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Shofar

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Special Shabbat Speaker: Michael Ezra, May 14

In March, thanks to the efforts of Barbara Duchon, Chavurah Bet hosted Michael Ezra, Chair of the Jewish Studies Program at Sonoma State University.

Michael has graciously consented to address our entire congregation during Shabbat evening services on Friday, May 14. Services will begin at the usual time of 7:30 PM, and Michael will address us during the time usually reserved for the Rabbi's sermon.

Michael will share with us some of the facts and details of the program, but even more importantly he plans to invite us to several lectures and possibly even some classes.

You will not want to miss this major opportunity for Jewish learning! Please help us all to give Michael a proper Beth Ami welcome!

~Arnold Drake

Please
mark May 25
at 7:00 PM in your
calendars and
join us in the
Friedman Center for an
exciting and
stimulating
evening.

Action Assembly: May 25

On Tuesday, May 25, Congregation Beth Ami will host the first community gathering of the North Bay Sponsoring Committee.

We expect more than 500 people to convene in the Friedman Center. Along with delegates from other synagogues, churches and non-profits, the press, local and regional politicians, civic leaders, and a large concerned citizenry will be there. We will have the opportunity to hear what is important to each group; we will have the opportunity to learn about others in our community and to begin building relationships with people with whom we might otherwise never meet. We will have the opportunity to demonstrate that there is a loud voice concerned about issues in our community that can be addressed. It is a non-partisan approach to affecting significant change.

As the host congregation, we have an opportunity to "showcase" our facility and to act as gracious hosts to the hundreds who will attend. When the representatives from each congregation stand and are recognized, it will be important that Beth Ami have a strong showing of support.

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Mark
Your
Calendar

CBA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 3

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BBQ AT 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING
AT 7:30 PM

The nominating committee is looking for board members. Our goal is to make the board a diverse group of individuals who are familiar with and willing to work on synagogue governance.

For more information,
please call Barb at 525-8620 or
Arnold at 542-1765.

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Contact Ruth Rosenberg, 707/544-2919 for an appointment.

Gift Shop

Tuesday 4-6 PM, Thursday 11 AM - 1 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM - 12 noon (when Religious School is in session)

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- ▶ Andrea Nett, Catering Director
- ▶ Edythe Smith, Invitations, 538-3698

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 June/July Shofar: May 17

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, 360-3000 or newsletter@bethamirs.org with corrections, concerns or questions.

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RABBI'S REMARKS

Rabbi George Schlesinger

I always approach the holiday of Shavu'ot with a mix of joy and sadness.

The joy comes from several different thoughts: 1) The summer is coming and as the synagogue program quiets down, there's the opportunity to "take a breath" before the upcoming High Holy Days; 2) We have the opportunity to celebrate this gem of a holiday once again with its message of commitment to God because our ancestors received the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai; 3) During services we read the meaningful and lovely Book of Ruth from the Bible; and 4) We have the opportunity to participate in a Tikkun Leyl Shavu'ot, the night-time study session (supposedly all night long) demonstrating our readiness to receive God's revelation once again.

The sadness I feel comes from the fact that of all the major Jewish holidays (those mentioned in the Torah) this is the most ignored and forgotten of all days. Perhaps it's because the holiday is only two days long unlike Pesach or Sukkot which each last longer than a week. Perhaps it's because there are no elaborate preparations to make: no Sukkah to build and no Seder for which to prepare. Perhaps it's because Shavu'ot doesn't seem so momentous as Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. Perhaps it's because it doesn't have the "child friendly appeal" of Chanukah (with its lighting of the menorah, dreidles, and latkes) or Purim (with the fun of the Megillah reading, the Hamantaschen, and the costumes). Shavu'ot is one of the major holidays of the Jewish year... on a par with Pesach, Sukkot, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, yet it's ignored and nearly forgotten.

Still, there are those of us who would argue that Shavu'ot is the most important of all holidays. And when one understands the theme of the holiday, this observation seems almost self-evident even to "outsiders."

I met with two lovely Muslim young ladies recently who were preparing their project for a Comparative Religion class at Santa Rosa Junior College. One of the girls was of Afghani-Pakistani heritage and the other was a girl from Senegal who has been in the States only since Fall '07. We spent a most enjoyable two and a half hours as they asked serious, probing, and interesting questions. When we spoke about the holidays and they asked which one was the "most important," I told them that most people would answer that question with "Yom Kippur." I shared with them the significance of Rosh Hashanah, and I told them that most Jews observe Pesach and celebrate Chanukah. I told them that the synagogues are full on Purim and that people truly enjoy Simchat Torah. I answered their question, however, with "Shavu'ot." When I told them that Shavu'ot represents our standing at Mt. Sinai to receive the 10 Commandments and the Torah, they're the ones who said, "Well, of course! Without that event, there'd

be nothing else of Judaism." Perhaps their instantaneous recognition of Shavu'ot's importance is really matched within the Jewish world...but I tend to doubt it. Our synagogues are woefully empty on Shavu'ot.

Our contribution to the world, our place in world history is predicated on the "fact" that we stood at Mt. Sinai, that we received the 10 Commandments, and that we carried forth the message of monotheism. Sure, we left Egypt seven weeks before standing at Sinai (at least, according to tradition), but the purpose of the Exodus was not only to be freed from physical slavery but also to enter into the covenant with God at Sinai. And were it not for the events at Sinai, the world would have taken little note of us. Without the Covenant of God promising us the Land of Canaan, without the Covenant of God establishing a mode of ethical living, without the Covenant of God giving us a task in the world (to spread the word of God to the nations), without the Covenant of God charging us to be a "Light unto the Nations," we would have been swallowed up by the Sinai Desert, lost to the pages of history and just as unknown and unrecognized as any other Bedouin tribe in the Sinai wilderness.

Who would know anything about Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur without the Torah? How would there ever have been a Sukkot, a Chanukah or a Purim without the establishment of the Jewish people? What would we know about Kashrut or Shabbat without the laws of Leviticus? Without the Torah, there would never have been a Mishnah or a Talmud, Maimonides would never have written his Code of Jewish Law, the Shulchan Aruch would never have come into being, the Baal Shem Tov would not have founded the Chassidic movement, and there would be no connection to Israel. The prophets would not have railed against idolatry and the Temple would never have been built (nor destroyed for that matter). There would be no Christianity and no Islam. What a different world it would be were it not for the events at Sinai and Shavu'ot!

And the fact that most Jews totally ignore this magnificent occasion to remember the events of Sinai, that most Jews miss the opportunity to read and listen to the Book of Ruth and the 10 Commandments as the Torah is read, the fact that Shavu'ot is relegated to insignificance makes me very sad.

Rabbi Harold Kushner once wrote that as a rabbi he has two great loves: Judaism and the Jewish people. His fondest hope and dream, however, was to get his two great loves to love each other. In a perfect Jewish world, our synagogues would be full on Shavu'ot and our people would take the importance of this holiday to heart.

I can only pray that this year will be the year that leads us on that path, and while I will be away on sabbatical this year, I urge you to attend the Tikkun Leyl Shavu'ot on Tuesday, May 18 and the services for the two days: May 19 and 20.

Chag Same'ach.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our newest members:

Regina & Fred Marvan

They have recently relocated to Santa Rosa from Florida in order to be closer to their children and are now residing at Varenna.

Misheberach

Bless those in need of healing with refu'ah sh'layma

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit

Rosalie Schweit, Helen Margolese, Leo Gurevitch

Directory update

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Clergy visits

To ensure that **Rabbi Schlesinger** visits congregants in the hospital, extended care facilities and hospices, please contact the office at Beth Ami, 360-3000, when you or a family member is in need of a visit. In an effort to comply with the patient privacy laws, health-care facilities no longer release the names of their patients.

Allergy alert

Many of our congregants experience serious adverse respiratory reactions to scents and fragrances. When attending services and Beth Ami gatherings, please refrain from wearing perfumes, lotions, moisturizers, and hair products that contain any fragrance or scent.

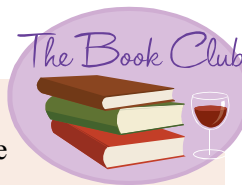


Beth Ami offers sincere condolences to:

Melissa Bloom on the death of her grandmother, Sylvia Bloom.

Judy Wallcave, on the death of her husband, Larry.

Phyllis Shapiro and her family on the death of her husband, Everett Shapiro.



Book discussion group news

Our April 7 discussion dealt with the Holocaust novel *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. Discussion leader was Alfred Batzdorff. We will meet again on **Wednesday, May 5 at 10 AM** in the All-Purpose Room at Congregation Beth Ami to talk about *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. Although this, also, is a novel about the Shoah and its central character is also a young girl, it is very different in its setting and in its very original writing style. This discussion will be led by yours truly.

All book lovers, please note: It is not too late to join our group. Any questions? Call Susanne Batzdorff at 538-9731.

READING LIST

☞ May 5	<i>The Book Thief</i>	by Markus Zusak
☞ June 2	<i>Collected Stories</i>	by Grace Paley
☞ July 7	<i>Songs from the Butcher's Daughter</i>	by Peter Manceau



Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Welcome Rosh Chodesh Sivan

All Jewish women are invited to welcome the new month of Sivan on **Thursday,**

May 13 at 7 PM. Since Shavu'ot and Megillah Ruth fall within this month, we'll be talking about the prominent roles that Naomi and Ruth play in our tradition. Bring a dairy Shavu'ot-type treat to share and join the Moon Mavens! For more information, contact Barb McGee at barbara.mcgee@ffic.com.

Ongoing programs at Beth Ami

♦ **Israeli Folk Dancing**, Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, Friedman Center. May 11 and 25. For more info contact Leanne Schy at 528-4874 or Leanne@sonic.net.

♦ **Midrash Study with Rabbi Schlesinger**, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 AM. Classes resume in August.

♦ **Torah & Talmud Study with Rabbi Schlesinger**, Thursdays, 7 PM Friedman Center Board Room. Classes resume in August.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Thanks

Many thanks (Todah Rabah) to **Rose Batzdorff** for the many years she devoted to playing her violin with Zim Zum at monthly Shabbat Dinners. We'll miss your sweet tunes! Now you can come as a guest and enjoy the friendship and conversation around the dinner table.

Many thanks to **Eli Cohen and Betty Boyd** for setting up the Israel Independence Day exhibit in our Community Room.

Thanks to all at Beth Ami who sent good wishes after my recent accident. I am feeling much better.
~Rosalie Schweit

Thank you for all the emails, cards and phone calls in sympathy of the sudden passing of my grandmother Sylvia Bloom. I am so fortunate to have a wonderful caring community and support system from Beth Ami. Thank you.
~Melissa Bloom

The Board of Directors at Congregation Beth Ami extends a robust Thank You to the Jewish Community Federation for continued generous support of our Religious School families. Congregation Beth Ami has recently received the second grant payment from the Jewish Community Federation – a Synagogue School Scholarship – which will support eight families. The grant total is \$5,928.00. This award was made possible by the JCF Catalyst Initiative, an emergency response of the Jewish Community Federation and its Endowment Fund. This is one way your support of the Jewish Community Federation is touching individual lives right here where we live. For more information, visit www.sjfcf.org.

Alternative Service Saturday, May 8



Gentle Yoga, 9:30-10:15 AM (Classroom 12-13)

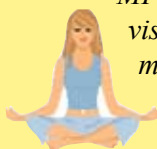
Hannah Schoen Caratti will teach a gentle yoga class beginning and ending with Hebrew chants. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a blanket or mat.

Meditative Service, 10:30 AM-12 noon (Classroom 12-13)

Following yoga, Hannah, assisted by **Nancy Fleming**, will offer a meditative service focusing on gratitude, compassion, mindfulness, breathing and relaxation. Hannah will accompany Hebrew chants and songs with her dulcimer and flute.

Since 1995 Hannah has been a part-time Cantorial Soloist at various synagogues in Northern California. Currently, she leads the music for the High Holy Day services at Congregation B'nai Torah in Antioch, CA, and offers music for the JCC's annual Jewish Meditation Retreats. In addition, Hannah offers private and group yoga classes in Santa Rosa. For information, call Hannah at 578-4040 or see www.yogahealingarts.net.

Hannah leads meditation groups and offers counseling for seniors, couples and singles at her office in Santa Rosa, as an MFT Intern supervised by Winnie Piccolo, MFT. For more information, call 494-7470 or visit www.psychologytoday.com. Hannah's meditation groups are inspired by the teachings of Sylvia Boorstein, Jack Kornfield, James Baraz, and Richard Miller.



eScrip Update Nancy Sherman

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS!

Welcome to our newest Beth Ami eScrip participants: **Elizabeth Jarlsberg, Mardi Diamond, Karen Field, Nancy Hitchcock, Carolyn Metz, Karen Quarles and Heath Winer.** We are now up to 145 members and friends of Beth Ami who are making contributions just by doing their regular shopping at stores such as Safeway and Whole Foods. A BIG thank you to **Lauren Newman** for all her efforts in recruiting new supporters.

For the first two months of 2010 (latest data reported), eScrip supporters have collectively contributed \$219.29 to Beth Ami. If you are not a part of this easy way to help Beth Ami, join us NOW!

Here's how to sign up: go to www.eScrip.com 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 or have any eScrip questions, contact Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or enshermn@pacbell.net.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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30am - Religious	6:30pm - Chaverim - 8th	4pm - Religious School	6:30pm - Chaverim - 9th	6:30pm - Chaverim - 9th	7:30pm - Erev Shabbat	10am - Shabbat Services
		5:30pm - Executive		6:30pm - NS Parent	7:43pm - Candle lighting	12:30pm - Potluck
		7:15pm - NBSC Planning			8:30pm - Oneg	8:44pm - Havdalah (42)
		7:30pm - Israeli Dancing				
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am - Lag b'Omer					7:30pm - Erev Shabbat	10am - Alt. Svc. -
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		7:59pm - Candle lighting	10am - 1st Day Shavout	9:01pm - Havdalah (42)	7:30pm - Erev Shabbat	12:30pm - Potluck
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		7pm - Executive	10am - Book Discussion	6pm - BBQ	7:30pm - Erev Shabbat	10am - Shabbat Services
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Patty Bernstein

Embracing the process

I love to brainstorm. Color me odd, but that's one of the things that charges my battery. I learn so much from listening to others throwing new ideas on the table, offering different points of view, challenging my old stuck-in-the-mud, stale beliefs or patterns. I am in awe of the many creative ways we each have of looking at the very same issue. How enriched and stimulated I feel as the bond among us is developed. And so I welcome our congregation embarking on our **Season of Discovery**.

As our congregation moves forward, there will be lots of opportunities for ideas, concerns, and visions to be explored to ensure sustainability. The process will involve each of you to some degree ... and I hope that you will embrace that process.

Currently, your board of directors is undertaking the creation of the 15-member Task Force for the Future (TFF), which we hope to have in place by June 1. Meanwhile, the ongoing work of our Community Conversations is laying important groundwork for our re-visioning. Here we are establishing relationships, learning who we are as individuals and as interested members of Beth Ami—however we have come to this community.

In the months that follow, we will be collecting comments, conducting a brief survey of members, and learning from *you* in order to inform the next steps of the process. That information will be available to the TFF by August 1, when Rabbi Schlesinger returns from his mini-sabbatical and the heavy work begins.

Though things may seem pretty sketchy right now, the process will be quite concrete with definite landmarks, milestones, and timelines set. I will send regular updates to you to keep you all informed. Please, watch for them ... and participate in the process as we discover Congregation Beth Ami again.

New Religious School Director

Please join me in a warm welcome to **Pnina Loeb** as the new Director/Teacher of the Beth Ami Religious School. Pnina has been involved at the Religious School for several years and she loves her work as a teacher. When asked if she would assume more responsibility as Director, Pnina enthusiastically embraced the opportunity. Thank you, Pnina. We all look forward to your increased involvement and presence on campus.

~Carolyn Metz

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Caroline Calvert & Robyn Fisher-Tachouet
Nursery School Co-Directors

In many professions, gaining knowledge through classes, conferences, workshops and networking can be instrumental in continuing to offer a rich and enhanced program or business. Each year, the staff at Beth Ami Community Nursery School uses one Professional development day to do just that. Last month, several of our staff attended the CAEYC (California Association for the Education of Young Children) conference held in Long Beach. Other staff took the opportunity to visit other schools in the area. We were then able to share our experiences with each other at our staff meeting. Even with the many years of experience among the teachers, we always wind up coming back with new ideas, materials and ways to enrich the classrooms. We so value this opportunity and look forward to going again next year.

The last day of our 2009/2010 school year is May 28 and we are looking forward to celebrating a wonderful year with our incredible kids and families. Many, many thanks to our incredible teaching staff for yet another wonderful year. A sincere thank you is also given to our two fantastic Co-Chairs of the Preschool Fundraising Committee: **Jessica Sutton** and **Jillian Navarro**. For the countless hours, the sleepless nights, the midnight emails...all of it. Thank you SO much!



*Photos from the
Religious School
Seder
taken by
Patty Bernstein*





LITERARY LINES

Gabor Por

This year the 28th of Iyar will fall on May 12. In 1968 the Israeli government declared this day as Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, commemorating the 1967 reunification of Jerusalem. In honor of this holiday I would like to recommend some of the books the library has on the city.

First of all if you are interested in its history you may want to check out the 15 books you will find under the 837.1 call number, on the shelves above the youth non-fiction books. My favorite is *Jerusalem, One City, Three Faiths* by Karen Armstrong. It covers the history of the city from the very beginning and is as objective as possible. It balances architecture, history, geography with the city's religious and spiritual significances for all parties involved. The author's agenda doesn't distort the scholarly merits of the book. The book's not-so-hidden point is to advocate a peaceful coexistence for the future.

Dore Gold's book *The Fight for Jerusalem: Radical Islam, the West, and the Future of the Holy City* takes a different approach. Israel's former ambassador to the UN also covers 3,000 years of history but casts it in the light of radical Islam. He argues that it has a potential to harm or even eliminate the city in the future. Whether you agree with him or not it's worthwhile to read his points and pointers to past and contemporary historical events and entities.

Yet another perspective comes from the autobiography of Jerusalem's long time mayor, Teddy Kollek. His *For Jerusalem*, written with the help of his son, tells in detail how the city has changed and became a modern, Jewish metropolis in the second half of the twentieth century. This account talks about the birth and changes of the many institutions created or at least advanced by Kollek.

For a set of multicultural seventh century tales circling around a sacred place within the city check out Kanan Makiya's, *The Rock*. For a quality novel about the 1967 Six-Day War you could read Elie Wiesel's, *A Beggar in Jerusalem*. For a poetic interpretation of the city's deeper meaning I recommend Yehuda Amichai's, *Songs of Jerusalem and Myself*. Another unique item in our collection can help you connect your fingers to the city: *Jerusalem in Needlepoint and Embroidery* by Ann Roth. Finally, if you want to dig even deeper and enjoy fantastic photography you cannot miss Hershel Shanks', *Jerusalem, An Archaeological Biography*.

The next best thing to be in Jerusalem is reading about it. So if you cannot make it there, you can surely make it to the library to pick one of the above books.



MITZVAH MOMENTS

Tish Levee

Tikkun Olam – Repairing the World

Lessons from Israel

I recently returned from five weeks in Israel. Israel can offer us many lessons, in terms of environmental issues, for healing our world. Many of the Israeli solutions are on the macro-level; to implement them here requires political action on our part. However, individually we can do much on the micro-level. This month I'll focus especially on water conservation in Israel, and I'll look at their energy conservation efforts next month.

"Don't Waste a Drop," is an Israeli household slogan. Israel, a desert country with a limited water supply and many years of drought has been instrumental in water conservation. We often don't realize that, essentially, we also live in a desert. Like Israel we have turned large parts of the Southwest Desert green with water—water we've been importing from other states, an option not available to Israel. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 36 states will experience water shortages by 2013. Like Israel, we'll have to lower our consumption and find other sources of water.

Dual-flush toilets are standard. I've seen only a few here; however, high-efficiency toilets (HET) have similar water savings, saving 4,000 gallons/year per person. If every American household replaced one toilet with an HET it would save 900 billion gallons/year. Call your water district to see if they still offer a \$150 rebate.

Drip irrigation using plastic emitters, an Israeli invention, irrigates 60% of Israeli agricultural land vs. six percent in the U.S. In 2005 Israel controlled one-half of the \$1-1.5 billion global drip irrigation market. If you don't already have drip irrigation, put it in now. The savings in water costs are impressive, and while you're at it, get rid of the lawn and plant drought resistant native plants. Go to <http://groups.ucanr.org/sonomamg/>, for more information from Sonoma County Master Gardeners. You can also see them at the Farmer's Market.

Reusing sewage water. In 2005, Israel reused 60% of sewage water. New state regulations allow us to use graywater for landscaping. Go to <http://sonomacountynurseries.com/?p=661> for details and rules. Remember, too, saved water from heating water for showers and dishes can water garden plants (or flush toilets.)

Checking soil moisture first. On Kibbutz Jizre'el, where I stayed, the soil's moisture level is measured weekly and reported in the newsletter with watering advice. You can get similar information locally. Go to <http://ci.santarosa.ca.us/departments/utilities/conserves/Pages/yards.aspx> or call Turf-Time at 707-543-3466.

Remember – fix leaks; turn water off when shaving, brushing teeth, or washing hands; sweep, don't hose, your drive; take shorter showers; and water before 6 AM. Check <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/> for more ideas.

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CHAVURAH REPORT

Arnold Drake

On Sunday, April 18, after the morning minyan, after the Community Conversation, and before the Absolute Music concert, Chavurah Bet gathered at the Catholic Charities Family Resources Center and mustered a few hearty souls to participate in our first attempt at a Tikkun Olam Project: cleaning up, renovating and restoring the gardens.

Participants included **Abe Alexander**, with his sons **Ben** and **Nick**, (their mother is recovering from a broken ankle), and their cousin **Andrew**; **Gary Highland**, **Barbara McGee** and **Jared**, and **Janet and Jeffrey Stein-Larson**. **Nancy Sherman** and **Daniel** came from the Family Chavurah; and **Bonnie Boren** came to take pictures and record the momentous event for the Beth Ami archives.

Everyone had a good time. We hope to return one day and finish the job. In the meantime, we are happy that we finally took one tiny step to "Repair the World."

There will be a report about another Chavurah next month. In the meantime, if you would like to join a Chavurah, contact the synagogue office at 360-3000 or Arnold Drake at 542-1765.



Thanks very much to **Bonnie Boren** for her photos of mitzvah day at the Catholic Charities Family Resources Center. Next month look for some fun photos from one chavurah's excursion to Train Town in Sonoma.

The Shofar staff is always looking for colorful photos to accompany the articles we run. Choose several favorite photos from a recent event and email them to **newsletter@bethamir.org**. Please include the name of the photographer so we can give him/her credit. Thanks!



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ACTION ASSEMBLY

Rabbi George Schlesinger

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For the last two years, our congregation has been a participant and partner with the North Bay Sponsoring Committee which is the temporary name given to the community organizing project in our area. At the moment, we are one of nine religious institutions (Catholic, Protestant and Jewish) that comprise the effort to organize themselves into a significant force to improve the quality of life in our communities and to affect positive change that will make a difference in the lives of everyone living in our area. These nine members of the NBSC represent nearly 10,000 individuals. It is the hope of the NBSC that other institutions will join, not just religious groups.

These efforts begin with an internal process of building relationships within each organization. We officially began that process last Rosh Hashanah as I asked each of you to engage with someone else in the room in a short one-on-one conversation sharing part of your "story" and your relationship to Beth Ami. Some of you were uncomfortable; some of you thoroughly enjoyed the exercise.

In the intervening six months, members of our core committee have held further one-on-one conversations with many of you, have hosted "house gatherings" with small groups, and have held two public gatherings entitled "Community Conversations." Many of you have attended some or all of these events. We are getting to know each other and how each of us sees ourselves within the Beth Ami family. It's now nearing the time when we join with the other congregations (who might be further along in their process than we) to see how we, at Beth Ami, fit into a larger picture.

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- 14 Edith Newman
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- 16 Valerie Kreger
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- 16 Milton Sterman
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- 19 Jeremy Lipsin
- 22 Nancy Daniels
- 22 Irvin Klein
- 22 Julius Schlesinger
- 27 Evan Sacher
- 27 David Tonelli
- 27 Dr. Steve Whiteley
- 28 Tal Fichtelberg
- 28 Mila Gould
- 29 Ava Leipsic
- 29 Noah Servin
- 29 David Sutter
- 30 Marisa Jones
- 31 Joanne Bressick

May Anniversaries

- 12 Barb & Mitchell McGee
- 16 Robin & Roy Rose
- 17 Asher & Lyla Nathan
- 19 Dave & Marg Ballo
- 25 Judith Helman & Warren Davis
- 27 Jon & Rose Batzdorff
- 27 Vanessa & Patrick Riggs
- 27 Tad & Debbie Shapiro
- 28 Richard Kahn & Anne Brown
- 29 Esther Baruch & David Butler
- 30 Julius & Emma Schlesinger
- 30 Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson





SUSY RAFUL ESSAY CONTEST

First Place Winner TAKING A STEP FORWARD

Sarah Barmazel

For the first time ever, the judges found two essays of equal excellence – and so they are awarded two first prizes.

I'm proud to be Jewish. I'm proud of what Jews stand for, of how we have struggled, and how we have overcome. It is because of my ancestors' struggles that I have not had to face the deep prejudices that they encountered. I am thankful for that privilege, and have been taught to remember what we as a people endured in order to practice our religion openly and proudly.

I think the world is beginning to forget the Holocaust, the darkest part in our history. As the Holocaust recedes in time, it is in danger of becoming a mere bunch of dates and dry facts in history books. It is up to the children of today to keep the memories alive and to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

A recent incident made it excruciatingly clear to me that Jewish children are not learning about the Shoah – even children who attend religious school and who come from families active in the Jewish community. While working as a teaching assistant at a synagogue religious school, I took my 5th graders to the gaga pit for recess. Another class joined us. Their madrich played in the game, and before long he got one of his students out. The student turned to him and yelled, "That's not fair, you Nazi!"

The other students had not heard this epithet before and found it amusing. Before long, half a dozen students were calling each other "Nazi." The other madrich and I explained to them how inappropriate the term was, especially in a synagogue, and especially hurling it at another Jew. But they wouldn't listen.

In that moment I realized just how malleable children could be. They attach themselves to any idea if it is presented the right way. My mind blurred with images of Hitler Youth. A pang of fear gripped my stomach. I knew I had to stop the Nazi name calling quickly, before it could take hold among my students.

Recess ended, and I told both classes' teachers what had happened. They promptly cancelled their planned lessons and began discussions with their students. Most of the children were unaware of the Holocaust. A few knew basic facts, but still had many questions. We didn't have time for in-depth conversations then, but we told them enough to make them

understand the gravity behind the word they had been tossing around so easily.

A couple of weeks later, we happened to ask our students what part of Judaism they felt most proud of. One boy shot his hand up and proclaimed, "I'm proud we survived the Holocaust." Several others around the room nodded. Our impromptu talks had had an impact. We had made the first step toward informing the next generation of Jews. I am confident that they will keep the Shoah's memory alive.

I intend to work as a religious school teacher after college, and I will tell my students about the Holocaust. I will teach them in the Jewish tradition by telling them while they are young. I want them to know why they see so few Jews around them. I want them to be proud of the fact that despite amazing odds, we have made an outsized impact in the world, but more important, we have endured.

I also intend to have children of my own. They will know what it means to be Jewish and, like their mother, they will thank their ancestors for that privilege.

***Sarah Barmazel** lives in Santa Rosa and is a senior at Santa Rosa High School, where, for three years she was enrolled in its SRHS Arts Program (Theater Arts). She is a member of the Chaverim youth group and is active in Congregation Shomrei Torah, spending two days a week working with a Religious School class. In addition, she volunteers three days a week at Proctor Terrace Elementary School. Sarah plans to enroll in a university program in the fall. Thus far she has been accepted by three prestigious schools and is awaiting word from two other Ivy League universities.*



SUSY RAFUL ESSAY CONTEST

First Place Winner

A MAN IN THE MAKING

Hannah Horowitz

For the first time ever, the judges found two essays of equal excellence – and so they are awarded two first prizes.

Occasionally, my thirteen-year-old brother will come home from school looking a little deflated. “What’s wrong, bud?” I might ask him. He never tells me, but rather brushes off my questions with an “I’m fine” or an “I’m just a little tired or sometimes an “I’m frustrated.” Later, I get the story from my mom. She tells me that, at school, my beloved brother was harassed – again. Maybe it’s because he’s a little small for his age, or maybe he’s called “faggot” for the dorky orange hat he sports and the earring he wears in his left ear but, more often than not, it’s because he’s a Jew.

Living in a community of very few Jews, it’s easy to feel conflicted when hearing comments that, while not outright anti-Semitic, are critical of Jews. As someone less sensitive than my brother, I tend to easily disregard such comments born of ignorance and prejudice. However, I respect my brother for strongly reacting to remarks which could be taken as “jokes” by others less sensitive than he. I admire how he shares his feelings with our parents and how they encourage him to speak his mind and stand up for himself. Shockingly, many of these “jokes” my brother hears are from some of his best friends; kids he wants to invite to his bar mitzvah. I see the hurt in his eyes and I feel the pain in my parents’ and my own heart when we hear of these occurrences and I wonder, “How in this day and age can such prejudice and ignorance live on?”

Holocaust survivor Ralph Leck once said, “When I teach about the Holocaust, I use it to try and get people to understand that the values that led to Hitler’s election and the theories behind the mass execution of Jews were also prominent and are prominent in American society.” As much as we might want to turn a blind eye to Leck’s assertion, my brother’s experience right here in liberal-leaning Sonoma County underscores the fact that another Holocaust is not completely unimaginable.

Unlike victims of the Holocaust, I have never feared for my life because I am a Jew, and unlike my brother, I have not personally experienced taunting on account of my heritage and religious beliefs. Even though I have been “lucky” in this regard, I believe it is my duty as a Jew and as a good person to remember the Holocaust. I will tell my children and my grandchildren that I remember being a child who listened with

wide eyes to the horror stories of our elders who, except for the tattoos on their arms, reminded me of my own grandparents. I will tell them that I remember these survivors’ tears and the brightness and hope that flowed from their eyes when classrooms of young people from different backgrounds were enlightened and unified by their messages of acceptance and courage. I will tell them of the suffering of the millions who unjustly perished for simply existing, and I will encourage them to strive for a future where tolerance is the standard and prejudice and ignorance are things of the past. I will also tell them about my little brother’s bar mitzvah, looking right into their eyes and saying, “Your uncle participated in a program called Remember Us, and throughout his studies and ceremony he kept alive the memory of a boy who died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz; a boy who never had a chance to become an adult in the eyes of his community. I will say, “your uncle was teased for being a Jew, but he invited those same kids to his bar mitzvah because he was willing to forgive.”

As I write this essay, I hear my brother practicing his haftarah in his room, and I am reminded of the thousands before us who have studied those same words and melodies. I am reminded that being who you are is not always easy but always makes you feel the most true to yourself in the end. I am proud of my brother for the boy he is and for the man he will become.

Hannah Horowitz grew up in Glen Ellen and is a junior at Sonoma Valley High School in Sonoma. She and her family are members of Congregation Shir Shalom. Hannah is a member of the Chaverim youth group, in Santa Rosa. Hannah has been studying creative writing for six years in a private class. She also spends one afternoon a week at Altamira Middle School, assisting her favorite teacher from those years.



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May 13	Robert Paul	Brother of Jane Paul
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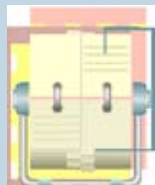
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MAY

Friday Evening, April 30

(Candle Lighting: 7:43 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, May 1 • 17 Iyar

9:30 Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Emor Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 8:43 pm)

Friday Evening, May 7

(Candle Lighting: 7:49 pm)

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services.

Saturday May 8 • 24 Iyar

9:30 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Behar-Bechukotai Services

10:30 am Alternate Service: Meditation (see page 5)

with Hannah Schoen Caratti and Nancy Fleming

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 8:50 pm)

Friday Evening, May 14

(Candle Lighting: 7:55 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Guest Speaker: Michael Ezra

Saturday, May 15 • 2 Sivan

9:30 am Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat B'midbar Services

10:00 am Tot Shabbat with Lauren Kalmenson

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 8:56 pm)

Tuesday Evening, May 18

(Candle Lighting: 7:59 pm)

8:30 pm Shavu'ot Evening Services

9:00 pm Tikkun Leyl Shavu'ot

Wednesday, May 19 • 6 Sivan

10:00 am 1st Day Shavu'ot Services

(Candle Lighting: 9:00 pm)

Thursday, May 20 • 7 Sivan

10:00 am 2nd Day Shavu'ot Services

Yizkor will be recited

(Havdalah: 9:01 pm)

Friday Evening, May 21

(Candle Lighting: 8:01 pm)

7:30 pm Friday Evening Services

Saturday, May 22 • 9 Sivan

9:30 Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat Naso Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 9:02 pm)

Friday Evening, May 28

(Candle Lighting: 8:07 pm)

7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, May 29 • 16 Sivan

9:30 Torah Study

10:00 am Shabbat B'ha'alotcha Services

Potluck lunch following services

(Havdalah: 9:08 pm)