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## SCUSy Last Chametz DINNER

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**at Congregation Beth Ami**

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Please join  
Congregation Beth Ami at our  
Community Passover Seder

**April 20<sup>th</sup> 2008, at 6:00 p.m.**

in the Friedman Center

4676 Mayette Ave.

Catered by Wine Country Kosher  
See Event Reservation Form to  
make your reservation today!



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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.

## Hours of Operation

### Beth Ami Main Office

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Library

Monday - Thursday: 3:45 - 6 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 - 12:15 p.m.

### Gift Shop

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## RABBI'S REMARKS

*Rabbi George Schlesinger*

As most of you probably know by now, I'm rather deeply involved with two interfaith dialog groups: SRIMA (Santa Rosa Interfaith Ministerial Association) where I serve as president, and our Jewish-Presbyterian dialog group with Rabbi Gittleman and our Presbyterian friends/colleagues. Both these groups have been a source of strength, comfort, and spiritual sustenance. In both groups, we take the time to study together because we feel that it is through study that we come to truly know one another and begin to develop and understanding of each other. And one of the great benefits of this study has been that when I listen to the viewpoints of others, I simultaneously hear similarities in our approach to our sacred texts as well as great differences. Through this realization, I'm better able to clarify my own approach and my own understanding.

Often these discussions come down to our approach to the "truth" and "veracity" of the biblical texts. Do we accept the text as literally true or not? In these two interfaith groups, at least, we don't have many fundamentalists claiming that the biblical text is the undisputed, undeniable, literal word of God. Instead, there is a general consensus that there are lessons and "truths" to be learned and that the text isn't necessarily the (capital "T") Truth.

For example, I don't think anyone in these two groups believes the universe was actually created in six, twenty-four hour days...with then a seventh day as one of rest.

So why do I mention all this? As we approach Pesach, it is time once again to mention the "Truth" vs. the Truths of Passover.

The minimalist archaeologists tell us that there is not one shred of evidence that the Hebrews were either slaves in Egypt OR that there was an Exodus. There are no Egyptian sources validating the Torah's claims and there have been no discoveries in the Sinai wilderness to bolster a claim of Hebrews wandering in the desert for 40 years. And (in my mind at least) to further complicate matters, both while in Egypt last January and in my reading before the trip, I learned that most Egyptologists believe that the great building projects of Egypt—from the pyramids to the great temples and storehouse cities—were built by free labor and not by slaves. Most ancient Egyptians were farmers and during the five or six months that the Nile overflowed its banks and covered everything with silt and mud, there was nothing for these farmers to do and so they were more than willing to work on the great building projects to honor Pharaoh as well as the gods. It is believed, therefore, that there was very little need for massive numbers of slaves.

I'm in no position to comment upon the veracity of either the current trends in Egyptology or in biblical archaeology (where is my Time Machine when I need it?), but if I accept

these theories for the moment, where does that leave me vis-à-vis Pesach?

I believe that Pesach (and the Seder, of course) teach us a great many truths about life, about human nature and about our purpose on this earth even if the entire story is nothing more than a fabrication.

It is a truth that humans strive for freedom. History has borne out this truth in many ways and in many eras. One has only to look at the record of human behavior to know that freedom has been a motivating factor throughout recorded history. Even most recently, the news out of Tibet and China has been about the desire for freedom and self-determination. People are willing to die in the cause of freedom and unfortunately have, indeed, given their lives in that cause.

It is a truth that as long as some people are oppressed, no one is truly free. When others lack the freedoms we take for granted, our ability to "proclaim liberty throughout the land" is somehow diminished. Because (now more than ever) humanity is intertwined and communication is so immediate and so easy, it is impossible to remain ignorant of troubles elsewhere in the world and it is impossible to ignore the cries of others.

It is a truth that "in every generation we must see ourselves as if we personally had gone free from Egypt." By imagining that we, ourselves, have been slaves and have gone free, our sensitivity to the plight of others is raised and heightened. And it is this truth that has been the source of our Jewish involvement in the cause of freedom throughout the centuries—both for ourselves and for others.

It is a truth that whether the miracles of the Haggadah happened or not, we Jews have seen the story of the Exodus as evidence of God's involvement in our lives and God's desire for freedom throughout the world. We see this story as evidence of God's protection of the Jewish people and God's fulfillment of the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It is a truth that when we read/sing the Dayenu, we know that while according to tradition, even though Jewish destiny isn't fulfilled until the last stanza (bringing us to Israel and establishing the ancient Temple as the center of Jewish worship), we should be thankful for every measure of goodness and bounty that we experience in the world, that a thankful and appreciative heart is at the core of a contented and happy individual. It is a truth that being content with one's lot in life is the key to great spiritual riches and wealth.

There are other truths that can be found within the pages of the Haggadah and the story of the Exodus, and it is up to us to search for them and to apply them in our lives.

As I prepare to depart for the first half of my mini-sabbatical (I'll return mid-July), I want to wish all of you a very joyous, happy Pesach, and may you find within the story the truths that give meaning and direction to your life.

Chag Kasher v'Same'ach





## Events & Announcements



### Save the date for Israel

In honor of Israel's upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, we at Beth Ami are putting together a special weekend—**May 2-4**—in which we will celebrate our beloved Israel in many ways, beginning with a delicious Israeli Shabbat dinner on Friday night. It will be very special, so put it on your calendars now!

### Welcome to our newest member Pat Thomas.

#### ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS

You can now link to Amazon via our website and Beth Ami will earn up to 10% in referral fees on all qualifying purchases.

Go to [www.bethamir.org](http://www.bethamir.org) and click on Amazon.

### Ongoing programs at Congregation Beth Ami

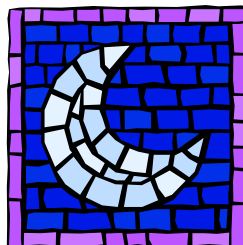
◆ **THE JCC FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE EXERCISE CLASS** meets Wednesday and Fridays in the Beth Ami Social Hall from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

◆ **ISRAELI FOLK DANCING, TUESDAYS, 7 p.m.**, Friedman Center. For more info contact Leanne Schy at 528-4874 or [Leanne@sonic.net](mailto:Leanne@sonic.net).

Rabbi Schlesinger will be on sabbatical from April 15 - July 15. His April classes are listed below. Classes will resume in mid-July.

TORAH STUDY:	Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.
ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS:	Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m.
TORAH STUDY:	Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m.
TALMUD STUDY:	Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Sincere condolences from Beth Ami to Audrey Darby on the death of her cousin, Paul Blatt.



### Rosh Chodesh Nisan April 6

If Purim has passed, can Pesach be far behind? Join the Rosh Chodesh women for a final fling with chametz on Sunday, April 6 at 11 a.m. in the Friedman Center. We'll enjoy a potluck bagel brunch (bagels and "fixin's" will be provided) as we welcome the new month of Nisan, talk about women at Passover, and begin to make the transition from our ordinary "chametz" lives to the traditions and rituals of Passover.

Please bring a brunchy snack to share and non-perishable chametz to donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

All Jewish women are invited ... synagogue affiliation not required. We're looking forward to celebrating with you!

### Book Discussion Group

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at Congregation Beth Ami. If you would like to join our group, we can always make room for a few more. For information call Susanne Batzdorff at 538-9731

On March 5 our topic was *Palestinian Lover*. Ethel Schy bravely led this discussion. Opinions were divided. While most agreed that this book was not up to our usual standard of literary quality, we learned something about Jewish-Arab relations in pre-state Palestine.

Our program continues as follows:

<b>April 2:</b>	<i>The Yiddish Policemen's Union</i>
<b>May 7:</b>	<i>Panther in the Basement</i>
<b>June 4:</b>	<i>Suite Française</i>
<b>July 2:</b>	<i>Freedom: The Story of My Second Life</i>





## Events & Announcements

### Are you on eSCRIP? Why not?

#### DO YOU NEED HELP TO NAVIGATE THE WEBSITE?

Call Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or email [enshermn@pacbell.net](mailto:enshermn@pacbell.net) for help.

#### DO YOU NOT KNOW THE WEBSITE AND ID NUMBER?

Go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com), "sign up" and designate Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, ID#136921119.

#### DO YOU NOT KNOW YOUR SAFEWAY CLUB CARD NUMBER?

Call or email Nancy.

#### ARE YOU NOT SURE IF YOU SHOP AT THE RIGHT MERCHANTS?

Check the website or call/email Nancy.

#### DO YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Check the website or call/email Nancy.

We are hoping to add at least 50 new eScrip participants by June.

We hope you'll be one of them! **Why not?**

~Nancy Sherman



### Purim at preschool



*Beth Ami Community Nursery School  
preschoolers celebrate  
Purim in the Social Hall.*

The Jewish Community of Sonoma County  
Will observe its annual  
**Yom Hashoah  
Commemoration**  
(Holocaust Memorial)

## *Dor L'Dor Passing the Flame of Memory To a New Generation*

A Memorial to Those who Perished  
A Celebration of Survivors' Lives

**Sunday, May 4, 2008 · 2 p.m.**  
**The Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa**



*Dr. Debbie Findling*

#### Program Highlights:

Guest speaker: Dr. Debbie Findling, noted Holocaust and teen educator. Led March of the Living groups for ten years. Co-author of "Teaching the Holocaust."

Featured speaker, Miriam Susan Dregey, who survived as a hidden child

Candle lighting ceremony by local survivors

A remembrance pledge by local youth

Cantorial solos, niggun, and songs

Yiddish songs of remembrance

Presentation by Susy Raful Essay Contest winner

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Agency of Sonoma County, with the cooperation of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust, all Sonoma County Synagogues, and the Jewish Community Federation. Hands photo by Murray Rockowitz.





## President's Page *Andy Fleming, President*

### Abraham, Sarah, and us

Nowhere in the Torah does it say that Abraham and Sarah asked their guests to join the synagogue. For hospitality to be genuine, it must be offered without condition.

~Rabbi Larry Bach, Temple Mt Sinai, El Paso, TX

Over the past several months, I have written about several issues that I believe are important for Beth Ami. These include strengthening our committee system, developing leadership in our community, establishing financial stability, and strengthening relationships among our members. But I have asked our Board to focus much of its energy on one major concern: how do we make Beth Ami a community that welcomes and includes **anyone** who wants to engage with Judaism? I continue to believe that if we can create such a synagogue, we will find solutions to all of the other issues that concern us.

What do I mean by “welcoming and including”? I believe that this is something that Beth Ami already does well. It is in fact one of our strengths. We should continue to expand our vision of “what Jews look like,” and celebrate the diversity within Judaism. Jews are intermarried, they are unaffiliated, they may not have been born Jewish, they come in all shapes and sizes, and are from all different types of families and households. We need to “meet them where they are,” and should welcome them to Beth Ami no matter where they are on their Jewish journey. And we must do this sincerely, with no expectations or agendas.

Sharing what we love about Beth Ami and our Jewish community is key to providing a warm welcome. We should strive to make it easy for people to participate at Beth Ami. This is called “lowering the barriers” to participation. Barriers may include cost, or how much Hebrew a person knows. Or it could simply be that we don’t have signs around our building. Our committed members need to continually look outward and provide support and welcome to those who are interested, but unsure. We need to think of outreach “not as a membership drive, but rather the providing of free and open access... to our Jewish communal activities.” (This is one of the Ten Principles of Big Tent Judaism, a coalition of Jewish organizations of all types dedicated to creating a welcoming Jewish community for all).

So if we give all of our programs and services away, how do we survive as an institution, as a business? If we welcome everybody who wants to “be Jewish” as our guests, what is the motivation for anyone to support the synagogue – to become members?

Rabbi Bach, who is quoted at the top of this column (and who presides over a synagogue that does not charge for High Holiday tickets), explains it this way. The people who begin

as guests can find true meaning in a welcoming and committed Jewish community. They move from a perspective of the visitor and stranger, to that of the owner and proprietor. If the community is one that can embrace the guest as one of its own, then the stranger will embrace the community.

That is our constant challenge. If we apply the fundamental Jewish value of welcoming the stranger, we will transform our synagogue. And ourselves.



## Religious Practices

*Patty Bernstein, RP Chair*

### We miss them already!

We’ve known that Rabbi and Paula’s vacation and sabbatical were coming for quite a while; yet, now that it is almost upon us, we’re missing them already. From April 13 to July 15, we’ll be “on our own” in a manner of speaking. **However**, there’s been a lot of behind-the-scenes planning for these next three months—much of it done by Rabbi Schlesinger!

Please know that services will continue on our same regular and holiday schedules, our Beth Ami community seder will be held with a most knowledgeable leader at the helm, and all bases (we hope) will be covered. I hope that each of you will welcome our interim rabbinic and lay leaders and that you’ll participate in services with the same (or increased) enthusiasm as always. We have a wonderful opportunity for growth here and I hope that we’ll each try pushing our own personal comfort zones and venturing into some new areas, increasing our strength. As we do so, I know that we can be assured of the acceptance and encouragement of the community.

Have a wonderfully enlightening (shall I say, “re-jew-venating”) time away, Rabbi and Paula. We look forward to your safe return to our congregation.





## Mitzvah Moments

### Tish Levee

#### Ma'ot Hittin—The Wheat Fund

“When Purim comes, can Pesach be far behind?” It’s time to clean out our cupboards and get ready for Passover. When getting rid of our *chametz*, donate unopened packages to the Food Bank—the barrels are still in the lounge. Whether you sell your chametz through the Rabbi or not, it’s a mitzvah to donate to *Ma’ot Hittin*, to help those who need help making Pesach. And don’t forget to invite a guest or two to our seder.

#### P’kuach Nefesh—Saving a Life

April is National Donate Life Month. If you aren’t already registered as a posthumous organ donor, do so now. You can go to <http://www.ctdn.org/> to register. It only takes a minute. Eligibility criteria are constantly expanding, so register regardless of your age or health; then let your family members know you did it.

#### Bikur Cholim—Visiting the Sick

Send a Passover card to someone on the Mi’shebarakh list. Make sure you call the office the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month to put people on the list. (It starts over each month.) How about arranging to visit someone over Pesach and bring them a Passover treat or two?

#### Tikkun Olam—Repairing the World

A lot of times it doesn’t seem that our individual actions make a real difference, but when we combine them with each other’s actions, it really does. Some examples:

- If just 1 million people cut down on their trash by 10%(reduce, reuse and recycle), we could reduce yearly CO2 emissions by up to 50,000 tons.
- If every California home replaced five light bulbs with CFLs, it would equal taking 400,000 cars off the road. If every U.S. home did this, it would be like 4,000,000 fewer cars on the highway.
- Buy local produce and other food. Dr. Debora Hammond at SSU says, “the average food item travels roughly 1500 miles,” travel overwhelmingly powered by fossil fuels.
- Pay bills online. PGE estimates that for every 38,500 bills paid online annually, 1 ton of paper and 20.5 gallons of water are saved, 3.4 tons of trees are preserved, and 2300 lbs. of solid waste and 5700 lbs. of greenhouse gases are avoided. Note this is for considerably less than 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of PGE’s 14 million customers and just for that company. Think what we can accomplish if only 10% of us start receiving and paying our bills online.

Dear Friends,

If you wish to sell your Hametz for the duration of Pesach, please do one of the following:



- 1) Cut out this form and fax it (with the names and addresses) to the synagogue at 707/360-3003.
- 2) Cut out this form and bring it to the synagogue office.

**We must have your form by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in order to be included in the sale for this year.**

### Sale of Hametz for Pesach Agency Appointment

I hereby appoint Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David, (Rabbi Schlesinger’s agent) to be my agent for the purpose of selling my Hametz. I understand that Rabbi Bar-David will select a purchaser of his choice for this sale. I understand that the sale will be conditionally consummated at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2008. I understand that Rabbi Bar-David will demand a deposit from the purchaser to be transmitted to him by 10 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2008, with the balance of payment to be received by 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2008. I understand that if the balance due for my sale of Hametz has not been remitted to Rabbi Bar-David by 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2008 that the sale will be cancelled by virtue of the condition of full payment not being met, and that the Hametz then will automatically revert to my ownership at that time. I accept the definition of Hametz as set by Jewish law and tradition (i.e., leavening, leavened products, and leavening processes). I understand that under no circumstances may I use, or benefit from, Hametz from 10 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2008 until 8:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2008.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

This form **must be signed** and returned (or faxed) no later than Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 4 p.m.  
Fax: 707/360-3003

\*With the sale of Hametz, it is customary to make a donation to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund for the purpose of Ma’ot Hittin...providing the wherewithal for the needy to make a proper Seder.





## Israel from the Left Coast

Bob Raful

Here is a good introduction, which explains my approach to this monthly attempt at highlighting Israeli life (*I saw it on one of my favorite Israel websites*):

I do not write about the issues that draw the attention of the local and world-wide media—the continuing diplomatic quest for peace amidst a deteriorating situation on the ground the rocket strikes on Israeli cities and towns; and the Israel response, answered by another response; the constant political turmoil; etc.

Exhibit Number One for this month—another item, probably not well covered by the media, which I found on yet another of my favorite websites:

### Israeli Government Deepens Cooperation with Philanthropic Organizations—March 11, 2008

The Israeli government has recognized the vital role that non-profit organizations play in Israeli society and has adopted a number of measures to formalize its relationship with philanthropic endeavors and enhance cooperation.

“The new policy signals a profound turning point in government thinking about non-profit organizations,” explained Raanan Dinur, Director-General of the Prime Minister’s Office.

According to Professor Benjamin Gidron, Director of the Israeli Center for Third Sector Research and School of Management at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, the Israeli government recognizes the important contribution that non-profit organizations make to Israeli society and understands the need for dialogue and cooperation.

“There are more than 25,000 non-profit organizations operating in Israel,” he explains, “which are responsible for 13.5 percent of the economic activity in Israel and these numbers are increasing all the time, so it is difficult for the government to ignore the third sector.”

Professor Gidron, says that most of Israel’s non-profit organizations provide services, while hundreds are social change organizations.

Twenty years ago there were only 2,500 active organizations in this sector, most related to political parties and public institutions.

Gidron says that the new government policy is the fruit of behind-the-scenes negotiations by a joint government-third sector committee set up in 2000.

The new government policy includes:

- A newly established council for exchanging information, which will provide a ‘roundtable’ for discussions and consultations.
- A data bank on all philanthropic organizations based on the U.S. Guide Star model, which will encourage transparency.
- An increase in tax benefits for donors to non-profit organizations.
- A greater priority in government funding to non-profit organizations providing social services.
- A special unit in the Prime Minister’s Office to coordinate cooperation with non-profit organizations. The unit will begin with an annual budget of \$555,000.



## Literary Lines

Gabor Por, Librarian

As you prepare for the celebration of Passover this year may I suggest a visit to the library! You can choose from dozens of books on the topic, including five academic introductions from various perspectives. The 22 different **Haggadot** we have will satisfy any taste. If you want to spice up your Seder, to make it different from previous years, consult the vegetarian Seder or the one with the liberated lamb. If you want to have a visual feast to go along with your epicurean one take a look at the facsimile edition of the 1492 Sarajevo Haggadah, or the many others, illustrated by artists throughout modernity, including Marc Chagall and Saul Raskin.

We also have 24 Passover-themed books for **children**. They cover the whole spectrum from toddler to teenager and from simple storytelling to complex ethical questions. Make it a memorable holiday this year for the little one by reading with him or her.

If you are more of an auditory type, i.e. you enjoy listening just as much as reading; get one of our five **audiotapes** for the holiday. You can hear songs both from the Oriental and the Ashkenazi tradition on them, stories masterfully told or even an audio guide to help you through the Seder night.

Finally, if you are a visual person, meaning you like movies, borrow any of our four related **VHS tapes**. Watching the two animated features could be fun for the whole family: one of them is with the Rugrats and the other is a claymation. If you prefer an explanatory video, detailing the habits and customs of the holiday, we have that too, not to mention a video with superb performances of Passover music and songs.

No matter what your Passover related information needs are or what kind of media you enjoy the most, we have it covered.

To keep updated with the world of the library check out and subscribe to our blog via email at [www.bethamir.org/library](http://www.bethamir.org/library).

### Library Hours:

Sunday: 9:30-12:30 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday: 3:45-6 p.m.  
Or call Ruth Rosenberg at 544-2919 for an appointment





## Religious School Report

Elisabeth Van Nuys, RS Director

Words of Torah are difficult to acquire, precious like gold and rare metal; but like fragile glass, easily broken and lost.

~ Hagigah 15a

Torah is at the center of our history, our continuance, our values, our very identity. Torah means “teaching” and that is what it has been and continues to be. Or, that’s what it’s supposed to be. But, what if the Torah were written in a language no one understood anymore? What if the words were completely alien and meaningless? What if the Torah was written in a lost language? How would we regard it then?

Now at this point some comedian will point out that the Torah *is* written in an alien and incomprehensible language – Hebrew! Well, we’re working on that in our Religious School. Hebrew is certainly not unfamiliar to our children, not even to our Kindergarteners. Hebrew is still the glue that binds diverse Jewish communities all over this planet into one community with one shared language. But is that enough?

There is, I believe, a new and very real threat to the Torah and its ability to be understood. I haven’t heard anyone talk about it yet, but I would like to put it out there today and see what you think about it.

If you read the past two issues of the *Shofar*, you know that we have added yet another component of our busy curriculum. Every week, we discuss the weekly parsha, at an age-appropriate level, with our students. By the time they become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they will have been exposed to six or seven cycles of the yearly Torah readings. To save the teachers a bit of time, I compile some information on the reading and make up a vocabulary list for use in the classroom.

I began by rereading each Torah portion carefully; to see which new vocabulary the students might need, such as the words “mishkan” or “ephod.” As I began doing this, I began to be aware of a problem. A teaching problem, true, but one that has wider implications for the ability of the next generation of Jews to understand, even at a basic level, the words of the Torah, not just in Hebrew, but in *English*.

Whatever position I hold now, or have held, I am first and foremost an educator and I know children and how they think and learn. I also live in the year 2008 and am aware of the accelerating rate of change, not just in our world or our society, but also in our *language*. As I read the English version of the first parsha, I realized that, not only would the children need to have words such as “mishkan” explained, but they’d also need words such as sanctuary, tabernacle, census, plague, incense, mold and cast, pillar, weave, embroider, vestments and yes, even the word “washstand” explained. Most of today’s children do not know what

embroidery is. They’ve never seen it! And that, in a very small way, points to a huge generational gap, one that can only get larger.

This is possibly the first generation, in history, that has not seen someone embroider, or weave, or cast something in a mold. The world is changing rapidly. Is it any wonder that our understanding and use of words is changing too? We are losing words that past generations understood because those words were part of their experiences. They are no longer part of ours. So what do we do now? How do we achieve comprehension and relevance?

We strive to make it real! We bring in samples of embroidery. We cast and mold using clay and jello molds. We bring in spices to smell and textures to feel. We have built a model of the mishkan and we have created a large menorah (in the window of my office) according to instructions in the Torah. We have held a “talent” show during our recess because when Moses gave an accounting of the precious metals used to create the mishkan, the results were in “talents” and shekels. Both are units of weight, with a talent equal to 75 pounds. The students weighed themselves to see if they weighed a “talent.” *Now* they know “talent.” If this is what it will take to make the words of Torah relevant to another generation, then we will do it. There is a good precedent in the Torah. As the children of Israel said to Moses: “Na’aseh v’nishma.” We will *do* and we will *understand*.

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## Chaverim Update

Sonoma County's teen group continues with their regular on-going dinner and discussion meetings with Chaverim Director Rick Concoff.

Special events for March included Game Night at CHOPS on March 2 and Mitzvah Day at Santa Rosa Creek on March 9. The creek clean-up was in conjunction with Shomrei Torah's Environmental Action Committee. It was a spectacular success, and Chaverim made a huge contribution to that success, drawing in about 40 pairs of hands, counting the Chaverim members and their friends and family. Teens were assigned a challenging, steeply sloped section of the creek, and went after it with high energy, producing an impressively huge pile of garbage bags full of stuff that does not belong in a creek. Congratulations, Chaverim, we are so proud of you.

### Upcoming Events

**Friday night services and year-end blast**

**Friday, April 25**

**Shomrei Torah**

Chaverim teens will participate in Friday night services and will stay on for a Shabbaton/Year End Blast sleepover at Shomrei Torah.

**Sample Chaverim class with Rick Concoff**

**Sunday, April 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Congregation Beth Ami**

7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this special event to learn about Chaverim, Sonoma County's Jewish teen group. They will meet Rick Concoff, Director of Chaverim, as well as other Jewish teens from around the county, and find out why they should consider joining Chaverim next year. It is not necessary to be affiliated with a synagogue or any other Jewish organization to join. For more information about the 7<sup>th</sup> grade sample class, or about joining Chaverim for any teen, contact Rick Concoff 477-9196 or [concoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:concoff@sbcglobal.net).

### Looking ahead to May

The community-wide commemoration of Holocaust Day is on Sunday, May at 2 p.m. at the Friedman Center. Chaverim will participate in the annual teens' Remembrance Pledge.

### Pool Party

Join USY for swimming, dinner and havdalah:

May 8: 8<sup>th</sup> grade

May 10: 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades



## Your USY

**Sharon Benson, USY Youth Advisor**

### CBA's Last Chametz Night presented by SCUSY

You are cordially invited to join Sonoma County's United Synagogue Youth as we partake in our **Last Chametz Night, April 17 for an Italian dinner!** We will serve pasta, garlic bread, salad and a beverage (all the Chametz you can imagine) for only \$10. Children 12 and under are only \$5. This is a great event for **all** ages!

Come see the SCUSY slide show, buy a couple of \$1 raffle tickets, and get your very own Bedikat Chametz Kit for only \$2.

To reserve now please visit the SCUSY website at [www.scusynf.com](http://www.scusynf.com), use the RSVP form on page 18 or come by Congregation Beth Ami's office.

Please consider becoming a sponsor of this event with a \$100 donation. This is a fundraiser for SCUSY and for Social Action Tikkun Olam (SATO, Tzedakah).

For more information, contact Sharon Benson, SCUSY Youth Advisor at 707/478-2663 or [Sharon@scusynf.com](mailto:Sharon@scusynf.com).

### And 10 makes a minyan!

The Religious Practices Committee has received suggestions that we restart morning services on a somewhat regular basis. Since we had only three regular participants when we decided to take the patient off life-support, we have decided to go slowly and are testing the waters before going back to our previous schedule. We'd like to try for a **once-a-month** minyan (on the first Thursday of each month) at 7:30 a.m. in the Friedman Chapel.

In order to even begin this endeavor, we are asking for a firm **commitment** from at least 15 people that they will attend each month. That means that unless you are out of town or in the hospital (almost), you will be at that first Thursday service.

Rabbi Schlesinger told the story of a tiny town of just 10 Jews, who had a daily minyan—until the 11<sup>th</sup> Jew moved in. From that point on, someone always thought that there would be enough others to make a minyan, so their attendance wasn't so important. The tiny town of 11 Jews lost their daily minyan.

Believe me, *every one* counts. How about you? If you are willing to commit to a monthly morning minyan, please contact Patty Bernstein (546-6043 or [basbery1@sonic.net](mailto:basbery1@sonic.net)) right away. We'll let you know when (if) the first monthly service will take place.

~Patty Bernstein





## April 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 April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>**

April 6 Helen Goldman  
*Sister of Lillian Judd*  
April 7 Rae Abrams  
*Mother of Patty Bernstein*  
April 8 Morris Estrin  
*Uncle of Charlene Bornstein*  
April 8 Rachel Jones  
*Grandmother of Ross Jones*  
April 9 Yvonne Abrams  
*Sister-in-Law of Patty Bernstein*  
April 10 Shai Ben Zalman  
*Father of Leo Gurevitch*

### **Announced on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

April 12 Dora Altaras  
*Mother of Ety Dranow*  
April 12 Benjamin Miller  
*Father of Susan Miller*  
April 14 Ben Glass  
*Father of Gussie Levine*  
April 16 Jacqueline Joan Rubin  
*Wife of David Rubin & Mother of Elizabeth Stalker*  
April 18 Maklouf Oiknine  
*Father of Therese Becraft*

### **Announced on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

April 20 Elizavyeta M. Gaiger  
*Mother of Marina Voulfson*  
April 20 Joseph Zygielbaum  
*Father of Paul Zygielbaum*  
April 21 Max Newman  
*Father-in-Law of Edith Newman*

### **Announced on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>st</sup>**

April 23 Rosemary Friedman  
*1<sup>st</sup> wife of Benny Friedman,  
Mother of William Friedman,  
Mother of Debra Chapman*  
April 23 Harry Estrin  
*Uncle of Charlene Bornstein*  
April 23 Harry Rubin  
*Uncle of Elizabeth Stalker  
Brother of David Rubin*  
April 24 Nathan Hershman  
*Father of Bill Sommers*  
April 25 Morris Abrams  
*Grandfather of Patty Bernstein*  
April 25 Betty Katz  
*Mother of Audrey Darby*

## **Funds available for Jewish education**

### **Mark Rosen, CJEEF Coordinator**

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

Requests for financial assistance during the 2007-2008 congregational school year can be submitted to the synagogue office Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. until Erev Rosh Hashanah (September 12, 2007).

Look for more information in the May Shofar.

## **April Birthdays**

1 Asher Nathan	18 Barbara Tomin
1 John Rosenbach	19 Barbara Whitaker
3 Ety Dranow	20 Martha Lane
4 Miriam Wald	21 Phyllis Shapiro
4 Phil Zeidman	21 Lawrence Wallcave
5 Kim Solomon	22 Karen Gould
6 Alan Krubiner	26 Bonnie Sudler
6 John Leipsic	27 Ross Jones
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7 Sylvia Marlin	28 Betty Franks
10 Joan Schloss	28 Jeffrey Stein-Larson
11 Lester Schweit	30 Jon Batzdorff
13 Elizabeth Jarlsberg	
13 Richard Lazovick	

## **April Anniversaries**

12 David Kerben & Claire Miller  
26 Susan Miller & Gerald Lakins

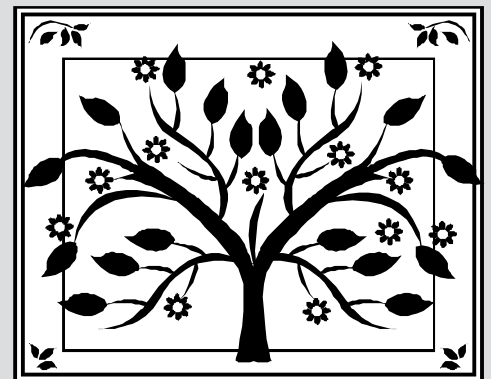
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► In honor of Marcia Gladstone for helping Julia learn to read Torah and for creating her beautiful tallit

► In honor of Elisabeth Van Nuys and Rabbi Schlesinger for helping Julia prepare to celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah

► In honor of Jose Espinoza and Francie Rogovin for their help in setting up the synagogue for Shabbat services

► In honor of Bob Raful for his help in organizing and orchestrating the Torah honors

► In honor of Melissa Bloom for jumping into her new job as executive director and helping us prepare for Julia to celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah

► In honor of Andrea Nett and her team for a delicious and beautifully displayed kiddush luncheon

► In honor of Karen Gould for her gorgeous decorations and her unfailing support and friendship

► In honor of Bonnie Boren for warmly greeting everyone at Shabbat services when Julia celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**Susan Milstein & Elliot Morrison**

In memory of Rochelle Adler, Beatrice Dzik and Sam Dzik

**Judith Dzik**

In memory of Edward S. Susnow, Nancy's father

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► Mazal Tov to Billy & Suzie Friedman on the arrival of their new grandson

► Mazel Tov to the Van Nuys family on the arrival of their new granddaughter

**The Ballo Family**

► In memory of Elaine's parents, Josephine & Mannie Goldstein

► In memory of Melba Sacks, aunt of Elaine & Sherrill

**Elaine & Sherrill Golemb**

In memory of Allie Wald's sister, Joell Rogofsky

**Tish Levee**

► In appreciation of Ruth Turner and Melissa Bloom for helping with Isaac's Bar Mitzvah

► In appreciation of Karen Gould helping with Isaac's program

► In appreciation of Bob Raful's help in organizing Isaac's Bar Mitzvah

**The Kreger Family**

► In memory of Ethel's mother, Frieda Goldman

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**The Brosbe Family**

Congratulations to Rabbi & Paula Schlesinger on the birth of their granddaughter

**Doris & Irwin Langer**

► In appreciation of Rabbi Schlesinger's help with Isaac's Bar Mitzvah

► In appreciation of Elisabeth Van Nuys' instruction & guidance with Isaac's Bar Mitzvah

**The Kreger Family**

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**Darrell Watkins**

In honor of the birth of Elisabeth Van Nuys' granddaughter

**Yona Miller & Family**

► In appreciation of Marcia Gladstone making Isaac's tallis and helping our family prepare for his Bar Mitzvah

► In appreciation of Andrea Nett and all the great feasts she prepared for Isaac's Bar Mitzvah!

**The Kreger Family**

## JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County

#### Friendship Circle Luncheons at Congregation Beth Ami

♦ Monday, April 7, 12 p.m. *Happiness is an Inside Job* with Sylvia Boorstein

♦ Monday, April 28, 12 p.m. Rabbi Jack Gabriel *How to Have Fun in Your Spirituality*

The fee for the luncheons: \$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 Fran Danoff 528-1476 to save your place.



### Making the Omer Count: A Teen Evening of Exploration in the Jewish Mystical Tradition Saturday, May 17, 7-10 p.m. Chops Teen Center, 509 Adams Street, Santa Rosa

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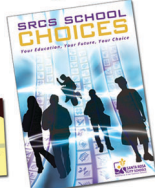
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# CONGREGATION BETH AMI EVENT RSVP FORM

ADULT: 13+ YEARS OLD; YOUTH 6-12 YEARS OLD

## YES, WE'D LOVE TO ATTEND SHABBAT DINNER

☐ Friday, April 4

☐ Friday, May 2:

Celebrate Israel @ 60 with a delicious Israeli meal!

☐ Friday, June

### Tickets:

Adult: \$14 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14= \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: \$7 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7= \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed for this event: \_\_\_\_\_

*Live music by Zim Zum & Israeli folk dancing after services!*

*6 p.m. Dinner (reservations required); 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Services;*

*8:30 p.m. Oneg, Music & Dancing*



## YES, WE'D LOVE TO ATTEND SCUSY'S LAST CHAMETZ DINNER

☐ Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

### Tickets:

Adult: \$10 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10= \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: \$5 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5= \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed for this event: \_\_\_\_\_



## YES, WE'D LOVE TO ATTEND CONGREGATION BETH AMI'S COMMUNITY SEDER

☐ Sunday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

### Tickets:

Member Adult: \$40 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40= \_\_\_\_\_

Member Youth: \$20 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20= \_\_\_\_\_

*Maximum per family unit: \$100*

Non Member Adult: \$45 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45= \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member Youth: \$25 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25= \_\_\_\_\_

*Maximum per family unit: \$110*

Total enclosed for this event: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate meal for each attendee

\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Brisket \_\_\_ Vegetarian

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\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Brisket \_\_\_ Vegetarian

► Please contact the office if you have a food allergy or need a vegetarian meal.

► Reservations must be made one week prior to each event.

► Reservations made after the deadline will increase by \$5 per person.

Names of all attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard or Visa # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make contribution to the following event: \_\_\_\_\_ for someone who would otherwise be unable to attend in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail/Fax/Bring this form with payment to:

Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Phone: 360-3000; Fax: 360-3003

In the Haggadah it is written:  
"All Who Are Hungry, Let Them Come and Eat!"

## FILL A SEDER SACK TO MAKE A PASSOVER MITZVAH AND SEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO LOVED ONES

Join with Congregation Beth Ami and Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) in our community-wide mitzvah project to provide Passover food bags to more than 150 of our neighbors in need before the first Seder on April 19.

Your cash donation will enable JFCS to purchase the matzo, gefilte fish, macaroons, soup, and other foods that volunteers will deliver to homebound seniors, people with disabilities, and families in crisis. For many recipients, this is their only opportunity to celebrate Passover and to feel remembered at this time.

**It costs \$18 to fill one bag. Please help fill one, two, five, or more!**

We invite you to fill your Seder Sacks in honor or in memory of someone who has been important to you at Passover. JFCS will send a card to acknowledge that a food bag has been purchased in tribute. Use the form below to write the name and address of the person to receive the tribute card, and a brief personal message if you wish.

**Please respond by April 11.** Checks should be made payable to JFCS. Please mail or bring to Congregation Beth Ami, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
attn: Seder Sacks, or donate online at [www.jfcs.org](http://www.jfcs.org). Thank you so much!



*Frances P., one of the few Jewish residents at her retirement home, was overjoyed to receive her Seder Sack and volunteer visit.*

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Exp. Date. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(OPTIONAL) MY GIFT IS IN ☐ IN HONOR ☐ IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Send Acknowledgment Card to: \_\_\_\_\_

Send card to this Address, City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Add this personal message on the card:** If you are filling more than one Seder Sack, and would like **tribute cards sent to additional people**, please use an additional piece of paper. If you would like to volunteer to assemble or deliver Seder Sacks, please call Hilary Hecker at (707) 303-1502.



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## April schedule of services

Friday Evening, April 4

*(Candle Lighting 7:19 pm)*

**6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner**

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, April 5 • 29 Adar II

**9:30 am Shabbat Tazria-HaChodesh Services**

Potluck luncheon following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 8:20 pm)*

Friday Evening, April 11

*(Candle Lighting: 7:25 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, April 12 • 7 Nisan

**9:30 am Shabbat Metzora Services**

Potluck luncheon following services

*(Saturday Havdalah: 8:27 pm)*

Friday Evening, April 18

*(Candle Lighting: 7:32 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, April 19 • 14 Nisan

**9:30 am Shabbat Acharei Mot-HaGadol Services**

**10 am Tot Shabbat**

Potluck lunch following services

*(Candle Lighting for Pesach: 8:33 pm)*

Sunday, April 20

**9:30 am First Day Pesach Services**

**6:00 pm Congregational Seder**

Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David will lead both  
Services and the Seder

*(Candle Lighting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: 8:34 pm)*



Monday, April 21

**9:30 am Second Day Pesach Services**

Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David will lead Services

*(Havdalah: 8:35 pm)*

Friday Evening, April 25

*(Candle Lighting: 7:39 pm)*

**7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services**

Saturday, April 26 • 21 Nisan

**9:30 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Pesach Services**

Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David will lead Services

*Kosher for Passover lunch following services*

***(Candle Lighting 8<sup>th</sup> Day Pesach: 8:40 pm)***

Sunday, April 27 • 22 Nisan

**9:30 am 8<sup>th</sup> Day Pesach Services**

**Yizkor will be recited**

Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David will lead Services

***(Havdalah: 8:41 pm)***

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