Ha Layla Ha Gadol
November 12-13

The fundraising committee is proud to announce our Ha Layla Ha Gadol (The Big Night) event scheduled for Veteran’s Day weekend, November 12-13. This event always moves us forward as a community as we experience new exciting and uplifting connections. Hence, our theme will be Kesher or connection!

Ha Layla Ha Gadol begins with an evening program at Ramekin’s Culinary School in Sonoma on Saturday, November 12. Also, that evening a community event held at a local bowling alley will allow families to strut their stuff on the lanes, nosh together and kibbitz a little. These two events are linked to Sunday’s events scheduled at two congregants homes where bountiful spreads will be showcased. All events are tentatively scheduled, so there may be some minor changes but be assured that our committee’s passion for connection to the synagogue will bring changes that will only enhance our experience.

Our fundraising efforts are supported by a committed board of directors that will assist in underwriting the community bowling event. Kudos to Ivan and Kimiko Barta for graciously sponsoring the Ramekin’s Culinary venue along with Mike and Ellen Mundell for opening their home to our community. As we move together, linked by our common love for Beth Ami, your participation is essential. Please, mark your calendars and support the synagogue’s first fundraising event of the year by attending one or more of our special venues. If you cannot attend, sponsorship in the form of donation or contributing special talents is appreciated.

Open House

Sunday, September 18
10 AM - 1 PM
Congregation Beth Ami

Check us out!

- Meet Sonoma County’s newest rabbi, noted scholar Rabbi Joel Rembaum
- Klezmer music
- Bagels and coffee
- Mouthwatering desserts
- Activities for kids
- Visit the Beth Ami Religious School, Library and Gift Shop
- Facepainting by FairyDust Faces
- Beth Ami tote bag FREE to the first 20 guests (eligible for membership) who attend the open house

High Holy Day Schedule (Page 11)

The gift of a new year: let’s open it together. In a time of opening our hearts, we’re opening our doors as well.

High Holiday services led by Rabbi Joel Rembaum and Cantor Yael Krieger.
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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.

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.

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@bethamisr.org with corrections, concerns or questions.

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This month’s issue is: Volume 16, Issue 10
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Repentance and Forgiveness: Which is the greater challenge?

The second creation account in the Torah begins halfway through verse 4 of chapter 2 of Genesis. Its first words, here translated into English, are: “On the day Adonai Elohim made earth and heaven…” This differs in many ways from the more well-known first clause of Genesis 1, often translated: “In the beginning Elohim created heaven and earth.”

Perhaps most striking here is the difference in God’s name(s). In Genesis 1 God is called Elohim (God); in the second account God is called Adonai Elohim (Lord God). Rabbinic tradition, beginning in the ages of the Mishnah, Talmud and early Midrash (200-400 C.E.) associated God’s personal name, spelled Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey (the rabbis ruled that this name cannot spoken, so they ruled that Adonai was to be used instead) with God’s quality of compassion (rahamim) and the term Elohim with judgment or justice (din).

With this in mind, the great 11th century French rabbi and commentator on both Bible and Talmud, Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzhak or Rashi, in one of his comments on Genesis 1:1, notes that we find the name Elohim there because when God began to create the universe, God drew upon His quality of din as a kind of spiritual glue to keep everything together; that is why Elohim is used first. It failed, however, so God had to start over. This time, writes Rashi, God began with His attribute of rahamim and then blended it with din, thereby creating what I call a cosmic epoxy, and the cosmos held together. That is why in the Genesis 2 story God is called YHVH/Adonai Elohim, with YHVH preceding Elohim. From this we can understand how rahamim/compassion came to be seen as God’s primary quality and not din/judgment, as is commonly thought. This led the Rambam to conclude that since God’s defining attribute is compassion, this is a quality that every Jew who seeks to live a Godly life must emulate.

This notion becomes most significant during the High Holidays, when the acts of judging, repenting and forgiving move to center bimah. Like God, we activate din as we sit in judgment – of others and of ourselves. As Jews, we are supposed to make a concerted effort to correct our own wrongdoing by repenting or “doing t’shuvah,” and then we are supposed to activate rahamim and forgive those who are sincerely penitent and who make serious amends (this includes ourselves, if we have tried our best to mend our ways). So, what is harder: doing t’shuvah or forgiving?

You must understand that in the Jewish tradition repenting is a complex and very serious undertaking, involving gut wrenching processes of: admission of guilt to ourselves, to God and then to the person we wronged; expressing and feeling deep regret for our misdeeds; contritely begging for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged; compensating the wrong parties – either materially or psychologically/emotionally; and finally, demonstrating to ourselves, to God and those whom we harmed that we have changed by not repeating the offence. When this is process is completed, the wronged person is obligated to forgive the sinner, as God does.

I want to suggest, however, that forgiving may be even harder than “doing t’shuvah.” The reason is quite simple: The person who is called upon to forgive is the one who actually felt the pain of the wrong that was perpetrated. Pain is pain – whether physical, emotional or spiritual. The wound that caused it can heal, but a scar remains, and, in that respect, its aftereffects can last forever. As is the case with serious physical damage to our bodies, serious emotional/psychological damage takes time to heal, and every person’s healing system operates differently. Pain can make it difficult for us to respond to stimuli in a normal manner; hence, a penitent’s effort to repent and comfort and compensate the hurt party for his or her pain may not easily yield results. There is one other factor that can come into play, as well – revenge. The wronged party can think: “The hateful person who caused me this pain deserves to suffer as much as I did. Why should I give her/him the satisfaction of forgiveness?”

Nevertheless, our tradition mandates forgiveness, because there is an underlying reality that must be considered: Until there is forgiveness, the wound of the wronged party cannot heal properly, nor can the new wound that emerges from the frustration of the penitent one who has tried to complete the t’shuvah process. Some rabbinic authorities suggest that if the ba’al t’shuvah fulfills all the requirements for t’shuvah, begs for forgiveness three times and is still turned away by the one whom he/she hurt, the sin that was associated originally with the penitent one flips and becomes the burden of the wronged party.

Repeating and forgiving are, indeed, challenges. They are also amazing opportunities for a deep cleansing of souls, for the restoration of relationships, for restoring harmony where there was chaos and for promoting healing where there was pain. This is why we have the High Holidays – to focus our minds and souls on these sacred activities and to achieve the goals presented above. More importantly, the High Holiday experience enables us to incorporate these processes into our moral fiber so that repenting and forgiving become routine, and, hopefully, we learn how to avoid the wrongdoing in the first place.

Fredi and our family join me in wishing you and your loved ones a blessed new year, filled with love, health, satisfaction, mitzvot and spiritual, intellectual and moral growth, and may 5772 be a year when shalom achieves a great victory over violence throughout the world.
**Welcome to our new members**
Shirley & Irving Flug
Patti & Larry Gregg
Jeffrey & Dalia Sheff

**Directory updates**
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**Misheberach**
Bless those in need of healing with refu'ah sh'layma
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit
Helen Margolese, Lydia Ross, Warren Levin,
Laura Alexander, Zachary Bressick

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**We offer sincere condolences to**

**Bob Rosaler** and family on the death of his wife, Shirley Rosaler.

**Dave Ballo** and family upon the passing of Dave’s father, who passed away in Seattle at age 86.

**Sylvia Sucher**, on the death of her brother.

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**My family and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for your thoughts, calls, cards, and support after the loss of my father. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who participated in the tahara and shomrim rituals.**

~Sofya Pekker and family

**I cannot thank all of you enough for your love and wonderful wishes that came with the cards. I am so pleased. Thank you with all of my heart.**

~Elsie Rich

**In gratitude for all those who attended Shiva Minyan, sent condolence cards, and donated to CBA in honor of the memory of David’s father.**

~Ballo family

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**Announcing the 29th Annual Book Discussion Series, 2010-2011**

Once again we invite you to participate in a book discussion series that has attracted many folks who love books that stretch your mind and challenge your imagination and to discuss them with like-minded people.

We meet at Congregation Beth Ami on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning in November.

Here is our schedule:

Nov. 2  Grossman, David: *To The End of The Land*
Dec. 7  *To The End of the Land* (continued)
Jan. 4  Maghen, Ze’ev: *John Lennon and the Jews*
Feb. 1  Gaines, Ernest: *A Lesson Before Dying*
Mar. 7  Vreeland, Susan: *The Forest Lover*
Apr. 4  Orringer, Julie: *The Invisible Bridge*
May 2  Taylor, Kate: *A Man in Uniform*
June 6  Gordis, Daniel: *Saving Israel: How the Jewish People Can Win a War That May Never End*
July 11 Durrell, Gerald: *My Family & Other Animals*

You can borrow these books from the public library, if available, or order them from any bookstore.

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**29th Annual Book Discussion Series Registration Form**

Name________________________________________
Address______________________________________
Phone________________________________________
Email________________________________________

Please return this form **no later than November 1**

Susanne M. Batzdorff
3051 Las Mesitas Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
**New office hours**
Monday to Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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**Mazel tov to Ahuva Simon-Sa’ar**
Ahuva is being sworn in as a U.S. citizen on Wednesday, September 7, in San Francisco. Come celebrate with her on Shabbat, September 10. Ahuva, who is from Israel, reads Torah, leads services, and is the mainstay of making sure that there is preparation and clean-up for the Shabbat lunches each week, often bringing several of her special dishes, too.

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**Challah Baskets**
Don’t miss your challah basket order form on the back of the High Holy Day packet when it arrives on your doorstep.

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**Sukkot across America**
Beth Ami is proud to be part of this nationwide program which includes a Sukkot celebration and free Hebrew classes. Stay tuned for more information.

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**Ongoing programs at Beth Ami**

**Hebrew**
Private lessons or small classes tailored to the traveler, scholar, or Hebrew school dropout.
All faiths, all levels, all ages welcome.
**Esther Baruch**, 528-2265 or esther@pacific.net.

ALEF isn’t enough; BET isn’t tough!
Study Modern Hebrew from the source with a native Israeli. All levels, the easy way, including prayers and chanting Torah tropes. **Call Ahuva Simon-Sa’ar**, 545-2454.

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**Israeli Folk Dancing - now on Wednesdays!**
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Friedman Center. For more information: **Leanne Schy**, 528-4874 or Leanne@sonic.net.
September 7 and 21
October 5 and 26

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**Daven, nosh, and schmooze**
The only egalitarian minyan in Sonoma County meets twice monthly, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday morning at 8:30 am at Congregation Beth Ami, in the chapel, which is just inside the gate between the synagogue and the Friedman Center. Join us afterwards in the Multi-purpose Room for breakfast except for September 18, when there will be food at Beth Ami’s Open House.
On Thursday, September 15, Rabbi Rembaum will lead a service of mincha/maariv at 7 pm in the chapel so that a visiting businessman can say Kaddish. Please help us make sure there is a minyan.
The Minyan will continue to meet anytime that someone needs to say Kaddish. Call the office at 360-3000 or Susanne Batzdorff at 538-9731 to arrange for a weekday minyan.

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**Needed — new kidney for Paul Lazovick**
As many of you know, nearly five years ago I donated a kidney to Paul Lazovick. Now, Paul’s body is rejecting that kidney. Numerous treatments have been tried over the last several months; none of them have helped. Paul needs a new kidney and, once again, he is turning to the Jewish community. We all have two kidneys, but we can do quite well with only one. Donating a kidney is not hard, and there is no cost to the donor to do this great mitzvah. Age is no barrier to donating—you just have to be in good health. Please call me at 707-526-9864 to learn more about being a living kidney donor, and please speak to your friends about being one.

~Tish Levee

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- 6:30pm - Chaverim - 10th Grade @ Room 12/13

### Eve of Rosh Hashanah
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- 7:30pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Service @ The Friedman Center

### Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Services
- **9am** - Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Services @ The Friedman Center
- **10am** - Family Rosh Hashanah Service @ Beth Ami Sanctuary
- **10am** - Tot Shabbat Rosh Hashanah Service @ Room 12/13
- **4:30pm** - Tashlich @ Lake Ralphine - Howard Park

### Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Services
- **9am** - Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Services @ CBA Sanctuary
- **7:30pm** - Erev Shabbat Services
- **8:30pm** - Oneg

### Yom Kippur
- **10am** - Yom Kippur Services
- **7:45pm** - Break-the-Fast @ The Friedman Center

### Sukkot
- **9:30am** - Sukkot Services (1st Day)
- **7:30pm** - Erev Shabbat Services
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- **9:30am** - Shemini Atzeret Services
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What an exciting summer we have had! We welcomed Rabbi Joel Rembaum of Los Angeles, and we elected new synagogue leaders.

Not only did we elect a new Board of Directors, with six congregants who have never been on our Board, and four who have served six months or less, (including your President!), we have re-invigorated our Committee structure, with 29 committees and subcommittees, and over 110 Committee chair, co-chair, or member positions already filled!

As always, some members are on two or more committees. And some committee chairs are still not filled. So please pitch in and help us with this important work as we “re-think” our synagogue.

Congregation Beth Ami has been here since 1943. It has had many leaders, many different opinions, and many different forms. And we are going to be here for many years to come. Rabbi Rembaum is going to help guide us in our next steps. But our exact form and function is up to you.

Like most synagogues today, we are a diverse group of people: members who were raised Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform; members from observant and non-observant homes; members who were not born Jewish; members with Jewish spouses and non-Jewish spouses; members with opposite-sex and same-sex life partners; members who feel they are only culturally and not religiously Jewish.

And we are all one family. We may not always agree, we obviously have different opinions, but most of us wish for our family to be that kehilla kedosha, that holy community, that we are searching for to make our lives complete.

Our services are conducted in ancient Hebrew, and a little Aramaic, because that is the language of prayer of the Jewish people. We, of course, often pray personally in our own language. Congregation Beth Ami is the only synagogue in Sonoma County affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, even though some of our members still consider themselves Orthodox or Reform.

Our next year, with Rabbi Rembaum, will give all of us an opportunity to shape our congregation for the years to come. You must take part in that process. We will not all agree, not about our future, or even our past. Rabbi Rembaum told us not to try to be “all things to all people.”

Your Board of Directors will do the very best to steer us on a sustainable path to make us once again that vibrant, caring, concerned and involved community that I know we can, and will, be.

If a community is trusting, forgiving, peaceful and strong, what does that look like to you? What would you like the Beth Ami community to feel like and how do you want it to be perceived by the community at large? These are interesting questions to ponder as we enter into the month of Elul. During this month, we as Jews, take a close look at our affairs with others over the past year. It is a time to reflect on our actions and to ask for forgiveness from those we have hurt willingly or unwillingly.

Arnold Drake has written that one of his main goals this year, as president of the congregation, is to rebuild the trust within the Beth Ami community. As chair of the Social Action Committee, rebuilding trust and strengthening relationships will be my main focus for the year. In order to have Tikkun Olam (healing the world) we first need to have Shalom Bayit (peace at home). In that spirit, the Social Action Committee will be planning events throughout the year to help build trust and strengthen personal relationships. We will once again have community conversations during the afternoon break of the Yom Kippur services. These conversations have been very successful over the past few years. They have given people an opportunity to personally connect with other members of the Beth Ami community. Strong personal connections foster trust and understanding. The subject for this year’s conversations will be forgiveness (sichot). We are hoping that people will tell a story about their experience with healing and forgiveness.

In addition to the conversations, the Social Action Committee is taking the lead to organize the Beth Ami board retreat in September to build and strengthen relations among board members. We will also be considering small mitzvah projects that can be taken on by chavurot or other groups. Social Action will also continue to collaborate with the North Bay Sponsoring Committee (NBSC). The NBSC is a network of congregations and community organizations that work for social justice and positive change to make our community a healthier and safer place. The research and actions of NBSC are now focused on Education, Mental Health services, Immigration and Community Relations and Jobs. This committee is co-chaired by Ellen Mundell and Barbara Tomin.

These have been trying times for many in our small community and it is our belief that differences need to be discussed and people need to be heard so that we can move together in a positive direction. I am hopeful for the New Year (5772) and look forward to the help of anyone who desires to see our beloved congregation grow and thrive. We have a wonderful Social Action Committee, co-chaired by Susan Miller. I hope to hear (526-7438) from many of you as we prepare for the Holy Days.
Jeffrey and Dalia Sheff have lived in Oakmont and have participated in numerous Sonoma County community and Jewish activities and organizations since they moved here from southern California in 2002.

Israel-born Dalia earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and worked for Kaiser in Los Angeles for 25 years; Jeff, born in Brooklyn, moved to Los Angeles where he attended Fairfax High a few years before Rabbi Rembaum was enrolled and spent the majority of his earning-a-living years as a computer systems analyst in the private sector.

They remained in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego until this past February, when they moved north to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law—and to find the residential assistive care for Irv, who has Alzheimer’s Disease. He now resides at Hanna House in Santa Rosa and Shirley visits with him daily. “It wasn’t so bad when we could still do things together. But his condition now—this is really hard,” Shirley shares.

For the last six months, she’s lived with her family, but will soon move into Shadow Creek Apartments, near Beth Ami. A resilient and energetic woman, Shirley has joined Friendship Circle and looks forward to becoming involved with our community.

Look for Shirley at our open house on September 18—you’ll know her by her smile!

Get your face painted by FairyDust Faces at our open house!
Tikkun Olam—Repairing the World
Buying new clothes for Rosh Hashanah is a traditional way to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. It’s a great time to buy earth-friendly clothing, which often don’t cost a lot more than conventional clothing. Made from sustainable and eco-friendly fabrics including organic cotton, linen, hemp, and soft, silky bamboo, these clothes are fashionable, comfortable, and show your concern for the environment and for the people who farm the crops that make your clothes and the people who produce them.

Non-organic cotton depletes the soil and pollutes our waterways. The most pesticide-dependent crop in the world, cotton accounts for 25% of all pesticides used. The USDA estimates cotton uses more than 50,000,000 lbs. of pesticides in the U.S. annually (one T-shirt uses ¼ lb).

Buying organic textiles is also a mitzvah of social justice. Pesticides affect the health of agricultural workers. Also, many clothes are produced in sweatshops, both here in the U.S. and abroad. As more of our clothes are produced in developing countries, buying Fair Trade insures that those making them receive fair compensation and have safe working conditions, whether they work abroad or in America.

Santa Rosa based Indigenous Designs (707/571-7811), distributes organic and Fair Trade clothing. You can find their clothes at Zizi and Arboretum in Healdsburg, Dressers in Sebastopol, and the Calistoga Ranch and the Sea Ranch Lodge. You can also buy their clothing online at www.indigenousdesigns.com. Look for fliers, mailers and ads for their occasional sample sales or sign up on their Facebook account for updates on sample sales and discount codes.

Although they don’t have quite the same commitment to social responsibility, Wal-Mart, the world’s largest provider of organic cotton and J.C. Penney’s Simply Green line sell locally. Many companies, including REI, also carry environmentally friendly clothing.

Another way to buy earth-friendly clothing is to buy “repurposed” (used clothing) at local boutiques and consignment stores, thrift stores, flea markets, garage sales, and through classified ads and clothing “swap” parties” (Google “clothing swap party” for lots of how-to ideas.) Repurposed clothing has an almost zero carbon footprint compared to new clothing, which requires more than just the energy to make it or transport it.

As you fast on Yom Kippur, and even before then, remember the people of East Africa and the famine there. You can help by donating through the American Jewish World Service at www.ajws.org.

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Religious School Report
Pnina Loeb, Religious School Director

Big news at our Religious School

September 11: Opening Day. The first day of school begins with a potluck breakfast followed by Havdallah and a short assembly. We will welcome two new teachers to our staff! Chanah Berman will be joining us as our K-2 class teacher. She is a graduate of Queens College, New York, and Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim (School of Hebraic Studies), Jerusalem, Israel. Chanah is newly married, and comes to us with a lot of knowledge and experience including: children, arts, Judaism, Hebrew, creativity, and a drive to grow with us. We will also be joined by our new 5th-6th grade teacher. At this time, I am interviewing two wonderful prospects who are fluent Hebrew speakers, very knowledgeable in Jewish history, Torah, Israel, and all areas that we cherish here at Beth Ami. I will continue to teach our wonderful 3rd-4th grades.

September 18: Synagogue Open House. Beginning with Havdallah, the Religious School will have activities for all ages based on the up-coming High Holy Days. We invite all visitors to join in.

September 29: Rosh Hashanah Family Services. At 10:00 am Eli Cohen will lead services in our synagogue for all youth (grades 2-7) and their families. At the same time Lauren Kalmanson will lead a more experiential service (grades K-2) in room 12-13 for our youngest and their families.

October 16: Annual Sukkot party ‘Pizza in the Hut’. Bring your entire family and join us after Religious School for a joyous afternoon. We will have cheese and/or vegetarian pizza, salad, drinks, and dessert. Please fill out the flier (on page 19) and send it in so we can plan ahead.

We have a year filled with celebration, commemoration, and community activities! You are invited to stay involved, volunteer, assist, lead, and always join in.

Please send in your registration ASAP!
### Congregation Beth Ami High Holy Days

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### Kever Avot – Cemetery Visit

**Sunday, October 2, 11:00 am**

Your presence at this brief but moving ceremony in the Beth Ami section of the Santa Rosa Memorial Park on Franklin Avenue will support those who mourn, honor those whose work we continue to enjoy, and remember those who have been left behind. You need not be a mourner or have anyone buried there to participate. You need not be an adult. Children will also find this ceremony revealing, interesting, and comforting.

In addition, we will attend to the accumulated sacred texts of the past year, burying them with love and respect. Since we treat all texts in which God’s name appears in Hebrew as sacred and with respect, please bring any “discards” (e.g., unusable prayer books, pages from classes) to the synagogue office before September 28 so that they may be disposed of in an appropriate manner. In this manner, we learn cemetery etiquette and come to see the lives of those who have gone before us as beautiful and as holy as the text of the Torah.
We're looking forward to the fall, to the Jewish New Year, and to a new season of fun events and learning for Sonoma County Jewish teens.

**What is staying the same?**
- Our popular Chaverim dinner discussions for each age group once or twice a month are a go. We're expecting approximately 100+ members this year.
- Great social activities, Shabbatons, campouts and celebrations throughout the year.
- Second Annual Teen Talent Night; Annual High School Casini Ranch Campout; 8th grade bowling; indoor gymnastics; Third Annual Teen-Run Purim Carnival; Monte Carlo Casino Night.

**What is new this year?**
- Aaron Selya joins Rick Concoff as Assistant Director of JCC Teen Programs and brings his experience and enthusiasm to all aspects of our program.
- Teen-led Social Action Committee.
- Outreach plans to identify and engage unaffiliated Jewish teens countywide.
- A special opportunity to do some advanced Jewish learning with Rabbis Gittleman and Kramer (new assistant Rabbi at Shomrei Torah).
- Shabbat dinners for members.

All events are countywide and Jewish teen members as well as new prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Our mission is to serve, engage, educate and celebrate Jewish teens in Sonoma County. Our dinner discussions and events are designed to be inclusive, inspiring and build Jewish community. We are proud to serve Jewish teens from all Sonoma County synagogues, affiliated and unaffiliated Jewish youth groups, and all other Jewish teens from anywhere in the county.

Some of my articles and inspirational writings about and for Jewish teens and parents are available at www.jccsoco.org. Please enjoy my current offering called "God Space" which represents some of what we do in Chaverim and the JCC Jewish Teen Program.

**For more information:** Contact Aaron or Rick at the JCC, 707/528-4222 or www.jccsoco.org. They will be glad to make a connection with your son or daughter.

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**JCC Presents: Jewish Film Festival**

**October 18-December 13, 2011**

**You Are Part Of The Story!**

The 16th annual Sonoma County Jewish Film Festival presents choice films from Israel, Argentina, Mexico, Japan, France, Canada, Czech Republic, Poland and the United States at Rialto Cinemas @ 6th Street Playhouse in historic Railroad Square in Santa Rosa.

**Must-See Special Event: Sonoma County Premiere!**

**100 Voices: A Journey Home**

Wednesday, November 2, at 7:15 p.m.

Cantor Nate Lam, the organizer of the tour, will speak and give a short performance with accompanist. Tickets for this special event are sold separately for $15.

Please visit www.jccsoco.org to buy season passes, single tickets and books of raffle tickets.
Back To School Night
For new and current families

Beth Ami Community Nursery School
Leave the children at home and join the adults for fun, mingling and information.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011
5:30p.m. - 7:15p.m.
5:30pm - 6:00pm Social Hall
6:00pm-6:15pm Teacher Introductions
6:15pm - 7:15pm Student’s Classrooms

This is a great time to:
❖ Meet other parents
❖ See what your child will be doing
❖ Make sure your paperwork is in
❖ Sign up for enrichment classes
Comment from the Kitchen Committee

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson

The CBA Kitchen Committee is diligently working out a total information packet that will include guidelines for using the kitchen, including the responsibilities for the Mashgichim, those members who are trained to supervise the CBA kitchen activities. Our CBA kitchen is equipped with commercial appliances and is more powerful than a standard home kitchen; so our goals are to see that the kitchen is easily available, safely used, and maintained according to Kashrut laws observed by Beth Ami. A Mashgiach will happily advise the host/hostess for all functions using the CBA kitchen and will be there to supervise the kitchen activities.

If you want to use the CBA kitchen for any occasion, contact our office manager, Elizabeth Jarlsberg, at least two weeks in advance, at 360-3000, or drop by the office.

The calendar posted to the right of the kitchen door entrance from the social hall is maintained by the CBA Kitchen Committee specifically for CBA kitchen activities and is updated from the master calendar regularly. The current potluck guidelines are posted on the kitchen door in the social hall and the current guidelines for observing kitchen protocol are posted on the kitchen door to the outside. If you would like a copy of any of these guidelines, or have any comments or questions, please let us know.

From our CBA kitchen— Faux Chopped Liver

There have been a lot of requests for this recipe. The recipe below is a combination of various recipes that were found on the Internet.

Ingredients

Frozen baby lima beans 10 oz package: cook (save water for later)
4 eggs: cook hard boiled
3 medium onions: sliced and sauteed over med/high heat until golden brown (caramelized)
¾ cup walnuts: roasted in 300 F oven (8-10 min.) until aromatic and starting to brown
olive oil: enough to do onions (and extra for later)
salt & pepper

Directions

After preparing the ingredients, process them until the ingredients are a smooth consistency using either olive oil ~or~ the saved water from preparing the lima beans.
(Olive oil was used for the potlucks).
Add salt & pepper to taste.
Serve chilled.

If there are any recipes you would like to share, or would like to see, please let us know.

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Israel from the Left Coast

Bob Raful

Another admission of my intention to feature upbeat news from Israel. The media is full of conflict, hate and controversy—much of it true. But there is another side to life in Israel. This is a current example.

As you read this item, Susy and I will be starting our 25th trip to Jerusalem. Only a month this time. But will hope to gain more first hand examples for future columns.

Boosting Israeli-Arab Entrepreneurship through microloans (From Israel21c, August 10, 2011)

“Koret Israel Economic Development Fund (KIEDF) has united with the San Francisco-based non-profit organization Kiva Microfunds in a groundbreaking venture aimed at helping Bedouin women of the Negev, Arab Israelis in northern Israel, and other low-income sectors of Israeli society.

KIEDF’s track record makes it the perfect partner for Kiva, under which some 509,000 people have loaned more than $177 million to 464,000 entrepreneurs over the past six years. Since 1994, KIEDF has facilitated close to NIS 900 million ($206 million) in financing to almost 8,000 small and micro businesses in Israel, creating more than 40,000 jobs in the process.

‘This project is still in the pilot stage, and we hope to expand it,’” says KIEDF managing director Carl Kaplan. ‘Kiva originally saw Israel as a developed economy. We persuaded them that some sections of Israeli society – notably Arab and Bedouin women – are actually Third World. It’s not a political issue.’

‘We’ve already facilitated 1,800 loans to Negev businesses, mainly run by women,’ says Kaplan, adding that small loans of up to NIS 30,000 are offered under the project.

‘We use micro-finance to get these companies credit when they lack sufficient security,’ Kaplan explains. ‘There are three types of companies – if you’re good you don’t need us, and if you’re bad you don’t interest us. We don’t throw money at businesses that we don’t believe have the ability to return it. If a business is good enough to get credit, they don’t need us.’

President Shimon Peres was full of praise for the initiative during its launch at his official residence in Jerusalem: ‘We are all partners for one noble promising goal – development of the Negev. Your joint undertaking answers several needs but the foremost being reducing unemployment and poverty. Creating new jobs and factories is the best answer to such challenges,’ he said.”

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Mazel Tov to Andy & Nancy Fleming on the wedding of their son, Jacob.
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Condolences to Bob Rosaler and family upon the passing of Shirley
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Mazel Tov to Anna Whitaker upon her Bat Mitzvah

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Thank you Beth Ami for your hospitality
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- Happy Birthday Elsie Rich!
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Gayle & Abe Farkas

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15  Ross Jones & Jane Paul
16  Jeff & Dalia Sheff
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29  Ira & Ruth Rosenbaum

September 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 September 2nd and 3rd
Sept. 3  Lillian Gordon
Sept. 3  Joseph Rafal
Sept. 5  Irving Welch
Sept. 7  Ethel Bromberg
Sept. 7  Myrna Drake
Sept. 7  Irving Gordon
Sept. 7  Joyce Vrobel
Sept. 9  Dorothy Drain
Sept. 9  Ida Mann
Sister of Mazzie Miller
Father of Bob Rafal
Father of Ron Welch
Sister of Helen Dresser
First wife of Arnold Drake
Father-in-law of Dave Rubin
Mother of Laura Alexander
Grandmother of Janet Stein-Larson
Grandmother of Judith Helman

Announced on September 9th and 10th
Sept. 10  Elie Negrin
Sept. 11  William Hahn
Sept. 12  Sylvia Golomb
Sept. 12  David Katz
Sept. 12  Selby Morse
Sept. 13  Susan Yelin
Sept. 15  Audrey Schoen
Sept. 16  Angela Kupperberg
Husband of Gail Negrin
Father of Ronit Glickman
Father of Edith Newman
Mother of Sherrill Golomb
Father of Audrey Darby
Husband of Myrna Morse
Mother of Francie Rogovin
Sister of Phyllis Shapiro
Wife of Michael Kupperberg

Announced on September 16th and 17th
Sept. 17  Dan ben Hershel
Sept. 18  Yechezkiel Rivkin
Sept. 18  Barbara Wallace
Sept. 19  Joshua Cohen
Sept. 19  Peter Duchon
Sept. 19  Max Lachman
Sept. 19  Morris Marks
Sept. 20  Vivian Frye
Sept. 20  Harold Ross
Sept. 21  Jennie Klein
Sept. 21  Avra Metzger
Sept. 22  Emil Judd
Sept. 23  Fritz Jacob
Sept. 23  Naftali Morse
Nephew of Evelyn Gurevitch
Sister of Adolph Rivkin
Sister of Arnold Drake
Father of Leonard Cohen
Father of Barbara Duchon
Father of Vivian Salmon
Grandfather of Myrna Morse
Friend of Ellen Mundell
Father of Stuart Ross
Mother of Ricki Streitfeld
Mother of Joslly Metzger
Husband of Lillian Judd
Sister of Elsie Rich
Father-in-law of Myrna Morse

Announced on September 23rd and 24th
Sept. 24  Abraham Rubinstein
Sept. 25  Carolina Gordon
Sept. 25  Shava-ba-Shav bat Baruch Penkovitch
Sept. 25  Irving Nathan
Sept. 26  Frances Spiegelman
Sept. 29  Arthur Levine
Sept. 29  Rose Zittin
Sept. 30  Myer Brust
Sept. 30  William Colton
Husband of Miriam Rubinstein
Granddaughter of Marjorie Gordon
Mother of Sarah Tyutinman
Father of Asher Nathan
Mother of Gail Negrin
Grandmother of Ronit Glickman
Former Husband of Gussie Hankin
Grandmother of Bill Friedman
Grandfather of Barbara McGee
Brother-in-law of Evelyn Gurevitch
**October 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 September 30th and October 1st**

Oct. 2 Jenny Wiesenthal  
Mother of Natalie Friedman

Oct. 3 Donald Morrison  
Father of Elliot Morrison

Oct. 3 Helene Senzer  
Mother of Adrea Moss

Oct. 4 Susan Dove  
Niece of Betty Franks

Oct. 5 Frances Brust  
Grandmother of Barb McGee

Oct. 5 Raymond Mundell  
Father of Mike Mundell

Oct. 6 Hilda Meyer  
Mother of Jane Meyer

Oct. 7 Joseph Diamond  
Father-in-law of Marilyn Diamond

Oct. 7 Shulamit Sapojnikov  
Mother of Ahuva Simon-Sa’ar

**Announced on October 7th and October 8th**

Oct. 10 Ruth Meltzer  
Mother of Allen Meltzer

Oct. 10 Carl Connors  
Father of Tish Levee

Oct. 10 Ester Pekker  
Mother of Semyon Pekker

Oct. 10 Harold Ross  
Father of Stuart Ross

Oct. 12 Hans Shiffman  
Brother of Elsie Rich

Oct. 14 George Barta  
Father of Ivan Barta

**Announced on October 14th and October 15th**

Oct. 15 Dorothy Yelin  
Grandmother of Francie Rogovin

Oct. 16 Mollie Rafal  
Mother of Bob Rafal

Oct. 17 Dean Darby  
Husband of Audrey Darby

Oct. 18 Meyer Okninen  
Brother of Therese Becraft

Oct. 19 Morris Edelberg  
Father of Marjorie Gordon

Oct. 19 David Friedman  
Brother of Harry Friedman

Oct. 20 Arnold Gross  
Father of Sylvia Sucher

Oct. 20 Hersh Hankin  
Father of Harry Hankin

Oct. 21 Michael Letourneau  
Son of Pam Jacobs Letourneau

Oct. 21 Lester Schloner  
Father of Carol Swanson

**Announced on October 21st and October 22nd**

Oct. 28 Mary Diamond  
Mother-in-Law of Marilyn Diamond

Oct. 28 Harold Rosen  
Father of Mark Rosen

Oct. 28 Al Sherman  
Father of Edward Sherman

Oct. 28 Brukha Vilenskeya  
Mother of Malvina Tsipan

**Announced on October 28th and October 29th**

Oct. 31 Tillie Edelberg  
Mother of Marjorie Gordon

Nov. 2 Bessie Drake  
Stepmother of Arnold Drake

Nov. 3 Rose Shiffman  
Mother of Elsie Rich

Nov. 4 Herman Hecht  
Grandfather of John Metz

**October Birthdays**

4 Danella Lubar

7 Carl Servin

8 Arline Thomas

8 Ruth Weiss

9 Laura Alexander

10 Sanford Bressick

11 Blair Pleasant

12 Malvina Tsipan

13 Eli Miller

14 Evey Abramowitz

14 Jeffrey Sommers

15 Katie Zelman

19 Richard Kahn

19 Rabbi George Schlesinger

19 Jeffrey Sheff

20 Andrew Brown

20 John Whitaker

23 Judy Gunnar

25 Gerald Gunnar

27 Rimma Rivkin

29 Lillian Judd

30 Rick Concoff

31 Joelle Burnette

**October Anniversaries**

5 John & Rhonda Rosenbach

25 Joe & Sigue Minuskin

25 Stephen & Andrea Nett

31 Eli & Yona Miller

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# of Youth: (ages 5-12)  @$9=_______

☐ September 2  
☐ October 14  
☐ November 4  
☐ December 2  
☐ January 6  
☐ February 3  
☐ March  
☐ No dinner in April – Community Seder April 7  
☐ May 4  
☐ June 1

Break the Fast – October 8
Reserve on or before October 3
# of people _________  @$18 = ______

Pizza in the Hut – October 16
# of people _________ before 9/21  @ $6.50 = _____
# of people _________ after 9/21  @ $7.50 = _____
Names of all attendees______________________________

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September Shabbatot

Torah Readings for September 3
Parashat: Shoftim, Deut. 16:18 – 18:5 (page 1088)
Candle Lighting: 7:21 pm, Havdalah: 8:18 pm

Torah Readings for September 10
Parashat: Ki Tetze, Deut. 21:10 – 23:7 (page 1112)
Candle Lighting: 7:11 pm, Havdalah: 8:07 pm

Torah Readings for September 17
Parashat: Ki Tavo, Deut. 26:1 – 27:10 (page 1140)
Candle Lighting: 7:00 pm, Havdalah: 7:05 pm

Torah Readings for September 24
Parashat: Nitzavim Deut. 29:9 – 30:20 (page 1165)
Candle lighting: 6:48 pm, Havdalah: 7:44 pm

Morning Minyan
1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30 am
Come meet and talk with President Arnold Drake during informal "ask the president" sessions, after most minyanim.

October Shabbatot

Torah Readings for October 1
Parashat: Vayelech Deut. 31:1 - 30 (Page 1173)
Candle Lighting: 6:38 pm Havdalah: 7:34 pm

Rosh Hashanah Candle Lighting: 6:41 pm,
2nd Day after 7:37 pm

For Torah Readings October 8 – SEE YOM KIPPUR
Candle Lighting: 6:27 pm Havdalah: 7:23 pm

Torah Readings for October 15
Parashat: Ha'azinu Deut. 32:1 - 52 (Page 1185)
Candle Lighting: 6:17 pm, Havdalah: 7:13 pm

Torah Readings for October 22
Parashat: Bereshit: Gen. 2:4 – 4:26 (Page 12)
Candle Lighting: 6:07 pm, Havdalah: 7:04 pm

Torah Readings for October 29
Parashat: Noach Gen. 8:15 – 10:32 (Page 48)
Candle Lighting: 5:58 pm, Havdalah: 6:55 pm