

# The Kibbitzer

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## From the Rabbi

### *Chanukah is more than 'Mensch on the Bench' or Hanukkah Harry*

The history of Chanukah is complex. While we imagine that the Jews are united against the Syrian-Greeks, in fact there were serious disagreements about how to respond to the oppression of the Emperor Antiochus. While the story of "just enough oil for one day but it burned for eight" is central to our observance of Chanukah, it's not in the book of the Maccabees, which is the primary historical source for the story. Dreidels are not intrinsic to the origins of the holiday either!

On the other hand, the message of Chanukah as we observe it today isn't complicated at all. It's simple and essential to our self-understanding. There have always been those who have tried to eradicate the Jewish customs and traditions that are essential to our identity as Jews. Our ancestors fought for the right to live fully as Jews – and on Chanukah we remember this fight and embrace the gift of spiritual freedom that is our inheritance.

If Chanukah is to be more than a commercial expression of the Christmas season, more than a 'we get presents on eight days' message to our children, than we must look seriously at the essential truth of this minor holiday. It diminishes one of the messages of Chanukah – that our ancestors fought and died for our right to live as Jews – if we don't take the message of Jewish living seriously. Jewish living means many, many things of course, but I want to highlight just two.

First, and most obviously, we need to *live as fully as Jews as possible*. What is the point of our ancestors fighting for our right to observe Shabbat and Kashrut, Jewish learning and customs, if we ignore these very things? Observing Chanukah may begin with lighting a Chanukiah, but it doesn't end there. It continues in the living of a full Jewish life.

Secondly, it means *living the values of Judaism*. The list is long of course, but driving many of our values is the message that *every person is made in the image of God*. That means that every individual – even those with whom we disagree or those we do not like – is worthy of honor. Moreover, if we don't respect others – of different races and religions, creeds and colors – as fully God's children, then we are rejecting the essence of Judaism no matter how often we come to Shabbat services. This is about our own behavior to be sure, but not *only* our own behavior. If we don't speak out when we hear others – even friends, members of our family and fellow congregants – speaking in ways that are disrespectful of any person – then we are accomplices in that behavior.

Chanukah is a wonderful holiday to be sure – filled with family, food, light and joy. It reminds us that light can shine in the darkness, that the few can defeat the many, that there are things that are so important that they are worthy of sacrifice and risk. But if these are just abstract notions, than we miss the point. Chanukah must impel us to live and act fully as Jews, and to always stand up for the essential values of Jewish tradition. Respect and kindness for all is one of these core values, taught by Torah and the essence of God. May Chanukah inspire us to live up these mandates long after the wax has been cleaned off of our menorahs.



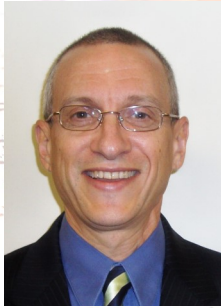
See more about our Chanukah Events inside! Something for everyone!



Happy Chanukah to All!



## From the President - Jeff Newman



### Giving thanks

You have probably had your Thanksgiving meal by the time you read this article. You have enjoyed the mashed potatoes, the cranberry sauce, the stuffing, and the dark meat of the turkey. You have all sat around the table and have given thanks for what is important to you. For years, that is what my family did – We gave thanks to family, friends and achievements.

We never gave thanks for Congregation Beth Shalom.

This year I want to give thanks to our temple and the meaning it has had in my life.

Our temple has given me the opportunity to explore and understand my role in Judaism. I have learned why I am proud to be Jewish. I have learned so much from our Rabbi, prayers, and educational events. The more I learn about our religion, the more I learn about myself.

Our temple has given me the outlet for enjoyment for this year. CBS Players, Kolot Shalom, and various events and activities have given me room for expression, creativity, teamwork and fun.

Our temple has given me a shared commonality with others in our area. Being Jewish and all that entails is a unique experience that only other Jews understand. The history and fabric of being Jewish is told every week in our temple.

Our temple has given me the opportunity for leadership roles and has challenged me to discover hidden gifts I did not know I possessed. I have learned from being a teacher, treasurer, and president that I have capabilities and capacities that I am expanding through temple leadership.

Finally and most importantly, our temple has given me a support system and network of friends that has personally helped me during this year. You have enriched my life and I am

appreciative for this.

Even though the Thanksgiving meal is over, it is never too late to give thanks. In your quiet time, pause for a moment and think what has our temple given you.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Next year, save me the turkey neck?

**OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT,  
and  
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### CBS First Night of Chanukah Celebration

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 5:30-7PM**

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## December Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, December 3, 7:00PM—Women of Distinction** (Schaarai Zedek)
- **Sunday, December 6**
  - ♦ 9:30AM-Religious School-6th Grade Family program: *How Do I Decide? Jewish Ethics and Values*
  - ♦ 5:30-7:00PM—First Night of Chanukah (MiraBay Clubhouse)
- **Friday, December 11, 7:00PM—Sixth Night of Chanukah.** BYP menorah and 7 candles. (The evening includes special music, Consecration and Chanukah Oneg)
- **Saturday, December 12,**
  - ♦ 10:00AM—Bible and Bagels  
*Parashat Miketz: The First Assimilated Jew - What do We Learn?*
  - ♦ BeSTY Chanukah Dinner & Gift Exchange (off site)
  - ♦ Chaunkah Latke Party—watch for details!
- **Sunday, December 13, 9:30AM—Religious School Chanukah Celebration** (Torah Tots included)
- **Saturday, December 19 Parents Night Out / BESTY Lock In**

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

## December 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 December.

- Dec. 4 Michelle & Michael McCormick in honor of Jackson's 11th Birthday and also in honor of Michelle's parents, Ronnie & Fred, who will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.
- Dec. 11 The 1st Grade Class parents in honor of their children's Consecration.
- Dec. 18 Anita Hoffman and Stephen Feldman in honor of their Birthdays.
- Dec. 25 Gail & Michael Verlin in honor of their 51st Anniversary

### 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 December and in the upcoming months.

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

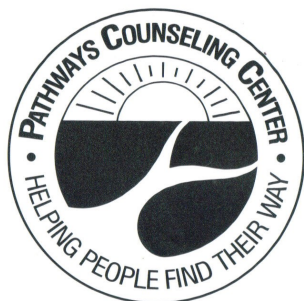


### Women of Distinction Program December 3 at 7PM

Held at Schaarai Zedek. This event honors the dedicated women leaders of our Jewish community organizations. CBS honoree is Amy Weinstein.

Guest speaker Lynda Fishman will share her personal story of triumph.

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit <http://www.jewishtampa.com/federation-impact/women-of-distinction-program>.



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## Kudos n' Mazels

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

### MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to Amy Weinstein for being our Woman of Dinstinction!
- Mazel Tov to Cassandra Newman for her acceptance into the UF College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Leadership Institute Cohort 7—a three semester leadership development program , which includes an international learning experience!

### KUDOS

- Kudos to Marla Smith and the Social Action Committee for your hard work, wonderful ideas and for putting together a wonderful Mitzvah Day!

*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).*



### The Ladies of the Biennial!

Joan Frankel, Amy Weinstein, Cynthia Goldstein, Rabbi Torop, Chris Stockelman, and Mags Oldman (not pictured: David Goldfarb) represented our congregation at the 2015 URJ Biennial conference held at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida.



## Social Action on December 25th

Please join us on Dec 25th as we host Christmas Dinner for those in need at the Portamento of Hope, 107 Mason Street, Brandon from 10am-2pm. (There is still plenty of time to go out for Chinese afterwards AND attend Shabbat services!) During the year, the soup kitchen feeds those in need along with many migrant farm workers and their families. We are looking for volunteers to help set up tables and chairs; work in the kitchen, assist with Christmas gifts for the children and donations of clothing. One of their traditions is to have volunteer children come and offer a gently used outfit to a child in need of their own size. More info will be coming but if you would like to volunteer, please let me know. Email: [marlasmith914@gmail.com](mailto:marlasmith914@gmail.com).

## A Mitzvah Day Thank You

A big thank you to the Mitzvah Day volunteers who joined together for such a successful, fun and worthwhile day. We had over 100 CBS members join together on Nov 15th to help make a difference. First off a delicious and nutritious breakfast was served amidst beautiful Sunflowers. Bags of very important food were packed for those in need, our pantry was stocked, toiletries were sorted and bagged, a hot game of Bingo was played with residents at Emeritus; beautiful, memory provoking songs were sang by our Choir at The Bridges; seeds were sowed and a garden cared for at Winthrop Community gardens and 15 pints of blood were donated by brave CBS members. In addition, 17 of our college students living away will be receiving a delicious gift bag of love and treats to help them make it through mid-terms. Our youth group helped with food sorting and bagging, card making and garden work around our temple. They are our awesome future of all that is good. ~ Marla Smith, Social Action Chair

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## Kolot Shalom

Having just returned from the 2015 URJ Biennial, I'm basking in the feeling of oneness with the Jewish People and the world we live in. My car seemed to drive itself home, as I reviewed the week in my mind.

The image of sitting in front of the five thousand-member assembly and helping to lead services is a memory I will always cherish. Looking outward at the congregation while at the same time participating in the collective praying, chanting and singing, I was deeply moved to my soul. It truly was a heavenly body that worshipped together.

Singing in the choir, we were introduced to many new contemporary music selections as well as some very rich arrangements of more traditional melodies. Cantor Rosalie Boxt is to be commended for her tireless efforts in coordinating this whole week of music and services. And I must say it was a pleasure to sing under the leadership of our conductor, Merri Lovinger Arian. The instrumental accompaniments were rich with diverse modes and harmonies. We were joined by some of the finest musicians in the Reform Movement.

For me, in worship, it is always about the music. And so I appreciated all the services and rehearsals, including the more intimate morning services. In the days to come, I'll be introducing a piece of music entitled, "When We Sing." It is based on the phrase, "When we sing, we pray twice," probably my favorite saying.

Throughout the week, we had wonderful sessions led by great scholars and leaders of Reform Judaism.

We honored David Saperstein for his accomplishments in social justice proceedings, and I was delighted when I had a moment to meet him personally.

During the Biennial, there was time to reconnect with friends and acquaintances from some of my former congregations and Jewish music events. The new folks I met and sang with served to bless my days even further. It amazed me how I could feel so close to someone I had only met for a short time. Is that the Divine working in my life? I believe so.

Vice President Biden's speech made me proud of the contributions of the Jewish People, a small thread in the world, but one that forms a seam to unite and tie all peoples into one fabric.

At the last morning service, Rabbi Howard Needleman painted a very thought-provoking picture for me, when he called our time at the Biennial a Disney World of the Spirit. He asked us what we would pack and unpack when we returned home. What words, attitudes, ideas, and behaviors can we pass on?

For me, I am pleased to pass on the belief that we all have some measure of kindness and audacious hospitality to give. May this be a clear vision and bright goal for us all.

With blessings,  
*Joan Frankel*

Note: Our next choir service will be during Chanukah on Dec. 11th. Don't forget your Chanukiah.

For further information about Kolot Shalom call Joan Frankel at (813) 938-4123 or (941) 539-4324.



Special thanks to all who came out to make Mitzvah Day 2015 a resounding success!



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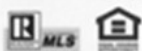
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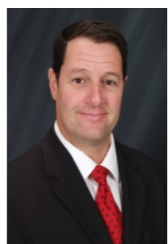
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**Planning Meeting  
Wed. Dec 9  
6:15 pm at the temple**

If you can spare an hour, we can use your help.

E-mail the committee: Ar-tafterdark2016@gmail.com



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## Education - Amy Weinstein

*"If you are not a better person tomorrow than you are today, what need have you for a tomorrow?"*

– Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

I am so excited about the opportunities in which I participated in November. I had the unique privilege to be involved in many different learning events last month. I attended the URJ Biennial in Orlando. I had the chance to spend 3 days completely engaged in a Jewish Community. The keynote speakers and services were inspiring. Most of the breakout sessions I went to involved topics that directly related to religious youth education. I also attended the Rabbi's adult education classes that were held on Tuesday evenings. Her topic was also centered on educating our youth. In addition, the annual Tampa Bay Jewish Educators' Council Teacher In-Service was held on November 22. The keynote speaker addressed how to meet the needs of all students by differentiating curriculum and incorporating accommodations for students when appropriate. I will be meeting with our religious school teachers in December to share ideas, programs and strategies to enhance the learning of all students.

Last month our 2nd and 3rd graders (with their parents) participated in a Family Program led by the Rabbi. They explored the notion of being a "Mitzvah Super Hero." This timely lesson came right before Mitzvah Day. Thanks to all who came out to support our community on November 15. We all know that children lead by example. One of our school goals is to raise Jewish adults. Tikkun olam, repairing the world and G'milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness) are values we teach in school and can model on Mitzvah Day and all year long.

Parent Association meets regularly. We have about a dozen parents attend. Please contact Michelle McCormick to get involved!

As always, 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

### B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon at

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### 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 [kibbitzer706@verizon.net](mailto:kibbitzer706@verizon.net) by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

### Important December Dates

12/2	Hebrew & Confirmation
12/6	RS & 6th grade family program
12/9	Hebrew
12/11	Consecration & 4th grade Shabbat Service
12/13	RS & Chanukah Celebration & Torah Tots
12/16	Hebrew & Confirmation
12/20	No RS (Winter break)
12/23	No Hebrew (Winter break)
12/27	No RS (Winter break)
12/30	No Hebrew (Winter break)



## BeSTY BEAT

**BESTY Chanukah Dinner & Gift Exchange**—December 12

**Parents Night Out / BESTY Lock In**  
December 19

**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)

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## Touching Base with TJCCF

### **Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program Event Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm**

Wonderful Women, Super Speaker and Fabulous Food! The Tampa JCC and Federation invites you to celebrate and honor the dedicated women of our Jewish community organizations.

Guest speaker Lynda Fishman will share her personal story of triumph. Committed to learning, growing and making a difference, Lynda found the courage and strength to dream big, to be idealistic, to strive for more, and to live a meaningful life where she could make a difference in the lives of others.

The event will conclude with a catered reception. Please register now.

### **Jewish Heritage Night with the Tampa Bay Lightning Thursday, December 10, 7:30 pm**

The Tampa JCC & Federation & Chabad Centers of Tampa Bay invite you to join the Tampa Bay Lightning for Jewish Heritage Night during Chanukah. There will be a pre-game menorah lighting at Ford Thunder Alley at approximately 6:45 p.m. Tickets are

\$25 and include a seat in the Terrace section, a Kosher meal, and a gift. To purchase tickets visit [www.jewishlightning.com](http://www.jewishlightning.com) and enter promo code: CHANUKAH. To order via phone, call Brian Boksen at 813-301-6704 or email [bboksen@amaliearena.com](mailto:bboksen@amaliearena.com) by Friday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. to guarantee your seat with the group.

### **The Young Adult Division presents Vodka Latke: Casino Royale. Thursday, December 24**

Join the Young Adult Divisions of Tampa and Pinellas & Pasco counties for our annual YAD fundraiser party and local tradition: Vodka Latke! This year, YAD brings you a fantastic way to try your luck at having fun and mingling with other Jewish singles & couples, ages 21-45, at our very own Vodka Latke Casino Royale.

Enjoy casino game play on Vegas-style tables including poker, black jack, roulette, and craps. Dress to impress! Delight in heavy refreshments, drink specials all night, a chance drawing, and much more. This event is not to be missed!

Starter chips and one complimentary drink are included in the price of admission. Tickets purchased online until December 22 are \$36; tickets are \$45 at the door. For questions, please email [suzanne.peikin@jewishtampa.com](mailto:suzanne.peikin@jewishtampa.com).

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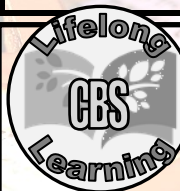
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## Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



On **December 12** the Lifelong Learning Committee will be offering Bibles and Bagels with Rabbi Torop. The topic is "*Parashat Miketz: The First Assimilated Jew: What Do We Learn?*" Come fill your soul while satisfying your appetite. (By the way, the third Bibles and Bagels will be offered on **January 9, 2016 at 10:00a.m.** Mark your calendars!)

Additional upcoming programs include the following:

- On two consecutive Tuesdays in January 2016, Rabbi Torop will be presenting "Israel Beyond the Headlines." If you are confused by what you read in the news or are not sure what to think, join us to learn and discuss the situation in Israel. We will look at the modern day challenges ranging from asylum seekers to poverty to security while sharing a variety of opinions and interpretations of the complex reality that is the State of Israel. **Dates are January 12 and 19 from 7:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.**
- The next get together for Page Turners, our CBS Book Group, will be on **Monday, January 11, 2016 from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.** Additional information will be provided to be announced.
- Finally, on **Sunday, March 20, 2016**, the committee will be hosting Bill Israel. His presentation will be a basic introduction to Jewish Genealogy. The program will provide an overview of what genealogy is all about and how Jewish genealogy is different and presents unique challenges in family history research. Jewish immigration to America will be reviewed from colonial times to the present. Some widely held myths about Jewish Genealogy will be dispelled. Easy to use tools, techniques, and resources for research will be identified and demonstrated. Examples of a variety of current and historical genealogical documents will be provided. The program will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe.

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12/27	Michael & Gail	Verlin
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## Yahrzeits



12/1	James	Gunn	Relative	of Jessica	Berdit
12/1	Joan	Sherer	mother	of Carol	Roberts
12/1	Leonard	Edelson	Father	of Joel	Edelson
12/2	Diane E.	Slavkin	Mother	of Steve	Slavkin
12/2	Sophia	Brenner	Wife	of Phil	Brenner
12/3	Dorothy	Rausch	Grandmother	of Kelley	Ellis
12/4	Harold	Landfish	Father	of Nancy	Landfish
12/5	Joel	Zazulia	Brother	of Iylene	Miller
12/5	Flory	Wagenaar	Mother	of Marion	Mehrer
12/5	Berne	Lubonne	Father	of Carole	Plesur
12/6	Elaine	Freedman	Mother	of Randy	Freedman
12/7	Jenny	Siegel	Grandmother of	of Eric	Miller
12/8	Helene	Barnett	Grandmother	of Jason	Blanchard
12/8	Stephen	Meyers	Father	of Michael	Meyers
12/9	Seymour	Ponemon	Father	of Arthur	Ponemon
12/9	Ron	Miller	Uncle	of Russell	Berman
12/9	Rose	Levine	Mother	of Sara	Goodman
12/11	Jim	Stillman	Father	of Amy	Weinstein
12/11	Abraham	Kaplan	father of	of Elisa	Criden
12/12	Harry	May	Uncle	of David	Richter
12/13	Robert Stanley	Greenfield	Father	of Andrew	Greenfield
12/13	Rita	Weiss	Mother	of Alan	Weiss
12/15	Charles Arnold	Hoffman	Husband	of Anita	Hoffman
12/17	Gene	VanDevender	Father	of Hank	Mart
12/17	Eleanor	Kaplan	Grandmother	of Lauren	Davis
12/18	Dorothy M.	Gunn	Grandmother	of Jessica	Berdit
12/19	Gloria	Bolnick	Mother	of Jay	Bolnick
12/20	Anna Stepanovna	Simashkova	Stepgrandmother	of Anna	Moneymaker
12/20	Rose	Frye	Grandmother	of Kevin	Frye
12/20	Ann	Edelson	Grandmother	of Joel	Edelson
12/22	Lena Ruth	Richter	Mother	of David	Richter
12/23	Florence	Plesur	Mother	of Joe	Plesur
12/23	Morton	Rabinowitz	Father	of Mark	Rabinowitz
12/24	Gus	Braunstein	Grandfather	of Hank	Mart
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## Birthdays

12/2	Jackson	McCormick
12/3	Samantha	Frost
12/3	Ben	Santucci
12/5	Rachelle	Schiller
12/5	Billy	Tyree
12/5	Joshua	Freedman
12/7	Susan	Burkett
12/10	Danny	Nixon
12/11	Judith	Pliner
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12/26	Gary	Glassman
12/26	Daniel	Mart
12/27	Sheila	Cohen
12/29	Milton	Newman
12/29	Mark	Finke
12/30	Kristan	Birnholtz
12/30	Peter	Jacobson
12/31	Jonathan	Singer
12/31	Frank	Moneymaker

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:15P Life. Learn. Comm.	2 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	3 7:30P Choir 12/11 Women of Distinction	4 (6:00P NorthSTR event sleepover) 7:45 P Shabbat Service	5
6 CHANUKAH 1st 9:30 RS: 6th Gr. Fam. Prog. 9:45A RSPA 10:00A Finance Comm 5:30 Chanukah 1st Night in Apollo Beach	7 CHANUKAH  7:30P Choir 12/11	8 CHANUKAH  7:30P Board Mtg.	9 CHANUKAH 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30 Art After Dark Comm	10 CHANUKAH  7:30P Choir 12/11	11 CHANUKAH Kibbitzer Deadline 7:00 P Shabbat Service Consecration & Kabbalat HaSiddur / 4th Gr. Svc Choir sings	12 CHANUKAH 10:00AM Bible & Bagels  BESTY Chanukah /NorthSTR Chanukah Latke Event
13 CHANUKAH 9:30A RS—Chanukah 9:45A Torah Tots 4:00 BESTY Board PJ Library Chanukah	14	15	16 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	17	18  7:45 P Shabbat Svc Simcha	19  6:00P Kids Night Out BESTY Look-in
20 NO RS	21 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School	22 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School (BESTY Event)	23 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School  NO HS 7:30P Ritual Comm.	24 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School  YAD Vodka Latte	25 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School  7:45 P Shabbat Service	26 NFTY Winter
27 NFTY Winter NO RS	28 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School NFTY Winter	29 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School NFTY Winter 5:15P I Am Hope Cafe 7:30P Exec. Comm. Mtg.	30 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School NFTY Winter  NO HS	31 Hills. Co. Winter Break NO School		



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