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From The Rabbi



As you read this I am in Washington D.C. for the AIPAC Policy Conference for the sixth year in a row. Once again I am joined there by other members of Temple Beth Ami. This amazing annual event attracts thousands of participants from around the country who gather together in our nation's capital to learn directly from the specialists and leaders

in the Middle East, show solidarity for Israel, and engage in grassroots meetings with every congressional representative on the Hill.

This year being a presidential election year the importance of this year's event is obvious. Overlapping with Super Tuesday it will be interesting to see what candidates and speakers have to say regarding the US/Israel relationship. In addition, in the midst of the conference, the third election in a year will be taking place in Israel on March 2. In past years Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke in person at AIPAC, this year's conference he won't be as he as his hands full. So this could be a watershed moment for Israel as well.

Many of you have expressed interest in going. Start planning now, we need your presence there next year. I guarantee that this annual event is one of the greatest Jewish events in our nation. Simply joining together with thousands of our people from across the United States is an unbelievable experience. Next year you need to feel it for yourself.

Not long after the AIPAC Conference concludes participants, including Jews from every denomination and political affiliation, will return home to their communities and we will be confronted with the story of Esther as we celebrate Purim.

Underneath the masks, and below the farce we are confronted by the existential threat that emanates out of Persia nearly 2500 years ago. The chilling geographic coincidence does not go unnoticed to Jews around the world. The courage of Mordecai and Esther, who represent a powerless diaspora community at the risk of their lives, have inspired us for centuries. Their situation, and tragically Jewish history for most of the last 2000 years, was one of fragile existence. It is a far cry from where we are today, but we do not dare go back.

With a nation of our own rebuilt in Zion, and Jewish communities as here in the US, of immense strength and power, we live in remarkable and wonderful days. However, as we have seen too often recently, even in our own nation, our enemies are not fictional creations or myth.

Purim is a yearly reminder that we have enemies, and that our enemies, in the end, cannot triumph. Jews in times of peace forget the first point. Those in trouble must not lose sight of the second.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday night, March 9th at 7 pm, as we celebrate Purim with our special Spiel, a musical celebration featuring Wendee and some very talented, or at the very least, well intentioned, TBA players. **Everyone** is encouraged to come in costume and let loose.

This year the local synagogues are once again all joining forces to put on an amazing Purim Carnival. It's going to be *huge!* Celebrate with Purim fun at **Hart Park Picnic Area**, March 8th from 11am - 2pm.

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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President's Message



If you haven't been to TBA lately, we'd really love to have you join us for Shabbat services and the many holiday celebrations we have coming up in March. A huge thank you to Harvey & Sharon Kale, Jan & Rob Swartz, Sarah & Hal Goldflam, Rosemary Watson and the MANY other TBA families who have helped to beautify and secure our synagogue! We will be honoring all of our donors who have helped with carpeting, painting, landscaping and of course, security with a Shabbat dinner on Friday, April 17th. It is truly amazing how much can get done when we put our minds (and wallets!) to it! Invitations will be sent for the special Donor Recognition dinner.

March is going to be a very busy month at TBA! On March 8th, we will be participating in the annual SCV Purim Carnival, which will be held this year at Hart Park between 11 am – 2 pm. Tickets are available for sale in advance. Later that day, Sisterhood is putting on a special Mask Making event at TBA, which is sure to be a lot of fun.

TBA's big fundraiser of the year takes place on Saturday, March 14th. *"Lights, Camera, Auction!"* promises to be a great evening with really great auction items, music and dancing. This is an event not to be missed. We would like to see all of our members attend to support TBA. We hope to raise \$10,000 with this event.

On March 17th, for the first time, TBA will be participating in the SCV Charity Chili Cook-Off with Evan Beigel competing with his famous "Snoopy's Chili," kosher of course! Come and join this very entertaining SCV event & you can even help decorate our booth.

Sisterhood will be busy again sponsoring the Women's Seder on March 22nd. If you have never attended, this is the year to start!

Hoping to see YOU soon!

B'Shalom,
Lori Litel

Save the Date!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the *"Lights, Camera, Auction!"* event, scheduled for March 14 has been postponed. Details about a new date will be coming soon, as will information about ticket purchases and sponsorships. We appreciate your understanding.

IGNITE RUMMAGE SALE

Spring Cleaning? Need a place to send all of your tchotchkes? Bring all items to the teen lounge by **March 12th.**



Rummage sale on March 15th.
Starts at 7am - 12pm.
At Temple Beth Ami



The celebration of Purim has been
a Jewish tradition for over 2,000 years

This year Temple Beth Ami
invites you to
celebrate with us

PURIM

a holiday of fun and festivity

MEGILLAH READING

Monday night, March 9th, 7:00 PM
Temple Beth Ami 23023 Hilse Lane, Newhall
SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST: WENDEE

COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 8th 11am-2pm
Hart Park Picnic Area
24151 Newhall Ave, Newhall

www.templebethami.org
(661) 255-6410

SCV PURIM CARNIVAL!!!

HART PARK NEXT SUNDAY, 3/8! 11AM-2PM

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR KIDS THAT FIND JEN

BUY TICKETS BY 3/6 TO AVOID LINES

\$20 NOW/\$22 AT THE DOOR

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/purim-scv-2020-tickets-95540324683?aff=efbevent&fbclid=IwAR1y0rxHZ2-gK38upF_fZkDhKY12OyZIGW4MwvWovOMeMn9GmFn-FhZrw8A

Volunteer Opportunities <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d48a9ad22a1f49-purim3>



TEMPLE BETH AMI PURIM SHPIEL

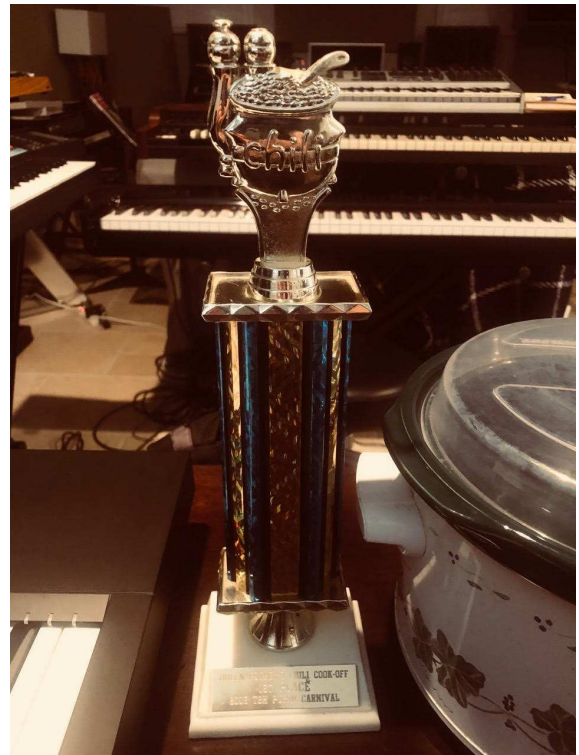
MON., 3/9 @ 7PM

COME HEAR THE PURIM STORY TOLD IN THE
SPIRIT OF DISCO!! DON'T FORGET YOUR
COSTUME!

DELICIOUS HAMANTASCHEN TO FOLLOW!



Evan Beigel, eCommerce Director by day, Music Composer by night, and the 2008 Queen Esther's Chili Cook-Off Champion enters his award winning 'Snoopy's Chili' into the SCV Charity Chili Cook-Off' on behalf of Temple Beth Ami. If good 'ol traditional beef chili is your thing, don't miss getting a taste of the powerful but delightful heat of this award-winning chili.



Be part of a Santa Clarita Tradition....and help TBA bring home the trophy!

Our very own Evan Beigel will be representing TBA as he serves up his famous "Snoopy's Chili."

Tues. March 17, 6pm at the Hyatt.

Tickets on sale now at: <https://scvcharitychilicookoff.com/>



Religious School



Happy Spring,

We've been busy around the temple planting and learning about Tu B'Shevat. Our kids took part in a wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder, decorated pots, and planted wishes for Israel to take home.

Upcoming events:

Friday, March 6th Family Service - Purim Theme

Sunday, March 8th - Purim Carnival

Monday, March 9th - Purim Spiel

Sunday, March 15th - Ignite Rummage Sale

Sunday, March 29th - Passover Model Seder

Friday, April 3rd - Family Service Passover Theme

April 5th - April 12th No Religious School

Friday, April 17th - Dalet Service

Sunday, April 26th - Israeli Festival

Please join us for our BIG, EXCITING, UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Check your eBlast for our upcoming T.E.A.M. NonFundraiser! It will be the best donation you have ever made!

*B'Shalom,
Jennifer*



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.



We have been having so much fun with recent events, especially our pottery night and then wine tasting. We hope you have all been enjoying them.

Coming up in March is a mask making workshop with Doreen who used to work as a costume designer. This is a fun activity and we can then wear our masks for the Purim spiel... Please RSVP to TracyBlazer@me.com. Mask Making is on March 8th at 5pm.

Also in March on the 22nd is our Women's Seder. This year TBA is the host and so we hope as many of you as possible can join us for a great afternoon. This year our food theme will be Mediterranean.

Our link for tickets is below and sign up early for savings

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scv-womens-seder-tickets-94017389543>

Looking ahead to April we have our Women's retreat. We are heading to Frazier Park for a fun filled and spiritual weekend. Email me for more information.

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!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scv-womens-seder-tickets-94017389543>

let go
RELAX, LEARN AND HAVE FUN

Deposit of \$50 due
January 30th
Total cost \$350



A WOMEN'S RETREAT
organized by Temple Beth Ami Sisterhood
April 24th-26th
email: tracy.blazer@templebethami.org
for more information

TEMPLE BETH AMI SISTERHOOD
**PURIM
2020 MASK
MAKING**



**MARCH 8, 2020
5PM-7PM AT TBA**
MAKE YOUR OWN MASK
WITH OUR COSTUME DESIGN EXPERT

**RSVP to TRACY AT
TRACYBLAZER@ME.COM**

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



6-Mar	Michael	Halberstam
8-Mar	Daniel	Azani
11-Mar	Heather	Sarkin
11-Mar	David	Watson
15-Mar	Nancy	Troxell
16-Mar	Alan	Lasky
23-Mar	Sherrie	Vines
31-Mar	Daniel	Fields
1-April	Corrie	Schoenwetter
1-April	Emily	Twitchell
3-April	Marcia	Davis
4-April	Mark	Barton
5-April	Debra	Jelin
5-April	Greg	Jelin
6-April	Jay	Barnett
8-April	Richard	Twitchell
10-April	Doreen	Hawbecker
15-April	Joyce	Stein
16-April	Esther	Sternin
17-April	Jonathan	Singerman
18-April	Joseph	Merjan
18-April	Ronald	Nathan
26-April	Steve	Goodman
27-April	Lisa	Whitecrow

22-Mar	Sally & Chris	Vila
31-Mar	Esther & Alan	Sternin
5-April	Doreen & Jay	Hawbecker



Are you missing from these lists? Call the Office to update your records. 661.255.6410

Yahrzeit

1-Mar	Ida	Brill	26-Mar	Helen	Weinberg	22-April	Joshua	Stein
4-Mar	Mike	Mandel	27-Mar	David	Gorecki	23-April	Toby	Sachartoff
4-Mar	Rhoda	Oster	30-Mar	Ruth	Schuyler	27-April	Judy	Schiffman
4-Mar	Eva	Reiff	31-Mar	Anna	Gross	28-April	Louise	Cohen
6-Mar	Beverly	Pearlman	31-Mar	Dorothy	Lotstein	28-April	Morris	Taback
6-Mar	Lynn	Pearlman	1-April	Morris	Goldstein	29-April	Sheldon	Scott
6-Mar	Ann	Ritzius	1-April	Joseph	Rensin			
8-Mar	Elmer	Briel	3-April	Eleanor	Greenfield			
8-Mar	Hermann	Hornstein	3-April	Avraham	Petrover			
8-Mar	Kaye	Sheftz	4-April	Irving	Superfine			
9-Mar	David	Roberts	4-April	Herman	Zelinka			
10-Mar	Philip	Nach	6-April	Herbert	Thau			
11-Mar	Gregory	Dermer	7-April	Michael	Thomas			
11-Mar	Samuel	Schwartz	11-April	Linda	Canter			
12-Mar	Samuel	Skura	12-April	Ruth	Halpern			
13-Mar	Rebecca	Sherman	12-April	Steven	Horwitz			
14-Mar	Joan	Berger	12-April	Harry	Winograd			
14-Mar	Howard	Schwartz	13-April	Arlene	Thompson			
15-Mar	Don	Swartz	14-April	Lillian	Popowizt			
16-Mar	Max	Rudolf	17-April	Adam	Goldstein			
17-Mar	Aaron	Brill	17-April	Abraham	Horn			
18-Mar	Lawrence	Cohen	18-April	Rachel	Thomas			
21-Mar	Daniel	Silver	19-April	Stuart	Sherman			
21-Mar	Harris	Silver	19-April	Helen	Silver			
23-Mar	Lois	Schwartz	20-April	Miriam	Ellis			
24-Mar	Charlotte	Arenstein	21-April	Lillian	Katel			
24-Mar	Arnold	Lampert	21-April	Sarah	Saltzman			
25-Mar	William	Halpern	21-April	Irving	Tucker			
25-Mar	Helen	Swartz	21-April	Wilma	Vreeken			
26-Mar	Derrick	Thomas	21-April	Lorraine	Wellonen			

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



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March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Religious School K-3, 9-11am 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	2 Election Day Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	3 No Minyan No Torah Study Support Group 7pm	4 No Adult Education Toastmasters 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	5 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	6 Family Shabbat Service 7pm	7 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am
8 No Religious School Purim Carnival 11am – 2pm Board Meeting 6pm	9 Megillah Show 7pm Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	10 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group Meeting 7pm	11 Adult Education 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	12 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	13 Shabbat Services 8pm	14
15 Religious School Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am-12:30pm Ignite Rummage Sale 7am- 2pm	16 Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	17 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am SCV Chili Cook-Off 6pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	18 Adult Education 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	19 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	20 Shabbat Services 8pm	21 Book Club 11am
22 Religious School Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am-12:30pm Women's Seder 4pm	23 Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	24 Support Group Meeting 7pm	25 Adult Education 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	26 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	27 Shabbat Services 8pm	28
29 Religious School Model Passover Seder Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am-12:30pm Womens Seder 4-7pm	30 Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	31 Toastmasters 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm				



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April 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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			No Adult Education Support Group 7pm Toastmasters 7pm	Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	Family Shabbat Service 7pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Religious School	Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group 7pm	Adult Education 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	Passover No Religious School Community Seder 6pm	Shabbat Services 8pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
No Religious School	Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group 7pm	Adult Education 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm Toastmasters 7pm	Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	Shabbat Services – Dalet Class 8pm	Book Club 11am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Religious School K-3, 9-11am 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm Board Meeting 6pm	Yom Hashoah Movie Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group 7pm	Adult Education 7pm Support Group Meeting 7pm	Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15-6pm	Shabbat Services 8pm	
26	27	28	29	30		
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