CONGREGATION
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Shofar

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Happy Chanukah

Making latkes circa 2015. This year's party will be on the third night: December 6.



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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

Being a Rabbi, a Father, and a Grandfather



There are many ways to introduce ourselves. We tell people what we do, where we live, and what our responsibilities are. In my life, three words describe some of the roles closest to my heart: rabbi, father, and grandfather.

Being a rabbi means being present for people at some of the most important moments of their lives. I stand with families beneath the chuppah as they begin a new chapter. I sit with people who are grieving. I celebrate births, welcome people into the Jewish community, teach Torah, and gather with our Beth Ami family for Shabbat and holidays. I am constantly reminded that Judaism is not only something we study or practice. It is something we live, especially in our relationships with one another.

But being a rabbi does not make me immune to the joys and challenges of being human. I am also a father. My children are adults, each building a life of their own, making choices, facing challenges, and discovering who they are. As a parent, you spend years trying to teach your children how to navigate the world. Eventually, you discover that they are teaching you, too.

"Being a rabbi is a privilege. Being a father is a lifelong journey. Being a grandfather is a beautiful new chapter."

You learn that love sometimes means offering advice, and sometimes it means staying quiet and listening. Sometimes it means helping, and sometimes it means trusting your children to find their own way. No matter how old our children become, some part of us still wants to protect them from every difficulty. We eventually learn that we cannot do that. We can only continue to love them, show up for them, and remind them that they never have to face life entirely alone.

And now, I am a grandfather.

Recently, my son Daniel and his wife, Talia, welcomed a beautiful, healthy baby girl, Adara Josephine, into the world. Holding this new life in my heart has given me a new perspective on the passage of time. One moment, you are holding your own children in your arms, wondering what kind of people they will become. Then, almost before you realize it, they are grown, creating families of their own, and you are looking at a new generation.

There is something profoundly Jewish about this experience. Our tradition teaches us that we are part of a story much larger than ourselves. We receive a heritage from those who came before us, and we carry the responsibility of passing it on to those who will come after us.

We see this in the Torah's description of Abraham and Sarah, in the generations that follow them, and in the words of the Shema, which asks us to teach our children the values we hold sacred. Jewish life has always depended on this chain of connection: grandparents, parents, children, and the generations yet to come.

But passing on Judaism is about much more than teaching prayers, celebrating holidays, or knowing the right answers. It is about teaching a child that every human being has dignity. It is about showing kindness when nobody is watching, standing up for justice when it is difficult, welcoming the stranger, and remembering that our lives become more meaningful when we care for others.

And this is where my three roles come together.

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Rabbi's Remarks

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As a rabbi, I help a community carry its traditions into the future. As a father, I hope I have given my children the values and courage to build meaningful lives. As a grandfather, I find myself thinking about the world this little girl will inherit, the people she will meet, the choices she will make, and the Jewish story she will one day discover is also her own.

I think about all of this when I come to Congregation Beth Ami. Our congregation is made up of people at different stages of life. Some are raising children. Some are grandparents. Some live alone, some are part of large families, and some are searching for a place where they can feel at home. We bring different experiences, histories, and hopes through our doors.



My son Daniel and his wife, Talia, welcomed a beautiful, healthy baby girl, Adara Josephine, into the world.

What makes a congregation special is not that we are all the same. It is that we choose to be present for one another.

We celebrate together. We mourn together. We learn from one another. We build relationships that extend beyond the walls of our synagogue. In doing so, we create something that can last beyond any one of us.

I have come to understand that our legacy is not simply what we leave behind. It is also what we place in the hearts of others while we are here.

I cannot know what the future will bring for my granddaughter, my children, or our Beth Ami community. None of us can. But I know what I hope to offer them: love, faith, curiosity, compassion, and the courage to make the world a little better than they found it.

Being a rabbi is a privilege. Being a father is a lifelong journey. Being a grandfather is a beautiful new chapter.

And all three remind me of the same truth: life is not measured only by the years we live, but by the love we give, the people we touch, and the values we pass on.

May we continue to build a Beth Ami where every generation finds a place to belong, where our traditions remain alive, and where the next generation can look toward the future with hope.

L'dor v'dor — from generation to generation.

With love and blessings.

FROM THE BOARD

Community Happenings
by Programming Chair Rafaela Ozlem-Equils



- Ronnie Rosenbach, Carolyn Orlik, and Bonnie Boren initiated the changes to the bimah. Harvey Newman has designed and will build the two side tables for the bimah as well as raise the Torah stand.
- Robbie, Alex, Kel, Rafaela, and 15 other members fixed the fence beautifully and cost-effectively.
- Beth Ami and David Kahn helped the Orrs create a beautiful wedding. Mazal tov, Kel and Rivka.
- Myra, Rafaela, and Ellen Leonardis organized two Havdalah and dance events. Attendance is increasing and the event is bringing the community together. Everyone had a good time.
- Reverse Tashlich is an international event which Beth Ami has participated in for the past few years. This year, organized by Carol Swanson and our Advocates for Social Justice Committee, Reverse Tashlich was a joint event with the Jewish Allies for Justice, a four synagogue committee.
- Linda Emblen and Rafaela organized a Sukkah hop. Six families opened their Sukkahs for celebration and connection. It was fun.
- Leah Gerber and Esther Baruch organized a tri-temple October 7 remembrance event at Beth Ami. The event had strong attendance from Beth Ami and the wider community.
- Neal Cronin is a Rabbinic Intern. He recently had the opportunity to lead his first service at Beth Ami. It was well-received.
- Lee and Paul Feinstein donated home-made beer to the Havdalah-dance event. It was a tasty addition to the Havdalah menu.



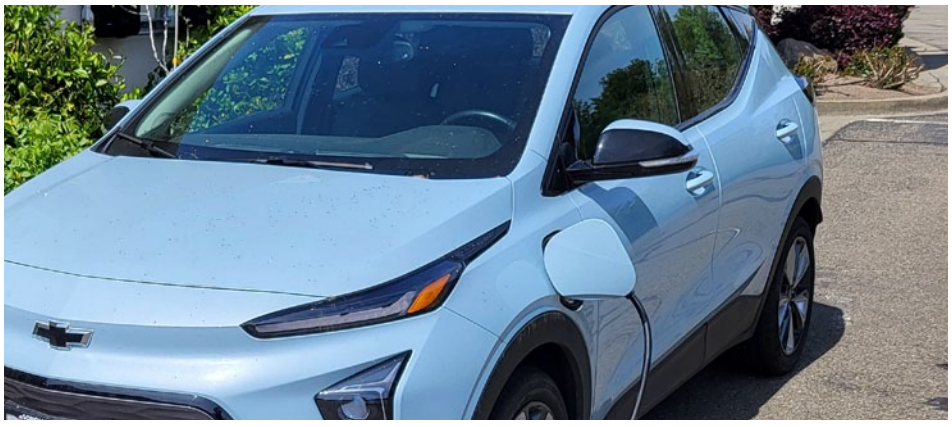
FROM THE BOARD

News from the CBA Campus and Beyond
by Richard Kahn, VP of Facilities



- With the help of a new head of service at Vital Energy we were able to get two new modern chargers that actually work. We still do not have the cards and stickers to isolate them, but I'm hoping those come soon. That took a lot of doing, for a while they were going to give us more of the same ones that really didn't work.
- The coating of the roof with silicone was completed this past month. We're replacing drainage hoses and installed the sandbags to divert water away from the center of the roof. We should be in good shape this winter.
- With the generous help of the Sofer in San Diego, Alberto Attia., We were offered a beautiful Torah that was owned by a Congregation that is closing. They expressed their desire that the Torah go to a small congregation that would treasure it, rather than put it on the open market. to be snatched up by either a collector or a Congregation with 30 Torahs.
- Also, it was our good fortune for an antique Torah Shield to come into Sofer's possession. And it's offered to us at the cost of the silver on the day we make this purchase. This is an amazing 100 year-old Torah Shield that will complete our set.





Above, the white coating on the roof is silicone. The old black drainage pipes in the photo are being replaced, and sandbags direct the flow of water.
Below, charging electric car at Beth Ami.

Events & Announcements

Mazeltov to:

New grandfather Rabbi Ron Koas, his son Daniel and daughter-in-law Talia, on the birth of Adara Josephine

Our condolences to the family of:

Fred Pacheco, father of Patti Gregg

Welcome new members

Robbie Harris

Leah Telford

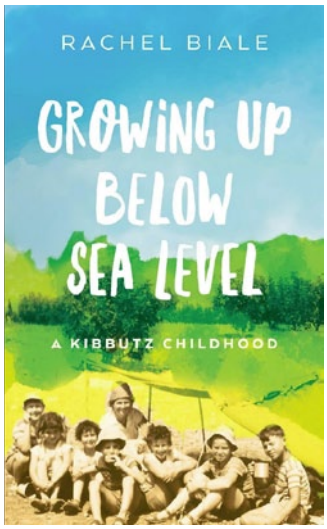
Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Michele Baime
Linda Emblen
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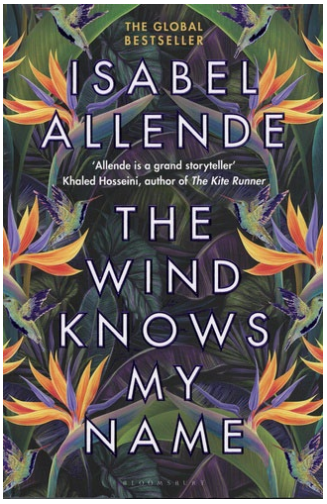


CBA BOOK GROUP

Linda Emblen, Co-ordinator



Next up is Rachel Biale's GROWING UP BELOW SEA LEVEL: A KIBBUTZ CHILDHOOD (MEMOIR, 256 pgs, 2020.) Her book is a series of linked stories about growing up on Kibbutz Kfar Ruppin in Israel's Jezreel Valley in the 1950s & 60's, when children spent most of their time living apart from their parents. We will have 12 copies from the SF Jewish Community Library available to borrow on November 6 & discuss the book, usually in a member's home, after Hannukah, which is early this year.



Then, we've reserved Isabel Allende's THE WIND KNOWS MY NAME (Fiction, 272 pgs, Spanish original & English translation, 2023.) We do usually read fiction by Jewish authors or on Jewish themes . . . as this one. For more info see the CYBERSHUL.

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME to come and participate regularly or only for a particular book of interest. Both OK. Pamphlets listing the goings-on --- in person & ZOOM talks from the SFJCL, are available on table before entering our sanctuary. Take one.

Our congregation will be getting this year's One Bay One Book selection --- ALWAYS CARRY SALT by Samantha Ellis later this Jewish year. To borrow a book or for further details, see or phone Linda 707-544-4532. (Landline.)

Events & Announcements

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December 6 Sunday 4:30 pm Chanukah Community Party, with latkes, singing, games and 3 candles!

Sunday December 61 is the second day and third 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

5:12 a short service, and light candles (Bring your Chanukiah and 4 candles!) Followed by Latke (and salad) dinner served

6:00 - Music and singing with Susy Boimoil Starr, and maybe Jeremy Lipsin (he's in great demand, but we may be lucky).



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 in the lobby for dropping off your donations.

RSVP to the Beth Ami office by noon on Thursday, Dec. 3, or we won't have enough latkes! FREE, donations are accepted with gratitude.



BETH AMI GIFT SHOP

Menorahs, colorful candles, beeswax candle-making kits, dreidels of all sizes, both milk and dark chocolate gelt, 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, contact office before your visit. Call Bonnie Boren at 528-1628 to order special items.



Events & Announcements
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Nirkod: Let's Dance!

Wednesdays Nov. 4 and 18, December 2, 16 and 30, at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All ages and dance levels invited. Join a friendly, low-key group of dancers: together we'll learn dances from the hora to the latest from the Tayelet boardwalk in Tel Aviv. Cost is free for Beth Ami members; for non-members a suggested donation of $8 covers Beth Ami cost. Sliding scale (we put out a donation box). Dance socks are recommended for pivoting, *thedancesocks.com* is one source.

Let me know if you have requests or need help entering Beth Ami: Robin (707) 815-3597



Good grief: find comfort in community

Tuesday November 17, 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Come to a safe space, where you can share your thoughts and feelings and listen to others who understand the journey of grief.

Led by Neil Herring, a seasoned, compassionate facilitator with 27 years' experience leading Men Evolving Non-Violently groups and 21 years' experience peer-counseling seniors with West County Community Services. He believes in the healing power of shared experiences and mutual support. He is volunteering his services for the community.

Events: Ongoing Learning

Torah Study every Shabbat at 8:40 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. Services at 9:45 a.m.

NEW: The Many Sounds of Hebrew: November 9, December 14 Monday 7:00 pm with Leah Telford and Rabbi Koas: an exploration of language.

Torah on Tap: Wednesdays November 11 with Neal Cronin, December 9 at 7:00 pm We provide the beer. You provide the nosh. (Veggie only – follow potluck guidelines.) A relaxed evening of Torah, as well as Prophets.

Torah on Trails: Sundays November 8 December 13, at 10:30 am email the rabbi for meeting place: rabbi@bethamisr.org. Enjoy a gentle walk while discussing God, creation, and the spiritual lessons we find in nature.

Prayers and Breakfast, Sundays November 8, December 13 at 9 am; Begin the morning with prayer, conversation, and breakfast together.

Lunch and Learn: Wednesdays November 11, December 16, Lunch at noon; Class 12:00–1:30 p.m. An opportunity for study, discussion, and community.

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

Introduction to Judaism/Bnai Mitzvah Class Wednesdays November 11, December 16, 7:00 pm. A welcoming introduction to Jewish life, traditions, beliefs, and practice.

All are welcome at Beth Ami's programs.



The Kitchen Corner

Myra Stern Thomas, Chair of the Kitchen Committee

Happy Holidays.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped during this past year, whether it was for working in the kitchen for any of our many Beth Ami events and those who helped with the clean-up afterwards. The list of names is too long to print here, but you know who you are and what you have done to earn our gratitude.

I hope that we get even more volunteers to help us. I also want to thank you for all the donations that we received for the potluck lunches and dinners whether it's food products, money, or items made to share at the event. The food brought in to share is always helpful.

As you all know, our regular Saturday potluck lunches and Friday potluck dinners are organized by volunteers from preparation stage, set-up, to clean up. The bigger the event, the more volunteers are used; like the sponsored birthday celebrations during Shabbat or the Havdalah dances. More thank-yous go to these many volunteers who put in their efforts to create these and even the larger celebrations we celebrated this year like the wedding, Shir Shabbat Dinners, and holiday events which ranged from the simple champagne oneg to our community Passover seder.

Other members in the Kitchen Committee who also deserve special thanks are those who help us maintain the kitchen doing tasks you don't usually see; keeping things kosher, clean, organized, appliances working, developing classes, brochures, training sheets, and more.

Special thanks go to Rabbi Koas for helping us maintain the Beth Ami Kitchen with his knowledge of kashrut, and during our meetings for being a great mentor and advisor.

That is what it takes to run the CBA Kitchen.

Thank you, *Myra*

Men's Group

Richard Kahn

Outings Planned

The Men's group went to Mary's Pizza Shack for lunch on this past Friday the 23rd of October we had 12 gentlemen for lunch and had a fine time.





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 16 this year. Our Beth Ami community has always been very generous and we are hoping for the same kindness this season.. Todah Rabah! 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 14.

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.

Federal cuts to SNAP

I am writing about the difficult issues of food insecurities in our community and the impact of the federal cuts in SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) on their participants. For clarification, SNAP is called Cal Fresh in California. The cuts in SNAP are the result of the administration's bill that was passed last year. As a result, the requirements to receive federal assistance for food have been severely tightened and limited starting this year. It is affecting millions of Californians who are facing increased expenses for food.

These cuts have had a huge effect on the food banks nationwide. They are now overwhelmed by the number of residents who can't survive without their assistance. Food banks are meant to supplement people's food supply. They weren't established to be a primary provider of food sustenance for people.

Concurrently food banks also have also lost many federal grants and have had to rely on private fundraising for the last year.

We at Beth Ami have always supported the Redwood Empire Food Bank by giving healthy food, volunteering, or with financial donations.

This year, during Yom Kippur, Beth Ami people donated 286 pounds of food to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. We transported it all to the food bank. There is still a collection barrel in the Beth Ami lobby, it's never too late.

The food bank serves many of our neighbors and reaches far and wide to help the community in these difficult times of high prices and food scarcity. The REFB appreciates any help. I do know that cash donations are highly valued because they can purchase large amounts of food for cheaper prices.

The Social Action Committee is committed to Tikun Olam and we thank everyone in the Beth Ami Kehilla for your efforts to make this world a better place for all. Thanks to everyone in our Kehilla in advance. We are a loving congregation! The website for food bank: refb.org Telephone 707-523-7900 *Shalom, Lyla Nathan*



Arraning clothing donations at The Palms, 2025

Advocates for Social Justice

by Carol Swanson, Chair

What have we been up to?

Our **Reverse Tashlich** event was a huge success. This year we collaborated with other Jewish temples and organizations. It was so wonderful to meet Jews affiliated with other Jewish groups in Sonoma County and together help repair the earth. We collected a lot of trash and enriched our Tashlich experience. It was such a great way to practice Tikkun Olam. Next year we hope to see participation grow.

Jewish Allies for Justice - This newly formed group is open to all Jews in Sonoma County. Several members of the Social Action Committee and the Advocates for Social Justice have joined this group. There is no website yet. If you want to learn more about JAJ, reach out to Carol Swanson or Lyla Nathan. Its group goal is continue to "unite Jewish communities across Sonoma County to pursue justice, build solidarity and repair the world."

Welcome the Stranger banner – Progress! With Reverse Tashlich behind us, our group is really focused on completing the banner. We are adding a phrase from Leviticus in English and Hebrew calligraphy and later will be decorating it with color. We chose to install it just above entrance to the sanctuary. We think it will be another wonderful Jewish artifact of Congregation Beth Ami's welcoming spirit to all visitors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Swanson, swangirl@comcast.net.

We continue to work with VIDAS and plan to create more activities to support our immigrant community. We have a special Tzedakah box for VIDAS, (Vital Immigrant Defense Advocacy and Services). in our foyer. Please help support our immigrant community and consider donating. 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 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, Carol Swanson, chairperson..



Our Reverse Tashlich event was a collaboration with other Jewish organizations.

Religious Practices

Lee Feinstein, Chair

A Letter from Rabbi Ron Koas



Dear Congregants,

We have a unique opportunity to purchase a Sefer Torah, and I believe this is one we should seriously consider.

This Torah is truly remarkable. It was owned by a Reform synagogue that has recently closed, and the congregation wanted to make sure that the Torah would find a new home rather than simply be sold at an unaffordable price.

The Torah is approximately 70 to 80 years old and has magnificent calligraphy. The writing is exceptionally legible, with clear, distinct letters that are a pleasure to read. The parchment is in outstanding condition and has been lime-washed, keeping it remarkably white. There is only very slight discoloration, primarily at the beginning of Genesis and in a few other spots.

The Torah also comes with two beautiful embroidered mantles.

The purchase price is $18,000. It will need new spindles to match those of our other Torahs, at an additional cost of approximately $1,000. By comparison, a new Torah from Israel costs approximately $60,000, while good used Torahs typically sell for $25,000-$35,000.

I also see an additional opportunity for our congregation. Our fifth Torah, which is too tired to restore, could potentially be rented to another congregation in need while remaining in our possession. The newly arrived Torah would then give us an additional beautiful and reliable Sefer Torah for our own use, as well as an amazing asset when other congregations ask to borrow a Torah for special occasions.

I am happy to be the first to contribute $1,000 toward this purchase. I hope we can come together as a congregation to make this opportunity possible and give this beautiful Torah a new home with us.

Thanks,

Rabbi Ron Koas

***An update from the Religious Practices Committee:** the trustees of the Torah restoration fund, consisting of the rabbi, the chair of the RPC, and treasurer, have committed $5,000 for the purchase of this Torah, and we have received $10,000 in additional pledges from congregants. In gratitude we are pledging to have the names of the donors (if they so approve) acknowledged on leaves on our Etz Hayim (Tree of Life) in the lobby. We hope you'll give this effort your consideration and generosity.*

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.

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat 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.

November 6 Friday
6:00 pm Shir Shabbat Service with Rabbi Koas and Klezmer Creek
6:45 Shabbat Dinner followed by speaker on SE Greenway

November 7 Saturday
8:45 – 9:45 am Torah Study
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch

November 8 Sunday
9:00 am. Morning Service in person and Zoom followed by **light breakfast**, then **Torah on Trails** weather permitting

November 13 Friday
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
6:45 potluck dinner

November 14 Saturday
8:45 – 9:45 am Torah Study
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service, potluck lunch
Havdalah

November 20 Friday
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Neal Cronin

November 21 Saturday
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Neal Cronin, potluck lunch

November 27 Friday
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Neal Cronin

November 28 Saturday
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service lay led, potluck lunch

December 4 Friday
6:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Koas
6:45 Potluck Dinner

December 5 Saturday
8:45 am. Torah Study
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch

December 6, Sunday 4:30 pm, Community Chanukah and Latke dinner

December 11 Friday
6:00 pm Kabballat Shabbat with Neal Cronin

December 12 Saturday
8:45 am. Torah Study
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch

December 13 Sunday
9:00 am. Morning Service in person and Zoom followed by **light breakfast**, then **Torah on Trails** weather permitting

December 18 Friday
6:00 pm Shir Shabbat Service with Rabbi Koas and Klezmer Creek
6:45 Shabbat Dinner followed by speaker Michael E. Spagna, SSU president

December 19 Saturday
8:45 am. Torah Study
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Koas, potluck lunch
1:00 pm Conversational Hebrew

December 25 Friday
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat lay led

December 26 Saturday
8:45 am. Torah Study
9:45 am. Shabbat morning service lay led, potluck lunch

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General Fund

In honor of Riva & Kel Orr's wedding —*Dr. Eli Cohen & Elizabeth Boyd*

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

In honor of the wedding of Riva & Kel Orr —*Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson*

In honor of Susanne Batzdorff — *Jonathan & Rose Batzdorff*

In honor of Jerry Newman — *Kelly & Riva Orr*

In honor of Susanne Batzdorff's birthday — *Paul Kaltenbach & Lindsay Kvam*

In memory of Janet Abrahams, mother of Louise Abrahams — *Adrea Moss*

A thoughtful donation — *Elisa Watkins*

In memory of Helene Senzer, mother of Adra Moss — *Adrea Moss & Family*

In memory of my father, Stanley Abrams — *Anne Steirman*

In memory of Vivian Frye, beloved friend —*Anonymous*

In memory of Marina Voulfson —*Anonymous*

In memory of Albert Emanuel Metzger, father of Joslyn Metzger — *Barbara McGee*

In memory of Frances Barr Brust — *Barbara McGee*

In memory of Myer Bernard Brust — *Barbara McGee*

In memory of Ronald Cohn, brother of Henry — *Barbara McGee*

In memory of my father, Gerald Malcolm Wilson — *Brian Wilson*

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

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

In memory of Carolyn Kantor, with condolences to Brooke Kantor —*Anonymous*

In memory of Fred Pacheco, with condolences to Patti Gregg —*Anonymous*

In memory of Ronald Cohn, with condolences to Henry Cohn & Debbie Jones —*Anonymous*

In memory of Joseph Landau, father of Tamar Landau —*Anonymous*

In memory of Fred Pacheco, father of Patti Gregg — *David Kahn*

In memory of Allen Weiss — *Debbie Weiss*

In memory of Monique Grossman — *Debbie Weiss*

In memory of Ronald Cohn, brother of Henry Cohn — *Evelyn Gurevitch*

In memory of my father, George Barta — *Ivan Barta*

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

In memory of Fred Pacheco, father of Patti Gregg — *Judith Stern*

In memory of my husband, John Holloway — *Lenore Holloway*

In memory of Ron Cohn, brother of Henry Cohn — *Marlene Slutsky*

In memory of Henry Cohn's brother, Ronald Cohn — *Melvin Decker & Judith Stern*

In memory of Joan Russell, sister of Barbara Tomin — *Melvin Decker & Judith Stern*

In memory of Harold Quam, Anne Mann, & Leonard Anderson — *Paul Kaltenbach & Lindsay Kvam*

In memory of Fred Pacheco, father of Patti Gregg — *Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren*

In memory of Ronald Cohn, brother of Henry & Debbie Cohn — *Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren*

Thank you to Cantor Jessie - Kol Hakavod — *Anonymous*

Happy Birthday Susanne Batzdorff — *Anonymous*

Mazel Tov to Riva & Kel Orr upon their marriage — *Myrna Morse*

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Sukkot Pizza in the Hut was delicious! Thank you to Mark, Anne, David, Alex, and helpers. —*Anonymous*

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Better health to Henry Cohn — *Anonymous*

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Get well soon, Lyla Nathan — *David Kahn*

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Wishing for a full recovery for Nancy & Andy Fleming's daughter, Rebecca Youlin — *Melvin Decker & Judith Stern*

In gratitude to Billy & Suzie Friedman as guest of the High Holidays 2026 — *Sanford & Jo Anne Bressick*

In honor of Richard Kahn's 80th birthday. Thanks for all that you do! —*Brian & Ruth Wilson*

In honor of Richard Kahn's 80th birthday —*Elisabeth Van Nuys*

In honor of the birth of Rabbi Koas' granddaughter —*Elisabeth Van Nuys*

In memory of Helene Leonardi, sister of Susan Miller — *Branagan Branagan*

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

In memory of Helene Leonardi, sister of Susan Miller — *Judy Gunnar*

In memory of Helene Leonardi — *Phil Weil & Bonnie Boren*

In memory of Helene Leonardi — ***Stuart & Ethel Schy***

In memory of Helene Leonardi — *Tish Levee*

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In honor of the birth of Rabbi Koas' granddaughter. Mazel Tov! —*Mark & Carol Rosen*

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In memory of Sam Cohen —*David Brunstein*

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 Nov. 6 & 7

Nov. 7 Helen May Margolese
Mother of
Michelle Zygielbaum

Nov. 7 Samuel Cooper
Father of Bob Cooper &
Grandfather of
Graham Cooper

Nov. 7 Edith Newman
Mother of
Carol Newman &
Michael Newman

Nov. 8 Israel David Brunstein
Grandfather of
David Brunstein

Nov. 9 Harold Zeamans
Grandfather of
Judith Helman

Nov. 11 Moshe Tzaig
Husband of
Branagan Branagan

Nov. 11 Francis Dickerson
Father of
Sarah Kauffman

Nov. 13 John Metz
Friend of Beth Ami

Announced on Nov. 13 & 14

Nov. 14 Jay Holloway
Son of Lenore Holloway

Nov. 17 Marcella Liverman
Aunt of Marc Bernstein

Nov. 17 Gideon Rosenbach
Grandson of
Rhonda Rosenbach

Nov. 18 Gaye Spiegelman
Aunt of Ronit Glickman

Nov. 18 David, Mark, & Sylvia
Spiegelman
Cousins of
Ronit Glickman

Nov. 19 Rudolph Kupfer
Father of Judy Kupfer

Nov. 20 Joe Goldberg
Father of
Richard Goldberg

Announced on Nov. 20 & 21

Nov. 23 Rose Leah Schneider

Mother of Evelyn Gurevitch

Nov. 23 Diana Connors Schilling
Sister of Tish Levee

Nov. 23 Betty Weisler
Grandmother of
Jim Stern

Nov. 24 Jacob Goldman
Father of Ethel Schy

Nov. 25 Etienne Sampiere
Friend of
Sarah Kauffman

Nov. 26 Raymond Nett
Father of
Stephen Nett

Nov. 26 Abraham Schwaber
Father of Fredrika Gross

Announced on Nov. 27 & 28

Nov. 28 Joel Jones
Uncle of Ross Jones

Nov. 28 George Kaplan
Father of
Rhonda Rosenbach

Nov. 30 Nathan Elbam
Father of Debbie Weiss

Dec. 2 Anna Barta
Mother of Ivan Barta

Dec. 3 Elsa Ballo
Grandmother of
David Ballo

Dec. 4 Laura Rosenthal
Stepmother of
Bobbie Rosenthal

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
Edee Sternfield Squires
Claire Miller
Nancy Fleming
Carolyn Orlik
Dr. Russ Gurevitch

November Anniversaries

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



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Announced on Dec. 4 & 5

Dec. 5 Noah Minuskin
Father of
Joseph Minuskin

Dec. 6 Mary Minuskin
Mother of
Joseph Minuskin

Dec. 6 Margaret Stewart
Mother of
Alex Schellenger

Dec. 6 Anita Cassel
Great Aunt of Riva Orr

Dec. 8 Henry Lotsoff
Father of Cheryle Miller

Dec. 9 Leo Schweitzer
Father of Blair Pleasant

Dec. 10 Olive Cordill
Mother of Kim Cordell

Dec. 10 Jack Guttenberg
Father of
Michele Guttenberg

Dec. 10 Joseph Schussheim
Father of
Karen Herskovic

Dec. 10 Max Stein
Father of
Janet Stein-Larson

Announced on Dec. 11 & 12

Dec. 12 Mildred Brunstein
Aunt of David Brunstein

Dec. 13 Natan Kahn
Grandfather of
Richard Kahn

Dec. 14 Greg Katz
Nephew of
Myra Stern-Thomas

Dec. 17 Carol Cohn
Mother of Henry Cohn

Dec. 17 Harold Boren
Father of Bonnie Boren

Dec. 17 Gertrude German
Mother of Ellen Mundell

Dec. 17 Evelyn Schwaber
Mother of
Fredrika Gross

Dec. 18 Rachel Cohen
Mother of Eli Cohen

Dec. 18 David Kerben
Husband of Claire Miller

Announced on Dec. 18 & 19

Dec. 19 Joseph Schafer
Father of Linda Emblen

Dec. 20 Benjamin Strudler
Nephew of Susan Miller

Dec. 21 Sherri Kahn
Wife of David Kahn

Dec. 21 Carole Glover
Mother of Tamar Landau

Dec. 25 Mildred Kramer
Grandmother of Riva Orr

Announced on Dec. 25 & 26

Dec. 26 William Friedman
Grandfather of
Joslyn Metzger

Dec. 26 Franklin Cohen
Brother of Eli Cohen

Dec. 26 Sylvia Feinberg Kegel
Step-Grandmother of
Sakina Bryant

Dec. 27 Robert Deal
Brother of
Barbara Whitaker

Dec. 27 Jack Schiffman
Father of Bernice Fox

Dec. 28 Bea Kaplan
Grandmother of
Michelle Zygielbaum

Dec. 28 Dr. Raymond Kauffman
Father of
Raphael Kauffman

Dec. 29 Elaine Robinson
Mother of Myrna Morse

Dec. 30 Mordachai ben Hershel
Brother of
Evelyn Gurevitch

Dec. 31 Gladys Baba
Mother of
William Cordell

Jan. 1 Rosa Newman
Grandmother of
Carol Newman &
Michael Newman

Jan. 1 Dean Fleming
Father of Andy Fleming

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

Suzie & Bill Friedman
Connie & Ben Goldman
Elizabeth & Graham Cooper

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 thanksgiving.

Leaf—$75

We also provide the opportunity for you to memorialize loved ones.

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November and December Candlelighting

November 6 - 7
Chayei Sarah, Mevarchim HaChodesh
Candle Lighting—4:47 pm
Havdalah—5:46 pm

November 13 - 14
Toldot
Candle Lighting—4:41 pm
Havdalah—5:40 pm

November 20 - 21
Vayetzei
Candle Lighting—4:36 pm
Havdalah—5:36 pm

November 27 - 28
Vayishlach
Candle Lighting—4:33 pm
Havdalah—5:34 pm

December 4
First Chanukah Candle
—4:30 pm

December 4 - 5
Vayeshev
Candle Lighting—4:31 pm
Havdalah—5:33 pm

December 5
Second Chanukah Candle
—5:34 pm

December 6
Third Chanukah Candle
—5:12 pm

December 7
Fourth Chanukah Candle
—5:12 pm

December 8
Fifth Chanukah Candle
—5:12 pm

December 9
Sixth Chanukah Candle
—5:12 pm

December 10
Rosh Chodesh Tevet, Seventh Chanukah Candle
—5:12 pm

December 11 - 12
Miketz
Eighth Chanukah Candle before Shabbat candles
Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:32 pm
Havdalah—5:34 pm

December 18 - 19
Vayegash
Candle Lighting—4:34 pm
Havdalah—5:36 pm

December 25 - 26
Vayechi
Candle Lighting—4:37 pm
Havdalah—5:40 pm