



**Congregation Beth Mordecai**

*Your Jewish Home for the Soul*

June 2019

Iyyar/Sivan 5779

celebrate

shabbat

by the sea

**Fridays**

**June 14 & 28**

**July 12**

**More Dates to  
be announced**



## From the Rabbi

Every Friday night, we gather together to sing, pray, schmooze & nosh. We start with a service called Kabbalat Shabbat. This service includes the joyous recitation of seven psalms to help bring us into the happy and serene mood of Shabbat. The fact that there are seven Psalms that lead us into Shabbat is no accident. Each Psalm represents one day of the week with the final Psalm we recite, Psalm 92, the Psalm for Shabbat.

With each song, we are closer to rest, closer to our community, our God, and ourselves.

The second prayer of Kabbalat Shabbat, Psalm 96 opens with the words, “Sing to God, Sing a new song!”

For us, a song that has been sung for thousands of years can hardly be new. Nevertheless, we can make it new by appreciating each day, and its events as a new wonder, a new gift from the Creator. Even old texts can be made new when they take on new meaning as a result of our own personal lives and the relationship we create to these ancient words.

So how does one do this? The first step is to show up. Join us. Listen to the melodies or read along with us. Every page of the prayerbook has the words in Hebrew, English transliteration and translation plus incredibly interesting and moving commentary. Engage with the text and with your community.

New can be tough and uncomfortable, yet it is also exciting. Join us on a Friday night to truly sing a new song.

In June we will be gathering in the gazebo at Bayview Park on June 14 & 28  
6:30 PM in the gazebo at Bayview Park.

Cantor Dan Geigerman and I will lead us in a musical & soulful Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

Chinese Food Shabbat dinner to follow at Beth Mordecai  
\$18 per person

RSVP to [Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com](mailto:Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com)

B'Shalom,

*Rabbi Sara Metz*



**Schedule of Shabbat Services**

**Please note Change of dates for Shabbat By The Sea**

**Friday, May 31 - 8 PM** Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Book Club discussion on Rashi's Daughters Book I following services

**Saturday, June 1 - 9 AM** Breakfast Minyan

**9 AM Bagel breakfast, 9:30-10:30** Abbreviated Shabbat Service

**Friday, June 7 - 8 PM** Kabbalat Shabbat Services

**Saturday, June 8 - 10 AM** Shabbat Services with Shavuot learning

**Friday, June 14 - 6:30 PM** Musical Shabbat by the Sea at Bayview Park led by Cantor Dan Geigerman with Chinese food dinner to follow

**Saturday, June 15 - 10 AM** Shabbat Services with discussion

**Friday, June 21 - 8 PM** Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Book Club discussion on Rashi's Daughters Book II following services

**Saturday, June 22 - 10 AM** Shabbat Services with discussion

**Friday, June 28 - 6:30 PM** Musical Shabbat by the Sea at Bayview Park led by Cantor Dan Geigerman with Chinese food dinner to follow

**Saturday, June 29 - 10 AM** Shabbat Services with Torah Reading



# **Musical Shabbat by the Sea with Chinese dinner to follow**

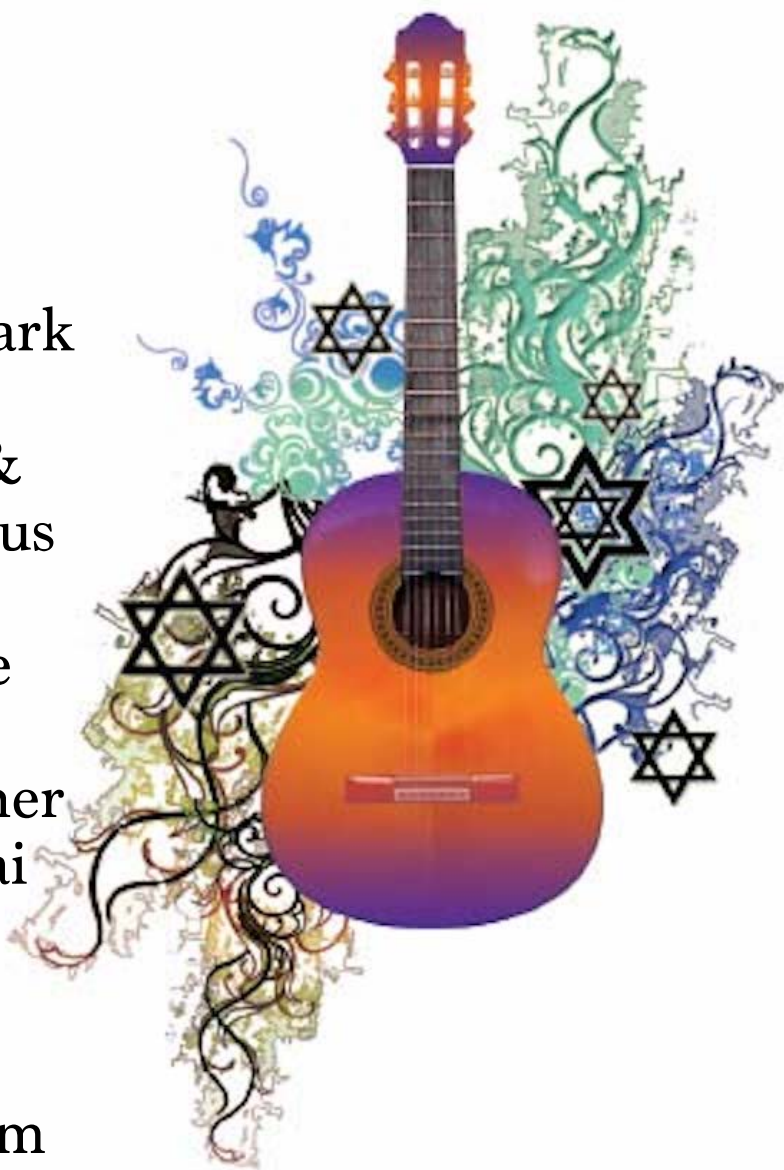
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# Beth Mordecai Book Club

Friday, June 21 8 PM

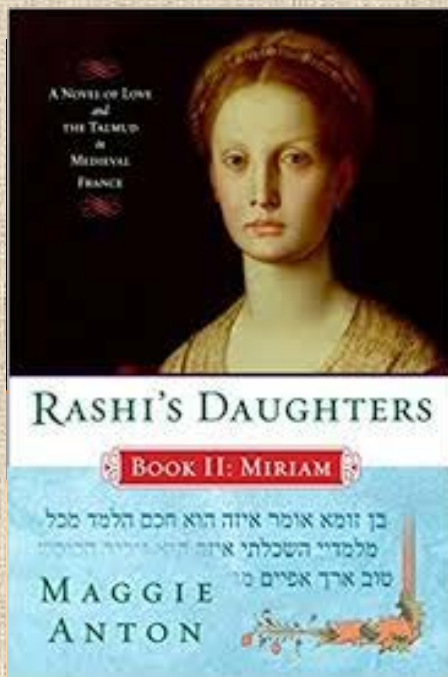
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The engrossing historical series of three sisters living in eleventh-century Troyes, France, continues with the tale of Miriam, the lively and daring middle child of Salomon ben Isaac, the great Talmudic authority.

Having no sons, he teaches his daughters the intricacies of Mishnah and Gemara in an era when educating women in Jewish scholarship was unheard of. His middle daughter, Miriam, is determined to bring new life safely into the Troyes Jewish community and becomes a midwife.

As devoted as she is to her chosen path, she cannot foresee the ways in which she will be tested and how heavily she will need to rely on her faith. With Rashi's Daughters, author Maggie Anton brings the Talmud and eleventh-century France to vivid life and poignantly captures the struggles and triumphs of strong Jewish women.







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at the Ballpark!!**

**Sunday, June 30 - 1pm**  
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**MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING**





## Aid pours in across Israel as wildfires destroy homes

Israelis, neighboring countries come together to aid in putting out fires, helping out families whose homes were devastated.

*By Naama Barak*

More than 1,000 wildfires raged through Israel over a scorching hot weekend, destroying 50 homes and burning through almost 2,000 acres of forest land. The fires, which broke out on Thursday, mainly centered around the Ben Shemen Forest near Ben-Gurion International Airport. Two communities were badly hit – the village of Mevo Modi'im, where 40 out of 50 houses were destroyed, and the nearby Kibbutz Harel, where 10 houses were damaged by the fire.

The operation to put out the fires was concluded on Saturday at the end of a weekend that saw scorching-hot temperatures peak across the country, reaching 110°F in some places. Some 13,000 firefighters reportedly took part in the effort to extinguish the fires, alongside 300 volunteers. Israeli firefighting planes were aided by similar planes from Egypt, Italy, Greece, Croatia and Cyprus. Overall, 120 sorties were carried out over the weekend.

"As of now assistance has come from Greece, Croatia, Italy, Egypt and Cyprus and we very much appreciate it. I would like to thank my friend Egyptian President el-Sisi for sending two helicopters," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Friday.

The cause of the wildfires is still being investigated, with the high temperatures, electric faults, bonfires from the Jewish festival of Lag B'Omer and arson all being considered.

Thousands of evacuees from towns in the fire's path, and the families whose homes were destroyed in the fire, were accommodated over the weekend at neighboring communities. Those who lost their possessions received huge donations of food, clothes and other equipment.

Many Israelis took to social media to offer their help and to raise funds for those impacted by the fires. One wedding, which was meant to take place in Kibbutz Harel on Thursday evening, was quickly relocated to the nearby village of Abu Ghosh, while a bride-and-groom-to-be from Mevo Modi'im whose dress, suit and wedding plans went up in flames have been overwhelmed with offers of dress sketches and alternative wedding halls.

The Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federations of North America also aided those affected by the fire, providing emergency relief in the form of \$1,000 dollars for each family whose house was damaged in the fire.

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-Talmud

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