# The Kibbitzer

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# From the Rabbi

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# <u>Finding Blessing in Troubling Times</u>

While antisemitism has always been present in America, nothing could have prepared us for the current wave of bomb threats to synagogues, Jewish preschools and organizations. Since January, the Anti-Defamation League reports 140 of these bomb threats have been received. This



reports 140 of these bomb threats have been received. This doesn't count the acts of violence and vandalism, along with the desecration of cemeteries that have become frighteningly frequent. In the midst of the fear and danger, we look for ways to increase the safety of our people and our institutions. And we look for comfort – a glimmer of hope in the face of worry and despair.

We find that glimmer of hope in the support that diverse religious communities are offering each other, the building of bridges between faith groups. Jewish communities across the nation have received an outpouring of support. The Muslim community in the Twin Cities (MN) took out a large ad of solidarity, denouncing acts of antisemitism and expressing solidarity. Muslim veterans have offered to guard cemeteries. Christian leaders have contacted JCCs, preached messages of love from their pulpits and offered personal expressions of solidarity to area rabbis.

And we as Jews are reaching out in a similar manner. Knowing what it is to be a target of religious hatred, Jewish communities everywhere are responding to violence against other religious group. Here in Tampa, the fire that was deliberately set at the Islamic Society of New Tampa resulted in an outpouring of moral, spiritual and financial support. With the help of our past president David Richter, we sent this letter to the leadership of the mosque:

The members of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon Florida stand in solidarity with you. We are shocked and saddened with the senseless display of cowardly prejudice and hate expressed in the defacement to your precious house of worship. There is no room for this sort of behavior in our community, and all decent folks recoil in disgust when it is displayed. You remain in our thoughts, and we pray that God will protect you and heal the fears and ignorance that feed the well-springs of prejudice. "Be strong, and let your heart take courage," (Psalm 31:25), as your Jewish brothers and sisters stand shoulder to shoulder with you in defense of the freedoms and protections guaranteed to us all.

These efforts may not lessen our anxiety, but they can provide a measure of hope and comfort. The late songwriter Leonard Cohen wrote, "There is a crack in everything. That is how the light gets in." We are living in a place and time that is broken beyond what we thought possible. As we work to safeguard and repair, we draw strength from the light of unity, tolerance and understanding that is shining through the brokenness. May it strengthen us to move forward.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

On Feb. 19, several of us from the congregation attended the 8th Annual Norman Gross PRIMER Award Breakfast in Clearwater. PRIMER (Promoting Responsibility in Middle East Reporting) was established in 1992 by Dr. Norm Gross as a notfor-profit, non-partisan grass-roots volunteer watch group.

This year's recipient is our very own Jonathan Ellis! In the Jewish community, Jonathan currently serves on the executive committee and is treasurer of the Jewish **Council of Public Affairs** (JCRC). He is past president of the Tampa Jewish Federation and currently serves on the board of directors. Jonathan is also the current chair of the Tampa Jewish **Community Relations** Council. He is one of our past presidents and also chairs our Finance Committee.



Isabel and Jonathan Ellis at the Norman Gross PRIMER Award Breakfast.



Jonathon Ellis accepts the PRIMER Award from Stuart Berger, immediate Past President of the Greater Tampa Bay B'nai Brith.

# The purpose of PRIMER is to counter anti-Jewish

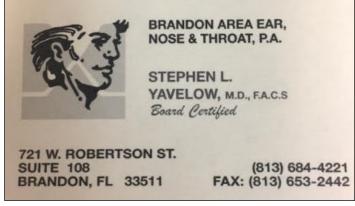
and anti-Israel written, visual, and oral messages through media watch, media response and dissemination of complete and accurate information. Their motto is "silence is not golden."

Steve Schwersky was one of the speakers. He is co-chairman of the JCRC and the host of the *Sunday Simcha* radio program on 88.5. He said, "Some mainstream and all leftwing media, with their anti-Israel rhetoric, have contributed, more than



they realize, or want to admit, to the increase in anti-Semitism. Not too long ago, Rob Lorei, the host of one of the news shows on WMNF told me he wanted to moderate a debate about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I knew that the setup for the debate would focus on the evils of Israel in which the pro-Palestinian guest would point out all of Israel's wrong doings, and the pro-Israel guest would be required to defend Israel's horrific policies against the Palestinians. I knew the right man for the job was Jonathan Ellis. I was right! He handled the so-called debate, exceptionally well! PRIMER: Promoting Responsibility in Middle East Reporting. That is exactly what Jonathan did when he stood up for Israel on WMNF."

So congratulations Jonathan Ellis! It was great to witness you receive the Norman Gross PRIMER Award!



Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares.

We offer:

- ✤ Friday worship services at 7:45 PM
- Religious school pre-kindergarten through 10th grade
- ✿ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ✤ Youth group programming

- ☆ Adult Education classes
- ☆ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day



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# **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

• **Saturday**, **April 1, 10 .m.:** Minyanaires will meet to discuss Torah reading, Vayikra (Leviticus 1.)

• **Sunday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.:** 7<sup>th</sup>-grade family program: Is there life after bar/bat mitzvah?

• Sunday, April 2, 1 p.m.: Women's Chocolate Seder. More information on page 4.

• Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m.: Congregation secondnight Seder. More information on page 4.

• Sunday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.: 6th-grade family program.

• **Sunday, April 23, 4 p.m.:** Yom HaShoah v'HaGvura (Holocaust Remembrance Day) guest speaker at Congregation Beth Am. For more information, see page 9.

• Friday, May 5, 7:45 p.m.: Confirmation

• Sunday, May 21<sup>,</sup> 10 a.m.: CBS Annual Meeting. See slate on page 8.

> Religious Education Calendar, page 7; Full calendar, page 15

# **CARING COMMITTEE**

Christine Stockelman thanks everyone who has been providing food for shivas and the Frye family. She is putting together an email list of people that are willing to be called upon to help with food and other needs as they occur.



If you are willing to help bake/cook and/or supply paper goods, please let her know by calling or texting 813 713 1542, or by emailing her at <u>chris.stockelman@gmail.com</u>.

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# **April Oneg Schedule**

There can be no joy without food and drink. — Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

**THANK YOU!** to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in April.

• April 7: **Christine Stockelman** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

• April 14: **Gail and Michael Verlin** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

• April 21: **Sheila and Errol Fishman** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

• April 28: **Richie and Harriette Bauman** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to express a big thanks to our April oneg hosts!

Anna Feldman

### SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I wish to express our thanks for helping with our March onegs! If you have any questions, please contact us (Judith 856-816 -2174, Anita 813-990-9498, Anna 707-628-5399).

Your Oneg Committee, Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

# Women's Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 2, at 1 p.m., the Women's Chocolate Seder will be led by Rabbi Betsy Torop at Congregation Beth Shalom. Each attendee will be asked to bring one



dairy luncheon food item to share with the other attendees. There will be a \$17 charge for the Haggadahs for members of CBS (\$22 for non-members.) Please bring your Haggadah if you already purchased one in previous years. Children of the attendees can share the Haggadah with their parent.

Contact Phyllis Newman at phylnew1@yahoo.com or Sheila Fishman at gold17@verizon.net to order your Haggadah or to receive a listing of what food items are require for the potluck luncheon. Additionally, if you are willing to help with preparation, set up, or clean up, please let Phyllis or Sheila know. Thank you. A good time will be had by all so please join us as we sing, dance and be merry!

# Why A Chocolate Seder?

This Seder is held on a Sunday afternoon before Passover and is different from most traditional Seders.

1. A Women's Seder talks about the exodus of the children of Israel from slavery from the women's perspective.

2. A Women's Seder has a specially written Haggadah. Daughters instead of sons ask the four questions. Still, males and females need to feel this experience personally.

3. In the feminist Seder, Miriam plays a chief role. She is the source of comfort and nourishment as the Israelites were led out of Egypt. Miriam celebrates with singing, dancing, and tambourine playing.

4. We like to think Elijah's cup symbolizes the future, whereas Miriam's cup symbolizes the present.

5. We partake of chocolate treats and beverages (along with the traditional offerings) with this Seder. Why? There is no special reason! It's just fun and oh so tasty!!

# Second Night Seder

Join us for Passover at Beth Shalom!

Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m.

Rabbi Torop will lead our 2nd night Seder, with Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci. Dinner will be catered by Puff'n'Stuff Catering.

Cost for the Seder is \$36.00 per adult, \$18.00 per child 5 - 12 years old, and children under 5 are free, no meal provided. Grape juice and wine will be provided, however you may bring your own kosherfor-Passover wine.

R.S.V.P. immediately if interested by email to <u>cbs-admin@hotmail.com</u>, or by calling the temple at 681-6547.

If you would like to perform a mitzvah and sponsor a person/family, please contact the rabbi or the administrative director.

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\* Ex-officio voting Board member (each committee only gets one vote)

### OTHER PROGRAMS

<u>CBS Players</u> Anna Brubaker <u>CBS Singles Over 50</u> Anita Clifford <u>Chavurah</u> Caren Magdovitz, Lynn Kaler

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### **KUDOS**

• Kudos to Christine Stockelman for her work planning the fabulous retreat.

 Kudos from Christine Stockelman to all who helped with and/or attended this year's retreat at Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center. Hope to see many more at next year's retreat.

### MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Jacob Garbett** for making the top 100 in Florida and advancing to the State Geo Bee.
- Mazel tov to Ira & Shirley Ratner on their marriage March 14, 2017.

Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment? If so, email the name and accomplishment to <u>cbs-admin@hotmail.com</u>.

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# **MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Committee has started working on a major project: updating our membership data base. Because our members' demographic information changes often and includes home phone numbers, cellphone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, etc., we need to constantly update our membership information.

The best way for us to accomplish this is to ask all of you to contact Cari, our new administrator, at the temple or contact your membership co-chairmen (Gail Verlin and Judith Pliner.) If you move to a new house or apartment, make sure the temple receives your new address.

Our committee plans to call or email every member of CBS, but if you change your contact information, please let the temple or the membership committee know ASAP. If we can work together on this, the job will go much faster and our membership list will be kept up-todate.

By the way, have you visited Congregation Beth Shalom's website recently? On March 7, Cari updated the membership list on the site which now includes ALL our members - new and established. Go to the site, login with your user name and personal password and make sure your information is correct. If it is not, please let us know so it can be corrected.

Very important: if you no longer use your home phone to receive calls, contact Cari or membership immediately.

Thank you, Gail Verlin (813-988-8193) Judith Pliner (856-816-2578) Membership Co-chairmen *Cari/temple office (813-681-6547)* 



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# **CBS LIBRARY UPDATE**

Calling all bookworms! The CBS Library still needs bookends in the library and any books with any references to Judaism. All donations are appreciated!



Anita Hoffman,

Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian

# LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman



We are now getting into that time of the year when the adult education classes are drawing to a close. Now is the time that our committee is working diligently to design upcoming programs for the 2017-18 year for our congregants. We are

currently looking into classes on the Jewish immigrant experience, Jewish views on contemporary issues, and an introduction to Sephardic Jewry. This is just the beginning, and we are hoping to provide additional programming throughout the year. Accordingly, we are looking to you, our congregants, to offer suggestions for the upcoming year. What types of classes would interest you? Are there topics that you would like to address in future classes? Please contact Sheila Fishman at gold17@verizon.net, or 813-833-7843 to present topics of interest to you.

Also, we are looking for congregants who would be interested in joining our committee for this planning time

# **Tampa Jewish Singles Is Going To** Two Festivals In April

Sunday, April 2, at 10:30 a.m., Tampa Jewish Singles we

attend the Jewish Food Festival at Temple B'nai Israel, 1685 South Belcher Road, Clearwater. They will have lots of the Jewish-style food we are hungry for, a wine-tasting room, and a kid's play area. Admission is free to this community-wide event. Attendees are asked to bring a canned or non-perishable food to be donated to local food pantries.



For more information, see http://www.tbiclearwater.org/ FoodFest/Food.aspx.

Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m., the Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival will be held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. It will be a chance to see a good film, have dessert, and check



out the new Glazer JCC facility, while having part of the price of admission support the Jewish community.

Please contact Anita Clifford, <u>niewdnarb@vahoo.com</u>, for further information about either or both events.

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# Save the Date!

The Social Action Committee reminds you CBS Mitzvah Day is Sunday, Nov. 5!

and future implementation of just one or all of the programs chosen for 2017-18. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the temple. Once again, if you are interested in joining us or would like to assist in one area of our future programming, please reach out to Sheila Fishman.

These are the remaining classes for this year:

• Sunday, May 7, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.: A look at Israel through Film with Ring Donchin, USF Hebrew Language Department Chair. Most of what we learn about Israel is through the lens of newspapers and television. With this presentation, we will gain a new insight into Israel through film with a leading expert on Israeli cinema.

• Monday, May 15, 6 p.m.: Page Turners will meet in our Miller Library for one final session to discuss a selected piece of fiction or non-fiction while sharing a light

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As I write this article, we are gearing up for daylight saving time. I am, once again, left with the feeling that this year is simply flying by! With our earlier start to the

### **Important Dates**

reaching the end of our academic year. With spring break completed, we have a very short time left to ensure students meet our curriculum goals. Please attempt to have your child attend each and every session throughout April. Our final Wednesday class will be held May 3, and our final religious school class along with closing

school year. we are truly

• Sunday, April 7: 7<sup>th</sup>grade family program *Is there Life after Bar/Bat Mitzvah*?

 Wednesday, April 5: HC & Confirmation
 Sunday, April 9: Passover Celebration and Torah Tots

• Wednesday, April 12: No HC

Sunday, April 16: No RS
Wednesday, April 19: HC & Con

March was a busy month despite the fact that we did not have classes during spring break. We celebrated Purim with a brief lesson in class, creating holiday themed

ceremony will be May 7.

HC & Con
Sunday, April 23: RS, Parent Association Meeting;
6th-grade family program
Wednesday, April 26: HC

crafts, watching the spiel and eating hamantash. Our 6<sup>th</sup>grade students and parents spent a morning learning with the rabbi. We had our final family family service of the year as well.

As we look toward the final month of school, I ask you to take a moment and reflect of the past year. What aspects of our school met the needs of your child? Is there something we could do to enrich your child's Jewish education? Please feel free to share your thoughts with me. I am sharing the religious school's vision and mission statements again. They can also be found on in the policy/ procedure booklet.

### **Vision Statement**

The Congregation Beth Shalom Religious School strives to lay a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge in order to produce lifelong Jewish learners who are committed to a Jewish community.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Congregation Beth Shalom Religious School is to inspire in students commitment to avodah (prayer and spiritual growth), to Torah (study), to tikkun olam and gemilut hasadim (repair of the world and acts of loving kindness) through the learning and experience of Jewish texts, holidays, rituals, values, and history.



# **BESTY BEAT**

### **BESTAghetti**



Sunday, April 23, from 4-8 p.m., BESTY, the temple's youth group, is hosting a spaghetti dinner and Jewish Jeopardy game at the temple! The price is \$7 a person or \$20 a party or family of four people. Pay at the door. Jewish Jeopardy will be played in teams of 8, so bring your whole family along, everyone is invited! There will also be a 60/40 raffle.

BESTAghetti will benefit the temple's youth group as well as Camp Jenny. Camp Jenny is held at Camp Coleman during Memorial Day weekend for inner-city Atlanta children from F.L. Stanton Elementary School who work hard in the classroom for a chance to go to camp. They are provided with three nutritious meals a day, along with the opportunity to receive the love of big "brothers and sisters." Camp Jenny is provided free of charge for those children. It also is a signature program for the URJ and supported by teens throughout the Southern region.

Please RSVP by April 15 to wannabemybesty@gmail.com.

# <u>Get Involved!</u>

Always wanted to get more involved with religious school but didn't know how? Have an idea of what you want to see from our Parent Association? Now is your chance to make a difference!

We are looking for a president - or co-presidents - for the 2017-18 year. Most duties entail running meetings, sending reminders, attending board meetings, and helping organize holiday activities.

Want more information? Contact Lea at <u>leagarbett@gmail.com</u> or Natasha at <u>natashaswr@yahoo.com</u>!

# **B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring**

Contact Keren Vergon at 813-785-6324 or <u>kvergon@verizon.net</u>.



# ANNUAL MEETING **AND SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 21, at 10 a.m. The Membership Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is a list of the slate of leadership for the two-year term of June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018.

Secretary
Treasurer
Members at Large

Sheila Fishman Peter Jacobson David Richter Eric Miller Jackie Zaifert

The following positions are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two-year term, no vote is needed:

# **Executive Board**

President	Dave Friedman
1st Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Toby Koch
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Lauren Weisman

# **Members at Large**

Steve Slavkin **Richie Bauman** 

Christine Stockleman

Per the By Laws, "any other nominations for an elected office or Member-at- Large may be made by written petition of five (5) members in good standing, which shall be filed with the Secretary, at least (20) twenty days prior to the annual meeting."

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting, as a quorum is needed to elect our leadership.

# **MINYANAIRES**—Richie Bauman

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Saturday, April 1, at 10 .m., the Minyanaires will meet to discuss the Torah reading, Vayikra (Leviticus 1.)



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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTESThe Cabaret Is Coming!On Saturday, May 13: at 7 p.m., our very own Beth<br/>Shalom Troupe will present to the community a<br/>wonderful night of Jewish music and singing.As the song goes: "What good is sitting alone in your<br/>room? Come to the Cabaret..."We'll have dancing, singing and just pure<br/>entertainment.We'll have dancing, singing and just pure<br/>entertainment.We need YOU! So form a table with friends and family<br/>and support this fun evening. Ask how you can help<br/>with set-up or clean-up.Drinks and light rescher. "I'll we the Wett"Drinks and light rescher. "I'll we the Wett"Drinks and light rescher. "I'll we the Wett"Drinks and light rescher. "I'll we the Wett"

See you there! Shalom! Joan Frankel (813) 938-4123

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# Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m., the Tampa Rabbinical Association, in honor of Yom HaShoah v'HaGvura (Holocaust Remembrance Day), is proud to welcome Betty Grebenschikoff as our special guest speaker.



Betty Grebenschikoff is the author of the memoir Once my Name Was Sara, a story of hope and survival.

The memoir details her family's flight

from Nazi German just days before her father's anticipated arrest by the Gestapo, and her later life growing up in Shanghai, the city that became her home.

Please join us as Mrs. Grebenschikoff shares her story with our community. A short memorial service will begin our event at Congregation Beth Am, 2030 W. Fletcher Ave. Tampa.

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- General Fund (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
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- Youth Group Fund: a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

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### **Opportunities:**

- Adopt-A-Book: A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
- Bricklets: For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life**: The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- Yahrzeit Plaque: To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

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# **OUR CONGREGATION**



# Anniversaries

Yahrzeits

4/5	Robert & Bonny
4/8	Eric & Rose
4/8	Eric & Carolyn
4/14	Daniel & Kimberly
4/17	Gabriel & Ruth
4/29	Michael & Lea
4/29	Matthew & Heather
4/30	Scott & Karen
4/30	Dave & Dale

Karr Alexander Miller Miller Lifschitz Garbett Kramer Pitchon Wozniak

of



# **Birthdays**

4/1	Lizette	Howard
4/1	Mags	Oldman
4/2	Felicia	Wetsman
4/2	Drew	Frost
4/3	Ari	Kramer
4/3	Joel	Weiss
4/4	Jonathan	Chasin
4/4	Jared	Blanchard
4/5	Tatiana	Hernandez
4/5	Leonard	Jacobson
4/5	Tyler	Berman
4/6	Leah	Fischer
4/8	Rose	Alexander
4/9	Matthew	Spaier
4/10	MarDee	Buchman
4/11	Nick	Hernandez
4/11	Melissa	Slater
4/12	Jeffrey	Miller
4/12	Shayna	Singer
4/12	Anthony	Lamattina
4/13	Iylene	Miller
4/13	Matthew	Miller
4/16	Emily	Yaravitz
	Jared	Rapp
4/16	Micki	Wozniak
	Nathan	Best
4/19	Matthew	Zaifert
	Robert	Hahn
4/21	Marvin	Shienbaum
4/23	Kelsey	Birnholz
4/23	Rita	Tiller
4/23	Ari	Cantrell
4/23	Barbara	Glaser
	David	Moskowitz
	Madelyn	Robinson
4/25	Rachel	Moskowitz
	Aaron	Yavelow
4/28	Michelle	Yavelow
4/29	Rachel	Sperry
4/30	Ethan	Robinson
4/30	Lisa	Tackus

4/2	Pascuala	Roldan
$\frac{4}{2}$	Allen	Workman
4/4	Mary	Goodman
4/4	-	Kish
4/4	Joseph	Magdovitz
4/9	Robert	Travin
4/9 4/9	Carl	Frve
4/10		Faber
	Helen	Neff
	Arlene	Greiff
	Samuel	Lifschitz
	Sydell	Musikar
	Elijah	Weiner
	Helene	Ponemon
$\frac{4}{14}$		Rood Kepes
	Akiva	Dimant
4/14		Goodman
4/15	•	Pearlstein
	Frances	Aberbach
	Muriel	Himmel
4/18	Sylvia	Pliner
4/19	Ruth	Lubin
	Rosa	Besterman
4/22	Rose	Gold
	Gerard	Himmel
4/26	Barbara	Greiff
4/26	Alpharetta	Jones
4/26	Arthur	Abramson
4/28	Barbara	Berkley Shapiro
4/28	William	Statter
4/29	Harry	Rubin
4/29	Dora	Macaluso
4/30	Mariah Hope	Braverman

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Mother

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The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the common date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the common date listed, please contact the temple office.

Granddaughter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30A Religious School 1:00P Women's Seder	3 7:30P Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30P Lifelong Learning 7:30P Board Meeting	5 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	6 7:30P Choir Rehearsal	7 7:45P Shabbat Service	8 10:00A Shabbat Study 11:30A 3M Svc (Mostly Musical Minyan)
9 9:30A Religious School 9:45A Torah Tots 2:00P Bowling w/BESTY	10 7:30P Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00P Passover—Second Night Seder	12	13	14 7:45P Shabbat Service— Guest Speaker Karen Goldberg, USF Professor of Child Psychiatry.	15 10:00A Shabbat Study 11:30A 3M Svc (Mostly Musical Minyan)
16	17 7:30P Cabaret Rehearsal	8	19 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class 7:30P Ritual Committee	20	21 6:00P Shabbat Dinner 7:45P Simchat Shabbat Service	22 10:00A Shabbat Study 11:30A 3M Svc (Mostly Musical Minyan)
23 9:30A Religious School 9:45A RSPA 5:00P BESTAghetti & JEWpardy	24 7:30P Cabaret Rehearsal	25	26 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P BESTY	27 7:30P Cabaret Rehearsal	28 NFTY LLTI 7:45P Shabbat Service	29 NFTY LLTI 10:00A Shabbat Study 11:30A 3M Svc (Mostly Musical Minyan)



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