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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

The Circle of Life

The nature of life in a small congregation such as Beth Shalom is that our life cycle celebrations tend to be spread out - a baby naming one month, maybe a Bat Mitzvah the next, and then a month or two without any individual life cycle events. However, in the period between Thanksgiving and today when I write this Kibbitzer article (Dec. 14 - a few days late, admittedly!) we have celebrated the full array of life cycle moments. We welcomed a baby into the covenant and gave her the gift of a Hebrew name. A young man took his place as a committed and responsible member of the Jewish people. After a lengthy period of study, one of our members entered the Covenant of the Jewish people. We celebrated a beautiful Jewish wedding right in our sanctuary. And we have grieved and mourned with many of our families at funerals, memorial services and shivas. All of this in less than four weeks. The confluence of these meaningful moments has been, for many of us, a reminder of the intermingling of joy and sorrow, celebration and loss. As we name a baby, or celebrate a conversion, someone is mourning a beloved parent or preparing to say good-bye. We have truly come to understand what the breaking of the glass at the wedding teaches - the fragility of life even at times of joy.

There is, however, one constant that has amazed me time and again over the past month. The willingness of our community to open their hearts - to rejoice and comfort fully, to help those celebrating and support those who are mourning - is truly remarkable. One might think that "compassion fatigue" would set in, that we would get tired of being asked to help set up, clean up, make calls, bring a cake. But nothing could be farther from the truth. We have had members serve as witnesses at a mikvah, help with oneg Shabbats and Kiddush lunches and set up food for mourners. People have helped in public and private ways, in ways known and unknown. As I write this article, members are discussing a special Oneg in memory of our beloved long time member Sophie Brenner, who died at the age of 99. All of this, of course, is in addition to the many things our members do day in and day out to support the daily life of Congregation Beth Shalom from folding Kibbitzers to planning Chanukah celebrations to leading services.

When we reach life's major milestones, we think about them mainly as our own events - things that happen to us, to our children, our parents. They are special occasions for "our" family. To be sure, that is true. But the past month has reminded me - and hopefully the rest of us - that family is a fluid term. The milestones we mark on our individual paths intersect with the paths of our Temple family members, and with the life of the Jewish people represented by Congregation Beth Shalom. Above all else, that is what it is to be a community, to be united . . . together. For all that you continue to give to each other, I am grateful.



SAVE THE DATE

Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat- March 28 (9AM-8PM)
Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. Details on page 5.

From the President - Jeff Newman

“Pray as if everything depended on G-d, Act as if everything depended on you”

Page 125 in our Shabbat siddur, gives me pause. I read it every week and think what I want to accomplish in my personal, professional and congregational life. This was my “aha” to understanding why we pray, how we must act, and that we can’t just wait around. This passage transformed not only my outlook on Judaism but on all aspects of my life.

When I moved to Brandon, I had already taught 5th grade for 4 years and was sending our kids to Religious School. It did not matter to me that I did not have an understanding on why we go to services or what the bigger picture was. I mean, I was doing the same thing my parents did, so I was covered in the book of life. As long as I did the minimum, I was golden in G-d’s hands.

I do not believe in luck—never have. You determine your own luck by being consistent, persistent and by putting yourself in the best possibility of success. This formula had worked well in my job and in raising my family. I never make excuses for things that I have control over. I could not understand how a person like myself, who believes in personal responsibility, could tie the spiritual, “out of my hands,” philosophy of religion.

That is why, seven years ago, the above phrase gave me the insight I needed to bridge prayer, Judaism and volunteerism together. It laid the foundation of why we pray (to organize our thoughts and actions), why we are proactive (you need to be responsible) in temple life, and still understand that G-d has a some part in our life course.

I now pray as a fully engaged Jew who understands it is ultimately up to me to forward our traditions to the next generation. It is about personal responsibility and organizing all aspects of our lives. We have a choice to be proactive and make things happen or to react and say it is out of our hands

I know which choice I make.

Does a particular phrase move you?? Next month, the Rabbi will be on sabbatical and I would love to fill her regular column with your favorite siddur phrases. Is there a particular phrase or saying that crystallizes how you feel about Judaism and life?



Please keep to no more than 200 words and send to me by the January 10.

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

January Dates to Remember!!!!

- **Sunday, January 4, 1:00PM—CBS Frugal Fashionistaz Fashion Show**
- **Friday, January 9, 7:45PM—Simcha Shabbat & Jews Around the World**
- **Sunday, January 11, 9:45AM—Torah Tots**
(Theme: Shabbat is a Special Day)
- **Friday, January 16, 7:45PM—Voices and Visions**
- **Friday, January 23, 7:00PM—Family Shabbat**
(Super Bowl-themed Oneg)
- **Friday, January 30, 7:45PM—Shabbat Alive!**
- **SAVE THE DATE - Feb. 13-15, Cantor in Residence**
(see page 3 for details)

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

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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- ✧ **Youth group programming**
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- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



LET THERE BE MUSIC

A special treat has been arranged for CBS the weekend of Feb. 13-15. Cantor Paul Offencrantz will be visiting us for the weekend. Cantor Paul started singing professionally at the New York Metropolitan Opera House, when he was nine years old. He became a protégé of the famous Cantor and operatic tenor, Richard Tucker.



Cantor Paul will impress us with his vocal talents while officiating at our Shabbat worship service on **Friday Feb 13 at 7:45PM**. In recognition of Valentine's Day, he and pianist Joan Frankel will present a magnificent evening of love songs. The program will include favorites from the Broadway stage, as well as classics by George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Cole Porter.

At 7:30 PM on Saturday Feb 14 our sanctuary will be transformed into a cabaret. Bring your own wine. We will provide soft drinks and light snacks. As a fundraiser, tickets for this special evening are \$10 per person or \$18 for a couple/family. Tickets can be purchased at the door; cash, check or credit card will be accepted. For \$36 you can become a patron and your name will be listed in the program. For \$50 you can purchase business card advertising space. Email Toby Koch for further information: tobykoch@hotmail.com

On Sunday, Feb. 15 Cantor Paul will be doing a very special program in the morning for the students in religious school.

This weekend is a rare opportunity to hear an ordained Cantor who is also a professional singer. You will enjoy it. Take advantage of it!

For more information about Cantor Paul refer to his web site: <http://www.cantorpauloncall.com>. You will be able to listen to samples of his singing by hitting the "About Me" tab then musical selections.

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January 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 January



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| January 2 | The temple members who will attend Shabbat service will host the Oneg in memory of Sophia Brenner |
| January 9 | Renate Greenfield and Sharon Aronson in honor of their birthdays. |
| January 16 | Open |
| January 23 | CBS 5th grade religious school class |
| January 30 | Open |

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

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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 **Kate Swedlow** for creating the new CBS directory.
- Kudos to **Marla Smith** for volunteering to coordinate Mitzvah Day.
- Kudos to **Steve & Anna Feldman** for conducting a Chanukah outreach program at Cares Bloomingdale West.

MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to **Fanny & Cliff Reiss** on their recent wedding.
- Mazel Tov to **Lucas Oldman** on becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- Mazel Tov to **Judith Pliner** for being honored as this year's Woman of Distinction.
- Mazel Tov to **Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker** for being honored at the Israel Bonds Dinner.
- Mazel Tov to **Milt & Phyllis Newman** for being honored at 8 Over 80.
- Mazel Tov to **Judy Jacobson's** granddaughter, Alexandra, for graduating from Virginia Tech.
- Mazel Tov to **Aaron Weinstein**, for achieving straight As his first semester at Florida Atlantic University.
- Mazel Tov to **Amy Tabak!** Welcome into the covenant of the Jewish people!
- Mazel Tov to **Ari Cantrell** for coming in first place in the recent Hillsborough County District Math League, 7th grade division!
- Mazel Tov to **Jon Ellis** on his receiving a Maril Jacobs Todah Rabah Award for volunteer excellence at the recent Tampa Jewish Community Center & Federation leadership Awards Ceremony.

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.



Voices and Visions

January 16, 7:45PM

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

In December 2014, a collection of posters was 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 January 16 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.



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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.

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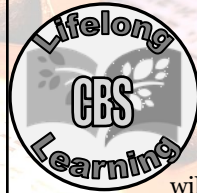
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Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



I so look forward to some upcoming events being sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Committee in 2015!

- With the worship service of **January 9**, we will be visiting the Jewish traditions observed around the world. Our presenters include Lana Goldfarb, Fanny Litovich, and Janice Perelman. We look forward to praying with you on that evening. A second evening, highlighting "Judaism around the World" is planned for February 20.
- Perhaps you've noticed a collection of posters on display throughout the Temple. These posters pair leading figures of contemporary art and design with powerful quotes from Jewish thinkers through the ages. During the **January 16 Shabbat service** we will revisit these posters and then do what we do so well—talk about the posters, about the quotes, about the integration of images and about the thoughts that inspired them. The discussion will be led by Amy Tabak. As always, the service will be followed by an Oneg.
- On **February 9** we will be sponsoring our second Saturday night at the movies. We are working closely with the JCC/Federation to identify a modern and thought provoking movie. Light snacks will be offered.
- On **March 21 and April 18**, please join us for Bibles and Bagels with Rabbi Torop from 10:00a.m. until 12 noon. Bagels and sweet treats will be offered.

*For any questions, please contact
Sheila Fishman at (813) 833-7843.*



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If you heard Kevin Frye's *Friday Night Live* in November, then you have a good idea of what we are shooting for. This will be a service in song with live band instruments and vocalists. Let's see what talents we have to offer in our congregational family. You too can be "Part of The Band."

Please contact Joan Frankel at 813-938-4123 or by email: the_frankels@verizon.net. Or speak with Kevin Frye.

Time is of the essence. Please don't be shy. Take the plunge. You'll be so glad you did.

Shalom,
Joan Frankel, Choir Director
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Membership—Phyllis Newman

I would like to wish everybody a healthy and happy 2015. Thank you all for your support and good wishes.

We would like to introduce David Rubin to our temple family. David is a retired landscape architect. He resides in Sun City Centre. WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

Phyllis Newman, Membership Chairperson



This year's CBS fantasy football season has been our most successful season yet. We had the most people in the league, raised the most money and had the most participation throughout the year. I would like to thank everybody involved for participating in this community building FUNdraiser:

Errol Fishman	Natasha Rieger	Jarett Rieger
Max Newman	Jeff Newman	Jeff Frieman
Seth Dugan	Larry Kaler	Lynn Kaler
Virginia Barnett	Dave Friedman	Caren Magdovitz

Congratulations to our prize winners:
Errol Fishman – Super Bowl I Champion
Natasha Rieger – runner up
Max Newman – total points winner
-Commissioner, Dan Weinstein

United Together 25

Our Mission



Our mission is to celebrate Congregation Beth Shalom's past and build our future by encouraging our members to volunteer gifts of time and talent.

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

Administrative Day– January 25

Look Who's Earned a Shirt!

(since last month's Kibbitzer)

Errol Fishman	Michelle McCormick
Sheila Fishman	Dan Weinstein
Anita Hoffman	Shayna Singe
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Education - Amy Weinstein

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I would like to remind parents that we begin classes at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Our session ends at 12:00. Families are welcome to join in the family service which begins at 11:30. 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.

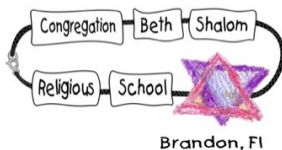
We had a special Shabbat Service on December 19th. We celebrated with our 4th graders for Kabbalat haShabbat and our 1st graders for Consecration. The ceremonies of the evening combined with the community lighting of menorahs made for a very special service.

Our annual Chanukah Celebration was a big success. Thanks to the parents and volunteers who assisted with making latkes & lollipops and running craft stations ensuring of students had a great morning.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for your outpouring of support after the death of my father. It's another reminder of how our community embraces each other. I feel lucky to be a part of it.

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.

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- 1/7 Hebrew School & Confirmation Class resume
- 1/8 Last day to register for Hatikvah Kallah (6th-8th grades)
- 1/11 Religious School resumes
- 1/23 Family Shabbat Service– Start Time 7PM
Super Bowl Themed Oneg!
- 1/25 6th grade field trip sponsored by Tampa Bay Jewish Educators Council
- 1/30 Hatikvah Kallah

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

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Tuesday July 19 - Friday July 29

Interested? Speak to Rabbi Torop or Sandee Pelk

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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

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- Flowering plants and soil for 2 large planters
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- Wood sealer for picnic table

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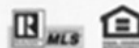
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Yahrzeits



1/1	Martin	Tabak	Father	of Gabe	Tabak
1/2	Morton	Rabinowitz	Father	of Mark	Rabinowitz
1/3	Gus	Braunstein	Grandfather	of Hank	Mart
1/4	Esther	Fox	Grandmother	of Jill	Tyree
1/5	Schura	Dimant	Mother	of Murray	Dimant
1/5	Rebecca	Wolfe	Grandmother	of Natasha	Rieger
1/5	Pat	Bricklin	Cousin	of Steve	Feldman
1/5	Lillian	Shames	Aunt	of Sheila	Slavkin
1/5	Lillian	Shames	Sister	of Evelyn	Sanders
1/7	Dorothy	Saxe	Relative	of Leslie	Will
1/7	Craig Morris	Neuman	Husband	of Collette	Neuman
1/7	Robert	Jordan	Father	of Cynthia	Posner
1/8	Harold	Ohman	Uncle	of Cynthia	Goldstein
1/10	Anna	Pearlstein	Grandmother	of Kevin	Frye
1/11	David	Sanders	Step father	of Sheila	Slavkin
1/11	Tatyana	Gudz	Grandmother	of Lana	Goldfarb
1/11	David	Sanders	Husband	of Evelyn	Sanders
1/12	Aline	Brandwein	mother	of Anita	Clifford
1/12	Alyssa Madison	Schwab-Powell	Daughter	of Paulette	Schwab-Powell
1/13	Seth	Weiner	Friend	of Errol	Fishman
1/14	Margot	Boraks	Mother	of Renate	Greenfield
1/14	Marilyn	Stockelman	Mother-in-Law	of Christine	Stockelman
1/14	Virginia	Finke	Mother	of Mark	Finke
1/16	Myna	Kalbas	Mother	of Bill	Kalbas
1/16	Sally	Bloom	Mother	of Gail	Verlin
1/16	Lazar	Gold	Father	of Marty	Gold
1/18	Marshall	Farkas	Husband	of Ilana	Farkas
1/18	David	Greene	Grandfather	of Gayle	Borgen
1/18	Irene	Fagan	Great-Grandmother	of Jessica	Berdt
1/18	Louis	Verlin	Father	of Michael	Verlin
1/19	Bob	Finkel	Cousin	of Steve	Feldman
1/19	Aaron	Ferman	Grandfather	of Joel	Edelson
1/20	Harold	Kaplan	Grandfather	of Lauren	Davis
1/20	Elayne	Raiskin	Mother	of David	Raiskin
1/20	Jack	Goldberg	Father	of Michelle	Dempsey
1/20	Robert	Northrop	Father	of Rob	Northrop
1/22	Amada Amy""	Ferman	Grandmother	of Joel	Edelson
1/22	Frieda	Hershkwitz	Mother	of Phyllis	Newman
1/23	Marilyn	Udell	Wife	of Stephen	Udell
1/25	Selma	Sperry	Mother	of Bruce	Sperry
1/27	David	Brill	Grandfather	of Myron	Feldman
1/27	Bess	Robin	Mother	of Anita	Hoffman
1/29	Samuel	Raiskin	Father	of David	Raiskin
1/29	Meyer	Bloom	Father	of Gail	Verlin
1/30	Richard A.	Blake	Grandfather	of Jessica	Berdt
1/30	Costa	Giantsos	Father	of Vickie	Goldberg
1/30	Kenneth	Fox	Father	of Jill	Tyree
1/31	Pearl	Brill	Grandmother	of Myron	Feldman
1/31	Sol	Zweibach	Father	of Stephen	Zweibach
1/31	Jack	Vandeventer	Step-Father	of Christina	Frye
1/31	Marshall	Goldberg	Son	of Ruth	Goldberg

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.



Anniversaries

1/5	Sandy & Lee	Schwartz
1/22	Randy & Jackie	Sehres
1/25	Murray & Jerilyn	Dimant
1/31	Jon & Isabel	Ellis



Birthdays

1/1	Howard	Fournier
1/1	Sophia	Savitt
1/2	Sarah	Meyers
1/4	Sharon	Aronson
1/4	Robert	Mazen
1/5	Philip Harris	Smith
1/5	Richard	Oldman
1/5	Natasha	Rieger
1/7	Jacob	Schwartz
1/8	Leslie	Mazen
1/9	Bill	Noyes
1/9	Rachelle	Slater
1/10	Sarah	Smith
1/10	Lauren	Shaw
1/11	Joseph	Provenzano
1/12	Evan	Magdovitz
1/12	Stephen	Criden
1/13	Susan	Reckner
1/15	Michael	McCormick
1/15	Olivia	Sukloff
1/15	Karen	Blanchard
1/17	Diane	Jacobson
1/17	Laurie	Edelson
1/18	Alex	Friedman
1/18	Andrew	Pelk
1/19	Danita	Freedman
1/19	Collette	Neuman
1/20	Gayle	Borgen
1/20	Sean	Brown
1/20	Adam	Weinstein
1/20	Christina	Frye
1/23	Clara	Barnett
1/24	Lauren	Davis
1/24	Caren	Katz
1/24	Stephen	Yavelow
1/24	Garrett	Borgen
1/24	Steve	Nixon
1/25	Kari	Halperin
1/25	Hannah	Torop
1/25	Cynthia	Goldstein
1/25	Mallory	Friedman
1/27	Aaron	Weinstein
1/29	Jesse	Mazen
1/29	Frank Jakob	Moneymaker
1/30	Errol	Fishman

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<div>4 NO RS</div> <div>12:15P BeSTY Board</div> <div>2:00P</div> <div> </div>	5	<div>6</div> <div>6:15P Adult Ed Comm.</div> <div>7:30P Board Meeting</div>	<div>7</div> <div>6:15P Hebrew School</div> <div>6:30P Confirmation Class</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10:00A TJFS Food Bank</div> <div>7:30P Cancer Support</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7:45P Simcha Shabbat</div> <div>LL: Judaism Around the World</div>	10
<div>11</div> <div>9:30A RS</div> <div>9:45A Torah Tots</div> <div>12:15P BeSTY</div> <div>12:15P Adult Heb. Bk. 3</div> <div>1-3 Spiel Rehearsal)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>7:30P Choir Reh—1/30</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>6:15P Hebrew School</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>7:45P Shabbat Service</div> <div>LL: Voices & Visions</div>	<div>17 Gasparilla Kids</div> <div>6:00 P PNO</div>
<div>18</div> <div>9:30A RS</div> <div>12:15P Adult Heb. Bk. 3</div> <div>1-3 Spiel Rehearsal)</div>	<div>19 MLK Day Hills. Co. No School</div> <div>7:30P Choir Reh—1/30</div>	<div>20 Hills. Co. No School</div>	<div>21 1st of Shevat</div> <div>6:15P Hebrew School</div> <div>6:30P Confirmation Class</div>	<div>22</div> <div>7:30P Choir Reh—1/23</div>	<div>23</div> <div>7:00P Shabbat Service</div> <div>Voices & Visions</div>	<div>24 Gasparilla</div> <div>6PM Hillel Academy's Gift of Gold</div>
<div>25</div> <div>9:30A RS</div> <div>Admin Day @ CBS!</div> <div>6th Gr Field Trip to JCC</div> <div>1-3 Spiel Rehearsal)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>7:30P Choir Reh—1/30</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7:30P Exec. Board Mtg.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>6:15P Hebrew School</div> <div>7:30P Ritual Committee</div>	<div>29</div> <div>7:30P Choir Reh—1/30</div>	<div>30</div> <div>NFTY Haktivah Kallah</div> <div>7:45P Shabbat Service</div> <div>Choir sings / Shab. Alive</div>	<div>31</div> <div>NFTY Haktivah Kallah</div>



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