

# The Kibbitzer

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## From the Rabbi

### R-E-S-P-E-C-T – Find Out What It Means To Me

In the past year, I have fallen in love with yoga. I look forward to my twice weekly class and try not to miss it. At the end of class last week the teacher made an announcement. She had heard that while we were waiting for her to arrive the previous week some of the group had been talking politics and expressed some strong views. She asked us, in the spirit of yoga, to make the class a politics free zone. Everybody readily agreed and several people chimed in with stories about how they couldn't talk with even close friends and family members about current events because the disagreements were so strong, and there was so little respect for different opinions that the conversations were unpleasant.

I've been thinking of this ever since; I find unspeakably sad that conversation with people who hold passionately different views from our own is virtually impossible. Sad, but not surprising. I see it in our community too. I see it on social media; I saw it in the debate over the agreement with Iran on nuclear weapons; and, I see it at Oneg Shabbat when one person turns away from a political conversation and makes a snide comment or rolls his/her eyes at the views of another.

It's not the Jewish way. Not because we don't disagree – even passionately – but because disagreement should not end or limit relationships. Perhaps the two greatest debaters in Jewish history were the first century rabbis known as Hillel and Shammai. Their personalities and disagreements were strong, practical and vehement. And yet, the children of one group still married the children of the other – the Talmud's way of saying their fundamental relationships were not altered. Why do we even bother to record both views? "To teach future generations that a person should not [stubbornly] adhere to his words" (Mishnah Eduyot 1:4).

This is the kind of idea that most of us agree with, and then ignoring self-examination, place the blame on others. We may not be able to change Facebook or American culture, but we can embrace *kavod* (respect) within our own community. This isn't about refraining from political conversations (which is the easy route) or always agreeing with each other (which is neither practical nor beneficial) but listening with respect, openness, and the assumption that the intent of the other is worthy.

### One more Thing

I am deeply troubled by the current climate in which all members of the Islamic community are condemned for their religious beliefs. The paper is full of stories about women who wear the *hijab* feeling threatened, about acts of violence at local mosques, and an atmosphere that has created fear amongst Muslims. Judaism believes that all people are fashioned in God's image and our individual actions determine if that image is reflected in the world. The idea (and ideal) of America is one that affirms that no group should be discriminated against on the basis of religion. We as Jews know what it is when our nation fails to live up to that idea. It is up to us – Jews, Americans—to speak up against our fellow citizens who strive to condemn and discriminate against all Muslims.

If you disagree with me – I hope you'll do so with respect.



## From the President - Jeff Newman

### My Attempt at Jewish Guilt

I have never been a master at the art of Jewish guilt. Some say it is genetic, some say it is environmental, some say it is practice makes perfect.

Whichever it is, I do not possess that skill. So here's my attempt; tell me how I do.

At the beginning of the year, the rabbi, the board and I lay out the direction of the temple for the entire year. We discuss the services we are providing versus the income and expenses it takes to provide those services. For the past two years we've had a very simple plan:

1. Provide a caring nurturing community.
2. Provide spiritual, educational, and social opportunities for all age groups and people in various life stages.
3. Highlight the value of what each member receives from CBS.

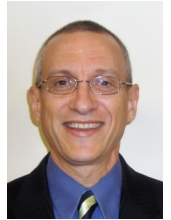
If we follow this plan and accentuate the positive, the donations will come in. Over the past year and a half we had a range of services from UT 25, Scholar in Residence, Dinner with the Tribe, Community Conversations, enhanced religious school offerings, and an increase in the quality of educational opportunities for temple members. We have also increased the quality of our Friday night services through Shabbat Alive, visiting Cantor programs, and our Rabbi emphasizing relevant topics. We continue to have quality music for Kol Nidre, Simchat Torah and many other festivities. Also, let us not forget the birthday pens!

The list is endless as are the opportunities for each member to grow spiritually, educationally, and socially.

Our plan worked! We have received enough pledges to sustain us into the near future, which is great news but we cannot survive on pledges alone.

As many of you know, I have held the position of treasurer or president of this community for

the past seven years. During this tenure, we received payments on people's earlier commitments and in greater denominations than this year. I do not have the answer to why this is, but it puts our congregation's finances in serious jeopardy. We cannot continue to run the programming for our temple without the timely submission of these pledges.



I never beg for money and I never will. I do believe that if you have made a commitment to our temple, it is your responsibility to uphold that commitment. All I ask is that you please pay as much as you can of your commitment at this time.

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## January Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, January 9, 10:00AM—Bibe & Bagels**  
*Parashat Vaera: Do we always have free choice?*
- **Sunday, January 10, 9:45AM—Torah Tots**  
*I can do Mitzvahs!*
- **Friday, January 15, 7:00PM—Family Shabbat Service.** *Service will be led by our Religious School students with special themed Oneg.*
- **Tuesday, January 19—Adult Education Course on Israel**
- **Sunday, January 24, 9:30AM—B'nei Mitzvah Family Program.** *Seder of the Siddur: The What, Why and When of Jewish Prayer*
- **Friday, January 29, 7:45PM—Shabbat Alive!**  
*Shabbat services led with the band!*
- **Sunday, January 31, 9:30AM—5th Grade Family Program.** *Florida through Jewish Glasses*

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

## 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.

- January 1: Jean Aronson in honor of Dave Rubin's Forever 39th Birthday.
- January 8: Jerilyn and Murray in honor of their Anniversary.
- January 15: Religious School parents in honor of the Family Shabbat.
- January 22: The Art After Dark Committee in celebration of Sarah Meyers' Birthday and to provide an update on the Art After Dark fundraiser.
- January 29: *[Oneg Host Needed]*

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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 January and in the upcoming months.

Your Oneg Committee,  
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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 **Rebecca Smith** for being accepted into FSU!
- Mazel Tov to **Andrew Pelk** for being accepted into FSU!
- Mazel Tov to **Jeff Frieman** for earning top credits (and the unofficial "golden spatula" award at our first IronChef: Latke!
- Mazel Tov to **Arielle Weisman** for being accepted into UCF!

## KUDOS

- Kudos to **Judy Jacobson** for putting together a wonderful new event - IronChef: Latke!
- Kudos to all those who helped coordinate our Chanukah First Night event in Apollo Beach!
- Kudos to the **RSPA** for another successful Chanukah Party for the Religious School!
- Kudos to **Christine Stockelman** for accepting the role of chair of the Caring Committee!

*Thank you to **Jeff & Sara Goodman** for the donation of ladder for us to use!*

*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment? If so, email the name and accomplishment to [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).*



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Jan 13 at 6:30 pm and Jan 17 at 5:30 pm at the temple.

Next planning meeting is also Jan 13 at 6:15 pm

E-mail the committee for any questions:

[Artafterdark2016@gmail.com](mailto:Artafterdark2016@gmail.com)

## CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

The library is in need of more bookends. Should you donate them or some books,, please notify Mags or me so we may thank you in the Kibbitzer.

Anita Hoffman,  
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian



## Israel Beyond the Headlines January 12 & 19

Join Rabbi Torop for her presentation, 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.

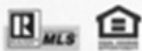
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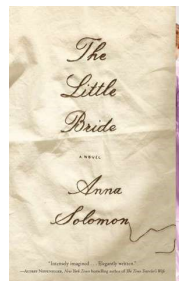
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## PageTurners



Page Turners is reading "The Little Bride" by Anna Solomon, and we will be meeting to discuss this book on **Monday, January 11 at 6:00 pm** at the temple in the Miller Library.

A light dinner will be provided by Anna. Our membership is growing, and we are encouraging others to join us!

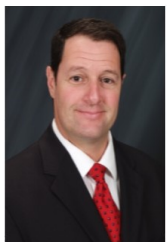


This book is about 16 year old Minna Losk's journey from Odessa to America as a mail-order bride. She dreams of a young prosperous husband, a beautiful home, and freedom from brute labor as well as freedom from the pogroms. But her husband Max turns out to be twice her age, extremely Orthodox, and lives in a one-room sod hut in an isolated area of South Dakota with his two teenage sons. And she finds the work exhausting and never ending!

On **Monday, March 14** Page Turners will discuss the book, "Twelfth" and Race by Eric Goodman, and Sheila Fishman will facilitate the discussion. The Hillsborough County Library System does not have this book; however, several of our members do which should be sufficient time to pass it around prior to our meeting.

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## Education - Amy Weinstein

Happy 2016!!! I hope you had a restful winter break. I always look forward to those weeks as a time to regroup and refocus my goals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

I spent a great deal of time during the end of 2015 engaging in learning opportunities. Attending the URJ Biennial in Orlando was one of the most rewarding experiences I've participated in as an educator and temple leader. I look forward to sharing with the board, our religious school staff and families what I've learned in regard to audacious hospitality and religious youth education. The annual Tampa Bay Jewish Educators' Council Teacher In-Service was another worthwhile learning experience. The key note speaker addressed how to meet the needs of all students by differentiating curriculum and incorporating accommodations for students when appropriate. I am pleased that 5 religious school staff members were able to attend.

Religious School Chanukah Celebration was held on Dec. 13. We had activities, crafts, games, song and holiday food. Thanks so much to Michelle and the Parent Association for helping make this such a fun-filled day for all!

Last month we recognized our 1st graders with Consecration. We marked their official beginning of religious study during our Shabbat Service. It is exciting to see our youngest students come to school each Sunday ready and eager to be a part of our program. Thanks to our families that sponsored the Oneg Shabbat that evening!

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the recognition I received as Woman of Distinction. I was very honored when Jeff asked me to represent Congregation Beth Shalom at this event. I was even more touched by the very kind words of support I received by our members. It was an evening that I will always remember!

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 or comments regarding your child's religious education at Congregation Beth Shalom.

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

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### Important January Dates

- 1/3 No RS (Winter break)
- 1/6 Hebrew & Confirmation
- 1/10 RS & Torah Tots
- 1/13 Hebrew
- 1/15 Family Shabbat 7:00PM
- 1/17 RS & Parent association
- 1/20 Hebrew & Confirmation
- 1/24 RS & 7th grade family program
- 1/27 Hebrew
- 1/31 RS & 4th /5th grade family program



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## Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman

The Lifelong Learning Committee has some exciting programs scheduled for 2016.!

On two consecutive Tuesdays in January 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 and 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 Committee will be presenting a **Night at the Movies** on **Saturday, February 6** with a free movie, free snacks, and an opportunity to smooze. The movie being viewed is *"Regina."* It is the true story of Regina Jonas, the world's first woman rabbi who lived in Berlin. In the 1930s, her greatest dream was to become a rabbi. She felt that she was born to be a rabbi, but women were barred from becoming a rabbi according to the Jewish laws. You will be deeply impressed by her short life story, which was full of struggles. Rachel Weisz as the inspiring figure Regina, makes this story complete. The use of archive and experimental editing techniques add

a magical layer which will pull you, the audience, into this unique story.

Have you ever read a book that has had a major impact on your thought processes? The Lifelong Learning Committee will be revisiting such a classic. Join the Committee in its presentation and discussion of Chaim Potok's *"The Chosen"* on **Friday, February 12 at 7:45p.m.** The novel was first published in 1967 and released as a movie in 1981. Interestingly, it was also a short-lived off-Broadway musical, presented briefly in 1988. The novel follows the narrator Reuven Malter and his friend Daniel Saunders, as they grow up in the Williamsburg neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. The story takes place over a period of six years, beginning in 1944 when the protagonists were fifteen years old. It is set against the backdrop of the historical events of the time: the death of President Roosevelt, the end of World War II, the revelation of the Holocaust in Europe, and the struggle for the creation of the state of Israel. Literary themes within the book include the pursuit of truth in a gray world, the strength of friendship, and the importance of father-son bonds. Another important theme is the contrast of tradition to modernity.

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During a weekend in March, we will be visiting *Jewish Genealogy*. More specifically, on **Friday, March 18 at 7:45p.m.**, the Committee will be presenting a panel discussion relating to the family history of three congregants, the immigration trail of those congregants and how they reconstructed their family history. I know it will be an enlightening presentation. If you wish to serve on the panel, please contact Sheila Fishman at 813-833-7843 or at [gold17@verizon.net](mailto:gold17@verizon.net).

Then, on **Sunday, March 20**, 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.



*Michelle McCormick reads to local preschoolers during a Chanukah presentation in December. Michelle and Mags sang songs, helped the kids play with the giant dreidel, and read stories about the holiday.*

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The Oldman Family  
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Lauren, Jeff, Justin & Jordan Shaw  
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The Torop Family  
Amy & Dan Weinstein  
Lauren Weisman  
Clifford & Leslie Will



Our inaugural **IronChef: Latke**, held on December 12th, brought people of all ages to the temple to sample and judge the savory Chanukah tradition! Four chefs submitted their talents and receipies for the competition—one of which made his latkes for the very first time! The secret ingredient (if you're a fan of IronChef, you know what we mean) was simply love. All four versions were positive-ly delicious (and quite varied!), but only one can reign supreme! That honor went to **Jeff Frieman** (holding the large platter above) who added that he couldn't have done it without the help of his wonderful wife, Janice. Attendees were treated to a delectable spread of freshly prepared salads to balance all that fried goodness. You've got a year to work on your secret recipe...are you up to the task?



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### Funds:

- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
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## Anniversaries

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

## Yahrzeits



1/1	Tatyana	Gudz	Grandmother	of	Lana	Goldfarb
1/1	David	Sanders	Stepfather	of	Sheila	Slavkin
1/2	Alyssa Madison	Schwab-Powell	Daughter	of	Paulette	Schwab-Powell
1/3	Seth	Weiner	Friend	of	Errol	Fishman
1/4	Margot	Boraks	Mother	of	Renate	Greenfield
1/4	Marilyn Stockelman		Mother-in-Law	of	Christine	Stockelman
1/4	Virginia	Finke	Mother	of	Mark	Finke
1/6	Sally	Bloom	Mother	of	Gail	Verlin
1/6	Lazar	Gold	Father	of	Marty	Gold
1/8	Irene	Fagan	Great Grandmother	of	Jessica	Berdit
1/8	Louis	Verlin	Father	of	Michael	Verlin
1/9	Harvey	Jacobson	Brother	of	Peter	Jacobson
1/9	Bob	Finkel	Cousin	of	Steve	Feldman
1/9	Aaron	Ferman	Grandfather	of	Joel	Edelson
1/10	Harold	Kaplan	Grandfather	of	Lauren	Davis
1/10	Robert	Northrop	Father	of	Rob	Northrop
1/10	Sharon	Milden	Mother	of	Marci	Glassman
1/10	Jack	Goldberg	Father	of	Michelle	Dempsey
1/10	Elayne	Raiskin	Mother	of	David	Raiskin
1/12	Amada "Amy"	Ferman	Grandmother	of	Joel	Edelson
1/12	Frieda Herszkowitz		Mother	of	Phyllis	Newman
1/12	Aline	Brandwein	Mother	of	Anita	Clifford
1/15	Selma	Sperry	Mother	of	Bruce	Sperry
1/16	Myna	Kalbas	Mother	of	Bill	Kalbas
1/17	David	Brill	Grandfather	of	Myron	Feldman
1/17	Bess	Robin	Mother	of	Anita	Hoffman
1/18	David	Greene	Grandfather	of	Gayle	Borgen
1/19	Samuel	Raiskin	Father	of	David	Raiskin
1/19	Meyer	Bloom	Father	of	Gail	Verlin
1/20	Kenneth	Fox	Father	of	Jill	Tyree
1/20	Costa	Giantsos	Father	of	Vickie	Goldberg
1/20	Richard A.	Blake	Grandfather	of	Jessica	Berdit
1/21	Pearl	Brill	Grandmother	of	Myron	Feldman
1/21	Jack Vandeventer		Stepfather	of	Christina	Frye
1/21	Sol	Zweibach	Father	of	Stephen	Zweibach
1/21	Marshall	Goldberg	Son	of	Ruth	Goldberg
1/23	Joe	Newman	Father	of	Milton	Newman
1/23	Solomon	Gudz	Grandfather	of	Lana	Goldfarb
1/24	Irving	Dinnerman	Father	of	Tammie	Hebert
1/26	Sarah	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sandra	Roberts
1/26	Abraham	Levine	Father	of	Marcia	Weiner
1/27	Vivian	Kay	Grandmother	of	Iylene	Miller
1/28	Mina	Oliveira	Mother	of	Marina	Baker
1/28	Florence	Workman	Mother	of	Anna	Feldman
1/28	Vincent	Garafola	Father	of	Christina	Frye
1/28	Marie J.	Morrison	Great Grandmother	of	Jessica	Berdit
1/28	Ann	Rogovin	Mother	of	Richard	Rogovin
1/29	Eugene	Green	Father	of	Rita	Tiller



## Birthdays

1/1	Sophia	Savitt
1/2	Jason	Howard
1/2	Sarah	Meyers
1/4	Sharon	Aronson
1/5	Philip Harris	Smith
1/5	Natasha	Rieger
1/5	Richard	Oldman
1/7	Lisa	Browne
1/8	Marci	Glassman
1/9	Rachelle	Slater
1/9	Bill	Noyes
1/10	Lauren	Shaw
1/10	Sarah	Smith
1/11	Joseph	Provenzano
1/12	Stephen	Criden
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1/13	Cindi Helen	Clifford
1/15	Karen	Blanchard
1/15	Olivia	Sukloff
1/15	Michael	McCormick
1/16	Steven	Birnholtz
1/17	Laurie	Edelson
1/17	Diane	Jacobson
1/18	Alex	Friedman
1/18	Andrew	Pelk
1/19	Danita	Freedman
1/19	Collette	Neuman
1/19	David	Rubin
1/20	Gayle	Borgen
1/20	Adam	Weinstein
1/20	Christina	Frye
1/23	Clara	Barnett
1/24	Stephen	Yavelow
1/24	Steve	Nixon
1/24	Caren	Katz
1/24	Garrett	Borgen
1/24	Lauren	Davis
1/25	Mallory	Friedman
1/25	Hannah	Torop
1/25	Kari	Halperin
1/25	Cynthia	Goldstein
1/27	Aaron	Weinstein
1/29	Frank Jakob	Moneymaker
1/30	Errol	Fishman

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.

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you are planning an event or meet-  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NEW YEARS DAY 7:45 P Shabbat Service	2
3 NO RS	4 7:30P ShabAlive Band Reh	5 6:15P Life. Learn. Comm. 7:30P Board Mtg.	6 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class 7:30P Cemetery Comm.	7	8 7:45 P Shabbat Service— YAD Shabbat	9 10:00A Bible & Bagels
10 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tois 12:30P Purim Auditions (1:00p NorthSTR event ) Maimonides Event	11 6:00P PageTurners 7:30P ShabAlive Band	12 7:30P Lifelong Learning	13 6:15P Hebrew School 6:15P Art After Dark 6:30P Wineglasses 7:30P Ritual Committee	14	15 Kibbitzer Deadline 7:00 Family Shabbat Svc/ Simchat Shabbat	16
17 9:30A RS 12:30P Purim Rehearsal 4:00 BESTY Board 5:30P Wineglasses	18 MLK DAY Hills. Co. NO School	19 Hills. Co. NO School 7:30P Lifelong Learning	20 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	21	22 7:45 P Shabbat Service 7:00P Family Shabbat	23 Gasparilla children B'not Mitzvah—Richter/ Goldberg
24 TB&JEC 6th Gr Prog. 9:30 RS: 7th Gr. Fam Pgm 12:30P Purim Rehearsal	25 5:30P Dinner with the Tribe 7:30P ShabbatAlive Band Rehearsal.	26 7:30P Exec. Comm. Mtg.	27 6:15P Hebrew School 7:30P Ritual Comm.	28 7:30P ShabAlive Band	29 NFTY Hatikvah (Dor Dorim— Weston) 7:45 P Shabbat Service / Shabbat Alive	30 NFTY Hatikvah
31 NFTY Hatikvah 9:30 RS: 4/5 Gr Fam Prog. 12:30P Purim Rehearsal  JCC/Fed President's Dinner.						



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