

# The Kibbitzer

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## From the Rabbi

### *I Dare You To . . .*

There are few places today, outside of the State of Israel, where it is safer to be a Jew than in the United States of America. While of course anti-Semitism exists, attitudes toward Jews are overwhelmingly positive. In all professions and walks of life there are Jews in leadership positions; laws protect us from discrimination and bigotry; and the free and open nature of American society has promoted a flourishing of Jewish creativity and diversity. And yet, many of us are hesitant to publicly identify as Jews.

I proudly put my UT25 magnet on my car bumper . . . I know that most people did not wish to do so. Many of you tell me that when in airports or public places you won't wear a Star of David or an identifying Jewish symbol. To be sure, we are proud to be Jews. At the same time, we don't always go out of our way to share this essential and intrinsic part of our identity. Lingering anti-Semitism and the insecurity of being a minority makes us cautious, despite living in the most open and accepting country in the world.

This is the month to overcome that insecurity – to “put yourself out there as a Jew.” August 23 is our annual open house – an opportunity to learn about our first rate Religious School, our myriad of social and educational programs, the joyous spiritual life that is the foundation of the CBS family. Those who are members look forward to the opportunity to reconnect, to greet each other after summer travels. However, the key word in open house is . . . *open!* This is our opportunity to share the impact and value of CBS with those who have yet to discover us. And for that, we need you. You are the best advertisement for Beth Shalom.

What does that mean? That means sharing about your Jewish life with the neighbor who you noticed had a Chanukah menorah in her window. It means approaching the work colleague who says that her husband is Jewish and inviting them to the open house. It means sharing who you are as a Jew with interfaith families, LGBT individuals and couples, singles and families – and assuring them that everyone has a place at Beth Shalom. It means calling up someone you know, and inviting them to come with you on August 23 to learn about the community that has been integral to you and your Jewish life.

We are sensitive to appearing to *recruit*, having sometimes been on the receiving end of such recruitment. We are sometimes reluctant to seem overly zealous as a Jew, lest we open ourselves up to discrimination. I understand these fears. But without our willingness to share our passion about Beth Shalom with others, we cannot reach our potential. And that means sharing who you are as a Jew as well. Reach out to two or more people, share your love of Beth Shalom with them, the impact the synagogue has had on your Jewish life and invite them to accompany you to the open house. I dare you.



Mark your calendars...from Selichot through Shmini Atzeret—join us in worship during the High Holy Days! The schedule is inside this Kibbitzer, as well as on our website!

## From the President - Jeff Newman

### **How would I know what I am missing?**

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of my 4 part series on the knowledge of my grandparents.

Today I get to talk about my favorite – my mom’s mom, Frieda. She had a sarcastic, razor-sharp wit and a keen memory.

She always told us she would jump out of her 6<sup>th</sup> floor apartment if we married a non-Jew. She was always pushing us to stay in the faith, but listen to this story she imparted to us on the East River Drive while driving to her house:

Grandma Frieda was part of a social club. Frenchy, as she was called, had an active social life. She told us she even dated a few non-Jews and kissed them. I asked her how she could kiss non-Jews after her adamant stand on marrying them. She waited 20 seconds and then wisecracked, “how else would I know what I am missing.”

My grandmother always knew a good punch line.

Our Open House is in August. We will have all the different committees outreaching to our current and new members to get involved. We need new blood to infuse our temple with new ideas, energy and leadership. We need to have our current temple friendships to intermingle and create a stronger temple.

If we all stay in our little cocoon of the familiar, of the safe, then we will never know what we have missed out on. If I had not tried teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade religious school 14 years ago, I would have missed out on 8 years of great memories and learning. If I had not tried out leadership in our temple, I would not have forged the solid relationships and experiences I have today.

My grandmother’s words also speak of inclusivity of our temple. I am very proud that we are a diverse, open Jewish community and we strive to continue these practices. We welcome Jews from all walks of life and we respect individual viewpoints and lifestyles. We gain from the different experiences of others.

It was my grandmother’s way of saying that we all need to learn from others and experience things that are new to us. She was funny and wise...a great combination for all of us.



## OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT, and THE FUTURE IS YOU!

**OPEN HOUSE 2015**  
**Sunday, August 23,**  
**9:30 AM – Noon**



This event is **free** and open to the public, with no reservations or tickets required.

- Explore the showcase of activities available at CBS.
- Meet Rabbi Torop and CBS Board President, Jeff Newman.
- Discover what we do in our community, how to get involved, and how to get tickets for the High Holy Days.
- Register students for and learn about our exciting Religious School, Hebrew School and innovative programs for children of all ages.
- Join us for a **FREE bagel brunch**

For questions, contact Phyllis Newman ( 813-671-1707 , [phylnew@verizon.net](mailto:phylnew@verizon.net)) or the temple office (813-681-6547). We look forward to seeing you there!

**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 tenth grade**
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- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



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## August Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, August 15, 10:00AM - Bat Mitzvah of Ava Criden**
- **Friday, August 21, 7:45PM - Shabbat Service.** Simcha Shabbat. Dr. Kathryn Kepes (guest speaker) will speak about her work in India with Project Starfish.
- **Sunday, August 23 (after the Open House) - Joint Confirmation/Youth Group get together.**
- **Saturday, August 29, 10:00AM-2:00PM - B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton for all 7th Graders and their Parents.** 10:00AM service open to the congregation.
- **Sunday, August 30, 9:45AM - First Torah Tots of the Year!** Torah Tot service, followed by snack and art project. Theme: A Sweet New Year!
- **Saturday, September 5, 7:00 PM - Selichot Play & Discussion.** Dessert and special service to follow when we change the Torah Mantles to white. Please bring a dessert to share.

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

## 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.

- August 7: Julie & Marvin Shienbaum will sponsor the Oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- August 14: Stephen and Elisa Criden will host the Oneg in honor of Ava becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- August 21: Sharon Elazar will host the Oneg in honor of her birthday.
- August 28: Michael & Cheryl Lubin will host the Oneg in honor of Judy and Cheryl's birthday

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, we want to express our thanks to our August Oneg hosts!

### SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Contact Judith Pliner at (813) 436-0080 or email her at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com) if you are interested in hosting an Oneg. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the Onegs in August and in the upcoming months.

Your Oneg Committee,  
*Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, Anita Hoffman  
and Melissa Villasin*

## BAKE SALE Sunday, August 23

(The date of the Congregation's Annual Open House)



**9:30AM - Noon**

The lobby of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon

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Thank you so much—Phyllis Newman ([phylnew@verizon.net](mailto:phylnew@verizon.net))



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eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6:00pm

# Kudos n' Mazels

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

**MAZELS**

- Mazel Tov to Dan & Amy Weinstein on the marriage of their son, Adam!

**KUDOS**

- Kudos to Janice Perelman for her presentation on Jews in Shanghai at Shabbat Services!
- Kudos to Joan Frankel for leading services on July 3rd!
- Kudos to Cynthia Goldstein for sharing her d'var torah at services on July 3rd!

**THANK YOU'S**

- Thank you to Steve Criden for donation of bottled water!
- Thank you to the Lannak family for donation of new tables!
- Thank you to an anonymous donor for the donation of funds to build new outdoor benches!
- Thank you to Caren Magdovitz for the donation of binders!

*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](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).*



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**KOLOT SHALOM NOTES**

In the words of the Jewish musical a cappella group, One Direction, what makes Rosh Hashanah beautiful? Is it the shofar blowing? The prayers? The music? Or is it the fact that we all have a new beginning?

The Jewish New Year arrives right at the opening of a new school year. And just as parents everywhere plan ahead for their child's schedule of activities, we at Beth Shalom are planning our new beginning and becoming familiar with our new prayer book.

My hope is that you've all had a very happy and relaxing summer, and that you may return fervently committed to partaking in our New Year's services.

One of the integral parts of these services is the music. We are fortunate at Beth Shalom to have our Cantorial soloists, Kevin Frye and Sandy Santucci, to lead us, as well as our choir, Kolot Shalom. Kolot Shalom is always open to new members.

If you enjoy singing and would like to join our singers, please come to the first High Holy Days rehearsal on August 17 at 7:30 PM. It's that easy. For further



Like to get your hands dirty? Roll up your sleeves and be hands on? We could use your skills, enthusiasm, and those very hands on August 16th and/or August 30th, both between 9:30am and 11:30am. Our August 16th date is to spruce up the temple before our Open House, and the 30th is to brighten and shine the place in time for the High Holy Days. Contact Seth Dugan (just click on his name) to let him know how you can help!

**OTHER PROGRAMS**

**CBS Players**

Anna Brubaker, Joel Edelson

**CBS Singles Over 50**

Anita Clifford

**Chavurah**

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**Dinner with the Tribe**

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### Scholar in Residence Sponsorship Opportunities

This year's Scholar in Residence Weekend will be held Oct. 16-17. (See details on page 6.) You have an opportunity to support this major event as a sponsor. Suggested Donation Levels:

▪ **Contributor \$40**

Donor name will appear in the program booklet and an invitation will be extended to the luncheon following Shabbat worship services on October 17 in Rabbi Prinz's honor.

▪ **Donor \$80**

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▪ **Supporter \$150**

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▪ **Pillar \$350 and up**

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Checks may be made payable to Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon and should be mailed to 706 Bryan Road, Brandon FL 33511. Please indicate that this donation is for the Scholar-in-Residence program. Checks should be received no later than **October 5, 2015**, for publication in our weekend brochure.



**Get Ready! Sunday, August 16 begins the Hebrew month of Elul, the month of personal preparation in advance of the High Holy Days.** The meaning and

significance of the Days of Awe is enhanced and enriched by a month of self-reflection, in which we examine who we are, who we might be become and how to repair relationships with others. These resources will be available to you:

- A booklet of daily prayers, available at the Temple
- A CD of High Holy Day prayers to help you learn and reflect on the melodies
- A daily quote and question for reflection on our CBS FB page.
- Weekly videos on our website with insights from our new High Holyday Prayerbook, Mishkan HaNefesh

Take the time to prepare to greet the New Year of 5776. You won't be sorry!

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Thank you to Gerald and Judith Pliner and Milt and Phyllis Newman for their donations of book ends for the CBS Library.

*Anita Hoffman,*  
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian



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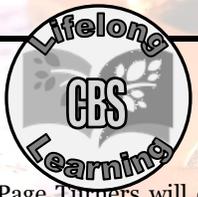
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## Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



Your Lifelong Learning Committee continues to meet over the summer to present another exciting, educational year.

Page Turners will continue to meet every other month. Our first program was offered on Monday, July 20 at 6-7:30p.m. with Phyllis Newman for a discussion of the novel: “The Plot Against America” by Phillip Roth. Our next Page Turners will be offered on September 21, 2015 at 6p.m. The book will be announced under separate cover. The moderator will be Anita Hoffman. So bring your dinner or a snack and join us for an exciting discussion.

We will continue to sponsor Bibles and Bagels on four specific Shabbat mornings. Our dates are October 31, 2015, December 12, 2015, January 23, 2016 and April 9, 2016. Please reserve these dates on your calendar.

Rabbi Torop will also be offering three educational programs on three consecutive Tuesday evenings in the following months—November, January and April. These classes will be thought provoking and stimulating. Please follow future Kibbitzer articles for details.

Additionally, we will be sponsoring Saturday Night at the Movies. Efforts are now underway to identify an enjoyable, Jewish themed movie for you.

Finally, we will be sponsoring our Scholar in Residence Weekend on October 16 and October 17. Our scholar will be Rabbi Debbie Prinz. Rabbi Prinz recently served the Central Conference of American Rabbis as Director of Program and Member Services and the Director of the Joint Commission on Rabbinic Mentoring, having held a number of leadership positions in the national and regional Reform movement. Elected by her colleagues, Rabbi Prinz held each office of the Board of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis and assumed its presidency in 2005. For many years she served as a member of the Executive Committee of the U.R.J.-C.C.A.R. Commission on Outreach & Synagogue Community. The Rabbi Emerita of Temple Adat Shalom, Poway, California, she served as its Senior Rabbi for almost twenty years. Prior to that

she was, for seven years, the Rabbi of a synagogue in Bergen County, New Jersey, and also the Assistant Rabbi of Central Synagogue in Manhattan. She has delivered many talks to community organizations. During her almost thirty years in congregational work, Rabbi Prinz contributed to the local Jewish community as well. In 1991, she was named “Woman of the Year” by Brandeis University National Women’s Committee.

Rabbi Prinz’s book, *On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao*, was published in 2013 by Jewish Lights and is already in its third printing. Rabbi Prinz lectures about chocolate and religion around the world. The book is being used in adult study, classroom settings, book clubs and chocolate tastings. Her book stirs age-old passions for chocolate and religion using information gathered from travel in several countries, including Belgium, Egypt, England, France, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland and the United States. It spans several cultures, countries, centuries, and religions, exploring how faith traditions share consumption, ritual and business interests in chocolate. You will have an opportunity to support this major event as a sponsor. Details will be presented in subsequent publications.



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- August 18, Location TBD
- September 24, Location TBD



If you have suggestions for reasonably priced, family friendly , and preferably locally owned, independent restaurants that we can contact to add to our calendar, please forward your suggestions to the Temple Office! Dinner With The Tribe no only supports our temple, but also our communities as well! A double mitzvah!



**Education** - Amy Weinstein

I love walking in to Target and seeing “Back to School” displays! I can’t be the only one who gets excited about 3-prong folders on sale for a penny, right?! That being said, it’s time to set the alarms, buy new binders and head back to school.

Congregation Beth Shalom’s annual Open House will be held on August 23, 9am-noon. Families will have the opportunity to register for school and meet our staff. Registration packets will be sent home prior to Open House for your review. **Our first day of classes will be held on August 30 with the exception of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** Seventh grade will be meeting on Saturday, August 29 for a Rabbi-led Shabbaton.

Parents, please plan on staying on August 30 as you drop off your children. We will be having a “Welcome Back Breakfast.” Karen Blanchard, Michelle McCormick and I will be available to answer questions about our school policies, curriculum and opportunities for you to be involved. See you soon!

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](mailto:awine007@msn.com) (813)685-7064

**PJ Library and YAD Families Kick-Off**



“The Big Top” at the Tampa JCC & Federation on the Cohn Campus  
13009 Community Campus Drive,  
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August 30, 2015 at 1:30PM

Free to our community PJ Families and YAD families. PJ Stories, Clowns, Jugglers, Games, Balloons, Face Painting and Crafts! Circus snacks will be available. Information on how to become part of our newest PJ program called PJ Playdates will be available for all! Please RSVP by August 27th @ [www.jewishtampa.com](http://www.jewishtampa.com)

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**BeSTY BEAT**



**BeSTY Calendar:**

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Winter Kallah (grades 9 - 12)	December 26 - 30 (Orlando Marriott Airport - Orlando, FL)
Hatikvah Kallah (grades 6, 7, 8)	January 29 - 31, 2016 (Temple Dor Dorim - Weston, FL)
Spring Kallah (grades 9 - 12)	TBD
LLTI (elected officers)	April 8 - 10, 2016 (Temple B'nai Israel - Clearwater, FL)



**PreSchool Events**

\* **Sunday, August 30, 9:45-10:30AM—Torah Tots**

*Topic: A Sweet New Year*

Outside time, snack and craft following the service. Everyone is welcome to stay for the Religious School morning service. Come for as much of the morning as meets your needs!

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**November 8**

Planning for Mitzvah Day 2015 is underway. My name is Marla Smith, and I have accepted the awesome opportunity to plan this terrific event. This is a new experience for me, and I would love to put together a committee of temple members wanting to help plan this very worthwhile and fun day.

This is a special opportunity for the our temple as we have the chance to put ourselves out there in the community and, in our own way, help to repair a little part of this crazy world. The concept of *tikkun olam* emphasizes the role of human responsibility and action. Regardless of age, we are all capable of doing something.

Please join with me in helping to make our annual Mitzvah Day a huge success. As the only synagogue in Brandon, it is important for us to have a presence and for our families to have a true impact on our community. I can be contacted at [marlasmith914@gmail.com](mailto:marlasmith914@gmail.com) or via cell at 813-546-4018. Once I hear from all of you, I will organize a planning/eating/drinking session. Thanks in advance for helping me out.

—Marla Smith

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**High Holy Days 5776**

- Selichot Sept 5
- Erev Rosh Hashanah Sept 13
- Rosh Hashanah I Sept 14
- Rosh Hashanah II Sept 15
- Kol Nidre Sept 22
- Yom Kippur Sept 23
- Sukkot Sept 28 - Oct 4
- Simchat Torah Oct 4-5
- Shimini Atzaret Oct 5

**RITUAL COMMITTEE—Cynthia Goldstein**



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 move into our 26<sup>th</sup> year we look forward to our future and all that the years will bring to Beth Shalom. This year the High Holidays bring an opportunity for hospitality and building relationships. As the model set out by Abraham and Sarah, we can be a welcoming tent where new and old can experience our community in a Jewishly meaningful way.

The High Holidays are always a busy time at Beth Shalom! Included is our High Holiday schedule. I encourage you to attend the Selichot play featuring another original play acted by the Beth Shalom Players. 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, who 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 additional information inside 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 in the Book 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 will be included in The Kibbitzer, 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 [cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com](mailto:cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com).

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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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8/10	Matthew & Kari Halperin
8/20	Jim & Sandee Pelk
8/25	David & Carol Anne Friedman
8/31	Lana Goldfarb & Michael Oertel

## Yahrzeits



8/1	Cecile	Balot	Mother	of Keith	Balot
8/5	Samuel	Pesin	Friend	of Michael	Oertel
8/6	Sally	Pendergraft	Mother	of Mark	Pendergraft
8/6	Josephine	Richter	Grandmother	of David	Richter
8/6	Rebecca	Fagan	Great Grandmother	of Jessica	Berdit
8/6	Ann	Zolner	Step Grandmother	of Carolyn	Miller
8/8	Gerald	Besterman	Father	of Leslie	Boyar
8/11	Martin	Fishman	Brother	of Errol	Fishman
8/12	Abraham	Levine	Father	of Sara	Goodman
8/12	Jack	Honig	Father	of Rudina	Richter
8/14	Ralph	Malkman	Father	of Marla	Smith
8/14	Henry	Schindler	Father	of Arlene	Slater
8/15	Richard	Glaser	Husband	of Barbara	Glaser
8/16	Anita	Newman	Relative	of Leslie	Will
8/17	Martin	Reisner	Uncle	of Gary	Ronay
8/20	George	Moravnick	Father	of Eunice	Rifkin
8/22	Jack	Singer	Father	of Jonathan	Singer
8/23	Elisabeth	Beckett	Grandmother	of Christine	Stockelman
8/23	Nathan	Fishman	Father	of Errol	Fishman
8/24	Rhoda	Grieff	Grandmother	of Roberta	Peterson
8/25	Elinor	Smith	Mother	of Caren	Magdovitz
8/26	Jane	Shadowens	Mother	of Lea	Garbett
8/26	Herman	Finke	Father	of Mark	Finke
8/27	Fay	Greenfield	Mother	of Lawrence	Greenfield
8/27	Isaac	Shienbaum	Father	of Marvin	Shienbaum
8/30	Sonia May	Foster	Aunt	of Michelle	Dempsey



## Birthdays

8/1	Stacy	Serota
8/3	Lucas	Oldman
8/4	Zoey	Halperin
8/4	Beth	Kennon
8/5	Mark	Dempsey
8/5	Arlene	Slater
8/7	Lindsay	Finke
8/7	Jay	Bolnick
8/8	Jason	Tackus
8/9	Randy	Sehres
8/9	Randy	Freedman
8/11	Ryan	Katz
8/11	Yuval	Freincele
8/12	Elisa	Criden
8/13	Danielle	Frost
8/13	Judy	Lubin
8/15	Scott	Savitt
8/16	Jackie	Sehres
8/16	Eric	Villasin
8/18	Daniel	Weinstein
8/18	Denise	Savitt
8/20	Phyllis	Newman
8/21	Cheryl	Lubin
8/22	Sharon	Elazar
8/23	Lisa	Smith
8/24	Michaela	Meyers
8/26	Tali Alyssa	Katz
8/27	Lana	Goldfarb
8/30	Michelle	McCormick
8/31	Jill	Tyree
8/31	Kevin	Frye

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the actual date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the actual date listed, please contact the temple office at 681-6547.

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9 10A Finance Committee 1:00P Selichot Reh.	10	11	12	13	14 Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45 P Shabbat Service	15 Ava Crیدن Bat Mitzvah
16 9:30A Temple Spruce Up 1:00P Selichot Reh.	17 7:30P Choir RH/YK	18 Dinner with the Tribe	19	20	21 7:45 P Shabbat Svc Simcha	22
23 9:00A Open House 1:00P TYG/Confirmation KickOff	24 7:30P Choir RH/YK	25 Hills. Co. 1st Day of School 7:30P Exec. Comm. Mtg.	26 7:30P Ritual Comm.	27 7:30P Choir RH/YK	28 7:45 P Shabbat Service	29 10:00A 7th G. Shabbaton
30 9:30A RS 9:30A Temple Spruce Up 9:45A RSPA 9:45A Torah Tots 1:00P Selichot Reh.	31 7:30P Choir RH/YK					
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