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From the Rabbi

Remembering Kevin Frye z”l

Change is an inevitable part of life. When we begin to think about Rosh Hashanah, we are more acutely aware of this inevitability. We think about what has occurred in the year that has passed – the joys and the sorrows. The prayers draw our attention to the fragility of life, and against the backdrop of these powerful words and sacred melodies we think about our hopes and dreams for the year ahead.

During these High Holy Days, we will deeply miss Kevin Frye of blessed memory. His beautiful voice, his commitment to Jewish tradition, his warm manner, and his deep love for our congregation have enriched our High Holy Day services beyond measure. For many in our community, Kevin’s rich voice was the essence of the High Holy Day experience – the gateway to meaningful prayer and inspiration. His death was a tragic loss to his beloved family and to our community.

While nothing will alleviate this sense of loss, we are fortunate to welcome a wonderful cantor to our bimah this year. Cantor Pamela Siskin is a deeply caring person as well as a skilled musician. As an ordained cantor, she shares not only a rich musical background but a passion for creating meaningful prayer. Her warmth and sensitivity are a wonderful match for our congregation. I know you will join me in welcoming her and strive to appreciate the unique gifts she will bring to our High Holy Day worship.

Meet Cantor Pamela Siskin



Cantor Pamela Siskin was born in London and studied music at Trinity College in London and opera at The London Opera Studio. After singing with The Royal Opera for several years, she became Principal Mezzo-Soprano with the Israel National Opera. In 1985, she decided to continue her musical and religious studies in the United States. Cantor Siskin became a student at the Hebrew Union College in New York City, earning a master’s degree in Sacred Music and, more recently, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music. She was ordained in 1989. During her studies she served pulpits in East Falmouth, Mass., and New Jersey before joining Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, Conn., where she served for 18 years and became Cantor and Director for Lifelong Learning. Cantor Siskin created The Jewish Spiritual Theater Company using community talent to perform original plays and music based on Jewish texts and political events pertaining to the Jewish people. Cantor Siskin became an American citizen in 1993 and, in 2003 she was recognized by the state of Connecticut as an Immigrant Citizen of the Year for achievements and leadership.



FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

It's only been 40 years ...

Though you probably can't see all the faces in the partial photo on the top, more than 40 years have passed from the time it was taken, to this past July 1, when the photo on the bottom was taken. I'm seated in the first photo. Finding me in the photo on the right is like a "Where's Waldo" puzzle, but I'm there.



Our teens at CBS participate in Beth Shalom Temple Youth (BESTY), part of the North American Federation of Temple Youth. When I was in high school, I was a member of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization – AZA (boys) and BBG (girls).

Carol Anne and I attended a BBYO reunion in Orlando. Though my group in Jacksonville was a part of the North Florida Region, which included Daytona Beach, Gainesville, Orlando, and Tampa, this reunion included groups from the whole state who participated from 1969 to 1980.

The above photo was taken at a regional convention that was held at Camp Keystone, located northwest of Tampa. I don't believe it still exists. Nor do I remember much about the bus ride from Jacksonville to Tampa. However, I vividly recall being on a smaller bus, en route to camp, and seeing the Buccaneers' stadium for the first time, commonly referred to as "The Sombrero." Dale Mabry in 1972 "ended" at Hillsborough Avenue. It really didn't, but Carrollwood was in its infancy and was nothing like it is today.

Looking back, it's amazing to see the changes and what has transpired with people within this group I was so close to. Two couples, who attended and met as teenagers, are married. Another couple who married met, I believe, as children. One of these couples survived Hurricane Andrew huddled inside a closet. One of the people who attended is a past president of Congregation Rodeph Shalom. One of the guys pictured could not attend. He's incarcerated. And one of the guys, whom I met for the first time at the reunion, co-wrote *Groundhog Day* with Harold Ramis, which was recently turned into a musical, currently on Broadway! A prayer was said for those who had passed, and at the dinner Saturday night a short Havdalah service was held.

The reunion had such a relaxed feel about it. Perhaps, at this stage in our lives, the need to size each other up no longer exists. We live, we marry, remarry in some cases, remarry again, in other cases, have children, grandchildren, etc. Everyone was happy. It was great!

Our Annual Fundraiser and Special Olympics Healthy Community Tampa Bay

Congregation Beth Shalom partnered with this charity for the second year in a row. As a result of our fundraiser, Denim &



Pearls, \$1,300 was given to them.

Allison Rapp, site director for the charity, is also one of our congregants! This year, CBS was asked to donate health message kits, which are on order. According to Allison, "Health messages is an evidence-based peer-to-peer health promotion leadership and advocacy program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their support persons. Healthy lifestyle coaches (people with I/DD) and their mentors (support persons) are trained to deliver health and wellness lessons once a week for 12 weeks to a class of 10-15 individuals with I/DD. At the end, the coaches and their mentors assist students in creating health goals and are given two bracelets with a health message on it. The second bracelet is for the student to share with a friend, family member or teammate to help spread the health message. The lesson topics include engaging in more physical activity, eating healthy and drinking water."

In a recent conversation we had, Allison said the charity is very pleased to have partnered with us these past two years and would be happy to partner again with us for the upcoming event in 2018. We thank you, Allison, and Special Olympics Healthy Community Tampa Bay!

I hope you and your family had a great summer! I know, it's early August, but Hillsborough County schools start back on the 10th. See you at Open House!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m. -10 a.m.:** BESTY lock-in. More information on page 7.
- **Thursday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.:** Dinner with the Tribe. More details on page 8.
- **Friday, Aug. 11:** Installation of new Board of Directors.
- **Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:** 7th grade Shabbaton: *Beginning the Journey - B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton*.
- **Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.:** The Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Garbett.
- **Sunday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m.:** First day of Religious School.
- **Sunday, Aug. 20, noon:** Inclusion Task Force meeting.
- **Friday, Aug. 25, 7:45 p.m.:** Simcha Shabbat.
- **Sunday, Aug. 27, 9:30 a.m.:** 7th grade family program: Putting the "Mitzvah" in B'nai Mitzvah.
- **Sunday, Aug. 27, 4 – 5 p.m.:** Congregation Beth Shalom Meet-Up: Please join us for a multi-faith meet and greet. More information on page 5.

Religious Education Calendar, page 7;

August 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 August.

- **Aug. 4: Lauren Weisman & Jeff Newman** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **Aug. 11: Cheryl & Michael Lubin** will host the oneg in honor of Judy's 10th birthday.
- **Aug. 18: Lea & Michael Garbett** will host the oneg in honor of their son, Jacob, who will be celebrating his bar mitzvah.
- **Aug. 25: Jonathan Beck** and his mom, Sharon **Weiner Beck**, will host the oneg in memory of Dr. James Weiner who was his dad and her husband.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to express our thanks to our August oneg hosts.

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

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

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- ✧ Friday worship services at 7:45 PM
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- ✧ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ✧ Youth group programming
- ✧ Adult Education classes
- ✧ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Jacob Thomas Garbett

Jacob Thomas Garbett, son of Michael and Lea Garbett of Riverview, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.

An 8th-grade honor student at Roland Park K-8 IB Magnet School, Jacob plays soccer and baseball. For his bar mitzvah project, Jacob built and sold houses for pollinator mason bees. Money raised will be donated to Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger.

Jacob and his parents will host a kid sleepover party at The Florida Aquarium in Tampa, while his grandparents host a dinner for adults at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen in Brandon.



MITZVAH MADNESS

An occasional column to highlight the meaningful projects our congregation and b'nai mitzvah students have a passion about.

Rebekats Reskues

Rebekah Dugan's b'nai mitzvah project is short-term fostering underweight/underage kittens from the Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center.

Due to logistical restraints, kittens who are under two pounds are not able to remain in the shelter. Rebekah fosters the kittens in residence, taking care of them until they reach eight weeks and exceed two pounds, at which time they are returned to the shelter and are placed for adoption.

As part of the fostering process, Rebekah is also socializing the kittens, which increases the likelihood of their being adopted.

Rebekah has named her project "Rebekats Reskues." To date, she has successfully fostered 4 kittens. She plans to continue fostering kittens for years to come.



Save the Date!

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

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OTHER PROGRAMS

CBS Players

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CBS Singles Over 50

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Chavurah

Caren Magdovitz, Lynn Kaler

Dinner with the Tribe

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Email Blast

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Kudos & Mazels

Join with CBS in offering congratulations and recognition to the following members on their accomplishments:

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Lauren Weisman** for filling in for us while we searched for a new administrator.
- Kudos to **Sheila Slavkin** and **Toby Koch** for their work in finding our new administrator.
- Kudos to **Cari Santana** for her help during the transition.



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

MEMBERSHIP

It's just about a month until our Open House on Sunday, Aug. 13, and we look forward to seeing all of you AND lots of new faces at this annual event. Open House is a great day to mingle with established Beth Shalom friends, plus meet new friends. It's a great time to check out all the groups and organizations available at Congregation Beth Shalom. We will have a light bagel breakfast and the chance to win \$\$ at our 60/40 booth.

For your convenience, we have changed the reservations deadline for your group or organization from July 20 to July 27. So please reserve space for your organization right away and don't get left out. As long as you RSVP that your group plans to have a display, we will save you space. And remember that you can register your children for religious school at Open House, too.

To request space for Aug. 13, contact Gail Verlin at (813) 988-8193 or e-mail gverlin@verlingroup.com

See you at the Open House!

Gail Verlin & Judith Pliner
Membership
Co-Chairmen



You're invited to our open house!

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Sunday, Aug. 27, 4 to 5 p.m.

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Learn about the Jewish New Year

Taste delicious food

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WISH LIST

Financially supporting the synagogue is the responsibility of the entire Jewish community so that it can continue to exist and grow for everyone, both now and in the future. Items are often "wished" for to add to our spiritual home. Below are a few of our most frequently requested items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:

Interior Wish List:

Large Print Copies of Mishkan HaNefesh (the High Holy Day

Prayerbook) Contact Rabbi Torop for details

Large coolers

Water supply for Cafe Shalom

Commercial oven

Free standing literature stand (floor model)

8—New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in white

1" binders

Keyboard drawers

Book ends for the library

TAMPA JEWISH SINGLES

Whether you are single or not, please join **Tampa Jewish Singles Group** as we go to see *Casablanca*. Just let Anita C. at niewdnarb@yahoo.com know you are going.

When: Saturday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m.

Where: Tampa Theatre, 711 North Franklin St.

This movie is part of the Tampa Theatre's Classics Series. *Casablanca* lands so routinely in listings of the top two or three movies of all time, it's become almost boring to call it great. It's the definition of a Hollywood masterpiece. The scenes and the characters have taken on mythological lives of their own. But *Casablanca* manages to be strongly original while also synthesizing parts of many films of its time: a wartime setting, a hero with shades of grey in his past, a female lead who wants something she can't have, humor and tragedy and parody and sacrifice. And, of course, doomed love. Good art tells us stories; great art makes demands of us. *Casablanca* demands we break our own hearts like Rick, make dangerous choices like Ilsa, sing like Sam and scheme like Louis. And the movie remains timeless because those feelings are.



Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased when you get there.

Doors and bar open at 2 p.m.

LIFELONG LEARNING—Richie Bauman



Most American Jews are Ashkenazic – we came from Northern and Eastern Europe; Germany, Poland, Russia, Baltic states, Hungary, Austria, Romania, England, France, Holland, etc.

But most of us do not know about the other Jews; the Sephardic. They come from much more exotic places, mostly around the Mediterranean Sea and

the Persian Gulf: Morocco, Spain, Greece, Italy, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Tunisia, India, China, Turkey, etc. Their traditions are similar, but the applications may be different. As an example, although I'm Ashkenazi, on Passover (Pesach) I become a Sephardi – because they can eat rice and beans! And although we may say, OY VEY! CHUMMITZ (Chametz in Hebrew), the Sephardi may feel the same way about us on other topics.

Stay tuned for our upcoming look at the World of the Sephardi, coming to Congregation Beth Shalom this fall.

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EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

Ever since I was a child, I have loved the start of a new school year. I always liked "school clothes shopping," sharpening pencils for the first time, picking out new folders and admiring the very pointy crayon tips still new in the Crayola box. Mostly, it was the anticipation of something great happening. New friends, new classes, new adventures await! This year marks my 31st year with the Hillsborough County School District and my 12th with Beth Shalom's Religious School. I can honestly say that this week when I saw "Back to School Sales" in the Sunday paper, I got excited! My enthusiasm for a new school year hasn't dimmed in the 47 years I have gone back to school.

This year we have both returning teachers and new faces to greet our children. I am extremely confident in the staff, curriculum and experiences we will be providing this year. I am hopeful our families will take full advantage of our programming by ensuring religious school attendance is a family priority. In addition, realizing our school sessions run from 9:30 a.m. until noon on Sundays. Our curriculum and expected weekly student experience are dependent upon their actual attendance from start to finish each session. As well as consistent student attendance, our school strives for strong parent involvement. Please plan on being a part of Parent Association.

Our school's registration paperwork and Parent Handbook can be found online. It will also be available during Open House. Open House and religious school registration will be held Sunday, August 13.

Our first day of religious school will be Sunday, Aug. 20. We hope parents will stick around, mingle with other parents, join the Parent Association, learn about our curriculum, and have any questions answered by our school staff.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/concerns/comments regarding your child's religious education at Congregation Beth Shalom. Amy Weinstein, awine007@msn.com (813)285-9251.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Listings

If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to thekibbitzer@hotmail.com by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

BESTY BEAT

BESTY is getting ready for our lock-in Saturday, Aug. 5, from 6 p.m. -10 a.m. It is going to be our first event of the year and we couldn't be more excited. This is open to anyone in 8th-12th grades, please rsvp to wannabemybesty@gmail.com or Mags Oldman ASAP!






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Anita Hoffman,
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon
at 813-785-6324 or
kvergon@verizon.net



RITUAL COMMITTEE / HIGH HOLY DAYS - Steve Slavkin

Shalom! As we approach the beginning of another Jewish year, we take time to reflect on the past year and how we have lived our lives as Jews. Our congregation continues to be a Jewish home for our community. As we enter 5778, we have the opportunity to consider our past, change our present, and build for the future. May the coming year be lived in a Jewishly meaningful way.

The High Holidays are always a busy time at Congregation Beth Shalom. Click on the link for our High Holiday schedule. I encourage you to attend the Selichot service around a firepit Saturday night, Sept. 16.

We will again offer our full complement of services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, including children's/family services for both holidays. Immediately following Yom Kippur we celebrate Sukkot, and then close the High Holiday season with our Simchat Torah celebration. Again this year we will be celebrating Sukkot "Under the Stars" with special activities for our youth whom, we hope, will bring a friend with them as a celebration of welcoming ushpizim (guests) as part of Sukkot.

You should be receiving your High Holiday packets in the mail, where you will find, instead of the old schedule/tickets, NEW NAME TAGS for you and your family members. Why name tags instead of tickets? Name tags provide so many benefits in a group setting, most important among them a name tag can be an engagement tool and an invitation to friendliness. Those are both some of CBS's best traits! We ask that you please bring the name tags to temple during the High Holidays where our friendly greeters will provide you with lanyards so you may wear the name tags.

The 2017 High Holiday Guide is now online!

<http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org/images/2017-HHD-Guide.pdf>

We ask that you leave the lanyards at temple after the services to save costs. We hope to create a warm, welcoming environment for all and encourage you to wear your name tag to the services you attend!

The packet will also include additional information about High Holiday traditions and customs, as well as our usual materials, including information about our Tree of Life and yahrzeit plaque opportunities.

Also, for those who observe Yizkor, PLEASE remember to fill out the Book of Remembrance (BOR) form and follow the instructions for returning it. Add any new names you wish to have read as part of the service. If you had names included last year, you should have had those names included with your BOR form in this year's packet. Please take a moment to check the names and spellings to ensure there are no errors (if there are, please correct and return—if there are not, please still return the form!) Copies of this form can be found on the CBS website, the High Holiday packet, and can be obtained at the synagogue.

Finally, be sure to look at the upcoming weekly email blasts and our congregational Facebook page for special High Holiday information. If you have High Holiday questions or needs, please feel free to contact me as ritual chair at sslavkin50@gmail.com.

Chavurah Membership

Are you looking to make new friends or deepen your current friendships? Joining a Congregation Beth Shalom Chavurah may be your answer.



We have several groups of "Chavurot" which meet monthly. Each group decides where to meet and what is on the program. It may be as simple as a potluck dinner at someone's home or meeting at the JCC for an art festival. Our Chavurot have celebrated holidays together as extended families, sponsored onegs, and gone camping together.

We welcome all new and current members of CBS and look forward to hearing from you! If you are interested in joining a Chavurah, please contact Lynn Kaler at bluegingy@aol.com or Caren Magdovitz at ctmagdo@aol.com.

Dinner With The Tribe



Dinner With The Tribe is headed to the Crazy Café.

When: Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Where: Pavillion Crossing, 3883 U.S. 301, Riverview

Please R.S.V.P. and let Stephen Criden, cridenfl@gmail.com, know if you can make it.

See everyone there!

Welcome To Our New Administrator

Please welcome our new administrator, Jennifer Allen.

Jennifer and her family moved to Florida in 2003 from Syracuse, N.Y. She worked for her family business before managing a private mental health practice for 10 years. She has more than 12 years of administrative experience and currently has her own medical billing company. She currently lives in Valrico and enjoys spending her free time with her husband and two daughters. Jennifer is a firm believer that difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations, never give up!

Congregation Beth shalom greatly appreciates Lauren Weisman filling in for us while we searched for a new administrator.

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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

Rosh Hashanah. What does that mean to you? The end of summer? Back to school? Time to reflect? Time to begin again? Time for forgiveness? Time to renew our commitments? Time for the beginning of religious school? Return to daily routines? Remembrances of loved ones who have passed?

The definition of Rosh Hashanah includes all these things: the highs and the lows. Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the universe. We celebrate it as the head of the Jewish year.

Some compare Rosh Hashanah to the head of the body. As the head controls the body, our actions of Rosh Hashanah set up our actions for the rest of the year. We pray G-d will grant us a year of peace, prosperity, and blessing.

For me, Rosh Hashanah is a time to re-energize, to restart, to find holiness within and without. I feel so blessed to be able to participate in an integral part of our High Holy Days services.

Could we have the High Holy Days without music? Probably. But to me, the prayers and High Holy Day

melodies go hand-in-hand. I look forward to having those familiar melodies wash over me and engulf me in prayer. TGFM. My way of saying "Thank G-d For Music." These days pose a time of introspection and retooling through prayer, song, and meditation.

Kolot Shalom will begin rehearsing Monday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

There are always spaces for new members. Please contact me if you wish to join us.

Although our dear friend, Kevin Frye, will not be with us this year, his memory is inscribed in our hearts always. His work will live on through Cantor Pamela Siskin.

The choir is very excited to welcome Cantor Siskin and to learn from her. I'm confident there will be a very beautiful musical and spiritual bonding. Her knowledge, talents, and foresight of our tradition are truly inspirational.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Joan Frankel, 813-938-4123

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- **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.
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Anniversaries

8/10	Larry & Shelley	Leeds
8/12	Howard & Sandy	Saviet
8/20	Jim & Sandee	Pelk
8/24	Shawn & Laura	Smith
8/25	Dave & Carol Anne	Friedman



Yahrzeits

8/3	Harry	Feldman	Father	of	Myron	Feldman
8/3	Robert	Miller	Father	of	Eric	Miller
8/4	Lilyan	Gould	Mother	of	Sandra	Saviet
8/5	Nathan Joseph	Stein	Father	of	Carolyn	Miller
8/5	Dorothy	Ratner	Mother	of	Ira	Ratner
8/5	Albert	Hebert	Father	of	Michael	Hebert
8/6	Josephine	Richter	Grandmother	of	David	Richter
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8/12	Samuel	Pesin	Friend	of	Michael	Oertel
8/12	Jack	Honig	Father	of	Rudina	Richter
8/13	Ann	Zolner	Step Grandmother	of	Carolyn	Miller
8/13	Eleanor	Metz	Sister	of	Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
8/15	Gerald	Besterman	Father	of	Leslie	Boyar
8/18	Martin	Fishman	Brother	of	Errol	Fishman
8/19	Abraham	Levine	Father	of	Sara	Goodman
8/20	George	Moravnick	Father	of	Eunice	Rifkin
8/21	Henry	Schindler	Father	of	Arlene	Slater
8/22	Richard	Glaser	Husband	of	Barbara	Glaser
8/23	Anita	Newman	Relative	of	Leslie	Will
8/24	Martin	Reisner	Uncle	of	Gary	Ronay
8/25	Sheldon	Surloff	Father	of	Gayle	Borgen
8/29	Jack	Singer	Father	of	Jonathan	Singer
8/30	Elisabeth	Beckett	Grandmother	of	Christine	Stockelman
8/30	Lucille	Gerson	Mother	of	Larry	Cohen
8/30	Bella	Leybovich	Mother	of	Ron	Leybovich
8/30	Nathan	Fishman	Father	of	Errol	Fishman
8/31	Alan	Zazulia	Brother	of	Iylene	Miller
8/31	Rhoda	Grieff	Grandmother	of	Roberta	Peterson



Birthdays

8/1	Stacy	Serota
8/3	Lucas	Oldman
8/4	Beth	Kennon
8/5	Mark	Dempsey
8/5	Rachelle	Wetsman
8/5	Arlene	Slater
8/6	Elisha	Santucci
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8/11	Ryan	Katz
8/11	Laura	Rabinovich-Smith
8/12	Elisa	Criden
8/13	Danielle	Frost
8/13	Dahlia	Howard
8/13	Sandy	Saviet
8/13	Judy	Lubin
8/15	Scott	Savitt
8/16	Jackie	Sehres
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8/18	Denise	Savitt
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8/22	Sharon	Elazar
8/23	Lisa	Smith
8/24	Michaela	Meyers
8/26	Tali Alyssa	Katz
8/30	Michelle	McCormick

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Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

Aug. 25

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.

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13 9:30AM—12:00PM Open House 12:15PM—Teachers Meeting Confirmation/TYG Meeting (off campus)	14	15	16 7:30PM—Membership Meeting	17	18 7:45PM—Shabbat Service	19 Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Garbett
20 9:30AM—RS 12:00PM—Inclusion Task Force	21	22	23 6:15PM—HS 6:30PM—Conf. 6:30PM—Safety & Security Meeting 7:30PM—Ritual Committee Meeting	24	25 7:45PM—Simcha Shabbat Service	26
27 9:30AM—RS 9:45AM—RSPA Meeting 10:00AM—7th Gr. Family Program	28 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal (Rosh Hashanah)	29	30 6:15PM—HS	31 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal (Rosh Hashanah)		

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