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**Julie Kohner: Voices of the Generations**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 7 p.m.**  
**Beth Ami Social Hall**

On a rainy October morning in 1938, Hanna Bloch (Julie's mother) stands on the sidewalk, crying softly as a bus departs Prague. She is just 19. As she watches her sweetheart Walter Kohner, 24, disappear in the distance, she cherishes their last embrace. Swastikas had been appearing in nearby towns, including Teplitz-Schoenau, where Hanna and Walter had fallen in love. But now he is leaving. He has an American visa — and plans to go to Hollywood, become an actor and arrange for Hanna to join him. But they lose track of each other. She is taken prisoner by the Nazis, hauled around in cattle trains between concentration camps until she ends up in Auschwitz. But she did survive. They survived.

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**Nursery School  
Fundraiser**

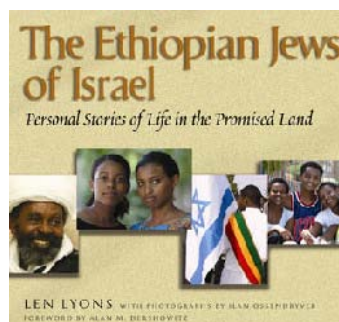
**Get into the groove and go  
back to the 80s!**

**Sunday, November 11**

**Friedman Center, 7-10 p.m.**

**Indulge in Sonoma County  
cheeses, dessert, wine, DJ, live  
auction, silent auction, and  
raffle. \$40 per person.**

**Don't miss this totally awesome event!**



**Ethiopian  
Israelis**  
**Wednesday,  
November 14,  
7 p.m.**

Author Len Lyons will present a fascinating look at his book, *The Ethiopian Jews of Israel: Personal Stories of Life in the Promised Land*. In 1977 there were one hundred Ethiopian Jews in Israel; now there are more than one hundred thousand. Their exodus from their native land and mass immigration to

Israel is a unique historical event. In captivating photographs and candid interviews, this beautiful and touching book recounts the profound challenges and inspiring accomplishments of Ethiopian Jews struggling to become Ethiopian Israelis.

This highly acclaimed book is a beautifully photographed coffee table-sized edition and will be available for purchase, and for signing. Makes an excellent Chanukah gift!

The evening's program will include wine, cheese, coffee and dessert; an audio-visual presentation; Q & A; and book signing.

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**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 DECEMBER SHOFAR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

All editorial submissions must be received in the *Shofar* box  
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## **RABBI'S REMARKS**

### **Rabbi George Schlesinger**

The Jewish month of Cheshvan is unique in that there are no Jewish observances (holidays or otherwise) during the entire month. For this reason it is often called MarCheshvan: Bitter Cheshvan. But while it is a month without any observances on the Jewish calendar, it is always a month filled with synagogue activities, because it is the month when we can finally begin our year's program after the month of Tishrei, that month filled with holidays and observances.

First of all, we begin the Torah reading cycle once again and are thrilled with the stories of Bereshit: Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel. While these passages are familiar to most of us, we still learn something new each year as we reread these stories of faith, jealousy, deceit, heartbreak, promise and familial dysfunction. One of the great rabbis of the Talmudic period wrote: "Hafoch bah, v'hafoch bah, d'Kulei bah. Turn it and turn it for everything is in it." Referring to Torah, of course, Rabbi Ben Bahg-Bahg clearly intended his audience to spend considerable time and energy investigating the intricacies of Torah. I would certainly concur with him and would recommend your taking the time to study Torah. To this end, I wish to remind you that our Torah and Talmud classes have resumed. Meeting on alternating Thursday nights these classes take a very slow and deliberate approach to the study of these texts. In our Torah/Bible class, we're just beginning the Book of Leviticus and in the Talmud class we're studying the laws of Damages and Reimbursement, specifically starting with the laws of "eye for an eye" and how the rabbis of the Talmud managed to argue for the substitution of monetary compensation instead. It's a fascinating section and gives great insight into the rabbinic mind. **Of course, all are welcome to join either or both of these classes which meet in the Friedman Center Boardroom at 7:00 pm on Thursdays.**

**On Wednesday, November 14 we are pleased to be able to present Dr. Len Lyons whose book *The Ethiopian Jews of Israel: Personal Stories of Life in the Promised Land* will be the subject of the evening's program.**



**Dr. Lyons, PhD in Philosophy (Brown University), is the author of six books on a variety of subjects, including jazz and computers. Through hosting Ethiopian Israeli students visiting Boston in 2004, he became fascinated with the story of the Ethiopian Jews and their struggle for acceptance in the**

country that rescued them. For more than two years, he has been meeting with Ethiopian Jews in Israel in many locations and in many sectors of the Ethiopian Jewish community.

His is the first book to recount in captivating photographs and candid interviews the profound challenges and inspiring accomplishments of Ethiopian Jews struggling to become Ethiopian Israelis. This book is also unique in presenting the personal stories of Ethiopian Israelis, offering the reader a sometimes painful, sometimes touching look at Israel through their eyes, told in their words through in-depth interviews.

I encourage you to attend these programs, the Bible class, the Talmud class or all of them. I can think of no better way to begin the new year than with a commitment to Torah study and the opportunity to learn about our past AND our present.

#### ***continued from the front page***

Today, Julie Kohner—Walter and Hanna's only child—tells her parents' story at synagogues, churches and schools in Southern California and around the country. She teaches about the Holocaust with *Voices of the Generations*, personalizing World War II with the painful and happy events of her parents' lives. From Tennessee to Long Beach, audiences have seen a timeline of Hanna's and Walter's whereabouts during the war. During the hour-long presentation, they see intimate mementos from the Kohners' past, like the small, rusted box containing jewelry that Walter's mother had buried in the backyard as Hitler's troops marched into Teplitz.

Their story first emerged in 1953 when she was featured in an episode of Ralph Edwards' *This Is Your Life*. At the El Capitan theater in Hollywood, a surprised Hanna—then 32—composed herself enough to gracefully be reunited with friends who shared her past, and her brother, Friedl, whom she hadn't seen since the beginning of the war. Many of her loved ones had been killed in Auschwitz—including her parents, Max and Hertha Bloch, and friends such as Lilo, a care-free girl who joined the underground but was eventually captured. It was the first time Edwards strayed from the show's customary practice of featuring the lives of celebrities. The black-and-white video is the centerpiece of Julie Kohner's presentation. Her mother speaks candidly about the horrors just eight years before—horrors that are also detailed in her book.

Upon the conclusion of Julie's presentation we will have a discussion on the role of Holocaust education and observances in the Jewish community.

This program also coincides (almost) with Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass which many feel was the first blatantly physical attack upon Jews in Germany in 1938.

*~Rabbi George Schlesinger*





## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ongoing programs at Beth Ami

♦ **IT'S BACK! THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE EXERCISE CLASS** meets Wednesday and Fridays in the Beth Ami Social Hall from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

#### 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 at 578-4040 for more information.

#### SUNDAY

♦ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class - ongoing. Please call Rabbi Schlesinger, 360-3004 if you're interested in joining.

### Rosh Chodesh Women's Brunch

Welcome Rosh Chodesh Kislev!

Bring a brunchy item to share and join the Rosh Chodesh women on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Friedman Center.** It's all about community action this month. Come see what we can do together ... while we enjoy each other's company, taste delectable treats, and celebrate another new month.

Questions? Call Bonnie Boren, 528-1628 (home) or work (542-5700).



### Torah & Talmud Study Thursday evenings

#### Torah

November 1, 15  
December 6, 20

#### Talmud

November 8, 29  
December 13

**Location:** Friedman Center Board Room

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

### Welcome to our new members! Judy Dzik and her son Sam.



#### Are you on eScrip?

For 66% of Beth Ami members the

answer is "not yet". Don't be left out! Right now your shopping is generating cash that merchants such as Safeway, Whole Foods and Macy's are willing to donate to Beth Ami only if you tell them to do it. What are you waiting for? Do it now!

#### How do I sign up?

- ♦ Log on to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and go to "sign up"
- ♦ Designate Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, ID #136921119 to receive contributions.
- ♦ Register your Safeway club card, Macy's card, and other credit or debit cards that you might use at the participating merchants.

#### What if I shop at stores not on eScrip?

Oliver's, Pacific Market, and Copperfield's, among others, will contribute a percentage of your purchases to Beth Ami if you use the Community Smart card. To get this card, go to: [www.communitysmart.com](http://www.communitysmart.com) and designate Beth Ami as the beneficiary. They will send you the card and all you have to do is swipe it before paying for your purchases.

If you need any assistance in your sign-up process or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or [enshermn@pacbell.net](mailto:enshermn@pacbell.net).  
~Nancy Sherman

Sincere condolences from the Beth Ami community to the Rosenbach Family on the death of Eddie Phillippsborn.



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Call for talent! Purim is coming!

It is never too early to start warming up your chops, and getting those surfboards out, in preparation for the Beach Boys Megillah! If you have ever dreamed of being a surfer girl, hanging ten with Mordecai, or being True to your Shul, then this is your chance!! Talent is desirable, but as history demonstrates, is not required.

If you want to be a part of the Beach Boys Megillah production in March, please call Karen Gould in the office and sign up. You may want to be an actor, a technician, a caterer, a production assistant, or a costumer! If you have that itch for show business, let Karen know.

Casting and organizing the spectacle will begin in December.

~Andy Fleming

**The Israeli Literature class**, held at Beth Ami on Sunday, October 14, was a wonderful experience. The witty instructor, Stanford Professor Joyce Moser, overflowed with knowledge about anything relating to the topics of Jewish and, in particular, Israeli literature, so we could have all our questions answered. Besides discussing the assigned Israeli novels—the young, Israeli Arab Sayed Kashua's brilliant *Dancing Arabs*, and the acclaimed Jewish writer Me'ir Shalev's *Four Meals*—Professor Moser brought in other materials to share, such as poetry by Agi Mishol, and op ed pieces from Kashua and Shalev. Interesting that these fine novelists work as journalists in Israel, writing columns for the major newspapers. *Dancing Arabs* provided an unusual perspective: the narrator is a young Arab Israeli growing up in an Arab village near Haifa, who gradually becomes aware of who Jews are, and eventually wants to blend into the Jewish majority. *Four Meals* is told from the viewpoint of a young boy named Zayde (*grandfather* in Yiddish, so-named as to confuse the Angel of Death should he come looking for the boy). Shalev's style evokes old folk tales, with hints of magic and surrealism; we loved his use of language, and wished we could read him in the original Hebrew. Mishol's poignant poem described the poet's horror at a young, Arab woman suicide bomber who hid her explosives under the guise of pregnancy; instead of giving birth, she gave death.

Some of us are planning on going to San Francisco in November to see Shalev (free, reservations required) speak at the SFJCC, and on January 16 to see Kashua, \$10. Other Israeli writers will also be visiting the Bay Area in the spring. Contact JCCSF, 415/292-1233, or [jccsf.org/arts](http://jccsf.org/arts) to find out about seeing the Israeli authors.

~Nancy Fleming

## Coming in December



**December 4:  
Congregational Latke Party**

**December 7:  
Shabbat Dinner**

### Scholar-in-Residence Ahuva Batz December 7-9

Please welcome Ahuva Batz for a weekend of learning, poetry, music and Shabbat joy. It is a Chanukah gift to have her here with us.

Ahuva's passion for Talmud, Torah and Tefilla (prayer) has blossomed into her work as a teacher and ritual leader. She teaches cantillation and B'nai Mitzvah lessons, leads prayer and chants megillot at Tal Torah, a growing women's Jewish studies center, and is a frequent prayer leader at Moreshet Yisrael, Jerusalem's flagship Conservative synagogue.

Her music blends enchanting world-Jewish melodies with Israeli soul.

Ahuva Batz lives with her family in Jerusalem and enjoys the invigorating exchange flowing from her work with Israeli and U.S. spiritual communities.



"Ahuva's blend of powerful and poetic voice rhythms, understanding of the intent and content of the tefilla, and devotional integrity is unparalleled."

~Rabbi Adam Frank,  
Congregation  
Moreshet Yisrael

### The Children's Jewish Education Endowment Fund

received six applications for the \$1700 that was available this year. While none of them fit within the Fund's original early childhood education guidelines, five fit within expanded guidelines. Three scholarships were awarded for this December's USY International Convention. The other two scholarships were for a Religious School program for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade families, and for an expanded teen programming seminar to benefit Jewish teens.

~Mark Rosen, CJEEF Co-coordinator

## November 2007 calendar of events - hard copy only

## **PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

**Andy Fleming**

### **A river needs to run through us**

In addition to spending time volunteering for our synagogue, I also devote some of my energy to acting as a docent for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. It is an organization that works to improve the ecological health of the Laguna, a small channel that is the heart of the watershed of central Sonoma County. It has an excellent educational outreach program that leads classes and field trips for elementary school students. I have benefited from some wonderful training, and am committed to approximately 20 hours each autumn and spring as a docent.

There is not a lot that Beth Ami has in common with the Laguna Foundation, in terms of purpose, or programs, or funding. But as I have learned about both organizations over the past two years, they do share one major characteristic: they are attempting to accomplish a lot with a very small staff of dedicated professionals and a large dependence upon the passion and commitment of volunteers.

This condition – let's call it the Non-Profit Syndrome – puts special demands on all of those people who care about the existence of the organization. In our case, if we care about the Jewish community of Beth Ami, then we need to understand these demands.

For example, we need to acknowledge that our thin staff of Rabbi, teachers, and support people deserves appreciation and respect. All of them are here due to their commitment to our community. To maintain that commitment, to nourish and replenish their energies, we all need to communicate to them our gratitude.

Just as vital is our constant need to inspire and recruit members to volunteer. There are many people who have done some type of synagogue volunteer work for years, sometimes changing roles as their interest or our need changes. Having this type of "institutional memory" available is a priceless value. But we also need new people every year to step forward. We need their perspectives and ideas, and the new energy and relationships that come with the investment of some time.

Like a river, healthy organizations need constant renewal. The Laguna is restored and renewed each winter by the rains that fall on the hills around the Santa Rosa Plain. Beth Ami experiences renewal by your stepping forward to volunteer some time. You are the source of the life of Beth Ami. Please consider becoming part of the vital flow that defines us.

The inside cover of the Shofar has many synagogue activities listed. If you want to become a part of any of them, contact the person listed. Or call the office. Beth Ami welcomes you.

## **MITZVAH MILERS**

### **A marvelous day of M&M's, muscles and memories**

Andy and I along with four other Beth Ami cyclists—Rabbi Schlesinger, Dave Ballo, Mark Stoelting, and Ira Rosenthal—successfully completed the MS Ride on Sunday, September 30!

The morning dawned fogless—a miracle—which meant that we didn't have to spend the traditional 2-3 hours freezing our fingers and toes, waiting and praying for the sun to appear—a first in the eight (or however many) years that we've done this ride.

For me, the worst part of the whole day is getting up before 5 and getting our butts, and bikes, down to Rohnert Park for the 7:15 picture (with our team, the Mitzvah Milers), and the 7:30 start. So once we'd done that, with the sun already starting to light up the horizon, it was downhill (not literally) from there. We rode along on what was a very do-able course, lots of flat with plenty of rolling hills, but nothing heart-stoppingly steep. We pulled in to the rest stops, as usual, about every 15 miles or so, eating lots of junk and searching for the ever-elusive M&M's. They finally showed up at the second-to-last rest stop, about 1:30. There were both plain and peanut, in large plastic cups, so you could practically drink down big, almost guilt-free mouthfuls (having put down about 62 miles; note the "almost"; absolute absence of guilt is not physiologically possible for a person of Jewish ancestry). At the lunch stop, we sat across from some young, buff, and beautiful Berkeley law students, who turned us on to what were NOT pork rinds, but rather, cinnamon twists. Who knew? ! These things were addicting, and we joined in with the young chaps, gleefully stuffing our faces.

The 54 Mitzvah Milers were attired in their usual jaunty, Magen David-splashed blue, white and black jerseys, so we could spot them in the crowd. We would then exchange the traditional "Go Milers!" or oddly toast each other to life, "L'Chaim!" We tried to not be embarrassed when we noticed other non-Milers looking at us. One Jewish guy from Marin, not a Miler, even asked how he could become one of us next year. Israeli riders marveled at all the English letters on our jerseys written as if they were Hebrew letters (got to see this to get it). Our team captain, Dan Siegel, assures us that the Milers are in the running for one of the top fundraising teams; not too shabby. An all-round official mitzvah.

So, this is all to say, thanks a lot for your support. We felt like we were taking you guys along with us throughout the beautiful, exciting day. And in the end, we've all done our little bit to help alleviate the suffering caused by this dreadful disease. Maybe one day, we'll hear the wonderful news that MS is curable, and we'll feel we helped that day to come about.

~ Nancy & Andy Fleming





## MEMO FROM JERUSALEM

Bob Raful

Which is the best month to visit Israel? The question probably has 12 answers – 13 for a leap year, like this one. This year, as October approached, between 23,000 and 25,000 visitors came through Ben Gurion Airport every day, casting their vote for SUCCOT — truly, the Feast of Ingathering.

We have been here during Succot for many years, but this impressed us as an exceptional year — Exhibit One was a news story the over 80,000 people converged on Central Jerusalem, on October 2, to watch 5-6000 marchers, a mixture of Christians and some Jews, celebrate the Tabernacles. Sacher Park, is a great, green expanse which covers the valley below the government buildings in West Jerusalem. It was the end-of-march gathering location for the thousands of hungry and thirsty throngs that lovely October day. There must have been 200 food vendors — plus a pungent haze from the countless small family grills.

Exhibit Two was the frenetic rush to attend the “event overload” — musical performances, festivals, lectures, tours — always, of course, after building the family succah.

AND, the choices: The AACI (Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel) had four different tours a day between September 25 and October 5. Two samples: “Lovers of Jerusalem...through the Old City provides insight into some of the city’s most famous biblical lovers, among them King David and Batsheva and Rabbi Akiva and Rachel;” “In the footsteps of famous Jerusalem women of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries.”

Tour examples — Jerusalem offering a whole new way of experiencing its ancient past — Sunday through Tuesday of Hol Hamoed Succot the archeological sites of Jerusalem were filled with family fun activities right in the midst of excavations in three locations — the area around the Haas Promenade; the City of David and the Mount of Olives.

Then there was the now famous Abu Ghosh vocal choir music festival (which we did not attend). A wide variety of other music — Hazanut to jazz to soul to Jewish rock — AND one we DID attend — a benefit for the Or Movement by “well loved” singer, actor, Hazen — Dudu Fisher, who is bringing this show — A musical love story about Jerusalem — to Broadway.

Plus, lectures by rabbis, sages, politicians, “crystal ball” analysts and media figures. Our favorite, David Horovitz, Editor in Chief of the *Jerusalem Post* who gave an overflow crowd in the Great Synagogue “20 Great Questions” of the day — not many answers, but alerts of where to look and who to believe (or not).

You see, the joyous season of Succot, really is joyous — in Jerusalem. Pray for its peace.



## RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Patty Bernstein

### Help make Beth Ami a welcoming community

#### Get a whiff of this ...

Isn't it remarkable how certain scents and fragrances can trigger memories—bread baking, pool chlorine, Grandpa's aftershave? I've read that the olfactory and memory areas of the brain are right next to each other, linked by neurons ... but I'm still amazed that a few simple airborne molecules can evoke vivid recollections. But those airborne molecules trigger other reactions, too—negative ones.

Dizziness, difficulty breathing, headaches, sore throat, and asthma-like symptoms occur in individuals with a (negative) sensitivity to fragrances that other people think smell good. We're all quite attuned to the effects of second-hand smoke, yet many of us don't think about who might be affected by our lotions, hairstyling products, or perfumes.

Please, when you're dressing to attend synagogue events, meetings, services, dinners, please remember to go “**fragrance free.**” It will make Beth Ami a happier place for all of us.

#### A place at our table ...

We all love having visitors, don't we? We spiff up the house, dust the furniture, make sure the atmosphere is welcoming, set the table festively. We're at our best. At Beth Ami, too, we put the siddurim in order, line up the new chairs, vacuum the sanctuary, and mop the floor. On Shabbat morning we have a greeter at the door, welcome each other and guests to services, and cover the tables in our social hall. When we have visitors, we sing especially well, read Torah with a new verve, and engage our guests with the warmth of our community. What's missing? Sadly, it's sufficient food for lunch after services. We say potluck” but the reality is that very few people are bringing and many people are eating. If we want to build community, we need to pony up! Please, bring your share and a little extra to feed a guest—and/or leave a check in the office so that Francie Rogovin can purchase lunch staples. The Shabbat oneg is such an important way to bring people together. Let's be sure we have food at our table.

# WELCOME





## MITZVAH MOMENTS

### Tish Levee

#### P'kuach Nefesh (Saving a life)

November is National Organ Donor Month, and the second Saturday, November 10, is National Organ Donor Shabbat. Allie Wald, a certified speaker for the California Transplant Network, will join me in giving the drash at the Shabbat morning service. Allie is the widow of Barry Wald who recently died, 7 1/2 years after receiving a heart from a young woman who died of a brain aneurysm. Come and learn how you can save a life—or maybe even several—by becoming a registered organ donor.

#### Hakhanasat orechim (Offering hospitality to guests)

This is the month of Cheshvan, when we read in parasha VaYera that Abraham offered hospitality to the three angels. This month we can practice the mitzvah of hakhanasat orechim by inviting someone to dinner on Thanksgiving or volunteering to help serve meals at a shelter.

#### Tikkun Olam (Repairing the world)

Here is mitzvah that is good for the earth, for your pocket book and your health. **Don't buy bottled water.**

**For the Earth:** Twice as much water is used to make the containers for bottled water as the water they hold. Then there is the energy cost: an estimated 16 million barrels of oil were used to make the containers for the bottled

water sold in the US last year. This does NOT include the oil used to transport those bottles. Empty water bottles are a large component of the trash we throw out every day, and discarded bottles cause environmental damage. S.F. Mayor Gavin Newsom recently banned the use of bottled water by city departments, and there have been calls in other cities to follow suit.

**For your budget:** Lately several water bottlers have admitted that their product is simply filtered tap water, so we're paying a high price in dollars and the cost to the environment simply for convenience.

**For your health:** And last, but not least, is the safety factor. Studies have shown that toxic chemicals in the plastic in these bottles migrate into the water, especially in the heat. Many of us keep several bottles in the car, and the bottles themselves have been transported, often over long distance, in the heat and are stored in hot warehouses.

**Here's how to put this mitzvah into practice:** Buy a food grade plastic container, or better yet, a stainless steel one, and refill it. At home, use glass. If you don't like the taste of city water, you can use a filter like Brita or Pur. You will protect your health and your family's, save lots of money, and be very good to the Earth.

## Your USY

SCUSY get ready for Fall Kinnus 2007! There will be an amazing dance, fun Thanksgiving-themed SA/TO projects, incredible programs, a talent show, new and old friends, an Israeli dinner and even more yummy food! What could be better than spending time with USY New Frontier?

High school is so much pressure, work, issues, and not enough time to enjoy yourself. By coming to Fall Kinnus 2007 in Saratoga **November 16-18**, you can get away from all that for a weekend and hang out with the best region ever.

For Fall Kinnus applications and anything SCUSY, please visit our website at <http://www.SCUSYNF.com>.

**Sharon Benson**  
**SCUSY Youth**  
**Advisor**  
**[sharon@scusynf.com](mailto:sharon@scusynf.com)**  
**and**  
**Chaverim Events**  
**Director**  
**[sbenson@pacbell.net](mailto:sbenson@pacbell.net)**  
**703-4244**

## Chaverim

The October Chaverim event held at Scandia was a lot of fun! We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed miniature golfing, hitting balls in the batting cage, riding the bumper boats, and playing arcade games.

We are now accepting High School R.S.V.P. to the "Blue and White Ball" held at the San Francisco JCC on December 8th. The sooner your response is received, the sooner carpools can be determined. The 8th Grade "Blue and White Ball" will take place January 19.

Be sure to check out our photo website often ([sonomachaverim.phanfare.com](http://sonomachaverim.phanfare.com)) for event pictures.

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



## 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.

### CBA ENDOWMENT

In memory of Herman Hecht  
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In honor of the birth of Secoya  
Dune Berman  
**Lillian Shelan**

### GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of a wonderful  
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A thoughtful donation  
**Ivan Barta**  
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Speedy recovery to Edie &  
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Thank you and L'Chaim to Ira  
& Ruth Rosenberg for their  
annual gift to the Yom Kippur  
break-fast

**Andy & Nancy Fleming**  
Thank you for helping me  
celebrate the holidays

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Ludin

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**Ed & Nancy Sherman**

A generous donation  
**Haya Smith**

A thoughtful donation  
**Jules & Karen Street**

In honor of Arline Thomas'  
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In honor of Ariella Schlesinger  
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the Rosh Hashanah & Yom  
Kippur services so very special  
and memorable

In honor of Stephen & Andrea  
Nett's anniversary  
In honor of the birthdays of  
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Evey Abramowitz, Blair  
Pleasant, Lillian Judd, Leo  
Gurevitch

**Sylvia Sucher**  
Speedy recovery to Brian  
Gross  
Speedy recovery to Howard  
Moss

In memory of Sofia Kats  
In memory of Barb McGee's  
stepfather, Fred Adams  
In memory of Eddie  
Phillippsborn, John & Rhonda  
Rosenbach's brother-in-law  
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many years of planting and  
maintaining the garden

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In memory of Mayer Wegman  
**The Wegman Family**  
A generous donation  
**Darrell Watkins**

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birthday

In honor of Lillian Judd's  
birthday

**Susan Miller &  
Jerry Lakins**

### MALK FUND

In honor of Everett Shapiro's  
80th birthday

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**Helen Dresser**

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**Carol Newman**

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In memory of Jim McLaughlin  
**Judi Rosenthal**

In memory of Max Malk  
Happy Birthday to Carol  
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& Everett

In memory of Dr. Norman  
Shapiro

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In honor of the birthday of  
Everett Shapiro

In honor of the birthday of  
Evey Abramowitz

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birthday

In honor of Rosalie & Lester  
Schweit's anniversary

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In memory of Paul V. Benko  
**Sandra Benko**

In honor of Ariella's amazing  
contribution to our High  
Holidays

**Rick & Jill Goldberg**

In memory of Gregory Jay  
Hyams

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For the honor of reading during  
High Holiday services

**Judi Rosenthal**  
In honor of Rabbi Schlesinger -  
thank you for your help

**Lillian Shelan**  
In memory of my father, Arnold  
Gross

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In honor of great Simhat Torah  
morning services

**The Brosbe Family**

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In memory of Eddie  
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Sepulveda

In memory of Hans Schiffman,  
Brother of Elsie Rich  
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Colto, Brother-in-Law of  
Evelyn Gurevitch

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Boadella and Jack Boadella

**Lillian Shelan**  
A generous donation  
**Darrell Watkins**

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Father-in-Law of Benny  
Friedman  
In memory of Rose Zittin,  
Mother-in-Law of Benny  
Friedman & Grandmother of  
Billy Friedman & Charlene  
Bornstein

**Mark Rosen**

# ANNOUNCING THE 25TH ANNUAL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES 2007-2008

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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 on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning in November.

**Nov. 7, 2007:** Krauss, Nicole: *The History of Love*. JLSF

**Dec. 5, 2007:** Agosin, Marjorie: *The House of Memory: Stories by Jewish Women Writers of Latin American*. JLSF

**Jan. 2, 2008:** Idliby, Ranya, Oliver, Suzanne, and Warner, Priscilla: *The Faith Club*. JLSF

**Feb. 6, 2008** Chabon, Michael: *The Yiddish Policemen's Union*. JLSF

**March 5, 2008:** Nassib, Sélim: *The Palestinian Lover*. JLSF

**April 2, 2008:** Oz, Amos: *Panther in the Basement*. JLSF

**May 7, 2008:** Dean, Debra: *The Madonnas of Leningrad* \$13.95

**June 4, 2008:** Nemirovsky, Irene: *Suite Francaise*. \$14.95

**July 2, 2008:** Oufkir, Malika: *Freedom: The Story of My Second Life*. \$14.00

We will receive the first six titles on loan from the Jewish Library of S.F. (JLSF) The remaining three books can be purchased at a 25% discount. Please return the form below to register for the coming season and indicate the titles you wish to purchase. Please include payment of \$12.00 per title you wish to purchase.

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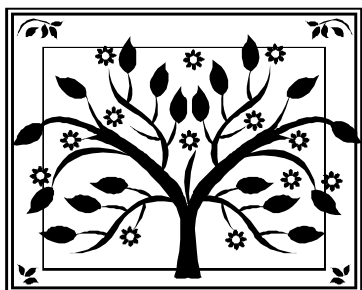
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## LITERARY LINES Susanne Batzdorff

The library's interim staff, consisting of Ruth Rosenberg, Noor Karr and Karen Brodsky, with retired librarian Sue Batzdorff still hovering in the background to provide ad hoc support, is ably carrying on a "holding action," while we still await a more permanent solution.

Though our library hours are somewhat reduced, we encourage you to come in and explore the riches of our collection, and remember, if you need to come at a different time, **call Ruth Rosenberg at 544-2919** to arrange for a mutually convenient time. If we get more volunteers, we will add more hours to our schedule.

Bear with us, as we regroup!

### Library Hours:

Sunday: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 3:45 - 6 p.m.

And by appointment.

## CONGREGATION BETH AMI JUDAICA GIFT SHOP



Susy and Helen were gone for  
much of the summer  
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### NOVEMBER HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 3 - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

*(when Religious School is in session)*

Please call 360-3000 for an appointment.





## 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 on November 2 and 3*

November 3 David Dresser  
Brother-in-Law of Helen Dresser  
November 5 Belle Rosen  
Mother of Mark Rosen  
November 5 Esther Zittin  
Mother of Charlene Bornstein  
November 6 Max Sucher  
Husband of Sylvia Sucher  
November 6 Moses Kobrinetz  
Uncle of Shirley Rosaler  
November 7 Hans Biberstein  
Father of Susanne Batzdorff  
November 7 Sanford Menachof  
Brother of Dr. Louis Menachof  
November 9 Frieda Eisenberg  
Grandmother of Vivian Frye  
November 9 Harold R. Zeamans  
Grandfather of Judith Helman

### *Announced on November 9 and 10*

November 11 Shupsel Glazer  
Uncle of Adolf Tyutinman  
November 11 Stanley Skillicorn  
Father of Patricia Wegman  
November 11 Vivian Kearns  
Aunt of Vivian Salmon  
November 12 Florence Goodman  
Mother of Andrea Goodman  
November 13 Lev Bakman  
Husband of Sheyna Bakman  
November 13 Hyman Katzman  
Father of Zoya Kats  
November 14 Alvin L. Dove  
Brother-in-Law of Betty Franks  
November 14 Natalie Rostov  
Daughter of Tova Rostov  
November 15 Minnie Friedman  
Mother of Benny and Harry Friedman  
November 15 Laura Hershman  
Mother of Bill Sommers  
November 15 Sonia Spellman  
Sister of Bill Sommers

### *Announced on November 16 and 17*

November 17 Marcella Liverman  
Aunt of Patty Bernstein  
November 18 Samson Hochfield  
Father of Malvina Tsipan

November 18 David Samuel Spiegelman  
Nephew of Gail Negrin  
Cousin of Ronit Sepulveda  
November 18 Gaye Marcia Spiegelman  
Sister-in-law of Gail Negrin  
Aunt of Ronit Sepulveda  
November 18 Mark Allen Spiegelman  
Nephew of Gail Negrin  
Cousin of Ronit Sepulveda  
November 18 Sylvia Frances Spiegelman  
Niece of Gail Negrin  
Cousin of Ronit Sepulveda  
November 19 Leonard Klein  
Brother of Lillian Judd  
November 19 Alma Shapiro  
Mother of Raynora Paule  
November 20 Joe Goldberg  
Father of Richard Goldberg  
November 21 Kimberly Dawn Ellis  
Niece of Patricia Allison  
November 22 Howard Blau  
Father of Shari Kafton  
November 22 Miriam Malk  
Mother of Phyllis Shapiro  
November 22 Shirley Tenser  
Grandmother of Val Kreger  
Mother of Dorothy Marder  
November 22 Isadore Wiesenhal  
Father of Natalie Friedman  
November 23 Rosa Leah Bas Natan  
Mother of Evelyn Gurevitch  
November 23 Dr. Joaquin Boadella  
Father of Lillian Shelan  
November 23 Jennie Goldberg  
Mother of Betty Franks

### *Announced on November 23 & 24*

November 24 Jacob Goldman  
Father of Ethel Schy  
November 25 Leonard Dresser  
Husband of Helen Dresser  
November 26 Stanley Kolman  
Father of Bruce Kolman  
November 26 Raymond Nett  
Father of Stephen Nett  
November 26 Abraham Schwaber  
Father of Fredrika Gross  
November 26 Rochelle Evelyn Adler  
Sister of Judith Dzick  
November 28 George D. Kaplan  
Father of Rhonda Rosenbach

November 29 Harry Friedman  
Grandfather of Jennifer Schilling  
November 30 Nathan Elbaum  
Father of Debbie Weiss  
November 30 Frances Ross  
Mother of Stuart Ross

## November Birthdays



1 Nicholas Allen  
1 Roslyn Edelson  
1 Paul LaHaye  
1 Vivian Salmon  
3 Rosalie Schweit  
7 Alan Steier  
8 Martin Mazner  
9 Vivian Klein  
11 Harry Friedman  
12 Alisa Haley  
12 Ruth Wilson  
12 Brian Wilson  
13 Rael Bernstein  
13 Jane Rogan  
17 Michael Haiman  
19 Joseph Minuskin  
23 Claire Miller  
24 Lydia Ross  
26 Nancy Fleming  
26 Sherrill Golemb  
28 William Friedman  
28 Russ Gurevitch  
30 Steve Kemiji



## November Anniversaries

12 Alan Steier & Bonnie Sudler  
15 Everett & Phyllis Shapiro  
16 Leanne Schy and Mark Stoelting  
18 Jack & Patie Wegman  
21 Stuart & Ethel Schy  
23 Sandy & Ceila Berman  
25 Ron Welch & Ellen Watson  
27 Paul & Julie Kellogg

## MERCAZ USA: Help build the tide

Stephen Steckler, MERCAZ USA Vice President

MERCAZ USA is the American Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement. MERCAZ is the **ONLY** Zionist organization in America concerned with the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism in Israel. MERCAZ works towards many important goals, including:

- *Ensuring religious pluralism in Israel and full recognition of our rabbis, synagogues, mohalim, institutions and programs.*
- *Encouraging electoral reform so that extremist minority parties will no longer wield undue power.*
- *Determining an equitable distribution of World Zionist Organization/Jewish Agency funding for the Conservative/Masorti Movement, around the world.*
- *Promoting civil rights including Conservative/Masorti representation on religious councils and full equality for women.*
- *Supporting Aliyah and Hebrew language studies.*
- *Opposing any change in 'Who is a Jew' and 'Law of Return'.*

To quote the MERCAZ website: Zionism as an invaluable tool for strengthening Jewish identity and combating assimilation. It calls for linking Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora with Israel through tourism, Jewish education, Hebrew language study, "people-to-people" partnerships, short-and long-term Israel programs and Aliyah. Conservative/Masorti Judaism has steadfastly remained at the forefront of the effort to promote its values: the centrality of Israel in the life and consciousness of the Jewish People and the unity of the Jewish People wherever they may live.

New olim (immigrants) as well as veteran Israelis deserve to be exposed to a meaningful, traditional, non-coercive approach to Jewish life style as an alternative to the extremism which has caused so many Israelis to consider themselves "secular" Jews. Israel needs Conservative/Masorti Judaism to enhance the quality of Jewish life in our homeland. The ability and effectiveness in meeting these goals is directly correlated to the number of MERCAZ members and proportional representation at the Zionist Congress. **Join thousands of other Conservative Jews who are willing to make a commitment!** Why not go to [www.mercazusa.org](http://www.mercazusa.org), take a couple of minutes, and become a MERCAZ member.

Membership is the sole vehicle by which MERCAZ, as the agent of the Conservative Movement, can extend its influence in the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. Please join today.

### High Noon at Hillel – Open house and Fun-raiser

Hillel of Sonoma County wants to show off our new home, so put on your boots, saddle up your horse, and ride on down for a hearty brunch and some good entertainment...we're fixin' a plate just for you! There might even be a friendly card game in the saloon...

When: Sunday morning, December 2, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Hillel of Sonoma County, 85 La Plaza, Cotati (Same building as Ner Shalom)

Admission: \$36/adult, \$18/children, \$5/SSU and SRJC students with ID – [www.sonomahillel.org](http://www.sonomahillel.org) for more information.

### Jewish Family and Children's Services, 571-8131

For more information please contact Andrea Nett, Volunteer Coordinator, 303-1502 or email, [Andrean@jfcs.org](mailto:Andrean@jfcs.org).

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Soup Bowl

We are currently seeking Team Captains 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.

### Senior Companion Plus

If you love working with seniors, have patience and compassion, this opportunity is for you! We offer excellent training, ongoing supervision and support. Volunteer commitment of 2 hours weekly.

### JFCS RIDES Program

This program is designed to help seniors go to medical appointments and Jewish community activities.

### Driver needed for JCFS RIDES

We are seeking a friendly, responsible person to transport seniors to appointments in the community, using our van. Must possess a valid Class B or C California Driver's License, with a good driving record. Prefer an individual who is mechanically minded with basic trouble-shooting skills. Flexible hours. \$12.00 per hour. We will provide training. Please contact Vicki at 303-1532 or email [Vickiw@jfcs.org](mailto:Vickiw@jfcs.org)

### FREE Elder Law Consultation

First Thursday of each month, 9:30-noon Alice Perlman offers consultations for seniors (60+) and for those who have legal questions regarding Conservatorships, Estate and Medical planning for aging family members and friends. Call 571-8131 to schedule an appointment.

# JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County, 528-4222

## Planet Pomegranate, November 5, Beth Ami Social Hall, 12 p.m.

Come join Friendship Circle for a wonderful vegetarian lunch buffet and a presentation by Barbara Baer. Using excerpts from *Pomegranate Roads: A Soviet Botanist's Exile from Eden*, by Dr. Gregory Levin, she explains his fascinating life work on pomegranates in Central Asia, Israel, and at UC Davis, where he saved the biodiversity of many varieties of pomegranates.

*She will bring several varieties of Central Asian pomegranates for tasting and discussion. Yum, yum!*

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 ARE REQUIRED. Call Barbara Scharf 528-1182 to save your place.



## Chanukah Party, Wednesday, November 28

Friedman Center, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Shopping - Candlelighting - Latkes - Entertainment - Door Prizes & More  
The Copeland Creek Brass Quintet will perform the best of brass music spanning four centuries.

The fee is \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members for this very special event which includes lunch and dessert. Payment is accepted at the door. Reservations are required by November 21<sup>st</sup> (so that we shouldn't run out of latkes). Call Barbara Scharf, 528-1182.

## Outreach Program Announcement

It is with regret that we announce that Elly Cohen will be leaving her position as Outreach Coordinator in November, as the time required by the position has increased. Elly has done a great job of developing this program and is leaving to devote her time to other projects in the Jewish community and spending time with her family. We look forward to her continued involvement with the JCC and its many volunteer programs.

## 4th Annual JCC Jewish Meditation Retreat

December 14-16, Camp Newman

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

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.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate, in community, a very special Shabbat weekend that will enhance your daily spiritual life.

For more information contact Dr. Sheila Katz, JCC Meditation Program Director, sheilak@jccsoco.org



The JCC Sonoma County  
Jewish Film Series 2007  
November calendar

Call 528-4222 to order tickets or go to [www.jccsoco.org](http://www.jccsoco.org) for more information.

### *A Love to Hide*

October 30, 1:00pm & 7:15 pm PETALUMA

November 1, 1:00 pm & 7:15 pm SANTA ROSA

### *Three Mothers*

November 7, 1:00 pm & 7:15 pm PETALUMA

November 8, 1:00 pm & 7:15 pm SANTA ROSA

Santa Rosa, Rialto Cinemas Lakeside, 551 Summerfield Road  
Petaluma, Boulevard Cinemas, 200 C Street

**The Jewish Community Free Clinic (JCFC)** of Sonoma County is a volunteer-driven clinic for uninsured families of the North Bay. We offer free medical care, social work, acupuncture, food, and referrals. All are welcome to help. We especially encourage all working or retired Family Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Nurses, and Social Workers to get involved. Commitments are flexible. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, 585-7780, Ext. 4; [schedule@jewishfreeclinic.org](mailto:schedule@jewishfreeclinic.org) or [www.jewishfreeclinic.org](http://www.jewishfreeclinic.org).

## *Revealing the Secrets of The Zohar:*

### *Three Study Sessions with Rabbi Lavey Derby*

Sundays, January 13 & 27, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 10, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Congregation Shomrei Torah, \$36 per class or \$92 for series

The Zohar (Hebrew: "Splendor, radiance") is widely considered the most important work of Kabbalah, Jewish mysticism. It is a mystical commentary on the Torah, written in medieval Aramaic and medieval Hebrew. It contains a mystical discussion of the nature of God, the origin and structure of the universe, the nature of souls, and more.

*No knowledge of Hebrew or prior experience with the Zohar is required for this class; all materials will be translated and interpreted..*

For more information contact Dr. Sheila Katz, Director, JCC Jewish Meditation Program at [sheilak@jccsoco.org](mailto:sheilak@jccsoco.org), or 528-4222. Brought to you by CST Life Long Learning and the JCC Jewish Meditation Program

## JEWISH COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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**JNF-Trees in Israel**, SHEVI POSMAN ----- 535-8805  
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Names of all attendees:

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## Shabbat Dinner

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

**7:30 P.M. FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES**

**8:30 P.M. ONEG**

### 2007

- ☐ 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

**Live music by Zim Zum and Israeli folk  
dancing after dinner!**

## Congregational Chanukah Latke Party

**Tuesday, December 4**

**6 - 8 p.m**



**Chanukiah Lighting  
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### Payment Information: Shabbat Dinners

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14 each

# of youth (6-12) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 each

*~children 5 and under are free~*

Amount enclosed for this event = \_\_\_\_\_

**RVSP by Friday before the dinner to  
avoid late fee!**

### Payment Information: Chanukah Party

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 each

# of youth (6-12) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6 each

*~children 5 and under are free~*

Amount enclosed for this event = \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail/Fax/Bring this form with payment to:**

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## November Schedule of Services

Friday Evening, November 2

*(Candle Lighting 5:52 pm)*

**6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner**

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, November 3 • 22 Cheshvan

**9:30 am Shabbat Chaye Sarah Services**

Potluck luncheon following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 6:50 pm)*

Friday Evening, November 9

*(Candle Lighting: 4:45 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

*Chaverim students to participate*

Saturday, November 10 • 29 Cheshvan

**9:30 am Shabbat Toldot Services**

**National Organ Donor Shabbat**

Potluck lunch following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 5:43 pm)*

Friday Evening, November 16

*(Candle Lighting: 4:39 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, November 17 • 7 Kislev

**9:30 am Shabbat Vayetze Services**

**10:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat**

Potluck lunch following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 5:39 pm)*

Friday Evening, November 23

*(Candle Lighting: 4:35 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, November 24 • 14 Kislev

**9:30 am Shabbat Vayishlach Services**

Potluck lunch following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 5:35 pm)*

Friday Evening, November 30

*(Candle Lighting: 4:33 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, December 1 • 21 Kislev

**9:30 am Shabbat Vayeshev Services**

Potluck lunch following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 5:33 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.