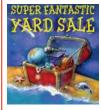


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Trash to treasures, April 5-7 Why not do a really thorough cleaning this spring before Pesach and turn your unwanted, unneeded goods into dollars for Beth Ami? We're having a "Yard Sale" Sunday, April 5 through Tuesday, April 7. Drop off starts on

April 4. Please email Patty Bernstein at basberyl@sonic. net if you can help cashier, if you have items to donate or with any other questions.

## **Blessing of the Sun Birkat Ha-Hammah** Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 a.m.

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This event happens once every 28 years!

More information on page 3

## You are invited to join Sonoma County's United Synagogue Youth's 2<sup>nd</sup> Last Chametz Dinner on April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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 ♦Get your very own Bedikat Chametz Kit for only \$2

To reserve 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, Sharon Kruschen, SCUSY Youth Advisor, 707/478-2663 or Sharon@eventsbp.com.

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Please join Congregation Beth Ami for our Community Passover Seder

> April 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

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## **RABBI's REMARKS** Rabbi George Schlesinger

When we Jews think about the Jewish calendar and the repetitive rituals of Judaism, we might think of the daily rituals like davening three times daily or the observance of Kashrut (the dietary laws). We might think of the weekly ritual of Shabbat, or the monthly ritual of Rosh Chodesh, (the beginning of the new month), or the annual rituals of all the various holidays (High Holy Days, the Pilgrimage festivals, Purim. Chanukah, etc.) Few of us spend time thinking about the 19-year cycle of the calendar which adjusts and realigns our lunar calendar with the solar calendar allowing us to continue celebrating the holidays in their proper season. Without the addition of those leap years (adding an additional 30-day month seven times during the 19-year cycle), we'd soon be celebrating Chanukah in July and Pesach in November.

As Abe Friedman wrote in his introduction to Massekhet Ha-Hammah (Tractate on the Sun)

"Every twenty-eight years, Jews gather to mark a unique occasion: the moment at which the sun returns to the spot it occupied in the heavens at the moment of its creation, on the Fourth Day. For more than a millenium, Birkat Ha-Hammah ("The Blessing of the Sun") has offered Jews the opportunity to stop, reflect on God's role and our role in creating and sustaining the universe, and give thanks for the natural bounty that surrounds us.

"Birkat Ha-Hammah is an anomalous moment in the Jewish calendar. We follow a predominantly lunar calendar, marking time and setting our holidays according to the moon's monthly cycles, but Birkat Ha-Hammah is tied to a purely solar moment: once, every twenty-eight years, when the vernal (Spring) equinox falls on a Tuesday night. Astute observers will notice, however, that the date of Birkat Ha-Hammah in 2009, April 8, is much later than the vernal equinox on March 20. While the ancient astronomical calculations were strikingly accurate — they differ from modern scientific observations by a matter of minutes — over the centuries, minutes add up to days. These slight inaccuracies, combined with medieval recalibrations in the solar calendar, move the date of Birkat Ha-Hammah progressively later. As a result, Birkat Ha-Hammah in 2009 falls out on the morning before Pesach, the date of the Fast of the Firstborn."

# Jill Levy, of the Jewish Theological Seminary, further wrote in her study guide to Massekhet Ha-Hammah,

"According to the Hebrew Bible, the sun was created on the fourth day. 'And God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; and the stars. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.' (Genesis 1:16-19) Rabbinic tradition adds that creation occurred during the Hebrew month of Nisan, the time of the year when the days become longer. It is taught that the sun

the The fourth rarest of all ove calendar events is about to take place. It is the Birkat Ha-Hammah...the blessing of the sun. It is an event that happens only every 28 years. This year, the Birkat Ha-Hammah occurs on Wednesday morning, April 8, the morning before Pesach.



was created Tuesday night, the fourth of Nisan. Birkat Ha-Hammah occurs on the day that the vernal equinox coincides with the

> fourth of Nisan, which is once every 28 years. Due to only slight overestimations of the solar and lunar years, in combination with the establishment of the Gregorian calendar, these two days rarely actually coincide. However, the Rabbis' prediction is always close.

> > "The connection between Passover this year and Birkat Ha-Hammah is even more astounding. In 2009, Birkat Ha-Hammah will be April 8, which means that it overlaps with the eve of Passover and the Fast of the Firstborn. Given that this coincidence is extremely rare, it is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn this tractate for the siyyum of the Fast of the Firstborn. In addition, Birkat Ha-Hammah is based solely upon the solar calendar while Passover is based more on the lunar calendar. In this way, the joining of these two events constitutes a uniting of the "two great lights," which are normally separate from one another."

The source for all this comes from the Talmud, Tractate Berachot 59b:

Our rabbis taught: He who sees the sun at its turning point, the moon in its power, the planets in their orbits or the signs of the zodiac in their order should say:

"Blessed are You who makes the work of creation." And when does this happen? Abaye said: Every twenty-eight years when the cycle begins again and the Nisan (Spring) equinox fall in Saturn on the evening of Tuesday, going into Wednesday.

The upshot of all this is that on Wednesday morning, April 8 at 7:30 a.m., coinciding with the Siyyum Bechorim (the service and study to preempt the Fast of the Firstborn), we will take this opportunity to celebrate the rarest of all Jewish calendar rituals. Since most of us will have the opportunity to celebrate Birkat Ha-Hammah no more than three times in our lives and only a few rare individuals might have the good fortune of celebrating it four times, and since this might be the ONLY time in our lives when it coincides with Erev Pesach and the service of the Firstborn, I invite everyone in the congregation to attend this service. For many of you, it may be a "once-in-a-lifetime event." Bring your children (let them miss school...or at least arrive late. I'll be happy to write them a religious "excuse") so that they can experience this unique occasion. I guarantee they (and you) will always remember the time they (and you) attended the service for Birkat Ha-Hammah. The service and the ritual itself might not seem that "impressive" or "awesome," but it will always be part of your memory bank.

I look forward to seeing you at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8.

I want to wish all of you a very happy and Kosher Pesach.



## Mazal tov to



Michelle & Paul Zygielbaum, grandparents, and Helen & Art Margolese, greatgrandparents, of Ava Michelle Zygielbaum.

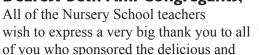
Hila & Tal Fichtelberg, big sister, Shai, and big brother, Ayal, on the birth of Oren Fichtelberg. He was born on March 17 and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.



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## Dearest Beth Ami Congregants,



delightful Shalach Manos baskets we received for Purim. This was a very sweet and generous gesture all around. Our love and appreciation to you from all of us.



## Beth Ami offers sincere condolences to

Joyce Zenick on the passing of **Jerry Zenick** on Thursday, March 5. Jerry is survived by wife Joyce, four daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

Joelle and Mark Burnette on the passing of Joelle's great-aunt **Toby Sternsher** 

Michele Guttenberg, David Matzner and their family on the death of David's grandfather, **Milton "Mickey" Brambir** 

Jill and Rick Goldberg on the passing of Jill's father, **Daniel Rubenfeld.** 

## Thanks to our newest eScrip supporters! Jennifer Hayes and Mark & Carol Rosen!

We so appreciate everyone's participation in the eScrip program. In these challenging economic times, all efforts make a difference. Not surprisingly, our first



month of 2009 was our lowest net monthly contribution since June, 2007. We're still making about the same number of transactions, however our level of purchases are down. So this means we need more Beth Ami members and friends to join us on eScrip.

If you are not a Beth Ami eScrip supporter, join now! Here's how to sign up: go to <u>www.eScrip.com</u> and designate Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa, **ID#136921119** to receive contributions. To sign up offline, there is a 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.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade tzedakah project update

Thank you for all of your generous contributions. To date we have:

- ♥13 towels♥89 books
- ♥37 pairs of adult socks
- ♥142 hygiene items

Our collection is on-going through the middle of May. Please bring your donations to Room 14, or the main office. *Thank you again,* 

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School class

## Looking for library lovers

Gabor Por, our librarian will be taking a four-month leave of absence starting March 30. We are looking for volunteers to cover the library hours, which are currently are Monday to Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and (during the Religious School year)



Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are looking for people who can commit to regular 2 or 4 hour shifts. The work includes checking in/out and reshelfing books and helping patrons finding books. Training will be provided. Please contact Gabor Por, <u>library@bethamisr.org</u>, if you are available to help.



TI D C D A

## The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Discussion Series, April 1

On March 4 our group discussed *Rashi's Daughters, Book 1: Joheved*, by Maggie Anton. Our moderator was Anne Feld. A most welcome enhancement was a phone hookup with the author, Maggie Anton, who

fielded questions and comments from the nine members who attended and filled out our impressions of her book, at the same time whetting our appetite for reading the subsequent volumes in this series. Some of us, who had some negative reactions to her book came away with a better understanding of the writer's intentions. Our librarian, Gabor Por, had arranged for this phone discussion with Maggie Anton when she was speaking at Beth Ami last October. Wouldn't it be fun if we could have such a conversation with other authors whose books we have read and discussed?

Our next meeting will be April 1 at 10 a.m. in Room 12-13 at Congregation Beth Ami. Our book will be *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson, and our discussion will be introduced and moderated by Ethel Schy.

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

## 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**, 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

## Chaverim classes in April & May

8 <sup>th</sup> grade:	April 30	May 14 & 28
9 <sup>th</sup> grade:	April 20	
10 <sup>th</sup> grade:	April 27	May 11
11th /12th grade:	April 23	May 7 & 21

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

## Chaverim events in April

SHABBAT SERVICE AT CST

Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. – Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. Honoring graduating Seniors. ALL Chaverim families welcome. A Shabbaton (sleepover) follows.

## Rosh Chodesh, April 26

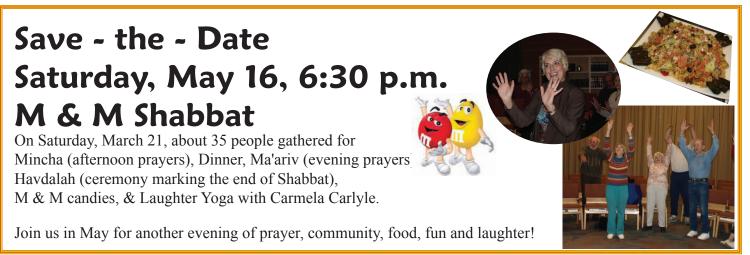
Please mark your calendars with the next event, **Springtime/Israel Independence celebration on Sunday, April 26 at 12:00 noon.**..more information to follow in Cybershul.



We invite girls and women of all ages to join us. Stay tuned for program information as each date approaches.

## Apartment in Israel for rent

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.



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**PRESIDENT'S PAGE** Patty Bernstein, President

### Oh, what a time we had!

There's nothing like Purim to get us in a joyful, fun-loving, even goofy mood. But I think we outdid ourselves this year. Thanks to **Melissa Bloom** for her Shalach Manos baskets idea—and the generosity of our members. Every congregant received a top hat (think Broadway theme) filled with wonderful goodies to celebrate the holiday. This was not a small feat, but a labor of love from which we all benefited. Thank you also to **Karen Gould, Andrea Nett and their team of volunteers** for their help with this project. Chag Purim Sameach, indeed!

Thanks to the Religious School's seventh grade for putting on a Carnival the Sunday before Purim. I'm so happy to see our B'nai Mitzvah class taking responsibility and helping create a really fun holiday atmosphere for our younger students. I hope that tradition continues—and grows. Those K-5<sup>th</sup> graders really look up to you, seventh graders. Thanks again to **Melissa**, for encouraging her students to take the lead!

Were you at the Monday evening celebration of Purim, featuring **Asher Nathan** on *Megillah*, when the costumes came out? The creative talent will not be topped—until next year. Having the reading of the *Megillah* a bit earlier than usual allowed more children to take part before their bedtime. We all want to have our youngsters feel more "at home" in our synagogue. And so, the mitzvah of Purim was fulfilled ... but, wait, here comes the Purim spiel!

The first spiel seeds were sown mid-summer 2008, when Andy Fleming gathered a group of wacky, out-of-the-box, imaginative folks to take on the *Megillah According to Broadway* that Norman Roth had written and give it the Beth Ami twist. And they did just that!

Thanks to everyone for making this Purim the most joyous of recent past. May we continue this strength. It feels so good.

Leanne Schy was instrumental in rewrites and revisions—adding new songs, choreography, and (groan) puns. Who would have guessed that castanets would play a part in a Broadway Megillah?! A Play Bill was deemed a necessity, so Bonnie Boren and Leanne collaborated to pry "stage bios" from the cast and create a marvelous memento for the audience. Phil Dwight assessed the sound situation and convinced the players that everything would be just fine if they'd just sing into the "mic." And it was!

**Nancy Hayashibara**, pianist/musical director extraordinaire, pulled the rag-tag group altogether: coaching, uploading music to practice by, giving warm-up exercises, supporting our efforts 110%. She was truly the wind beneath our wings!

Andrea Nett selected the most lush of chocolate, cheese, and libation for Saturday night (and a delightful luncheon fare for Sunday), so even if the performance was less than we'd hoped, our audience would come away sated. The "after-band" gave folks a chance to boogie-out ... a great emotional release from the performance, whether you were a member of the audience or the cast!

I've heard many people say they enjoyed the performances, and I'm so happy. I've heard that this was "the best ever" ... which is kind of scary and makes me think we should end on a "high." But the grease-paint and faux-beard hair are now in my blood, and I'm looking forward to Purim 5770!

Thanks to all who sent Shalach Manos, dressed in costume, sat in the audience, admired the costumes, helped decorate for Purim events, brought students to Religious School, came faithfully to rehearsals, applauded, listened to the Beth Ami Players learn their lines and songs at home, participated in *any* way.



## ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY, YOM HA'ATZMAUT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 6-8 p.m.

Join the entire Santa Rosa Jewish community as we celebrate Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'Atzmaut at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa. Our congregation, along with others and various Jewish organizations will present an evening designed to strengthen ties with Israel and the Jewish community around the world. Enjoy Israeli food, music, stories, dance, crafts and singing.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to set, decorate, clean up, and such for the event. To volunteer (or for more information), contact **Bob Raful**, saladbox@netdex.com or 523-3253.Stay tuned for more information and prices.

This celebration is the shared joy of Congregations Beth Ami and Shomrei Torah, JCC, Sonoma County, JCRC North Bay, Jewish Family and Children's Services, Jewish Community Free Clinic, and Hillel of Sonoma County with cooperation from Chabad of Sonoma County.





## MEMO FROM JERUSALEM

Bob Raful & Roberta Berg

As noted in last month's column, I have drawn on the adventures of Roberta Berg and her friend, Stan Roodman, during their two month+ stay in Israel. By the time you read this, our friends will have returned to Santa Rosa; but you can relive all their activities by logging on to their blog: <u>http://stanandroberta.blogsport.com/.</u>

In the meantime, here are some highlights I enjoyed:

"After morning lectures at Pardes, we took #21 bus to the Herzl Museum on the bottom of Mt. Herzl. One follows Herzl life from one stage to another as one goes from one room to another. Also displayed is his complete library transported from Vienna. They also recreate in smaller scale the Basel venue of the first of several International Zionist convention where an actor on film delivers some of his speeches. The tour ends with a wonderful travel log thru current Israel showing an amazing landscape and diversity. Most moving! Without his vision it is hard to see how Israel would come into being after only 50 years from his dream and goal. On the National Cemetery above, Herzl has the most prominent burial site. His whole family is also buried here along with a memorial to his daughter killed in the Holocaust. Next is Jabotinsky as the second most prominent tomb followed by Rabin, then all the Prime Ministers of the early period and key Zionist Presidents. We also visited the soldiers' graves from 1949 thru 1973 wars. Very emotional experience there.

"Later that evening, went to David Hartman's lecture on Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan and his unsuccessful attempt to change 20<sup>th</sup> century Judaism in America. Hartman tried to do the same with orthodoxy. " (Bob: Dr. David Hartman, Founder-Director of the Hartman Institute is one of the most respected scholar-teachers in the Jewish world).

Then from another blog, a day when our friends toured part of the Tel Aviv University campus, they were taken on a private tour, about 40 minutes up the coast from Tel Aviv:

"We drove to Zichron Ya'acov one of the earliest Jewish agricultural settlements of modern times on land was purchased in 1880 by Baron Rothschild to begin the re-building of a Jewish homeland. The town was built on top of a small mountain for security. The original main street is now a lovely pedestrian mall with many shops and restaurants including the Tishbi Winery and Restaurant where we had a delightful lunch and some fine wine."

All of which reminds me to remind you that April 29 is Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. Santa Rosa will mark the day with a celebration. There are details on page 7.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.

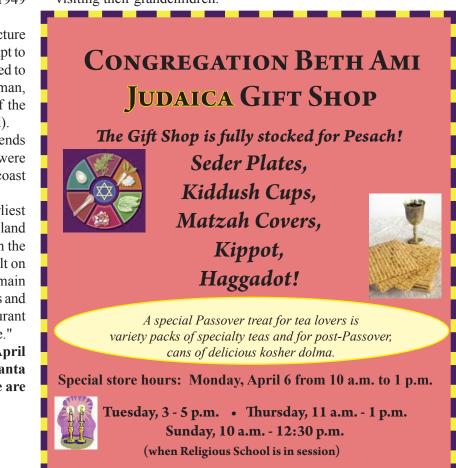


## New Member News

Dave Ballo

**Arnold and Mieneke Drake** were married in August, 2007, and moved to Santa Rosa in November, 2008 from Memphis, TN, to be closer to Mieneke's daughter Sharon, who lives in San Francisco (and who recently gave birth to Mieneke's first grandson), and to enjoy our Northern California climate. Arnold was born in Cincinnati, but grew up in Harriman, a small town in eastern Tennessee. He graduated from the University of Tennessee (UT), Knoxville, and went on to medical school at UT Memphis. Arnold practiced medicine for over 40 years in Memphis, specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology. Arnold has two children of his own: his daughter Alison lives in Marietta, GA with her husband and two kids, and son Stanley, his partner, and adopted daughter live in Washington, D.C. Arnold was very active in Beth Sholom Synagogue in Memphis, and served as PFLAG (parents and friends of lesbian and gays) national president for two years.

**Mieneke** was born and raised in Maarssen, in the Netherlands, in a Zionist family. She studied child psychology and sociology at Utrecht University and University of Memphis. She also lived in Israel for about two years, over the course of seven trips, including a stint during the Six-Day War in 1967. Mieneke worked many years as a landscape designer, and volunteered at many Jewish organizations in Memphis. Mieneke's other child David and his wife live in Orlando, FL, and are expecting their first child next September. Mieneke loves to garden, and together with Arnold, they enjoy hiking, skiing, and visiting their grandchildren.





## Mazal Tov to our Bar Mitzvah



## David Aime Sutter April 4, 2009 10 Nisan 5769

On April 4, I will take my first step as a man equipped with the teachings and wonder of my childhood. This is the beginning of a pleasing journey, of responsibility, and dedication to Judaism. With blessings and support, I take pride in making my Bar Mitzvah. Uniquely, my parashat, Tzav, means, "command" and is about sacrifice. One way of being an exceptional

person in God's eyes is making the sacrifice to connect to our Jewish heritage. In preparing for my Bar Mitzvah, I have made many sacrifices, such as not playing on the basketball team, or spending free time in Air Soft games. This is a special sacrifice and connection from me to God. Please join me at Congregation Beth Ami as I am called to the bimah to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah.

## THE STORIES OF OUR MATRIARCHS



## Tova Rostov

Tova believes that good humor, interest in the world and commitment to family, friends and the continuation of Jewish culture is important in life.

We light a candle in appreciation of Tova Rostov.

Tova is a Midwest girl. She was born on June 10, 1915 in Kansas City, Missouri and was orphaned when she was very young, growing up in an orphanage.While she was there a woman befriended her and gave her encouragement and attention, making her feel loved and special.

Tova and her husband David moved to Santa Rosa many years ago.They were very active with Beth Ami and Tova sang with the Beth Ami Chorus. She danced Israeli folk dances and established a class in Yiddish and a Yiddish language conversation group. She was active with Friendship Circle from the beginning of that program. David is fondly remembered for his warm and friendly greetings when he ushered at services for many years at Beth Ami.

Tova was always interested in all sorts of new ideas especially about health and psychology. She and David traveled all over the United States to attend family celebrations like weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, anniversaries and birthdays. They had a huge extended family. Tova's good humor, interest in the world and commitment to her family, friends and the continuation of Jewish culture and language enrich our community.

## **SCUSY STUFF** Sharon Kruschen, SCUSY Youth Advisor

SCUSY had a fun hands-on event last month. We each got to make our very own Hamentashen cookies at board member Abby Selya's home. Our favorite flavors of the night were raspberry, apricot and poppy seed. Thanks for the great recipe Abby!

Take a look at SCUSY'S annual Chametz Dinner information on the front page of this newsletter.

Kadima (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Kinnus applications are now available. Please visit the SCUSY website or come by the Beth Ami office to pick up your applications. Kadima Kinnus will take place May 1-3

Visit the SCUSY website at www.scusynf.



USYers making Hamentashen cookies for Purim

## From our Diller teen...

I recently had another meeting with my fellow Diller teens. We continued planning our Jewish learning community service project which will take place in late April. The Israeli parallel group to Diller will be traveling to the United States for a seminar at the Marin Headlands with our Diller group. I have been e-mailing with my pen pal, Imry Zagury. I am looking forward to meeting him. We are went to a Warrior's game on March 30. Although there are only 18 of the Israeli group and 20 of our Diller group, the Israeli teens will be spending the weekend with a host family. We hope our family will be able to host Imry Zagury here in Sonoma County.

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.



## Biur Chametz—Getting rid of Chametz

Doing your spring-cleaning while getting rid of chametz? Do a mitzvah with what you're getting rid of.



Donate unopened packages of chametz to the **Food Bank**—there's a barrel in the lounge.

Donate other items to Beth Ami for the **Yard Sale**, Sunday, April 5-7. Find more information on the cover of this Shofar.





Donate used athletic shoes of all kinds to the "**Great Shoe-In**," locally sponsored by Congregation Shomrei Torah, and community partners, including Coddingtown Mall. Drop off shoes, tied together, at Shomrei Torah or Coddingtown Mall between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on

April 11, 12, 25, and 26 or at the Santa Rosa High School tennis courts from 3 to 5 Tuesdays through Fridays during April. Find more drop-off sites and get more information at www.kzst.com/clubz/SHOES2009color.pdf.

## P'kuach Nefesh—Saving a Life

**April is National Donate Life Month.** If you aren't already an organ donor, register now at <u>www.ctdn.org/</u>; it only takes a minute. Register regardless of your age or health, because more people are eligible than think they are. Let your family members know you're registered.

Help increase the number of living donors. Currently 78,209 of those waiting for an organ transplant are waiting for a kidney; every one of them *could* have a kidney from a living donor. However, the cost of travel and lost wages can be a significant barrier for living donors. (Medical expenses are covered by the recipient's insurance.) H.R. 218, the Living Organ Donor Tax Credit Act of 2009, would provide a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 to offset those expenses, making it possible for those who could not otherwise afford to do so to donate a kidney, liver, lung, pancreas, intestine, bone marrow, or any part thereof. Call Rep. Lynn Woolsey at 707/542-7182; urge her to support and co-sponsor H.R. 218. Or request her support at http:// capwiz.com/kidney/issues/bills/?bill=12731371. She's more likely to respond to telephone calls. Tell her this "cost-neutral" bill would ultimately save taxpayers millions, even billions of dollars. Dialysis, usually covered by a Medicare program, costs \$71,000 annually. Last year 5,394 people became living donors. Just doubling that number could save almost \$400 million a year in dialysis costs.

Gabor Por, Librarian

By the time you read this column your librarian will be on a leave of absence. Despair not though, as the library will stay open with the help of volunteers. As of the writing of this column we do not have the information whether we will be able to keep the same hours as before but we'll strive for it. Contact our trusted and valued volunteer, Ruth Rosenberg, 544-2919 and she'll be happy to open up the library for you.

April is a busy month in terms of celebrations. First we have the joy of celebrating Passover. Last April I wrote about the resources the library has, including 22 Haggadot, 24 children books, five cassettes and four videos. Since then we acquired one more Haggadah, a beautifully decorated piece from 1950.

This year Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, falls on April 21. Check last May's Shofar for recommendations about books and videos related to this solemn day. Since last year the related part of our collection grew with 24 items. Here are some you might be interested in:

- Black: *IBM and the Holocaust* exploring the question, "was IBM, 'The Solutions Company,' partly responsible for the Final Solution?"
- Bower: Nazi Gold the subtitle of the books is telling: The Full Story of the Fifty-Year Swiss-Nazi Conspiracy to Steal Billions from Europe's Jews and Holocaust Survivors.
- Dodd: Letters from Nuremberg Thomas Dodd's personal letters from the Nuremburg trial to his wife as presented by his son, Senator Christopher Dodd (our copy is signed by the Senator).
- ▶ Gaon: Del Fuego: Sephardim and the Holocaust A collection of lectures documenting the annihilation of the great Sephardic centers.
- ▶ Justman: *The Jewish Holocaust for Beginners* A graphic novel for adults and children.
- Petropoulos: *The Faustian Bargain* An invaluable account of how certain artists profited from the Nazi system.
- On April 29 we honor Israel's Independence Day. For this occasion the library put together a bibliography of some of the items we have about Eretz Yisrael, its history and people. You can pick it up at our commemoration, in the library or download it from the library's website.

As you can see there are plenty of reasons to visit the library around holidays. You don't need one though to come on in, you are welcome any time.

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



## Broadway Megillah Purim 2009

Photos by Ed Sherman and Paula Schlesinger









The ensemble cast and musicians of the Megillah According to Broadway, Purim 2009. April 2009 • Congregation Beth Ami Shofar • page 11



## **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.

## **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Stan Diamond Lauren & Mike Newman In honor of Al & Susanne Batzdorff's 65th anniversary Pat & Bill Thomas Lillian Judd **Bob & Susy Raful** Edith Newman Sylvia Sucher In honor of the birth of Ava Michelle Zvgielbaum In honor of Bea Waterhouse on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah Andy & Nancy Fleming In memory of my brother, William Friedman **Robin Rose** In honor of Alfred & Susanne Batzdorff's great-grandson, Laszlo Sylvia Sucher Mazal Tov to Mimi Rubinstein on the birth of her grandson, Charlie Mazal Tov to Dr. Arnold & Mieneke Drake on the birth of their grandson Mazal Tov to grandparents Michelle & Paul Zygielbaum and great grandparents Helen & Art Margolese on the birth of baby Ava Todah Robah to Asher Nathan for chanting Megillah Ester Todah Rodah to the dedicated cast and band of the Broadway Megillah Mazal Tov to David Sutter upon his Bar Mitzvah Mazal Tov to Sophia Gross upon her Bat Mitzvah Mazal Tov to Vanessa & Patrick Riggs on the birth of their daughter, Claire Mazal Tov to grandparents Jon & Rose Batzdorff and great-grandparents, Al & Susanne Batzdorff on the birth of the baby of Lisa & Josh Mazal Tov to Beatrice Waterhouse upon her Bat Mitzvah Welcome to our new members, Harold & Barbara Boren The Ballo Family

In honor of Michelle & Paul Zygielbaum's new granddaughter

Barbara & Gary Greensweig

Mazel Tov to Art & Helen Margolese on their new great-granddaugther Pat Thomas In memory of my husband Marilyn Diamond In honor of our new grandson In honor of Al & Susanne Batzdorff's anniversary Arnold & Mieneke Drake In memory of Benjamin Friedman, Robin Rose's beloved father In memory of my devoted husband, Ken Lipfield Arline Thomas In celebration of Al & Susanne Batzdorff's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Congratulations to Helen & Arthur Margolese on becoming greatgrandparents **Rosalie Schweit** In honor of David Sutter's Bar Mitzvah **Yvonne Harrosh** In honor of my great-granddaughter, Lisette Esther Clayton **Raynore** Paule In memory of my father, Gorge Tyutinman Adolf Tyutinman In honor of Rachel Simkovitz's Bat Mitzvah The Kreger Family In honor of the cast of the Purim Spiel Andy & Nancy Fleming In honor of Alfred & Susanne Batzdorff's new great grandson In memory of Jerry Zenick Zara Raab In honor of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah In honor of Natalie Friedman's 90th birthday In honor of Bernice Fox's 80th birthday Judi Rosenthal In honor of Rachel Simkovitz's Bat Mitzvah In honor of David Sutter's Bar Mitzvah In celebration of Arnold & Meineke Drake's new grandchild Lindsay Kvam In memory of my parents Barbara Branagan In honor of Bernice Fox's birthday Natalie Friedman

In memory of my father, Michael Brust In honor of David Sutter's Bar Mitzvah Barbara McGee In memory of Polly Boyd Betty Boyd & Eli Cohen In memory of Ethel's mother, Frieda Goldman Ethel & Stuart Schy In honor of Paula Schlesinger's & Bonnie Boren's excellent Academy Award winner selection skills **Robin Winning** In honor of our aliyah on Shabbat Jaimee & Michael Bloom A generous donation **Darrell Watkins** In memory of Hella Margolin **Raynore** Paule In memory of my brother-in-law, Merwin Weinberg **Shirley Rosaler** In appreciation of Rabbi Schlesinger for being a good teacher In appreciation of Melissa Bloom and a job well done In appreciation of Arnold & Mieneke Drake and their willingness to jump right into CBA In memory of David Matzner's grandfather, Milton "Mickey" Brambir In memory of Jerry Zenick Mazal Tov to Paul & Michelle Zygielbaum on becoming grandparents Susan Miller Thanks to all the members who gave me a Shalach Manos basket Therese Becraft

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#### LIBRARY FUND Mazal Tov to great grandparents Al & Sue Batzdorff; grandparents Jon & Rose Batzdorff; and parents Lisa & Josh

Batzdorff Kearns on the birth of Laszlo Elisabeth Van Nuvs



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In honor of Bernice Fox's 80th birthday *Edythe Smith* 

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In memory of Phillip & Sylvia Feingold *Stan Feingold* 

In memory of my father, Hatskel Pipkin *Sheyna Bakman* 

In honor of the Purim festival and all the goodies that go with it

*Evey Abramowitz* A generous donation

Darrell Watkins

## Kvell (rejoice) with us!

### **April Birthdays**

- 1 Asher Nathan
- 1 John Rosenbach
- 3 Ety Dranow
- 4 Dr. Miriam Wald
- 4 Phil Zeidman
- 5 Kim Solomon
- 6 Alan Krubiner
- 6 Dr. John Leipsic 7 Joe Graff
- 7 Staci Leipsic
- 7 Sylvia Marlin
- 10 Joan Schloss
- 13 Elizabeth Jarlsberg
- 13 Richard Lazovick
- 16 Heath Winer
- 18 Barbara Tomin
- 19 Barbara Whitaker
- 20 Martha Lane
- 21 Phyllis Shapiro
- 22 Karen Gould
- 26 Bonnie Sudler
- 27 Ross Jones
- 27 Birgit Sacher
- 28 Betty Franks
- 28 Jeffrey Stein-Larson
- 29 Carol Swanson30 Jonathan Batzdorff

### Jonathan Datzuotti

## **April Anniversaries**

26 Susan Miller & Jerry Lakins



## Telling the Story: Creating Continuity Sonoma County Yom Hashoah Commemoration Sunday, April 19, from 2–4 p.m. 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, telling the story of the journey from Europe through Shanghai to Santa Rosa, and the transmission of Holocaust memory within their family. Gesher Calmenson, founder of Remember Us: The Holocaust Bnai Mitzvah Project will share ways that Holocaust memory is being transmitted to a new generation in synagogues around the country.

There will be musical selections by gifted teen musicians from the Jewish Community High School of the Bay in San Francisco accompanied by Maestro Gary Sheldon, and liturgical music by cantorial soloist Fredi Bloom.

The event is co-sponsored by 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.



## SIMCHA BOARD

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

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## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>

April 5Sylvia KupperbergMother of Michael KupperbergApril 5Jacqueline RubinWife of Dave RubinApril 7Maklouf OiknineFather of Therese BecraftApril 8Sydney GarsonFather of Andrea NettApril 10Max NewmanFather-in-Law of Edith Newman

### Announced on April 10th and 11th

Harry Estrin April 12 Uncle of Charlene Bornstein **Benjamin Miller** April 12 Father of Susan Miller April 12 Harry Rubin Brother of Dave Rubin April 13 Harry Drake Father of Arnold Drake April 14 Morris Abrams Grandfather of Patty Bernstein April 14 Betty Katz Mother of Audrey Darby Ben Glass April 14 Father of Gussie Levine April 17 Tema Zygielbaum Aunt of Paul Zygielbaum

### Announced on April 17th and 18th

Chana Penkovich April 19 Aunt of Sarah Tyutinman April 20 Elizavyeta M. Gaiger Mother of Marina Voulfson Simon Jules Weil April 20 Father of Phil Weil April 22 Bea Goldstein Mother of Marilyn Diamond & Grandmother of Lauren Newman April 22 Rose Pinsky Mother of Dorothy Gerstein Sophie Shapiro April 22 Mother of Michael Shapiro April 22 Mildred Stromer Mother of Marilyn Sommer **Rosemary Friedman** April 23 Mother of Bill Friedman

### Announced on April 24th and 25th

April 26 Joseph Zygielbaum Father of Paul Zygielbaum April 27 Samuel Gordon Husband of Marjorie Gordon April 27 Patricia Karr Mother of Noor Karr April 28 Isaac Monoson Father of Rosalie Schweit Albert Sisenwein April 28 Father of Shirley Rosaler April 29 Jules Goldman Brother-in-Law of Evey Abramowitz Robert Lasky April 29 Friend of Esther Robinson April 29 Anna Sterman Mother of Milton "Whitey" Sterman April 30 Yefim Friedland Brother of Shevna Bakman April 30 Joseph Liverman Grandfather of Patty Bernstein April 30 Sara-Mysya Penkovich Grandmother of Sarah Tyutinman **Rose Abrams** May 1 Grandmother of Patty Bernstein May 1 Margret Close Mother of Signe Minuskin

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### April 26

#### **CHAMBER MUSIC**

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### May 31

#### MIRIAM'S WELL

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#### June 14

### ATLANTIC BRASS QUINTET

Program to be Announced

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### Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County JCC FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE LUNCHEON: DELOVELY SING ALONG MONDAY, APRIL 20 AT NOON

Sing along with Jack Dawson & Adele Oppenheimer to the playful and sophisticated sounds from the late thirties and forties. The repertoire of standards, arranged by Jack, comes in a variety of styles and genres from show tunes to smooth jazz and the blues, including music by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and George & Ira Gershwin. *RSVP by Thursday, April 16 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. Contact Fran Danoff, 528-1476 or frand@jccsoco.org to save your place. All older adults (55+) are invited to our Friendship Circle luncheons.

#### **JCC Meditation and Spirituality Program**

Receive the Torah Within

#### Sunday, May 31, 5 p.m., place tbd

A day-long retreat with Rabbi Lavey Derby of Congregation Kol Shofar. In this day of spiritual learning and practice, we learn to hear the Divine voice within. Using text study of Zohar and guided meditation, participants will recognize one's own inner wisdom, illuminating Truth. This retreat is appropriate for all levels; no prior meditation experience or knowledge of Zohar needed. **For more information**: Sheila Katz, Director, JCC Meditation and Spirituality Program, 528-4222 x 330 or sheilak@jccsoco.org

#### JCC SUMMER DAY CAMP

Art and Music Camp: July 6 - July 9
 Tennis/Swim Camp: July 13 - 17
 Camp Chai

 Session 1: July 20-24, Celebrating Jewish Heroes
 Session 2: July 27-31, Fun with Jewish Festivals

#### Camp Chai Received Honorable Mention in the Bohemian Best of 2009 Guide!

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

#### **Russian River Passover Seder, April 10**

Russian River Jewish Community is holding its annual community Passover Seder, a potluck feast and celebration of freedom, spring and Jewish traditions. Music will be provided by Jubilee Klezmer Ensemble. Gather at 5 p.m., ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Monte Rio Community Center (Koret Club), Monte Rio Members \$12, non-members \$15, children half-price.

#### Maccabiah Games

Though currently at UC Davis, Congregation Beth Ami has done much to make me who I am today. Besides going to Religious School and having my Bar Mitzvah here, I took part in both Kehillah and the wonderful Camp Chai. Thus, I feel that not only do I owe the congregation thanks, but I also feel comfortable asking for help.

I was recently selected to compete in the half-marathon at the **18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah Games.** The Maccabiah Games (aka Jewish Olympics) are held once every four years in Israel, with over 9,000 Jewish athletes representing about 60 nations. While the majority of the three-week trip is subsidized, each athlete needs to raise \$3,300. It is for this that I am asking for help.

While I know times are tough, I am asking for any and all donations, which can be made online at <u>www.active.com/</u><u>donate/usahalfmarathon/wolf-root</u>. Of course, feel free to contact me at runnerforlife86@gmail.com.

As I have never been to Israel, this trip will undoubtedly change my life, and I want to thank you for both helping raise the funds to get there, and, more-so, for helping make me the person I am today.

Sincerely, Alex Wolf-Root

#### Jewish Community Information & Referral

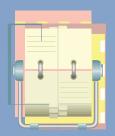
Want to host or learn more about the Seder? You can ask JCIR more than four questions: Ask us about:

- ▶ The Four Questions, Dr. Seuss style
- Top ten places to hide (and find) the afikomen
- Passover humor, rebus, skits and games E-cards
- Medieval, traditional and original Passover songs
- Passover food, including international charoset recipes
- ▶ Places to buy Seder plates, haggadot, matza, Passover foods
- Community Seders, nearby and out of town

For everything you want to know about Passover and connecting with Jewish life: 415-775-4545; 877-777-5247; Info@Jewish-Nfo.org; www.planitjewish.com; www.bayjews.org.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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Hillel	David Rubinstein, 795-5464
Jewish Community Federation	Kirsten Miller, 568-6207
JNF-Trees in Israel	Shevi Posman, 292-7438
Jewish Community Free Clinic	Donna Waldman, 585-7780
Jewish Community Info & Referral	Judy Musante, 877/777-5247
Jewish Community Relations Council	Suzan Berns, 415/957-1551
Jewish Family & Children's Services	Diana Klein, 571-8131
Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County	Beth Goodman, 528-4222
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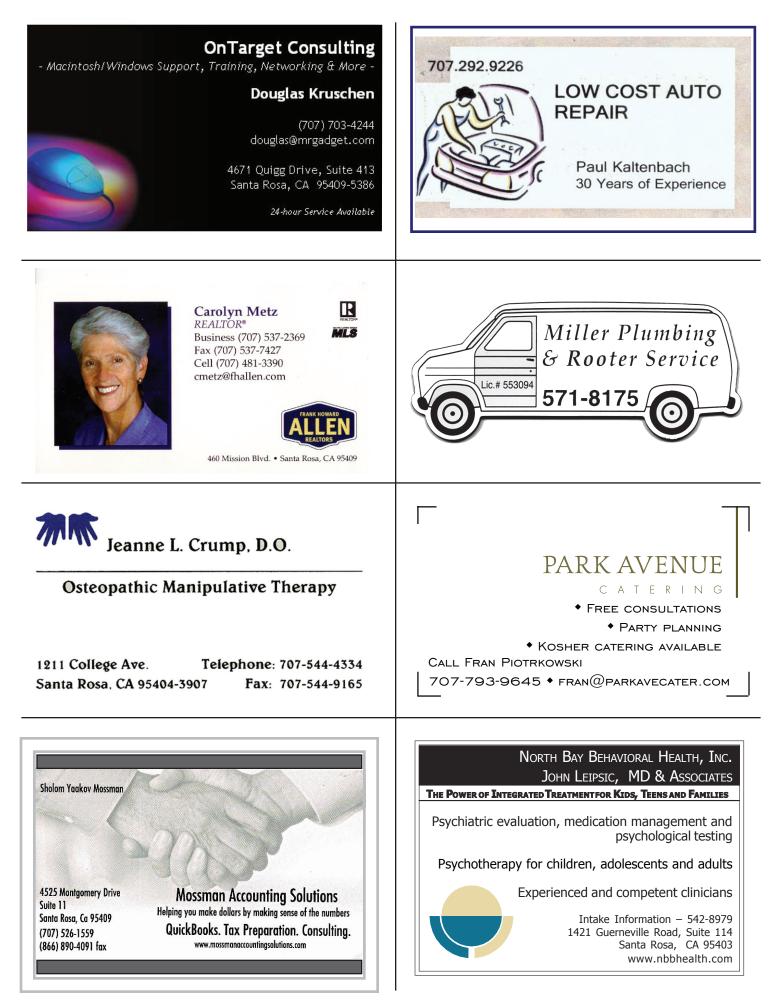
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SHABBAT DINNER – Friday, April 3, 6 p.m.	<b>REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT</b>						
Member Adult: \$14 #@ \$14=	□I/We would like to make a contribution to the following event:						
Non member Adult \$18 #@ \$18=	for someone who would otherwise be unable to attend in the amount of \$						
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In observance of Passover the office will be closed April 9, 10, 15, 16.

Have a Kosher and a happy Passover.



## Schedule of Services for April

#### Friday Evening, April 3

(Candle Lighting 7:17 pm) 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

#### Saturday, April 4 • 10 Nisan

9:30 am Shabbat Tzav-HaGadol David Sutter, son of Jacqueline and Mark Sutter, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Hosted luncheon after services

### Wednesday, April 8

7:30 am Service of the Firstborn Birkat Ha-Hammah, Blessing of the Sun (Candle Lighting for 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Passover: 7:22 pm)

### Thursday, April 9 • 15 Nisan

9:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Day Passover Services
6:00 pm Community Seder for 2<sup>nd</sup> Night
(Candle Lighting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Passover: 8:23 pm)

**Friday, April 10 • 16 Nisan** 9:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Passover Services 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services (Candle Lighting 7:24 pm)

Saturday, April 11 • 17 Nisan 9:30 am Shabbat Chol HaMoed Services Kosher L'Pesach lunch following services (Saturday Havdalah: 8:25 pm) **Tuesday Evening, April 14** Erev 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover (Candle Lighting for 7<sup>th</sup> Day Passover: 7:27 pm)

Wednesday, April 15 • 21 Nisan 9:30 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Passover Services (Candle Lighting for 8<sup>th</sup> Day Passover: 8:28 pm)

**Thursday, April 16 • 22 Nisan** 9:30 am 8<sup>th</sup> Day Passover Services Yizkor will be recited (Havdalah: 8:28 pm)

**Friday Evening, April 17** (Candle Lighting: 7:30 pm) 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday April 18 • 24 Nisan 9:30 am Shabbat Shemini Services Hosted luncheon after services (Saturday Havdalah: 8:31 pm)

**Friday Evening, April 24** (Candle Lighting: 7:37 pm) 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday April 25 • 1 Iyar 9:30 am Shabbat Tazria-Metzora Services Potluck lunch following services (Saturday Havdalah: 8:38 pm)