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High Holy Day Services 2007

Selichot	Saturday, September 8	9:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Eve	Wednesday, September 12	7:30 pm
1 st Day	Thursday, September 13	9:00 am
Tashlich	Thursday, September 13	5:00 pm
2 nd Day	Friday, September 14	9:00 am
Shabbat Shuvah	Friday, September 14	7:30 pm
	Saturday, September 15	9:30 am
Kol Nidre	Friday, September 21	6:45 pm
Yom Kippur	Saturday, September 22	10:00am
Shofar (Break Fast)	Saturday, September 22	7:47 pm
Sukkot 1 st Day	Thursday, September 27	9:30 am
Sukkot 2 nd Day	Friday, September 28	9:30 am
Shabbat Chol HaMoed	Friday, September 28	7:30 pm
	Saturday, September 29	9:30 am
Shemini Atzeret	Thursday, October 4	9:30 am
Simchat Torah	Thursday, October 4	7:30 pm
	Friday, October 5	9:30 am

Please join us after Yom Kippur services, Saturday, September 22 at 7:45 p.m. for a special Break Fast, catered by Andrea Nett.

We will enjoy an array of delicious and traditional foods, featuring Baby Green Salad with Honey Mustard Vinaigrette, Cream and Wine Herring, Bagels and Lox Shmear, Cheese Blintz Souffle, Grilled Salmon Salad, Apple Strudel and Cream Puffs, and Apricot Streusel Noodle Kugel.

**L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu -
May You be Inscribed
for a Good Year**

**First day of Nursery
School,
Tuesday, September 4**

**First day of
Religious School,
Sunday, September 9**

Welcome back!

Money for Jewish education Mark Rosen, CJEEF Coordinator

The Children's Jewish Education Endowment Fund (CJEEF) currently has \$1700 available to distribute as stipends to provide students and faculty with Jewish educational opportunities.

Requests for financial assistance for programs that will occur from September 2007 – September 2008 must be submitted to the synagogue office no later than September 12, 2007.

Your request should include:

- ◆ Information about the desired program
- ◆ The program's cost
- ◆ The benefit of attending
- ◆ The amount requested (\$300-\$500)

You can submit a one page letter with the above information or call the office and request a Dedicated Fund Request Form.

Recipients will be notified by (October 3, 2007).

Please consider furthering your child's Jewish education, or your own, if a Jewish educator.

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Thursday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday

closed

Sunday

closed

Library

Beginning September 9:

Sundays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays,

3:45 - 6 p.m.

Gift Shop

Please call 360-3000 to
make an appointment.

Congregation Beth Ami Mission Statement

Through celebration, learning, prayer and community, we seek to enrich our lives, transform our hearts, help heal the world and sustain our Jewish heritage.

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.

DEADLINE FOR

OCTOBER SHOFAR

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

All editorial submissions must be received in the *Shofar* box in the Beth Ami office or via email on or before the deadline. **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity, brevity and content.** Please submit articles as Microsoft Word documents via email attachments. Contact Karen Gould, Editor, at 360-3000 or at gouldk@sbcglobal.net with corrections, concerns or questions.

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi George Schlesinger

My message this month contains two distinct and diverse thoughts about the holidays: the first deals with “content” and the second with “form.”

Content

Each year as we approach Rosh Hashanah, we tend to greet the New Year with a combination of anticipation and apprehension. On one hand, we look forward to new opportunities, new relationships and new ways to better ourselves and our circumstances. Some of this newness is expected and is, therefore, met with a sense of equanimity and composure. Sometimes, the newness is thrust upon us and we're completely unprepared. New people walk into our lives: perhaps a new co-worker or a new neighbor. New situations present themselves: perhaps new job demands, the birth of a child or a grandchild, or maybe a wedding. On the other hand, we apprehensively await the great unknown of our future. Will our circumstances change for the worse; will we be faced with horrible choices, will we experience ill health or the death of a loved one? Of course, no one has the crystal ball (or maybe it's the Magic 8 Ball) to answer these questions or to allay our fears. We can only hope that we will find the inner resources to meet the challenges as they come.

I'm constantly amazed at the strength that people demonstrate during the challenging moments in their lives. Day in and day out I listen to the personal woes, victories, trials, and successes of ordinary people who are faced with incredible challenges...having the need to make decisions and to face the hard task of living. I'm never quite sure from where their inner resources come. They often seem totally beaten down and hopeless, and yet somewhere they find an inner strength and, not only the will, but the ability to face their challenge and emerge “victorious.” I don't know if this is “faith,” or “love,” or “desire,” or “commitment.” Perhaps it's a combination of all of them. But as one who has seen much (and, thankfully, experienced little) of these kinds of challenges, I find the human capacity to triumph over adversity to be simply amazing.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur always seem to me to be the time when we can call upon that capacity to face ourselves and then draw upon those reserves to make the changes that are necessary in our lives. The holidays present us with an opportunity to ask the deepest questions of ourselves. What are our values? How do we really relate to others: family and friends? How do we spend our time? What message do we convey to others about our priorities? Where do we turn when faced with adversity? How gracious are we in our defeats and how humble are we in our victories? How do we want to respond to adversity? How can we better respond to the vagaries of life?

Much of our success in finding answers to these questions depends upon just how seriously we take these holidays, for I believe that it's through knowing ourselves that we can best find that inner strength and those inner resources. If we approach these days merely as occasions to perpetuate family traditions, or communal expectations, or some vague notion of religious commitment, we'll find ourselves acknowledging that while we might have entered the sanctuary looking for some grand experience, some grand awakening, we'll leave unfulfilled and disappointed once again. If we're willing, however, to admit that the purpose of our presence is to change, that during the hours in shul it's not whether we speak the words, but whether the words speak to us, it's not whether we go through the Machzor but whether the Machzor goes through us, then there is the possibility for true change, for a true realization that we possess strengths, resources, and abilities to face whatever the New Year will bring whether that be the fulfillment of all our fondest dreams or the horror of our worst nightmares.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur afford us the annual opportunity to evaluate ourselves, to decide what's critical and what's superfluous in our lives, and to identify our wellsprings of faith and inner strength. I encourage you to come to services with this objective in mind. And I pray that you will be successful in that evaluation.

Form

You will find this year that we have purchased a new Machzor. It is a companion volume to the Siddur we use every Shabbat. As with our Siddur, you will find a greater use of transliterations making the text more accessible to those who don't read Hebrew. The English texts are also gender neutral eliminating the extensive use of the masculine pronouns for God. There is also the inclusion of the names of the matriarchs as we find in our Shabbat Siddur as well.

It is our hope that this new Machzor will add to the holiday experience by making the Hebrew prayers somewhat more accessible, by removing linguistic impediments to one's connection to God, by being more inclusive, and by offering readings in English that will enhance the spiritual connection that each of us has to the holidays.

It was also felt that with the changes in our physical structure, this might be the perfect time to make this liturgical change as well. It will be a New Year, with new facilities, a new Machzor, and hopefully, a new appreciation of Beth Ami, the Jewish community, our commitment to Judaism and our future.

Paula joins me in wishing each of you a happy and healthy New Year, blessed with the love of family and friends.



EVENTS AT BETH AMI

Ongoing programs at Beth Ami

TUESDAY

♦ Torah study with Rabbi Schlesinger every 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Friedman Center Board Room.

♦ Israeli Folk Dancing

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



THURSDAY

♦ Torah & Talmud Study with Rabbi Schlesinger, 7 p.m., Friedman Center Board Room.

Please see schedule at right.

FRIDAY

♦ Shabbat Yoga, 4:30- 5:30 p.m., Lounge, 1st Friday each month (resumes January 2008). Call Hannah Caratti 578-4040 for more information.

SUNDAY

11a.m. - 12 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class.

Note: Friendship Circle exercise classes will resume meeting at Congregation Beth Ami on Wed., Sept. 12. There will be no classes on Friday, Sept. 14 and 28 and Oct. 5 in observance of the High Holy Days.

Ethiopian Jews in Israel

Save the date – Wednesday, November 14 at 7 p.m.– for a fascinating presentation on *Ethiopian Jews in Israel*, by writer Len Lyons, author of the book of the same name. Mr. Lyons spent over three years writing the book, traveling around Israel, interviewing Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia, both to hear their stories and see how well they are faring, how well their children are (or are not) assimilating into mainstream Israeli culture. He was accompanied by a well-known Israeli photographer, and the result is a beautifully illustrated, comprehensive book on the topic. Lyons covers the Ethiopian experience from the group's beginnings in Africa, their transfer to Israel, and their experiences throughout the past several decades as they have worked to adapt to a modern, industrialized society. Using slides, maps, and excerpts from interviews, Mr. Lyons promises to be an exciting, informative speaker.

Any questions, contact Nancy Fleming, 527-7743, or flems@sonic.net.

Torah & Talmud Study Thursday evenings

Talmud

October 11, 25
November 8, 29
December 13

Torah

September 6
October 18
November 1, 15
December 6, 20

Location: Friedman Center Board Room

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Gathering - Sukkot

In September the Rosh Chodesh group will depart from the date of the new moon to celebrate the full moon of Sukkot. Join us for a potluck brunch in Leanne Schy's sukkah, **Sunday September 30 at 11:00 a.m.** Call 528-4874 or email Leanne@sonic.net.

The Beth Ami Moon Mavens are now gathering on a monthly basis that is planned by the whole group rather than the original planning committee.

For more information please call Patty Bernstein, 546-6043 or Bonnie Boren, 528-1628.

The Mitzvah Milers

Originating at Synagogue Netivot Shalom in Berkeley, the Mitzvah Milers is the Bay Area's Jewish cycling team.



In addition to group recreational rides, the team participates each year in the Waves to Wine MS Bike Tour, which includes a 75-mile ride through Sonoma County, this year on **Sunday, September 30**. Last year, eight riders from Beth Ami took part, including Rabbi Schlesinger.

Cyclists commit to raising donations for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, with \$250 being the minimum entrance fee. If you would like to help our riders with a donation, please make a contribution to Congregation Beth Ami, noting that it is for the Mitzvah Milers. The proceeds will be passed on to the MS Society in the name of all of our riders.

If you wish to join the Mitzvah Milers and take part in the tour, contact captain Dan Siegel of Netivot Shalom, at mitzvahmilers@pacbell.net. Let him know that you are part of the Beth Ami contingent, and he will direct you to the process for registration. It's fun, and you will receive one of the cool jerseys!

~Andy Fleming



ANNOUNCEMENTS

5768 High Holy Day Greetings

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy new year!

Edith Newman and family

Peaceful and sweet Rosh Hashanah

David, Marge and Avi Ballo

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu

May You be Inscribed for a Good Year

Helen Dresser

Welcome to our new members

Max Graff

Elly and Leonard Cohen

A Bouquet for the Renovation Committee

Over these past 9+ weeks, I've witnessed **deconstruction** (very swift) and **reconstruction** (a little slower, just no less dramatic) ... and I'd like to offer a bouquet of thanks to all involved in this effort. Everything just looks fantastic! The openness of the sanctuary, made possible by installing clear glass windows and removing the very stationary pews, is marvelous.



I'm especially impressed with our foyer and how the committee replicated our stained glass windows in the entry tiles. The carpet squares in the sanctuary allow congregants to meditate on triangles and Stars of David, much as the stained glass windows afford that same opportunity.

All in all ... I'm thrilled and am so in awe of the committee who could pull this off. Kudos, bouquets, yasher koach!

~Patty Bernstein

THE BETH AMI COMMUNITY OFFERS ITS CONDOLENCES TO:

Evey Abramowitz and her family on the death of her beloved husband, Lou.

Allyn Wald on the death of her husband, Barry Wald.

The Grossman family on the death of Al Grossman.



With deep appreciation I thank all well wishers for their outpouring of love I feel blessed to have so many good friends. I am most grateful to Elisabeth and her helpers for the outstanding party they arranged for me. I still feel like I am walking in "Dreamland." Everybody had a good time and my 106th birthday was the best day I've ever had.

Thank you for your cards, flowers, gifts and best of all, donations to Beth Ami. I love all of you.

~Elsie Rich

My heartfelt thanks to all my friends who contributed to the synagogue in honor of my birthday.

~Sylvia Sucher

Job Opportunities at Congregation Beth Ami

♦ Executive Director

Congregation Beth Ami seeks an energetic, motivated, team oriented, organized individual to serve as its Executive Director.

The ED is responsible for day-to-day synagogue administration including all support functions; management of professional and support staff, fiscal management; member relations and facilities management.

The ideal applicant should possess excellent managerial and inter-personal skills and be able to work effectively in a collaborative environment. Computer knowledge essential. S/he should be able to interact with congregants in a professional, caring, respectful and sensitive manner.

♦ Preschool Director

The Beth Ami Community Nursery School is seeking a Director for its well-established preschool with a reputation for excellence. The new director will work with our experienced teaching staff and the synagogue administration to continue our tradition of quality early childhood education. Our curriculum is child-centered and encourages essential social skills.

Requirements: Able to meet California licensing requirements for ECE Directors and possess knowledge of or willingness to learn about Jewish culture and traditions. Bachelor's degree preferred.

Contact: To apply for either job, please send a cover letter and resume to admin2@BethAmiSR.org. For further information: 360-3000.

Meir Shalev



The Writer's Art

Contemporary Israeli Literature

A150-CBA Throughout 2007-2008, some of Israel's finest writers will be coming to the JCCSF. It's a stellar cast of extraordinary talent, including Meir Shalev (November 4), Agi Mishol, Sayed Kashua, and Aaron Meged. This one day seminar will offer students an introduction to each writer's life and work, and to the masterful quality and diversity of Israeli literature today. There are no requirements for this course, and all recommended reading will be in English translation. A book list will be made available at Beth Ami for those participants who want to read up in advance. Refreshments will be served.

1 session: Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, October 14

Site: Congregation Beth Ami

4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa

Tuition: \$30/members of Sonoma co-sponsors; \$35/public

Directions/Parking: (707) 360-3000

Dr. Joyce Moser earned her Ph.D. in English and Humanities from Stanford and her law degree from UCLA. She has been teaching at Stanford since 1989, and taught previously at Caltech and the University of Judaism. Her areas of interest are American and Jewish-American literature, American detective fiction, and American film, and she lectures frequently in the Bay Area on Jewish writers and writing. Dr. Moser grew up attending yeshiva in New York, but is a happily converted Californian.

Sayed Kashua

To register call (510) 845-6420.

Or register online at

www.lehrhaus.org



If you're interested in contemporary Israeli literature...

...be sure not to miss the rest of the authors in the series at sites all over the Bay Area!

ISRAELI PAGES

A Year of Hebrew Literature in the Bay Area

	JCCSF	Stanford	UC Berkeley
Sam Michael	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 3
Michal Govrin	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 11
Meir Shalev	Nov 4	Nov 3	Nov 5
Sayed Kashua	Nov 16	Jan 17	Jan 15
Agi Mishol	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 5
Aharon Megged	Apr 10	Apr 8	Apr 9

Presented by Stanford and the Israel Center, with JCCSF and UC Berkeley





NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Beth Ami Members:

As you know, each year the Beth Ami Community Nursery School holds its annual fundraising event in order to continue its standard of excellence in providing quality preschool education to our beloved children. This **November 11**, we will be hosting a silent and live auction and party, which we hope will be a fun-filled celebration within our community.

We depend on your help to make this event a success. Please consider making a donation to support our preschool. All the money raised from this event will directly benefit the children. We would greatly appreciate any assistance you might give in regard to this matter. Specifically, we are seeking donated items to be included in our auctions and raffles, such as gift certificates to local businesses, restaurants, or services; travel-related items (i.e. airline miles, time at a vacation home); home-cooked dinner parties; artwork or handicrafts; theme-based gift baskets; wine; tickets to events, and more.

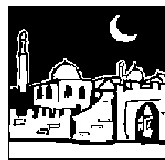
We'd like to thank Beth Ami member and local orthodontist Dr. Rael Bernstein for donating a full treatment of orthodontic care (valued at \$5850.00) that will be up for auction during our live auction.* What a great way to obtain braces for yourself or your child and to support Beth Ami Nursery School!

The funds raised from this event allow our preschool to continue to have an amazing teacher-to-student ratio, support an experienced and invaluable staff, and meet the needs of our operational budget. However, this event also helps us foster a sense of community among parents, staff, and congregation members, and allows us to celebrate our children and families. Please consider helping out in any way possible via a donation, attending the event, or even helping to plan the party! We look forward to hearing from you soon...

With gratitude,
Cheryl Willett-Ramos
BACNS Parent Committee Chair

PS: Donations can be dropped off in the Nursery School office. We are also available for donation pick up at your convenience. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl at 486-6135 or email at rayncher@sonic.net

*Good toward new orthodontic treatment only, not valid for rebates on existing treatment.



MEMO FROM JERUSALEM Bob Raful

This memo was written between August 8-10. It describes the early August landscape in this part of Israel – wall to wall crowds of people and an overwhelming number of motor vehicles on all roads.

We left new Ben Gurion Airport shortly after 7 p.m. on August 8 in our Eldan rental and breezed along Road 1 until we got close to Sha'ar ha-Gai, the narrow canyon that ascends the Judean Hills to Jerusalem. It was bumper to bumper and even worse as we approached the entrance to the City. I have seldom seen so many vehicles trying to squeeze through the main intersections.

The point of the preceding minutia, is to explain how I answered the question—why the unusual crowds? From several sources I learned:

- A. Last year, at this time, Israel was suffering the trauma of the Second Lebanon War. If it wasn't actual fear of rockets from the North, it was constant concern for friends and family. It was not a "normal" August.
- B. In a snap-back reaction THIS August, Israel has found multiple ways to celebrate: A major street fair took over central Ben Yehuda St. on the night we arrived; an expanded Khutzot Hayotzer, the international crafts, in an area just outside the Jaffa Gate side of the Old City walls, is attracting thousands of visitors during its ten day run; and, new to me, an ultra-Orthodox tradition which draws thousands of people—young families with many children, teenage Yeshiva boys by the busload, carloads with a mixture and crowded taxis—all converge on favorite Jerusalem sites during a period known as BEIN HAZMANIM, "...a relatively joyful bit of time between the days of mourning for the Temple's destruction and the repentance days of the Jewish month of Elul."
- C. So, now I know that a crowded, celebrating Jerusalem, is a "normal" August. What a country!



CONGREGATION BETH AMI JUDAICA GIFT SHOP



Susy is in Israel – Shopping too!
Will return mid-October with some new jewelry
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE GIFT SHOP CREW
Let us pray for Peace!

SEPTEMBER HOURS
Please call 360-3000 for an appointment.





PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Andy Fleming

Levels of an important *mitzvah*

I discovered soon after becoming President that understanding the way a synagogue operates financially is rather important. While motivated people and good ideas are the keys to creating new programs and community, many of the efforts to build synagogue life founder in the organizational struggle to achieve fiscal health. The central element of a synagogue's financial well-being is the willingness and capability of its members to voluntarily support the synagogue with donations. There are three major types of donations that are important.

Operations: By now, most of you have received a letter from Rabbi Schlesinger and me urging you to make a financial pledge in support of annual operations at Beth Ami. The annual appeal is the single largest fundraising effort of the year. These donations go directly to support our annual budget – salaries of our Rabbi and staff, utility bills, school supplies, and all of the other expenses necessary to keep Beth Ami running. We encourage every member to make a contribution, no matter how small or large, to fulfill the *mitzvah* of supporting the synagogue for all of our community.

Capital Investments: I think that we are all tremendously excited about the renovation of our site, which is now underway. Personally, I feel a surge of energy going through our membership as we see our beautiful building emerging anew. This significant effort is due to the willingness of many of our members who pledged substantial sums of money in support of a major project. Their financial commitment is paid out over time, and is an investment in the synagogue's future. While the renovation is transforming our facility, we are also aware of other areas needing investment – that is, substantial financial pledges targeted for future benefit to the congregation. We know that not all of our members can make this type of commitment. We are grateful to those who can, and who do so.

Endowment: Another type of investment is meant to also help the synagogue over time, but this is money that is invested for financial growth. The income from such an investment is then designated for specific uses, such as programming, or building maintenance, or financing Religious School for all members. In the long run, creating and growing endowment is the best way to insure the survival and health of our synagogue.

Our financial goals include all of these levels of donations. We strive to operate the synagogue year to year, balancing our expenses and our revenues. We intend to continue investing in the upkeep and improvement of our wonderful physical facility. We hope to initiate significant efforts to build endowment to sustain our programs and activities. The achievement of these goals not only will insure the health of Beth Ami in the future, they will represent the love and commitment of our members for their Jewish home.

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Patty Bernstein

Why forgiveness?

I've discovered a wonderful website (<http://www.jewelfsofelul>) to help me prepare for the High Holidays. Some of you, too, have shared this with me. It's called "Jewels of Elul" – and each day in this month that leads us to the Yamin Noraim/the Days of Awe, a new person (from Deepak Chopra to the Dalai Lama and Kirk Douglas to Matisyahu) offers thoughts on "Hope and Healing."

On the subject of "forgiveness," I offer Elul 2's inspiration by Rabbi Harold Kushner, entitled "A Favor We Do Ourselves."

One year, my Yom Kippur sermon was on the theme of forgiveness. The next day, a woman came to see me, very upset about the sermon. She told me how, 10 years earlier, her husband had left her for a younger woman and she has had to raise two children by herself for the past 10 years. She asked me angrily, "And you want me to forgive him for what he did to us?"

I told her, "Yes, I want you to forgive him. Not to excuse him, not to say that what he did was acceptable, but to forgive him as a way of saying that someone who would do that has no right to live inside your head any more than he has the right to live inside your house. Why are you giving a man like that the power to turn you into a bitter, vengeful woman? He doesn't deserve that power over you."

Forgiveness is not a favor we do for the person who offended us. It is a favor we do for ourselves, cleansing our souls of thoughts and memories that lead us to see ourselves as victims and make our lives less enjoyable. When we understand we have little choice as to what other people do but we can always choose how we will respond to what they do, we can let go of those embittering memories and enter the New Year clean and fresh.

L'shana Tova Tekatev v'etachetem ... May we *all* be inscribed for a sweet and good year.



LITERARY LINES

Susanne Batzdorff

With Religious School opening Sunday, September 9, the library will also resume its regular, though more limited, hours. Additional volunteers are urgently needed to maintain and staff these hours.

Sundays: 9:30-10:45 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 3:45-6 p.m.

For special needs outside of these hours, call Ruth Rosenberg at 544-2919.

Important announcement: Because of the disruption of library services this summer, we are declaring an AMNESTY ON LIBRARY FINES through the month of September. Any item returned to the library during September will not incur a fine.

25TH ANNUAL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

2007-2008

A very successful planning meeting for the new season was held at the Library on August 15, with eight members attending. The books we have chosen will be announced as soon as our list is finalized and confirmed. The meeting dates will be:

Nov. 7, 2007
Dec. 5, 2007
Jan. 2, 2008
Feb. 6, 2008
Mar. 5, 2008
Apr. 2, 2008
May 7, 2008
June 4, 2008
July 2, 2008

For information call Susanne Batzdorff, 538-9731 or E-mail sbatz@sonic.net.

YOUR USY

Sharon Benson

I want to thank the Sherman's for letting us use their home for our great event last month. Our Elections Luau Style was a lot of fun! Be sure to check out the SCUSY website for the NEW 2007-2008 board! Congratulations to all of you!

This month SCUSY will be attending their first convention of the year. Leadership Training Institute (LTI) will be held September 8th through the 10th in Tiburon. This convention is specifically designed for all the new Chapter Boards in the New Frontier region. For applications, please check out our chapter website.

Please be on the look out for our **Rosh Hashanah Challah Basket** flyers and order forms. We will take orders starting September 1st. For only \$18 you can get two baskets and do a mitzvah too! Don't forget to pick up your baskets on September 12 and 13 before and after services.

If you have any questions, or would just like to talk I'm always available.

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CHAVERIM CORNER

Sharon Benson

Welcome Chaverim! We've got loads of fun and exciting things planned for YOU this year! Starting with a Sukkot Camping Shabbaton with friends. Please fill out your registration form today!

Other fun events planned include fun at Scandia, Chanukah Chill, JCC Dance, a Ski Trip, a Purim party, a Chocolate Seder and fun social projects, to name just a few.

I want to thank the committee for all their help and support throughout the summer planning months.

Chaverim is open to ALL Jewish teens in Sonoma County, no matter the affiliation, and there's still space available – so please encourage your friends to come along and join us!

We are thrilled to announce that Chaverim, has been awarded a grant from the Jewish Community Federation (JCF) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties! With this funding, we can ensure that Chaverim will provide vibrant social and educational opportunities for Jewish youth, with twice-monthly director-led peer dinner discussion evening, and monthly social and educational activities and community events.

JCF works to protect and enhance Jewish life through caring for those in need, strengthening and securing the safety of the Jewish people, and fostering Jewish renaissance at home and in Israel and other countries. For more information about the JCF, call 415/777-0411 or visit www.sfjcf.org.



OR AMI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT *Elisabeth Van Nuys*

"Our emancipation will not be complete
until we are free of the fear of being Jews."

~Mordechai M. Kaplan

Does the name Hank Greenberg ring a bell? Hank Greenberg was a baseball superstar and a hero to Jewish baseball fans at a time when Jews and other minorities were not particularly welcome in baseball or other major league sports. Anti-Semitism was alive and well in the U.S. at that time and Jews embraced this 6'4", 210 pound slugger with unrestrained enthusiasm.

In 1934 "Hammerin' Hank" Greenberg and his team, the Detroit Tigers, were in the pennant race. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were fast approaching and Hank Greenberg was faced with a dilemma. Yes, Hank was a team and league leader and one heck of a batter. He was also a Jew.

"The team was fighting for first place, and I was probably the only batter in the lineup who was not in a slump. But in the Jewish religion, it is traditional that one observe the holiday solemnly, with prayer. One should not engage in work or play. And I wasn't sure what to do."

Hank asked his rabbi to help him come to a decision. Solomon would have blanched if faced with such a decision, especially if he'd been a baseball fan. His rabbi told him that Rosh Hashanah was a "festive holiday" and that it would be O.K. to play. So Hank played and hit two home runs including the one, in the ninth inning, that won the game. Was Hank happy? Here are Hank's own words:

"I caught hell from my fellow parishioners, I caught hell from some rabbis, and I don't know what to do. It's ten days until the next holiday – Yom Kippur."

The Sporting News reported Hank's decision with one sentence: "Hank Greenberg was absent from the Detroit lineup because of his observance of Yom Kippur." And popular poet, Edgar A. Guest, immortalized the occasion in a poem, the last half of which is printed in the center of this page.

Those Jewish holidays are coming again. Decisions will have to be made. Tell the children the story of Hank Greenberg and the story of Sandy Koufax who, in 1965, refused to pitch in the first game of the World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur.



MITZVAH MOMENTS *Tish Levee*

P'kuach N'fesh

Many of you knew Barry Wald, who died recently more than 23 years after receiving the heart of a young woman killed in an accident. Barry was a certified speaker for DonateLife California. If you haven't yet done so, go to www.donatelifecalifornia.org/register and register to be an organ donor. This is the best memorial any of us can give to Barry. His life was a blessing, may his memory be one, too.

Tikkun Olam

To help reduce global warming and energy use (and save money!), turn off lights when you leave a room. Look for CFLs (compact fluorescent bulbs) that have an instant rebate from PGE. To find retailers that sell these discounted bulbs, go

to www.pge.com/res/rebates/lighting/. Turn off your car's engine if you are stopped for more than a minute. For most cars, idling more than 20 seconds will use more gas than turning off and restarting the engine.

Go to www.opentravelinfo.com/travel-guide/uncategorized/how-to-save-money-on-gas-29-tips.html for 28 more tips on saving gas.

To save water, reduce watering 20% and be sure to water between midnight and 6 a.m. to reduce evaporation. Last month, in this column, I noted that Sonoma County had only reduced Russian River water usage by 9.9% of the 15% required by the State. Then it was reported that usage had dropped by 19%, which sounded like we were really doing a great job of conserving. But, as noted in a *Press Democrat* editorial on August 15, only part of that reduction came from conservation; the rest came from water pumped from city and county water agency wells. In Santa Rosa, conservation only amounted to 10.4%. Using water from these wells only postpones the inevitable, while lowering the water table. Santa Rosa has two programs that will pay you to reduce watering by replacing grass and older toilets. Go to ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/default.aspx?PageId=2308 for information on the "Green Exchange Program" and the "High Efficiency Toilet Program."

For ideas on other ways people are working to reduce global warming, check out liveearth.org and click on Climate Crisis Tools and look at the "Going Green" blog.



GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

The next time you are looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a joyous occasion, remember a loved one, or comfort a mourner, please consider a donation to Congregation Beth Ami.

When you make a gift, a card is sent to the honoree or the family and your donation is proudly acknowledged in the *Shofar*.

The minimum donation for each occasion is \$7.50. Congregation Beth Ami truly appreciates your support.

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In honor of Elsie Rich's birthday

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In honor of Ede Smith's birthday

Bob & Susy Raful

In memory of Joseph Raful

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In honor of Marcia Gladstone, for helping with my party

In honor of Elisabeth Van Nuys, for being a good friend

Elsie Rich

In memory of Florence Friedman

Robin Rose

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In honor of Helen Dresser's birthday

Judi Rosenthal

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In honor of Marcia Gladstone, party planner par excellence!

Sincere condolences to Esther Baruch on the death of her father

Sylvia Sucher

Mazal Tov to the Leipsic family on the arrival of baby Rayna

Continuing recovery for Howard Moss

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In honor of Sylvia Sucher's 95th birthday

In honor of Bob & Susy Raful's 60th anniversary. May you have many more.

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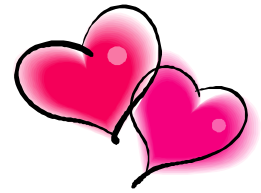
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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami

Observed on August 31st and September 1st

September 1 Dan Ben Hershel
Nephew of Evelyn Gurevitch
September 1 Caroline Berman
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September 2 Chaya Kats
Mother of Sofia Kats
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Father of Sofia Kats
September 3 Joshua Maurice Cohen
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September 3 Peter P. Duchon
Father of Barbara Duchon
September 3 Morris Marks
Grandfather of Myrna Morse
September 3 Evelyn Root
Mother of David Root
September 5 David Zittin
Father-in-Law of Benny Friedman
September 6 Emil Javor Judd
Husband of Lillian Judd
September 6 Shirley Kafton
Mother of Alan Kafton
September 6 Naftali Hertz Morse
Father-in-Law of Myrna Morse
September 7 Fritz Jacob
Sister of Elsie Rich
September 7 Arther Root
Father of David Root

Observed on September 7th and 8th

September 9 Shava-ba-Shav Bat Baruch
Penkovich Mother of Sarah Tyutinman
September 9 Ida Mann
Grandmother of Judith Helman
September 11 Frances Spiegelman
Mother of Gail Negrin & Grandmother of
Ronit Sepulveda
September 11 Gerald M. Wilson
Father of Brian Wilson
September 12 Donna Baer Erien
Mother of Judith Wallcave
September 13 Arthur Levine
Former Husband of Gussie Levine
September 13 Rose Zittin
Mother-in-Law of Benny Friedman &
Grandmother of Charlene Bornstein &
William Friedman

September 14 Myer Bernard Brust
Grandfather of Barbara McGee
September 14 William Boris Colto
Brother-in-Law of Evelyn Gurevitch
September 14 Marjorie Kantor
Mother of Brooke Kantor
September 14 Sol Tenn
Father of Joe Tenn

Observed on September 14th and 15th

September 15 Priscilla Landesman
Mother of Marlene Lowenthal
September 16 Dorothy Lowenthal
Mother of Ira Lowenthal
September 16 Jenny Wiesenthal
Mother of Natalie Friedman
September 17 Mary Gibson
Aunt of Hope Rambo
September 17 Donald Dov Morrison
Father of Elliot Morrison
September 17 Helene Hochberg Senzer
Mother of Adrea Moss
September 18 Susan Pomerance Dove
Niece of Betty Franks
September 18 Yechezkiel Rivkin
Father of Adolph Rivkin
September 18 Morton Stolbov
Father of Bruce Stolbov
September 19 Frances Barr Brust
Grandmother of Barbara McGee
September 19 Raymund Mundell
Father of Dr. Michael Mundell
September 20 Hilda Meyer
Mother of Jane Meyer
September 20 Harry Oxenhandler
Father of Abe Gerstein
September 21 Joseph Diamond
Father-in-Law of Marilyn Diamond
September 21 Jennie Klein
Mother of Ricki Streifeld
September 21 Etta Steier
Mother of Alan Steier

Observed on September 21st and 22nd

September 22 Sol Goldstein
Father of Rosalind Herritt
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September 24 Ester Pekker
Mother of Semyon Pekker
September 24 Harold Ross
Father of Stuart Ross
September 25 Joaquin A. Boadella
Brother of Lillian Shelan
September 25 Carolina Gordon
Granddaughter of Marjorie Gordon
September 25 Harald Quam
Father of Lindsey Kvam
September 26 Hans Shiffman
Brother of Elsie Rich
September 27 Mark Rubenfeld
Brother of Jill Goldberg

Observed on September 28th and 29th

September 29 Hector Batzdorff
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September 29 Dorothy Yelin
Grandmother of Francie Rogovin
September 30 Mollie Raful
Mother of Bob Raful
September 30 Ben Wolf
Father of Marilyn Wolf
October 1 Dean W. Darby
Husband of Audrey Darby
October 3 Morris Edelberg
Father of Marjorie Gordon
October 3 David Friedman
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October 4 Arnold Gross
Father of Sylvia Sucher
October 4 Hersh Hankin
Father of Harry Hankin
October 5 Michael Paul Letourneau
Son of Pam Jacobs

JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County—Upcoming Events

♦ **Jewish Film Series tickets on sale now! October 9-December 13.** Questions?

Phone 526-5538, E-mail shirleyk@jccsoco.org or go to www.jccsoco.org.

♦ **Friendship Circle Luncheon, Monday, October 8, Beth Ami Social Hall**

Maria Collette Sundeen, Director of Development, Sonoma County Museum

The fee for this event is \$8.00 for members of Friendship Circle \$10 for non-members. This includes lunch and dessert. Payment is accepted at the door. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Barbara Scharf 528-1182 at the JCC office.

♦ **Friendship Circle Bus Trip to The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas**

and the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House in Ukiah

Wednesday, October 10

City of Ten Thousand Buddhas is situated in Talmage, Mendocino County. It is the first large Buddhist Way-place in the United States. It is an international Buddhist community established in 1974.

Cost: \$20 members \$25 nonmembers

Reservations: Limited to 25 passengers. We will not accept any reservations before September 10, 2007. Please call either Barbara Scharf at 528-1182 or Elly Cohen at 528-1476 for reservations. As soon as you have reserved a seat you can send your check made out to the JCC, Friendship Circle, 3859 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405, to confirm your reservation.

♦ **JCC Jewish Music Concert with Captain Zohar**

Sunday, October 14, 1-3 p.m.

The Sebastopol Community Center

Join in community for a fun-filled musical afternoon! This mystical and enlightening band is a melding of Frank Zappa and Ravi Shankar (West joins East), and will delight and uplift us all. Tickets are \$18.00 in advance - \$20.00 at the door.

Call the JCC office at 528-4222.

♦ **Friendship Circle Lunch and Movie, Tuesday, October 23, 11:30 a.m.**

Please join us for lunch at the Apple Box Restaurant, 224 B Street, Petaluma (corner of B & 2nd Street) before the Jewish Film Series program at 1:00 at the Boulevard Cinema (right around the corner). We are privileged to have reserved seats for *West Bank Story* and *From Shtetl to Swing*.

Cost: \$18.00 members \$20 nonmembers includes film and lunch.

Call Elly Cohen at 528-1476 to make your reservations before October 17.

♦ **4th Annual JCC Jewish Meditation Retreat, December 14-16, Camp Newman**

Bi Adoni—"My God is Within Me." ~Genesis 44:18

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With Rabbi Ethan Franzel, our wonderful local rabbis, teachers, musicians and each other, we will practice hitbonedut/ contemplation of spiritual wisdom. Experience the transformation as we recognize that our source of strength, joy, and contentment comes not from any outside source, but from the Divine World within.

This event sells out every year so mark your calendars and watch for registration materials. For more information contact Dr. Sheila Katz, JCC Meditation Program Director, sheilak@jccsoco.org

Rosh HaShana in Armstrong Woods

Wed., September 12, 5 p.m. (gather at 4:30)

Russian River Jewish Community is holding its annual Rosh HaShana celebration — a potluck feast in Armstrong Woods Grove with readings, music by Jubilee Klezmer Ensemble, singing and dancing.

Armstrong Woods Grove picnic area, Guerneville.

Bring: Potluck dish and drinks to share; poem, song, reading if you like; and chairs, flashlights, mosquito repellent.

Paper goods provided, but bring your own dishes if you prefer.

Fee: members free, non-members \$6 donation. (registration available at the event).

Information: Sonia Turbridy, 869-3273 or 632-5545. Email: rrjews@yahoo.com.

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Rosh Hashanah Holiday Bags

Help seniors and people with disabilities feel the joy of the High Holiday season by visiting Jewish seniors in their own homes, convalescent hospitals, board and care homes, or at assisted living facilities. Assembly: **Thursday, Sept 6 at**

9:30 am. Pick up dates for delivery: **Monday and Tuesday, Sept 10 and 11.** If you know someone who should be on our list to receive a visit and a gift bag please let us know!

Volunteers for the 4th Annual Chicken Soup Bowl

We are currently seeking volunteers to make this Chicken Soup Bowl the most successful yet. The **Chicken Soup Bowl** is designed to raise funds to support our local programs: Seniors-At-Home, Parents Place, Financial Aid Center and Adult Services.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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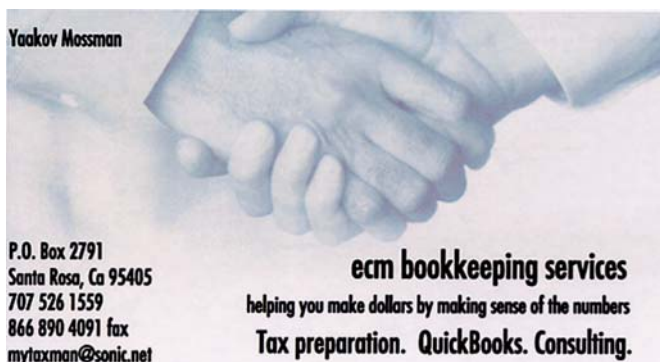
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MONTHLY SHABBAT DINNERS

Names of all dinner attendees:

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6:00 P.M. DINNER (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

7:30 P.M. FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES

8:30 P.M. ONEG

2007

- ☐ Friday, September 7
- ☐ Friday, October 5
- ☐ Friday, November 2
- ☐ Friday, December 7

2008

- ☐ Friday, January, 4
- ☐ Friday, February 1
- ☐ Friday, March 7
- ☐ Friday, April 4
- ☐ Friday, May 2
- ☐ Friday, June 6

Payment Information

of adults _____ Adult @ \$14 each = _____

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Amount enclosed for this event = _____

Please note that this is
the first and only
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September Services

Friday Evening, August 31

(Candle Lighting 7:24 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday September 1 • 18 Elul

9:30 am Shabbat Ki Tavo Services

Luncheon hosted by Mark Rosen

in honor of his 60th birthday

(Saturday Havdalah: 8:21 pm)

Friday Evening, September 7

(Candle Lighting 7:14 pm)

6:00 Family Shabbat Dinner

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, September 8 • 25 Elul

9:30 am Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayeilech Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Saturday Havdalah 8:10 pm)

9:00 pm Selichot Services

Wednesday Evening, September 12

(Candle Lighting 7:06 pm)

7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Eve Services

Thursday, September 13 • 1 Tishrei

9:00 am 1st Day Rosh Hashanah, Friedman Center

10:00 am Family Services, Sanctuary

5:00 pm Tashlich, Howarth Park

(Candle Lighting 8:02 pm)

Friday, September 14 • 2 Tishrei

9:00 am 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday Evening, September 14

(Candle Lighting 7:03 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, September 15 • 3 Tishrei

9:30 am Shabbat Shuvah-Ha'azinu Services

10:00 am Tot Shabbat

Potluck luncheon following services

(Saturday Havdalah 7:50 pm)

Friday Evening, September 21

(Candle Lighting 6:52 pm)

6:45 pm Kol Nidre Services

Saturday, September 22 • 10 Tishrei

10:00 am Yom Kippur Services, Friedman Center

10:00 am Family Services, Sanctuary

(Saturday Shofar Blowing – Havdalah: 7:47 pm)

Wednesday Evening, September 26

Erev Sukkot

(Candle Lighting 6:44 pm)

Thursday, September 27 • 15 Tishrei

9:30 am 1st Day Sukkot Services

(Candle Lighting 7:39 pm)

Friday, September 28 • 16 Tishrei

9:30 am 2nd Day Sukkot Services

Friday Evening, September 28

(Candle Lighting 6:41 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, September 29 • 17 Tishrei

9:30 am Shabbat Chol HaMo'ed Services

Potluck luncheon following services

(Saturday Havdalah 7:36 pm)

If you have need of a minyan (e.g. to say Kaddish), please call the office a week ahead of time to arrange for a morning service.