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**Scholar-in-Residence
Cantor Howard Shalowitz
March 9-11**

**Adult B'nai Mitzvah
Orientation Meeting**

Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m.

Are you interested in making a commitment to studying for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Come to an orientation meeting on Wednesday, February 7, at Congregation Beth Ami.



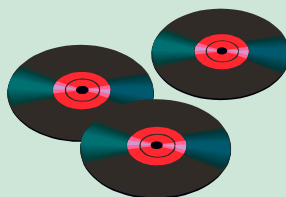
**Purim Banquet
featuring
The Motown Megillah**

Saturday, March 3, 7 p.m.

The Friedman Center

**Come enjoy dinner (reservations required)
before the reading of the traditional
Megillah followed by the
Motown Musical
Extravaganza.**

See page 15 for the reservation form.



**Honoring our Hazzanim
Brooke Kantor, Lou
Menachof &
Werner Berg**

**Shabbat Services & Lunch
March 10**

The congregation wants to honor three of its long-time volunteers with engraved leaves on the Simcha Board and a Shabbat luncheon on Saturday, March 9. Lou Menachof, Brooke Kantor and Werner Berg have given many years of faithful service to our community as High Holy Day Hazzanim. If you would like to contribute for these dedicated volunteers, please send your check to the office and write Hazzanim on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

~Rabbi George Schlesinger
Andy Fleming, President

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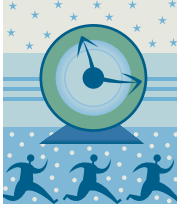
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our hearts, help heal the world and
sustain our Jewish heritage.

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While the Rabbi is away

As I write this column, we are halfway through an unusual, mid-winter rabbinical absence; Rabbi Schlesinger requested a shift in his vacation so that he could spend it while Paula had a sabbatical from her job. This has placed special demands on our community, and I am pleased to see that Beth Ami has responded so well, demonstrating the depth and breadth of the skills and commitment of our membership. Our collective response is a reflection of all of the values that define Beth Ami.

I especially wish to acknowledge Patty Bernstein and the entire Religious Practices Committee, who anticipated all of the requirements for "staffing" six Shabbat observances. Working with the Rabbi, several congregation members were trained to lead different portions of the Friday and Saturday services. Both regular and unanticipated minyan services have been handled gracefully and competently. I am grateful for the committee's leadership, and for the many people who have stepped forward to serve the congregation. I particularly extend my thanks and respect to those who took this opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Jewish ceremonial practices.

Our programming in the near future also builds on our communal desire to expand our Jewish experience. **On February 7, there is an orientation for all adults who would like to work together as a B'nai Mitzvah class.** This is the first time in a long while that we have offered this opportunity. It is a significant commitment, yet there has been a gratifying response from members. If you have ever wished to delve more deeply into the richness of your Jewish heritage, to work at understanding the knowledge and wisdom of Judaism, and do so with the support and participation of friends, please come to the orientation and discover if this will work for you.

We also are developing programs to expand our experience of music in our Jewish lives, from the ridiculous to the sublime. **On March 3, we will stretch the Megillah to its artistic limits as we adapt it to the rhythms of Motown.** The evening includes a festive dinner, the reading of the Megillah, and then the Motown revue, complete with house band. The following weekend, we will be hosting cantor **Howard Shalowitz**, who will not only participate in services but also lead workshops, teaching us about the role of music in the Jewish service. And on the first weekend of April, Beth Ami and other local synagogues will share in hosting **Martin Levson**, a cantor who has blended Jewish liturgy with folk music and his beautiful guitar accompaniment. These

are three very different Jewish musical experiences. Save the dates and plan to attend.

I want to thank all of you who have taken the time and invested the energy to sustain all of the services, programs, and community that Beth Ami provides. Whether it is learning the skills of the morning service, planning the details of a musical program, or comforting a congregant who is recovering from surgery, I am grateful to you all. Your generosity of spirit provides our rabbi with a well-deserved break, and our community with a web of support.

Yasher koach, y'all!

If the greatest compliment you can pay a leader is to have the organization function in his/her absence, we have really done Rabbi Schlesinger proud! We have not only continued to function—we've actually thrived with the help of this whole congregation. As far as religious services go—if you attended a Friday night or Shabbat morning, you witnessed a crew of brave souls who stepped forward to greet (congregants), beat (music), lead (services), and read (Torah and haftarah) with such aplomb that we were in awe. We all gain strength from their efforts.

Most sincere thanks go to everyone who helped with services (many in more than one role) these last six weeks—including:

Avi Ballo	John Metz
Esther Baruch	Susan Miller
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~Patty Bernstein



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

All phone numbers listed in this newsletter begin with a 707 area code unless otherwise indicated.



If you're in high school and looking for an opportunity to have fun, perform community service, see old friends, make new friends, or simply hang out with other Jewish teens, then don't hesitate any longer and join us for a SCUSY event.

YOUR USY



Photo from Shabbat Dinner at the Winning/Waterhouse home for the "Come to My Home for Shabbat Dinner" program coordinated by the Membership Committee.

Calling all needleworkers and potential needleworkers!

Plan to join us on **Tuesday, March 13**, at 7 p.m. at the home of Joy Danzig. We will explore the beginning of a Pomegranate Guild for Jewish Needlework here in Sonoma County. We will get to know each other and discuss ways to enhance the Jewish home and synagogue using the art of needlework. The guild is based on its members sharing stitching techniques and projects with each other. For more information, you can access the Pomegranate Guild website, www.pomegranateguild.org. To respond and get directions, contact Joy at 573-3753, Julie Stout at 546-9584 (evenings best for both), or e-mail Joy at marlenejoy42@yahoo.com.



The Susy Raful essay contest

Jewish High School students throughout Sonoma County are invited to submit essays for the seventh annual contest, established by her children, in honor of Susy Raful, a survivor of concentration camps and an infamous Death March.

The contest seeks the students reflections on the Holocaust (Shoah) by considering a number of questions about their thoughts on the images and impact of the Shoah; what the writer has learned; and how the history of that era will be passed on to future generations.

Detailed information and rules covering the \$500 prize can be found at the Congregation Beth Ami website: www.bethamir.org, under the link "News & Events." **Essays are due no later than March 30, 2007.**

~Bob Raful

Torah & Talmud Study Thursday evenings

Torah/Bible Class

February 8, 2007 (resumes)
February 22, 2007
March 8, 2007
March 22, 2007
April 12, 2007
April 26, 2007
May 10, 2007
May 24, 2007
June 14, 2007
June 28, 2007

Talmud Study

February 15, 2007
March 1, 2007
March 15, 2007
April 5, 2007
April 19, 2007
May 3, 2007
May 17, 2007
June 7, 2007
June 21, 2007

Location: Friedman Center Board Room.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Ongoing programs at Beth Ami

TUESDAY

♦ **Exercise Class**, 9-10:30 a.m., Social Hall

offered by the JCC Friendship Circle

♦ **Conversational Hebrew with Judy Clack**

Beginning Level, 10-11 a.m., Room 14

♦ **Israeli Folk Dancing**

7 p.m., Friedman Center. For more info contact Leanne Schy at 528-4874 or Leanne@sonic.net.

THURSDAY

♦ **Exercise Class**, 9-10:30 a.m., Social Hall

offered by the JCC Friendship Circle

♦ **Conversational Hebrew**

with Judy Clack Intermediate Level

10-11 a.m., Room 14

♦ **Torah & Talmud Study with Rabbi Schesinger**

7 p.m., Friedman Center Board Room.

Please see schedule above.

FRIDAY

♦ **Exercise Class**, 10-11:15 a.m., Social Hall

Instructor Barbara Goodridge will teach class in the Social Hall every Friday, except for the first Friday of the month when class will be held in lounge.

offered by the JCC Friendship Circle

♦ **Shabbat Yoga**, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m., Lounge, 1st Friday each month. Call Hannah Caratti 578-4040 for more information.

SUNDAY

♦ **Meditation/Chant**

9:45-10:45 a.m., Friedman Center Chapel



THE 24th ANNUAL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES



Once again we invite you to participate in a book discussion series that has attracted many folks who love books that stretch your mind and challenge your imagination and to discuss them with like-minded people.

We meet at Congregation Beth Ami in Room 12-13 on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning in November.

Here is our schedule:

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	DISCUSSION DATE
4) <i>A Simple Story</i>	S. Y. Agnon	Feb 7
5) <i>The March</i>	E. L. Doctorow	Mar 7
6) <i>The Sabbath</i>	A. J. Heschel	Apr 11
7) <i>Ten Thousand Lovers</i>	Edeet Ravel	May 2
8) <i>Foigelman</i>	Aharon Megged	June 6
9) <i>Like Never Before</i>	Ehud Havazelet	July 11

New members are welcome. If you have questions, please call Susanne Batzdorff at 538-9731.



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For more information on the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center and how to support it, call Ron Friedman, 646.519.9260 or e-mail, friedman@uscj.org. Go to our website, www.uscj.org and click on the Israel tab at the top.



5767 Rosh Chodesh Women's Gatherings

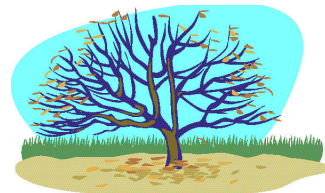
Rosh Chodesh Adar
Sunday, February 18, 11a.m.
Beth Ami Social Hall



Whether you've always been the Hamantaschen baker in your family or if you've always wanted to and never dared – Come join us as we try out our Hamantaschen recipes for Purim! We will be baking up a storm! Bring your favorite recipe and trade for someone else's... Flour, eggs, sugar, butter and basic ingredients will be supplied – if your recipe has “special” ingredients – please bring a little to share. All Jewish women welcome – no affiliation necessary. Come and be a part of this joyous group – now entering its 5th year! For more information please call Bonnie Boren at 528-1628 or Vivian Klein at 538-8679

Month	Date	Time	Location
Adar	Sunday, 2/18/07	11 a.m.	Social Hall
Nissan	Monday, 3/19/07	7 p.m.	Friedman Center
Iyar	Wednesday, 4/18/07	7 p.m.	Friedman Center
Sivan	Thursday, 5/17/07	7 p.m.	Friedman Center
Tammuz	Saturday, 6/16/07	overnight fun	private home
Av	Monday, 7/16/07	7 p.m.	Friedman Center
Elul	Wednesday, 8/15/07	7 p.m.	Friedman Center

Simcha Board Tree of Life



Honor thy father, and 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 \$360
Small Stones \$1000
Large Stones \$2500

We also provide the opportunity for you to memorialize loved ones on our Yahrzeit Board.

A plaque is \$450.



Mazal Tov to Our Bar Mitzvah

AVI BALLO

FEBRUARY 24, 2007

6 ADAR 5767 (TERUMAH)



I am in 7th grade at Santa Rosa Middle School. I am currently trying to cope with three AP classes, Bar Mitzvah training, and piano lessons. In my spare time I like to drum, make short films, surf the Web, and fool around with Photo Shop. I'm a 2nd degree Black

Belt in Tae Kwon Do, which I've done since I was 6 years old. I practically grew up at Beth Ami, starting in the Nursery School at two years old, and continuing through Or Ami Religious School today. I'd especially like to thank Rabbi Schlesinger, Margo Miller, Carina Moss, Marcia Gladstone and Elisabeth Van Nuys, as well as all of my previous teachers.

Kehillah/Teens

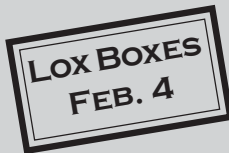
Jewish community-wide teen
(8th-12th grade) program combines
dinner, socializing and a lively discussion
of Jewish ideals and ethics.

Kids who say no to everything say yes to Kehillah.

Led by Rick Concoff

Contact the Beth Ami office, 360-3000
for more information.

YOUR USY Sharon Benson



SCUSY has a revamped website. Check us out at www.scusynf.com. All convention applications, flyers and even pictures will be updated weekly.

We will be passing out the Lox Boxes on Sunday, February 4 in the courtyard at Beth Ami from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please be on the lookout for our flyers and order forms.

Regional Update International Convention (IC) was in Boston, MA this year. Our very own New Frontier Exec VP, Rachel Levenson was elected into International Board as the SATO VP for 2007! Congrats Rachel!! I look forward to seeing SCUSY represented next year when IC comes to our own backyard, Anaheim, CA! Intensive Study Seminar (ISS) is February 16-18 at Camp Newman. For an application please visit the SCUSY web site. If you have any questions or just want to talk I'm always available by phone at (858)735-8816, 703-4244, or by email at Sharon@scusynf.com.



LITERARY LINES Susanne Batzdorff

As most of you know, the Celia Gurevitch Library offers not only books but also Videos and DVDs. Today we want to introduce two such titles which may be of interest to you. you attended the last of the Jewish Film Series programs, you will have seen a short film called *The Tribe*, *An Unorthodox*, *Unauthorized Discussion Program*. Our library now owns the 18 minute DVD with its accompanying discussion program and *Guide From the Perplexed*. In a witty, concise romp Tiffany Shlain and Ken Goldberg's script takes you from a look at the Barbie doll to a consideration of what it means to be Jewish in 21st century America. The irony of the fact that Ruth Handler, the inventor of this sexy blonde symbol of waspish America is a member of "The Tribe," who, as a Jew, often finds herself as an outsider looking in, probes in a light-hearted yet perceptive manner the nature of Jewish identity and its manifold variations. Check it out and, amid moments of laughter, discuss and debate the serious questions it raises.

Now to another item, a videotape titled *And the Gates Opened*. Issued by the Jewish Theological Seminary and first shown on ABC TV on January 9, 2005, this video celebrates 20 years since the first woman was admitted to the Seminary for rabbinic study. The tape presents interviews with Sally Priesand, the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi in the U.S. in 1972, Amy Eilberg, first Conservative woman rabbi (1985) as well as various others. It is these women who have opened the door to new perspectives in how Judaism is perceived and practiced, how Jewish ritual is influenced by the feminine attributes brought into the rabbinate and Jewish religious life.

As Judaism evolves and allows a fresh spirit to infuse it with new vigor, it gives us hope that it will be strengthened and renewed.

Congregation Beth Ami Vision

A vibrant, growing campus for Jewish living
where the joys of Jewish values and rituals
are made accessible and relevant to the
everyday
lives of our members.

A flourishing, prospering congregation
enjoying the wholehearted support,
commitment
and involvement of all our members.



RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Patty Bernstein

Mi Sheberakh “coverage” at Beth Ami

One of the central Jewish prayers for those who are ill or recovering from illness or accidents is the *Mi Sheberakh*, whose name is taken from its first two Hebrew words—literally, “may the One who blessed.” With a holistic view of humankind, it prays for physical cure as well as spiritual healing, asking for blessing, compassion, restoration, and strength, within the community. The prayer—and song composed by Debbie Friedman—are recited each Shabbat after the Torah reading.

The purpose of publicly announcing names of people in need of a Mi Sheberakh is to ensure that the community is informed of the illness, so that more people will pray for that individual, and that the sick person has the comfort of knowing that a congregation of Jews cares. It is, in effect, appealing to people to act in a situation that might otherwise have gone unnoticed. Although the prayer literally asks G-d to do something, the functional result is that members of the community are given an opportunity to do acts of support and deeds of lovingkindness.

In addition to that public announcement at services, we are now asking those who wish a name to be listed in the Shabbat bulletin to call the office (360-3000) when that need occurs—or, in the case of names that should be carried over, call at the beginning of each month, as we will start anew each month. We also ask that you call when names should be removed from the list. This will ensure an accurate list of those in need of healing prayers.

May our friends and family be blessed with healing of body and soul. May they experience *shalom*—peace and wholeness. May we, as congregants, recognize their needs and lend support. And let us say, Amen.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Lenore Monsour

This month we began our second annual spring silent appeal fundraiser. Just as with last year’s appeal, in thanks for a donation of one hundred dollars or more, parents will receive a set of note cards displaying their child’s original artwork. For CBA members willing to donate fifty dollars, they will receive a variety set of original artwork cards as thanks. The nursery school children worked on their art-card designs in their classrooms over the last few weeks in preparation for the fundraiser. Thanks to Kathy Byrne for coordinating the art-card project and also thanks to Jennifer Oliviera for her expertise and effort in converting the children’s art work into the beautiful card sets.

In February the nursery school celebrated Tu B’Shevat, the joyous celebration of the trees. Each class celebrated by baking a “Happy Birthday to the Trees” cake and planting parsley seeds that will grow into parsley plants by Passover. For the Tu B’Shevat seder, each family brought tree offerings, such as nuts, fruits and other edible gifts from trees. A traditional version of this holiday’s seder consists of tasting a variety of fruits, along with four glasses of wine or grape juice. This holiday gives the Nursery School the opportunity to appreciate the value of supporting the environment by replenishing trees—a symbolic gesture that renews our commitment to ecology and environmental protection within our communities.

In the Rabbi’s absence musician Julie Chasin has been leading the children in Shabbat songs on Fridays. The children have been learning new Hebrew songs, and even if they haven’t learned all the words yet, Julie gives the children musical percussion instruments so that everyone can join in.

On January 24 Grace Doyle and I attended the Santa Rosa Mother’s Club preschool fair. Our booth displayed children at Beth Ami actively learning and we were on hand to answer questions and point out the many attributes of our program that set us apart from the rest. We met many young prospective nursery school families and provided them with our brochure and school application, highlighting our brilliant staff and child-centered facility.

Speaking of which, plans are underway for a new play structure to replace our much loved, but weathered one. Such mind-blowing, earth-shattering, and world-swirling news I’m sure has perked your interest. Sit tight, more to come on this.



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ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST *Bob Raful*

Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's longest serving mayor died on January 2, 2007 at age 95. What follows is part of the Eulogy offered by Prime Minister, Ehud Olmert.

Saying goodbye to Mr. Jerusalem

Teddy pronounced the name Jerusalem in his own special way – Yereshalayim. I believe that is closest to the way he called the city which was his life.

He certainly knew how to pronounce Jerusalem properly, if he wanted to. However, he did not. Because Teddy wanted to shape Jerusalem in his own way, in his spirit, at his own initiative, in accordance with his dreams, in his love.

He did not like those who walked on the grass, littered the streets of the city and instilled in it a spirit of separation and fanaticism, and who marred its views and mutilated its surroundings.

The exciting moment, in 1967, when Jerusalem returned to being one city, was unique in the history of our people. It almost waited for someone who could understand its dimensions and the opportunities it created. Teddy Kollek was that man.

At an age when people already begin to think of retirement, after an exceptional career of building up a kibbutz, of fighting to establish a country, of running the Prime Minister's Office – close to his great teacher, David Ben-Gurion – Teddy Kollek jumped at the historic opportunity created and flew up, spread his wings and transformed Jerusalem into what it has become: An exciting, diverse, culturally vibrant city with wonderful museums and theaters, the pedestrian mall, education and sports centers, a city which is expanding and building new neighborhoods, one which is becoming a center of national and international life.

In 1949, David Ben-Gurion declared Jerusalem the capital of the State of Israel. Teddy Kollek made it so. He was happy to be mayor, and knew how to spread his happiness to those around him. There were mayors before him who built and labored and contributed to the city. There were those who came after him, and there will even be more. There will never be another Teddy Kollek.

Once in a lifetime – in our lifetime – the city of Jerusalem was unified. And, luckily, Teddy was there to transform the unity from dream to reality. May Teddy's memory be blessed – and live forever in this city.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

"Rebuilding our Lives: From Darkness to Light"

Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m.

Friedman Center

The Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration will feature many local survivors, young people, audience participants, and new rituals to enhance the mood and inspiration of this year's theme.

Hilde Catz of Santa Rosa will share her journey from darkness to light and resolution, highlighted this past year by her visit to her hometown in Germany as part of a re-union of former Jewish residents and survivors.

Photographer Evvy Eisen will also present her DVD, *Multiply by Six Million*, featuring photographic portraits of California survivors narrating brief accounts of their experiences and how those experiences affected their sense of meaning and values.

Six survivors of death camps will highlight the solemn ceremony of lighting the memorial candles. In addition, teens will light candles in a new ceremony this year to commemorate and pledge to remember the lessons of the Shoah.

Cantorial soloists Leira Satlof of Congregation Shomrei Torah and Fredi Bloom of Congregation B'nai Israel will lead the audience in niggun and traditional songs.

A new memorial book and yellow candles to light on Erev Yom Hashoah will be available to take home after the conclusion of the Commemoration. Those who wish to contribute names of friends or relatives lost in the Shoah to the memorial book may obtain Registration forms at the Jewish Community Center or at any synagogue office. Others who have submitted forms in prior years will receive a renewal notice in the mail. **Please return Victim Registration forms to the JCC office by March 10, 2007.**

~ Miriam Dregey

February Birthdays

2	Debbie Shapiro	21	Elizabeth (Betty) Boyd
3	Ellen Mundell	23	Bernice Fox
5	John Clark	23	Barbara McGee
5	Eli Cohen	24	Alicia Tonelli
5	Hope Rambo	25	Boyd Lane
6	Julie Simkovitz	27	Dorothy Gerstein
7	Rayme Shapiro	27	Michael Newman
8	Ed Harman	28	Stuart Ross
10	Edith Friedman		
10	Semyon Pekker		
11	Dave Ballo		
11	Andy Fleming		
14	Ira Cohen		
14	Daryl Schloss		
15	Barbara Branagan		
17	Maya Colvin		
18	Sid Burwell		
18	Ira Lowenthal		
19	Alfred Batzdorff		
19	Lillian Green		
20	Yona Miller		
21	Audrey Darby		



February Anniversaries

4	Harry & Edith Friedman
16	Stuart & Lydia Ross
19	Jeffrey & Janice Sternfeld
20	Marc & Patty Bernstein
22	Julius & Dolores Trichter
23	Irvin and Vivian Klein
24	Yosi & Susan Kleinbort
24	Jose & Irene Collazo





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In honor of the birthdays of Paula Schlesinger, Celia Berman, Anne Mann, Ron Welch, Billy Friedman, and Bob Raful
Mark Rosen

General Fund

In memory of my mother, Munja Pipkin
In honor of Sue & Al Batzdorff's birthdays - wishing you good health, joy, & peace.

Sheyna Bakman

In honor of Max Bloom's conversion

Jamie Bloom

In blessed memory of Jonathan Field, my mother, Carol Cohn, Josephine Epstein, & Sheyna Bakman's daughter-in-law, Nina

Henry Cohn

In memory of Gladys Baba & Olive Cordill

William & Kim Cordell

In memory of Bud Katzel
Speedy recovery to Al Batzdorff,
Elsie Rich & Helen Margolese

Helen Dresser

In memory of my mother, Jo Epstein

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In memory of Jo Epstein
Heartfelt condolences to Sheyna Bakman, her son and granddaughter on the death of Nina Bakman

Deepest sympathy to Pam & David Field and their family on the death of Jonathan Field

Wendy Freisner

Speedy recovery to Helen Margolese

In memory of Bud Katzel

Dorothy Gerstein

In honor of the 90th birthday of Sheyna Bakman

In memory of Irv Pickar & Jonathan Field

In honor of the Bar Mitzvahs of Zach

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Wishing a speedy recovery to Nathaniel

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Wishing a complete recovery to Howard

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In memory of Bud Katzel

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In honor of Asher Nathan, for his kindness and his awesome Torah reading

Noor Karr

In memory of Bea Kaplan

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Get well wishes to Al Batzdorff & Elsie Rich

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In honor of Sheyna Bakman's 90th birthday

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In honor of my awesome colleagues

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In memory of Bud Katzel & Sheyna Bakman's daughter-in-law, Nina
Speedy recovery to Elsie Rich,
Helen Margolese and Al Batzdorff

Edith Newman

In memory of my sister, Mary Lastofka

Susy Raful

In memory of my husband, Henry Rich, and my brother, Max Shiffman

Elsie Rich

In memory of dear Bud Katzel

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In honor of the birthdays of Robin Rose, Paula Schlesinger, & Art Margolese

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In honor of Lou & Evey Abramowitz's 65th anniversary

In honor of Stan Feingold's 75th birthday
Speedy recovery to Vivian Frye

Judi Rosenthal

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In honor of Sheyna Bakman's 90th birthday

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In appreciation of the great spirit and energy Bud & Jackie Katzel have brought to Beth Ami

Leanne Schy

In memory of my father, Nochen Kanckin; my brother, Ceman Nemchenko; my mother, Chaya Rachel bat Baruch Penkovich; and Goda Tyutinman, mother of Adolf Tyutinman

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In memory of my father, Isaac Wallcave

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Ilse Stein

Malk Fund

Speedy recovery to Everett Shapiro

Edith Newman

Rosalie & Les Schweit

In memory of Bud Katzel



FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

Secular dates correspond to Hebrew date of death
Observance of yahrzeit begins at sundown the previous day
All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami

Speedy recovery to Helen Margolese
Everett & Phyllis Shapiro

Nursery School Fund

In memory of Bud Katzel, Jack Guttenberg
& Gisela Strauss

Speedy recovery to Everett Shapiro and
Elsie Rich

Ellen Brosbe

In memory of Jonathan Field, son of Pam
& David Field, brother of Michael

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In honor of Evey & Lou Abramowitz's 65th
anniversary

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In memory of Abraham Backman, my father

Roslyn Edelson

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In memory of Elaine Robinson

Myrna Morse

Announced on February 2nd and 3rd

February 1 Mary Stalker
Sister-in-Law of Elizabeth Stalker
February 2 Lillian Margolese
Grandmother of Michelle Zygielbaum
February 3 Florence Alexander
Grandmother of Abraham Alexander
February 3 Marguerite M. Connors
Mother of Tish Levee
February 3 Eliezar Kleinbort
Father of Joseph Kleinbort
February 3 Morry Plack
Father of Debbie Ross
February 3 Jacob Tobias Pechner
Father of Joyce Zenick
February 5 Hershel Ben Yacov
Father of Evelyn Gurevitch
February 5 Gerald Goodkin
February 5 Joseph Newfield
Grandfather of Ethan Glaubinger
February 6 Mark Gurevitch
Brother of Leo Gurevitch
February 7 Mollie Planzer
Mother of Tova Rostov
February 7 M. C. Robinson
Husband of Esther Robinson
February 7 Rose Tibbett
Sister-in-Law of Tova Rostov
February 8 Sheyna Morse
Mother-in-Law of Myrna Morse
February 9 Benjamin Jones
Brother of Maurice Jones
Uncle of Ross Jones

Announced on February 9th and 10th

February 10 Josephine Klein
February 10 Freda Weiss
Mother of Mortimer Weiss
February 10 Yakov Zalessky
Brother of Sheyna Bakman
February 11 Walter Balaban
February 11 Erwin Batzdorf
Father of Al Batzdorf
February 11 Milton Jekel
Brother-in-Law of Elsie Rich
February 12 Harry Goldblatt
Father of Dolores Trichter
February 12 Helen Keller
Mother of Ruth Weiss
February 13 Rayfield Helman
Father of Judith Helman
February 13 Hillel Shiffman
Father of Elsie Rich
February 13 Carole-Ann Wetzel
February 14 Zislye Bas Mendel Laib
Mother of Leo Gurevitch
February 14 Sylvia Gerstein
Mother of Abe Gerstein

February 14 Sophie Shapiro
Mother of Everett Shapiro
February 16 Aubrey Cooper
Father of Susan Kleinbort
February 16 Gorge Tyutinman
Father of Adolf Tyutinman

Announced on February 16th and 17th

February 17 Jennie Feldman
February 18 Celia Bayuk
February 18 William Steinberg
Father of Morris Steinberg
February 19 Milton Landesman
Father of Marlene Lowenthal
February 20 Leopold Adler
February 21 Nathan Planzer
Father of Tova Rostov
February 22 Mae Bernstein
Grandmother of Marc Bernstein
February 22 Paul Hacker
February 22 Aaron Jack Spiegelman
Brother of Gail Negrin
Uncle of Ronit Sepulveda
February 23 Alfred Kaufmann
February 23 Heather Rockert
Sister of Barbara Chadwick
February 23 Glen Branagan
Father of Barbara Branagan

Announced on February 23rd and 24th

February 24 Arthur Cohen
February 24 Nichama Rivkina
February 24 George Steier
Father of Alan Steier
February 25 Yetta Heller
February 25 Carol Rubin
February 26 Carrie Rubin
Mother of David Rubin
Grandmother of Elizabeth Stalker
February 26 Anna M. Branagan
Mother of Barbara Branagan
February 27 Deana Boorstein
Mother of Seymour Boorstein
February 27 Mollie Brisgel
February 27 Red Halem
Mother-in-Law of Nihala Halem
February 27 Hatskel Pipkin
Father of Sheyna Bakman
February 28 Joseph Artin
February 28 Mike Cohen
February 28 Lawrence C.
Feinberg
February 28 Sylvia Feingold
Mother of Stanley Feingold
February 28 Andor Taubner
Father of Susy Raful

Jewish Community Events

The Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County Programs
For more info: 528-4222 or www.jccsoco.org

◆ Absolute Music at the Friedman Center

Sunday, February 4, 2 p.m. String Circle, Joe Edelberg, Director
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Season Tickets at \$60 each for five concerts.
Single tickets are \$15 at the door.

◆ Jewish Artist Series: Nina Bonos

Sunday, February 11, 3 p.m.
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Space is limited and RSVPs are requested no later than Tuesday,
February 6.

◆ Friendship Circle Luncheon

Monday, February 12, Music Historian Mark Levy
Congregation Beth Ami, Social Hall, 12 p.m.
Fee is \$8 for Friendship Circle members, \$10 for non members.
RSVP, Barbara Scharf, 528-1182.

◆ Absolute Music at the Friedman Center

Sunday, February 18, 2 p.m.
Ernie Shelton and the Dektette: Big Bands Sounds
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Phone sales: 800-838-3006. Tickets go on sale February 1.

Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) 571-8131

JFCS RIDES Program

Rides for seniors (med. appts. and Jewish community activities) are available. There is a \$30 annual enrollment fee that includes an in-home interview. For more information call Angela Hoey or Paula Shatkin at 571-8533.

SENIOR COMPANIONS PLUS

The JFCS Senior Companion program is expanding services to seniors with significant mental health challenges. We offer excellent training, supervision and support. Volunteer commitment of 2 hours weekly. For more information contact Andrea Nett, Volunteer Coordinator at 303-1502 or Andreas@jfcs.org.

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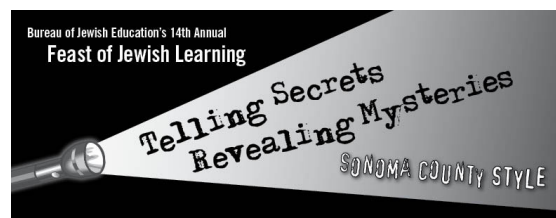
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Advanced Health Care Directive Workshop -FREE

This workshop is being conducted in conjunction with Kaiser Permanente Health Education and will include an attorney and a medical professional to answer your questions. The next workshop will be presented **February 13, 10:00 am to noon**. Pre-registration is required- limited space per session. Call Cindy at 571-8131 or email Cindyg@jfcs.org.

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Phone: _____

Monthly Shabbat Dinners

- ☐ Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 2, 2007
- ☐ Shabbat Dinner, Friday, April 6, 2007
- ☐ Shabbat Dinner, Friday, May 4, 2007
- ☐ Shabbat Dinner, Friday, June 1, 2007



6:00 p.m. Dinner (reservations required)
 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Services
 8:30 p.m. Oneg
 Live music by Zim Zum & folk dancing

SHABBAT DINNER

Adult @ \$12 each = _____
 Youth (6-12) @ \$7 each = _____
 Amount enclosed for this event _____
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 Donation: _____
 Amount enclosed for this event _____

**RVSP By 5 p.m. on Tuesday the week of
 the dinner to avoid late fee!**

Purim Banquet

**Fundraiser for Ori Ami Religious School
 at the Friedman Center**



- ☐ Purim Banquet, Saturday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Dinner (reservations required)
 7 p.m. Megillah Reading, free and open to all
 Children's activities, fun family portraits,
 Hawaii Condo auctioned live

PURIM BANQUET

Adult @ \$36 each = _____
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Friday Evening, February 2

(Candle Lighting: 5:16 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Dinner

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

Live Music by Zim Zum and Israeli Dancing

Saturday, February 3 • 15 Shevat

9:30 a.m. Shabbat B'shallach Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Saturday Havdalah: 6:16 p.m.)

Friday Evening, February 9

(Candle Lighting: 5:24 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, February 10 • 22 Shevat

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Yitro Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Saturday Havdalah: 6:24 p.m.)

Friday Evening, February 16

(Candle Lighting: 5:32 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday February 17 • 29 Shevat

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Mishpatim-Shekalim Services

10 a.m. Tot Shabbat

Potluck lunch following services

(Saturday Havdalah: 6:31 p.m.)

Friday Evening, February 23

(Candle Lighting: 5:39 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, February 24 • 6 Adar

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Terumah Services

Avi Ballo, son of Marge and Dave Ballo,
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