

The Kibbitzer

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From the Rabbi

From Our Community ...

We are truly a lucky congregation. We have a lot of amazing volunteers. I have counted up those who volunteer in some way – from hosting an oneg to greeting, from working on a committee to reading torah, from helping at a Chanukah party to stepping into the kitchen at a moment's notice. The percentage of the congregation who contributes in some way – as a volunteer or a financial supporter – is remarkable. And it is crucial, because we operate with a very, very small part-time staff. Mags Oldman, our administrative director, has been a crucial member of our staff. As of Nov. 18, Mags has left the position of administrative director to pursue full-time work. We are happy for the opportunities this provides for her and her family and wish her only the best. At the same time, we acknowledge that she will be deeply missed – her warmth and creativity, her hard work and dedication to the temple way above and beyond what her formal job requires have made a true difference to us all. She has been a remarkable help to me and enabled me to be a more effective rabbi to our community. We are fortunate that she is not leaving our temple family and will continue to be our youth director, involved with many aspects of our congregation. While we are searching for a new administrator, more of our wonderful volunteers will be stepping in to help. We know you will be understanding and patient during this time of transition.



To the Jewish People ...

The Jewish calendar is a quirky thing. From a few years ago when Chanukah fell on Thanksgiving weekend to this year when the first night of Chanukah is on Dec. 24, we are constantly juggling the interface between “our” holidays and the holidays on the secular calendar. The intersection of Chanukah and Christmas provides both an opportunity and a challenge. For the many of us with non-Jewish family members, we can easily celebrate together, affirming and upholding the light and joy of our individual holidays. At the same time, we are challenged not to make Chanukah another Christmas – a yearly challenge in our commercialized world that is all the more acute when they fall on the same days. Chanukah is not the “Jewish Christmas.” Its message – the upholding of Jewish identity in a hostile environment and the miracle of light in the darkness – is far different from the joy of Jesus’ birth that is central to Christmas. And Chanukah is a relatively minor holiday in the Jewish calendar. While celebrating together, we must strive to remember the special nature of “our” holiday, and honor the unique message that Chanukah brings.

To the World at Large ...

As I write these words, we are still in the midst of post-election turbulence. This feeling seems unlikely to subside anytime soon, as the passions and ideals that animated our election for president do not simply disappear when the last vote is counted. I spoke about this very unique moment in time on the Erev Shabbat following the election. My sermon has been posted on our website, www.bethshalom-brandon.org, so that anyone who is interested can read my reflections.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

I'm writing this article from the Smoky Mountains. It's early Tuesday night, the 8th of November. The polls close in 48 minutes. We are on vacation just outside of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. One ear is focused on the sounds of the rushing water in the creek that runs outside our condo. My other ear is focused on the returns.

The great political divide that embraced this country affected all of us who were politically engaged. Those of us at Congregation Beth Shalom were not immune. Regardless of which presidential candidate wins tonight, one thing is certain. Life will go on. Members of Beth Shalom who are currently employed will continue to work. We, along with our retired Beth Shalom members, will continue to live our lives. We'll continue to care for our families. We'll continue to rejoice life's events. We'll continue to come together, pray together, and celebrate together.

As written in our mission statement, let's continue to be a caring community. Perhaps we should add, "Regardless of political affiliation!"

We're Everywhere

This past Sunday, Carol Anne and I hiked a few miles on the Old Sugarlands Trail, so named because of the maple syrup 19th-century farmers collected from sugar maple trees. Our plan was to walk two miles up to reach a very old cemetery. While we'd stopped to chat with another couple coming down the mountain, a single woman hiker passed us on her way up. Later, as we approached what we thought was the turnoff toward the cemetery, this same single hiker was coming toward us. She'd just come from the cemetery, and, after some small talk, she casually mentioned seeing stones on one headstone. Carol Anne spoke up and mentioned that this was a Jewish custom. She said, "I know, I am Jewish." I told her I was too. She said she knew from the shirt. I had unbuttoned my long-sleeved shirt and my UT-25 shirt was visible. You never know where we'll turn up!



I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

CBS Softball Needs You!

Did you play first base in high school? Pitch? Even play right field? We need you! No pre-requisite of past play; we're just in it for fun and camaraderie.



We're recruiting our first (in-a-long-time) team to compete in the JCC Softball Tourney this spring! The co-ed team won't meet until after the first of the year, but now is the time to put the team together! Contact Dave Friedman at cbs-president@hotmail.com if you're interested!



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- ✧ **Friday worship services at 7:45 PM**
- ✧ **Religious school pre-kindergarten through tenth grade**
- ✧ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✧ **Youth group programming**
- ✧ **Adult Education classes**
- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Friday, Dec. 2, 6 pm:** President's Dinner and special guest speaker, Dr. Greg Sullivan, USF Geriatric Psychiatry Fellow. Dr. Sullivan will speak on psychiatric illnesses and older adults.
- **Saturday, Dec. 3, 6 pm:** Torah Tots Havdalah in Pajamas. Join us in your jammies for Havdalah, bedtime story and snack. RSVP to Elise Berman at elise_berman@yahoo.com.
- **Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:30 am:** 7th-grade family program.
- **Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 am - 2 pm:** MOB Scene, a vendor and craft fair for mother (and other) owned businesses.
- **Friday, Dec. 9, 7:45 pm:** Simcha Shabbat.
- **Sunday, Dec. 11, 9:30 am:** 2nd/3rd-grade family program.
- **Sunday, Dec. 11:** 8 am – 11:59 am: 5K run and open house; 2 -4 pm family concert Joanie Leeds & the Nightlights, Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 pm:** iEngage adult education, topic is Justice.
- **Friday, Dec. 16, 7:45 pm:** New member oneg and choir Shabbat.
- **Friday, Dec. 30, 7:45 pm:** Shabbat in Chanukah. BYO menorah and 7 candles.

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Full calendar, page 15*

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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. 2:** Anita Hoffman and Steve Feldman will host the oneg in honor of their birthdays.
- **Dec. 9:** Bonnie & Jeff Jacobs will host the oneg in honor of Bonnie's birthday.
- **Dec. 16:** The Membership Committee will host the oneg in honor of our new temple members.
- **Dec. 23:** Scott Hopkins will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **Dec. 30:** Gail & Michael Verlin will host the oneg in honor of their anniversary.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Contact Judith Pliner at (813) 436-0080 or email her at gp@pliner-inc.com if you are interested in hosting. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the onegs in the upcoming months.

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

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eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6 pm

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

12th Annual Women Of Distinction

The Tampa Jewish Federation Women of Distinction Program will be held on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa 33618. During the award ceremony, our very own Mags Oldman will be honored along with more than 20 women who exemplify leadership and commitment to their organizations and our community.

The program will also feature an inspirational keynote presentation by Alina Spaulding. There will also be hors d'oeuvre and a dessert reception. Let's support Mags by attending this event. The cost is \$25 per person or \$36 per patron by Nov. 29. Patrons will receive special recognition and priority seating at the event. Non-patron tickets will be available for \$36 at the event.

The Federation is also offering the opportunity to purchase ads in the Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program Book. The program book, which features biographies of each honoree, will be a keepsake for the honorees and the community. Here are the ad costs:

1/4 page - \$36 1/2 page - \$72 Full page - \$108 To RSVP or place an ad, go to www.jewishtampa.com, or contact Loni Lindsay at 813.769.2702. Online registration is available. For information, contact Pamela Behar at pamela.behar@jewishtampa.com.



Mensch of the Week

Kate Swedlow was recently honored as Mensch of the Week by Shalom Tampa, the e-newsletter of the Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation. Below is the article on Kate:

As a military wife, Kate Swedlow has lived all over the country, settling in Tampa in 2013. While Kate was not raised Jewish, she quickly got involved in the Jewish community, starting with her family's synagogue.

"We found Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon while I was pregnant, and we converted Joseph (their son) when he was born. That was important to us. They (Beth Shalom) have been the most wonderful people. And, because I'm not working right now, I have more time right now to do more fun things."

Kate is a trial attorney, but she is currently working as a stay-at-home mom and has used the time to volunteer in the community. She is the co-chair of Beth Shalom's fundraising committee, has participated in Challah baking over the holidays and has worked with PJ Library.

"That's how I found the JCC. I was involved in the Touch a Truck planning, and I've done some PJ Playdates. It's been a good way for me to meet people and have some fun."

Kate has found volunteering to be a good way to give back to the community and find a place in the community.

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Posted by Elizabeth Vocke

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Kate Swedlow

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President—Sarah Smith

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(each committee only gets one vote)*

OTHER PROGRAMS

CBS Players

Anna Brubaker,

CBS Singles Over 50

Anita Clifford

Chavurah

Phyllis Newman

Dinner with the Tribe

Phyllis & Milt Newman

Email Blast

Mags Oldman

Going Green

Jim & Sandee Pelk

Kibbitzer/Bulletin Editor

Lea Garbett

Kolot Shalom Choir

Joan Frankel

Library

Anita Hoffman

Page Turners

TBD

Web Administrator

Mags Oldman

Yarn Mavens

Phyllis Newman

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Michael Lubin** for helping to assemble to the Sukkah.
- Kudos to **Sheila Slavkin, Anna Feldman, Steve Feldman, Janice Perelman, Andrea Chassen, Sheryl Finke, Brian Slater** and **Gail Verlin** for their assistance in keeping the office running during our administrative transition.



MAZELS

- Mazel to **Jason and Lizette** on baby naming of **Hannah Howard**.
- Mazel to the **Smoak family** and **Olivia** becoming a bat mitzvah!
- Mazel to the **Villasin family** and **Leah** becoming a bat mitzvah!

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

Reminder to all Beth Shalom members! Please join us at the new member oneg Friday, Dec. 16, to meet all the new members who joined the congregation during 2016. The new members will be hosting the oneg, but the membership committee will be providing all the food. This is a new tradition at Congregation Beth Shalom so everyone can meet one another, and we hope that this oneg will be well attended by ALL congregants.

For those new members who have not yet notified membership to let us know if you will attend, it's not too late. We are pleased to say we have 18 new members who have joined our congregation during 2016, and we would love to see all of you at this special oneg in your honor.

*Gail Verlin and Judith Pliner
Membership Co-Chairs*

Congregation Beth Shalom - Donation Form

At times of sorrow & memory, as well as at times of joy, tradition teaches us that we honor others by giving of tzedakah. Please return your completed donation form to the temple office.

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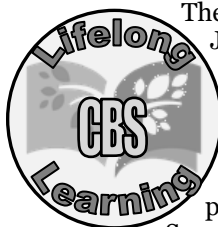
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"Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined" - Talmud
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LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman



The month of December will be quiet, but January is packed with events.

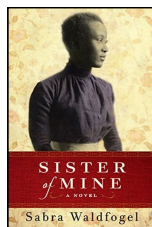
- **Sunday, Jan. 8, 4 pm:** The Lifelong Learning Committee of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon is pleased to announce that the lecture and slide program on JEWISH ART HISTORY with Susan Fader has been rescheduled. This in-

depth presentation will look at Jewish art from its origins to the 16th-18th centuries and then the 1930s. We will learn about artists of victims and survivors of WWII and how their art reflects their individual experiences. The presentation will end with a look at artwork by Jewish artists of the 1950s to present time. Their art will provide an understanding of how Jewish culture and history continues to be expressed through their work. Slides of the art will be shown throughout the talk. Our presenter, Susan Fader, is a lifelong professional artist with a degree from Philadelphia College of Art. Before retiring in Florida with her husband, she owned and operated three art-related businesses. She now enjoys working as a staff art instructor in a 55+ community. In addition, she teaches art at libraries and other adult education programs.

The program will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe at Square One Burger in Brandon. Hope to see you there!!

If you are interested in attending this upcoming presentation, please contact the Congregation office at 813-681-6547 or Sheila Fishman, Lifelong Learning Chairperson, at 813-833-7843. A suggested donation of \$10 is recommended.

- **Thursday, Jan. 19, 6 pm:** Page Turners will be meeting in the Temple Library. The book being discussed is entitled *Sister of Mine; A Novel* by Sabra Waldfogel. This is a historical novel about a Jewish plantation owner and his family, the life of these affluent Jews, and their slaves. A light dinner will be served by our moderator, Sheila Fishman.



- **Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 am:** We will be offering Bibles and Bagels and will be addressing Parashat Shemot: Moses

Upcoming Programs

- **Friday, Dec. 2, 6 pm:** President's Dinner and special guest speaker, Dr. Greg Sullivan, USF Geriatric Psychiatry Fellow. Dr. Sullivan will speak on psychiatric illnesses and older adults.
- **Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 am - 2 pm:** MOB Scene, a vendor and craft fair for mother (and other) owned businesses.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 pm:** iEngage adult education, topic is Justice.

—Son, Husband and Father. We will also be partaking of a little nosh!

- **Sunday, Jan. 22, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm:** We are presenting "A Look at Israel through Film." Most of what we learn about Israel is through the lens of newspapers and television. This afternoon will give us new insight into Israel through film and an in-depth conversation with a leading expert on Israeli cinema. Our teacher will be Rina Donchin. Ms. Donchin is the USF Hebrew Language Department Chair. She has taught a popular class "Israeli Films and Fiction" and was a longtime co-chair of the Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival.

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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

As many of you know, I am employed by the School District of Hillsborough County. In fact, this is my 30th year working with students with special needs. During my 30-year tenure, I have worked with students as young as 3 and as old as 22 years. I have taught students in general education settings, separate classes, special day schools and in a residential facility. I have been in leadership positions for the past 18 years. As part of my role, I provide many training opportunities to teachers. I often address 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 January to share ideas, programs and strategies to enhance the learning of all students.

Last month our 1st and new 2nd graders participated in consecration. We had eight of our younger students formally introduced to Jewish learning. The same night,

BESTY BEAT

December 2nd—we'll be helping out with the President's Dinner!

December 10th—Mystery Bus Ride with GORFTY—contact Mags ASAP!

December 14th—Chanukah Gift Exchange! Bring one creatively wrapped gift (valued between \$12 –15) and we'll have some fun!

December 26—30th—Winter Kallah! (Registration is now closed)

Registration is OPEN for Hatikvah Kallah—for 6th-8th graders!

Important December Dates

- **Sunday, Dec. 4:** RS & 7th grade family program
- **Wednesday, Dec. 7:** HC & Con
- **Sunday, Dec. 11:** RS & grades 2-3 family program
- **Wednesday, Dec. 14:** HC
- **Sunday, Dec. 18:** RS Chanukah celebration & Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, Dec. 21:** No HC or Confirmation
- **Sunday, Dec. 25:** No RS
- **Wednesday, Dec. 28:** No HC

nine of our 4th and 5th graders received their own prayer books as they begin to learn the prayers that will enable them to understand and lead our services when they become a b'nai mitzvah. This was a meaningful evening as our youth continues to grow as Jewish learners. We ended the service with a "cupcake bar" oneg!

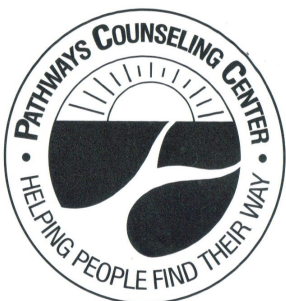
Our religious school parent association meets regularly. Please contact Natasha Rieger and/or Lea Garbett to get involved!

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 by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

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THE FUN STUFF



Thanks to the tremendous support of our temple family, we are moving our fundraiser this year - we need more space!

Join us at Uncle Mike's Smokehouse for DENIM & PEARLS - an evening of refined country fun! Located on Highway 60, just 7 miles from the synagogue... we'll be dining, drinking and dancing - all to raise money to support Congregation Beth Shalom and Special Olympics Florida Healthy Community Tampa Bay!!! It's going to be GREAT!

Holiday Shopping Fair



Sunday, Dec. 4
10 am—2 pm

FREE and open to the public!

CBS is hosting MOB Scene, a vendor and craft fair for mother (and other) owned businesses.

Stop by and see what some of our local entrepreneurs have to offer. We will have vendors from Tastefully Simple, Scentsy, Usbourne Books, Tupperware, and more! We will also have crafters, jewelry makers and a photographer!

Bring a friend or two and start your holiday shopping at Congregation Beth Shalom!

CONGREGATION 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.

While monetary donations are welcomed, encouraged, needed and can be used where the temple needs it most, we know sometimes people prefer concrete gifts and look

for opportunities to provide in other ways. We hope this list is helpful. Before making an in-kind contribution, due to limited storage space, please contact the temple first to be sure the item is still on the list, or to see if we can use the item. We do not have the facility to find homes for items we can not use.

Interior Wish List:

Large coolers
Water supply for Cafe Shalom
Commercial oven
Free-standing literature stand

(floor model)
8—New 90" (floor length) round table-cloths in navy blue
8—New 90" (floor length) round table-cloths in white
1" binders
Keyboard drawers
Book ends for the library

Exterior Wish List:

Planters, soil and vines for pergola
Wood sealer for outdoor elements
Awnings for entries



Calling All Congregants!

The planning for Denim and Pearls our annual fundraiser continues. We are in need of a "street team" — we need people to contact their local retailers for donations to help make our silent auction a success.

We are also in need of beer and wine donations.

If anyone can help, donate or has a connection for beer and wine please contact Michelle McCormick at [813-283-8862](tel:813-283-8862).

Level 2 Hebrew for Adults

If you want to strengthen your Hebrew reading skill for increased fluency, this class is for you.

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**Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2016 &
Jan. 8, & 22, 2017**

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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



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CBS ON FACEBOOK

Our congregation has a few places to find us on Facebook! All three of the following groups require approval to join:

- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon**
- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon Religious School Parent Association**
- ✓ **Youth Group**

Then there is our page:

Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon
that anyone can follow.



KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

A Rare Happening This Year

Some of us will remember the very strange occurrence on Nov. 28, 2013. That was the day we created a new holiday, Thanksgivukkah. Yes, Thanksgiving and Chanukah actually collided. Since 1888, this had only happened four times in 1888, 1899, 1918 and 2013.

According to Wikipedia, it was the result of the interception between the lunisolar Hebrew calendar and the time of the solar year, which can have between 353 and 385 days per year, and the Gregorian calendar. Because the two are not calculated the same way, Chanukah appears at a different time each year on the Gregorian calendar.

Now fast forward to this year: Chanukah will fall on Christmas Eve. That's almost a month different from

the date of Thanksgivukah in 2013. Christmas and Chanukah have come together four previous times in the last century, 1918, 1921, 1959 and 2005. I don't know if this year we'll create a new celebration name like Chrismukah. What do you think? Just an interesting thought.

All of this relates to the choir how? Well, only in a peripheral way. Kolot Shalom will sing Friday, Dec. 16, ushering in the upcoming holiday and getting us into the spirit of the season. Rehearsals begin Monday, Dec. 5.

Please come and join us for our next Choir Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 16.

*Shalom,
Joan E. Frankel*

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Saturday, March 4, 2017

Our annual retreat is once again planned for Cedarkirk Camp in Lithia.

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12/11	Owen & Marla	Smith
12/21	Donny & Kimberly	Smoak
12/21	Larry & Lynn	Kaler
12/27	Michael & Gail	Verlin
12/28	Milton & Phyllis	Newman
12/31	Randy & Danita	Freedman

Yahrzeits



12/15	Geoffrey	Miller	Brother	of	Eric	Miller
12/17	Al	Smith	Father	of	Caren	Magdovitz
12/18	Irving	Balot	Father	of	Keith	Balot
12/18	Milton	Bauman	Father	of	Richard	Bauman
12/19	Joan	Sherer	Mother	of	Carol	Roberts
12/19	James	Gunn	Relative	of	Jessica	Berdit
12/19	Leonard	Edelson	Father	of	Joel	Edelson
12/20	Diane E.	Slavkin	Mother	of	Steve	Slavkin
12/20	Sophia	Brenner	Wife	of	Phil	Brenner - Deceased
12/21	Dorothy	Rausch	Grandmother	of	Kelley	Ellis
12/22	Lena Ruth	Richter	Mother	of	David	Richter
12/22	Harold	Landfish	Father	of	Nancy	Landfish
12/23	Berne	Lubonne	Father	of	Carole	Plesur
12/24	Elaine	Freedman	Mother	of	Randy	Freedman
12/25	Jenny	Siegel	Grandmother	of	Eric	Miller
12/26	Helene	Barnett	Grandmother	of	Jason	Blanchard
12/26	Stephen	Meyers	Father	of	Michael	Meyers
12/27	Rose	Levine	Mother	of	Sara	Goodman
12/27	Chava Leah	Bauman	Grandmother	of	Richard	Bauman
12/27	Ron	Miller	Uncle	of	Russell	Berman
12/27	Seymour	Ponemon	Father	of	Arthur	Ponemon
12/29	Abraham	Kaplan	Father	of	Elisa	Criden
12/30	Robert Stanley	Greenfield	Father	of	Andrew	Greenfield
12/30	Rita	Weiss	Mother	of	Alan	Weiss



Birthdays

12/2	Mindy	Gale
12/2	Jackson	McCormick
12/3	Samantha	Frost
12/3	Ben	Santucci
12/5	Rachelle	Schiller
12/5	Joshua	Freedman
12/10	Danny	Nixon
12/11	Judith	Pliner
12/14	Bonnie	Jacob
12/14	Joshua	Katz
12/14	Adam	Brubaker
12/15	Shane	Zweibach
12/17	Norman	Powell
12/17	Alexa	Cohen
12/17	Evan	Frieman
12/18	Motti	Elazar
12/19	Jim	Pelk
12/21	Matt	Hebert
12/21	Russell	Berman
12/24	Harriette	Vaughan-Bauman
12/24	Jason	Miller
12/26	Gary	Glassman
12/26	Daniel	Mart
12/27	Sheila	Cohen
12/29	Milton	Newman
12/29	Mark	Finke
12/30	April	Zaifert
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12/30	Kristan	Birnholz
12/31	Jonathan	Singer

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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11 9:30A RS: 2-3 Gr Fam Pgm 9:45A Hebrew for Adults 2 JCC 5K Run & Glazer Grand Opening to Community @ Glazer	12 7:30P Choir Reh: 12/16	13 7:00P Life Learn Israel Iengage	14 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30 BESTY Chanukah Gift Exchange	15 7:30P Choir Reh: 12/16	16 7:45P Shabbat Svc / Choir New Member Oneg
18 9:30A RS: Chanukah 9:45A Torah Tots 9:45A Hebrew for Adults 2	19 HCSD Winter	20 HCSD Winter	21 HCSD Winter	22 HCSD Winter	23 HCSD Winter 7:45P Shabbat Svc
25 Chanukah 2nd	26 HCSD Winter Chanukah 3rd NFTY Winter Kallah	27 HCSD Winter Chanukah 4th NFTY Winter Kallah 7:30P Exec. Comm Mtg	28 HCSD Winter Chanukah 5th NFTY Winter Kallah 7:30P Ritual Comm. 7:30P Ritual Cmte	29 HCSD Winter Chanukah 6th NFTY Winter Kallah	30 HCSD Winter Chanukah 7th NFTY Winter Kallah 7:45P Shabbat Svc.—BYO Menorah & Candles
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