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From The Rabbi



Our connection to the protection of our natural resources is a deeply rooted tradition. Hamisha Asar B'Shevat (literally, the 15th day of Shevat) is also known as Tu B'Shvat (the Hebrew letters Tet and Vav total the number 15). It is designated as Jewish Arbor Day or the New Year of the Trees. This year it begins the evening of February 9th.

The Mishnah's designation "New Year of the Trees" was not merely a poetic phrase. It had profound bearing on Jewish law. In order to observe certain mitzvot it was necessary to know how old a tree was. Tu B'Shevat was the official "birthday" for all trees and this day was the official deadline. In Temple days, offerings had to be set aside from ing with details coming soon. This adult holiday celebration all new fruit and crop produce. Fruit gathered from the previous year's produce could not be used for tithes due on fruit gathered in the next year. The age of the tree was significant from another halachic aspect. The law of orlah forbids eating from fruit trees during the first three years after they have been planted.

Today Tu B'Shevat is a time to consider our more general connection to the earth and our obligation to take care of it. The Jewish tradition of 'tikkun olam' repairing the world-- Rabbi Mark Blazer can be taken in an ecological as well as a spiritual sense. On

this day, then, we can renew our commitment to this philosophy by taking matters into our own hands. For example, we could commit ourselves to planting a garden, lobbying our politicians to protect our natural resources, by planning a family recycling project and giving to the J.N.F. to help the land of Israel.

At TBA, our Religious school will be celebrating with a Seder, Sunday, February 9th at and with a special planting. From their youngest years our students learn the importance of appreciating the natural world and understanding our role as responsible stewards.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday night, February 9th, as we celebrate with our special Tu B'Shevat Wine Tastis one not to be missed. This year's event will feature clean and crafted wines that are almost completely free of sulfites and other flavor enhancers. You will taste and feel the difference.

To a lively and healthy 2020,



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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Are you a business owner looking to attract more customers? Perhaps you work for, or know of a great local business that wants to increase sales. Advertise with TBA and get your business in front of our members and greater TBA Community. Put your business in the spotlight! Ad rates start at just \$36. For more info, call the Temple Office at 661.255.6410.

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President's Message



Happy New Year to everyone! Isn't it always great to start the new year on a positive, refreshed note? Temple Beth Ami has some great events coming up early this year.

For all you Mah Jongg enthusiasts, join us on Sunday, January 12th at Valencia Hills Country Club for a fun day of Mah Jongg and friendship. The \$40 price includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and prizes. Please make checks out to TBA Sisterhood by January 3rd. All level of players are welcome! Also, January will be the first of many Shabbats Around the World, featuring Mediterranean cuisine. Join us for this delicious and informative event on January 17th. The fun starts at 6:30 pm and Shabbat services will follow at 8:00 pm. Don't miss out—the cost is only \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Sisterhood is busy planning their very popular retreat. This year, it will be held locally at a fabulous AirbnB near the beach. Deposits of \$50 are due to TBA Sisterhood by January 4th and the total inclusive cost is \$350. With many activities and holiday celebrations planned throughout this year, there is something fun and interesting for all ages. Please join us!

-Lori Litel TBA President



Ticket sales begin Jan. 10!

Are you an individual, business owner or know of one interested in donating an item, service or in-kind donation for the auction? Interested in Sponsorship Opportunities? Please call the Office at 661.255.6410 http://www.templebethami.org/lights-camera-auction.html



Presents

An AWESOME Fundraiser Party

For the benefit of

Temple Beth Ami

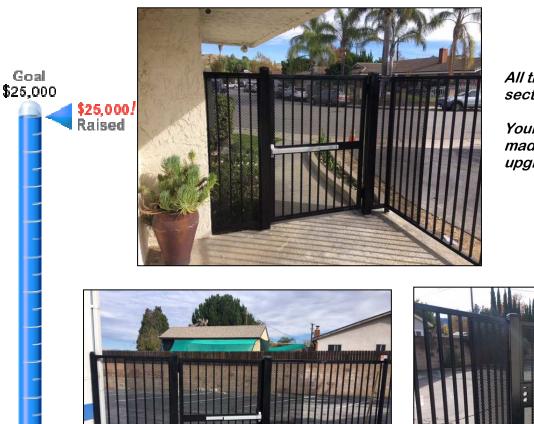
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 11am - 9pm

Come on in, enjoy some pizza, check out the 30-tap self-serve beverage wall, and help the cause while you're at it! 20% of food sales get donated!

- Top rated pizza in the Santa Clarita area
- Self serve beer, wine, & cider (selection of 30!)
- Delicious pastas, salads, sandwiches, appetizers!
 - Casual upscale atmosphere
 - Family friendly, table games, giant Jenga
 - 18 big TVs, 170" Monster Screen
 - All Dodger Games are shown!

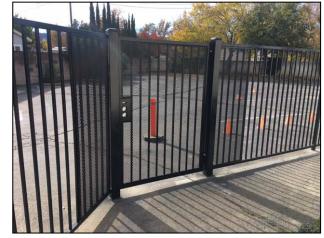
Must bring this flyer or an image of it. Takeaway and delivery orders also qualify. 19167 Golden Valley Rd, Canyon Country, CA 91387 ~ 661–250–7550 www.tomatojoespizza.com

WE DID IT!



All three security gate sections have been installed!

Your generous donations made this needed facility upgrade a reality!



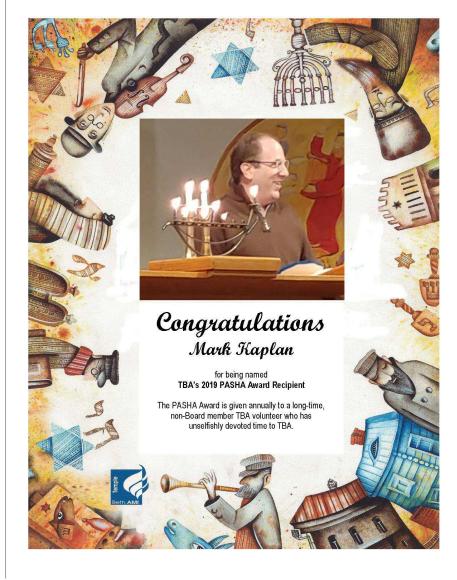
This is the year to Join TBA!

With TBA's new Sustainability Membership Model, YOU decide your annual commitment pledge. Your High Holiday donation can be used towards your pledge. Take advantage of all TBA has to offer: Adult Education, Torah Study, Religious School for ages K-7, social events, Havurot and more.

Make 2020 the Year we welcome you to our TBA Family!

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Membership



Welcome New Members....

Adam Greenwald Gary & Kathleen Hann Fred & Noreen Heiser Carolyn Heitmann Gene & Bonnie Horwitz Shari Lewis Louis Lipson Joe & Eve Rumley Joann Shepherd Michael & Desiree Taback Margot Webb Jerry Witherspoon

Ring in 2020 with a TBA Membership for you and your Family!

If you've been thinking about becoming a member of TBA, now is the best time to act! With our new Sustainability Model Membership program, YOU decide the annual pledge amount that's right for you! A Sustainable Membership Pledge of \$1800 is the average amount needed from each member household to sustain the facilities, operation, programs and services at Temple Beth Ami. All pledges are meaningful!

> See following pages for Forms. Questions: 661.255.6410



2019–2020 Membership Record

Since 1987 Temple Beth Ami (TBA) has been the center of Jewish life in Santa Clarita. TBA was founded to serve the spiritual needs of the Jewish community here in the Santa Clarita Valley and we are dedicated to the dual pillars of compassion and outreach. We want to emphazise that each and every member is a valued part of TBA's sacred community. This agreement refers to the fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

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Membership

I hereby apply for membership at Temple Beth Ami, Santa Clarita, CA. To ensure the continued Jewish presence in Santa Clarita, I commit that my annual contribution for this year is:

Contribution Amount

Total School Fees

\$

Supporting Sustaining	up to \$1,799 \$1,800 +
Chai Club	\$3,600 +
Benefactor	\$5,400 +

School Fees

English)

Grade

Needs

Year

I hereby request my child be enrolled for formal education courses at Temple Beth Ami, Santa Clarita, CA.

Grade(s) Being Enrolled 20% dscount on lesser tuition for sibling

Please complete for each child being enrolled:

	Annual Tuition Fee	
Grades K through 3	Sundays only	\$650
Grades 4 through 7	Thursdays & Sundays	\$1300
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Child 1 Child 2 Child 3 Child 4 Last Name First Name Hebrew Name (in Birth Date | Age Gender (F / M) | Special Educational

in good standing.

Payment Options:

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

□ FACTS Secure web-based automatic monthly payment □ Credit Card

□ Pay in full by check or credit card Temple Beth Ami accepts Visa and Mastercard

Name:	Please print	Card #	
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Signature:		Date:	



2019 – 2020 Membership Record

Date:

Family Name:		Marital Status of Adult Member(s)
Home Phone: Emergency Contact No:		Married Anniversary Date: Single Life Partners Divorced Widowed
Home Address:		Billing Address if not home address:
City:	Zip code:	City / State for Billing address: Zip code:

Adult Member 1	Adult Member 2		
Last Name:	Last Name:		
First Name:	First Name:		
Hebrew Name (in English)	Hebrew Name (in English)		
Birth Date: Month Day Year Age:	Birth Date: Month Day Year Age:		
Faith: Jewish Other:	Faith: Jewish Other:		
Office Ph: Cell Ph:	Office Ph: Cell Ph:		
E-Mail:	E-Mail:		
Occupation or Title (if employed):	Occupation or Title (if employed):		
Employer:	Employer:		

YAHRZEITS (commemoration of a death of parent, sibling, spouse, child)

Family Member Name	Relationship	Date of Death (Secular) MM/DD/YYYY

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY (Please include my business/trade in the professional business directory)

Business/Professional Name To be listed in the directory	Type of Business/Service/Goods	Contact Information You Would Like Listed (e.g., email; phone number, address)

Exclude my name and address from the Member Directory. The directory is only available to synagogue members.

Exclude my email from Temple Communications. Note that email is an important communication vehicle for the Temple, ONLY check this box if you do NOT want to receive the eBlast or online newsletter.

2018-2019 Member Record



2019—2020 Membership Record

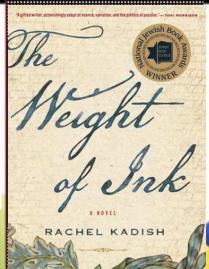
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I like to help, just call me! 🗆



BOOK CLUB

Helen Watt, a British historian facing retirement, and her much younger American assistant, Aaron Levy, are asked to examine a cache of documents found in a London townhouse, purported to be the work of a blind rabbi in 1661 and written out by a copyist known only as Aleph. Aaron is brash and right from the outset rubs prickly, Parkinson'ssuffering Helen the wrong way. But they are forced to work together after Helen realizes that Aleph was most probably a Jewish woman—unheard-of for the 17th century. In alternating chapters, we see life of the copyist, Ester Velasquez, as an immigrant from Amsterdam, her friendship with a wealthy Jewish merchant's daughter, her attempts to survive the plague and the Great Fire of London, and her covert correspondence with the preeminent minds of the period, including rogue philosopher Benedictus de Spinoza. Meanwhile, in the present, Helen and Aaron overcome academic infighting, rival historians, and greedy house owners to uncover Ester's fate. What they find out about her life informs what they ultimately learn about themselves. Ester's story illuminates the plight of London Jews in the 17th century, and Helen and Aaron's sparking relationship is vivid and memorable, as the two historians discover how desire can transcend time.



Discussion & BYO Lunch Sat. Jan. 18 @ 11am Temple Beth Ami, Classroom 1 RSVP: Diana 951.809.7035

SHABBAT

DINNERS

AROUND THE

WORLD

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

SHABBAT DINNERS FEATURING CUISINES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE January 17, 2020 Mediterranean Theme Catered by Flame & Skewer

Dinner* at 6:30pm (must RSVP) Service at 8:00pm

*Cost for dinner is \$20/adult \$10 kids under 12 Must RSVP by January 14 661.255.6410



	CASIN	DRONGO O + RESORT + SPA	Beth AMI
	Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020	Meet at 7:30am at TBA Return approx. 5pm	
	\$25 members	\$30 non-members	
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Religious School



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

Happy New Year! As we enter 2020, we look forward to continuing a bright and dynamic program to enhance the lives of our kids and teens. Our first T.E.A.M. Newsletter will be going out to our families this month.

We will be celebrating Shabbat with our families on Jan. 3rd, Feb. 7th, and with our Vav class on February 21st. Please come and support them as they lead our Shabbat service.

We will resume our Thursday session on Jan. 16th and Sunday on Jan. 26th due to the MLK holiday.

The signup for the Tu B'Shevat seder is below. Our Seder will be on Sunday, February 9th. We are excited to be working with our teens after the Seder and planting around the synagogue. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4FA5AF23A7F85-tubshevat2

Chanukah was so special this year and we had an exciting Chanukah program with crafts at TBA, the mall and Barnes & Noble.

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.



Happy New Year

First I would like to thank Doreen Hawbecker for putting together a great boutique. We had some fun new vendors and some oldies which we all like. In response to the wine from Scout and Cellar we will be having a wine tasting party on Febru-

ary 9th in honor of Tu B'Shevat!!!! Any excuse... We hope you can join us.

The next few months include some of staple events as well as some new ones. Coming up is our largest event of the year with our Maj Jong day on January 12th. You won't want to miss out. We will have beginner and learning stations for those that do not play. Please

contact Jennifer at jennifertwitchell@gmail.com. Also this month we are working on a night at Bitter Root Pottery so stay tuned for more information.

Our annual retreat is an opportunity to get away, learn, relax and meet new people. This year we are planning on getting an Airbnb close to the beach in Ventura. We are taking deposits now so we can book something and have an idea on numbers. Please contact Judith at <u>jstolnitz@yahoo.com</u> for more information. The retreat will be April 24th-26th and this year will include a cooking class for Friday night dinner.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at some fun events.

Tracy Blazer 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 SISTERHOOD CALENDAR 2020

JANU	ARY	FEBR	UARY	MA	ARCH
Mah Jong 1/12		Tu B'She Tastii			ask Making 3/8
Bitter Root 1/23	•		Potluck 21		n's Seder 3/29
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SWIRL. SMELL. SIP. REPEAT!

WINE TASTING NIGHT

> Feb 9th • 7pm at Rabbi Mark and Tracy's home \$10

RSVP: Tracy at tracyblazer@me.com

Scout and Cellar Clean, Crafted Wine

For more information about these and other Sisterhood events, visit the website at: http://www.templebethami.org/sisterhood.html



1-Jan	Scott	Levine	3-Feb	Courtney	Jacobs
2-Jan	Phyllis	Nathan	3-Feb	Randy	Miller
4-Jan	Alexander	Vila	4-Feb	Alan	Sternin
6-Jan	Max	Morse Tobeck	16-Feb	Norma	Fields
8-Jan	Hal	Goldflam	16-Feb	Gene	Horwitz
8-Jan	Dori	Jacobs	17-Feb	Hedy	Geenfield
14-Jan	Robert	Swartz			
17-Jan	Rita	Refat			
20-Jan	Donna	Casey			
20-Jan	Everett	Barton			
22-Jan	Alyssa	Azani			
24-Jan	Kelly	Wasserman			



13-Jan	Cheryl & Michael	Maliniak
17-Jan	Haydee & Neal	Scott
17-Jan	Rosemary & David	Watson

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

31-Jan Sarah

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Yahrzeit

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1-Jan	Danielle	Heinz Beergeberge	1-Feb	Eddie	Abrams
1-Jan	Dixie	Rosenberg	1-Feb	Larry	George
1-Jan	Jeanette	Tilocco	1-Feb	Pauline	Goldstein
3-Jan	Shirley	Fredrickson	1-Feb	Isadore	Kaplan
4-Jan	Bernard	Miller	4-Feb	Frank	Durkee
8-Jan	Sadie	Wolpert	5-Feb	Victoria	Azani
9-Jan	Stan	Abrams	5-Feb	Isabelle	Sheffey
9-Jan	Bentley	Pritsker	6-Feb	Bernice	Blazer
10-Jan	Milred	Bramson	6-Feb	Martin	Shulman
11-Jan	Melvyn	Orenstein	8-Feb	Sally	Sternin
12-Jan	Michael	Brill	9-Feb	Hugh	Gottfried
13-Jan	Seymour	Shapiro	12-Feb	Harold	Dine
14-Jan	Arthur	Bould	12-Feb	Alvin	Popowitz
15-Jan	Jeno	Petrover	12-Feb	Harriet	Popowitz
15-Jan	Shirley	Winograd	13-Feb	Ely	Kleinfeld
17-Jan	Belle	Reese	13-Feb	Fanny	Powazek
18-Jan	Bella	Bould	14-Feb	Maria	Lachow
18-Jan	Albert	Monheim	17-Feb	Chaim	Popowitz
23-Jan	Edith	Cohen	18-Feb	Jean	Sotela
23-Jan	Louis	Sheffey	19-Feb	Yeta	Fried
25-Jan	Sarah	Sohn	20-Feb	Harry	Epstein
25-Jan	Claude	Roberts	22-Feb	Frances	Tobe
26-Jan	Carol	Mason	24-Feb	Robert	Brill
27-Jan	Margit	Petrover	26-Feb	Morris	Friedell
27-Jan	Abraham	Weinper	26-Feb	Seigfried	Kaswan
28-Jan	Harold	Lowe	26-Feb	Jacob	Wolpert
28-Jan	Bernie	Abrams	27-Feb	Robert	Ellen
29-Jan	Elaine	Goodman	27-Feb	Barry	Lampert
29-Jan	Mark	Suffin	27-Feb	Ethel	Monheim
30-Jan	Serena	Goldflam	27-Feb	Jacob	Wolpert
31-Jan	Sy	Schoenwetter	28-Feb	Jack	Aronowitz
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Is a loved one missing from our Yahrzeit list? Call the Office to update your records. 661.255.6410

Temple Beth Ami

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26 Religious School Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	27 Support Group 7pm	28 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group 7pm	29 Toastmasters 6:30pm Adult Education 7pm Support Group 7pm	30 Religious School Gr. 4- 7, 4:15-6pm	31 Shabbat Services 8pm	

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