

March 2009 Adar / Nisan 5769

Traditional Megillah reading

Adult & Teen Costume Judging • Prizes! Monday, March 9, 7 p.m

Broadway Megillah!

Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m., show, wine finger food Sunday, March 15, 12 noon, lunch & show

Sunday, March 15, 1:30 p.m., show only

Featuring our talented Purim Players and

live music by the amazing Megillah Band.

The order form for Megillah tickets is on page 19.

from Les Miserables--

Do you hear the people cry? Do you hear the people sob?

This is a spiel for Purim, This is NOT Les Miserables!

We all like a holiday
That has a story short and sweet –
Like,

They tried to kill us – We won!
Let's eat!





Schalach Manos - Purim Gift Baskets

This is a wonderful way to send a lovely gift (hamentaschen, nuts, chocolate, and other Purim goodies) to your friends and family. Take a look at the recent mailing you received with an order form and name list, fill it out and return it to the office by March 1.

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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 April Shofar: March 16

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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What an exciting time for the synagogue!!! From the last Shabbat in January until the end of March (and beyond) Beth Ami continues to be abuzz each Shabbat with activity.

As you may recall from my January column, the last Shabbat in January was the adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah of 13 of our members. Little did I know just how moving that ceremony would be. The sanctuary was filled with friends and family of our B'nai Mitzvah...many of them having traveled a considerable distance to share in the occasion. The students, themselves, were both nervous and excited that "their day" had finally arrived. When we removed the Torah from the ark and passed it from hand to hand down the line of all thirteen students, we sang "L'Dor vaDor" from Generation to Generation and it had a very special meaning and significance that day.

Each student was able to demonstrate a new competency or was able to participate in the service in a new and different way, so we were able to recite the Shechecheyanu 13 times. Each successive recitation rose in a crescendo of joy, celebration, and excitement: another student had accomplished a difficult task and had (at the same time) officially proclaimed his/her dedication to the Jewish people.

The electricity and enthusiasm in the room was palpable as everyone felt as if the "family" had grown and had witnessed a very special event. Even weeks later, members of the class said to me how much they appreciated the opportunity to grow and, in some cases, to finally understand and appreciate what their children had experienced so many years ago.

On the following two Shabbatot, two of our young girls stood in front of the congregation as B'not Mitzvah. Alea Sanders and Rachel Simkovitz joined the ranks of the adult Jewish community in ceremonies that were moving and significant. The sanctuary was filled on both Shabbatot with an outpouring of support for the girls. Their hard work and dedication was evident as they stood before the congregation and participated in our services, and in that way, they're no different than any of our other B'nai Mitzvah; they studied many months to assimilate and integrate all they had to learn... plus they had spent years in the religious school to get ready for their special day. But there was a difference.

Alea entered our school just a few years ago and was quickly identified as one of the most motivated and focused students the staff had ever seen. It was she who desired the Bat Mitzvah, and it was she who took the steps necessary to make it happen. From the moment she entered the religious school, she was focused on her Bat Mitzvah. In fact, on numerous occasions, I heard from the staff that Alea was asking when she would received notice about her Bat Mitzvah date and when she would begin her training. Her personal commitment to reach the goal was perhaps unmatched; certainly, it was very rare.

Then we had the opportunity to share with Rachel, her

mother Julie and brother Josh and with other members of the extended family. More than 220 people shared the touching and poignant event: touching because Rachel was so "Rachel" (exuberant, enthusiastic, smiling and upbeat) and poignant because due to Jon's illness and worsening condition, he was not able to travel from Israel to attend his daughter's Bat Mitzyah.

Rachel is truly a "child of Beth Ami" having attended services with Jon since she was a little baby. Jon and Julie have been stalwarts of Beth Ami for many years. Jon served on the Board of Trustees for many years, is a past-president of the synagogue and was the first and perhaps most persuasive voice in getting the congregation to embark on the capital campaign, which allowed us to remodel the sanctuary, social hall and school wing. That Jon couldn't attend was truly a sad part of an otherwise joyous celebration.

In the two following weeks (the last two in February) we had the opportunity to hear from Charlie Kirschner, the Deputy Director of AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) for our region. He spoke about the work of AIPAC in the halls of Congress working both sides of the aisle to ensure that the United States remains a firm supporter of the State of Israel... not supporting the policies of the country per se, but rather its right to exist as a strong ally of the United States.

On the final Shabbat of February our guest Rabbi Benjy Segal shared with us his insights into the recent Israeli elections, the work of Masorti (Conservative) Judaism in Israel and his own personal insights into the Biblical book: *The Song of Songs*. Those who attended his sessions came away with an increased understanding of the text.

Soon Purim will be here with the Megillah reading on March 9 and the Purimspiel (the Megillah According to Broadway) on March 14 and 15. As always, I encourage (e.g. age appropriate bribes) all the adults and teenagers to attend the Megillah reading in costume. We're never too old for costumes and our enjoyment of the holiday will be greatly enhanced.

For the Purimspiel we invite you to attend and laugh with us (believe me, we'll be laughing) as we celebrate the joy of Purim.

Then with only a week hiatus, we'll have the opportunity to celebrate another Bat Mitzvah as Bea Waterhouse will take her place in the adult Jewish community.

So, let it not ever be said that Beth Ami is lacking in activity. Other, larger synagogues may have something happening every week. But Beth Ami is a relatively small yet very active synagogue. From the end of January until the end of March we have seven consecutive weeks (and eight out of nine weekends) where there is something of great import is happening.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of all we have to offer.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS





Mazal tov to

Parents Josh & Lisa Batzdorff Kearns, grandparents Jon & Rose Batzdorff, and great grandparents Alfred & Susanne Batzdorff on the birth of Laszlo Batzdorff Kerns.

Dr. Arnold & Meineke Drake on the birth of their grandson.

Vanessa & Patrick Riggs on the birth of their daughter, Emma Claire

To Mimi Rubinstein on the birth of her great-grandson, Charlie Jaxon Bernstein.

Welcome to our New Members

Arnold & Hermina (Meineke) Drake Harold & Barbara Boren



Directory Change

Jane Meyer - new phone number 707/694-6238.



To my Congregational and Nursery School communities,

I am so humbled and so honored by your generous gift to our family. The first thing we did when we moved to Santa Rosa in 1989 was join CBA. It took us until 1996 to have our first child Rachel and in 2000

our second child Joshua. Both of them have been part of the CBA community since birth. I can't believe that Rachel was just a Bat Mitzvah! I have no words to express my appreciation but to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone. It does take a village to raise a child and you are all my village.

~With much love, Julie, Rachel and Joshua Simkovitz

Classifieds

- Vivian and Irvin Klein own a small, 1 bedroom apartment in South Tel Aviv, within walking distance of Old Yaffo and the Tel Aviv beach promenade. The apartment is available for rent on a short term basis nightly, weekly or monthly and can sleep up to 6 people. For more details please contact Vivian, 707/538-8679.
- Certified home health aide: experienced, competent, caring. North or East Bay. Excellent references. Call Alan, 707/623-8931 or byak70@yahoo.com.

Members' thoughts...

We love Beth Ami because it represents Conservative Judaism, and that's our favorite flavor. We also enjoy our wonderful Rabbi Schlesinger. If that's not enough, we must add the first Friday Shabbat dinners and the B'nai Mitzvahs to the recipe ingredients as well as our beautiful new sanctuary and extensive library. Finally, and perhaps most important, the congregation has provided us with many new and lasting friendships. ~ *Ira and Ruth Rosenberg*

I love Beth Ami because I found my home and my roots.

~ Pat Thomas

I love Beth Ami because I love the people that are members here, and we have a FABULOUS Rabbi. ~ *Judi Rosenthal*



Beth Ami Community Nursery School open enrollment starts March 1, 2009. We have one of the best nursery schools in Santa Rosa. Please remember to tell your friends researching nursery schools to come look at our wonderful program for 2 to 4 year olds. They can contact the Nursery School office at 707/360-3030 or email ns@BethAmiSR.org. for more information.



The 26th Annual Book Discussion Series, 2008-2009

Our discussion of *The Centaur in the Garden* was led by Alfred Batzdorff. This novel of "magical realism" presented a challenge to most of our group, but they plunged valiantly into a spirited discussion and listened with

some surprise to the praise of the critics and the judgment of the National Yiddish Book Center which ranked this novel among the 100 best Jewish books of our time.

We will gather again on **Wednesday, March 4** for a discussion of *Rashi's Daughters, Book I: Joheved*, by Maggie Anton. Our moderator will be Anne Feld.

Finally we note with great sadness the death of our fellow-book lover Toby Shatkin. We will miss her sorely.

New members to our book group are always welcome. Any questions? Call Susanne Batzdorff at 538-9731.

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Please join Mary's Pizza Shack in supporting
BETH AMI COMMUNITY
NURSERY SCHOOL
at a Dine & Donate Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 31

Twenty percent of your purchase will be donated to the school. Flyers are available in the office and will be on the website after March 1 to download.



The Susy Raful essay content

Jewish High School students throughout Sonoma County have received invitations to submit essays for the ninth annual contest, established by her sons, in honor of Susy Raful, an active member of our congregation. The contest seeks the students' reflections on the Holocaust (Shoah) by considering a number of questions about the thoughts, images and impact of the Shoah; what the writer has learned; and how the history of that era will be passed on to future generations. The essays are due in the Beth Ami office by April 1. For more information, call Elizabeth at the Beth Ami office.

Ongoing programs at 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, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- ♦ TORAH & TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SCHLESINGER, Thursdays, 7 p.m. Friedman Center Board Room

Trash to treasures

Why not do a really thorough cleaning this spring before Pesach and turn your unwanted, unneeded goods into dollars for Beth Ami? We're having a "Yard Sale" Sunday, April 5 through Tuesday, April 7. Details are forthcoming regarding times, drop-off, set-up, etc. Meanwhile, keep us in mind while you're doing your Passover cleaning!

And tell your friends to save their gently worn treasures. We're an equal opportunity Yard Sale!

Want to help with this event (cashier, set up, advertising, pick up items, making room for sale items at Beth Ami)? Email Patty Bernstein at benberyl@sonic.net.



Last Chametz dinner - April 7, 6 p.m.

Sonoma County's United Synagogue Youth will celebrate our 2nd Last Chametz Dinner with an Italian style dinner! We will serve pasta, garlic bread, salad and a beverage for only \$10. Children 12 and under are only \$5. This is a fun event for the whole family!

Come see the SCUSY slide show, buy a couple of 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 or pass by Congregation Beth Ami's office.

Please consider becoming a sponsor of this event with a \$100 donation.



For more information, please contact Sharon Kruschen, SCUSY Youth Advisor at 707/478-2663 or Sharon@eventsbp.com.

Rosh Chodesh

The Women's Rosh Chodesh gatherings will be moving to seasonal celebrations, rather than meeting every month. Please mark your calendars with the next date,



Sunday, April 26 at 12 noon.

We hope to continue our Beth Ami tradition of celebrating the new moon and reconnecting with each other. We invite girls and women of all ages to join us. Stay tuned for program information as each date approaches. Mar 2009 (Pacific Time)

CBA - Intraoffice, CBA - Public

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12:30pm - Potluck Luncheon 12:30pm - Potluck Luncheon 12:30pm - Hosted Luncheon 12:30pm - Hosted Luncheon 12:30pm - Hosted Luncheon 9:30am - Bar Mitzvah David 9:30am - Shabbat Services 9:30am - Shabbat Services 9:30am - Shabbat Services 9:30am - Bat Mitzvah Bea 10am - Jr. Congregation 7pm - Purim Broadway 10am - Tot Shabbat 13 20 27 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Svcs. 1pm - NS Gymnastics Class 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat Svcs. 1pm - NS Gymnastics Class Office Open 10am-4 pm 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat 7:30pm - Erev Shabbat 6pm - Shabbat Dinner 6pm - Shabbat Dinner 8:30pm - Oneg 12 19 26 6:30pm - Chaverim - 11/12 6:30pm - Chaverim - 11/12 10:30am - Conv.Hebrew -10:30am - Conv.Hebrew -Office Open 10am - 4pm 10:30am - Conv.Hebrew 6:30pm - Chaverim - 8th Office Open 10am - 4pm 10:30am - Conv.Hebrew Office Open 10am - 4pm 10:30am - Conv. Hebrew 6:30pm - Chaverim - 8th Office Open 10am - 4pm Office Open 10am - 4pm 1pm - NS Pottery Class Thursday 7 pm - Talmud Study 7 pm - Talmud Study 7 pm - Bible Study 7 pm - Bible Study 7 pm - Bible Study 18 25 4pm - Mtg. Youth Activities @ 11 1pm - NS Music Enrichment Office Open 10am-4 pm 10am - Book Discussion Office Open 10am-4 pm 10am - Book Discussion Office Open 10am-4 pm Office Open 10am-4 pm Office Open 10am-4 pm 17 24 31 NS Fundraiser - Mary's Pizza 1pm - NS Music Enrichment 1pm - NS Music Enrichment 1pm - NS Music Enrichment 7pm - Executive Committee 1pm - NS Music Enrichment 9am - NS Purim Carnival @ 1pm - NS Music Enrichment 10:30am - Conv. Hebrew -4pm - NO Religious School 10:30am - Conv. Hebrew -10:30am - Conv. Hebrew -10:30am - Conv. Hebrew -4pm - Religious School -4pm - Religious School -4pm - Religious School -10:30am - Conv. Hebrew 4pm - Religious School -Office Open 10am-6pm Office Open 10am-6pm Office Open 10am-6pm Office Open 10am-6pm Office Open 10am-6pm 7pm - Israeli Dancing 7pm - Israeli Dancing 7 pm - Israeli Dancing 7 pm - Israeli Dancing 7pm - Israeli Dancing 7pm - Board Meeting 10am - Bible Study Tuesday 10am - Bible Study 16 23 30 7pm - Traditional Megillah 6:30pm - Chaverim - 10th 6:30pm - Chaverim - 10th 6:30pm - Chaverim - 9th 6:30pm - Chaverim - 9th Office Open 10am-4 pm 6:30pm - Chaverim - 9th Office Open 10am-4 pm Office Open 10am-4 pm Office Open 10am-4 pm Office Open 10am-4 pm 1pm - NS Pottery Class Monday 22 9:30am - NO Religious School 29 12pm - Broadway Megillah & 8:45am - Breakfast@ Library 9:30am - Religious School -9:30am - Religious School -9:30am - Religious School -SCUSY Hamentshen Baking 9:30am - Religious School -

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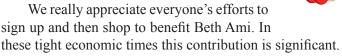
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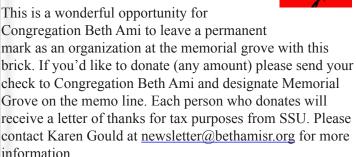
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Beth Ami benefits from your orders.

We appreciate your support!

Congregation Beth Ami Community Brick for The Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove at SSU

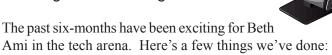


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TECH NEWS & UPDATES

Douglas Kruschen, OnTarget Consulting



Server: We installed a new server in August. The new server is powerful enough to allow our older computers on the network to function as if they were new! Those older systems share a "virtual" desktop running Windows XP Professional and are loaded with the latest in Acrobat, Office, and desktop publishing from Adobe. Best of all, everything is saved on the server so if a computer fails, there's no data loss.

Backup: Because the new server supports lots of older equipment and really has become the central hub of the administrative ecosystem, backup is imperative. We implemented an online backup system that backs up every single morsel of data instantaneously over the Internet to a secure location. Should the server suffer a failure, the data can be loaded onto a new system or drive as if nothing happened. The best part of the system is that it takes no time from our busy day, it's 100% automatic.

Workstations: We've replaced 10 to 15-year old computers with newer, donated equipment and have replaced two old CRT monitors with donated LCD displays. We've added a second system to the Nursery School office through the donation of a retired computer and LCD display.

Google mail: Our latest enhancement was the transition to Google hosted e-mail. We needed a way to run the Friedman Center and Beth Ami in sync with each other. We also needed a way to cut down on training and support time. Google's system looks and functions the same no matter if using Windows 2000, XP, Vista, and even the Rabbi's Mac. We are now sharing calendars, syncing to Blackberries and iPhones, and more efficiently communicating with each other, and with you, our community members.

Please think of Beth Ami when you are upgrading your equipment at home. What may be obsolete to you, may help us grow.



Old school roller skating with

Chaverim Just like in the old days! All grades are invited to join Chaverim for an afternoon of retro roller skating at Cal Skate (6100 Commerce Blvd. in Rohnert Park.)

Sunday, March 22, 2:30 – 5 p.m.

Free Admission and quad skates for all Chaverim members. Come and join us! RSVP by March 1 to Rick Concoff. Call 823-3916 or email chaveriminfo@yahoo.com.

Memo From Jerusalem

Bob Raful & Roberta Berg

Last month I decided to make this a real "Memo from Jerusalem" by drawing on notes from friends who have recently traveled to Israel. This month we continue the mode with another story. This is from friend Roberta Berg, on a two-month sojourn with her friend, Stan Roodman. Here is Roberta:

"We have an apartment in an upscale neighborhood known as the German Colony because it was settled in the 1870s-1890s by German Protestants. The area is known for the beautiful stone architecture of the houses. During the '30s the young people became Nazis so the British expelled the entire group in 1943.

We live on Cremieux Street, named for an 1800s French Zionist. Streets in Jerusalem frequently change names and most often are named for famous Zionists or people who helped establish a Jewish homeland (Lloyd George, Jan Masyryk, etc.) or famous rabbis. A friend explained that the reason the names change frequently is that there are so many people to name streets after.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays we take classes. These are something like Continuing or Community Education classes at Sonoma State University or Santa Rosa Junior College or synagogues in our community. Mondays we study with Rabbi Grodner at Pardes Institute of Jewish Study—"Law and Custom" is one course and the "Thought of Soloveitchik" is another.

Tuesday and Wednesday we go to Project Oded Continuing Education at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center for Conservative Judaism (Raful's Jerusalem "home" on Agron St.) Rabbi Gail Diamond teaches writings of the Apocryopha—this includes writings from just after the Hebrew Bible to around the time of the Bar Kochba revolt. Rabbi Ed Romm teaches the Torah portion of the week. Dr. Stephen Rosenberg (archeologist) teaches Pagan Culture in Ancient Israel; this is really about non-Jewish sources relating to the ancient Hebrews or an attempt to figure out historic truth in the Hebrew Bible.

We often spend afternoons walking around Jerusalem—enjoying its vistas and historic buildings and areas.

In the evenings we enjoy many different activities like concerts, films, lectures, etc. One night we heard candidates from nine of the 33 parties speak in English at the Great Synagogue. This was part of the preparation for the national elections, held on February 10.

Tuesday evening I sing in a choir at Hebrew Union College. Rehearsals are mostly in Hebrew with a few Italian musical terms. Lyrics are in Hebrew characters and in English transliteration. I don't understand much but there is a lot about music that doesn't depend on knowing the local language! People will explain language I don't understand and there is great food during rehearsal break."

More stories next month. Pray for Peace.

PRESIDENT'S PLACE

Patty Bernstein, President

Affirmation and inspiration

Our last Shabbat service in January was one I think I'll never forget. It was moving, instructional, warm, inclusive, and above all else, it was inspirational. I am referring to the January 31, 2009 B'nai Mitzvah service in which 13 (a baker's minyan) of our Beth Ami's adults stood before the congregation to recite blessings, read Torah, chant haftarah and share some teachings, and in doing so, made us all proud.

How fitting that they were called to the Torah on Shabbat Bo—having endured all the plagues (and their challenges and instruction over the past two years) and not only did they survive, they thrived! The following week, the Torah portion lead us through the Red Sea, which G-d parted when Nachshon took a leap of faith and entered the water. The journey of the adult b'nai mitzvah students seems reminiscent of that kind of faith, courage, and commitment.

The community celebration—affirming their transition, through substantial learning, to taking their place as knowledgeable, passionate, practicing Jews—had a significant impact on me. It's been said that it was a transformative event for the students also.

I hope that their example inspires each of us to grow in our Jewish knowledge, to reaffirm our Judaism and deepen our spiritual relationship with Torah, to set and achieve learning goals. I hope that these adults, as well as our younger B'nai Mitzvah, will continue to study and to embrace all that Judaism

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Mark Sutter

has to offer. I hope that, as a result of their studies and their greater feeling of inclusion in Judaism, we will be seeing and hearing more from them at services.

When Shavuot comes this year and we stand, as if at Sinai, to receive the Torah, I want to stand with our B'nai Mitzvah, to experience the covenant in a personal and intimate pact between each Jew and G-d. Bless each of them for enriching our Jewish experience ... yasher koach!

Thank you, Susan

The Board of Directors sends a special "thank you" to Susan Kleinbort for her dedication, hard work, and organizing skills in leadership and administration as Vice President, Administration. Susan recently resigned, but will continue to serve the congregation in many other ways. We wish her all the best in supporting the oral health of Sonoma County's children and pursuing new career goals. Good luck to you, Susan ... and thanks for everything.



MAZAL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH



BEA WATERHOUSE MARCH 28, 2009 3 Nisan 5769

Hi, I'm Bea Waterhouse and my Bat Mitzvah is March 28. I'm a student at Rincon Valley Charter School. My favorite activities are reading, horseback riding, and playing with my cats. I've been a student at the Religious School at Beth Ami since I was five and

I've known most of the kids in my B'nai Mitzvah class all that time. This year is exciting, as we all take turns being called to the Torah. Thanks to my parents and teachers and especially to Marcia Gladstone for all their help and support.

Dylan Wardwell will be called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah on June 13. Dylan has chosen for his mitzvah project to focus on hunger in our community. He is a committed volunteer in the Petaluma Kitchen, part of the Committee on the Shelterless, better known as COTS. Dylan would like you to join him in his mitzvah by bringing a box of mac'n'cheese to be used as a noise-maker at the Megillah reading on March 9. All mac'n'cheese boxes will be donated to the Petaluma Kitchen. In advance, Dylan thanks you for caring enough to help him help others.

If you want to know more about the Petaluma Kitchen visit http://www.cots-homeless.org/

how kitchen.php.

CHAVERIM EVENTS MARCH

Sunday, March 22 ROLLER SKATING AT CAL SKATE

All (8th-12th) grades

Friday, April 24-7:30 p.m. – Saturday, April 25-10 a.m.

SHABBAT SERVICE AT CST Honoring graduating Seniors, ALL Chaverim families welcome followed by a Shabbaton

(sleepover)

CHAVERIM CLASSES MARCH

8th grade: Thur.: March 5 & 19, April 30 9th grade: Mon.: March 2, 16, 30 & April 20 Mon.: March 9 & 23 & April 27 10th grade: 11th /12th grade: Thur.:March 12 & 26, April 23

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

SCUSY STUFF

Sharon Kruschen, SCUSY Youth Advisor

SCUSY has had a spectacular month! We raised over \$800 with our annual Lox Box Fundraiser! All funds raised will support our array of programs. We would like to express a deep, heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased a lox box or made a donation. Your support is much appreciated!

SCUSY members recently attended the annual Intensive Study Seminar (ISS), a regional convention held at the Marriot in Pleasanton. The theme of the weekend was Jews in Diaspora. Our weekend was filled with programming, services, late night sessions, along with a special Scholar-in-Residence.

Looking towards the future, SCUSY will be holding a Hamentashen baking class on March 15 with Abby Selya. Check our website, www.scusynf.com, or the office for up-todate information.

Our USY Advisor recently started up a Kadima chapter at Beth Ami. Kadima is Beth Ami's NEW 6th-8th grade social program, called Sonoma Kadima. Just like SCUSY, Kadima is an affiliate of United Synagogue Youth, or as we like to call it, USY. Kadima is also the future of USY and consequently means "forward" in Hebrew. Kadima's first event was February 21 where we went bowling at Double Decker Lanes. Check us out on Facebook at Sonoma Kadima.

~Avi Ballo. SCUSY's Communications VP

USYer's preparing lox boxes



DILLER TEEN

This past month we had our first Diller Teen retreat at the Marin Headlands. The Shabbat service that Nadiv. Leah and I planned went very well because we taught everyone about the Red Sea parting and manna falling from the heavens. We played and participated in many leadership games and teamwork building exercises. One activity involved figuring out how to get 18 people on three chairs. We started to plan our community service project for April. Next month we will be meeting our pen-pals from Israel who will be visiting California.

~Jacob Kreger



Baruch HaShem! It's raining! Although we've had a lot of rain in February, rainfall totals are only 50% of normal. Reservoir levels are way below normal—Lake Mendocino's is 39%, and Lake Pillsbury's is under 18%. A predicted La Niña weather pattern could make 2010 another dry year, so releases from Lake Sonoma, now at 76% of normal level, will have to be reduced to carry water over for next year.

Rationing's on the way. On February 2, the Sonoma County Water Agency warned that 30-50% mandatory rationing was likely within weeks; on February19 Santa Rosa considered a water-rationing plan. Per capita indoor water use in the U.S. averages 69 gal/day; 30-50% reduction would bring that to 35-49 gal/day. Switching to more efficient fixtures and fixing leaks can reduce per capita use to 45 gal/day—without significant lifestyle changes. Simple lifestyle changes can reduce that even more. We all need to go on "drought watch" right now!

Toilet flushing uses 25-30% of a household's water—5.8 billion gal/day in the U.S.

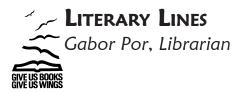
- ▶ Leaking toilets use up to 200 gal/day of water. Put 2-3 drops of food coloring in the tank; if the water in the bowl changes color within 30 seconds, there's a leak.
- ▶ Replace pre-1992 toilets with low-flush toilets (1.6 gal/flush instead of 3.5 or even 7 gal/flush). Better yet, new high-efficiency toilets (HETs) use 20% less water than low-flush toilets. Several water companies are offering rebates of \$150 to make the switch. Go to www.scwa.ca.gov/water conservation/ or call your local water company.
- ▶ If you can't replace your toilet, put a plastic bottle weighted with pebbles and filled with water in the tank and save up to 300 gal/month.
- ▶ Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket or ashtray and save 400+ gal/month.

Ma'achil R'evim—feeding the hungry.

FISH (Friends in Service Here), a local food bank serving nearly 6,000 people a month, needs volunteers to answer the phone and bag and hand out groceries. For more information call Sandy Menachof at 539-4251.

Misloach Manot—sending gifts. Purim is March 10. On Purim we're supposed to send two different items of ready-to-eat food to at least one person. Many of you have already subscribed to Beth Ami's Shalach Manos project. You can also support our fellow Jews in Israel by going to http://pizzaidf.org and ordering Shalach Manos baskets for delivery to active duty IDF soldiers, or pizza and sodas delivered to them or to a family in Sderot.

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Often in my daily rhythm of film, fiction and childrens' book recommendations I can forget for a moment that our library is also an excellent research facility. For example, we have four scholarly commentaries on the book of Esther and at least a dozen different translations. This is more than Sonoma State and SRJC have combined!

Last year around Purim I mentioned on the library's blog the popular anthology we have on the topic, our song collections and picture books. (If you are interested in these you can search the blog for "Purim" and you'll find the post.) This year I would like to encourage fledgling and seasoned scholars alike to check out our commentaries on the scroll upon which the festival is built.

First, I would like to recommend **Carey A. Moore**'s commentary, published in the prestigious Anchor Bible series in 1971. The 70-page introduction would satisfy the curiosity of any historian about issues such as the book's "lack of religious elements, its absence at Qumran, its questionable historicity."

Frederic Bush's commentaries on the books of Ruth and Esther were published in a single volume of the World Biblical Commentary series in 1996. Bush used his expertise in Near Eastern studies and analyzed the literary structure of the book to figure out the answer to the question, "Is it possible that a proto version of Esther was amended in the Massoretic Text to make a solid case for the popular feast of Purim?"

Getting closer to our own tradition (after all, the Anchor Bible is an interfaith effort, while the World Biblical Commentary has a Christian orientation,) the ArtScroll Tanach series volume on the Book of Esther deserves your attention. The 24-page introduction titled, "The Period and the Miracle" was written by **Rabbi Nosson Scherman**, while the book was translated and compiled by **Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz**. The extensive running commentary pulled from many rabbinical sources makes this edition invaluable. Also, these sources are listed and explained at the end, in the bibliography.

Finally, for the advanced scholar amongst you we have a precious copy of *The First Targum to Esther: According to the Ms. Paris Hebrew 110 of the Bibliotheque Nationale*, translated and annotated by **Bernard Grossfeld**. (Targum refers to translation of the Tanach to Aramaic, the spoken language of the Jews in the post-exilic period.) It is a truly academic volume, recommended only to the most dedicated. But if you manage to follow the book's reasoning you will be awarded with a deeper understanding of how historical manuscripts relate to each other and how they are used to decipher history.

I am hoping that this short overview of intellectual texts awaken in you the thirst for learning that we, I am proud to say, have the resources to satisfy.

Our catalog and blog are online at www.bethamisr.org/library



Rosalind Herritt

We light a candle in honor of Rosalind Herritt's message to keep an open mind.

Rosalind Herritt was born January 31, 1914 in New York, the younger of two sisters. "When I grew up in the Bronx, it was a nice place for kids, and green, like this," Rosalind said, gesturing to the Oakmont

lawns outside the window. "There were a lot of children, and we just went out and played with each other: games like jump rope, checkers and hopscotch, that kids today probably don't know." The highlight of her life was "...finding a good husband." She and her husband met at a teachers' conference in 1937. The happiness of finding the right person later led to the most frightening period of her life. Rosalind's husband fought in Europe in World War II, and one day she got the dreaded knock on the door: he was missing in action. She first heard he was alive when his letter to her was read on the radio during a German propaganda broadcast directed to Americans. "Later I got the official word that he was in a German prisoner-of-war camp."

"He was uninjured, and though his dog tag said 'Jewish' the Germans did not treat him differently from other American captives." Together they had two daughters, and after living in Los Angeles for many years, they retired first to Grey Eagle, near Reno, and then moved to Oakmont in Santa Rosa. Rosalind's two daughters came to live with her after her husband's death in 1996.

Other mainstays in Rosalind's life were her education and her profession. After studying science at Hunter College in New York, she eventually got a teaching degree and taught for 27 years. She has also always loved modern dance, and has a dance floor in her home so she can continue to dance. Though raised in a secular family, Rosalind sent her daughters to Jewish Sunday School. She supports Beth Ami because she feels being Jewish is intrinsic to who she is, and she feels Beth Ami adds to the general well being of the Jewish community in Santa Rosa.Rosalind's philosophy of life is an optimistic one. "I meet difficulties by facing them headon," she said. "If something is new, that doesn't mean I'm afraid to tackle it. If you ask me about advice for living, I will tell you to think positively. It helps if you keep learning something new every day. Keep your mind open: hold on to your values, but don't denigrate others. Accept all people."

Woman of Valor

More precious than rubies

Passing her knowledge from generation to generation

~Proverbs 31



Florence Metz

We light a candle in honor of the importance of holding strong views as demonstrated by Florence Metz.

Florence was born in September 8, 1915 in Brooklyn where she grew up in a four-story house with aunts, uncles, her

grandmother, her brother and parents. She took violin, piano and elocution lessons. "I was the favorite grandchild. They called me the Angel Grandchild. Every time they had guests, they would trot me out to play "Barcarolle" from The Tales of Hoffmann. I'm sure the guests never returned because they heard my playing.

"I was very good in school. You know, we're all lucky with what we've been given. People say it's what you do with what you've been given that counts. If I could do no more than scrub a floor and did it to the best of my ability, I would be entitled to the same regard. I was very fortunate. I liked school, and I did very well in school. I have no complaints."

Florence earned her M.A. in 17th century English Literature from Columbia University and started a Ph.D. in American Literature. After college she did editorial work for magazines and books and taught English in the New York City high schools.

One of Florenceis greatest desires in life is to rid America of ageism. "They think if you're a certain age, you're expendable. And it ain't so." Florence daily reads the Wall Street Journal and uses her amazing vocabulary and wit to do the New York Times acrostics and ciphers (in ink!)

Florence remembers her mother keeping kosher, her father giving blood on Yom Kippur, and visiting her grandmother at services for the High Holy Days. She has attended services at Beth Ami for many years and "has found it very enlightening and a positive experience. I believe Judaism is such a beautiful religion and the basic tenets are admirable. The congregation is a model of democracy, and there is no discrimination. Women are treated the same as men. It is absolutely a delight to go. The congregation is first-rate; lovely, lovely people, and I enjoy going there. The rabbi is a very decent man and very talented. Those Friday night dinners and what he does, I think he is a great asset."

Each issue of the Shofar will feature several biographies (space permitting) of the Matriarchs who were honored at the Rosh Chodesh Chai Tea held on November 23, 2008. The biographies, written by Rosh Chodesh members and Religious School students, were originally printed in the event program. Paula Schlesinger wrote the introduction to each honoree.



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 send 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.

CJEEF

In honor of the B'nai Mitzvahs of Shari Kafton, Alan Kafton, Andy Fleming, Nancy Fleming, Martha Lane, Staci Leipsic, Jane Meyer, Susan Miller, Jane Paul, Ruth Rosenberg, Ira Rosenberg Mark Sutter, Jacqueline Sutter

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In appreciation of Susan Kleinbort's help with Natasha's Bat Mitzvah

In appreciation of Linda Bornstein's help

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In honor and appreciation for Natasha's Bat Mitzvah

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In honor of Rabbi George supporting me with my Bat Mitzvah

Staci Leipsic

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Mazel Tov to Billy & Suzie Friedman on the arrival of their granddaughter, Emily Rose Keeler

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happy Brthday!

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Karen & Jeff Gould
- 9 Gussie Levine & Harry Hankin
- 12 Al & Sue Batzdorff
- 19 George & Paula Schlesinger
- 21 Alan & Shari Kafton
- 21 Barbara & John Whitaker
- 21 Brian & Ruth Wilson
- 24 Ed & Nancy Sherman



March 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 March 7th and 8th

March 7 Frieda Goldman

Mother of Ethel Schy

March 7 Anne Rothenberg

Aunt of Anne Mann

March 7 Arthur Sharon
Grandfather of Noorillah Karr
March 8 Michael Brust
Father of Barbara McGee

March 8 Philip Feingold Brother of Stanley Feingold

Father of Vivian Klein

March 11 Barbara Milstein

Mother of Susan Milstein
March 11 Sol Tenser
Father of Dorothy Marder

March 12 William Friedman

Brother of Robin Rose

March 13 Polly Boyd *Mother of Elizabeth Boyd*

March 13 Edward Susnow

Father of Nancy Fleming

March 14 Bernard Bernstein

Father of Marc Bernstein

Announced on March 14th and 15th

March 15 Josephine Goldstein

Mother of Elaine Golemb

March 16 Stan Diamond Husband of Marilyn Diamond

Father of Lauren Newman

March 16 Jacob Stromer

Father of Marilyn Sommer

March 17 Mary Hahn

Mother of Edith Newman

March 18 Hazel Schloner

Mother of Carol Swanson

March 19 Barbara Garam

Mother of Rose Batzdorff

March 20 Merwin Weinberg Brother-in-Law of Shirley Rosaler

March 20 Ruth Rosenzweig

Sister of David Rubin

March 21 Ida Friedman 1st Mother-in-law of Jeanne Crump

March 21 Eleanor Greensweig

Mother of Dr. Gary Greensweig

March 21 Harold Kafton

Father of Alan Kafton

Announced on March 21st and 22nd

March 23 Claire Abrahams

Mother of Ellen Brosbe

March 23 Lottie Hankin

Mother of Harry Hankin

March 23 Tillie Streitfeld

Mother-in-Law of Ricki Streitfeld

March 24 Michael Abrams

Brother of Patty Bernstein

March 24 Lazar Peretz

Father of Evey Abramowitz

March 25 Boruch Zelichenok

Father of Rimma Rivkin

March 26 Helen Goldman

Sister of Lillian Judd

March 27 Rae Abrams

Mother of Patty Bernstein

March 28 Morris Estrin

Uncle of Charlene Bornstein

March 28 Rachel Jones Grandmother of Ross Jones

Manala 20 Language Manala 20

March 28 Joseph Meyer

Father of Jane Meyer

Announced on March 28th and 29th

March 29 Yvonne Abrams Sister-in-Law of Patty Bernstein

March 29 Mannie Goldstein

Father of Elaine Golemb

March 30 Shai Ben Zalman

Father of Leo Gurevitch

April 1 Dora Altaras

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April 26

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Jewish Community Events

JCC FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE LUNCHEONS Fashions of Yves Saint Laurent

Monday, March 16 at Noon

A docent from the de Young Museum will discuss the *Fashions of Yves Saint Laurent Exhibit.* The exhibit showcases the designs that made Saint Laurent famous. *RSVP by March 12th at noon*

→ Showcase of Songs Monday, March 30 at Noon

Leira Satlof will be joined by her husband, Carl McGahan, and pianist Tony D'anna in an eclectic program of their favorite songs. **RSVP by March 26**th at noon

Lunch Details. Fee is \$10 for members of Friendship Circle; \$12 for non-member and includes lunch and dessert. Payment is accepted at the door. Luncheons are held at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Call Fran Danoff, 528-1476 to save your place. All older adults (55+) are invited to our Friendship Circle luncheons.

For a full schedule of classes offered by the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County, please go to www.jccsoco.org, and click on Friendship Circle.

The JCC is located at 170 Farmer's Lane, Suite 5,Santa Rosa, CA 95405; 707/528-4222, www.jccsoco.org.

Telling the Story: Creating Continuity Sonoma County Yom Hashoah Commemoration Sunday, April 19, from 2–4 p.m., the Friedman Center

The centerpiece will be a candle-lighting ceremony by Holocaust survivors escorted by local teens and college students. Featured speakers will be three generations of the Turner/Bornstein family, recounting the story of the journey from Europe through Shanghai to Santa Rosa, and the transmission of Holocaust memory within their family. There will be musical selections by guest musicians from the Jewish Youth Orchestra of San Francisco and liturgical music by cantorial soloists Fredi Bloom and Leira Satlof.

Co-sponsors: Sonoma County synagogues, the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County, the Sonoma State University Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust, and Remember Us: The Holocaust Bnai Mitzvah Project. Yellow candles will be available after the program.

The Yellow Candle and Memorial Book, listing the names of victims of the Shoah, are made available at the Commemoration for personal observance and remembrance. If you wish to submit names of loved ones who perished in the Shoah, please request a form from the CBA office.

(all area codes are 707 unless indicated otherwise)

JCC SUMMER DAY CAMP

Camp Chai

▶ Session: 1 Monday, July 20-24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Celebrating Jewish Heroes

▶ Session 2: Monday July 27-31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fun with Jewish Festivals

Tuition is \$295 per session, 10% sibling discount. Scholarships available.

Tennis & Swim Camp

Monday, July 13 - 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Directed by *Corky Cramer, USPTA Pro*, this fantastic week includes **15 hours** of tennis at SR High School and **10 hours** of recreational swimming at Ridgeway Swim center. Tuition is \$325 per camper.

JCC MEDITATION & SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM Making Passover Meaningful: An interactive workshop to create liberation from our narrow places

Sunday, March 29,1-4 p.m. Wischemann Hall, Sebastopol \$36.00 (includes all materials)

With David Rubinstein, Director of Hillel Sonoma State and Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David, we will:

- ▶ Use contemplation and chant to find our personal limitations.
- ▶ Create alternative seders through drawing, poetry, writing and artwork.
- ▶ Explore and identify our individual purpose/goal to pursue in liberation and freedom.

All are welcome, regardless of background or experience. If you want a new Seder experience, don't miss this workshop! For more information and to register call Sheila Katz, Director, JCC Meditation and Spirituality Program at (707) 528-4222 or email sheilak@jccsoco.org.

The Jewish Community Free Clinic will open an additional Evening Walk-In Clinic on Mondays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in order to serve more people per week who are without healthcare coverage. This will impact the community in a positive manner, and will allow more patients to be seen during hours outside the 9-5 workweek. **Jewish Community Free Clinic**, 490 City Center Dr., Rohnert Park, CA 94928, 707-585-7780.

Special Needs Family Camp Weekend, Camp Newman

June 5 - 7. Bureau of Jewish Education, 639 14th Avenue, SF, 94118. Flora Kupferman, 415/751-6983, ext. 122; fkupferman@bjesf.org; www.bjesf.org

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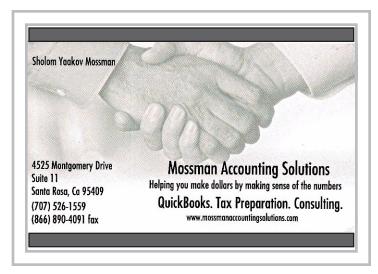
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Schedule of Services for March

Friday Evening, March 6 (Candle Lighting 5:50 pm)
6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday March 7 • 11 Adar 9:30 am Shabbat Tetzaveh-Zachor Hosted lunch following services in honor of Susanne and Alfred Batzdorff's 65th anniversary (Saturday Havdalah: 6:51 pm)

Monday Evening, March 9
7:00 pm Traditional Purim Megillah Reading
Adult and teen costume contest • prizes!

Friday Evening, March 13 (Candle Lighting: 6:57 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday March 14 • 18 Adar 9:30 am Shabbat Ki Tissa-Parah Services Potluck lunch following services (Saturday Havdalah: 7:58 pm) Friday Evening, March 20 (Candle Lighting: 7:04 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday March 21 • 25 Adar 9:30 am Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei-HaChodesh Services 10 am Tot Shabbat with Lauren Kalmenson 10 am Jr. Congregation Potluck lunch following services (Saturday Havdalah: 8:05 pm)

Friday Evening, March 27 (Candle Lighting: 7:11 pm)
7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday March 28 • 3 Nisan
9:30 am Shabbat Vayikra Services
Beatrice Waterhouse, daughter of Robin Winning and
Geoff Waterhouse, will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
Hosted luncheon following services
(Saturday Havdalah: 8:12 pm)



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

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