

January 2009 Tevet/Shevat 5769

# Mid-Year Membership Meeting, January 25, 2009, 12 p.m.

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# Spotlight on our Matriarchs – L'Dor VaDor

A wonderfully elegant event, with over 160 people in attendance, honored the Matriarchs of Congregation Beth Ami at a "Chai Tea" on November 23, 2008. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

To further celebrate these 27 remarkable women and to share their stories with the entire Beth Ami community, each upcoming Shofar will contain a "Spotlight" on one or two of our Matriarchs. The February 2009 issue will contain the first stories: L'Dor VaDor—from generation to generation.

~Patty Bernstein

(see page 15 for some messages from our Matriarchs)





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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.

# **Hours of Operation**

#### Beth Ami Main Office

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Library

Monday - Thursday: 2 - 6 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Gift Shop

Tuesday: 3-5 p.m. Thursday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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#### **Deadline for February Shofar: January 15**

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

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We Jews have many examples of individuals accomplishing wonderful, amazing feats at advanced ages. Abraham left his home in Haran at the age of 75. He circumcised himself at the age of 100. Sarah gave birth to Isaac at the age of 90. At the age of 130, Jacob moved to Egypt with his entire family. Moses began his career leading the Jewish people at the age of 80. Noah entered the ark at the age of 600!

One could easily say that the Torah is telling us that it's never too late to accomplish great things; it's never too late to live one's dreams.

In March 2007, 18 adult members of the congregation began a process of education with the goal of becoming B'nai Mitzvah sometime in the future. Over the intervening months some of the students were forced to leave due to conflicts in their schedules. At the same time other students (both members of Beth Ami and Congregation Shomrei Torah) joined, swelling the ranks of the class to more than 20 students. Some of the students had already become B'nai Mitzvah...either as 13 year olds or as adults, and so from the ranks of the entire class, I'm extremely pleased to announce that on January 31, 2009, 13 adults of our congregation will become B'nai Mitzvah as they participate in the Shabbat morning services as part of the culmination of their education process.

The service on January 31 will mark the end of 23 months of instruction during which time we've studied a vast array of subjects and topics. It's been a fairly diverse and rigorous curriculum.

We began with a discussion of a book with quite a lengthy title. It was Gil Mann's book *How to Get More Out of Being Jewish Even If: A. You're not sure you believe in God, B. You think going to synagogue is a waste of time, C. You think keeping kosher is stupid, D. You hated Hebrew school, or E. All of the above!* It was quite a provocative book and started us out on the right track to try to understand ourselves and our relationship to Judaism.

We next began a study of Jewish theology by reading a short book entitled *Finding God* by Rabbis Daniel Syme and Rifat Soncino. We studied various God concepts in Judaism from the Torah's conception and the Talmud's idea to Philo, Maimonides, Isaac Luria, Spinoza, Buber, Steinberg, Kaplan, Fromm, Heschel, Reines, Fackenheim, Schulweis, Falk, Gittlesohn, Plaskow, and Kushner (both Lawrence and Harold). The members of the class quickly came to see that there is a multitude of approaches to the nature of God within Judaism, and I think each member of the class came to have a better understanding of his/her own relationship to God and (quite simply) what God means to each of us.

Our curriculum also included a careful study of all our holidays, customs and ceremonies, but for the most part, we attempted to discuss the "whys" of Jewish life more than the "hows" or "whats." While it's true that some of the members of the class are "Jews by Choice," they, like their "born Jewish"

classmates have been practicing Judaism for years. Virtually everyone in the class knew what Jews do and how to do it. But often the "why we do it" was unknown. The answer "Because my mother and grandmother did it" isn't sufficient for an adult understanding of Jewish tradition. So we delved deeply into the holidays and the life-cycle events of Jewish life and we used *The Everything Judaism Book* as our text and guide.

But, of course, the students in this class wanted to know still more about Jewish life, Jewish behavior and Jewish rituals, so we began a lengthy study of prayer...its style, function, and organization. In a module that I call "Siddur Geography," we began to understand the structure and organization of the Siddur. The very word comes from the word for "order" (the same as "Seder") and it's important to understand that order to appreciate our services. And by understanding that order, we can partially avoid the problem so prominently featured in that wonderful song: "I've got the 'What-page-are-we-on-inthe-prayerbook Blues." One comes to know which prayers precede which and to know (for example) that if we're now praying the Shema, I don't have to look as far as the Amidah in the book since the Shema always precedes the Amidah... and so on. We spoke about the themes of the siddur as well as the themes of the High Holidays.

And now, finally, the students are ready to accomplish that for which they began this process: The Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Each of the students has chosen a way to participate. Since some of the students couldn't read Hebrew before now, they're proud to be able to read and to chant the blessings for an Aliyah to the Torah. Others have taken on the challenge of learning to chant the Haftarah. while still others are learning how to read from the Torah (both these groups are actually learning Trope...not just memorizing from tapes or CDs). Needless to say, this is quite a challenge.

Each of these students should be extremely proud of whatever they have accomplished, for they have spent nearly 100 hours in class, they have read at home, they have participated in serious discussions and they have taken on a serious commitment to Judaism and Jewish life. As their teacher, I am truly amazed at all they have done, and I am in awe of their commitment to Jewish learning.

I am very fond of a particular passage in Jewish literature that says, "Much have I learned from my teachers; more have I learned from my students." I am thankful for every one of those hours we spent together on Sunday mornings, for I have learned much by way of teaching them.

I'd like to invite every member of the congregation to attend services on Shabbat, January 31, to witness this very special event as these students...these adults...take their place in the congregation, not only as members, but also as B'nai Mitzyah.

Mazal Tov to them all!

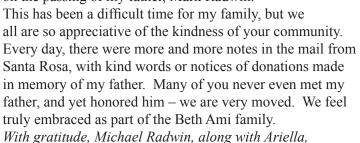
#### **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



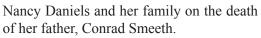
#### Todah Rabah

Noam and Yael

I would like to extend my deep thanks to Congregation Beth Ami for your many expressions of sympathy and condolences on the passing of my father, Mark Radwin.



# The Beth Ami community offers ? sincere condolences to:



Stephen Nett and his family on the death of Stephen's mother, Bertha Nett.

# eScrip Report – Beth Ami needs you to sign up for eScrip! Thanks to our newest supporters

BARBARA & HAL BOREN!

You may ask, "What is eScrip?" eScrip is an effortless fundraiser in which everyone who shops can participate. You do not have to spend anything extra or remember to give any codes or special cards once you are signed up. A percentage of your purchases is automatically donated to Beth Ami on your behalf. Beth Ami relies on this income for our operational expenses. In this difficult economic time, purchases are down...our last reporting month was the lowest donation of 2008. So we need 100% participation by Beth Ami members.

Here's how to sign up:

- 1) Go to <a href="www.eScrip.com">www.eScrip.com</a> and designate Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, ID#136921119 to receive contributions.
- 2) Register your Safeway Club card, Macy's card and other credit or debit cards that you use at participating merchants.
- 3) If you would rather not sign up online, there is a sign-up form in the office as well as on our website. Just fill it out and return it to the office and we will sign you up.

If you need help to sign up, contact Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or enshermn@pacbell.net.







#### The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Discussion Series 2008-2009

Beverly Feldman led a spirited discussion of Meir Shalev's novel *A Pigeon and a Boy.* Attendance at our discussions is growing once again, and new members, male or female, are

always welcome. Gabor Por and Al Batzdorff, at present our only male participants, are eagerly wishing for more men to join our ranks! Come join us.

Our next meeting, **January 7**, will start the new year with Tamar Yellin's *The Genizah at the House of Shepher*. Moderator will be Vivian Salmon.

Any questions? Call Susanne Batzdorff at 538-9731.

# Rosh Chodesh Shevat January 26, 2009

The Tu B'Shevat seder has become a legend in Beth Ami's Rosh Chodesh history. Come celebrate the new month and the new year of the trees ... and experience the luscious tastes of the seder. **Join us** 



in the Social Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 26 for this festive event. Questions? Contact Patty Bernstein, 546-6043.

# Ongoing programs at Congregation Beth Ami

- ♦ ISRAELI FOLK DANCING, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Friedman Center. For more info contact Leanne Schy at 528-4874 or Leanne@sonic.net.
- ♦ BIBLE STUDY WITH RABBI SCHLESINGER, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- ♦ TORAH & TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SCHLESINGER, Thursdays, 7 p.m. Friedman Center Board Room

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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Patty Bernstein, President

#### Let's get together, again!

When was the last time we got together as a whole Beth Ami community? Rosh Hashanah? Yom Kippur? Well, it's really time to do it again—this time, for our mid-year congregational meeting ... and a very special event on Sunday, January 25, 2009.

Please gather in the Social Hall at 12 noon to talk about the past, present, and future at Beth Ami. There will be presentations by committee chairs and officers, brain-storming, and even time to schmooze.

Prior to the informational meeting and installation of officers, Whitey Sterman will be the center of a most delightful celebration. Many of you know that Whitey has been growing his hair for four years, for a cause that is near and dear to his heart. On January 25 Whitey will get a haircut!

But Whitey won't cut his own hair. Instead, he has agreed to an *Upshernish*, of sorts: this one will be a fund-raiser to benefit the Celia Gurevitch Library. We'll sell tickets, hold a raffle, and auction off chances to trim Whitey's locks inch by inch with all proceeds contributed toward another year's salary for our librarian. (This year was covered by a congregant's generous one-time donation.)

A traditional upshernish—haircut, in Yiddish—is the practice of giving a male child his first "boy's haircut" only after he reaches three years of age, and usually involves the community and great ceremony. Since Whitey has grown his hair for more than three years, he "qualifies" for this special treatment. Please watch for more details about how you can participate in this joyful ceremony.

And mark your calendars for Sunday, January 25 for a meeting you won't forget! The meeting is right after Religious School ... and childcare will be provided.

#### Simcha Board • Tree of Life

Honor thy mother...also thy aunt, uncle, cousin, child, best friend, teacher with an engraved leaf on our Simcha Board commemorating any joyous occasion, bestowal of an honor, or cause for thanksgiving.

LEAF \$360 SMALL STONES \$1000 LARGE STONES \$2500

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

A plaque is \$450.

#### **BOARD MEETING NOTES 11/18/08**

Mark Rosen, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Rabbi Schlesinger gave the D'var Torah: Chaye Sarah

Mark Rosen gave a report for the Ways and Means Committee, which would like an expanded title, i.e. Financial Resource Development Committee. This title would reflect the committee's expanded duties that include grant writing, fund development, endowments, legacy gifts, fundraising, etc. Mark volunteered to co-chair the next "Benny Bash" in January 2010. The other co-chair has not yet been named.

Fredrika Gross reported for the Budget & Finance Committee, whose purpose is to provide the treasurer with other professional input. The committee consists of Mark Rosen, Robin Rose, Carol Newman-Wardwell, Henry Cohn, and Fredrika, all of whom have extensive (professional) experience in the financial industry.

Birgit Sacher gave a report for the Nursery School (NS) Parent Committee and stated that the NS fundraiser netted approximately \$10,500. She also stated that the committee is very pleased that the congregational Chanukah party will be held in conjunction with the Nursery School party on December 18

Henry Cohn gave the Treasurer's report. He distributed copies of the financial statement for the first quarter, ending on September 30, as well as copies of the restricted funds balances sheet. Henry gave a brief explanation of the major line items. A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

Andy Fleming stated that Michael Saxe-Taller, community organizer, met with some Beth Ami congregants and Board members. They discussed what goes into organizing and how the process of community building works. Andy passed out flyers announcing an upcoming "Gathering of Organizing Teams" to be held on December 1 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Santa Rosa. He encouraged all board members to attend. More information on the organization can be found at: www.bayareaai.org

#### **New Business**

There was discussion regarding whether a new document should be created to reflect the CBA Board's responsibilities. Al Batzdorff stated that our current Mission Statement should also be addressed and perhaps rewritten. It was decided to address the Mission Statement at the next Board meeting. Patty asked that all Board read it, revise it and bring these revisions to the next meeting. Patty also asked that all Board members read the "Responsibilities of Synagogue Boards," review the questions, and be prepared to give feedback at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. Approved by Mark Rosen, Secretary

#### **SCUSY STUFF**

#### Sharon Kruschen, SCUSY Youth Advisor

SCUSY has had a great couple of weeks. Our Chanukah Chill, which took place on December 14, was a huge success, and the homemade latkes were delicious. Our USYers also had an amazing time at International Convention, which gave them an opportunity to fly to Washington, D.C. to participate in a multi-national gathering of teenage Jews. The convention itself spanned the week of December 21, and the post-convention party was a whole three days of fun afterwards. We're looking forward to our next event, the exciting Fire and Ice, which will happen at Snoopy's Home Ice Arena on Saturday, January 3 from 6-9 p.m. The cost to skate is only \$10, and this is gearing up to be a great event. That's all for the latest SCUSY news. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming



events!
~Avi Ballo,
Communications

USYers at the Chanukah Chill



Thank you to Melissa, Rabbi Schlesinger, Andrea Nett and the community members who hosted our Thursday night Sheva Brachot celebration, the first in the history of the synagogue. We are blessed and honored to be a part of such a loving community. ~Douglas and Sharon Kruschen

#### ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST





As usual, these notes avoid partisan politics and the constant drum-beat and tension of the so-called "peace process." One comment, as an exception: the Mid-November Mayoral election reversed the growing influence of the Haredi community (ultra-Orthodox) in Jerusalem. And, to his credit, the secular new mayor, Nil Barkat, has enlisted 29 of the 30 City Council members in his governing coalition. That means cooperation from the full spectrum of political/religious interests. The other refreshing note was that Barkat, a self-made "techie" multimillionaire, used his own money to conduct his campaign.

A couple of "feel good" gleanings, from one of my favorite web sites (www.Israel21c.com):

No one likes taking their shoes off at airport security. Now an Israeli company has the answer – a walk-on device that scans the whole foot with shoe for weapons in just a few seconds, making security a little bit more pleasant, and a whole lot quicker.

## Airport security without taking your shoes off

By Molly Livingstone

It's the holiday season and for airports that means an increase in the number of travelers and a higher level of security. However, the typically long lines at the security check will be cut in half this year at some airports around the world thanks to Israeli company IDO Security's device, the MagShoe. The walk-on MagShoe is designed to scan the whole foot for undetected weapons in just a few seconds, and the best part for travelers – you don't have to take off your shoes.

And now for an item related to Israelis in the HEALTH field:

#### Screening for colon cancer with a simple blood test

By Karin Kloosterman

Colon cancer is the third most common cancer found in American men and women. While screening and treatment options for colon cancer have improved in recent years, the American Cancer Society estimates that the disease will take the lives of about 50,000 Americans in 2008.

A new Israeli company, Bio Mark, has developed a colon cancer-screening test – given as part of a routine blood test – that can dramatically up the odds for survival. The company has just completed its validation procedure and reports that it can correctly identify adenomas, the polyps that grow in the colon and which may convert to colon cancer, with a success rate of more than 80 percent.

This innovation is based on the research of Nadir Arber, a professor of medicine and gastroenterology at Tel Aviv University, who heads the Cancer Prevention Unit at the Tel Aviv Medical Center.





SAM KEMIJI
21 TEVET 5769

JANUARY 17, 2009

My name is Sam Kemiji.

My Bar Mitzyah is on Jan

My Bar Mitzvah is on January 17, 2009. I am reading from the Shmot in Exodus. I enjoy baseball and all sports, music, playing the violin and reading.

I hope you can come to my Bar Mitzvah. Happy Chanukah!

#### MAZAL TOV TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS

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### RABBI SCHLESINGER'S ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS!

Karen Brodsky Susan Miller• Jane Paul• Eli Cohen Julia Pollock Betty Cohen Vanessa Riggs Andy Fleming. Ira Rosenberg• Nancy Fleming• Ruth Rosenberg• Alan Kafton• Dalia Sheff Shari Kafton• Mark Sutter• Paul Kaltenberg Lindsay Kvam Jacqueline Sutter•

Martha Lane•

Staci Leipsic• •B'nai Mitzvah celebrants

Jane Meyer•

Yasher koach May your strength be firm

#### CHAVERIM CLASSES - JANUARY & FEBRUARY

8th grade: Jan. 15 & 29, Feb. 12 9th grade: Jan. 5 & Feb. 16

10th grade: Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23 11th & 12th grade: Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb. 26

**Beginning in January 2009** ALL Dinner/Discussions will meet at **Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST)** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please be on time!

Chaverim is a beneficiary of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

#### **CHAVERIM**

#### Rick Concoff, Program Director

Chaverim, our Sonoma County Teen Educational/Social Program continues to grow and succeed.

We should be proud that we have a relatively small suburban community with a teen program that is 100 students strong. Our students enjoy an average of 1 or 2 dinner discussions per month, as well a social event or two. This year we also have a Shabbaton and Campout for each age group. We just experienced our first Chaverim dance with close to 40 attendees and a great DJ. Fun was had by all. We are looking forward to many exciting activities, including our first Monte Carlo night, our Annual Snow Trip and our 8th Grade Doran Beach Campout in the spring.

In regard to our leadership opportunities, about a dozen of our young people have been working with a facilitator at the Jewish Family and Children's Services to learn peer mentorship, as well as skills for assessing the needs of their fellow students in the larger Jewish community.

Chaverim continues to be supported by our Rabbis, Synagogue Executive Directors, Boards of Directors, as well as its own Advisory Committee. We are grateful for the community support of our endeavors to serve Jewish teens.

Chaverim is also always thankful for community members who contribute to our program. Your generosity enables us to continue helping young Jewish community members to learn, grow, and mature into successful, happy, and spiritually-fulfilled adults with a strong Jewish identity.

#### Monte Carlo Night - Chaverim Social

Saturday, January 10, 7-9:30 p.m.

A fun night of casino games such as Texas Hold'em, Craps, Blackjack, Roulette.

There will also be Yahtzee and other games of chance. We'll have great prizes and snacks.

No prior knowledge of how to play is needed.



#### Who

9th-12th grade Chaverim members. Also invited are non-Chaverim teens who are CBA or CST members.

#### Where

Congregation Shomrei Torah



#### Cost

Chaverim members - no charge. Non-Chaverim teens pay \$10 each. RSVP a must!

RSVP to chaveriminfo@yahoo.com by January 5. For more info call Barbara Rosenthal, 838-8853 or Rick Concoff, 823-3916.

Bring this flyer to Mary's on January 13 so that 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Nursery School 1



Please join Mary's Pizza Shack in supporting
BETH AMI COMMUNITY
NURSERY SCHOOL
at a Dine & Donate Fundraiser on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2009!

Bring this flyer to Mary's Pizza Shack in Santa Rosa and support the Beth Ami Community Nursery School. Twenty percent of your purchase will be donated to the school when you present this flyer with your order.

Mary's Pizza Shack serves homemade pizzas, pastas, salads and soups perfect for the whole family.

www.maryspizzashack.com

Valid all day for Dine-In, Take-Out & Delivery, plus Gift Card purchases.

Sorry, no coupons, discount or gift cards will be accepted for payment with this fundraiser. This flyer cannot be distributed at the restaurant or in the vicinity. This flyer must be presented in order for the group to receive the donation. Valid only for the date and location specified.

**Santa Rosa** (707) 538-1888 • 535 Summerfield Rd.

# The Broadway Megillah!



Save-the-Date Saturday, March 14, 2009 & Sunday, March 15, 2009

Purim is coming and that means the Megillah is in production...

The Megillah According to Broadway!

Thrill to hear Mordecai, Esther and her Bubbe sing "Old Chopped Liver"!

Shudder and boo as Haman sings "I'm Getting Buried in the Morning"!

Cheer as the Women of Persia sing "There is Nothing Like a Queen"!

And join in as we all sing "Shalom Esther"!

Yes, once again, the plucky little Jewish queen saves her people from the wicked Haman! You know the story, but every year we add some more madness to the legend.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE PART OF THE PURIM SPIEL?
WE NEED CAST MEMBERS AND EVENT VOLUNTEERS!

Contact Andy Fleming, andyflem@gmail.com or 527-7743, and we will help you join the magic.



#### Tikkun Olam—Repairing the World

Dry, dry, and dryer...This is the "rainy" season, but it's hard to tell. At Musaf on Sh'mini Atzeret we began praying for rain. On December 5 we added the words, "Grant dew and rain upon the earth," to the Amidah, but the rainfall total was only 48% of normal—after two of the driest years on record. Continuing all the conservation measures we've been using is critical. Here's an idea that saves both water and heating costs. Fix leaking faucets—just one dripping hot water faucet can waste 212 gallons of water a month, increasing both heating and water bills. Check out other water and energy saving ideas in earlier Mitzvah Moments' columns.

Fuel and energy costs are down...but conservation's still important, because global warming isn't going away anytime soon. The new administration is taking it seriously, and California just adopted the toughest carbon-emissions rules in the U.S. However, policy changes take much longer than individual changes. We each can help reduce global warming, and the problems it brings, by continuing to make changes in how we live our lives—especially how we use energy from fossil fuels.

Gas prices are the lowest in five years, but we still need to reduce our energy use. Using fossil fuels is a major contributor to global warming. Given the state of the economy, many of us can't afford gas, even at today's low prices, and oil economists predict that prices will go back up. The economies we adopted when gas was nearly \$5.00/gallon this summer are still necessary, like reducing excessive idling and not warming the engine—most cars don't need it. Save energy at home by lowering the thermostat to 68°F. Each degree above 68°F uses 3-5% more energy. Reducing temperature by 3-5°F can lower heating costs up to 20%.

Baby it's cold outside...While we're working to conserve energy and reduce global warming, most homeless people don't have such options. Help them stay warm by contributing to the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade's Mitzvah Project. Bring toiletries, socks, and towels for the Transitional Housing Project to the office or Room 14 through May.

#### Ma'achil R'evim—feeding the hungry

The fast of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet, commemorating the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, is January 6. Whether you fast or not, contribute the cost of one day's food to the Redwood Empire Food Bank, <a href="www.refb.org/">www.refb.org/</a>, during their Winter Food and Funds Drive through January 31. © Copyright Tish Levee, 2008. All rights reserved

#### MITZVAH PROJECT

The 3rd/4th grade Religious School class is collecting toiletries, socks, and towels for the Transitional Housing Project.



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Having joined the library a year ago, it is time to take stock of my experiences. They include so many positive areas it is hard to know where to start.

First of all, I enjoyed being surrounded by books, many of which I am interested in, some I actually read. The process of getting to know the collection will take many years, but I dove into the process head first. What can I say? I love books, learning from them, being entertained by them, touching the textures of the pages, admiring the illustrations. I also love to spread the word when I find a good one.

I take pleasure in writing, as you might have noticed if you read any of the 300 hundred blog entries I wrote. The purpose of my posts is to let you know about the offerings we have, whether they are new or old books, events we put on or anniversaries worthy of remembering. If you haven't checked it out, maybe it's time. (The address is at the top of this article)

My thirst for technology is also met because I can play with software I was not familiar with. By the time you read this we should have our new catalog up and running, with several new exciting features for patrons. I also happened to slip in the role of maintaining Beth Ami's website, yet another task I am having fun with.

Our collection grew with over 300 books and DVDs in 2008. Thank you, dear readers, for donating them or giving money to the library's dedicated fund so we could purchase them. Organizing information is another passion of mine. Thus cataloging all these new items was a rewarding task.

I admit I watch a lot of movies. Working at the library gave me the opportunity to share my enthusiasm via running last summer's film club, when we watched 10 movies. I plan to restart the series in February. Recommendations for what movies to include in the series are welcome.

But none of this can be compared to the most thrilling part of my job: interacting with visitors and patrons. Seeing the joy of a child when I ask how she liked the book she just returned, finding the most suitable book when somebody asks a reference question, watching people as they browse our shelves to pick something to read, hearing the children's laughter when I read stories to them, listening to people's stories on how they relate to a certain book – these are the best of times in the life of a librarian.

Thank you for your ongoing support that allowed me to work in my dream job. Now, you can join in the fun as well. The beginning of the New Year is the perfect opportunity to start volunteering at the library. I need to take a short vacation for personal reasons, starting January 22. We need more people while I am away to cover shifts if we are to keep our usual opening hours. If any of the above appeals to you, I urge to inquire how you can be more involved.



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For everyone who participated in the Chai Tea - it was a beautiful job. Thanks.

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#### **January 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 January 2nd & 3rd

Carol Cohn January 3 Mother of Henry Cohn and Lydia Ross January 3 Gertrude German Mother of Ellen Mundell Nochem Kanckin January 3 Father of Sarah Tyutinman Evelyn Schwaber January 3 Mother of Fredrika Gross January 3 Goda Tyutinman Mother of Adolf Tyutinman January 4 Gert Cohen Mother of Eli Cohen Ken Lipfield January 4 **Husband of Arline Thomas** January 5 Albert Katzel Husband of Jacqueline Katzel January 6 Ruth Susnow Mother of Nancy Fleming January 7 Morris Bernstein Grandfather of Marc Bernstein January 8 Anne Gordon Mother-in-Law of David Rubin January 9 Raymond Lachman

#### Announced on January 9th & 10th

Brother of Vivian Salmon

January 10 Munia Pipkin Mother of Sheyna Bakman Abraham Backman January 11 Father of Roslyn Edelson January 11 David Goldberg Father of Betty Franks William Friedman January 12 Grandfather of Joslyn Metzger January 12 Dorothy Murov Sister of Betty Franks Robert Deal January 13 Brother of Barbara Whitaker January 13 Jack Schiffman Father of Bernice Fox Beatrice Dzik January 14 Mother of Judith Dzik January 14 Bea Kaplan Grandmother of Michelle Zygielbaum Mother of Helen Margolese Isadore Goldman January 15 Grandfather of Chelsie Berdux Elaine Robinson January 15 Mother of Myrna Morse January 15 May Tannenbaum Mother of Pat Thomas Mordachai Ben Hershel January 16

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#### Announced on January 16th & 17th

January 17 Gladys Baba Mother of William Cordell Olive Boyer January 17 Mother of Ruth Rosenberg Julius Sterman January 17 Father of Milton Sterman January 18 Rosa Newman Mother-in-Law of Edith Newman January 21 Edith Volkmann Sister of Evelvn Gurevitch January 22 Henry Rosenblatt Brother of Miriam Rubinstein January 23 Mary Lastofka Sister of Susy Raful

#### Announced on January 23rd & 24th

January 24 J.J. Fitzgibbons Husband of Andrea Goodman January 24 Joe Leavy Brother-in-Law of Evey Abramowitz January 25 Ruth Baruch Mother of Esther Baruch January 25 Paul Pimsler Father of Laura Duggan January 26 Henry Mazur Father of Martha Lane January 27 Ethel Levine Mother of Ruth Mazner January 29 Charles Feingold Father of Stanley Feingold Estelle Mann January 29 Mother of Anne Mann January 29 Henry Rich Husband of Elsie Rich January 30 Paula Rubin Niece of David Rubin January 30 Max Schiffman Brother of Elsie Rich

#### Announced on January 30th & 31st

January 31 Elizabeth Carlson Daughter of Sylvia Sucher January 31 David Myerfeld Grandfather of Patty Bernstein Erna Biberstein February 1 Mother of Susanne Batzdorff February 2 Eli Brisgel Father of Celia Berman February 3 Jacob Pechner Father of Joyce Zenick

February 4 Simon Kovar Grandfather of Dr. Gary Herzberg February 4 Tillie Sher Mother of Norman O'Brien February 5 Nomi Lev-Yahm Mother of Vivian Klein February 5 Ira Hayes Rosenberg Father of Ira Rosenberg

**Kvell (rejoice)** with us!

# **January Anniversaries**

2 Abe & Laura Alexander 2 Karen Brodsky & Mark Deirkhising 3 Paul & Joyce Kobetz 3 Ira & Marlene Lowenthal 6 Rael & Debbie Bernstein 7 Mort & Ruth Weiss 18 Mark & Jacqueline Sutter 21 Art & Helen Margolese

#### January Birthdays

1 David Rubin 2 Abe Gerstein 2 Vanessa Riggs 2 Sarah Tyutinman 3 Margorie Ballo 6 Abraham Alexander 8 Art Bornstein 9 Tish Levee 11 Julie Kellogg 13 Marilyn Wolf 16 Emma Schlesinger Ricki Streitfeld 16 17 Patrick Riggs 17 Paula Schlesinger 18 Sevmour Boorstein 20 Celia Berman 20 Ellen Perry 21 Michele Guttenberg 22 Jeffrey Dranow 22 Arthur Margolese 24 Anne Mann 26 Karen Brodsky 27 Dr. Ronald Welch

Robert Raful

Stephen Nett

Rosalind Herritt

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#### JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS



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# Are You Jewish Enough? A Lunchtime Conversation with Rabbi Gittleman Monday, January 12, at Noon

The fee for this event is \$8 for members of Friendship Circle; \$10 for non-members. This includes lunch and dessert. Payment is accepted at the door. Congregation Shomrei Torah is located at 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by January 8 at noon. Call Fran Danoff, 528-1476 to save your place.

#### Intimate Luncheon at Ca' Bianca Italian Restaurant Tuesday, January 27, at Noon

It is our January tradition to have an intimate lunch where we get to know each other better. Outreach Coordinator Fran Danoff will lead a discussion in which everyone will be able to participate.

**Lunch details:** \$20 Members and \$23 non-members includes a chicken or vegetarian entrée, coffee or tea, cookies, tax and tip. Ca' Bianca (835 Second St., Santa Rosa) has free parking in their lot or on the street, an accessible side entrance, and a private room for us.

Please call Fran at 528-1476 to make your reservation. Advance payment required by Wednesday, January 21 to save your place. Send a check made out to Friendship Circle to the JCC, 170 Farmers Lane, Ste. #5, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Be sure to include the date of the event in the memo on your check.

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#### January 4

CHAMBER MUSIC

STRING CIRCLE

Joe Edelberg, violin; Katie Kyme, violin; Anthony Martin, viola; Thalia Moore, cello String Quartet Opus 44 #1, Felix Mendelssohn String Quartet Opus 18 #3, Ludwig van Beethoven

#### February 15

#### **CHAMBER MUSIC**

String Circle - same musicians as January 4 String Quartet Opus 18 #6, Ludwig van Beethoven String Quartet Opus 161 in G Major, Franz Schubert

#### March 8

#### **SPECIAL PERFORMANCE**

Franz Schubert: The Trout Quintet featuring Guest Artist Norma Brown, piano; Joe Edelberg, violin; Katie Kyme, viola; Thalia Moore, cello; Ken Miller, bass

#### April 26

#### **CHAMBER MUSIC**

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String Quartet Opus 135, Ludwig van Beethoven
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#### Dear Friends,

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for a job well done. Even the idea of a Chai Tea is very special, not to mention all the goodies. Everybody was smiling and we all will remember your (and my) party as the high point of our lives. Keep up the good job, keep thinking and keep working.

Sincerely, Elsie Rich

In the winter of my life
My thinking is spring
Eager to learn what the next day will bring.
Life is a wonderful experience
On the end of my days I wish you'll be told
She lived a long life, but she never grew old.
~Elsie Rich

#### Dear Friends.

I am one "Thrilled Lady." I was honored at your Chai Tea. It was wonderful! I was so surprised! Everything was perfect: the way the mature ladies were greeted, honored, the lighting of the candles, the taking of all those pictures and the awards. Also the table settings, the decorations and the food. And so much more. I sound like a broken record. The Rosh Chodesh Women of Beth Ami should be commended on the great job they did.

Thanks again from my heart.

Warmly, Joan Lubar

#### Dear Rosh Chodesh Women,

I am truly honored to be gathered into the ancient Jewish tradition of Rosh Chodesh. Observing the vibrant young faces of the women seated at my table, I was carried back to my youth and it felt good. I shall long remember the elegance and grace of this occasion presented by the Moon Mavens.

Sincerely, Rosalind Herrit

# Messages from Our MATRIARCHS

Dear Friends,

Thank you, thank you so very much for the beautiful celebration honoring women over 80 in our congregation. It was such a beautiful party!

I hope you won't mind if I make a few corrections regarding my biography in the green booklet and add a few lines to clarify the circumstances of my life in Russia.

I arrived in the U.SA. from the Soviet Union (Russia) in 1978, and not in 1987 as is stated there. In 1941, my baby son and I were forced to leave St. Petersburg by government order and were sent to an area which was then already under Nazi occupation. My husband remained in St. Petersburg and was killed in November 1941 in an air raid, leaving me alone as a young widow with a two-year-old child.

Leaving the Soviet Union was a very difficult process. Every year for four years I was refused an exit visa, but in 1978 I finally received permission to leave with my granddaughter Irina.

Finally, I told my interviewer that the most joyous event I remember was the golden wedding anniversary of my parents.

With warm appreciation I remain sincerely yours, Sheyna Bakman

The Chai Tea on Sunday, November 23, 2008, was a beautiful and heart warming event and it was a pleasure to be included amongst such outstanding and fantastic women. With a full heart and great admiration for all of the Rosh Chodesh Women of Beth Ami.

Many thanks, Betty G. Franks

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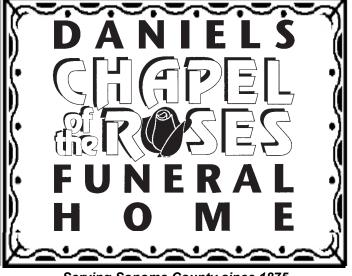
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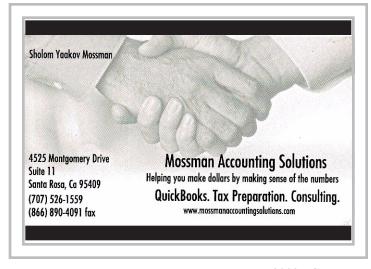
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#### Schedule of Services for January

Friday Evening, January 2 (Candle Lighting 4:43 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, January 3 • 7 Tevet
9:30 am Shabbat Vayigash Services
Dave Rubin will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
Luncheon to follow services
(Saturday Havdalah 5:44 pm)

Friday Evening, January 9 (Candle Lighting 4:50 pm)
6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, January 10 • 14 Tevet 9:30 am Shabbat Yayechi Services Potluck lunch following services (Saturday Havdalah: 5:51 pm)

Friday Evening, January 16 (Candle Lighting 4:57 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

It is a Tree of Life to those who hold fast to it, and whoever holds onto it is happy.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace.

~Proverbs 3:18, 3:17,
from the liturgy for returning the Torah to the Holy Ark.

Saturday, January 17 • 21 Tevet
9:30 am Shabbat Shmot Services
Sam Kemiji, son of Lisa Gottreich and Steve Kemiji
will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.
10 am Tot Shabbat with Lauren Kalmanson
10 am Jr. Congregation
Luncheon to follow services
(Saturday Havdalah 5:58 pm)

Friday Evening, January 23 (Candle Lighting 5:04 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, January 24 • 28 Tevet 9:30 am Shabbat Vaera Services Potluck lunch following services (Saturday Havdalah 6:06 pm)

Friday Evening, January 30 (Candle Lighting 5:12 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, January 31 • 6 Shevat 9:30 am Shabbat Bo Services Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah Service Luncheon to follow services (Saturday Havdalah 6:13 pm)