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From The Rabbi



Our community's growth is dependent on the opportunities to expand the mind, heart and heart through Beth Ami. We look forward to expanding the educational offerings for people of all ages and backgrounds, it is a pillar of our special synagogue. And due to popular demand, we will be offering the B'nai Mitzvah cohort **again** starting this month.

Running over the next several months, the classes will provide an opportunity to read Hebrew, immerse in the Torah, learn the structure and prayers of the Shabbat service and get to know other members of our warm and caring community. The class culminates in a Shabbat service and ceremony in June 2020, where the members of the group celebrate Adult B'nai Mitzvah, each reading his/her individual Torah portion. The participants in this group join over forty adults who have celebrated at Beth Ami this meaningful celebration, a deeply moving and fulfilling accomplishment.

Chanukah celebrations are everywhere in Santa Clarita, with TBA spreading the holiday lights throughout our community. We are celebrating almost every night with a special event. Temple Beth Ami's 2019/5780 Chanukah events:

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10am - Storytime at the Valencia Library

Sunday, Dec. 22, 5pm - Santa Clarita's Jewish Community Party at Westfield's Valencia Town Center (inside mall in front of JCPenney)

Monday, Dec. 23, 6pm - Join us as we light the Stevenson Ranch Community menorah at Stevenson Ranch Parkway and Holmes Place

Monday, Dec. 23, 7pm - Chanukah Party and Storytime at Barnes & Noble, Valencia. Fun for all ages!

Thursday, Dec. 26, 6pm - Family Latke Cooking Class sponsored by Sisterhood at the Blazer's

Friday, Dec. 27, 8pm - Don't miss TBA's famous Chanukah Party and Shabbat Celebration at Temple Beth Ami. Pasha and volunteer family Award presentation!

Saturday, Dec. 28, 7pm - Vodka/Latke at the Blazer's

-Rabbi Mark Blazer

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Mission Statement of Temple Beth Ami

The Purpose of this Reform Congregation shall be to worship G-d, to promote Jewish education and the fundamental principles of Judaism, to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people to cultivate love, understanding, and enjoyment of our Jewish heritage and to encourage community involvement.

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Ad rates start at just \$36.

For more info, call the Temple Office at 661.255.6410.

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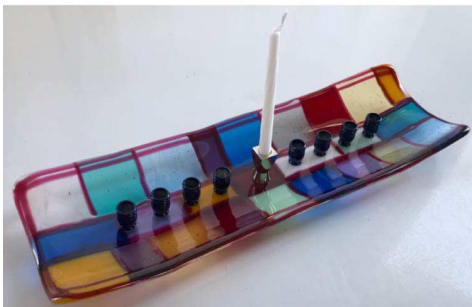
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President's Message



Last month, the unimaginable occurred and we as a religious and secular community continue to grapple with the aftermath of the attacks at Saugus High School. I know that I join many in praying for unity and extending extra kindness to each other. A tragedy for any family in our community touches all of our hearts & we continue to be **#SAUGUSSTRONG**.

On another note, if you haven't visited TBA lately, please come by for Shabbat services. Our sanctuary and grounds are looking great, with many members of the congregation stepping up and donating money, time and services to beautify our sanctuary and grounds. Also, Phase 1 of security upgrade should be in place by the time you read this newsletter.

Our synagogue is packed with fun activities for all this month. Please join us at TBA on December 15th, from 10 AM – 1 PM for a great holiday boutique where you can find unique Hanukkah gifts for family and friends. On Sunday, December 22nd, we will celebrate our annual Hanukkah candle lighting ceremony at Valencia Town Center at 5:00 PM. And we would love to see you on December 28th at Rabbi & Tracy Blazer's house for the annual vodka/latke party.

Looking forward to seeing you all for the fun activities this month & in 2020!

B'Shalom,

-Lori Litel
TBA President

Visit www.templebethami.org/membership for more information and to download forms

A large advertisement for Temple Beth Ami's Sustainable Membership. The background is a photograph of a family—a man, a woman, and a young boy—playing in a grassy field. The man is crouching, the woman is leaning over him, and the boy is sitting on the man's shoulders, all smiling. The text is overlaid on the image.

JOIN US

**SUSTAINABLE
MEMBERSHIP
AT
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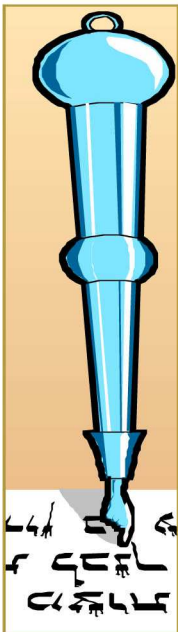
Temple Beth Ami's new Sustainability Membership model is a dynamic and simplified financial structure centered around the TBA community.

Each individual or family pledges an annual commitment based on the amount they are able to pay. We consider ALL donations meaningful!

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ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

Beginning Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM



Temple Beth Ami is proud to once again be offering an Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. This class will provide you with an opportunity to read Hebrew, immerse yourself in the Torah, learn the structure and prayers of the Shabbat service and get to know other members of our warm & caring community. The class culminates in a Shabbat service & ceremony in June 2020, where the members of the group celebrate Adult B'nai Mitzvah, each reading his/her individual Torah portion.

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Contact the Office for more information

TEMPLE BETH AMI

SPREADING THE LIGHT OF CHANUKAH

CHANUKAH STORYTIME AT VALENCIA LIBRARY

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10:00AM
Valencia Library

Chanukah stories with music from Wendee
will be followed by refreshments.

CHANUKAH STORYTIME AT BARNES & NOBLE

Monday, December 23rd
7-8 PM
Barnes & Noble
23630 Valencia Blvd.

Join us as we light the third light of the holiday together. A special Chanukah story with music from Wendee will be followed by refreshments.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AT WESTFIELD VALENCIA TOWN CENTER

in front of JCPenney on the lower level
Sunday night, December 22nd, 5-6 PM

Join us as we light the largest menorah in Santa Clarita
together with our entire community.

A special Chanukah celebration with music, fun and refreshments.

SHABBAT SERVICE Chanukah Party & Presentation of PASHA Award FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 27TH, 8 PM

Join us as we bring in Shabbat with holiday
spirit. A rousing service featuring Chanukah
music and our annual award for a special
volunteer and family.

VODKA/LATKE

Saturday, December 28th
7:00 PM

at the Rabbi's home
Stevenson Ranch

The holiday really heats up with an adult social
bringing together two great Jewish culinary
traditions. Delicious tastings of both.
RSVP at rabbi@templebethami.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

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Religious School



Announcing.... T.E.A.M. Temple Education About Me

Our new philosophy is based on each student exploring their Jewish journey. Our theme this year for T.E.A.M. is "Ruach," Spirit! Each of our teachers is currently working with their class to create a team name and chant to represent the goals they have for their particular class. Throughout the year we will have competitions and incentives that continue to bring a new spirit to our youth as they progress through their learning.

We will also be starting a Family Newsletter to provide helpful information about holidays, school events, websites, etc...

If you'd like to receive the monthly newsletter, please send an email to jennifer.twitchell@templebethami.org.

Chanukah is just around the corner and we will have a T.E.A.M. celebration on December 12th, with dreidel games and delicious Chanukah treats. Our next Family Service will celebrate the miracles of Chanukah. Please join us at 7pm on December 6th. Make sure to check the eBlast to see what events are happening in our area, starting with our Sisterhood Chanukah Boutique on December 15. I wish everyone a wonderful vacation and Happy Chanukah. We will be closed from December 22nd through January 15th. Thursday, January 16th is our first class back, and then we only meet on Sunday, January 26th due to school and MLK holidays.

Thank you to Abby Peretz for helping with the Jewish Camp weekend. You are awesome! We had a great time that weekend learning about different Jewish summer camp experiences. If you'd like any camp information, please email me.

-Jennifer Twitchell
Religious School Director



Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD PURPOSE & BOARD:

The purpose of Sisterhood at TBA is to have a group of women that come together and support one another while also participating in a variety of programs of choice. In doing so, Sisterhood supports the community of Temple Beth Ami along with a generous financial donation at the end of each fiscal year.



December is a busy month with the holidays and the sisterhood activities will not disappoint, so mark your calendar.

Our holiday boutique will be a great opportunity to get a head start on shopping. As of today we have the following local vendors:

Younique
Madison Clothing
Chalk Squad
Origami Owl
Scout and Cellar
lar glassworks
And even a gift wrapping table

Come and check it out and support our local vendors
December 15th from 10am-1pm at TBA

Also this month we will have the requested cooking class that includes our Kids. On December 26th at 6pm we will have a latke cooking class at the Blazer home. Learn how to make plain and flavored latkes as well as homemade applesauce.

Please RSVP to Tracyblazer@me.com

- Tracy Blazer
TBA Sisterhood President



SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Thank you to all of you that have either joined or renewed your Sisterhood membership for 2019-2020 Memberships are being received as of August 15, 2019. All new TBA members are automatic members of Sisterhood for their first year – free of charge and are encouraged to attend all Sisterhood functions. Please contact sisterhood@templebethami.org

SISTERHOOD BOARD:

President—Tracy Blazer, **Past President**—Judith Stolnitz, **Secretary**—Donna Casey,
Treasurer— Judith Stolnitz, **Trustees-at-Large**—Nancy Lepore, Jennifer Twitchell, Doreen Hawbecker,

Communications: Facebook Postings—Joyce Stein, **Website**—Susie Unkeless

Sisterhood's website: www.templebethami.org/sisterhood.html (*PayPal here too)

Sisterhood updates: www.templebethami.org/sisterhood-updates.html

Sisterhood's email: sisterhood@templebethami.org

Please go to Sisterhood Updates page on the website for forms and event flyers!

TEMPLE BETH AMI

Holiday Boutique

SUNDAY
December

AN AMAZING, ONE-STOP
SHOPPING EVENT!

Vendors include:

Younique Madison
Clothing Chalk Squad
Origami Owl Scout &
Cellular glassworks-
Gift Wrapping & more

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#GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world on December 3, 2019 and every day.

It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Please consider donating to Temple Beth Ami this year. #Giving Tuesday begins Dec. 3 at 8:00am ET (5:00am PT). <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2272741536288315/>



Looking for something to do on Christmas with other congregants? Shelia Petri has graciously opened her home on Christmas day (which is also Chanukah) for a Chinese pot luck and Chinese gift exchange. Call the Office to RSVP and to get your name on the interest list.

Temple Beth Ami Sisterhood

Invites YOU to Play in Our 4th Annual
Fun Day of Mah Jongg & Friendship!

Sunday, January 12, 2020

9:30am - 4:00pm

Valencia Hills Club House, 24060 Oak Vale Drive, Valencia

\$40 TBA Sisterhood Members

\$45 All Other Participants

Early-Bird for everyone by December 20th and pay only \$36!!

Price Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Prizes for Everyone

\$2 Auction Tickets & 50/50 Raffle

Prizes for Mavens and Rookies!

Please note, this is not a Tournament, it is a day of fun for everyone.

Rules are based on National Mah Jongg Association

Disrespectful players will be asked to leave.

9:30am - Check-in, Breakfast, Review Rules

10:15am - 12:30pm Play Mah Jongg (2 Rounds)

12:30pm Lunch, Prizes, Raffle

1:15pm-3:30pm Play Mah Jongg (2 Rounds)

3:30pm Awards and Final Raffle

Please bring your 2019 Mah Jongg card with your name on it!

Don't worry if you don't have one!

Call, Text, Email, and Post on Facebook to let your Mahj Friends Know!

This event is open to ALL Levels!

Questions: Call/Text Jennifer Twitchell (661) 618-9975

Email: jennifer.twitchell@templebethami.org

Please return this portion with your check payable to TBA Sisterhood by 1/3/20.

Mail to: Jennifer Twitchell, TBA Sisterhood, 23023 Hilse Ln., Newhall, CA 91321 or pay online and note Mah Jongg Tournament and email this form to Jennifer.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I will bring a Mah Jongg set _____ I will be **East** (stay @ same table & keep score) _____



6-Dec	Camille	Bouque
7-Dec	Abbe	Goodman
10-Dec	Shelley	Silver
16-Dec	Karen	Barnett
18-Dec	Keith	Jacobs
18-Dec	Shellie	VanWinkle
19-Dec	Lisa	Barton
19-Dec	Sally	Vila
20-Dec	Taylor	Halberstam
22-Dec	Phil	Wasserman
27-Dec	Barry	Silver
29-Dec	Ronnie	Lasky
31-Dec	Harriett	Merjan



23-Dec	Michael & Corrie	Schoenwetter
23-Dec	Barry & Shelley	Silver
30-Dec	Joshua & Nikki	Corben

Are you missing from our Birthday list? Call the Office to update your records. 661.255.6410



1-Dec	Jack	Saltzman
1-Dec	Hyme	Schaffer
4-Dec	Honey	Schaffer
6-Dec	Milton	Diamond
6-Dec	Mindi	Loux
7-Dec	Valyrie	Corben
8-Dec	Alyce	Orenstein
9-Dec	Evelyn	Caplan
9-Dec	Sue	Gottfried
9-Dec	Irene	Rescigno
9-Dec	Audrey	Singerman
10-Dec	Thelma	Solomon
12-Dec	Fred	Ritzius
12-Dec	Abraham	Katell
12-Dec	Michelle	Romprey
13-Dec	Shirley	Lowe
14-Dec	Donny	Srery
15-Dec	Jessie	Hutton
16-Dec	Susie	Hawbecker
16-Dec	William	Littleton
16-Dec	Harold	Sachartoff
17-Dec	Marti	Schwartz
18-Dec	Andrew	Lipson
18-Dec	Lillian	Rafelson
19-Dec	Esther	Blum
20-Dec	Edwin	Barnett
20-Dec	David	Horwitz
20-Dec	Louis	Weinberg
21-Dec	Emanuel	Abrams
21-Dec	Robert	Barnett
23-Dec	Gerald	Schollnick
24-Dec	Benjamin	Bramson
24-Dec	Seymour	Kerman
24-Dec	Stanley	Bresler
25-Dec	Maurice	Hopkins
25-Dec	Darel	Roberts
25-Dec	Edith	Rudolf
26-Dec	Paul	Thorsen
26-Dec	Rob	Schmitt
29-Dec	Gloria	Schoenwetter
30-Dec	Hetty	Epstein

Is a loved one missing from our Yahrzeit list? Call the Office to update your records. 661.255.6410



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December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Family Promise Religious School Gr. k-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	2 Family Promise	3 Family Promise No Minyan No Torah Study Support Group 7pm	4 Family Promise No Adult Education Support Group 7pm Toastmasters 6:30pm	5 Family Promise Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	6 Family Promise Family Shabbat 7pm w/Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	7 Family Promise
8 Religious School Gr. k-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm Board Mtg. 5pm	9	10 No Minyan No Torah Study Support Group 7pm	11 No Adult Education Support Group 7pm	12 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	13 Shabbat Services 8pm w/Rabbi Blazer & Wendy	14
15 Holiday Boutique 10am – 1pm Religious School Gr. k-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	16	17 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Hanukkah Storytime @ Valencia Library 10am Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 7pm Support Group 7pm	18 Adult Education 7pm Support Group 7pm Toastmasters 6:30pm	19 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	20 Shabbat Services 8pm w/Rabbi Blazer & Wendy	21
22 No Religious School Dec. 22 – Jan. 15	23 First Night of Hanukkah Stevenson Ranch Menorah Lighting 6pm Hanukkah Storytime @ Barnes & Noble 7-8pm	24 2nd Night of Hanukkah Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group 7pm	25 3rd Night of Hanukkah Adult Education 7pm Support Group 7pm	26 4th Night of Hanukkah Support Group 7pm	27 5th Night of Hanukkah Shabbat Services 8pm Hanukkah Celebration & Pasha Awards	28 6th Night of Hanukkah Vodka/Latke 7pm
29 7th Night of Hanukkah	30 8th Night of Hanukkah	31 New Years Eve Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am				