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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

Sabbatical is Health, Wholeness and Renewal

"Life can only be perfected through the affording of a breathing space from the bustle of everyday life" - Rav Kook, *Shabbat Ha'Aretz*

Rav Kook was right. We all need to find ways for rest and renewal, to replenish our spirits and souls, which can be all too easily drained from the daily demands placed upon us. Shabbat provides that opportunity for all of us on a weekly basis. And I am grateful that CBS has granted me four months of rabbinic sabbatical: January -February 2015 and February-March 2016.

Sabbatical will provide me with the opportunity for in-depth study and learning along with spiritual reflection and growth. Day-to-day rabbinic life (meetings and hospital visits, teaching and planning) often does not allow for the kind of study, personal prayer and reflection that is necessary for my own rabbinic growth, growth that will in turn enrich and strengthen my ability to serve as your rabbi.

What will I be doing?

I have a number of plans for study and learning over the course of the eight weeks. I will be participating in an intensive text study at Mechon Hadar Beit Midrash in New York. I plan to do several on-line courses and webinars, including a course at the Mussar Institute. (Mussar is a path of contemplative practices and exercises that have evolved over the past thousand years to help facilitate individual spiritual growth.) I have plans for additional learning (on-line and with a newly published book) on Abraham Joshua Heschel. Books on Israel, Bible, synagogue management, faith and technology are also part of the program I am developing.

In addition to the spiritual work with the Mussar Institute, I plan to visit a number of synagogues in the area on Shabbat and weekdays. The opportunity to observe how others lead worship and celebrate Shabbat, and to be a member of the worshipping community, will not only nourish my own spirit, but will help enrich my role as worship leader.

What programs will take place at the synagogue during my sabbatical?

All of them! B'nai Mitzvah tutoring, planning for our UT 25 birthday bash, Religious School, Confirmation, Torah Tots, Healing Circle and choir will all continue as usual. Rehearsals for *Frozen: The Purim Shpiel* will be well underway and advertising for our wonderful Shabbat Retreat on March 28 will be in full swing. I am working with the ritual committee to plan for meaningful worship. Erev Shabbat services will be filled with wonderful and unique programs – speakers about Jews around the world and other guests, our newly designed family services, and a musical Shabbat Alive! We are blessed with talented leaders, teachers and teens and I am grateful for their dedication that makes this sabbatical possible.

What do I do if I have a personal or family crisis?

The rabbis of the area synagogues have agreed to be help out in the case of an emergency. Please call the Temple office, or our president Jeff Newman (813-758-4120). They will know whom to call, and how to reach me when appropriate. I will be on Sabbatical December 24-February 23. I am full of joy and immense gratitude for the opportunity. When I return, I look forward to sharing with you the blessings I know I will receive. If you have questions, feel free to be in touch.



From the President - Jeff Newman

Who is wise? One who learns from every person. (Pirkei Avot)

What community conversation has taught me...

I ponder on how and why I am President of our congregation. I mean, I came from a culturally religious family, but not a spiritually religious family. In my area of the country you saw other Jews (suburban NY), but I never felt connected to Judaism or practiced it. I never dated a Jew, did not go to synagogue until we had kids, lived in areas of the country not particularly Jewish (Indiana and Wisconsin) and I really did not care if I aligned with a temple or not. Suzanne was the driving force for us finding religion for our family.

I thought my story was an outlier until a few weeks ago... Does my story sound familiar to you?

The Rabbi and I are in the middle of our community conversations. The Rabbi always asks the same opening question, "what made you initially come to Congregation Beth Shalom?" The answers, amazingly to me, are many times a version of my story. In fact, I never knew the commonality amongst our membership in terms of our personal journey. This communality gives our community challenges and opportunities.

Some of the challenges?

How do we strengthen our membership when many potential new members do not have an internal drive to connect with Judaism? What about some of our own members, who are indifferent about where CBS fits in their life. How do we make many of our mixed families feel comfortable in a religion that is both inclusive and exclusive? These questions are thought provoking and need to be addressed.

What are the opportunities?

In a previous article, I talked about how it only takes 10 minutes to reach out and start a connection with others in temple. For many of us, this is not an easy task, especially when you feel you are not at the same religious "status" or that your story is

unusual. Through our conversations, we are finding that our common story can bridge us together. Ask the same question that Rabbi asks and you will find that instant link that will forge a new, deeper, relationship.

Another opportunity is that there are many like me who feel unqualified for leadership position simply because they are "not Jewish enough." It is stunning how many temple leaders were just like me, but it did not stop their commitment to the next generations of CBS families. Being not Jewish enough is "head trash," something that can stop you from a truly enriching temple experience.

I should know, I had that "head trash" until we started our discussions.

Thanks to all the participants of Community Conversations for helping me (and others in the group) understand the similarities we have, and how we can strengthen our temple by sharing their personal journeys.

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I want to thank Caren and Rob Katz for their gracious donation of new Sunday School prayer books, *Mishkan T'Filah For Youth*. Our old books are 15 years old and are outdated in how we want to enhance our students' learning – let alone they are deteriorating. The temple appreciates your donation!

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and
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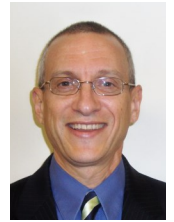
AUDITIONS

Frozen! The Purim Shpiel March 4, 2015

Auditions will be Dec. 10, 7 - 8 pm; Dec. 14, 1 - 3pm; Dec. 17, 7 - 8pm; and Dec. 21, 1 - 3pm. Rehearsals begin on December 21 and will be held on Sunday afternoons. The weekend of March 1 is a mandatory rehearsal, so if you cannot make that, you'll have to wait until next year!

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
- ☆ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ☆ Youth group programming
- ☆ Adult Education classes
- ☆ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day



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.



- December 5: Anita Hoffman & Steve Feldman in honor of their 72nd birthday.
- December 12: Mags & Richard Oldman will be celebrating with their son, Lucas, his becoming Bar Mitzvah, and his class will host the Oneg in his honor.
- December 19: The fourth grade Religious School class parents will sponsor the Oneg.
- December 26: Gail & Michael Verlin in honor of their 50th Anniversary, along with Phyllis & Milt Newman in honor of their 62nd Anniversary.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, we wish to thank our hosts for helping out with the December Onegs!

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Please contact Judith Pliner at 813-436-0080 or email her at gp@pliner-inc.com if you are interested in helping out with a future date.

Your Oneg Committee,

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, Anita Hoffman and Melissa Villasin

December Dates to Remember!!!!

- **December 4—Women of Distinction**
(CBS Honoree: Judith Pliner. See page 8.)
- **Saturday, December 6, 10AM—Bible & Bagels**
- **Sunday, December 7, 9:30AM—Family Program for Grades 3&4: Judaism Values Pets—What Animals do For Us...and what We do for Them Special surprise visitor.**
- **Wednesday, December 10 7:00PM—first Purim Spiel Auditions!** See box on page 2 for more details.
- **Sunday, December 14, 6PM—Israel Bonds Dinner**
(CBS Honorees: Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker. See page 8.)
- **Friday, December 19, 7PM—Shabbat Service of Dedication and Celebration!** (Consecration of 1st Grade Students, presentation and dedication of prayer books.)
- **Saturday, December 20, 6PM—Parents Night Out!**
- **Thursday, December 25, TBD—Dinner with the Tribe** Check your weekly eNews for more information about this new event!

Religious Education, page 7;
Full calendar, page 15



BIBLE and BAGELS

An opportunity for a lively and participatory look at the weekly portion — along with a nosh, of course.

December 6 at 10AM— *Parashat Vayishlach: Wrestling with God, tradition and difficult stories*



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Kudos n' Mazels

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to Scott Hopkins, Phyllis Newman, and everyone who pitched in to make a wonderful and well attended Shabbat Dinner!
- Kudos to Richard Oldman for stepping in to chaperone a teen multi-youth group event!
- Kudos to Judy Jacobson for coordinating another successful dining out event at Little Greek!

MAZELS

- MAZEL tov to Diane and Peter Jacobson on the birth of their second grandchild, Zander Don Camelio!
- Mazel tov to Sheryl and Mark Finke on the birth of their first grandchild, Dara Sophie!
- Mazel tov to Evan Hahn on his becoming Bar Mitzvah in October!
- Mazel tov to Abigail Hernandez on her becoming Bat Mitzvah in November!
- Mazel tov to Aurora Oldman on her achievement of Principal's Honor Roll!
- Mazel tov to Justin Shaw and Lily Criden for being inducted into the Tri-M Music Society.



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.

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OTHER PROGRAMS

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CBS Players

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Chavurah

Phyllis Newman

Daytimers

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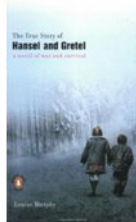
Page Turners

CBS Page Turners Invites You

Thursday, January 15, 7:30PM

To join in the discussion of Louise Murphy's *The True Story of Hansel & Gretel*.

Set in the last month of the Nazi occupation of Poland, this haunting novel of journey and survival, of redemption and memory, powerfully depicts how war is experienced by families and especially by children. *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel* tells a resonant, riveting story.



SAVE THE DATE

Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat

March 28 (9AM-8PM) at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center.

A "real" Shabbat filled with community, learning and fun activities in the woods. For more details, contact Natasha Rieger at natashaswr@yahoo.com or 813.507.3433.

Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman

NEW IN JANUARY

January 16—Voices and Visions

Voices and Visions is about art, about powerful messages, about combining them into posters, about starting conversations, and about continuing our Jewish journey.

This month a collection of posters will be displayed throughout the Temple. These posters pair leading figures of contemporary art and design with powerful quotes from Jewish thinkers across the ages. During the **Jan. 16 Friday evening Shabbat service**, we will revisit these posters and then we will do what we all do so well, talk about the posters, about the quotes, about the integration of images and about the thoughts that inspired them. As always, the service will be followed by an Oneg where your discussions may continue. So put this date on your calendar!

Friday Night Speaker Series

Have you ever wondered how Jewish traditions are observed around the world? Well we know that your Lifelong Learning Committee has. So, we have invited several members of our Beth Shalom Community to present the customs and traditions of the Jews of South America, Europe, and Africa. Presentation dates are **Friday evenings, Jan. 9 & Feb. 20.**

*For any questions, please contact
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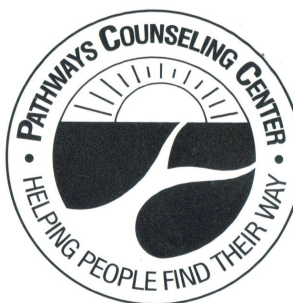
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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Happy Holidays Everyone. Can't believe that Thanksgiving is already behind us and Chanukah is knocking at the door. You probably already know that Kolot Shalom will be singing for the December 12 Friday night Shabbat service. It will be a wonderful service of special theme music and a number or two to prepare us for Chanukah.

Meanwhile, I hope you all had a chance to hear Kevin Frye's Shabbat Alive Service on November 21. How enjoyable to have a service in song and with instrumental accompaniment.

We would like to find instrumentalists and vocalists from the congregation that would be interested in creating another Shabbat Alive for January 30, 2015. If you think this is a venue you would like to pursue, please get in touch with me. We will need instrumentalists as well as vocalists. To share your talents, contact Joan Frankel at 813-938-4123 or by email; the_frankels@verizon.net or speak to Kevin Frye.

This is going to be such a fun project. Look for upcoming information on our rehearsal schedule for Shabbat Alive!

Shalom,
Joan Frankel, Choir Director
(813) 938-4123

CBS HEALING HOUR

Congregation Beth Shalom's Healing Hour (*Sh'aat ha'ripui*) and will meet on the second Thursday of the month. It is a time to gather for shared support and self-renewal. Please join us as we seek to create sacred space to share our experiences of illness or loss, as well as moments of joy in our lives. We hold a healing service with meditation led by Phyllis Newman and an activity such as a speaker after — plus tasty snacks are served! Please join us on December 18 at 7:30 pm for our Chanukah party. All are welcome! For more information email Cynthia Goldstein at cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com or call 813-526-0378.



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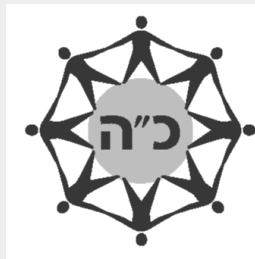
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How Does It Work?

The premise is simple: Do the time (7 hours of service) and then do the crime (eat and enjoy yourself way too much at our celebration in May). There are many, many ways you and your family can contribute your time and talents (see the list at right).

Upcoming Events

- RS Chanukah Celebration Crew in December
- Administrative Day— January 25th

Look Who's Earned a Shirt!

(since last month's Kibbitzer)

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Ritual Committee | Hannah Weisman |
| Michael Barnett | Tiffany Feldman |
| Lily Criden | Leah Garbett |
| Sophie Smoak | Zsa Lobel |
| Anita Hoffman | Toby Koch |

CBS LIBRARY UPDATE



Oh no!! Many of the library's cookbooks are missing. Please correct this culinary catastrophe as soon as possible by returning them to the library. If you like the recipes please either scan them into your computer or photocopy them. Thank you.

Anita Hoffman,
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian



Education - Amy Weinstein

As we reviewed our start to the new year, I am excited about what is happening in our school. When I walk into classes, it is evident that our students are actively engaged in meaningful activities. Our teachers and students have high praise for our new Hebrew program. I would like to remind parents that we begin classes at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Our session ends at Noon. Families are welcome to join in the family service which begins at 11:30AM. This is the opportunity for our students to practice their skills as they hear weekly prayers. For many students that do not regularly attend Friday Night Shabbat Service, this may be the only chance they have for worship. We also share announcements of upcoming events.

By now you know that we have altered the format for our Family Shabbat Services. Our first Family Shabbat Service was held on Friday, November 14. All students participated in the lighting of Shabbat Candles, opening and closing prayer and individual students were assigned prayers or readings. It was a fabulous evening. The service ran smoothly thanks in part to Karen Blanchard's organization, the Rabbi's animated story telling ability and our students' ability to lead us in prayer. We also featured a special Ice Cream Social themed Oneg which was thoroughly enjoyed by young and young-at-heart alike! ***Our next Family Shabbat Service is scheduled for January 23 at 7PM.***

We will have a special Shabbat Service on December 19 at 7PM. We will celebrate with our 4th graders for Kabbalat haShabbat and our 1st graders for Consecration.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding your child's religious education at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Amy Weinstein — awine007@msn.com (813)685-7064

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Important December Dates

12/7- Rabbi's family Program for grades 2, 3 & 4
*****Please plan on at least 1 adult attending with your child*****



12/14- Parent Association Meeting- 9:45

12/19- Kabbalat haShabbat and Consecration Service 7:00

12/21- Chanukah Celebration & Torah Tots

No classes 12/24, 12/28, 12/31 & 1/4 due to winter break!

Trip to Israel for Teens and Adventurous Adults, led by Rabbi Betsy Torop

Wander through the Old City of Jerusalem, Hike Masada, Sleep in a Bedouin tent, learn about the founding of the Jewish state, visit the mystical city of Tzefat - and much much more.

Tuesday July 19 - Friday July 29

Interested? Speak to Rabbi Torop or Sandee Pelk



B'nai Mitzvah

Lucas Oldman - Becomes Bar Mitzvah on Dec. 13.



Parents Night Out

Parents Night Out December 20

CBS' very own youth group, BESTY (Beth Shalom Temple Youth) is excited to announce its December Parents Nights Out.

Drop off your children at 6 p.m. and head out for dinner, or shopping, a movie, read a book... and give your kids a great time at the temple on a Saturday night! Pick-up is 9 p.m. Activities and a snack/drink are provided. An adult is also onsite for supervision.

Costs for each PNO: \$18 for one child, \$6 each additional child.

Infants are okay, too, but please leave appropriate supplies (diapers, formula, etc.), and toddlers do not need to be potty trained (but we request that you leave additional diapers and a extra change of clothes just in case!). Contact the Temple Office to reserve space for your child!

Caring Committee—Amy Tabak

From the Heart

Shalom! Last month I spoke about starting a phone committee – Shalom Phone. The concept is this: A few of Beth Shalom's finest phone mavens place calls to two or three of our shut-ins on a weekly basis, just to wish them well and a Shabbat Shalom. We want to let them know that we are thinking of them, and we miss them even though we know they can't be at services with us. I would like to see about 4-6 volunteers so that we could rotate every two weeks or so. I would ask that you prayerfully consider this Mitzvah. It would mean so much to someone!



Chanukah is coming! We would like to begin preparing some care packages for our CBS college students. Please consider sponsoring a student. Imagine their surprise to receive a package from CBS.

I also wanted to thank the members of our congregation that contributed so freely to the consolation meal after the Shiva service for Christine Stockelman's mother. Christine and her family appreciated it so much. I am always amazed and warmed by the generosity of my CBS family.

Thank you for Caring for others!

Amy Tabak, Caring Committee Chairperson

Chanukah Shabbat A Service of Dedication and Celebration! Friday night, December 19 at 7PM



Consecration of our 1st grade RS students

Special *Kabbalat HaSiddur* (presentation of prayer books) for our 4th grade students, and dedication of our new youth prayer books generously contributed by Caren and Rob Katz.

Oneg sponsored by 4th grade. *BYO menorah and 5 candles!*

Support Our CBS Honorees

December 4 at 7PM *Women of Distinction*

Held at Schaarai Zedek. This event honors the dedicated women leaders of our Jewish community organizations. CBS honoree is *Judith Pliner*. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit <http://www.jewishtampa.com/federation-impact/women-of-distinction-program>.



December 14 at 6PM *Israeli Bonds Gala*

Celebration Held at Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Each year the campaign selects five couples or individuals to be honored at the event. This year's CBS honorees are *Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker*. To learn more or purchase tickets email tampa@israelbonds.com or call 727-282-1125.

Membership—Phyllis Newman

Welcome to our Congregation Beth Shalom family Gabriel Lifschitz. Congratulations and Mazel Tov!

As you know we are a friendly congregation. We hope that you will join us in our many activities. Come pray, learn and enjoy your temple family.

Phyllis Newman, Membership Chairperson

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM WISH LIST

Congregation Beth Shalom exists today because of its congregants and the love and support they provide. In turn, the synagogue provides worship opportunities, holiday celebrations, social activities, life-cycle observances, education for adults and children, and a place one can turn to in a time of need.

Monetary donations are always welcomed, encouraged, and needed. But sometimes people prefer to give concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. Below are a few "wished for" items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:

Interior Wish List:

- Bookends for library shelves
- Commercial oven
- Free standing literature stand (floor model)
- New 60" round tables for events
- New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in navy blue
- 1" binders
- Keyboard drawers
- Magazine files

Exterior Wish List:

- Flowering plants and soil for 2 large planters
- Planters, soil and vines for pergola
- New outdoor benches
- Wood sealer for picnic table

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FRUGAL FASHIONISTAZ

So much has been going on behind the scenes regarding our next fundraiser. Our show now has a name, *Frugal Fashionistaz*! We are



all quite excited about this new venture. Our partner charity HCFPAC (Hillsborough County Family Partnership Alliance) is a nonprofit organization supporting and serving more than 200 families totaling about 1,000 children. We also will be helping Congregation Beth Shalom in its effort to continue the ongoing outreach programs. Our hosts are *Julie's Walk In Closet* from Brandon and *Wee Boutique* from Apollo Beach. Each of our host boutiques offer both new and very gently used items.

Frugal Fashionistaz will be held at the temple on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 1:00PM. We will be serving beverages and yummy snacks, so you will have the opportunity to snack and shop from our generous vendors. These vendors have been kind enough to donate something to our Vendor Basket Raffle. We also will be giving you a free raffle ticket that will allow you an opportunity to win a gift basket donated by our Frugal Fashionistaz Planning Committee. Additionally, we will have a Silent Auction and a 50/50. **Be sure to get your tickets now as they are limited!** Come see your fellow congregants and little ones as they "walk the run way." Showtime is at 2:00PM, but be sure to come at 1:00 so that you can have time to snack and shop. Potential sponsors, now is the time to step up to the plate—we need you!

Tickets are available by contacting Jerilyn Dimant (813-472-5409, jerilyndi@yahoo.com), *Julie's Walk In Closet*, *Wee Boutique* or Congregation Beth Shalom at 813-681-6547. The ticket prices are \$20 per adult and \$5 for children under 12.

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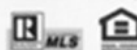
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*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in the Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
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Yahrzeits



| | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 12/4 | Anette | Feldman | Mother | of Stephen | Feldman |
| 12/4 | Eleanor | Fagan-Blake | Grandmother | of Jessica | Beredit |
| 12/4 | Celia | Faber | Grandmother | of Dale | Wozniak |
| 12/4 | Michael | Gunn | Relative | of Jessica | Beredit |
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| 12/7 | Douglas | Miller | Brother | of Eric | Miller |
| 12/7 | Pearl | Lasky | Grandmother of | of Michelle | Dempsey |
| 12/7 | Geoffrey | Miller | Brother | of Eric | Miller |
| 12/10 | Phyllis | Jordan | Mother | of Cynthia | Posner |
| 12/10 | Irving | Balot | Father | of Keith | Balot |
| 12/11 | Joan | Sherer | Mother | of Carol | Roberts |
| 12/11 | James | Gunn | Relative | of Jessica | Beredit |
| 12/11 | Leonard | Edelson | Father | of Joel | Edelson |
| 12/12 | Harry | May | Uncle | of David | Richter |
| 12/12 | Alice | Herzberg | Mother-in-law | of Gareth | Morgan |
| 12/13 | Joel | Zazulia | Brother | of Iylene | Miller |
| 12/13 | Dorothy | Rausch | Grandmother | of Kelley | Ellis |
| 12/14 | Harold | Landfish | Father | of Nancy | Landfish |
| 12/16 | Elaine | Freedman | Mother | of Randy | Freedman |
| 12/17 | Jenny | Siegel | Grandmother of | of Eric | Miller |
| 12/18 | Stephen | Meyers | Father | of Michael | Meyers |
| 12/19 | Ron | Miller | Uncle | of Russell | Berman |
| 12/19 | Seymour | Ponemon | Father | of Arthur | Ponemon |
| 12/19 | Rose | Levine | Mother | of Sara | Goodman |
| 12/20 | Anna Stepanovna Simashkova | Stepgrandmother | of Anna | Money maker | |
| 12/21 | Abraham | Kaplan | Father of | of Elisa | Criden |
| 12/22 | Lena Ruth | Richter | Mother | of David | Richter |
| 12/23 | Robert Stanley | Greenfield | Father | of Andrew | Greenfield |
| 12/23 | Rita | Weiss | Mother | of Alan | Weiss |
| 12/25 | Charles Arnold | Hoffman | Husband | of Anita | Hoffman |
| 12/27 | Gene | VanDevender | Father | of Hank | Mart |
| 12/27 | Eleanor | Kaplan | Grandmother | of Lauren | Davis |
| 12/28 | Dorothy M. | Gunn | Grandmother | of Jessica | Beredit |
| 12/29 | Gloria | Bolnick | Mother | of Jay | Bolnick |
| 12/30 | Rose | Frye | Grandmother | of Kevin | Frye |
| 12/30 | Ann | Edelson | Grandmother | of Joel | Edelson |

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Anniversaries

| | | |
|-------|------------------|----------|
| 12/6 | Russell & Elise | Berman |
| 12/11 | Owen & Marla | Smith |
| 12/21 | Larry & Lynn | Kaler |
| 12/21 | Donny & Kimberly | Smoak |
| 12/27 | Michael & Gail | Verlin |
| 12/28 | Milton & Phyllis | Newman |
| 12/31 | Randy & Danita | Freedman |



Birthdays

| | | |
|-------|----------|-------------|
| 12/2 | Jackson | McCormick |
| 12/3 | Samantha | Frost |
| 12/3 | Ben | Santucci |
| 12/5 | William | Tyree |
| 12/5 | Rachelle | Schiller |
| 12/5 | Joshua | Freedman |
| 12/7 | Susan | Burkett |
| 12/10 | Danny | Nixon |
| 12/11 | Judith | Pliner |
| 12/11 | Amy | Hertzberg |
| 12/14 | Joshua | Katz |
| 12/14 | Adam | Brubaker |
| 12/14 | Jordan | Davis |
| 12/15 | Shane | Zweibach |
| 12/17 | Evan | Frieman |
| 12/17 | Norman | Powell |
| 12/17 | Alexa | Cohen |
| 12/18 | Mordecai | Elazar |
| 12/19 | James | Pelk |
| 12/21 | Matt | Hebert |
| 12/21 | Russell | Berman |
| 12/24 | Jason | Miller |
| 12/26 | Daniel | Mart |
| 12/27 | Sheila | Cohen |
| 12/29 | Milton | Newman |
| 12/29 | Mark | Finke |
| 12/30 | Peter | Jacobson |
| 12/31 | Jonathan | Singer |
| 12/31 | Frank | Money maker |

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| | 1 7:30P Choir Reh—12/19 | 2 6:15P Adult Ed Comm. 7:30P Board Meeting | 3 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class | 4 10:00A TJFS Food Bank 6:30P Women of Distinction | 5 7:45 P Shabbat Service | 6 10:00A Bible & Bagels 6:00P CBS Singles (off-site) |
| 7 9:30A RS—Rabbi led family program grades 3&4 12:15P BeSTY Board 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk.3@ 2–10P PRIVATE EVENT | 8 7:30P Choir Reh—12/19 | 9 7:30P Adult Bat Mitzvah | 10 6:15P Hebrew School 7:00P Purim Spiel Auditions 7:30P Ritual Committee | 11 7:30 P Choir Reh-12/12 | 12 7:45 P Simcha Shabbat Choir Sings | 13 10:00A Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah—Oldman |
| 14 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 12:15P BeSTY 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk. 3 1-3 Spiel Auditions 5:00P Israel Bonds Dinner | 15 7P UT25 @ Bdale Pizza | 16 Chanukah 1st Night | 17 Chanukah 2nd Night 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class 7:00P Purim Spiel Auditions | 18 Chanukah 3rd Night 7:30P Healing Hour | 19 Chanukah 4th Night 7:00 P Shabbat Service Consecration 4th Gr Kabbalat haSiddur | 20 Chanukah 5th Night 6:00P PNO |
| 21 Chanukah 6th Night 9:30A RS—Chanukah Celebration w/Torah Tots 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk.3@ 1-3 Spiel Auditions | 22 Chanukah 7th Night Hills Co. Wint.Bk. | 23 1st of Tevet Chanukah 8th Night Hills Co. Wint.Bk. | 24 Hills Co. Wint.Bk. NO Hebrew School YAD Vodka Latke | 25 Hills Co. Wint.Bk. 6PM Dinner with the Tribe | 26 Hills Co. Wint.Bk. NFTY Winter Kallah Orlando 7:45 P Shabbat Service | 27 NFTY Winter Kallah Orlando |
| 28 Hills Co. Wint.Bk. NFTY Winter Kallah Orlando NO RS | 29 Hills Co. Wint.Bk. NFTY Winter Kallah Orlando | 30 Hills Co. Wint.Bk. NFTY Winter Kallah Orlando 5:15 P I Am Hope Café 7:30P Exec. Board Mtg. | 31 New Year's Eve Hills Co. Winter Bk. NO Hebrew School | Calendar is subject to change. Please check with the Admin. Office if you are planning an event or meeting. | | |
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