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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.



The Shofar and CBA want to give a  
big heartfelt thankyou to the previous  
editor Karen Gould. Karen produced the  
Shofar for over 10 years, and we hope  
to maintain her high standards...thank  
you Karen!

Deadline  
for October  
November  
2013 Shofar

**September  
15**

### Suggestions and Opinions!

In this issue we are  
experimenting with  
different layouts for  
the text, and fonts.  
Please send me  
your comments and  
feedback. We are  
also considering dropping the calendar  
pages in the middle as the information  
cannot be taken legibly from the web  
and imported into the Shofar. The cal-  
endar can be accessed online at [http://  
www.bethamisr.org](http://www.bethamisr.org)  
We are always interested in your opin-  
ions and welcome new contributions.

Thanks and shannah tova....Irvin





## "PAST IMPERFECT, FUTURE TENSE"

*My late father, Rabbi Meyer Miller, found this "grammatical" headline intriguing. I actually think he may have used it as a title for a Rosh Hashanah sermon or two! Even thirty years ago it captured the world political situation. For whatever reason, we human beings appear incapable of learning the lessons of history. Or perhaps it's a matter of only focusing on those lessons we want to learn and screening out any others.*

*It's no coincidence that within the space of four chapters our Torah describes two major infractions on the part of humanity: one between individuals and God and the other between two individuals. I'm referring, of course, to (1) violating the Divine commandment not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and (2) the murder of Abel by his brother Cain.*

*The first is about the willingness on the part of human beings to accept higher authority. We are talking about a lack of desire to examine the long-term implications of our behavior as individuals. To what degree do we need to listen to the voices of others whether living in the present or the past and make our choices accordingly? Just because I believe something is right or good, isn't a sufficient or even reliable criterion. Divine Command, I believe, lies somewhere between the historically interpreted words of our Tradition and the demands of the time.*

*The second (Cain vs. Abel) centers on the challenge for human beings to coexist. In the Biblical account, Cain and Abel bring offerings to God. It appears that Abel brings the best of his flock, while Cain brings leftover fruits and vegetables. When God accepts Abel's offering and reject Cain's, Cain feels injured and subsequently furious. God questions Cain and suggests that he needs to examine his own actions. Cain can only focus on his own hurt. He is consumed with jealousy of his brother. The end result: Cain murders Abel.*

*The issues described by the Torah are universal. Every single human deals with the challenge of hearing the voice of God—or should I say, "listening" to the voice of God. And every human being has to decide whether or not they are willing to face their own inadequacies. Following that, are they willing to take the steps necessary to survive in a competitive environment through their own hard work and not by simply eliminating the "offending party."*

*As we approach the time of harvest, the time to take stock of the fruits of our labor, the Festivals of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur provide us with opportunity to take stock of our lives. It's essentially about our moral imperative to examine the life we are living. What kind of harvest have we achieved so far; what have our lives yielded? As long as we are alive there's always the possibility of changing for the better in the New Year.*

**The past may be imperfect, but the future can be bright!**

## Mazal Tov to our Bar Mitzvah Nick Alexander August 17th



Hi!

*My name is Nick Alexander, and I am twelve years old. I live in Windsor, on a little cul-de-sac very near the Town Green that I have not moved from since I was born. I have attended Beth Ami since I was in Kindergarten, and I still love it today! I live with my younger brother Ben, age eleven, my mother, my father, and a family friend named Jim, who lives with us as a roommate (The last three people named will not have their ages disclosed.) I am going into eighth grade at SCDS, (Sonoma Country Day School), and I hope to be a computer programmer or composer as famous as either Steve Jobs or Johann Bach. I would love to learn any instrument that I don't already, but the ones that I do play are currently the trumpet and tuba. Some of the other things that I do are playing mostly soccer and a little baseball. However, one of the biggest talents that I have, (possibly more than music), is speaking languages. I can currently speak English (Hello!), fluent Spanish (¡Hola!), great Mandarin Chinese*

Hello = 你好  
Ní hao !

*and I know a little Hebrew שלום~Some of the other things that are in my life include my pet corn snake named Rosey, my two guinea pigs named Chocolate and Vanilla, and one cat named Scrubs. I can't wait to see you at my Bar Mitzvah, as I have studied so hard for this day and I hope it pays off!*





## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mazal Tov u'Siman Tov*  
Welcome to our new member  
**Esther Pilch**



*Esther Pilch's daughter, Jessica Samuel and her husband Mark, along with big brother Chason and big sister Eleanor welcomed a healthy baby girl on July 10th. Congratulations to all!*

# L' Shanah Tovah

Have a sweet year!



**Rosh HaShanah services will start at 8:00 a.m. both mornings, first and second days.**

*The Musaf service for Rosh HaShanah is perhaps the most unusual, dramatic and musical service of the entire year. To make it easier for you to experience it, on both days we will start Rosh HaShana morning services at 8:00 a.m., and Musaf will be finished by 1:00 p.m. Second Day Rosh HaShanah: everyone deserves a second chance. Our second day service will include more exploration of the meaning and background of the service.*

### זכרוןם לברכה

*We offer sincere condolences to*  
**Esther Pilch on the passing of her husband, Barnabas Kovacs.**  
*and to*  
**Debbie Shapiro on the passing of her father Irving Herman**



**"The Zygielbaum family is hosting the Shabbat Luncheon on August 10 in honor of Irwin Margolese's 80th birthday and the congregation is invited to celebrate with us. We look forward to seeing you there. RSVP to the CBA office: 360-3000."**

*Interfaith Family of which Congregation Beth Ami and Rabbi Miller are listed as "Resources" has asked our help with the following project.*

*We (Interfaith Family) would like to ask for your help in finding couples to register for our upcoming Love & Religion ñ Online workshop. We're looking for interfaith couples to participate in this 4-session workshop, designed to help partners reflect on their own religious experiences and then decide together what role religion will have in their future life together. You can find all the details here. We also have loads of resources on our website.*

*Kol Tuv, Rebecca Goodman, Director  
Marilyn Wacks, Project Manager  
InterfaithFamily/Bay Area 415.878.1998.*



### מי שברך משהברך

*Bless those in need of healing with refu'ah sh'layma  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit  
Alfred Batzdorff  
Jerry Lakins  
Miriam Rubinstein  
Paul Zygielbaum  
Mazie Miller  
Raynore Paule  
Edee Sternfeld-Squires*

# Beth Ami & YOU 2013

Learn • Connect • Grow • Play

**Q: When can you celebrate a birthday party, dance at a rock concert, and fill up on fruit and veggies at a farmer's market all at the same place ???**

**A: When it's the High Holidays at BETH AMI & You!!!**

Join Beth Ami & You as we explore:

**Rosh HaShannah; Thursday, September 5, 2013**

**Ring in the New Year with a Birthday Party for the World**

**Sukkot; Sunday, September 22, 2013**

**It's a Huge, Happy, Harvest Happening**

**Simchat Torah; Thursday, September 26, 2013**

**We're ROCKIN and ROLLIN with the Torah**  
Cost:

**\$18 for the whole series; \$5 per event at the door.**

**Time: 10am - 12 pm.**

**Arrive at 9:30 am to join the Religious School students celebrate Havdalah, marking the end of Shabbat.**

**For more information and registration, contact Ronit Glickman, 291-6822 or [ronit.glickman@yahoo.com](mailto:ronit.glickman@yahoo.com).**

## LET'S OPEN THE GIFT OF THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER....

Complimentary tickets to our High Holiday Services, plus Children's and Teens' activities.

Please invite your friends call 707 360 3000 for free tickets!



# JEWISH FOOD FEST

## 2nd Annual Sonoma County Jewish Food Fest

Sunday, August 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,  
at Congregation Shomrei Torah

This unique food and cultural event will feature homemade Jewish cooking, bakery and deli take-out, live music and entertainment, and tours of the synagogue, as well as activities and a play area for kids. Tickets are \$5 for adults (free for children under 12). Admission will be limited, to assure easy access and enough food for all.

The event is likely to sell out, click here to purchase tickets in advance. Admission includes parking, which is available ONLY at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Enter through the Jockey Club lot on Bennett Valley Rd., between Brookwood Ave. and Gordon Lane. A free shuttle will take you to and from the parking.

## New for Kol Nidre

The Shabbat Dinner program at Beth Ami is one of our most warm and welcoming community events, where old friends and new gather monthly for delicious food, great music and conversation as we welcome the Sabbath Queen. This year, we are offering a new benefit for members: You may reserve your place now at all of the 11 Shabbat Dinners (August –

June) and pay \$180/adult person, and \$90/child (ages 5 – 12) for a year's worth of attendance (11 dinners, normally cost \$198/adult person and \$99 per child.) In September, instead of Shabbat Dinner on September 6, we will have a pre-Fast Dinner on Sept 13, prior to Kol Nidre.

The next Shabbat Dinner is August 2 – I hope to see you there! Please call the CBA Office with your reservation and payment information (hopefully taking advantage of the above.) We'll be celebrating Rabbi Miller's 1-year anniversary at Congregation Beth Ami on August 2.

Join us for Shabbat.



CONGREGATION BETH AMI | AUGUST 2013

Aug 2013 (Pacific Time)

CBA - Public

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:30am - Morning 6:45pm - Bingo at	29 Office Open 10am-	30 Office Open 10am- 6:45pm - Bingo at	31 Office Open 10am-	1 Office Open 10am-	2 Office Open 10am- 6pm - Shabbat 7:30pm - Erev	3 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Special
4 8:30am - Morning 10am - "Mayim" 6:45pm - Bingo at	5 Office Open 10am-	6 Office Open 10am- 6:45pm - Bingo at	7 Office Open 10am-	8 Office Open 10am-	9 Office Open 10am- 7:30pm - Erev	10 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
11 8:30am - Morning 6:45pm - Bingo at	12 Office Open 10am-	13 Office Open 10am- 6:45pm - Bingo at	14 Office Open 10am-	15 Office Open 10am-	16 Office Open 10am- 7:30pm - Erev	17 9:30am - Nick 12pm - Hosted
18 8:30am - Morning 6:45pm - Bingo at	19 Office Open 10am- 6:30pm - Chaverim -	20 Office Open 10am- 6:45pm - Bingo at 7pm - Executive	21 Office Open 10am-	22 Office Open 10am - 6:30pm - Chaverim -	23 Office Open 10am- 4:30pm - Rockin' Tot 6:30pm - Shabbat 7pm - Rockin'	24 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
25 8:30am - Morning 6:45pm - Bingo at	26 Office Open 10am-	27 Office Open 10am- 6:45pm - Bingo at 7pm - CBA Board	28 Office Open 10am-	29 Office Open 10am -	30 Office Open 10am- 7:30pm - Erev	31 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck

CONGREGATION BETH AMI | SEPTEMBER 2013

CBA - Public

Sep 2013 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Morning 6:45pm - Bingo at	2 Office Closed	3 Office Open 10am- 6pm - Back to 6:45pm - Bingo at	4 Office Open 10am- Rosh Hashanah 9:30am - Beth Ami &	5 Office Closed	6 Office Closed 7:30pm - Erev	7 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
8 8:30am - Morning 6:45pm - Bingo at	9 Office Open 10am- 6:30pm - Chaverim -	10 Office Open 10am- 6:45pm - Bingo at	11 Office Open 10am- 6:30pm - Chaverim -	12 Office Open 10am- 6:30pm - Chaverim -	13 Office Open 10am- 7:30pm - Erev	14 9:30am - Shabbat 12pm - Potluck
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## Fond Farewell! with Heart-felt Thanks to Esther!

by Irvin Klein

"When Carolyn asked me to fill in for her while she was on medical leave, she anticipated that her recovery from surgery would take three to four months. That was a year and a half ago. Happily, her surgery

was very successful and she recovered fully. We have been sharing the job as Carolyn regained her strength and she is now ready to fully return and take over.

So I bid you adieu as Executive Director. It's been fun, stressful, interesting, rewarding, aggravating, growth-inducing, and, oh, did I say stressful? I hope I've contributed in some small measure to our Beth Ami community.

Many thanks to those who helped me along the way; to those who helped me clear away the obstacles and those who gave me good exercise by creating obstacles to be cleared away.

To Carolyn for sharing her position with trust and graciousness and, even during my last week, referring to "our desk."

To Barbara Tomin for spunk, hard work, a great attitude, and for always graciously acknowledging and thanking.

To Andrea, for always being willing to pitch in and quietly make it work; for all her behind-the-scenes help; for generosity of spirit; and for her ability to see the essence of the matter.

To Rabbi Miller, for his kind-heartedness; for focusing on the positive; for warmly reaching out to one and all.

To Arnold, for throwing himself whole-heartedly into the presidency and accomplishing so much in so little time. His generous goodness always won my heart.

To Irvin, who gamely took over the Shofar and who kept us laughing through committee meetings.

To Lizzie, keeper of a wealth of information, always willing to help, without whom I would have undoubtedly gone under.

To those who supported me, those who tolerated me, and to all who help sustain Beth Ami, our beloved home.

I'll still be around Beth Ami as a member. You'll be able to spot me—the one jogging along behind Zoe.

Shalom U'Vracha, - Esther Baruch"



**SUNDAY AUGUST 19 FROM 10 UNTIL 3**

CONGREGATION SHOMREI TORAH  
שומרי תורה

**JEWISH FOOD FEST**

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE:**  
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\$5 per person  
(kids under 13 FREE)  
707.578.5519 for more information

ALL PARKING is at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.  
Enter at the Jockey Club

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLES to/from nearby Synagogue Food Fest

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

ARNOLD DRAKE, PRESIDENT



Dear CBA family,

*In the 18th Century, over 200 years ago, the founding fathers of our country wrote the United States Constitution. We know who they were, and when they wrote it. But we still have nine Supreme Court Justices who rarely are unanimous in their opinion of how this document should affect our current laws. Although there is no disagreement about what the words are, they frequently disagree, by a vote of 5-4, about what the words mean.*

*All Jews agree that our Torah was written approximately 3,000 years ago. We may disagree over how it came into being, but all Jews respect the Torah as our source of truth, knowledge and law.*

*But we Jews also have an Oral Law. These are laws written by the Rabbis over the hundreds of years we have been Jews. We know who those rabbis were, and when they wrote their opinions. Over time, these rulings have come to earn the respect of most Jews, and are considered almost as sacred as the Torah. So we modern Jews are not Torah-only Jews: we are Rabbinic Jews*

*In modern times, we Conservative Jews have the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards (CJLS) of the Rabbinical Assembly. These are 25 Rabbis, chosen by the Rabbinical Assembly, to research, debate, discuss, and then rule on problems of modern observant Jews. Rabbi Rembaum was a member of this committee for many years. A unanimous ruling is binding on all Conservative Jews. But, like the Supreme Court, they are rarely unanimous. In all other matters: if six rabbis on the Committee agree, any congregation may follow the ruling of those six rabbis.*

*One contentious issue in recent years was the role of women in Conservative Judaism. Another issue is the rights, roles, and responsibilities of Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people (GLBT) in Conservative Judaism.*

*In 1996, Conservative Judaism first addressed this issue with a pastoral letter, "This is my Beloved." This beautiful letter discusses sexuality in Judaism, in marriage, and outside of marriage. It teaches us that Judaism has always valued sexuality within marriage as a gift from G-d. But sexuality is to be expressed according to Jewish values: only within a Jewish marriage, with modesty, and with consideration for both partners.*

*This pastoral letter also was Conservative Judaism's first statement on homosexuality. It was a consensus statement, several years in the making. It did advocate for tolerance and full civil rights for GLBT people, but stated that Gay people must maintain life-long celibacy, and they were not permitted to express their love sexually in their relationships.*

*In 2007 the CJLS updated their earlier opinions. They overturned hundreds of years of Jewish laws and writings. They ruled that Gay and Lesbian observant Jews may express their love for each other as heterosexuals were permitted to do. They stated GLBT people should be allowed into our seminaries, should be permitted to serve as our Rabbis, Cantors, and educators, and that we should celebrate their unions. However, they maintained the prohibitions in Leviticus 18. The ruling was passed by the Committee with a vote of 13-12.*

*Although Jesus never spoke about homosexuality, the New Testament is vague and confusing, and the historical record is mixed, the Jewish and non-Jewish anti-Gay forces use Leviticus 18 as a club to remove civil rights from our GLBT children. They have been successful for decades, and only recently have they been losing. Now LGBT people have more legal rights than when my son told me he was Gay. The recent rulings from the Supreme Court on same-gender marriage were vilified by others on the basis of Leviticus 18. The Mormon Church spent millions in California in support of anti-Gay Proposition on partly on the basis of Leviticus 18.*

*Many synagogues have stopped reading Leviticus 18 on Yom Kippur. There are other interpretations of Leviticus 18: The CJLS considered them, and rejected them. In my opinion: until other religious interpretations of Leviticus 18 are accepted by Conservative Jews, and the general religious public, my son will have to continue to be considered a second-class citizen, and will need to continue to battle constantly for his civil rights.*

*That is the nature of America. - Shannah Tova to you all, Arnold.*



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Pnina Loeb,

Religious School Director

### Religious School Upcoming Calendar

**August 2, Friday, Family Shabbat dinner.**

Please join the festivities, make reservations early.

**August 4, Sunday, Beth Ami & You presents**

'Mayim Madness' for families

with children ages 2-6. From 10-noon.

**August 17, Shabbat, Nick Alexander's Bar Mitzvah**

**August 23, Fri. evening, 'Rockin' Shabbat' with Beth**

Ami & You. For our first Rockin Shabbat of the year

We welcome to the "Bimah" local (San Francisco) artist

Saul Kaye. Saul will bring his unique **JEWISH BLUES**

style to Beth Ami. Our spiritual journey begins at 4:30

with a Rockin Tot Shabbat, followed by dinner at 5:30,

and a community Kabbalat Shabbat

featuring Saul Kaye at 7:00pm.

Please make reservations!

**September 5, Thursday, Rosh Hashanah young children's service in the social hall. 10:00-12:00**

**September 5 Tashlich Thursday at 4:30 at Howarth Park.**

**September 15, Yom Kippur young children's service in the social hall. 10:00-12:00.**

**September 22, Sunday, It's a Huge, Happy, Sukkot Harvest Happening with games, food, market, and performers. 10:00-1:00**

**September 26, Thursday, We're ROCKIN and ROLLIN with the Torah on Simchat Torah! 6:00 PM. Come wearing an outrageous hat!**

As we are all preparing for our next school year, please send in your Religious School Registration information as soon as you can. We need them by August 1st as RS begins on August 25th.

### How To Observe Elul?

These three suggestions are ways to observe Elul, and aim to help you prepare spiritually for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

#### 1. Better Yourself

In preparation for the New Year and Day of Atonement, Elul is the perfect time to honestly critique past behavior and commit to improving yourself. What mistakes did you make this past year? How can you be a better person in the upcoming year? Who do you want to be?

Suggestion #1: Make a list of changes you want to make in yourself. Be sure to include concrete ways to make those changes. For example, if you want to lose weight, commit to which days you will do certain things to help you meet your goal.

#### 2. Improve Relationships with Others

According to Jewish tradition, Elul is the time to resolve relationships with others by asking forgiveness for wrongdoings. In addition to improving upon old relationships, Elul can be an opportunity to build new relationships with your family and friends.

Suggestion #2: Make a list of those people with whom you would like to improve upon an old or build a new relationship. Include ways to make the changes. If a disagreement with a friend stands unresolved, pick up the phone and resolve it. If you want to improve your relationship with your teenage son or daughter, commit to times and plan activities to do with him/her.

#### 3. Move Closer to G-d

"G-d is my light and my helper, whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27). Every day during the month of Elul, Psalm 27 is recited. In addition, Selichot prayers asking forgiveness from G-d are recited on Rosh Hashanah eve. Lastly, the shofar, whose blasts remind us that G-d is our ruler, is sounded following weekday morning prayer services during Elul.

Suggestion #3: Attend your synagogue's morning prayer services, at least some mornings, during the month of Elul. If preferred, in your home, with your family, you can recite and discuss psalm 27 and the Selichot prayers and you can blow your own shofar or a symbolic toy horn. The special prayers and sound of the shofar will help you to prepare spiritually for the upcoming High Holy Days.

### A New Beginning

Now that you have begun maximizing Elul as an opportunity to better yourself, improve your relationships with others, and move closer to G-d, it is time to wish you a Shana Tova (Happy New Year) and Gmar Chatima Tova (Good Signing in the Book of Life)!

Pnina Loeb - Religious School Director



## MITZVAH MOMENTS

Tish Levee

Help Nick Alexander with his Mitzvah Project. For his Bar Mitzvah August 17th, Nick is collecting new and gently used children's books to donate to the Valley of the Moon Children's Center, Sonoma County's only 24-hour shelter for abused and neglected children. Please bring books for boys and girls ages 12-17 to the shul office. Especially desirable are popular series such as Magic Tree House, the Hunger Games, Percy Jackson, and other fantasy literature. Note that VOM is one of the recipients locally of Sleep Train Foster Kids frequent drives.

Mayim, Mayim, Mayim... It's about water, again. This has been the second driest spring on record, so we have to seriously reduce our water use—indoors and outdoors. Join Sonoma and Marin Counties' 20-Gallon Challenge, which gives residents tools and information needed to make reductions. Saving 20 gallons a day is easy—simple changes make a big difference. Take the pledge at [www.20gallons.org](http://www.20gallons.org) to save 20 gallons a day, check off the changes you'll make, and enter a drawing for monthly prizes of water efficient items worth about \$500. Report Water Waste. Click the link at the same site, to fill out a form online to report people watering mid-day, watering the sidewalk and street and other water waste. They will receive a postcard reminding them of ways to save water.

Rosh Hashanah is Sept. 5th and 6th. Buying new clothes for the "birthday of the world" is a traditional way to celebrate. And, it's time for back-to-school shopping, too. Buy earth-friendly clothing, made from sustainable and eco-friendly fabrics including organic cotton, linen, hemp, and soft, silky bamboo. 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 greatly affect the health of agricultural workers. 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. Buying organic and Fair Trade clothing can be expensive, but doing so as a mitzvah makes a difference. A less expensive option is buying "repurposed" or used clothing from local consignment stores, boutiques, thrift stores, etc. It has an almost zero carbon footprint compared to new clothing.

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## ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

Bob Raful

### Israel from the Left Coast-Stan Roodman

Santa Rosa friends, Stan Roodman and Roberta Berg are in Jerusalem for several months. Stan wrote this account after the morning at the Western Wall Plaza on June 9th, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz: "In Jerusalem women have been meeting on Rosh Chodesh to pray at the Kotel. However they have met with much difficulty over the last 30 years. This day was going to be the first since court orders provided security and chances were things were going to happen. Roberta and my daughter decided to go with my encouragement as history was being made.

Security was very heavy and one main entrance was closed. At 7am thousands of people were already there. After Roberta and Allison finally got into the women's section I looked around and saw many Haradi (aka Ultra-Orthodox) men holding a sign which read "PROVOCATION WOMEN". So much for english education of the Haredi. The next line said "if you want to start a new religion build your own wall." So I went up to the man holding the large banner and asked him if he had built that wall pointing to the Western Wall? He said no, so I said, "then that is a silly and stupid sign." That started a long discussion with him, then 10 and then 100 of his yeshiva buddies.

Many of the haredi yeshiva students were angry, yelling and getting too close to me. I tried to tell them that Judaism has always changed--after the Second Temple, during the Talmudic Period, and even with the Shulchan Aruch written by Rabbi Josef Caro in 1500's. The Hassids changed things in the 1700's and then they changed again. OK, so a women's role didn't change then, but why not now? I told them that these women, some of whom are orthodox, most Israeli, keep kosher and want to be holy, just as men do; as Moses says all Jews want to become holy. Their response kept getting louder and more were talking at one time.

Meanwhile the situation continued to become more tense as waves of the crowd began to get closer to me and I was pushing back. Then two strong young men got between me and the crowd of Haradi and separated the crowd from me. The crowd became even more agitated whereupon I felt a tap on my shoulder. I turned around to see an army officer beckoning me to leave immediately and follow him which of course I did. He led me to another enclosure between the Women of the Wall and the plaza with the angry Haredi mob.

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# ISRAEL FROM THE LEFT COAST

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This enclosure had only non -Haredi men in normal dress, and in fact most were praying Rosh Chodesh festival prayers in sync with the Women of the Wall. Others in this enclosure were reporters and photographers (there were lots) working feverishly to get their story and photos. So I joined them in prayer while at the same time thinking about my recent experience. At no time did I feel in danger but trying to talk to these ultra-orthodox young men was unproductive, but i felt it was worth it. Interestingly there was only this one group protesting against the women. There were thousands of Haredi men praying in the men's section not involved with protesting.

I could see Roberta with her distinctive hat and Allison in the middle of hundreds of women praying and this made me very proud. At the end of the service as the women were leaving I was able to join with Roberta and Allison in a very emotional greeting. We all knew that they had taken part in an historic event demonstrating that women have rights at the Western Wall, and can express their Judaism as they determine by themselves. This time the Army had to protect the women, but hopefully in the future this will not be necessary. All in all it was a very exciting, moving, and important morning. "

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem !

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# CBA NURSERY SCHOOL



Busy, busy, busy would be the key word this summer here at the Nursery School. With the massive heat wave, we have been enjoying tremendous amounts of water play and doing our best to keep things cool and calm. We are also gearing up for the fall when we start school on Tuesday, September 3rd, the same day as Back to School Night. Have a great rest of your summer and feel free to pop on in and cool off with us. We'll make some room under the mister for you.

If you know of anyone who is interested in the Nursery School, some of our classrooms still have space so please send them our way. The office number is: 360-3030.

All are invited to our second annual Apples and Honey lunch-time gathering on Wednesday September, 11th for Rosh Hashanah. Time is TBA. Another celebration will be our Sukkot Festival with Religious School on Sunday, September 22nd. More details to follow soon.

Wishing everyone a La Shanah Tovah.



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## WHAT'S COOKING WITH THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE?

Jeffrey & Janet Stein-Larson, Co-Chairs, Kitchen Committee



We have always found that keeping kosher brings up a lot of different issues in the form of questions, concerns, or discussions. We are a Conservative Synagogue, and our Beth Ami kitchen is kosher. Rabbi Miller is our Halachic adviser and our mashgiach-in-charge and it is his standards and guidelines that we follow in keeping the Beth Ami kitchen kosher. However, in our home, each and every one of us are our own mashgiach and have our own standards and guidelines as to what degree and how we choose to keep kosher.

We just had a class on being a Mashgiach Volunteer at Beth Ami. Thanks to Mark Rosen, in three hours we covered 3 topics: a discussion on Kashrut by Rabbi Miller; a brief tour of the kitchen by Jeffrey Stein-Larson; and operational concerns in the Beth Ami kitchen by Mark Rosen. This was followed by a simple pot-luck lunch to demonstrate what was presented. Seven of the current mashgichim came for review, and four people came to see just what being a mashgichim involves.

There are two general directions that have developed from this class. We now have a few more people who want further training so they can be Mashgiach volunteers for our Beth Ami kitchen., and we also have people who want to talk kosher. They want to have discussions like; why be kosher; how does one start to keep kosher in your own home; or ask technical questions like what kosher symbols are acceptable, how does one know what chemicals in food are kosher, how do you re-kosher pyrex. Or they want to share finds like, where to find kosher meat.

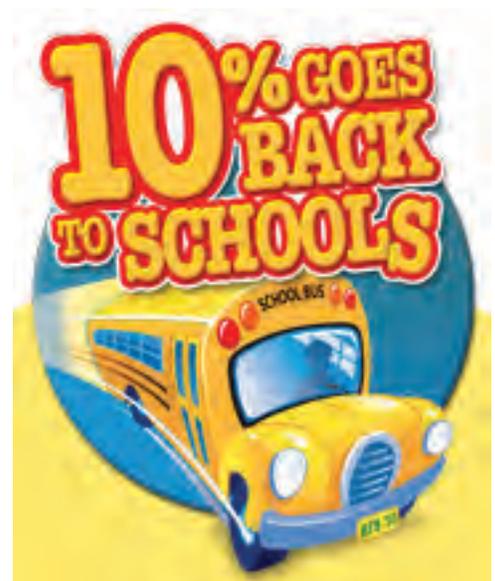
If you are interested in participating in something like this whether it be a class, or an informal discussion group, contact us at JSL2602@sonic.net. We'll see what can be done.

Thank you and Shannah Tova ~ J&J

There have been a few additions and changes in the Beth Ami Kitchen. Our 18 plus year old refrigerator had to be repaired and now has a new condenser; and thanks to Richard Kahn our freezer condenser has been cleaned which we hope will keep it working for many years to come. Our drawers of utensils have been made easier (and safer) to get into because they have been reorganized with removable containers and spread out because we have a new 3-drawer stacking unit. We have had many donations of food, kitchen tools and equipment, and time for the CBA kitchen.

Our many Thank Yous go to Gary Highland for paring knives and vegetable peelers, Terry Gurevitch for scissors, J&J for a new pyrex casserole dish, David Kahn and Safeway for boxes of Kosher for Passover foods, Mieneke and Arnold for a Cuisinart, and Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar for a new grater, a 3-drawer stacking unit for utensils, and for a new 40 cup coffee pot donated in honor of J&J's anniversary. We also wish to thank Ahuva, Prina, and all others who purchased new trays, and re-organized the utensil drawers so the utensils are easier to access.

.....And a very special thanks to all those members of Congregation Beth Ami who help us out in the kitchen and support its use. ~ J&J



### eScrip Update - Thanks to our supporters!

For the first five months of 2013, Beth Ami earned \$1,024 from eScrip. This was achieved by supporters JUST DOING THEIR REGULAR SHOPPING at Oliver's, Safeway and other merchants! Anyone can participate and contribute; you do not have to be a CBA member & you do not have to live in Sonoma County.

This program includes merchants such as Big O Tires, Pak 'n Save, Food 4 Less, Fircrest Market, Fairfax Market, Draeger's Market, Mollie Stone's, Von's in SoCal, Dominick's in the mid-west, & Pathmark in the northeast. Ask your friends & relatives; have them call the numbers below to get help signing up. If you shop at Oliver's Markets in Santa Rosa or Cotati, remember to get their Community Card at the store and choose BETH AMI to get the eScrip proceeds.

If you are not a part of this easy way to help Beth Ami, join us NOW! To sign up or get eScrip help, contact Nancy Sherman at 538-9388 or nancysherman06@gmail.com or call Lauren Newman at 525-9029.



## GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CONGREGATION

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In memory of my husband, Warren Levin  
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Thank you to everyone who sent get well wishes and donations in my honor  
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In honor of Daniel Sherman's Bar Mitzvah  
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Mazel Tov to Dr. Herb & Ellen Brosbe on Ruben's engagement  
*Edith Newman*

In memory of Hyman Golemb  
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In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David & Jody Suchard's son  
*Earl & Binese Goldberg*

In honor of Harry Hankin's 98th birthday  
*Joyce Revis*

Thank you for all your wishes sent me on Harry's death.  
*Miriam Rubinstein*

Thank you very much, "maraming salamat po!", to Congregation Beth Ami for your extraordinary hospitality and generosity during my visit  
*Bruce Stolbov*

In memory of my husband, Stanley Friedman  
*Natalie Friedman*

In honor of our son Jonathan's graduation  
*Elisabeth Van Nuys*

In honor of Nick Alexander's Bar Mitzvah  
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Mazel Tov to Nick Alexander! upon his bar mitzvah  
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Mazel Tov to Moriah Rosenthal upon her bat mitzvah  
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Congratulations to the Moss family upon the marriage of Carina to Jason  
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In memory of Rose's father, Sandor Garam  
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Mazel Tov to Noa Landau-Camarillo upon her bat mitzvah  
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In memory of Benny Friedman  
*Bill & Suzie Friedman*

Continuing better health to Lauren Newman  
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In memory of my sister, Bluma Rudnitskaya  
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Mazel Tov to Raynore Paule and family upon the birth of her twin great-grandchildren  
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In memory of Rose's father, Sandor Garam  
*Jon & Rose Batzdorff*

Mazel Tov to Noa Landau-Camarillo upon her bat mitzvah  
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In memory of Benny Friedman  
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Continuing better health to Lauren Newman  
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Condolences to Jeffrey Sheff and the Goldschmidt family upon the passing of Dalia Sheff  
*The Ballo Family*

Congratulations to Erik Uriarte upon his being commissioned in the U.S. Navy  
*The Ballo Family*

In honor of Marc Bernstein's good news  
*Binese & Earl Goldberg*

In memory of my husband, Abe Shapiro  
*Raynore Paule*

Wishing a speedy recovery to Mrs. Myra Zeidman  
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In memory of Ruben Miller  
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In memory of Dalia Sheff  
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### MALK FUND

Wishing for a complete recovery for Carol Newman  
*Phyllis Shapiro*

## **MALK FUND cont.**

Mazel Tov to Phyllis Shapiro on the wedding of her granddaughter - *Marilyn Diamond*

In memory of Hy Liebling

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In memory of Debbie Shapiro's father, Irving Herman

*Edith Newman*

Mazel Tov to Tad, Debbie & Phyllis Shapiro on Amy's wedding

*Edith Newman*

In honor of Edith Newman's birthday

*Dorothy Gerstein*

Congratulations to Bill, Suzie, Barry, & Heidi Friedman with much love, Phyllis

*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of my husband Everett, with love from Phyllis Shapiro

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In honor of Edith Newman's 90th birthday

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Speedy recovery to Anne Tomin

*Jennifer Hayes*

In honor of Irving Herman's 93rd birthday with love and wishes for more to come

*Phyllis Shapiro*

In memory of Louis Shapiro

*Phyllis Shapiro*

Speedy recovery from his surgery to Harry Friedman

*Phyllis Shapiro*

Happy Birthday to Phyllis Shapiro

*Carol Newman*

In memory of Irving Herman

*Phyllis Shapiro*

In honor of Edith Newman's 90th birthday

*Ginny Lackner*

## **NURSERY**

A get well wish for Stephanie Wrightson

*Ellen Samuel*

In memory Anne Varco's brother, Robert

*The Sherman Family*

Condolences to Ronit Glickman and the Negrin Family upon the passing of Gail Negrin

*The Ballo Family*

## **RABBI'S**

In appreciation of Rabbi Miller's support

*Jeffrey Sheff*

In memory of Dalia Sheff

*Ivan Barta*

In memory of Joel Brodsky

*Karen Brodsky &*

*Mark Dierkhising*

In memory of Bessie Tsipan

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In memory of my sister, Ronda Lynn Heard

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## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

A thoughtful donation

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## **SOCIAL ACTION SCOOP**

Lyla Nathan

Social Action Committee

*Shalom Haverim! (Hello Friends)*

*I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer vacationing and visiting with families and friends. It's hard to believe that the High Holidays will come so quickly (Sept 4) this year!*

*The Social Action Committee (SAC) had a busy year and we are beginning to plan events for the upcoming year. As you know we have strengthened our commitment to Jewish Family & Children's Services (JF&CS.) Each month, members of SAC go to the Redwood Empire Food Bank to replenish the JF&CS pantry with fresh, canned, and frozen foods. In addition, every month we (CBA members) concentrate on supplying a few items that are specifically needed in the JF&CS pantry. For the month of Av, please bring these items to the synagogue:*

*Peanut Butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned soup (low sodium,) canned fruit (except peaches,) tofu (that doesn't need refrigeration.) Of course you can always bring something that you would enjoy contributing that isn't on the list.*

*Jewish Family & Children's Services is very pleased with our commitment to help those in need in the Jewish and extended Sonoma County Community. We also continue to volunteer at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. More dates will follow – please join us when you're able. Thanks for all your efforts. It is a way to repair the world, Tikun Olam.*

*The Soup Sisters will make soup after the holidays to replenish our freezer with healthy and hearty soup for anyone who needs a little TLC. We are very happy that the CBA Board has designated some \$\$ for us to use in making our soup. Thanks so much Beth Ami Board of Directors. Please contact Lizzie at office if you know someone who might benefit from CBA's expression of comfort and caring.*

*As Beth Ami continues our theme of being a welcoming community, SAC is taking a careful look at ways that we are and are not meeting the needs of all our members. We want to know what we can do to be more welcoming and inclusive; we want to know what might be different that would make your experience more positive.*

*We have initiated conversations with member households in which couples come from two different religious, spiritual or cultural backgrounds. We are interested in speaking with as many members as are willing to engage in this conversation with us. Join members of the Social Action Committee on Monday August 19th, at the home of Ellen and Michael Mundell to engage in this dialogue together. Please contact Lyla Nathan for more info 526-7438.*

*On November 15th we are planning a Shabbat dinner and service to recognize the commitment of our interfaith families. We participate with Interfaith Family, a national organization dedicated to making interfaith families feel welcome in our Jewish community.*

*As has become our tradition over the last few years, the Social Action Committee is planning to have community conversations during the afternoon break on Yom Kippur. We will also have a chance to connect with our members on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. More details to follow.*

*Wishing you all an enjoyable summer vacation as we ready ourselves for the New Year. Shalom, Lyla*



## AUGUST 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 August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>*

August 5	Oscar Pinsky	Father of Dorothy Gerstein
August 6	Josephine Sherman	Mother of Ed Sherman
August 7	Clarence Rambo	Father of Hope Rambo

### *Announced on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>*

August 10	Lillian Gordon	Sister of Mazie Miller
August 10	Alice Miller	Mother of Susan Miller
August 10	Joseph Raful	Father of Bob Raful
August 13	Vladimir Zelichenok	Brother of Rimma Rivkin
August 14	Myrna Drake	First wife of Arnold Drake
August 14	Joyce Vrobel	Mother of Laura Alexander
August 16	Dorothy Drain	Grandmother of Janet Stein-Larson

### *Announced on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>*

August 17	Elie Negrin	Father of Ronit Glickman
August 18	William Hahn	Father of Edith Newman
August 19	David Katz	Father of Audrey Darby
August 19	Selby Morse	Husband of Myrna Morse
August 19	Emil Tsipan	Husband of Malvina Tsipan
August 20	Susan Yelin	Mother of Francie Rogovin
August 22	Audrey Schoen	Sister of Phyllis Shapiro
August 23	Angela Kupperberg	Wife of Michael Kupperberg

### *Announced on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>*

August 24	Dan ben Hershel	Nephew of Evelyn Gurevitch
August 25	Miriam Sampiere	Mother of Etienne Sampiere
August 25	Barbara Wallace	Sister of Arnold Drake
August 26	Joshua Cohen	Father of Leonard Cohen
August 26	Morris Marks	Grandfather of Myrna Morse
August 27	Vivian Frye	Friend of Ellen Mundell
August 27	Martin Klein	Husband of Lillian Judd
August 30	Naftali Morse	Father-in-law of Myrna Morse

### *Announced on August 30<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>*

August 31	Abraham Rubinstein	Husband of Miriam Rubinstein
Sept. 1	Irving Nathan	Father of Asher Nathan
Sept. 2	Frances Spiegelman	Grandmother of Ronit Glickman
Sept. 5	Arthur Levine	Former Husband of Gussie Hankin
Sept. 5	Rose Zittin	Grandmother of Bill Friedman
Sept. 6	Myer Brust	Grandfather of Barbara McGee
Sept. 6	William Colton	Brother-in-law of Evelyn Gurevitch

## August Birthdays

1	Tad Shapiro
4	Suzie Friedman
4	Frederic Schloner
7	Mortimer Weiss
8	Howard Moss
8	Mark Rosen
10	Ivan Barta
10	Marilyn Salsman-Stockfleth
11	Dr. Mark Sutter
12	Lyla Nathan
14	Francie Rogovin
14	Stuart Schy
15	Michael Shapiro
16	Sydney Perlman
21	Gabor Por
24	Signe Minuskin
25	Susan Miller
26	Marc Bernstein
29	Larry Klapow
30	Jennifer Hayes
30	Patrice LePera
31	Randy Mann

## August Anniveries

5	Arnold & Mieneke Drake
11	Michael & Lauren Newman
11	Justin & Shacharit Rosenthal
12	Brian & Fredrika Gross
12	Dan & Blair Pleasant
14	Jeff Richman & Pnina Loeb
16	Bill & Kim Cordell
25	Len & Elly Cohen
31	Harvey & Danella Lubar



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>*

Sept. 7	Avra Metzger	Mother of Joslyn Metzger
Sept. 8	Jenny Wiesenthal	Mother of Natalie Friedman
Sept. 9	Ida Mann	Grandmother of Judith Helman
Sept. 10	Susan Dove	Niece of Betty Franks
Sept. 11	Frances Brust	Grandmother of Barbara McGee
Sept. 11	Lillian Kahn	Mother of David Kahn
Sept. 11	Raymund Mundell	Father of Michael Mundell
Sept. 12	Sylvia Golemb	Mother of Sherrill Golemb
Sept. 12	Hilda Meyer	Mother of Jane Meyer
Sept. 13	Joseph Diamond	Father-in-law of Marilyn Diamond
Sept. 13	Shulamit Sapojnikov	Mother of Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar

### *Announced on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>*

Sept. 16	Carl Connors	Father of Tish Levee
Sept. 16	Ruth Hess	Mother of Barbara Tomin
Sept. 16	Ester Pekker	Mother of Semyon Pekker
Sept. 16	Harold Ross	Father of Stuart Ross
Sept. 17	Fay Goleman	Mother of Judith Goleman
Sept. 18	Yechezkiel Rivkin	Father of Adolph Rivkin
Sept. 19	Max Lachman	Father of Vivian Salmon
Sept. 20	George Barta	Father of Ivan Barta

### *Announced on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>*

Sept. 21	Jennie Klein	Mother of Ricki Streitfel
Sept. 21	Dorothy Yelin	Grandmother of Francie Rogovin
Sept. 22	Mollie Raful	Mother of Bob Raful
Sept. 23	Dean Darby	Husband of Audrey Darby
Sept. 25	Morris Edelberg	Father of Marjorie Gordon
Sept. 25	David Friedman	Brother of Harry Friedman
Sept. 25	Carolina Gordon	Granddaughter of Marjorie Gordon
Sept. 26	Arnold Gross	Father of Sylvia Sucher
Sept. 26	Hersh Hankin	Father of Harry Hankin
Sept. 27	Michael Letourneau	Son of Pam Jacobs Letourneau
Sept. 27	Lester Schloner	Father of Carol Swanson and Fred Schloner

### *Announced on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>*

Oct. 4	Mary Diamond	Mother-in-law of Marilyn Diamond
Oct. 4	Harold Rosen	Father of Mark Rosen
Oct. 4	Al Sherman	Father of Edward Sherman

## September Birthdays

5	Phil Weil
6	Bonnie Boren
8	Leanne Schy
11	Jane Meyer
13	Barbara Boren
13	Brian Gross
13	Adrea Moss
16	Ethel Schy
18	Elaine Golemb
18	Dr. Gary Herzberg
18	Carol Newman
18	Sherri Weinstein
20	Randy Weinstein
22	Ahuva Simon-Sa'ar
25	Susanne Batzdorff
26	Leonard Cohen
30	Gerald Lakins

## September Anniversaries

7	Daryl & Joan Schloss
10	Howard & Ronit Glickman
14	Adolph & Rimma Rivkin
14	Phil Dwight & Jane Rogan
15	Ross Jones & Jane Paul
25	Russ & Terry Gurevitch
29	Ira & Ruth Rosenberg

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*Is Rosh Hashanah really the birthday of the world?*

*Well, the Hebrew letters in the word Bereshit -- In the Beginning -- can be rearranged to make the words 1 Tishri -- the date of Rosh Hashanah -- so who needs more proof?!*

*In a lighter vein, comedian Robert Klein says that against his better judgment he once accepted a lucrative club date on Yom Kippur. He got an infected wart. Since then, Klein has not played on Yom Kippur, and he says that one club owner calls him the "Sandy Koufax of comedy."*

*The owner, of course, was referring to the decision of baseball great not to pitch in a 1965 World Series game which fell on the holiday. Other Jewish players who have sat out the day include Hall-of-Famer Hank Greenberg, current star Shawn Green, and Ken Holtzman, an excellent pitcher who played for several teams in the '60s and '70s.*

*Holtzman, then playing for Oakland Athletics, declined to pitch in a 1973 play-off game against the Baltimore Orioles that fell on Yom Kippur. His team had no problem with his decision and the A's management said it would find a local Baltimore synagogue where Holtzman could attend services. He was, however, surprised when a limousine appeared in front of his Baltimore hotel on Yom Kippur morning. The driver told Holtzman that he was told to take the pitcher to synagogue.*

*As reported by the Forward newspaper, "[Holtzman] was escorted to front row center of the synagogue, where he was offered a handshake by a distinguished-looking man standing near his family. 'Ken, let me introduce myself,' the man said. 'I'm Jerry Hoffberger, owner of the Orioles.' For Holtzman, the moral of the story was simple: 'Jews stick together.'"*

*Another story concerns musical great Sammy Davis Jr., who converted to Reform Judaism in the mid-1950s. In 1959, Davis refused to work on Yom Kippur during the film production of "Porgy and Bess." Director Otto Preminger, who was Jewish, but famous for his insensitivity to other people's feelings, got angry at Davis and called the film's producer, the legendary Samuel Goldwyn. Goldwyn immediately called Davis and wanted to know if it was true about his refusing to work. Sammy said that as a Jew he could not work on the Day of Atonement. There was silence for a moment, with Goldwyn no doubt noting that stopping production to accommodate Davis would cost \$30,000, a large sum then. Finally, Goldwyn, who was a non-practicing Jew, said, "Bless you." Production on the film was stopped for Yom Kippur.*

*The final anecdote concerns the famous composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein came from a family of Talmudic scholars, but was only moderately observant in his adult years. However, Bernstein would hire a taxicab for Yom Kippur and go around Manhattan "shul-hopping." He did this because he loved to hear many different cantors' interpretations of the traditional prayers.*

*Bernstein knew, of course, that riding was forbidden on the holiday, so he would have the cab driver drop him off a block away from each synagogue so that synagogue-goers would not see the famous conductor riding on the holiday.*

*His son, Alexander, commented that his father would immediately intensely concentrate on the service and the cantor upon entering a synagogue. He was carried-away, his son said, in a world of his own.*

*Happy Holidays everyone!*



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## August Shabbatot

### **TORAH READINGS FOR AUGUST 3**

PARASHAT: RE'EH: DEUT. 15:1 – 16:17

Candle Lighting: 8:01 Havdalah: 9:02

### **TORAH READINGS FOR AUGUST 10**

PARASHAT: SHOFTIM DEUT. 19:14 – 21:9 (Page 1099)

Candle Lighting: 7:54 Havdalah: 8:53

### **TORAH READINGS FOR AUGUST 17**

PARASHAT: KI TETSE: DEUT. 24:14 – 25:19 (Page 1130)

Candle Lighting: 7:45 Havdalah: 8:44

### **TORAH READINGS FOR AUGUST 24**

PARASHAT: KI TAVO: DEU. 27:11 – 29:8 (Page 1146)

Candle Lighting: 7:35 Havdalah: 8:33

### **TORAH READINGS FOR AUGUST 31**

PARASHAT: NITSAVIM / VAYELECH: DEUT. 31:7 - 30

(Page 1174)

Candle Lighting: 7:25 Havdalah: 8:22

## **MORNING MINYAN**

**Every Sunday at 8:30 am**

Come meet and talk with President Arnold Drake during informal "**ask the President**" sessions, after most minyanim.

## September Shabbatot and Holidays

### **EREV ROSH HASHAHNA: SEPTEMBER 4**

Candle Lighting: 7:18

### **ROSH HASHAHNA 1ST DAY: SEPTEMBER 5**

Candle Lighting: 8:14

### **ROSH HASHAHNA 2ND DAY: SEPTEMBER 6**

Erev Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:14

### **TORAH READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 7**

PARASHAT: HAZINU: DEUT. 32:1 – 52 (Pg. 1174)

Havdalah: 8:11

### **EREV YOM KIPPUR SEPTEMBER 13**

Candle Lighting: 7:03 Fast Starts: 7:17

### **YOM KIPPUR SEPTEMBER 14**

Havdalah: 7:59

### **EREV 1ST DAY SUKKOT SEPTEMBER 18**

Candle Lighting: 6:56

### **SUKKOT 1ST DAY SEPTEMBER 19**

Candle Lighting: 7:51

### **SUKKOT 2ND DAY SEPTEMBER 20**

Erev Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:52

### **1ST DAY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT SEPTEMBER 21**

Havdalah: 7:48

### **EREV SHEMINI ATZERET SEPTEMBER 25**

Candle Lighting: 6:44

### **SHEMINI ATZERET SEPTEMBER 26**

Erev Simchat Torah Candle Lighting: 7:40

### **SIMCHAT TORAH SEPTEMBER 27**

Erev Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:41

### **TORAH READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 28**

PARASHAT: B'RESHEE T: GEN. 1:1 – 6:8 (Pg. 3)

Havdalah: 7:37