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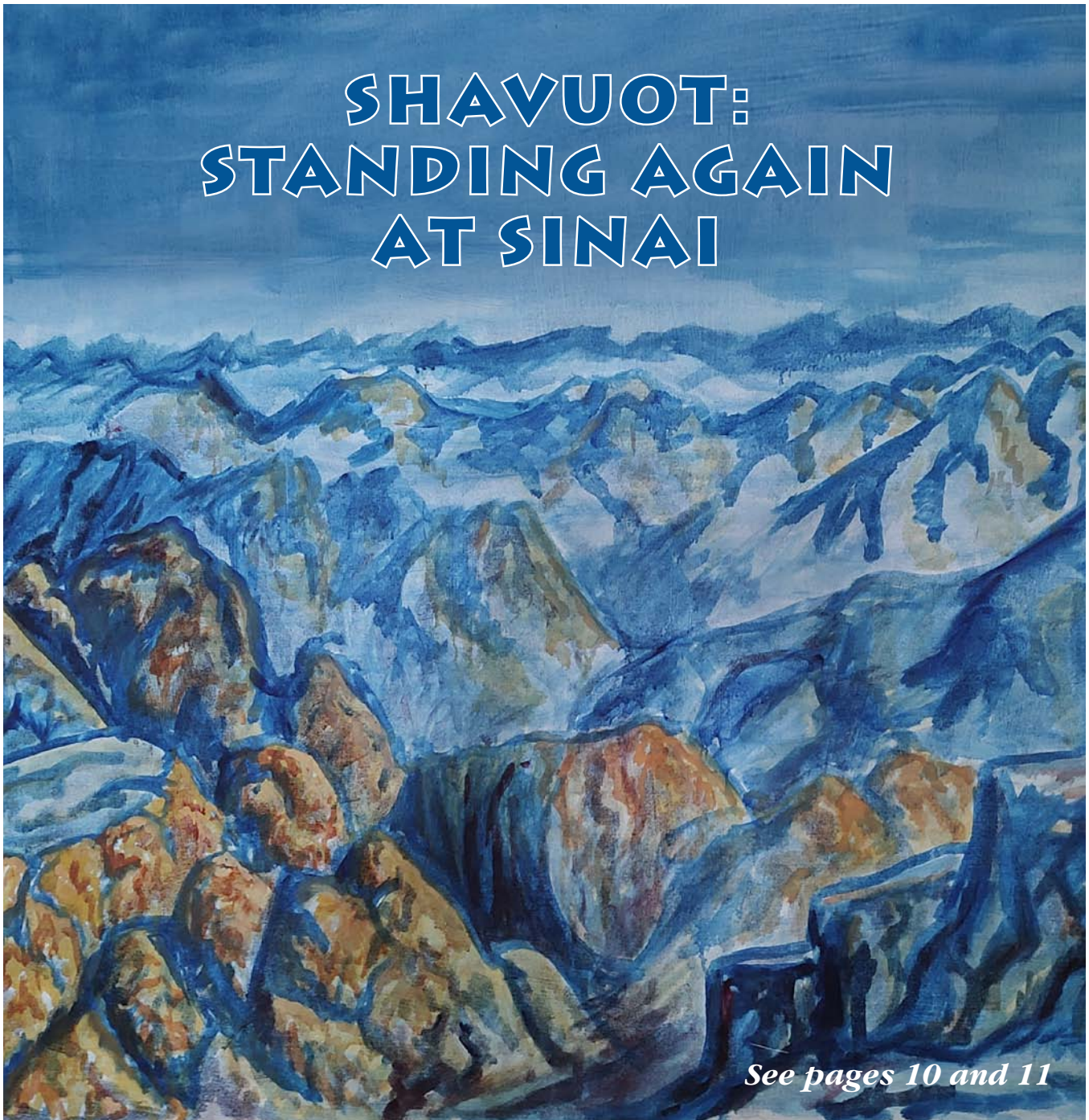
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OUR MISSION:
A KEHILLA THAT IS OPEN, WHERE
RELATIONSHIPS MATTER
CONGREGATION BETH AMI
ENRICHES OUR LIVES, TRANSFORMS OUR
HEARTS, HELPS HEAL THE WORLD AND
SUSTAINS OUR JEWISH HERITAGE. WE ARE
DEEPLY ROOTED IN JEWISH TRADITION AND
WELCOME ALL TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR
CELEBRATION, LEARNING, EDUCATION AND
PRAYER.



RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi Ron Koas

Building Community Together: Creating Moments That Matter

One of the quiet truths of Jewish life is that community is not built only in the sanctuary during tefillah. It grows in the moments that follow—when we linger over kiddush, when we laugh together, when we choose to stay just a little longer because being with one another feels good. In a world that often feels rushed and fragmented, these small, consistent opportunities to connect become sacred in their own right.

At Beth Ami, we are continuing to nurture these moments—not through grand programs or elaborate events, but through simple, joyful gatherings that allow us to meet across generations, interests, and levels of observance. Each one reflects a core Jewish idea: that showing up for one another is itself a form of avodat Hashem. Community is not something we attend; it is something we create together.

Shabbasketball – Shabbat Afternoons

Shabbasketball has become one of those unexpected gifts. After services, the energy of the day doesn't have to fade—it can simply shift. Some come to play, others to watch, and others simply to enjoy conversation on the sidelines. There is no pressure, no expectation—just the chance to be present with one another. In a time when so much of life happens behind screens, even a simple game of basketball can feel surprisingly meaningful. My thanks to Shechina for helping this take root.



Chaverim Social Club – At the Wineries

Our Chaverim Social Club has blossomed into a space of companionship and belonging. Gathering at local wineries allows us to step out of our routines and enjoy the beauty of our region while deepening relationships in a relaxed, informal setting. Conversations flow more easily, laughter comes more naturally, and new friendships often begin. Thank you to Alex for cultivating this spirit of connection.



Rikudei Am Israeli Folk Dancing (Monday Nights)

On Monday nights, Rikudei Am reminds us that Judaism is not only prayed or studied—it is lived with the body as well. There is something timeless about dancing together in a circle, something that links us to generations of Jewish life and culture. Whether you are returning to something familiar or stepping into it for the first time, the music and movement create a joy that is unmistakably communal. My thanks to Robin for sustaining this beautiful expression of Jewish culture.

These gatherings are not just activities. They are invitations—to show up, to meet one another, and to weave the kind of community we all hope to be part of. Whether you come every week or only occasionally, whether you participate actively or simply enjoy being present, you are an essential part of what makes this kehilla special.

May we continue to build a community where connection is natural, where belonging is felt, and where the simple act of being together becomes a source of blessing.

—Rabbi Ron Koas



FROM THE BOARD

By the Tree of Life Simcha Board, as told to David Kahn, VP of Fundraising

It's time for spring foliage!

Dear Beth Ami people,

Well, it is spring once again. The flowers are blooming and the grass is growing and all is well here at Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa. The grapes are also in bloom so it should be a good year for wine.

But all this growth is not reaching me, the Tree of Life Simcha Board in our lobby. Sure, I look proud and beautiful, gleaming upon the wall, but many of my leaves are completely lacking simcha. I do not think that I have had a new simcha chronicled on a leaf of mine in at least five years.

I'm asking you to water me with a little love and money. It's a good time to honor the living as well as those who have passed away. Look at my leaves: people have honored births, Bnei Mitzvah, weddings, conversions, anniversaries and birthdays— plus all kinds of accomplishments and milestones.

I was told by the Board of Directors that they have lowered the price of printing your dedication or message on a leaf. **A leaf will now cost a mere \$75.** This makes me happy, because I am ready to leaf out and head for a verdant summer!





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazeltov!

Nancy & Ed Sherman welcome grandson Caleb Uri Sherman

Our condolences to the family of:

Edith "Edie" Friedman

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Anna Judd	Linda Emblen
Carol Swanson	Lindsay Kvam
Chip Swanson	Michele Baime
Dennis Judd	Miriyaam Gevartz
Emily Freeman	Nurit bat Shammai v'Rut
David Kahn	Talia Naomi bat HaRav Ron
Lenore Holloway	v'Miriam Yehudit

CBA BOOK GROUP

Linda Emblen, Coordinator



Now we are reading THE HEBREW TEACHER by Maya Arad {Fiction (3 Novellas), 320 pgs., Hebrew, 2018; English translation, 2024.} Three Israeli women, their lives altered by immigration to the U.S., seek to overcome crisis.

We meet for discussion Sunday, May 31, in a member's home. There are several loaner copies available that I borrowed from the SF Jewish Community Library. Everyone who reads the book is welcome to join us.

For comments and details phone Linda 707-544-4532 (landline.)



FIRST MEETING OF CHAVERIM, BETH AMI'S NEW SOCIAL CLUB

WHEN: Sunday, May 10th at 1pm

WHERE: Furthermore Wines, Sebastopol

WHY: To inaugurate Chaverim, enjoy a glass of wine on a beautiful spring Sunday with friends in a casual country setting, and celebrate Alex's birthday, Connie's birthday, Mother's Day, or Trust Your Intuition Day.

See <https://www.furthermorewines.com/visit> for directions.

To rsvp or arrange carpooling. email Alex-whirco@msn.com or call Barb McGee, 707-953-2526

How it works: Cost of entry is purchase of a bottle of wine. You check in at the tasting room for a bottle purchase, then proceed to the picnic area. Cost of pizza is \$20-25.

Sunday is pizza oven and musician day. Musician is there from 1 to 4. It's fine to bring your own snack.

Casual entry would be to check in and buy a bottle of wine or your favorite non-alcoholic beverage and sit at a table. Bring your favorite snack, or order a pizza for \$20-25, or both.

Another option is to visit the tasting room, pay the \$35 fee, and enjoy a flight. (A flight of wine is winery lingo for a series of tastings at a specific cost.) With purchase of two bottles, the fee is waived.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Continued...

ONGOING ACTIVITIES MAY, JUNE

Rabbi Koas' classes and activities (no charge)

Torah Study Every Shabbat at 8:45 to 9:45 am, when Rabbi Koas leads services, which will follow at 9:45 a.m.

Torah on Tap: May 8, June 12 at 6:30 pm We provide the beer. You provide the nosh. (Veggie only – follow potluck guidelines.)

Class on Siddur Hadash Mondays 5:30 pm May 11, June 15: a deeper exploration of the prayer book that shapes our communal worship. Learn how to navigate and rediscover the meaning, theology, and poetry.

Class on Nevi'im, Prophets Mondays 6:30 pm May 11, June 15: Rabbi Koas will lead us through the books of the Prophets. Make sure to bring snacks and an appetite for learning more about the history of our people.

Torah on Trails: May 17, June 14, usually Second Sunday of the month **at 10:30 am** We'll speak about God and the wonders of creation as we walk. email the rabbi for the meeting place: rabbi@bethamisr.org

Lunch and Learn: May 14 and June 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 to class.

Introduction to Judaism/Bnai Mitzvah Class Wednesdays May 13, June 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@bethamisr.org.

Havdalah Gathering: May 16 at 8 pm and June 20 at 8:30 pm. Gather round to end Shabbat together. Each gathering will segue into the week with a fun activity, accompanied by drinks and a nosh.



General activities (no charge unless stated)

Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Saturdays May 16, June 13, a Jewish experience for the whole family especially for young children 1 to 8 years old. Siblings encouraged to come.

Prayers and Breakfast, May 17, June 14, at 9 am; On the second Sunday of the month (usually) weekday morning minyan services (shorter than Shabbat!) and breakfast.

The Teddy Bear Project Sunday 10:30 am May 3, 24: sewing and knitting circle hand-crafting teddy bears for children in Israel.

Excercise for seniors Every Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30 am. A weekly, in-person group exercise class for active, older adults The class promotes functional strength, flexibility, balance and fall prevention. With Jeff Sternfeld, Donation appreciated.

Israeli Folk Dancing: Robin Lowitz and friends lead beginner friendly teaching plus requests, Mondays 7 - 9 pm May 4, 18 and June 8, 22. Donation for non-members appreciated.

All are welcome at Beth Ami's programs.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Continued...

41ST ANNUAL SONOMA COUNTY PRIDE PARADE JUNE 6



We are all signed up for the Sonoma County 2026 Pride Parade which takes place from 11:00 am to noon on Saturday, June 6, in downtown Santa Rosa. **Pride and True** is the theme.

If you have a Pride t-shirt with the rainbow Beth Ami logo, or rainbow colored clothes, come dressed and ready to walk the 5 block parade route down 4th Street from Brookwood.

We'll gather in Fremont Cancer Survivors'

Park at 9:45 a.m for a quick Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Koas then line up for the walk close to Brookwood and 4th.

There will also be services in the Beth Ami Sanctuary led by congregants. We hope we can all get together for lunch in the social hall afterwards.

Bring sunscreen, walking shoes and water. Contact the office at office@bethamir.org to tell us you're coming; put Pride Parade in the subject line.

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**SAVE THE DATE:
ANNUAL JUNE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 11,
7:00 PM**



ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

by Carol Swanson, Chair

Social Justice Shabbat Dinner May 8

What we have been doing lately:

A few of us attended the Jewish Allies for Justice meeting on April 21. This new group includes all Jewish congregations in Sonoma County. We plan on collaborating on the LGBTQ Parade march, June 6th. More info. to come soon.

Shomrei Torah had an excellent panel discussion on Immigration on March 22nd that Carol, Myra, and Lyla attended. Speakers from labor groups and legal aid spoke. There was a lot to learn from these groups.

Welcome the Stranger banner – making prog-

ress. Judy Gunnar received a fabric donation, Bonnie designed the lettering and we chose a location just above the entrance to the sanctuary. More updates to come as we continue the process. .

Our Committee

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

Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner! May 8th Shabbat Dinner Guest speaker on Immigration



Shabbat Service at 6:00.

**Dinner at 6:45. Speaker at 7:30
Guest speaker, Monica Julian, lawyer
from VIDAS**

**Vital Immigrant Defense Advocacy
and Services in Sonoma County,
who provide low-cost and free
immigration legal services.**

**BBQ chicken, salads, grilled corn,
baked beans,
selection of desserts and beverages.
\$20-members \$22-non-members
Under-12 is \$10.**

**Please make your reservation by
Monday May 4th by noon firm.
Some scholarships are available.**

**Call 707-360-3000 or
email office@bethamisr.org.
A portion of net proceeds from the
BBQ will go directly to VIDAS.**

**Hosted and sponsored by the
Advocates for Social Justice**



SOCIAL ACTION

by Lyla Nathan, Chair

Dinner at The Palms

Shalom all,

Thanks to everyone for making the dinner at The Palms a success. There was plenty of food and the new additions of salad, watermelon and tuna casserole were a big hit. Thanks to Marlene, Judy and Judi. And of course to all our chili, Mac and cheese, cornbread, fruit and chips and desserts makers. What a great meal!

I wanted to write about the sense of community we are helping to provide at The Palms. After the pandemic most residents just took their meals back to their rooms. Little by little the residents have begun to stay for dinner and have had more conversations with our committee members. The fact that we have name tags with our pictures has helped a lot. Thanks Judi and Piper. The residents truly appreciate our continuous support over all these years. I don't think we have missed many dinners except at the beginning of the pandemic.

There were three very touching instances of our presence at The Palms this last time. Just as we were getting ready to serve, a resident came with a crockpot of chili and a bowl of macaroni and cheese. She had prepared it in her room! She said she just wanted to participate and be part of the community. Another resident, af-



ter he finished dinner, went to the piano and played beautifully for everyone's enjoyment. Finally, a resident who has been there for 10 years wanted me to see her garden. I walked to the end of the apartments and there was the sweetest sanctuary of sculptures and succulents. It was a very thoughtful gesture on her part. I realized how she had truly made the Palms her home.

So, as I reflect on the small act of dinner every other month, I realize how important it is to the residents and the members of our committee. We have made a commitment to be there and they appreciate it.

I am heartened that these acts of kindness help make for a better world. Tikun Olam

Thanks to the committee and the Kehilla of Beth Ami for your continued support of the residents of The Palms.



SHAVUOT: WHAT WE CELEBRATE— AND WHY IT MATTERS

by Rabbi Ron Koas

When you walk into the synagogue on Shavuot, you are stepping into one of the most important—and often most understated—moments in Jewish life.

Shavuot comes seven weeks after Passover. Passover celebrates freedom from slavery in Egypt. But Shavuot answers the next question: ***What do we do with that freedom?***

According to tradition, this is the time when the Jewish people stood at Mount Sinai and received the Torah. That moment was not just about laws or commandments—it was about becoming a people with purpose, values, and a shared responsibility. Shavuot is, in many ways, the spiritual birthday of the Jewish people.

Unlike other holidays, Shavuot has no dramatic rituals like a seder or a sukkah. Instead, its focus is inward and communal. We gather, we pray, and many take part in ***Tikkun Leil Shavuot***—an evening of study where we stay up late learning together.

This tradition reflects a powerful idea: Judaism is not only something we inherit; it is something we actively engage in.

There are also beautiful customs that make the day feel warm and accessible. Many people eat dairy foods—like cheesecake or blintzes—symbolizing the sweetness and nourishment of Torah. Some decorate with flowers and greenery, recalling the image of Sinai in bloom. These traditions remind us that spirituality is not separate from daily life—it is meant to be experienced through it.

But more than anything, ***Shavuot is about showing up.*** Jewish tradition teaches that revelation didn't happen only once in the past—it continues. Each year, we symbolically stand at Sinai again. And each of us, in our own way, is invited to receive Torah anew—through learning, through community, and through the choices we make in our lives.

Above, Kendall Jewett, Kel Orr, and Jeremy Garcia relax after their Bet Din. Their conversions will be celebrated on Shavuot. Photo by Rabbi Ron Koas



Why Do We Hold Conversions on Shavuot?

There is a deep and beautiful connection between Shavuot and conversion to Judaism.

At Sinai, the entire people of Israel entered into a covenant with God. In a sense, that moment was a collective “conversion”—a decision to take on a new identity, a new way of living, and a new set of responsibilities. Because of this, Shavuot has become a meaningful time for individuals who are choosing to join the Jewish people to formally mark their commitment.

There is also a powerful connection to the ***Book of Ruth***, which is traditionally read on Shavuot. Ruth was not born Jewish, yet she chose to join the Jewish people with the famous words: ***“Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”*** Her story is one of courage, belonging, and love—and it reflects the journey of many who choose Judaism today.

Holding conversions on Shavuot highlights an essential truth: Judaism is not only about where you come from; it is also about the choices you make. Just as our ancestors chose to accept the Torah at Sinai, so too do converts choose to enter into that same covenant.

Shavuot reminds all of us—whether born Jewish or newly joined—that Judaism is a living tradition. It is not just something we receive once, but something we continue to choose.

And each year, as we gather again, we are asked the same quiet but powerful question:

Will we stand at Sinai once more?



Shavuot began as a harvest festival of first fruits, and became the day we remember receiving Torah at Sinai—teaching that a full life includes both gratitude for what we grow from the earth and commitment to the values that guide how we live.

**May 21 Thursday
7:30 pm. Tikkun
Leil Shavuot at Bnai
Israel, Petaluma
co sponsored by
Congregation
Beth Ami and
Congregation
Shir Shalom...**

bringing together the far corners of our community for study, song, shmoozing and noshing.

**May 22 Friday
6:00 pm. Shavuot
Service**

6:45 Shavuot dinner celebration with special holiday foods and music to mark the conversion ceremonies of Kendall Jewett, Kel Orr, and Jeremy Garcia.

**May 23 Saturday
8:45 am. Torah
Study in the Social
Hall**

**9:45 am. Shavuot
Day 2 morning
service with Rabbi
Koas, potluck lunch**

**COMMUNITY
TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT**

THURSDAY, MAY 21st
7:30pm - 1:30am

at B'nai Israel Jewish Center
740 Western Ave, Petaluma

Noshing		Song
Torah Study		Prayer
Schmoozing		Community

An evening and late night of Torah study and celebration!

Learn with Sonoma County Rabbis!
Rabbi Shalom Bochner, Rabbi Ron Koas,
Rabbi Dovid Bush

Co-sponsored by:
Congregation Beth Ami 
Congregation Shir Shalom 

Reservations encouraged



RSVP with QR code

**Congregation Beth Ami
invites you to Tot Shabbat,
a Jewish experience for the whole
family especially for
young children
1 to 8 years old.**

**Siblings encouraged
to come.**

**Saturday, May 16th,
10:30 am to noon,
in the CBA lounge (opens
10:15 am).**

**Featuring Lauren Kalmanson
from the Tot Shabbat team.**

**You and your young child are invited to explore the
value of Tzedakah (Giving) - One of the pillars of
Judaism and how this can become a ritual in your
home. With Songs, Storytelling, Art Activity,
Making a Tzedakah box.**

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ISRAEL COMMITTEE

*Photos from Yom HaZikaron
and Yom Atzmaut
by Jerry Newman*



BETH AMI GIFT SHOP

Passover Sale! Seder Plates, Matzah covers and plates, afikomen bags and Miriam and Elijah cups 40% off.

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday office open
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday office open**

**Please make an appointment with Elizabeth before your visit if possible.
360-3000. Call Bonnie Boren at 528-1628 to order special items.**





THE KITCHEN CORNER

Janet Stein-Larson

(Myra Stern Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee)

We need more mashgichim, AND, we need more volunteers for helping during events.

The title says it all. We need more volunteers to keep these events going smoothly. We need them at every stage whether it be set-up, clean up, or in between, whether involving the kitchen or out in the social hall.

Each event needs it's organizers and it's volunteers to do all the various tasks that are needed. If the CBA Kitchen is involved, the event organizers also need volunteers for all the food purchasing, preparation, storing, and cleaning up the kitchen before, during and after the event is over. The more events—the more volunteers are needed. And since the kitchen is kosher and more complicated then the usual home kitchen, anytime the kitchen is open, you need to have a mashgiach present. This is becoming a problem, especially when our Mashgichim, as well as our kitchen committee, are shrinking in numbers.

When events involve the kitchen, anyone using the kitchen is responsible for maintaining the Beth Ami Kitchen and to insure that the food preparation follows our Kashrui standards. To keep the kitchen open and available to be used the solution that was developed, in 2011, by our Rabbi was to have volunteers who would be trained to be mashgichim. That is why the Kitchen Committee was formed. When you look at the events happening at CBA, you can't help but notice how often this kitchen is used. We just need more mashgichim to cover kitchen use.

Want to know how busy the kitchen was? For March we had kitchen use for 4 potluck Shabbat Lunches, a Shir Shabbat dinner, Lunch and Learn, Sunday Morning Prayers with breakfast. We also celebrated the Purim service with Hamantashen and the Purim Spiel with lots of treats. Then the kitchen got cleaned, turned around and prepared for April and Passover.

For Passover, besides the Community Seder (85 people attended) , there were two special onegs after services, and a Passover Lunch after the Shabbat/Passover service.. After Passover ended, and the kitchen was restored to regular use, three more Shabbat potluck lunches, Sunday morning prayers with breakfast, Lunch and Learn, Torah onTap, and a special program for Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut. That is a lot of organizers, and mashgichim for each time the kitchen is needed.

In May, besides our usual events, we are having two community dinners. The Shir Shabbat dinner on May 8 will be a BBQ and also have a featured speaker presented by the Advocates for Social Justice. And on May 22, Erev Shabbat and Shavuot will be another dinner celebration (maybe with blintzes and/or cheese-cake?) Check out the community calendar on Bethamir.org if you want to see what's happening at CBA in June.

If we don't have enough volunteers, especially for the big events (like the Seder), next time we may have to hire more help (which will increase the cost of these events). If you want to help at an event, please step up and volunteer with the event organizer. The hardest job is the last task, which is cleaning up, both in the social hall and in the kitchen.

Mashgiach class Sunday June 7, 2026 at 10:30 am, lunch included.

Whether you are interested in what is keeping Kosher, what is being a mashgiach, or just an introduction to the CBA kitchen, please come.

We need more mashgichim. If you can help, please contact Myra at (707) 287-0786.

Thank you.. ~Janet Stein-Larson



COMMUNITY CORNER

by *Rafaela Equils and Brad Morrison*

WONDERING ABOUT WELL WATER SAFETY

If you are living in a Sonoma County property that relies on private well water, several key questions can help assess water safety and determine whether testing or system improvements may be needed.

Property owners should know when the well was drilled and by whom, as well as the depth of the well, since these factors influence water quality and vulnerability to contamination.

It is also important to determine whether the well's flow rate has been tested recently, typically measured in gallons per minute (GPM), to ensure adequate and sustainable water supply.

Information about the presence of water storage tanks—including how many tanks are on the property and their storage capacity—is also useful.

In addition, homeowners should identify whether water treatment or filtration systems are installed, what type of equipment is being used, who installed it, and when it was last serviced or maintained.

Homeowners who notice discoloration with their water should also find out what year was the water heater manufactured (sticker) and how many water heaters there are on the property/water system. Sometimes the age of the water heater(s) is a bigger issue than the levels of contaminants in the well water. In addition, older water heaters are more affected by the buildup and corrosion from water than newer water heaters.

Finally, reviewing whether water quality testing has been performed previously, and locating copies of those laboratory reports, can provide valuable insight into past water conditions and guide decisions about current testing needs for contaminants such as bacteria, nitrates, metals, and other substances of concern in private well water.

According to Sonoma County environmental health guidance, the most common well-water

contaminants are bacteria and nitrates, which is why these are recommended for frequent testing.

Arsenic does occur sporadically, rather than universally, in some groundwater sources in Sonoma County. Private well owners periodically test for it as part of a baseline mineral or metals panel, especially if:

- the well is deep groundwater,
- the property is in areas with known mineral deposits,
- or the well has never been tested.

Check out these websites for more information

<https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/>

State Small Water Systems

<https://sonomacounty.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/public-health/environmental-health/programs-and-services/state-small-water-systems>

Worksheet: Private Well Water Assessment, Sonoma County

Property Address: _____

Owner Name: _____

Date Completed: _____

1. Well Information

- Year well drilled: _____
- Drilling company: _____
- Well depth: _____

2. Water Supply (Flow Rate)

- Has flow rate been tested? ___Yes ___No
- If yes, GPM: _____
- Date of last test: _____

3. Water Storage

- Number of storage tanks: _____
- Capacity of each tank (gallons): _____

4. Water Treatment / Filtration

- System installed? ___Yes ___No
- Type of system: _____
- Installed by: _____
- Installation date: _____
- Last maintenance date: _____

5. Water Heater

- Number of water heaters: _____
- Year(s) manufactured: _____
- Any discoloration observed? ___Yes ___No

6. Water Quality Testing History

- Has testing been done before? ___Yes ___No
- Date of last test: _____
- Do you have copies of results? ___Yes ___No

7. Contaminants Tested (check all that apply)

Bacteria (coliform)

Nitrates

Arsenic

Other metals: _____

Services at Beth Ami

We welcome you to join us for services.

For additional information or to verify the times, call the office at (707) 360-3000 or view calendar on the Beth Ami website at www.bethamisr.org.

All Shabbat Morning Services will be held in person and on Zoom. Masks are optional.

Kabbalat Friday night Shabbat services will be held in person and Zoom unless noted below.

Also, see Calendar <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/> at the Beth Ami website.

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

Sunday - Thursday 7 pm Evening Services only if a Minyan is requested to say Kaddish.

To schedule an evening Minyan service call the office one week prior.

May Services

May 1 Friday

6:00 pm. Sing in Shabbat with Leah Gerber on Zoom only

May 2 Saturday

9:30 am. Psukei d'Zimra
9:45 am. Shacharit, Shabbat service lay led, potluck lunch

May 8 Friday

6:00 pm. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Koas and Klezmer Creek
6:45 Shabbat dinner
7:30 Speaker from VIDAS

May 9 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study in the Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch

May 15 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas, potluck dinner

May 16 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study in the Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, Mevarchim Ha'Chodesh
10:30 am Tot Shabbat
noon: potluck lunch
1:00 pm Conversational Hebrew
8:00 pm Havdalah gathering

May 17 Sunday

9:00 am. Morning Service in person and Zoom followed by **light breakfast**, then **Torah on Trails** weather permitting

May 21 Thursday

7:30 pm. **Tikkun Leil Shavuot at Bnai Israel, Petaluma**

May 22 Friday

6:00 pm. Shavuot Service

6:45 Shavuot dinner celebration

May 23 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study in the Social Hall

9:45 am. Shavuot Day 2

morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch

May 29 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat lay led

May 30 Saturday

9:30 am. Psukei d'Zimra
9:45 am. Shacharit, Shabbat service lay led, potluck lunch

June Services

June 5 Friday

6:00 pm. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Koas and Klezmer Creek
6:45 Shabbat dinner

June 6 Saturday

9:45 am. Shabbat morning services with Rabbi Koas in **Fremont Cancer Survivors' Park and lay led in Beth Ami sanctuary**
11:00 am Sonoma County Pride Parade
potluck lunch

June 12 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas, potluck dinner

June 13 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study in the Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas,
10:30 am Tot Shabbat
potluck lunch

June 14 Sunday

9:00 am. Morning Service in person and Zoom followed by **light breakfast**, then **Torah on Trails** weather permitting

June 19 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas

June 20 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study in Social Hall
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch
1:00 pm Conversational Hebrew
8:30 pm Havdalah gathering

June 26 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat lay led

June 28 Saturday

9:30 am Psukei d'Zimra
9:45 am, Shacharit, Shabbat morning service lay led, potluck lunch



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Announced on May 1 & 2

- May 6 Nathan Paul
Father of Jane Paul
- May 7 Rabbi Samuel Jones
Grandfather of Ross Jones
- May 8 William Friedman
Grandfather of
Bill Friedman
- May 8 Lilly Zeamans
Grandmother of
Judith Helman

Announced on May 8 & 9

- May 9 Dalia Sheff
Wife of Jeff Sheff
- May 9 Howard Moss
Husband of Adrea Moss
- May 9 William Spiegleman
Grandfather of
Ronit Glickman
- May 13 Lynda Keisler
Aunt of Francie Rogovin
- May 14 Kay Simon
Mother of Lyla Nathan

Announced May 14 & 15

- May 15 Marlene Jones
Mother of Ross Jones
- May 15 Bertha Camarillo
Mother of Roy Camarillo
- May 16 Sidney Baba
Father of William Cordell
- May 16 Lillian Judd
Mother of Dennis Judd
- May 16 Robert Paul
Brother of Jane Paul
- May 17 Stanley Williams
Father of Lenore Holloway
- May 17 Chana Annie Scheuker
Grandmother of
Emily Freeman
- May 19 Israel Senzer
Father of Adrea Moss
- May 20 Ann Stern
Mother of
Myra Stern-Thomas
- May 21 Sam Keller
Grandfather of Dan Weiss

Announced on May 22 & 23

- May 23 Chaim Meyer Menaker
Great-Grandfather
of Sakina Bryant
- May 24 Morris Hartzman
Uncle of Cheryle Miller

May Birthdays

- David Kahn
- Mark Stoelting
- Judith Helman
- Anne Brown
- Janet SteinLarson
- Iosif Voulfson
- Kathleen Whiting
- Richard Goldberg
- Evelyn Gurevitch
- Edward Sherman
- Marina Voulfson
- Brian Niestat
- Graham Cooper
- Irvin Klein

May Anniversaries

- Barb & Mitchell McGee
- Asher & Lyla Nathan
- Marge & Dave Ballo
- Jon & Rose Batzdorff
- Richard Kahn & Anne Brown
- Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson

- May 27 Betty Wald
Grandmother of
Miriam Wald
- May 29 John Hess
Father of Barbara Tomin
- May 29 Lena Liverman
Grandmother of
Marc Bernstein
- May 29 Alice Rapkin
Great Aunt of Susan Miller

Announced on May 29 & 30

- May 30 Sandor Garam
Father of Rose Batzdorff
- May 31 Bertha Schy
Mother of Stuart Schy
- June 4 Betty & Oscar Mann
Parents of Marge Ballo
- June 5 Thomas Cordill
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June Birthdays

Linda Emblen
Michelle Zygielbaum
Dan Anbar
Joslyn Metzger
Bobbie Rosenthal
Jeffrey Sternfeld
Esther Baruch
Marjorie Gordon
Juli Scherer
Aly Davis
Jane Paul

June Anniversaries

Nancy & Andy Fleming

Announced on June 5 & 6

June 7 Larry Gladstone
Father of Connie Goldman
June 10 Michael Reynolds
Brother-in-law of
Brian Wilson
June 11 May Seltzer Menaker
Great-Grandmother of
Sakina Bryant
June 12 Helen Elbam
Mother of Debbie Weiss

Announced on June 12 & 13

June 13 Stephen Nathan Bernstein
Brother of Marc Bernstein
June 14 Barbara Boren
Mother of Bonnie Boren
June 14 Bluma Rudnitskaya
Sister of Iosif Voulfson
June 15 Mortimer Weiss
Father of Dan Weiss
June 18 Anna Seldowitz
Grandmother of
Susan Miller
June 18 Albert Rappaport
Grandfather of
Emily Freeman
June 18 Tom Fleming
Brother of Andy Fleming

Announced on June 19 & 20

June 20 Benny Friedman
Father of Bill Friedman &
Debra Chapman
June 20 Irwin Levy
Father of Jancie Sternfeld
June 25 Murray Shapiro
Father of Carolyn Orlik
June 26 Jean Inman
Mother of Lee Feinstein
June 26 Bessie Hartzman
Grandmother of
Cheryle Miller

Announced on June 26 & 27

June 28 Lillian Cohen
Mother of Leonard Cohen
June 28 Ellen Jane Rosenthal
Mother of
Bobbie Rosenthal
June 29 Beatrice Adams
Mother of Barb McGee
June 29 Rosa Iskin
Mother of Lisa Iskin
July 1 Barney Abrams
Father of Patty Bernstein
July 2 Samuel Weiss
Grandfather of Dan Weiss
July 3 Esther Morse
Sister-in-law of
Myrna Morse
July 3 Joseph Robinson
Father of Myrna Morse

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Havdalah—8:47 pm

May 8 - 9

Behar - Bechukotai

Candle Lighting—7:51 pm

Havdalah—8:549 pm

May 15 - 16

Bemidbar, Mevarchim

Chodesh Sivan

Candle Lighting—7:57 pm

Havdalah—9:02 pm

May 21

Erev Shavuot

Candle Lighting—8:02 pm

May 22 - 23

Shavuot 2 Yizkor

Candle Lighting—8:03 pm

Havdalah—9:08 pm

May 29 - 30

Naso

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Candle Lighting—8.09 pm

Havdalah—9:15 pm

June 5 - 6

Beba'alotekkha

Candle Lighting—8:13 pm

Havdalah—9:20 pm

June 12 - 13

Shelah Lekah

Shabbat Mevarchim

Chodesh Tammuz

Candle Lighting—8:17 pm

Havdalah—9:24 pm

June 19 - 20

Korach

Candle Lighting—8:19 pm

Havdalah—9:26 pm

June 26 - 27

Chukat-Balak

Candle Lighting—8:20 pm

Havdalah—9:27 pm

