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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

A Season of Welcome, Renewal, and Community

As we approach the High Holy Days, I find myself thinking about one of the most beautiful words in our Jewish tradition: teshuvah return. Rosh Hashanah invites us to return to ourselves, to one another, and to God. Yom Kippur gives us the sacred opportunity to pause, reflect, ask forgiveness, forgive, and imagine the person and the community we want to become.

But the High Holy Days are not only about looking inward. They are also about coming together. That is what I hope we will experience this year at Congregation Beth Ami.

Whether you have been part of Beth Ami for decades, joined us recently, are visiting for the High Holy Days, are part of an interfaith family, or are simply looking for a Jewish community to call home, you are welcome here.

Our synagogue is much more than the services we attend. It is the relationships we build, the Torah we study, the meals we share, the music we sing, the children we teach, the traditions we preserve, and the new traditions we create together.

This past year has reminded me again how powerful that sense of community can be.

When we come together to celebrate, to learn, to pray, or simply to help one another, Beth Ami becomes something larger than any one of us. We become a community. And that is especially important during this season.



From Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah

Our Jewish calendar does not end with Yom Kippur. In many ways, the journey is only beginning. After the solemnity of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur comes Sukkot, the holiday of joy, gratitude, and hospitality. We leave the security of our homes and enter the sukkah, reminding ourselves that life is fragile, that material things are temporary, and that what truly sustains us is the presence of other people.

Sukkot also teaches us to open our doors. The sukkah has walls, but it is not meant to be closed off from the world. We welcome guests, friends, family, and the traditional ushpizin our symbolic Jewish ancestors into our sukkah.

That is a wonderful image for Beth Ami. I hope that our synagogue can always be a place where people feel invited in.

And then comes Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the Torah itself. We dance with the Torah, finish the annual reading, and immediately begin again. There is something profoundly Jewish about that moment. We don't say, "We finished the Torah." We say, "Let's begin again." That is also the message of the High Holy Day season: we can always begin again.



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RABBI'S REMARKS

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A Year of Community

As we enter 5787, I hope we will continue building a Beth Ami that is vibrant, welcoming, diverse, and deeply connected to Jewish tradition.

There are so many ways to participate: Shabbat services, Torah study, music, social gatherings, holiday celebrations, educational programs, activities for children and families, and opportunities to simply spend time together.

You do not have to participate in everything. But I hope you will find something that connects you to Beth Ami. Perhaps it will be sitting in the sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah morning. Perhaps it will be hearing the shofar. Perhaps it will be sharing a meal in the sukkah. Perhaps it will be dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah.

Perhaps it will be meeting someone new at a Beth Ami program and discovering that you have more in common than you imagined.

Or perhaps it will simply be walking through our doors and realizing, "I belong here."

That is my prayer for Beth Ami this year.

May 5787 be a year of health, peace, learning, friendship, growth, and renewed connection.

May we have the courage to look honestly at ourselves, the generosity to forgive one another, and the wisdom to build the kind of Jewish community we want to leave for the next generation.

And may our doors always remain open to our members, to our guests, to newcomers, to families of every kind, and to anyone searching for a place to pray, learn, celebrate, and belong.

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah.

May we all be written and sealed for a good and sweet year.

Rabbi Ron Koas



We continue to host visitors from the community at our fun Kabbalat Shabbat Friday dinners and excellent Torah study sessions. And of course visitors that Rabbi meets at the Taco Tuesday ride.

Rafaela will be coordinating the Sukkah Hop—you'll hear more about it from her.

Shabbasketball has new backboards thanks to a donation from Russ Gurevitch. And we have three balls to keep things moving.

Chaverim (the CBA Social Club) rode in Calistoga's 4th of July Parade with Mark Dierkhising and Ann Steirman. Friends were made, and an invite to Mayor Don Williams for a Shabbat dinner was given.

We were thrilled to get a visit from Sonoma County Sheriff Eddie Engram at the August Shabbat dinner. Terry Sanders, who is running for City Council, came too, and they were delightful dinner guests.

It's been a challenge to coordinate a get-together for Chaverim, with work and vacation schedules of late, but stay tuned.

Alex Schellenger
Membership VP



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Esther Baruch, President

Shanah Tovah from Your New Prez

What do fences, teddy bears, and Liquid Wrench have in common? They've all come under my purview recently as I learn the job of Beth Ami president. Speaking of learning, Barb has been very gracious about filling me in on the job requirements, and I am most grateful. On behalf of the congregation, I thank Barb for her many years of leadership and service. Rabbi Koas has been an endless source of support and encouragement as I step onto the tightrope, I mean, learn the ropes.

So... fences. Licensing was requiring our tenant, the Montessori preschool, to raise the height of one fence and make substantial upgrades to another. With a deadline looming

and expensive bids in hand from fencing companies, we were searching for an affordable solution. CBA member Robbie Gitlin rode to the rescue, purchasing materials and organizing an enthusiastic crew of helpers. Under his leadership, everyone worked hard and completed the job. Voila... one new fence and one formerly short fence that now meets licensing's height requirements. And both look beautiful. Thank you to Robbie and crew. It took all of you to complete the job.



And this is one of the many things I love about Beth Ami. How so many people are happy to roll up their sleeves and pitch in. How Robbie says he needs help and the next morning, 20 people show up. In fact, the more time I spend on campus, the more I see how many people show their commitment, some in invisible ways, by pitching in and creating family and community. Yasher Koach.

You all know by now that the Teddy Bear Project is close to my heart. For the past 21 months, we have crocheted, knitted, and sewn over 350 bears to ship to Israeli kids traumatized by recent loss and fear. (You can help, by



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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the way, by donating shipping costs. Just send your donation to the office with the notation “teddy bears.”) Well, we did the unprecedented: we took a short break in order to make a teddy bear for our much-loved supporter, Rabbi Koas. It came complete with a crocheted kippah, tallit, mini-Torah, and—what else?—a basketball. We managed to keep it a surprise and presented it to him at the October Shir Shabbat service. Suffice it to say, he was very surprised..

You may be wondering at this point how Liquid Wrench fits into all this. Well, on Sunday mornings, when I’d unlock the parking lot gate ahead of the teddy bear makers, I’d hear this jarring, grinding, rasping, scraping, discordant sound of metal scraping against metal. (Yes, I did need all those adjectives. Could’ve used more. Any thoughts?) One morning, I brought with me a squirt can of Liquid Wrench. After squirting the moving parts liberally, I held my breath and moved the gate back and forth. Quiet descended. Peace reigned. And still does.

If you have an idea you feel would benefit Beth Ami, my door is open. Actually my email inbox is open. We can work together to imple-



ment your idea. For example, last fall Linda Emblen had a great idea: why not have a sukkah hop, where members who build a sukkah host other members who travel from one sukkah to another. Last year we ran out of time to implement it, but this year Rafaela is leading the hop. Please get in touch with her if you want to host or visit. Rafaela: oequils@yahoo.com 310-595-4094

A sneak peek

On October 16, Yoav Ben-Shushan, Executive Director of Israel Bonds, will join us at Shir Shabbat. He will speak about Israel and may lead a discussion on current events in Israel. Details are still in the works. Plans include traditional Israeli food.

In this season of reflection, I’m grateful to be part of a thriving community with a can-do attitude and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president.

As we enter 5787, the new Jewish year together, I wish you a meaningful Jewish holiday season and hope to see you, members and nonmembers, at some or all of our many services, meals, classes, and events.

L’Shanah Tovah Tikateivu v’Techatemu

Esther Baruch

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences to the families of:

Albert Emanuel Metzger, father of
Joslyn Metzger

Ronald Cohn, brother of Henry Cohn

Joan Russell, sister of Barbara Tomin

Marina Voulfson

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

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EVENTS: ONGOING LEARNING SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER DATES

Grief Support Group

**Tuesday, September 15 and October 20,
2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Grief does not follow a schedule. Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, the absence of a loved one can still be deeply felt. This support group, facilitated by Neil Herring, offers a safe and compassionate space for those who are grieving and seeking understanding, support, and connection with others who share a similar journey. All are welcome.

Torah Study Every Shabbat at 8:45 to 9:45 am

led by Rabbi Koas or Shechina Bryant. Services follow at 9:45 a.m. Join us as we explore the weekly Torah portion and its relevance to our lives today.

Prayers and Breakfast: Sunday, October 11, 9:00 a.m.

Begin the morning with prayer, conversation, and breakfast together.

Torah on the Trails: Sunday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a gentle walk while discussing God, creation, and the spiritual lessons we find in nature.

Lunch and Learn

**Wednesday, October 14, Lunch at noon;
Class 12:00–1:30 p.m.**

An opportunity for study, discussion, and community.

Introduction to Judaism / B'nai Mitzvah Class Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.

A welcoming introduction to Jewish life, traditions, beliefs, and practice.

**Torah on Tap, Thursday, October 22, 6:00
p.m.** We provide the beer; you provide the nosh. A relaxed evening of Torah, as well as Prophets.

All are welcome at Beth Ami.



SOCIAL ACTION

by Lyla Nathan, Chair

The Holidays are approaching...

Shana Tova and happy holidays to the Beth Ami Kehilla. I am hoping that the New Year will bring peace and understanding to our very fragmented world. The Social Action Committee, along with our community, do our best to perform everyday acts of kindness to help repair the world (Tikun Olam). Sometimes it is as simple as a friendly smile and a hello to a stranger.

Meals at The Palms

We will continue to provide hot home cooked meals at The Palms every other month. We have been serving meals since 2017. We serve the residents and sit and talk to them and have created a sense of community even though the population is always changing. *Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, Lyla and the Social Action Committee*



BETH AMI BOOK GROUP

Linda Emblen, Coordinator

New members: In case you've read acclaimed Israeli writer Meir Shalev's memoir, *My Russian Grandmother and Her American Vacuum Cleaner*, you are welcome to join us Aug. 30. Otherwise, come when you can. Our group, which consists of CBA members and friends, reads primarily fiction by Jewish authors or on Jewish themes. We belong to the SF Jewish Community Library's Book Club In A Box which has over 150 titles to choose from. We are able to borrow 12 copies of the same book at once plus a Hebrew copy. (Also, they always have a FREE cart with donations from all over the SF Bay Area and we've brought home many interesting finds for our congregation.)

Next read is Michael Chabon's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel --- *The Amazing Adventures Of Kavalier and Clay* (fiction, 656 pgs, 2000) (Also available as an audiobook.) Two cousins, one from Prague, one Brooklyn-born, come of age during WWII and spin their dreams, fantasies and fears into a wildly popular comic book series. This past year the Rialto Cinemas showed a Metropolitan Opera film of an opera based on Chabon's book! Loaner copies will be available in early September and we'll discuss it as a group until late October.

In the meantime, early October we will meet in a sukkah. **each participant will speak 5-10 minutes about a book of own choice.** We usually meet in different members' homes on Sunday afternoons. All CBA members and friends are invited to participate in discussion as a regular, occasionally, or only for a particular book. All fine. A very fluid, diverse gathering with lively conversation and refreshments.

And the SFJCLibrary's One Bay One Book choice has just been revealed for this year: *Always Carry Salt* by Samantha Ellis. It's a memoir sharing the linguistic and cultural heritage of her parents, who fled Baghdad as refugees. People all over the SF area will be reading it. We'll get it later this year. For comments or more details phone Linda 707-544-4532 (land-line.) L'Shanah Tovah!



ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

by Carol Swanson, Chair

Reverse Tashlich: Repair the Earth 2026

What we have been doing lately:

We continue to meet and collaborate with other congregations in Sonoma County. See our flyer for the Reverse Tashlich event below.

Welcome the Stranger banner – the banner is made. We will be adding the English and Hebrew calligraphy and decorating it after the High Holy Days. We chose to install it just above the entrance to the sanctuary.

We continue to work with **VIDAS** and plan to create more activities to support our immigrant community.



- Invites you to participate in a Tikun Olam event, Reverse Tashlich
- All Sonoma County Jewish communities welcomed
- We will be removing trash, etc. near Santa Rosa Creek at the Prince Memorial Greenway in the heart of Santa Rosa
- Meet at corner of Hazel and Olive street, next to Olive Park
- Children under 18 years are welcome with a parent or guardian
- Supplies will be provided by Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks
- Bring appropriate shoes and water
- A Vegetarian Pot Luck will be enjoyed after our clean up at Olive Park
- For more info. on the international movement of Reverse Tashlich go to <https://www.repairthesea.org/>



If you're interested contact: Michelle Zygielbaum mmz@mpzyg.com - representative for Congregation Beth Ami

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..

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Friday September 25, Erev Sukkot & **PIZZA!** in the Hut

Join us for Erev Sukkot services with Rabbi Koas at **6:00 pm** followed at **6:45** by a Shabbat dinner of salads, desserts and creative, hand-made, abundantly-topped vegetarian pizzas. Plus we get the amazingly musical mother-son duo of **Susy Starr & Jeremy Lipsin!**

\$20 for members age 12 and up.

\$25 for age 12 and up non-members.

\$9 for Under 12.



Please RSVP at
707-360-3000 or
office@bethamisr.org by
Wednesday, September 23
at noon.



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LET'S PLAN A SUKKAH HOP! Are you building a Sukkah? Let us know!

Sukkot is coming up (September 25–October 3), and we're thinking of organizing a Sukkah Hop.

The idea is to give people who may not have a sukkah of their own a chance to visit and enjoy different sukkahs in our community.

The hops would take place during the daytime. Each host would choose to open their sukkah for about 1.5 hours and provide a few small snacks. Guests would also bring a snack to share, so everyone contributes to the celebration.

Each route would make its way from sukkah to sukkah and end at Beth Ami. We're considering three Sukkah Hop routes, starting from:

Cloverdale
Sebastopol
Rohnert Park

If you are building a sukkah this year, would you be interested in being one of our Sukkah Hop hosts?

RSVP to Rafaela:
oequils@yahoo.com and
310-595-4094



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LEARNING LEYNING

Jeffrey Sternfeld

The Religious Practices Committee seeks new volunteers to read or chant Torah and Haftarah during Shabbat and High Holidays services. Congregation Beth Ami has a subscription to Trope Trainer, the premiere B'nai Mitzvah training platform in the United States. It provides a self guided experience for written and vocalized learning. It is accessible by all electronic devices including smart phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. As this software was developed by a coalition of cantorial organizations, it is highly adoptable to many learning styles and demands.

If you desire to celebrate an anniversary, a life cycle event, or just want to participate in the Torah service, all are welcome. If you can read Hebrew you can do this. There are options for 5 different vocal ranges and 16 different Torah melodies to choose from. Melodies for all Megillot and Lamentations are also available. Vocal playback allows you to listen to the full aliyah, individual verses, individual trope phrases, or individual words. Trope Trainer also provides full english translations, full english transliterations, and sheet music to accompany the Hebrew text.

I am the administrator to Trope Trainer for the congregation and can provide access to the website. I will meet with you to help you learn and manipulate the many modules. I can also act as a tutor if desired. Reading and chanting Torah is an honorable and appreciated activity. For older adults, like me, it is an excellent cognitive challenge that will help to keep your brain engaged and active. I relearned trope to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah using Trope Trainer and have continued reading and using Trope Trainer ever since.

If you are interested, please contact Jeff Sternfeld, jster@sonic.net, or leave a message with Elizabeth in the Beth Ami office.

BETH AMI GIFT SHOP

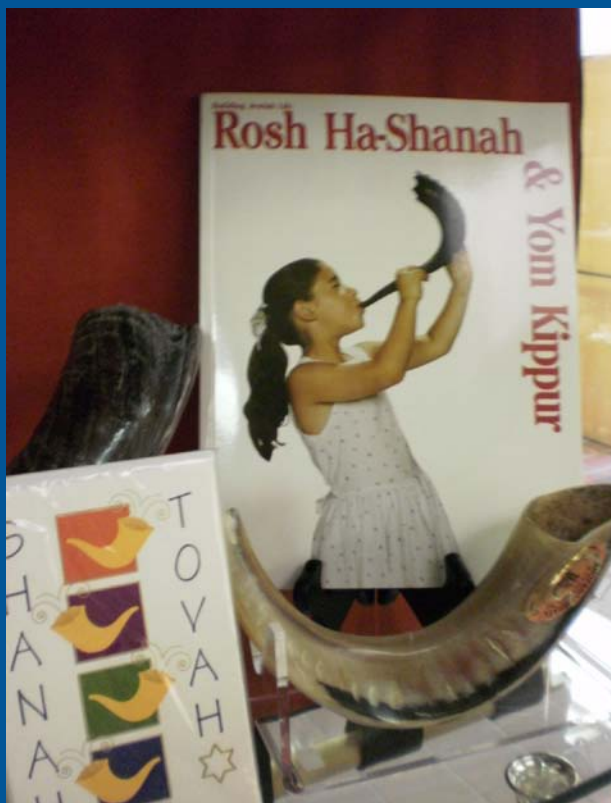


**The High Holidays are here,
and we have beautiful holiday
Judaica.**

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. Monday -
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.
707-360-3000.**





**CONGREGATION BETH AMI
SECOND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH
TASHLICH SERVICE**

**Sunday, September 13, 2026
4:30 P.M.**

Lake Ralphine at Howarth Park
630 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa

From the Summerfield Rd. entrance, follow the road to the upper parking lot near
Upper Oak Picnic Area and walk to the lake.

On Rosh HaShanah afternoon we gather to sing, pray and “cast our sins into the water.”
To keep the lake healthy we use symbolic crumbs, bird seed or special duck food.

VEGGIE POTLUCK AT BETH AMI 6:00 p.m.

Please join us at Congregation Beth Ami, after Mincha, for a community potluck at
6:00 p.m. Bring a **DAIRY/VEGETARIAN** meal along with anything you would like
to drink. Please RSVP to the Beth Ami office by noon on Thursday September 10.

Ma'ariv Service starts at 7:00 pm in the Beth Ami Sanctuary



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.bethamir.org.

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

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

Also, see Calendar <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/>

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.

September 4 Friday

6:00 pm. **Shir Shabbat with Klezmer Creek, catered Shabbat dinner**

September 5 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study with Rabbi
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service
potluck lunch

6:30 pm. Selichot Veggie Potluck dinner

7:30 p.m. Selichot Service, Program, & Havdalah

September 11 Friday

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service -Friedman Center, followed by Champagne and honey cake

September 12 Saturday

9:30 am. Rosh Hashana Day 1 services - Friedman Center

September 13, Sunday

9:30 am. Rosh Hashanah

Second Day services then light lunch - Sanctuary

4:30 pm Tashlich and Mincha at Howard Park, Lake Ralphine,

6:00 pm Veggie Potluck at CBA

7:00 pm Ma'ariv service

September 18 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat

Shuvah with Rabbi Koas

6:45 pm Potluck Dinner

September 19 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study with Rabbi Koas in the Social Hall

9:45 am. Shabbat morning service, potluck lunch

September 20, Sunday

1:00 p.m. Kever Avot and Genizah, S.R. Memorial Park section 2

September 20, Sunday

6:00 pm Candle lighting and Kol Nidre

September 21, Monday

9:30 am. Yom Kippur morning service - Friedman Center

4:30 pm. Yom Kippur afternoon

Torah Service - Sanctuary

5:30 pm. Yizkor & Mincha

6:30 pm. Neilah

7:30 pm. Havdalah/Ma'ariv/ Shofar

8:00 pm. Break-the-Fast Dinner, RSVP to the office

September 25, Friday

6:00 pm Erev Shabbat and Sukkot, followed by Pizza in the Hut Shabbat dinner
RSVP to the office

September 26, Saturday

9:30 am. Sukkot Day 1 and Shabbat morning service

October 2 Friday

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret service with Rabbi Koas followed by potluck

October 3 Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study with Rabbi
9:45 am Shemini Atzeret Shabbat services

11:00 am Yizkor

7:00 pm. Erev Simchat Torah with Klezmer Creek (costumes, hats, food, booze, dance with the Torahs)



October 4 Sunday

9:30 am. Simchat Torah service sanctuary (more hats, food, booze & dance with the Torahs, read ending and Bereshit)

October 9 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas

October 10 Saturday

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

October 16 Friday

6:00 pm. **Shir Shabbat with Klezmer Creek, catered dinner**

October 17 Saturday

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

October 23 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Koas

October 24, Saturday

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

October 30 Friday

6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat lay led

October 31, Saturday

8:45 am. Torah Study with Shechinah Bryant
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service lay led, potluck lunch



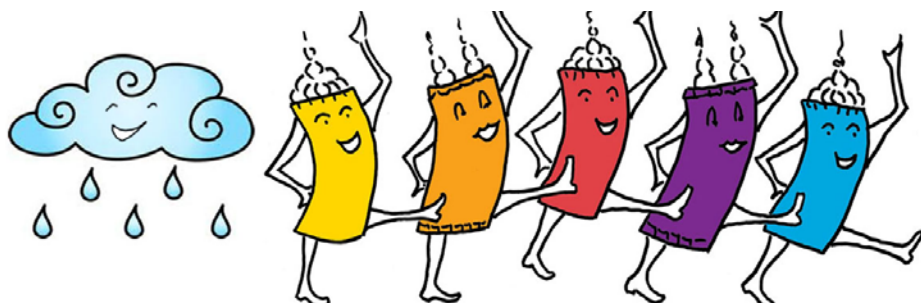
SUKKOT

September 23, Wednesday morning, come help put up the Beth Ami Sukkah in the Courtyard. Contact leefeinstein5@gmail.com

Friday evening, 6 pm
September 25, Erev Sukkot and Shabbat services followed by a Pizza in the Sukkah dinner. Please RSVP!

SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

Saturday October 3, 7 pm,
dance with the Torahs to the music of Klezmer Creek. Bring funny hats!
October 4, 9:30 am read the ending and start over!





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Stoelting women: Leanne, Ilana,
& Ethel! —*Anonymous*

Better health wishes to Nancy
Fleming —*Anonymous*

Better health wishes to
Rebecca Youlin —*Anonymous*

Speedy recovery to Daniel Weil
—*Anonymous*

Mazel Tov to Stuart Schy on his
birthday —*Anonymous*

Happy Birthday to Ivan Barta
—*Anonymous*

Thank you to all the nursery
school fence raisers!
—*Anonymous*

Better health to Rebecca
Fleming Youlin —*Anonymous*

Shana Tova U' Metukah to the
whole Beth Ami community
—*Anonymous*

Thank you to Leah Gerber for
her sweet songs
—*Anonymous*

For the complete recovery of
Michelle Zygielbaum
—*Judy Gunnar*

General Fund: Shabbat Lunch

A thoughtful donation
—*Anonymous*

Children's Jewish Education Fund

In memory of Ursula
Schussheim, Mother of Karen
Herskovic
—*Mark & Carol Rosen*

In memory of Audrey Hyman,
Sister of Bobbie Rosenthal
—*Mark & Carol Rosen*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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

In memory of Roy Camarillo's
father, Lalo —*Anonymous*

In honor of Bill & Suzie Fried-
man —*Sanford & Jo Anne
Bressick*

BETH AMI COMMUNITY DANCE BRINGS JOY AND CONNECTION

By Rafaela Equils

Our Beth Ami Community Dance Event brought together 31 congregation members and friends for a joyful and welcoming evening. With plenty of food and drinks, beautiful lighting, and great sound, the atmosphere was warm and festive. Ellen and Myra were there throughout the evening, helping with every aspect of the event, while Carolyn warmly welcomed guests as they arrived. Everyone contributed favorite dance songs, and Anna did a wonderful job as DJ, playing music from a broad range of eras that appealed to everyone.

One of the most meaningful parts of the evening was seeing people of all ages and abilities joining in the dancing and celebration. Phil described the evening as a socially warm experience, while Bonnie shared that she feels dancing brings people together. Everyone was having a great time. Jeff, who does not consider himself a dancer, also appreciated the gathering, saying, Havdalah is always good to share, no matter how we meet. A non-Jewish friend described the event as well organized, with a great selection of music, a friendly atmosphere, and fun participants.



The evening was a wonderful example of how music, tradition, and dancing can bring people together, strengthen friendships, welcome others into our community, and create a genuine sense of connection and belonging.





September 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 on Sep. 4 & 5

Sep. 5 Emil Javor Judd
Father of Dennis Judd

Sep. 6 Naftali Morse
Father-in-law of
Myrna Morse

Sep. 7 Rachel Julius
Friend of Riva Orr

Sep. 8 Irving Nathan
Father of Asher Nathan

Sep. 8 David Sternfeld
Father of Jeffrey Sternfeld

Sep. 9 Frances Spiegleman
Grandmother of
Ronit Glickman

Sep. 9 Ida Mann
Grandmother of
Judith Helman

Sep. 10 Gerald M. Wilson
Father of Brian Wilson

Announced on Sep. 11 & 12

Sep. 12 Rose Zittin
Grandmother of
Bill Friedman

Sep. 13 Myer Brust
Grandfather of
Barbara McGee

Sep. 13 William Colton
Brother-in-law of
Evelyn Gurevitch

Sep. 13 Minnie Shier Segel
Mother of Miriyam Gevirtz

Sep. 14 Avra Metzger
Mother of Joslyn Metzger

Sep. 15 Marilyn Sternfeld
Mother of Jeffrey Sternfeld

Sep. 16 Helene Senzer
Mother of Adrea Moss

Sep. 16 Anne Mann
Friend of Joslyn Metzger

Sep. 18 Frances Brust
Grandmother of
Barbara McGee

Sep. 18 Lillian Kahn
Mother of David Kahn

Sep. 18 Raymund Mundell
Father of Michael Mundell

Announced on Sep. 18 & 19

Sep. 19 Irving Stern
Father of Judy Stern

Sep. 20 Joseph Diamond
Grandfather of
Lauren Newman

Sep. 20 Dodie Weaver
Aunt of Patricia Gregg

Sep. 23 Carl Connors
Father of Tish Levee

Sep. 23 Harry Friedman
Uncle of Bill Friedman
and Debra Chapman

Sep. 23 Ruth Hess
Mother of Barbara Tomin

Sep. 23 Ruth Rappaport Quint
Mother of Emily Freeman

Sep. 24 Shmuel Berenstein
Father of Dan Anbar

Sep. 25 Florence Zivin
Mother of
Edee Sternfield-Squires

Sep. 25 Carolina Gordon
Granddaughter of
Marge Gordon

Sep. 25 Harald Quam
Father of Lindsay Kvam

Sep. 25 Lawrence Wilson
Father of Wendy Stern

September Birthdays

Riva Orr
Myra Stern Thomas
Phil Weil
Bonnie Boren
Leanne Schy
Ilana Stoelting
Adrea Moss
Ethel Schy
Carol Newman
Susanne Batzdorff
Leonard Cohen
Sarah Kauffman
Joyce Kobetz

September Anniversaries

Martha & Boyd Lane
Sarah & Raphael Kauffman
Joan & Daryl Schloss
Ronit & Howard Glickman
Jane Paul & Ross Jones
Terry & Russ Gurevitch

Announced on Sep. 25 & 26

Sep. 27 George Barta
Father of Ivan Barta

Sep. 28 Dorothy Yelin
Grandmother of
Francie Rogovin

Sep. 28 Merrill William Gitlin
Father of Rob Gitlin

Oct. 2 Morris Edelberg
Father of Marjorie Gordon

Oct. 2 Phyllis Kaplan
Mother of
Rhonda Rosenbach

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October Yahrzeits

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Announced on Oct. 2 & 3

- Oct. 3 Isadore Stern
Grandfather of Jim Stern
- Oct. 3 Michael Letourneau
Son of
Pam Jacobs Letourneau
- Oct. 4 Lester Schloner
Father of Carol Swanson
- Oct. 4 Muriel Zelda Menaker
Grandmother of
Sakina Bryant
- Oct. 4 Naomi Zeamans Helman
Goren, Mother of
Judith Helman
- Oct. 4 Frances Miller
Mother of Debra Sokolsky
- Oct. 5 Marcia Kupfer
Mother of Judy Kupfer
- Oct. 9 Mitchell Boyd
Father of Betty Boyd
- Oct. 9 Adolph Stern
Father of
Myra Thomas-Stern

Announced on Oct. 9 & 10

- Oct. 11 Mary Diamond
Grandmother of
Lauren Newman
- Oct. 11 Harold Rosen
Father of Mark Rosen
- Oct. 11 Al Sherman
Father of Edward Sherman
- Oct. 12 David Pacheco
Uncle of Patricia Gregg
- Oct. 14 Tillie Edelberg
Mother of Marge Gordon
- Oct. 16 Anna Whitaker
Daughter of Barbara &
John Whitaker
- Oct. 16 Samuel Schellenger
Father of Alex Schellenger

Announced on Oct. 16 & 17

- Oct. 19 Lisa Ballo
Mother of David Ballo
- Oct. 19 Tzfvir Anbar
Brother of Dan Anbar
- Oct. 20 Irene Gordon
Mother-in-Law of
Marge Gordon
- Oct. 20 Fred Goldman
Father of Ben Goldman
- Oct. 21 Ann Van Mourik Cory
Mother of Linda Emblen
- Oct. 22 Monique Grossman
Sister of Debbie Weiss
- Oct. 23 Henry J. Wald
Father of Miriam Wald

Announced on Oct. 23 & 24

- Oct. 24 John Holloway
Husband of
Lenore Holloway
- Oct. 24 Sydney Paul
Mother of Jane Paul
- Oct. 25 Dora Schiffman
Mother of Bernice Fox
- Oct. 27 Berkeley Garrison
Grandson of Tish Levee
- Oct. 27 Irv Judd
Brother of Dennis Judd
- Oct. 27 Stanley Abrams
Father of Anne Steirman
- Oct. 28 Charles Cohen
Father of Eli Cohen
- Oct. 29 Anna Meyerfeld
Grandmother of
Patty Bernstein
- Oct. 29 Sidney Rosenthal
Brother of
Bobbie Rosenthal

October Birthdays

Blair Pleasant
Jeffrey Sommers
Judi Hyman
Richard Kahn
Rabbi George Schlesinger
Jeffrey Sheff
John Whitaker
Judy Gunnar
David Levine
Ishie Petlock
Paul Kaltenbach
Rick Concoff

October Anniversaries

Bonnie Boren & Phil Weil
Signe & Joe Minuskin
Andrea & Stephen Nett

Announced on Oct. 30 & 31

- Oct. 31 Benjamin Joseph Weiss
Son of
Elizabeth & Dan Weiss
- Nov. 2 Frieda Leah Kahn
Grandmother of
Richard Kahn
- Nov. 2 Amanda Noland
Friend of Riva Orr
- Nov. 3 Norman Johnathan Schloner
Brother of Carol Swanson
- Nov. 4 Belle Rosen
Mother of Mark Rosen
- Nov. 5 Sam Cohen
Grandfather of
David Brunstein
- Nov. 6 Hans Biberstein
Father of
Susanne Batzdorff and
Jon Batzdorff



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September and October Candle Lighting

September 4 - 5

Nitzavim-Vayelech

Candle Lighting—7:18 pm

Havdalah—8:14 pm

Selichot

September 11 - 12

Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Candle Lighting—7:07 pm

September 12 - 13

Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Candle Lighting—8:03 pm

Havdalah—8:01 pm

September 18 - 19

Haazinu, Shabbat Shuva

Candle Lighting—6:56 pm

Havdalah—7:51 pm

September 20 - 21

Kol Nidre/ Yom Kippur

Candle Lighting—6:53 pm

Havdalah—7:48 pm

September 25 - 26

Erev Sukkot & day 1,

Shabbat

Candle Lighting—6:45 pm

September 26 - 27

Sukkot day 2

Candle Lighting—7:40 pm

Havdalah—7:39 pm

October 2 - 3

Shemini Atzeret, Shabbat

Candle Lighting—6:34 pm

October 3 - 4

Simchat Torah

Candle Lighting—6:16 pm

October 9 - 10

Beresbit

Candle Lighting—6:23 pm

Havdalah—7:19 pm

October 16 - 17

Noah

Candle Lighting—6:13 pm

Havdalah—7:09 pm

October 23 - 24

Lech-Lecha

Candle Lighting—6:03 pm

Havdalah—7:00 pm

October 30 - 31

VaYera

Candle Lighting—5:55 pm

Havdalah—6:52 pm

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