov. 7 Irv Judd
Brother of Dennis Judd

Announced on Nov. 7 & 8

- Nov. 8 Charles Cohen
Father of Eli Cohen
- Nov. 9 Anna Meyerfeld
Grandmother of
Patty Bernstein
- Nov. 9 Sidney Rosenthal
Brother of
Bobbie Rosenthal
- Nov. 9 Harold R. Zeamans
Grandfather of
Judith Helman
- Nov. 11 Benjamin Weiss
Son of
Dan & Elizabeth Weiss
- Nov. 13 Frieda Leah Kahn
Grandmother of
Richard Kahn
- Nov. 14 Norman Schloner
Brother of Carol Swanson

Announced on Nov. 14 & 15

- Nov. 15 Belle Rosen
Mother of Mark Rosen
- Nov. 16 Sam Cohen
Grandfather of
David Brunstein
- Nov. 17 Hans Biberstein
Father of
Susanne Batzdorff

- Nov. 18 Samuel Cooper
Father of Robert Cooper
- Nov. 18 Helen Margolese
Mother of
Michelle Zygielbaum
- Nov. 19 Israel David Brunstein
Grandfather of
David Brunstein
- Nov. 21 Francis Dickerson
Father of Sarah Kauffman
- Nov. 21 Moshe Tzaig
Husband of
Branagan Branagan

Announced on Nov. 21 & 22

- Nov. 23 John Metz
Friend of Beth Ami
- Nov. 24 Jay Holloway
Son of Lenore Holloway
- Nov. 27 Marcella Liverman
Aunt of Marc Bernstein
- Nov. 27 Gideon Rosenbach
Grandson of
Rhonda Rosenbach
- Nov. 28 Gaye Spiegelman
Aunt of Ronit Glickman
- Nov. 28 David, Mark & Sylvia
Spiegelman
Cousins of
Ronit Glickman

Announced on Nov. 28 & 29

- Nov. 29 Rudolph Kupfer
Father of Judy Kupfer
- Nov. 30 Joe Goldberg
Father of
Richard Goldberg
- Dec. 3 Rose Leah Schneider
Mother of
Evelyn Gurevitch
- Dec. 3 Diana Connors Schilling
Sister of Tish Levee
- Dec. 4 Jacob Goldman
Father of Ethel Schy
- Dec. 5 Etienne Sampiere
Friend of Sarah Kauffman

November Birthdays

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

Jerry Newman
Janice Sternfeld
Elizabeth Cooper
Vivian Klein
Brian Wilson
Ruth Wilson
Joseph Minuskin
Claire Miller
Nancy Fleming
Carolyn Orlik
Dr. Russ Gurevitch

November Anniversaries

Leanne Schy &
Mark Stoelting
Ethel & Stu Schy
Betty Boyd & Eli Cohen

Simcha Board Tree of Life

*Honor thy mother...also thy
aunt, uncle, cousin, child,
best friend, teacher with an
engraved leaf on our Simcha
Board, commemorating any
joyous occasion, bestowal of
an honor, or cause for thanks-
giving.*

Leaf—\$360
Small Stone—\$1000
Large Stone—\$2500

*We also provide the opportu-
nity for you to memorialize
loved ones.*

Yahrzeit Board
Plaque—\$450



December Yahrzeits

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on Dec. 5 & 6

- Dec. 6 Raymond Nett
Father of Stephen Nett
- Dec. 6 Abraham Schwaber
Father of Fredrika Gross
- Dec. 8 Joel Jones
Uncle of Ross Jones
- Dec. 8 George Kaplan
Father of
Rhonda Rosenbach
- Dec. 12 Anna Barta
Mother of Ivan Barta

Announced on Dec. 12 & 13

- Dec. 13 Elsa Ballo
Grandmother of
David Ballo
- Dec. 14 Laura Rosenthal
Stepmother of
Bobbie Rosenthal
- Dec. 15 Noah Minuskin
Father of Joseph Minuskin
- Dec. 16 Mary Minuskin
Mother of Joseph Minuskin
- Dec. 18 Henry Lotsoff
Father of Cheryle Miller
- Dec. 19 Leo Schweitzer
Father of Blair Pleasant

Announced on Dec. 19 & 20

- Dec. 20 Olive Cordill
Mother of Kim Cordell
- Dec. 20 Jack Guttenberg
Father of
Michelle Guttenberg
- Dec. 20 Joseph Schussheim
Father of Karen Herskovic
- Dec. 20 Max Stein
Father of
Janet Stein-Larson
- Dec. 22 Mildred Brunstein
Aunt of David Brunstein
- Dec. 23 Natan Kahn
Grandfather of
Richard Kahn

Announced on Dec. 26 & 27

- Dec. 27 Carol Cohn
Mother of Henry Cohn
- Dec. 27 Gertrude German
Mother of Ellen Mundell
- Dec. 27 Harold Boren
Father of Bonnie Boren
- Dec. 27 Evelyn Schwaber
Mother of Fredrika Gross
- Dec. 28 Rachel Gertrude Cohen
Mother of Eli Cohen
- Dec. 28 David Kerben
Husband of Claire Miller
- Dec. 29 Joseph V. Schafer
Father of Linda Emblen
- Dec. 30 Benjamin Strudler
Nephew of Susan Miller

Announced on Dec. 30 & 31

- Dec. 31 Sherri Kahn
Wife of David Kahn
- Dec. 31 Carole Glover
Mother of Tamar Landau
- Jan. 1 Dean Fleming
Father of Andy Fleming

December Birthdays

David Brunstein
Debra Sokolsky
Ronit Glickman
Eleanor Cohen
Elianna Sternfeld
Debra Chapman
Melvin Decker
Dan Pleasant
David Sokolsky
Fredrika Gross
Lindsay Kvam
Marilyn Sommer

December Anniversaries

Suzie & Bill Friedman
Connie & Ben Goldman
Marina & Iosif Voulfson
Elizabeth & Graham Cooper

THE MA'AM FOR THE JOB

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November and December Candlelighting

November 7 - 8

Vayera

Candle Lighting—4:46 pm

Havdalah—5:45 pm

November 14 - 15

Chayei Sarah, Mevarchim

HaChodesh

Candle Lighting—4:40 pm

Havdalah—5:41 pm

November 21 - 22

Toldot

Candle Lighting—4:36 pm

Havdalah—5:37 pm

November 28 - 29

Vayetzei

Candle Lighting—4:33 pm

Havdalah—5:35 pm

December 5 - 6

Vayishlach

Candle Lighting—4:35 pm

Havdalah—5:38 pm

December 12 - 13

Vayeshev

Candle Lighting—4:32 pm

Havdalah—5:35 pm

December 14

First Chanukah Candle

—5:18 pm

December 15

Second Chanukah Candle

—5:13 pm

December 16

Third Chanukah Candle

—5:14 pm

December 17

Fourth Chanukah Candle

—5:14 pm

December 18

Fifth Chanukah Candle

—5:15 pm

December 19 - 20

Miketz, Rosh Chodesh Tevet, Sixth

Chanukah Candle

before Shabbat candles

Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:35 pm

Havdalah—5:37 pm

Seventh Chanukah Candle after

Havdalah —5:38 pm

December 21

Eighth Chanukah Candle —5:16 pm

December 26 - 27

Vayegash

Candle Lighting—4:38 pm

Havdalah—5:41 pm