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The Megillah According to the Beatles

March 10, 8 pm
March 11, 2 pm

We will come together, in the Social Hall, and with a little help from our friends, we will all sing and laugh our way through Purim. Here comes the fun!

This year's Purimspiel is based on an ancient version of the Megillah, found in an archeological dig at the very heart of Shushan, now known as Liverpool. Scholars agree, no one can understand the true nature of heroism and villainy until they've heard **Russ Gurevitch** and **Jon Batzdorff** as Mordechai and Haman, battling it out in their stirring renditions of "Hello Goodbye" and "Hey Jews." And though scholars are unsure of whether the story takes place in Persia, Liverpool, or closer to home, they are certain that the only reasonable place to be during Purim is at the Beth Ami Purimspiel: *The Megillah According to the Beatles*.

So may we introduce to you
The act you've known for all these years
Rabbi Pupik's only Purim Band!
In the Beth Ami Social Hall.

Watch for ticket information coming soon.

~Leanne Schy



Meet Rabbi Elana Zelony February 9-12

Our first rabbinic candidate, Rabbi Elana Zeloney, will be here February 9-12. Please try to attend some of the wonderful functions being arranged. And then be sure to answer a brief survey about her. You will be able to fill out the survey on-line or in written form.

Her story

Rabbi Zelony was ordained at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at American Jewish University (AJU) in 2009. She also holds a Masters in Education from the Fingerhut School of AJU and is currently enrolled in the Rabbinic Management Institute—a certificate program in non-profit management for Conservative rabbis. Prior to entering rabbinical school she studied for two years at the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. She earned her BA in Geology at Occidental College.

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FRIDAY NOON - Rabbi Zelony will lead noon time singing with the Nursery School children and parents.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Join us for services at 7:30 pm and a dessert oneg.

SATURDAY - Services start at 9:30 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch. Rabbi Zelony will lead a short study and discussion after lunch. Rachel Simkovitz will be reprising her Bat Mitzvah maftir and haftarah. Several of our teens will participate in the service as well.

SATURDAY NIGHT - **You're invited** for wine and cheese after Havdalah to meet Rabbi Zelony and a question and answer session.

We will make sure those that do not drive at night get rides.

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is in session.

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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.

Deadline for April/May Shofar: March 16

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

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An outsider's view from the inside

I have reached the midpoint of my tenure as Interim Rabbi of Congregation Beth Ami. It is my hope that when I conclude my service to the community in July, a new rabbi who will live in Santa Rosa will provide our synagogue family with many more hours of spiritual leadership than I can offer with my biweekly weekend visits. I must say, however, that I will sorely miss my whirlwind stays in wine country. My experience with the Beth Ami community has exceeded all my expectations. When the folks in Los Angeles ask me about Beth Ami, this is what I tell them: "We have a GREAT SHUL with great potential for thriving in the future." I will explain what I mean.

I love leading Shabbat services at Beth Ami. The folks who attend constitute a wonderfully participatory, spirited and spiritual group. You sing and harmonize and make me sound good (I am not a hazzan). The way the congregation responds to me when I daven makes my spirit soar. I am in awe of how eagerly the members take on leadership roles in conducting the services – as *sh'lihei tzibbur* (congregational representative/prayer-leaders), *Torah* and *haftarah* readers, readers of English prayers and *gabbaim* (distributing and calling forward honors), and I am so grateful and appreciative of the efforts of the members of the Religious Practices Committee who recruit all of the above. Then there are the folks who see to the set up and preparations of the weekly Shabbat (very yummy) potluck kiddush lunches and help **Andrea** with the monthly Shabbat (gourmet) dinners and, of course, dear **Irwin** with his wonderful *hallot*.

Our Social Action and Adult Education committees have created excellent programs to enhance the scope of important educational and community service opportunities for our membership. My work with all of these dedicated volunteers has been inspirational and energizing, and I know that the programs they have created have been warmly received by our membership. My classes are populated by very learned and intelligent folks who keep me on my toes.

I have numerous opportunities to teach and interact with the children in our Nursery and Religious Schools and their parents. I have adopted all the kids as my Santa Rosa grandchildren. I *shep nachas* from them, and I find them – and their parents – to be responsive to my efforts to engage them in learning, thinking about and experiencing the spiritual treasures of our rich Jewish tradition. And I am very impressed by the quality and dedication of our school administrators, teachers and teaching assistants, with whom I work regularly.

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I loved Simhat Torah and Hanukkah at Beth Ami. On the former, we danced with the Torahs outside on a lovely Autumn evening and then came inside and unrolled a Torah scroll and learned about all the amazing things inside. And during the latter, 100 of us, aged 9 months to 99 years, lit *hanukiyyot*, had great latkes and jelly doughnuts, sang the "good ole" Hanukkah songs and had a grand time at the Board sponsored party.

On each of my weekend visits, I have been hosted at home by Beth Ami members who have provided me with Shabbat warmth, food, bed and friendship. What a group of dear people! In each case I feel as if a special relationship has been created, and I have been made to feel like family. I must say a special thank you to **Barbara Tomin** for managing this program, for checking in with me regularly, for making sure that my hosts are prepared for my visits and for picking me up at the airport.

I must single out our Executive Director, **Carolyn Metz**, and wish her a continued speedy and complete recovery from her surgery. She and I worked so well together from the get-go, first in setting up for the High Holidays, then in getting me set up in my new office and then in helping me and our lay volunteers move into our annual routine of services and programs. And thanks to our office assistant, **Elizabeth**, for serving as my secretary.

Aharon aharon haviv, saving the dearest one for the end – I have been inspired working with my partner, our President, **Arnold Drake**, who has changed the way Beth Ami does business. He has committed himself to energizing our Board of Directors and committee structure by bringing in new and younger leadership and to making the management of the synagogue more transparent so that all our members can have a stake in our community's activity. But, even more importantly, Arnold serves as a role model for all of us through his attendance at and leading of our worship services, participating in our adult education and social action programs and having a presence at the synagogue and showing a sincere interest in all of our members. He has a great *neshamah* – he cares, deeply, about our shul and wants to see it thrive as we move through the second decade of the 21st century.

So, after six months, what is my assessment of Congregation Beth Ami in Santa Rosa? "We have a GREAT SHUL with great potential for thriving in the future."



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our newest members

Ivan Barta • Sidney & Eleanor Bergman
 Diane Brown • Margo Budman
 Jerry & Joy Danzig • Lee Feinstein
 Shirley Flug • Binese & Earl Goldberg
 Patti & Larry Gregg • David & Sherri Kahn
 Betty Kale • Warren Levin
 Fred & Regina Marvan • Mendy & David Maccabee
 Debra Niestat • Rosalia Rosenbach de Philippsborn
 Etienne Sampiere • Frederic Schloner
 Dalia & Jeffrey Sheff • Alan & Janice Shotkin



Welcome Shabbat

Please join us for Shabbat morning services and potluck lunch on **Saturday, March 24** when we will honor and officially welcome our newest members.

Misheberach

Bless those in need of healing with refu'ah sh'layma
 The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit **Lydia Ross, Warren Levin, Carolyn Metz, Dalia Sheff, Patricia Allison, Lauren Newman, and Miriam Rubinstein**

*Dear Beth Ami Friends,
 Thank you for your continuing support and good wishes as I progress through my spine surgery recovery. Each card, email or phone call is a connection I value. I hope to see you soon.*

Warmly, Carolyn



We offer sincere condolences to

The family and friends of **Elsie Rich.**

The family and friends of **Helen Dresser.**



Francie Rogovin and her family on the death of her cousin, Richard Fiske.

The family of **Herb and Ellen Brosbe**: Edwin's wife Leyah Brosbe; grandchildren Liora, Daniel, Gabe, Shira, and Ruben; and great grandchildren Elijah and Asher, on the death of Dr. Edwin Brosbe (Yitzhak ben Zalman Aharon v'Mamie), father of Dr. Herb Brosbe.

The family of **Bob Rosaler**, including his daughter Jeannie Schram, her son Gregory Schram and his son, Kenny Rosaler and his children Jonathan and Max.

The family and friends of **Dave Rubin.**



Calling all Hamantashen bakers

Oh, the sights, sounds, and smells of Purim: groggers, costumes, laughter, booing, cheering, and Hamantashen! Hamantashen baking: the choices we have...which recipe and which filling to use; poppyseed, prune, apple, apricot, or chocolate (oh my!) Once again we have been asked to bake for Purim, the Purim Spiel, and for Shalach Manot (the Purim baskets). Last year we made over 800 Hamantashen for CBA. Let's do it again. If you are interested in helping, contact Jeffrey and Janet at JSL2602@sonic.net.

~Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson



Watch for Shalach Manot gift giving plans and the Purim-spiel details in your mailbox in February!

Traditional Megillah Reading Wednesday, March 7. Come in Costume!



Beth Ami Gift Shop is finally moving!

The gift shop will be closed until mid-February when it re-opens in its NEW LOCATION in the Beth Ami office. Shabbat and Yahrzeit candles will be available in the office. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



Save the Date

**Beth Ami Community Seder
 Saturday, April 7, 6 pm**



Israeli Folk Dancing - on Wednesdays!

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Friedman Center.

For more information: **Leanne Schy**, 528-4874 or Leanne@sonic.net.

Hebrew

- Private lessons or small classes. **Esther Baruch**, 528-2265 or esther@pacific.net.
- Study Modern Hebrew from the source with a native Israeli. **Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar**, 545-2454.



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Notes from Esther Baruch, Interim E.D.

C is for convenience

Many members have taken advantage of the convenience of credit cards and have instructed the office to bill their card regularly for dues, dinners, contributions, and other payments. If you haven't done so yet, please come in and let Lizzie set up a regular payment schedule for you. You won't have to worry about writing checks, finding stamps, and remembering to remove the envelope from your jacket pocket and mail it... all those 20th century things. Convenience!



Bim Bam is back!

Tell your friends. Better yet, bring your friends. On January 14, we brought back an old favorite custom that we enjoyed for many years at Beth Ami: Bim Bam! After Junior Congregation, the kids came into the sanctuary, stood up front, and we all joined them for a rousing chorus of Bim Bam. It was grand fun, and brought back fond memories. This will be a regular feature at services from now on. **Please join us on the second Saturday of every month!** Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, kids hanging out on the street corner, and be part of the fun.

Contemporary Anti-Semitism Series

On Sunday, January 15, **Rabbi Jerry Danzig** opened Congregation Beth Ami's series on The Threat of Modern Anti-Semitism with an overview on anti-Semitism's origins. Rabbi Danzig's talk was extremely well attended and likewise well appreciated. At least 51 people attended.

Mark your calendars. The series continues on Sunday, February 12 with a presentation by Nancy J. Appel, Associate Director of the Anti-Defamation League Central Pacific Region on "Responding to US Anti-Semitism." Her talk starts at 2:00 pm and is followed by an oneg in the Social Hall.

The series concludes on Sunday, February 26 with a presentation by JIMENA Speakers' Bureau Member, Rachel Wahba, and JIMENA Director, Sarah Levin on Arab State Sponsored Sources of Modern Anti-Semitism. The presentation starts at 2:00 pm and is followed by an oneg in the Social Hall.

Our previously scheduled talk by the Israel Consul General Akiva Tor is being rescheduled.

Weekday Minyan rings in 2012!

For the sixteen people who came to the Weekday Minyan on January 1, it was nearly standing room only and a great way to usher in the secular New Year. After the service, everyone enjoyed lox and cream cheese with bagels, coffee, cookies and coffee cake and pink champagne to celebrate bringing in 2012.

For the last year we've been meeting the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month; only once have there not been at least ten people in attendance. After the service, there's time for schmoozing while enjoying a light breakfast, provided by minyan members. It's also a good time to ask **Arnold Drake**, Beth Ami's president any questions we might have.

Recently the minyan decided to donate the \$346 collected in the pushke this last year to help defray the cost of restoring our Torah scrolls.

Participants in the minyan also help to make sure that there are enough people for shiva minyans and for people who need to say Kaddish. If you need a minyan to say Kaddish, please call the office at 360-3000 or **Susanne Batzdorff** at 538-9731.

The Annual Susy Raful Holocaust Essay Contest

is underway. Members of the JCC Teen Program will receive an invitation as part of their program. All Jewish High School students can access the full invite letter at www.jccsoco.org (on the home page.) For details please contact Bob Raful, saladbob@netdex.com or 523-3253.

29th Annual Book Discussion Series



The Book Discussion Group met December 7 and **Jeff Sheff** led a discussion of Ze'ev Maghen's book *John Lennon and the Jews*. However, part of our meeting was spent weighing the pros and cons of how to deal with the dwindling interest and enthusiasm of our discussion group members.

After an enjoyable life of more than 28 years, the Book Discussion group is calling it quits. Some of our members had dropped out, some were rarely able to attend, and it seemed that it was time to ask the existential question: "To be or not to be." After much soul-searching and debating, we finally decided to "pack it in." Our program has had a good run, and we can be proud of our past reading and discussing experience together. I am sure all you book lovers will keep reading and perhaps discussing what you have read with friends or family. And perhaps some time in the future someone will start another similar program at Beth Ami.

It's been fun! Thanks for the memories!



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Arnold Drake, President

The last six months have been a very exciting time. After Board Training at our initial Board meeting in June by Morey Shapira, our United Synagogue Kehilla Representative, the Board and I set three goals for ourselves: to help the Congregation to heal, to address our financial situation, and to find a part time rabbi. How are we doing?

Healing

We are healing. In the last six months we have had a wonderful High Holy Day season, with wonderful attendance at Rosh HaShonah and Yom Kippur, and reasonable attendance for Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Rabbi Rembaum gave sermons on forgiveness, and our Social Action Committee, under **Lyla Nathan**, led discussions on forgiveness. These actions have contributed greatly to the process.

I have tried to communicate weekly to the congregation electronically with a President's message. I thank you for the wonderful feedback I have received from many of you. I apologize to those of us who are not online, and we will try to make printed copies of my message available each week.

At our Board meetings, which are open to all congregants, we discuss all issues fully. Every single member of the Board contributes, and every single member of the Board is heard. I have not seen one instance of one Board member being disrespectful of another Board member. All issues are decided by a simple majority, and every Board member supports the action of the entire Board.

Financial situation

Mark Sutter led a very successful HaLayla HaGadol program, with another one planned for this spring.

We had a very successful High Holy Day appeal, with several congregants making very large donations, all the Board giving donations, and many of you contributing for the first time.

We have addressed our Temporarily Restricted Funds.

These funds were donated, over many years, by many generous donors. Since much of the original documentation was not readily available, and many of the original donors and original trustees are not available, these funds have not been used as they were intended. We have appointed new trustees so that these funds can be applied as the donors wished. A few grants have already been approved. This should improve the Religious School and other similar areas.

We combined our three endowments at the Jewish Federation into one. We will now receive a small yearly income, and have already received the first distribution in many years. We hope this endowment will grow, especially from further donations from congregants, and will help provide funds for our future.

The rabbi search

The Search Committee is currently evaluating several applicants for the position of our next rabbi. Obviously we cannot, and should not, bring all the candidates before the synagogue for a formal visit. The Search committee will bring as many candidates as they feel is appropriate, practical and reasonable.

When the rabbinic candidates come for their interviews, we will ask you to complete a survey about each candidate. We will ask you to be very very selfish.

Please do not think about what your children, or your grandchildren, or your neighbors, or former members, or other Jews in the community might think about each candidate. Please tell us just what YOU think, and what YOU found appealing, or not appealing, about each applicant. Only in this manner can the Search Committee, and ultimately your Board of Directors, know how to proceed into our future.

I am proud of everything that we have accomplished in such a short time. We are truly an amazing family. I am convinced that, by continuing to work together, we will always have a synagogue that we, as a family, can enjoy, and be proud of, for many years to come.

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During rabbinical school, Rabbi Zelony augmented her training by working as a chaplain in the emergency department of Harbor Medical Center in Seattle and the cancer ward of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. She deepened her understanding of liturgy by serving as a kol bo during the High Holidays at Congregation Beth Shalom in Modesto and grew her administrative abilities by working as an assistant director at Camp Keshet of Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles. Currently, she is the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Shearith Israel in Atlanta.

Outside of the synagogue she sits on the board of Shalom Bayit and advocates with The Faith Advisory Team, an interfaith group, for the prevention of domestic abuse.

Rabbi Zelony was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She makes her home with her husband Adiv and their two children Nesya and Magen. She is an avid reader of poetry and enjoys keeping healthy by running and doing yoga.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM



Course No. 401: Aleph-beit of Jewish Personalities: Lay taught, interactively from 6:30-7:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month, in rooms 12/13.

Course No. 501: Tuesdays with Rabbi Danzig: Great Jewish Thinkers of the 20th Century: On the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, in rooms 12/13.

Course No. 103: Why Be Jewish?
Taught by Rabbi Rembaum on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary.

Course No. 201: Rembaum on Rambam: Mishneh Torah, Hilkhot T'filah (Laws of Prayer).
Taught by Rabbi Rembaum on Thursdays at 6:30 pm (when he is present), rooms 12/13.

Course No. 202: Contemporary Issues: A Jewish Ethical Perspective. Taught by Rabbi Rembaum on Thursdays at 7:30 pm (when he is present), Rooms 12/13.

For additional information, please contact:
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Attention Families and Learners of all ages

Save the **Second Saturday** of every month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for the return of

JUNIOR CONGREGATION



Judith Helman, longtime Jewish educator in Santa Rosa, is returning to lead Junior Congregation at Beth Ami.

This is an opportunity for the whole family to learn the Shabbat service in a relaxed, learning atmosphere.
Join the rest of the congregation afterwards for our weekly potluck lunch.

We will meet on:
January 14, February 11,
March 10, April 14 & May 12



SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA FRIDAY, MARCH 2

On Friday night, March 2, Congregation Beth Ami is joining with hundreds of locations throughout North America in sponsoring the 16th annual "Shabbat Across America and Canada (SAA/C)," a nationwide effort coordinated by the National Jewish Outreach Program to share the beauty of Shabbat. Our program will include a special Friday night service and Shabbat dinner beginning at 6 pm.

There are several ways to participate:

1. Encourage participation in Congregation Beth Ami's SAA/C program. Everyone has at least one friend, family member, co-worker, or someone you know who has not truly experienced Shabbat in a long time – if at all. Tell them about Shabbat Across America and Canada and invite them to participate. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.
2. Join us on March 2 as a "table host" to help familiarize the unfamiliar and add energy to the event. Being a host entails attending the dinner, working to establish a connection with those at your table, and sharing the beauty of Shabbat with fellow Jews, many of whom want so very much to be part of the Jewish community, but have not yet felt that sense of welcome.
3. Can't join us? Create your own SAA/C in your home! Let's share that beauty by opening our homes to those less familiar with the warmth of Shabbat. If you're interested, here is a link to NJOP's SAA/C Shabbat At Home Materials, the perfect opportunity for learning and inspiration. <http://njop.org/resources/shabbat/guides-to-shabbat-at-home/>

If you have any questions at all or need more information, please contact the Beth Ami office at 707-360-3000, or email office@BethAmiSR.org.

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MITZVAH MOMENTS

Tish Levee

Doing good one click at a time—the stats.

I first started this column nearly five years ago to let people know about the good one can do just by clicking on certain internet sites—at that time the GreaterGood Network's sites, such as <http://www.thehungersite.com/>.

Since then more sites have appeared where you can generate donations from sponsors by clicking on the website—the difference that just clicking can make has been tremendous.

GreaterGood Network's eight sites have generated more than \$26 million for non-profit charities since 1999. Last year, for instance, clicking provided nearly 53 millions cups of food for the hungry, nearly 400,000 children's books, and preserved over 10,000 acres of rainforest. Combinations of clicking and shopping at these sites helped provide poor women with nearly 5500 mammograms, homeless veterans with more than 250,000 meals, and animals with 80 million bowls of food. You can donate more by shopping at the sites, and several have a "Giving Wall," that lets you increase your impact by "liking" the site on Facebook or leaving a comment there.

Another favorite site is <http://www.care2.com/click-to-donate/>, where you can make a difference in eleven areas. I love offsetting my daily computer use by clicking to benefit Carbonfund.org. You get to see your individual impact as well as the totals of everyone clicking, and you can choose where to donate "butterfly rewards" points, which you can earn by signing petitions, reading and commenting on blogs on different subjects, and by sending eCards.

Got Rain?

On Shemini Atzeret, we started praying for rain (geshem), including the words, "Who makes the wind to blow and the rain to fall" in the Amidah prayer. But where's the rain? It's promised soon, but I've been hearing that since November. Although our reservoirs are still in good shape, we are in another "dry pattern" year, and it isn't too soon to think about conserving water. Replacing a lawn with drought-resistant landscaping is one of the best ways to do that. A 500 square foot Sonoma County lawn uses about 2800 gallons of water a month, but drought-tolerated landscaping can use less than 100 gallons a year. Saving water doesn't have to be onerous. Fixing leaks is another simple way to conserve—each leak fixed can save nearly 7300 gallons a year. The Mono Lake Committee has compiled a great list of water saving tips, including ten that save the most water, at <http://www.monolake.org/about/waterconservation>.

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LITERARY LINES

Susanne Batzdorff

Chair, Library Committee

Clearly our library has its uses. In recent weeks I was busy preparing a talk for a class in our Adult Education program. I had stuck my neck out and volunteered to lead the first in a lay-led course titled *Aleph-beit of Jewish Personalities*. Sure there is the approach via computer. Wikipedia had an article about the subject of my talk, Achad Ha'Am. A couple of other articles offered valuable information. Yet I wanted books. You see, I became a librarian long before computers existed. Our library did not disappoint me. I found a book of *Selected Essays*, by Achad Ha'Am as well as a most enlightening art-icle in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

The moral of this story is: When preparing a research pa-per or a talk, do not forget the Celia Gurevitch Library. It is a fine resource and it's open Sundays during school hours and by request at other times. Come, read and learn.



Whom to contact when a loved one passes

Although **Rabbi Rembaum** will be in Santa Rosa twice a month (typically Thursday through Sunday), your family may need help making funeral and pre-funeral arrangements at other times. In addition to Rabbi Rembaum, others have offered their services in meeting the family's Jewish needs:

Rabbi George Schlesinger, (650) 384-6018

Judith Goleman MFT, Rabbinic Chaplain, 829-1670

Rabbi Jerry Danzig, 573-3753

Rabbi Ted Feldman, 364-4616

You may also make contact through a counselor at Santa Rosa Memorial Park (Jan Urdzik, 548-1580), Daniels Chapel of the Roses (Carol Daniels, 525-3730), or Eggen and Lance Chapel (Lisa, 545-3747).

If you wish to meet with Rabbi Rembaum, please contact Elizabeth Jarlsberg at the Beth Ami office at office@bethamir.org or 360-3000 to make an appointment.



SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP

Carol Swanson

Social Action Committee

The smell of delicious mushroom barley soup bubbling on the stove in the CBA kitchen on Sunday, December 18, signaled the Social Action Committee's mitzvah project for Beth Ami members. Over fifty quarts of soup were made and frozen, in two-three serving portions, to deliver to ill and home-bound congregants as needed. As our master chef, **Susan Miller** researched the recipe and coordinated the soup's preparation. She also baked delicious mini challahs to go with the soup. We coordinated our efforts with the Chesed Committee so they can distribute the soup. If you or someone you know would like to have some soup, call the office at 360-3000.

While the soup was cooking, we created special cards—using art supplies brought by **Carol Swanson**—to be delivered with the soup. A little paper, glue and a lot of creativity and love were used to complete the cards. The soup project is a wonderful way to help congregants in need and build relationships at the same time.

Social Action has arranged for Jim Roessler of the Redwood Empire Food Bank to present Hunger 101, an interactive workshop, on March 15 at 5:30 pm. This class is a very powerful experience that guides each participant through simulated real life situations in Sonoma County to demonstrate what daily life with hunger is really like.

Come join the Social Action Committee. We meet the second Thursday of every month at 5:00 pm. Check with the office to confirm our next meeting date.



Clockwise from top left:

- ▲ Joslyn and Carol cooking up a storm
- ▲ Lyla's loving it
- ▲ Barbara and Carol chopping



WHAT'S COOKING WITH THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE?

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson

Teach your recipe

A dozen of us joined **Lillian Judd** recently to learn to make her delicious vegetarian cholant. If you have home recipes you've used for a Beth Ami Shabbat luncheon; make it here and teach us.

Also, since we can cook in our kitchen using pareve or dairy ingredients, please show us what you might have cooked at home but could not due to our "non-cooked only" rules for foods brought in. Please let us know what and when you can teach us with something yummy. Contact Janet & Jeffrey, JSL2602@sonic.net or Betty, bettyboyd@informingscience.org.

~Mark Rosen



Questions for the CBA Kitchen Committee

Q Can we heat up dishes for the potluck in the CBA kitchen? This was discussed originally with Rabbi Schlessinger and later with Rabbi Rembaum, and, yes heating (not cooking but heating) is allowed on Shabbat. That is how using the 'blech' and oven slow cooking came into our Shabbat tradition. Using a slow-cooker, warming trays, or even a microwave oven follow the same line of thinking. All cooking is done before the Sabbath begins. Heating up is not cooking. The blech involves using an already lit burner or electricity which is a continuous source of power. The microwave is also okay, because it is all right to use electricity, but NOT for cooking, thus you can only use it to warm things up (i.e. water may be heated to warm, not to boil).

Q What happened to the food I brought in—it wasn't put for the potluck? Sometimes we have too much stuff, and we put unopened food in the refrigerator and store non-perishable items for future use. If you do bring something that isn't used, and you want it back for your own use, just put your name on it—we'll set it aside on the counter for you to take home later. Sometimes items are brought in that we have questions about. If there is no name on the container; we can't ask you the questions we need to make sure the item follows CBA pot-luck guidelines. In that case we will set them aside (in the refrigerator if the food is perishable) waiting for someone to inquire about their food contribution. If no one comes forward, we will set it out for some one to claim. If no one claims it, we will donate it for someone else to enjoy.

~Janet & Jeffrey Stein-Larson



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Pnina Loeb,
Religious School Director

The secular year has begun, and with that we applaud our achievements and celebrations of 2011. We began with a new class and teacher (Esther Baruch) for our upper grades; took a field trip to the Sonoma Co. Food Bank in commemoration of 9-11; learned to blow the shofar for the High Holy Days; celebrated Sukkot with the Etrog and Lulav and at our 'Pizza in the Hut'; danced with the Torah on Simchat Torah; lit menorahs and ate latkes at the 'Celebrate the Light' Chanukah bazaar; and welcomed the return of Jr. Congregation (a learners service) on the second Saturday of each month. We also have much to look forward to in 2012!

February & March Events

- ▶ **Feb. 3** Shabbat family dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat service.
- ▶ **Feb. 5** – Tu B'Shevat celebration (visiting a local park to clean-up and tree planting)
- ▶ **Feb. 11** – Jr. Congregation (11am-12 pm in room 12-13) and potluck lunch with the congregation.
- ▶ **March 2** – Shabbat family dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat service.
- ▶ **March 4** – Religious School begins with Havdallah, class, and Hamentashen making. At noon, we will go to the Sebastopol Community Center for the JCC's fun filled Community Purim Carnival, 12:30 – 3:30 pm. The \$10 admission fee includes games, prizes, cake walk, bouncy house, face painting, costume parade and fun! Food will be available for an extra charge.
- ▶ **March 10** – Jr. Congregation (11-12 in room 12-13) pot-luck lunch with the congregation.
- ▶ **March 10** – Purim Spiel in the evening at 8 pm.
- ▶ **March 11** – Religious school in the morning, followed by the Purim Spiel at 2 pm.
- ▶ Spring Vacation – March 18 – 24. We return on March 25 and 29



**SAVE THE DATE: April 1
from 10:30 – noon
(during Religious School)
Community Youth Seder**

Please volunteer to publicize,
coordinate/organize, make vegetarian broth or the
matzah balls, set up, serve, or clean up
by contacting Pnina,
rs@bethamir.org or 360-3000.

Registration form on page 19

NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

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

Things are in full swing at the Nursery School these days. Lots of things to look forward to in the upcoming months!

Registration begins February 1 for the fall 2012-2013 school year. All current BACNS families have two weeks priority registration.

Our **Open House** will be held **Thursday, February 2 from 5:30-6:30 pm**. This evening event is a wonderful way current and new/interested families to get a chance to view classrooms and meet the teachers. All family members (children especially!) are invited. Feel free to bring friends as well.

On **February 15, registration begins for new families** interested in attending school in the fall.

Come one, come all! Mark your calendars for **Saturday March 3 from 6-10** and join us for our annual **CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER!** There will be prizes, music, games, food, cocktails and a live/silent auction. We hope you can join us. All proceeds benefit the Nursery School. If you do not receive an invitation in the mail and would like to attend, please call the Nursery School office at 360-3030 and we will reserve a space for you.

Friday, March 9 will be our **PURIM CARNIVAL** for the preschoolers and their families in the social hall. If your child does not attend on that day, you are welcome to come with them and join the celebration. Time: TBD

Just a reminder the Nursery School will be closed on Friday, March 16 for a Professional Development Day.





ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful & Ilana Stoelting

Ilana Stoelting, the multi-talented daughter of **Leanne Schy and Mark Stoelting** is spending five months in Israel, volunteering for a great program run by MASA. She graciously agreed to offer an on-site look—much better than my usual “Left Coast.” Here is her story:

I am living in Tel Aviv, Israel, on a program called Career Israel in which post-graduates come from all over the world to live, travel, study, and work. This season there are 95 Career Israel participants from all around the globe, interning in jobs from teaching in local schools, to PR, to the film industry.

We spent the first two months of the program in ulpan classes five days a week with occasional breaks to travel the country. The remainder of the program is spent working and living life. It truly has been an amazing experience. Israeli culture is one that you have to dive into and experience first hand to really appreciate. I don't think any group of people honks their cars so frequently and loudly, and they certainly do not understand the concept of waiting in line, but I doubt you can go anywhere else and after meeting someone just 20 minutes later be invited into their home for Shabbat or to a place at their table to break the Yom Kippur fast.

My internship is working for Magen David Adom as a medical first responder. I spend my time at work riding in ambulances responding to all sorts of calls. I've seen everything from elderly patients who just need a few helping hands to get down the stairs to people with horrible wounds and injuries. The most memorable call I had, though, was not the man who got into a knife fight, or the woman who

almost gave birth in our ambulance: the one that I remember the best was a call that was much simpler.

We got called to an apartment to transport an old man to the hospital; he had been feeling weak and had a doctor's appointment. We got caught in bad traffic so we were in the back of the ambulance together for almost an hour. In that time he told me a bit about his life. He used to be an actor on the stage and recited to me some of his favorite Shakespeare lines. He told me about his children and where he used to live. When we had almost arrived at the hospital he turned to me and said 'I like you.' He reached into his pocket and pulled out a large old coin. He placed it in my hands and said 'So you never forget me.'

Just one of the many reasons to visit this beautiful country!

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JCC's COUNTYWIDE TEEN PROGRAM UPDATES

The JCC, Sonoma County offers a number of programs for Jewish teens from all corners of Jewish life and in all corners of the county. We are grateful for the support and collaboration of our local synagogues, which makes this program possible. Just in case you didn't know, here is some of what we offer:

CHAVERIM is our 8-12th grade Jewish educational program. Grades meet separately at Congregations Beth Ami and Shomrei Torah, sharing dinner and great discussions centered on Jewish themes of interest to teens. The 100 teens enrolled in this program from throughout the county are taught by Director and Educator Rick Concoff, supported by Assistant Director Aaron Selya. Our Rabbis visit each class and engage the students in guided discussions throughout the year.

JCC TEEN COUNTYWIDE EVENTS We offer monthly social events open to all Jewish teens. These events include campouts, Shabbaton sleepovers, parties, trips and recreational events. We encourage participants to bring Jewish guests.

SOCIAL ACTION GROUP This student-led group is helped by Aaron Selya and will decide for itself on community projects to support, as well as initiatives of their own.

COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL Our third Annual Purim Carnival, organized and run by our teens and their parents, will be take place at the Sebastopol Community Center on Sunday March 4. Planning meetings have begun and all are welcome to help. Call us at 528-4222.

SCHOOL JEWISH CULTURE CLUB INITIATION Part of our mission is identifying and engaging Jewish teens who have not participated in the past. In our effort to find these teens, some of our teens are initiating Jewish Culture Clubs on their campuses, with the permission of the school administrations, and supported by our mentoring and guidance. The students will create their own initiatives and goals in each club, and they'll be open to Jewish and non-Jewish students who want to participate.

PARENTING YOUR TEEN For the third year, the JCC will offer classes on parenting Jewish teens.

SOUTH COUNTY-PETALUMA AND COTATI JEWISH TEENS The JCC Countywide teen program supports and endorses our south-county partners including them in all of our countywide events.

CONGREGATION BETH AMI - UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH OR USY, offers students opportunities for local, regional, national and international leadership. This group has been active for many years and members of Chaverim have a free membership to USY.

JOY OF COOKING

Myrna Morse

Everyone should enjoy being in the kitchen....and why not.... do you?

Recently our President noted how diversified our Congregation is and how that it Relates to finding a part time Rabbi. It would come as no surprise then, that not everyone agrees with, or understands the necessity of observing Kashrut or the presence of a MASHGIACH.

Some of you have recently discovered the presence of a Mashgiach in the kitchen and want to know why that person is there and why is more attention being paid to food products and general kitchen use.

Let us try to address both.

Try to think of the Mashgiach as the trained-kitchen leader of the day. As such, that person will be careful to make sure that all food brought into the kitchen meets the Conservative practice of keeping kashrut. These rules embrace actual preparation of food and food itself. For those of us who do not keep a kosher kitchen it may seem like more work and incomprehensible. For others, it is a way of life. Beth Ami, as a Conservative Congregation, is on the path of observing kashrut laws.

Products which are not considered kosher and put in/on kitchen equipment necessitate rehashing. Please remember to check for kosher labels on packaged/canned food items.

Classes are periodically offered at Beth Ami which elaborate on the Conservative ways of the kitchen. Please join us.

In the meantime, have patience as Beth Ami focuses on making the kitchen fun and friendly place to be whether you are bringing food from home or engaging in food preparation in the kitchen. Food/products questions may be directed to Janet or Jeffrey at JSL2602@sonic.net and are welcomed.

Stanley Ginsberg,

Author and master baker

Sunday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.

Meet Stanley Ginsberg, Ph.D., writer, teacher, master baker and co-author with Norman Berg of *Inside the Jewish Bakery, Recipes and Memories from the Golden Age of Jewish Baking*, who will bring to life the neighborhoods of old, where tradespeople—purveyors of home goods and services—knew and cared about the customers they served.

As a special treat, enjoy tastings of a variety of the delicious recipes from the book, prepared by Shomrei Torah bakers. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. Child care will be available only by request; please call the Shomrei Torah office at 578-5519. Presented by Shomrei Torah Lifelong Learning at Congregation Shomrei Torah.

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FEBRUARY 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 February 3rd and 4th

February 4	Nomi Lev-Yahm	Mother of Vivian Klein
February 4	Ira Rosenberg	Father of Ira Rosenberg
February 7	Isac Rijnveld	Stepfather of Mienieke Drake
February 8	Florence Alexander	Grandmother of Abraham Alexander
February 8	Mariya Antonovsky	Mother of Olga Pekker
February 8	Marguerite Connors	Mother of Tish Levee
February 10	Hershel ben Yacov	Father of Evelyn Gurevitch
February 10	Yakov Zalessky	Brother of Sheyna Bakman

Announced on February 10th and 11th

February 11	Mark Gurevitch	Brother of Evelyn Gurevitch
February 13	Sheyna Morse	Mother-in-law of Myrna Morse
February 15	Quintin Brown	Father of Anne Brown
February 15	Freda Weiss	Mother of Mortimer Weiss
February 16	Erwin Batzdorf	Father of Alfred Batzdorff
February 16	Gershon Kahn	Father of David Kahn
February 16	Gorge Tyutinman	Father of Adolf Tyutinman
February 17	Helen Keller	Mother of Ruth Weiss
February 17	Aaron Ramsey	Grandson of Mazie Miller

Announced on February 17th and 18th

February 18	Rayfield Helman	Father of Judith Helman
February 19	Zislye bas Mendel Laib	Mother of Evelyn Gurevitch
February 19	Sophie Shapiro	Mother-in-law of Phyllis Shapiro
February 24	Irwin Inman	Father of Lee Feinstein

Announced on February 24th and 25th

February 26	Sam Dzik	Father of Judith Dzik
February 27	Mae Bernstein	Grandmother of Marc Bernstein
February 27	Hatskel Pipkin	Father of Sheyna Bakman
February 27	Aaron Spiegleman	Brother of Gail Negrin and Uncle of Ronit Glickman
March 1	Sadie Seldowitz	Aunt of Susan Miller
March 2	Arthur Margolese	Brother of Irwin Margolese

February Birthdays

2	Debbie Shapiro
3	Ellen Mundell
4	Arnold Drake
5	Eli Cohen
5	Hope Rambo
6	Julie Simkovitz
7	Rayme Shapiro
8	Ed Harman
10	Edith Friedman
10	Semyon Pekker
11	David Ballo
11	Andy Fleming
14	Daryl Schloss
15	Dalia Sheff
18	Sid Burwell
19	Alfred Batzdorff
20	Yona Miller
21	Elizabeth Boyd
21	Audrey Darby
23	Bernice Fox
23	Barbara McGee
27	Dorothy Gerstein
27	Michael Newman
28	Stuart Ross

February Anniversaries

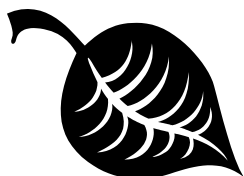
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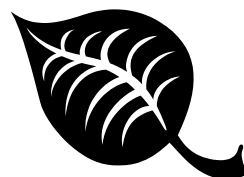
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MARCH YAHRZEITS

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All yahrzeits observed at Beth Ami.

Announced on March 2nd and 3rd

March 4	Sylvia Feingold	Mother of Stanley Feingold
March 4	Andor Taubner	Father of Susy Raful
March 5	Morris Bernstein	Grandfather of Marc Bernstein
March 5	Frieda Goldman	Mother of Ethel Schy
March 5	Fred Kaplan	Father of Sherri Kahn
March 6	Anatol Bakman	Son of Sheyna Bakman
March 6	Michael Brust	Father of Barbara McGee
March 6	Phillip Feingold	Brother of Stanley Feingold
		Father of Vivian Klein
March 6	Nichama Rivkina	Mother of Adolph Rivkin
March 7	Saul Sampiere	Father of Etienne Sampiere
March 9	Sol Tenser	Grandfather of Valerie Kreger

Announced on March 9th and 10th

March 10	Simon Jimmy Sa'ar	Brother of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
March 11	Polly Boyd	Mother of Elizabeth Boyd
March 12	Bernard Bernstein	Father of Marc Bernstein
March 12	Adele Zoger	Mother of Abigail Zoger
March 13	Henry Loew	Father of Danella Lubar
March 13	Edward Susnow	Father of Nancy Fleming
March 14	Leo Gurevitch	Husband of Evelyn Gurevitch
		Father of Eleanor Cohen
March 14	Jacob Stromer	Father of Marilyn Sommer
March 15	Josephine Goldstein	Mother of Elaine Golemb
March 15	Mary Hahn	Mother of Edith Newman
March 15	Fannie Peretz	Mother of Evey Abramowitz
March 16	Stan Diamond	Husband of Marilyn Diamond
		Father of Lauren Newman
March 16	Barry Goldfarb	Uncle of Jennifer Hayes
March 16	Hazel Schloner	Mother of Carol Swanson

Announced on March 16th and 17th

March 20	Merwin Weinberg	Brother-in-law of Robert Rosaler
March 21	Lottie Hankin	Mother of Harry Hankin
March 22	Michael Abrams	Brother of Patty Bernstein
March 22	Lazar Peretz	Father of Evey Abramowitz
March 23	Ester Gutman-Markman	Aunt of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
March 23	Tillie Streitfeld	Mother-in-law of Ricki Streitfeld

Announced on March 23rd and 24th

March 24	Helen Goldman	Sister of Lillian Judd
March 25	Rae Abrams	Mother of Patty Bernstein
March 26	Rachel Jones	Grandmother of Ross Jones
March 27	Yvonne Abrams	Sister-in-law of Patty Bernstein
March 28	Shai ben Zalman	Father of Evelyn Gurevitch
March 28	Joseph Meyer	Father of Jane Meyer
March 29	Mannie Goldstein	Father of Elaine Golemb

Announced on March 30th and 31st

March 31	Joan Lubar	Mother of Harvey Lubar
April 3	Sylvia Kupperberg	Mother of Michael Kupperberg
April 3	Justin Sommers	Son of Jeffrey and Karen Sommers
April 5	Malouf Oiknine	Father of Therese Becraft
April 6	Sydney Garson	Father of Andrea Nett

March Birthdays

3	Melissa Bloom
3	Sherri Kahn
3	Kyle Marsh
6	Nancy Sherman
7	Debbie Bernstein
15	Raynore Paule
16	Miriam Rubinstein
16	Dora Taubinsky
17	William Cordell
17	Alan Shotkin
17	Adolf Tyutinman
19	Lee Feinstein
20	Jacqueline Sutter
23	Kim Cordell
23	Olga Pekker
26	Diane Brown
28	Adolph Rivkin
29	Warren Davis
31	Judith Dzik

March Anniversaries

2	Karen & Jeff Gould
3	Ivan Barta
9	Gussie Levine & Harry Hankin
12	Al & Sue Batzdorff
19	George & Paula Schlesinger
21	John & Barbara Whitaker
24	Ed & Nancy Sherman
27	Jeff & Karen Sommers

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In memory of my mother of blessed memory, Goda Tyutinman
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In memory of my father, Yacov ben Moishe ha Levi
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☐ Friday, February 3

☐ Friday, March 2

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☐ Friday, May 4

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Names of all attendees_____

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February Shabbatot

February 4

PARSHAH B'SHALACH: EX 14:15 – 16:10 (Page 403)

Candle Lighting: 5:17 pm, **Havdalah:** 6:17 pm

February 11

PARSHAH YITRO: EX 19:1 – 20:23 (Page 436)

Candle Lighting: 5:25 pm, **Havdalah:** 6:24 pm

February 18

PARSHAH MISHPATIM: EX 22:4 – 23:19 (Page 465)

Candle Lighting: 5:33 pm, **Havdalah:** 6:32 pm

February 28

PARSHAH TERUMAH, Ex. 26:1 – 26:30 (Page 491)

Candle Lighting: 5:40 pm, **Havdalah:** 6:39 pm

March Shabbatot

March 3

SHABBAT ZACHOR

PARSHAH: TEZAVEH, EX. 28:31 – 29:18 (Page 508)

Candle Lighting: 5:48 pm, **Havdalah:** 6:46 pm

March 10

PARSHAH: KI TISA, EX. 31:18 – 33:11 (Page 529)

Candle Lighting: 5:55 pm, **Havdalah:** 6:53 pm

March 17

SHABBAT PARAH

PARSHAH: VAYACHEL – PEKUDEI, EX 37:17 – 39:21 (Page 560)

Candle Lighting: 7:01 pm, **Havdalah:** 8:00 pm

March 24

SHABBAT HA-CHODESH & ROSH CHODESH

PARSHAH: VAYIKRA, LEV. 3:1 – 4:26 (Page 592)

Candle Lighting: 7:08 pm, **Havdalah:** 8:07 pm

March 31

SHABBAT HA-GADOL

PARSHAH: TZAV, LEV. 7:11 – 7:38 (Page 617)

Candle Lighting: 7:15 pm, **Havdalah:** 8:14 pm

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