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From The Rabbi



School's OUT For Summer!

Summer may be coming but that doesn't mean things are quiet at Temple Beth Ami. We hope people have some great time during the season and enjoy some relaxation, excitement and travel over the coming months, but rest assured there are

many exciting activities at TBA and sponsored by us in locations around the area.

We have been blessed over the last few weeks to celebrate B'nai Mitzvah with one of the largest classes ever in TBA history. These remarkable young people will be celebrating this transition with us on virtually every weekend through June and July. Please join us on a Friday night to meet them and join us in this community *simcha*.

This month you should be proud, as the tradition of raising dynamic leaders at TBA continues. With the next generation of trustees, supported by those who have been involved since the beginning, TBA is an influential force in Santa Clarita and indeed throughout Southern California. Each individual has a spark lit or nurtured by the work we do as a *kehilla kadosha*, a holy community. At Temple Beth Ami we work to instill that feeling in every person who walks into our shul or comes in contact with our people. We welcome the new leaders and Board members led by our President, Lori Litel. I want to thank everyone who has participated and lent their energy to making this a wonderful community, and congratulate those taking on the mantle of leadership. We hope that each of you reading this will find a way to give back this year through TBA—by engaging in an activity that you haven't participated in before, by bringing your own friends in for the first time, and simply by continuing to support our shul with your energy and economic means.

Shavuot, our next major festival, begins Saturday night June 8th. In ancient times, the Jewish people made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year to mark pivotal moments in the agricultural cycle. Shavuot became identified with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It has long been a custom

to inaugurate a Jewish child's education at Shavuot. In many contemporary American Jewish communities, confirmations and graduations take place at this time.

For 18 years our community has revitalized an ancient tradition, Tikun Leyl Shavuot, by celebrating Shavuot with the study of our sacred texts. Temple Beth Ami and Congregation Beth Shalom have taken turns hosting an evening of dessert and study on Erev Shavuot. This year we will be hosting the Shavuot Study Session at Temple Beth Ami, Saturday evening, June 8th, beginning at 7:00 PM. The subject this year, *Creating a Legacy: Using centuries of Jewish wisdom to help create a meaningful future for those we love and the world around us*. We look forward to your participation in this program, a celebration of Jewish learning and community connection.

On June 15th we'll be having our first Havdalah of the season in the park at Valencia Meadows, 25671 Fedala Rd., Valencia. Bring a potluck dinner to enjoy starting at 7 PM. If you can't make it, don't worry we will be having a Shabbat in the Park on July 5th at 7 PM, and our tradition of Beach Havdalah continues on August 8th at Marina Park in Ventura.

Wherever your travels take you this summer we wish you blessings of safety and enjoyment. A special congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates, may all of you be blessed on your next journey as well.

- Rabbi Mark Blazer

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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The 2019—2020 TBA Executive Board

(effective July 1, 2019)

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President's Message



Looking back over this past year, with both its high points and challenges, a common theme that strikes me as particularly impactful is the importance of collaboration and volunteerism. The saying “It takes a village” clearly applies to synagogues, and Temple Beth Ami is no exception.

Consider some notable examples:

- Getting the religious school refurbished, including new flooring and painting of the building over this past summer, was the result of the school staff, volunteers among the TBA members and the Santa Clarita Mormon community working together to make it happen.
- The success of the High Holiday services and our recent wonderful Passover Seder was the result of volunteers helping with preparations, and our terrific arrangement with the Santa Clarita United Methodist Church.

- Successful and enjoyable fundraiser events, such as the Progressive Dinner and Casino Night were possible because of the support of teams working together to plan and orchestrate these activities


At our recent Town Hall meeting, volunteers stepped forward willing to help tackle important TBA needs and challenges such as more stringent security, a more streamlined membership dues structure and steps to make our synagogue environment more appealing to current members, potential new members and guests.

It is this spirit of collaboration, and willingness to step up, pitch in and help out that will ensure the success of the 2019-2020 year and beyond for Temple Beth Ami.

Best Regards,
Don Cogan
TBA Board President

TBA/CBS

Shavuot



Study Session

SERVICE, DESSERT AND DISCUSSION

at Temple Beth Ami
Saturday, June 8, 7:00 PM

Celebrate Shavuot, our holiday of receiving the Torah, with a special Torah study and discussion. We join together with Congregation Beth Shalom in this annual community learning opportunity.

Religious School



Shalom! We have had quite a year! As I look back on this year, I'd like to personally thank our teachers and volunteers. This staff has worked so hard to bring exciting lessons and new experiences for all the kids in our school. Todah to Yorit Gafni, Sarah Horn, Allison Hershenson, Nancy Lepore, our music teacher, Wendy Hersh, Rabbi Blazer, Kim Fogel, Judith Stolnitz, Taylor Hlaberstam and our teen volunteers, Anthony Boothby, Olivia Twitchell, Shira Blazer, and Samantha Schwartz. It is due to their dedication that our students thrive within our Religious School.

We had so many special occasions and events this year as well as many generous donors that helped to make them all possible. A special thank you to Flame & Skewers for hosting our first Restaurant Night, the families that supported our Amazon Wish List, the sponsors of Israeli Independence Day, Jordan Albert, our Yom Ha'Atzmaut speaker, and Margot Webb, our Yom HaShoah presenter. Todah to everyone for all your support!

It has been an honor to be a part of our TBA Education program this year. Thank you all for your support and I wish you all a wonderful summer! I look forward to seeing you back in August.

Ignite!!

Updates will be in the eBlast over the summer!

Interested in teaching at our Religious School or
working as our Teen Advisor???

Please forward your resume to Jennifer at TBA by 6/30/19
jennifer.twitchell@templebethami.org



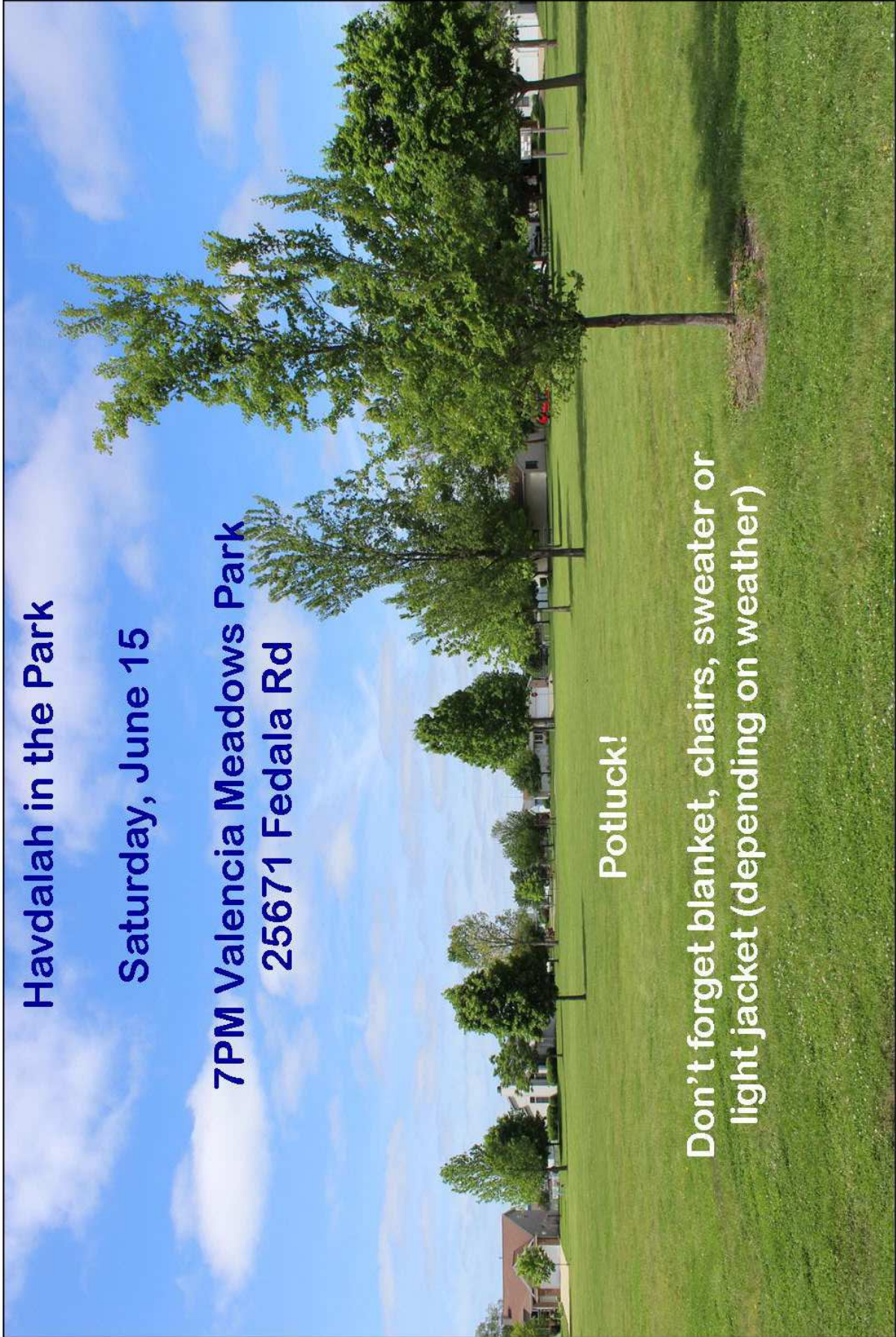
Havdalah in the Park

Saturday, June 15

**7PM Valencia Meadows Park
25671 Fedala Rd**

Potluck!

**Don't forget blanket, chairs, sweater or
light jacket (depending on weather)**





with Rabbi Blazer & Wendy

Friday, July 5

Dinner 6:00 pm, Services 7:00 pm

Meadows Park

25671 Fedala Rd., Valenca

**Bring a picnic dinner and join us as we
bring in Shabbat together underneath
the stars**

Sisterhood



Summer brings vacations, warm weather, swimming pools and blue skies. It also brings the end of Temple Beth Ami Sisterhood's membership year. This year we had continued success with our cooking classes, Shabbat potluck dinners, the Maji Day O' Fun, and our Hanukkah party. The non-fiction book club shared some wonderful books. Over the summer we will be working on next year's events and calendar. I hope you will all get involved in planning as well as attending events.

This July also marks the end of my term as Sisterhood President. My goal for the past years was to focus our efforts on the events that generated the most interest. The time has come for the next person to take the helm. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Board-- Tracy Blazer, Francine Von Skoyock, Donna Casey and Erika Schwartz. A special shout out to Erika Schwartz who is resigning her position as treasurer. She is looking forward to teaching a new volunteer to manage our simple accounts.

If you have good ideas, a commitment to our community and just a little time each month please consider joining the Executive Board. Contact me by email (sisterhood@templebethami.org). Your community needs you. You need this rewarding activity. Help Sisterhood continue to support our synagogue and our community.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Judith Stolnitz

TBA Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Thank you to all of you that have either joined or renewed your Sisterhood membership for 2016-2017. 2017-2018 Memberships are being received as of August 15, 2017. 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 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.

SISTERHOOD BOARD:

Judith Stolnitz—President, Francine G. Van Scoyoc— Past President, Tracy Blazer—Vice President, Donna Casey—Secretary, Erika Schwartz—Treasurer, Membership—, Mitzvah Trustee—, Gaylin Cohen, Trustees-at-Large—Donna Casey, Elena Hedvig, Gaylin Cohen, Susan Sheftz, Nancy Lefko Communications: Facebook Postings—Joyce Stein, Website—Susie Unkeless

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

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June 4 Keith Pritsker
June 5 John Lepore
June 6 Pete Slabich
June 8 Nancy Lepore
June 9 Leslie Payton
June 15 Jessica Shlager
June 20 Mike Maliniak
June 20 Mark Stolnitz
June 22 Harvey Kale
June 23 Sherrie Vines
June 23 Robert Vines
June 25 Emma Peretz
June 25 Ethan Peretz
June 26 Alyssa Peretz

July 3 Haydie Scott
July 4 Hal Monheim
July 5 Susan Schmitt
July 10 Sharon Kale
July 11 Susan Sheftz
July 18 Brett Watson
July 20 Nikki Corben
July 22 Garrett Casey
July 25 Neal Schneider
July 26 Mark Blazer
July 27 Dan May
July 27 Adam Sarkin
July 28 Mark Kaplan
July 31 Bill Schwartz



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18-Jun	Brett & Cory	Watson	1-Jul	Alyssa & Charles	Peretz
19-Jun	Yvonne & Dan	May	13-Jul	Lisa & Elias	Whitecrow
19-Jun	Irene & Frank	Saltzman	22-Jul	Ronnie & Alan	Laksy
25-Jun	Courtney & Keith	Jacobs	22-Jul	Joyce & Jeff	Stein
28-Jun	Jessica & Kurt	Shalger	30-Jul	Kim & Jim	Schaffer
29-Jun	Heather & Adam	Sarkin	31-Jul	Susan & Chris	Schmitt
30-Jun	Harriett & Joseph	Merjan			

June/JulyYahrzeits

June 1	Larry	George, Sr.	July 2	Abraham	Diamond
June 1	Connie	Christensen	July 2	Fred	Suffn
June 4	Kenneth	Schwartz	July 4	Abraham	Gottfried
June 5	Robert	Garek	July 4	Olga	Petrover
June 8	James	Van Winkle	July 4	Lillian	Brown
June 11	Ceil	Monheim	July 6	Linda	Schaffer
June 12	Sonia	Wolf	July 7	Judit	Easton
June 12	Marion	Ludwig	July 13	Jacob	Deitch
June 14	Anne	Arnold	July 13	Sam	Merdgen
June 15	Morty	Adler	July 14	Michael	Gilden
June 15	Imre	Bohn	July 15	Harold	Sheftz
June 15	Miki	Bohn	July 15	Anne	Docks
June 15	Chani	Petrover	July 17	Barbara	Friedell
June 16	Rita	Bachner	July 19	Florence	Wolf
June 18	Max	Blum	July 21	Sdney	Fields
June 19	Henry	Cohen	July 22	Bob	Blum
June 20	Elaine	Stein	July 23	Harvey	Stolnitz
June 21	Max	Thau	July 25	Haskell	Silver
June 22	Jolan	Deitch	July 25	Annette	Katell
June 22	Renee	Kleinfeld	July 25	Sarah	Hoodkin
June 23	William	Amitin	July 25	Jackie	Dermer
June 23	Harold	Greenfield	July 26	Cyril	Amitin
June 27	Stanley	Goldflam	July 26	Donna	Kaswan
June 27	Lous	Gottschalk	July 27	Abe	Nudel
June 28	Jeanette	Saylor	July 28	Clara	Gorecki
			July30	Seymour	Kubernick



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June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Peretz B'Nai Mitzvah
2	3	4 Torah Study 9am	5 No Adult Education	6	7 Family Shabbat 7pm w/ Rabbi & Alyssa	8 Shavuot Study Session 7pm
Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise
9	10	11 Torah Study 9am	12 Adult Education 7pm		14 Shabbat Service 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	15 Shlager Bar Mitzvah AM Havdalah in the Park 7pm Meadows Park Jacobs Bat Mitzvah PM
16	17	18 No Torah Study	19 Dine Out All Day Presto Pasta Adult Education 7pm	20	21 Shabbat Service 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	22 Solomon Bar Mitzvah AM
23 Board Retreat 3pm	24	25 Torah Study 9am	26 Adult Education 7pm	27	28 Shabbat Service 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	29 Whitecrow Bar Mitzvah PM
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July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Torah Study 9am	3 Adult Education 7pm	4	5 Shabbat in the Park w/ Rabbi Blazer & Wendy 6PM Dinner 7PM Service	6
7	8	9 Torah Study 9am Dine Out Menches TBD	10 Adult Education 7pm	11	12 Shabbat Service 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	13 Sarkin Bat Mitzvah AM
14	15	16 Torah Study 9am Dine Out Menches TBD	17 Adult Education 7pm	18	19 Shabbat Service 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	20 Jameson Bar Mitzvah AM
21	22	23 Torah Study 9am Dine Out Menches @ The Mall	24 Adult Education 7pm	25	26 Shabbat Service 8pm w/ Wendy	27
28	29	30 Torah Study 9am	31 Adult Education 7pm			