

The Kibbitzer

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From the Rabbi

The Power of Speech

I remember vividly the first time my kids were old enough to really understand the old Abbott and Costello routine “Who’s on first? What’s on second?” They grasped how two people could talk without understanding each other at all and thought that the misunderstandings and miscommunications were hilarious. As a baseball fan, that dialogue is still one of my favorites. Outside of Abbott and Costello, however, conversations like that are more likely to sadden me than make me laugh.

It’s not news that we live in a time in which our ability to disagree with respect is at an all-time low. The hostile manner in which we talk and argue is woven into our national discussions and our communal and interpersonal conversations. It’s easy to read this and nod our heads in agreement; it’s easy to assume that the disrespect and harshness of dialogue is what others do and that we ourselves are innocent of such behavior. That is rarely the case. We are all part of conversations and disagreements. Chances are that we are at the very least disrespectful and harsh on occasion, or that we remain silent in the presence of the disrespect of others, failing to point out behavior that has the potential to do real damage.

And speech that is disrespectful, that dishonors good intentions or demeans someone else is damaging. Proverbs 18:21 teaches that “death and life are in the power of the tongue.” The tongue – our words, our tone, the attitude conveyed by our speech – can destroy. It can destroy a person’s spirit, her sense of connection to family, his desire to be part of a community. Perhaps that is why fully one fourth of the confessional statements we make on Yom Kippur concern language.

Within our own community, we are not immune from struggles over how to have respectful, sensitive conversation – especially when we disagree. At URJ Camp Coleman, where I have spent many years, there are four values that guide all that happens in that close-knit community, values that our board has adopted and that we as a congregation should embrace. These are not simply internal feelings but actions that must be reflected in our words and behavior.

- We must treat everyone with kavod (respect) – for their views, their good intentions, their commitment.
- Everything we say should add to the creation of a kehillah kedoshah (a holy community).
- Each person is created b’tzelem elohim (in the image of God), calling upon us to respect their unique opinions and perspective.
- And finally, we must work to create shalom – harmony and peace – as we work toward the common goal of a vibrant center of Jewish life at Beth Shalom.

As we prepare each week for silent prayer, we reflect on the words of the Psalmist: “My God, guard my speech from evil and my lips from deception ... I will practice humility.” May we take these words from the synagogue each week – into our hearts and our lives.



FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

How do you explain us?

I hope your summer is going well and you enjoyed a vacation. Or, are about to take one. Pack your *Kibbitzer*! Carol Anne and I spent Memorial Day weekend in the mountains of North Georgia. Saturday, after hiking with the dogs, we took them to swim in Lake Chatuge. Lake access is gained by driving towards the back of the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, which doubles as a campground. We parked next to a huge RV, owned by a family of University Florida gator fans. It was obvious from the gator decal. Their political leanings were just as obvious. That decal was adhered just below the gator decal. We struck up a conversation anyway.

In a short time, we knew a few things about them and they knew a few things about us, including the fact that I am the current president of a small reform synagogue in a community near Tampa. At some point, while talking politics, I was asked, "On this particular issue, shouldn't all Jewish people feel this way? How many different sects of Jewish people are there?"

After pausing for a few seconds, I responded, "How much time do you have?" Seriously? Without asking Siri, I'm thinking, well, we're all descendants of 12 tribes ..., but, there's two main groups – Ashkenazim and Sephardic. But really, we're either Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform Jews. Well, there's Chassidic, and Reconstructionist Jews. And then there's happy Jews, and sad Jews, and rich Jews, and poor Jews. You see where I'm going with this? These were really nice, educated people, but even today, we still have to deal with some degree of ignorance. So, without consulting a text book, how do you answer a question like this? I want a full report from each of you.

In similar fashion, about three years ago, I was in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. I was the only Jew in the cast,

and played the part of Mendel, the rabbi's son. Apparently, I wasn't tall enough to play Tevye.

The director asked if my rabbi would come speak to the cast about "Jewish Life." I asked, and Rabbi Torop agreed. Just prior to the start of rehearsals, the day Rabbi Torop was scheduled to speak, the director asked, "Could you spend 20 minutes telling the cast what life was like for Jewish people in 1904, Russia?" Twenty minutes? Again, I thought, "Are you kidding? How's 20 years sound? I mean no disrespect to the director, or the nice people Carol Anne and I had recently met, but, how do you explain us - past or present - in one conversation?"

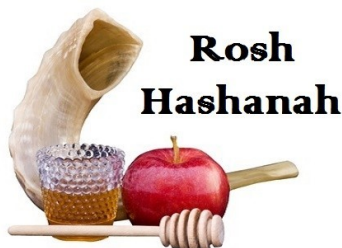
On a lighter note, later this (June) month, we will be attending a reunion of the North Florida Region, B'nai Brith Youth Group, in Orlando. AZA for the boys and BBG for the girls. It is for all who were involved from 1969 to 1983. An article was published about this event in the *Florida Jewish News* on June 9. It will be wonderful to see old (really old) friends I haven't seen for more than 40 years. Perhaps you'll hear about it in the August *Kibbitzer*!

Have a wonderful rest-of-the-summer.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 27th



**Rosh
Hashanah**

*An Event For
All To Learn
About the
Jewish New
Year*

Welcome,
neighbors!

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-k through 10th grade**
- ✧ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✧ **Youth group programming**
- ✧ **Adult Education classes**
- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, July 9, 4 p.m.:** Tampa Jewish Singles, *The Art of The Brick* exhibit. For more information, see page 6.
- **Monday, July 17, 6-7 p.m.:** Page Turners. For more information, see page 6.
- **Sunday, Aug. 13, 9:30 a.m. – noon:** Annual CBS Open House. Please see Membership on page 5 for more information.
- **Sunday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m.:** First day of religious school.
- **Sunday, Aug. 27:** Community partnership task force, *A Jewish New Year Open House*, more information on page 4.

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

Administrative Director Opening

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon is seeking an administrative director. We are a warm, caring inclusive reform Jewish community. Part time, 20 hours weekly, compensation will be \$16-18 per hour.

We are seeking a multi-tasker who can work with little or no supervision, has excellent technical skills and 3 to 5 years of office management experience. Reform Synagogue administrative director experience preferred. In addition to the above mentioned skills, it is imperative this synagogue administrative director candidate is warm, caring and has an outgoing personality.

Please email your resume to:
sfsike67@verizon.net.

July 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 July.

- **July 7: Stephanie & Robert Ferry** are hosting the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **July 14: Mindy & Steve Gale** will host the oneg as a mitzvah because they are happy to be a member of our congregation.
- **July 21: Lynn & Larry Kaler** will host the oneg in honor of Lynn's birthday.
- **July 28: Carol Wagner** will host the oneg in honor of her daughter and grandchildren.

Thanks a bunch to our July oneg hosts!

On behalf of the oneg committee, I wish to express our thanks for helping with our June onegs! If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

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

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bethshalominfo@gmail.com
eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6 pm

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE — David Richter

The committee has completed and submitted a Homeland Security Grant application. Any money awarded will assist in furthering the security of our campus and all who utilize it. Thank you for the hard work of the committee on this project and particular gratitude to committee member Richie Bauman, who authored the grant in record time.

The newly formed Community Partnership Task Force, under the leadership of Rabbi Torop, has met and is looking for ways to reach out to the greater Brandon community. It is reflective, in part, of our definition of security, as it pertains to "The seeding and harvesting of good will

within the outside community."

Our initial program is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 27, and will be *A Jewish New Year Open House*. This is a great way to participate in furthering the security of the synagogue. Let the rabbi know that you are interested in getting involved.

The committee continues to identify and recommend to the board strategies to improve the safety and security of CBS. If you wish to participate, we meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The only prerequisite is a love of our community and a desire to contribute to its safety and security.

KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

What an exciting evening we had on Saturday, May 13th, the night of our potluck dinner and Cabaret! I hope that, if you weren't in attendance, you have seen the wonderful pictures of our performers in *The Kibbitzer* and on our website. Make a pledge not to miss this event next year!

A round of applause to our singers: Lauren Weisman, Steve Slavkin, Sandy Santucci, Janice Perelman, Jeff Newman, Milt Newman, Dave Friedman, and Joan Frankel. And a huge shout out to Phyllis Newman and her committee for the scrumptious meal they provided. And one more thank you to Cynthia Goldstein for her excellent photos.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge all the choir members for their participation this year in the High Holy Days Choir, Shabbat Alive services, and our regular services, including the end-of-the-year service Friday, June 2. There is a close feeling of family within

the group.

Kudos to Christine Stockelman, Lauren Weisman, Cynthia Goldstein, Gail Verlin, Sandy Santucci, Jeff Newman, Janice Perelman, Steve Feldman, Michael Lubin, Milt Newman, Steve Slavkin, Brian Slater, and Joan Frankel for their musical inspiration. And we will always remember our dear friend and cantorial soloist, Kevin Frye.

Now the choir will be placed in vacation mode for two months. They'll need that time, because they'll return soon enough to rehearse for the High Holy Days. Watch *The Kibbitzer* for more details. Our first rehearsal night will be Monday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and fun-filled summer!

*Shalom and G-d bless,
Joan E. Frankel*

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OTHER PROGRAMS

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CBS Singles Over 50

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Dinner with the Tribe

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to the **Safety and Security Committee** for preparing and submitting the grant to Homeland Security. The process required a lot of time and diligence.
- Kudos to all of the families who donated toward the budget deficit challenge. **Peter & Diane Jacobson, Murray & Jerilyn Dimant, Bill & Laurie Noyes, Errol & Sheila Fishman, Bill & Jan Golden, Stephen & Anna Feldman, Jeffrey & Gale Borgen, Anna Maria Brubaker & Keren Vergon, Michael & Gail Verlin, Joseph & Carole Plesur, Bruce & Janice Sperry, Dave & Carol Anne Friedman, Dave Rubin, Mark & Sheryl Finke, Jay & Jisela Bolnick, Carol Wagner, Joan Frankel, Gerald & Judith Pliner, Caren Magdovitz, Barbara Glaser, Jill Oppolo, Bill & Jackie Kalbas, Julie Enzser, Scott & Kelley Ellis, Jason & Lisa Tackus, James & Lisa Smith, and Jeff & Sara Goodman.**



*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

It's almost time for our annual Open House event – this year it is on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 9:30 am - noon. Every group and organization that is part of Congregation Beth Shalom is invited to have a display at Open House. Attendees will include members and non-members alike. A light bagel breakfast will be available that day for all who attend. All displays need to be hosted by a group/organization member to explain about their group. For your convenience, religious school registration will also take place at Open House.

At the event, there will be a 60/40 fundraising raffle, plus a chance to win door prizes for all those who complete an event questionnaire. Also it's a great chance to catch up with fellow congregants "after the summer" to say hello. You don't want to miss it!

This year, there is a registration deadline for display table space. Any group/committee/organization that is part of Beth Shalom needs to notify Gail Verlin, membership co-chairman, by July 20, to have a display at this year's event. If we do not hear from you by phone or e-mail by July 20,



You're invited to our open house!

we cannot guarantee there will be a space for your display, because space is limited! For your display, you will need a sign (12-14") identifying your group, information to hand out about your group and a "treat" for your visitors. This is a great opportunity to inform people about your group.

We are also asking everyone who has a display to help us provide the food for our light breakfast. Here is what we need: sliced bagels, baked goods (cookies, cakes, brownies, donut holes), cream cheese, spreadable butter or margarine, orange juice, milk, cut-up fresh fruit, coffee creamer and paper goods (juice cups, coffee cups, napkins, small plates, forks, knives).

See you at the Sunday, Aug. 13, Open House event, and remember to reserve your space for Open House by July 20! For more details, please contact Gail Verlin at (813) 988-8193, or gverlin@verlingroup.com.

Have a wonderful summer!

*Gail Verlin (813-988-8193) Membership Co-Chairmen
Judith Pliner (856-816-2578) Membership Co-chairmen*

LIFELONG LEARNING—Richie Bauman



Okay, it's July, it's hot, Congregation Beth Shalom is quiet, and nothing much is going on Life-Long Learning-wise. This is your chance to be creative!

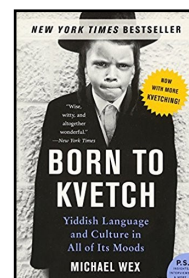
First of all, there a gazillion Jewish things to read. We could start easily with URJ's Ten Minutes of Torah, conveniently delivered to your email daily (<http://www.reformjudaism.org/sign-receive-ten-minutes-torah>.) Or, you could be as crazy as I am and start reading the Bible, cover to cover. Or for those really deep into stuff, there's the Talmud, all 50 or so volumes.

Okay, so you're not that crazy about our sacred texts; how about Jewish Literature? From James Michener's *The Source* to Bernard Malamud's and Sholom Aleichem's short stories, there is an incredible mix of readables. For

those looking for fun, try *Born To Kvetch* by Michael Wek or *The Joys of Yiddish* by Leo Rosten.

Too hot to read? Listen to Jewish music! There's Jewish Rock Radio on the internet plus many recordings up there too. Oy Songs, Amazon and iTunes are all great sources for Jewish music, both of the sacred or service kind and secular. And then of course, there is Klezmer - Jewish Jazz!

There are just so many choices - and don't forget Page Turners on Monday, July 17, from 6-7 p.m. The book is *Born to Kvetch: Yiddish Language and Culture in All of Its Moods* by Michael Wex. A light dairy meal provided. We will kibbitz, nosh and discuss.



TAMPA JEWISH SINGLES

Tampa Jewish Singles are going to see an exhibit downtown. The Art Of The Brick is a show of more than 100 elaborate sculptures by Nathan Sawaya. The event is free and presented as

a gift to the Tampa Bay community by the Vinik Family Foundation. It is the world's largest display of Lego art. The exhibit has been drawing huge crowds around the world since 2007, and is one of the top 10 global exhibitions, according to CNN. This is a terrific public art experience and we should go see it.



When: Sunday, July 9, 4 p.m.

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EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

I hope you are enjoying summer to the fullest! Just some reminders:

Open House and religious school registration will be held Sunday, Aug. 13. Our first day of religious school will be Sunday, Aug. 20. You will be receiving more information soon.

We provided many of our students with supplemental material at the beginning of the summer. We hope that they will have the opportunity to continue working on their Hebrew these next few months.

Please use the materials, online resources and Shabbat services to keep their acquisition of Hebrew strong. If you would like some additional ideas for the next several weeks, please feel free to contact Rabbi Torop, Karen or me.

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

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Listings

If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to thekibbitzer@hotmail.com by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon
 at 813-785-6324 or
kvergon@verizon.net



Chavurah Membership

Are you looking to make new friends or deepen your current friendships? Joining a Congregation Beth Shalom Chavurah may be your answer.



We have several groups of "Chavurot" which meet monthly. Each group decides where to meet and what is on the program. It may be as simple as a potluck dinner at someone's home or meeting at the JCC for an art festival. Our Chavurot have celebrated holidays together as extended families, sponsored onegs, and gone camping together.

We welcome all new and current members of CBS and look forward to hearing from you! If you are interested in joining a Chavurah, please contact Lynn Kaler at bluegingy@aol.com or Caren Magdovitz at ctmagdo@aol.com.

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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, and 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.

Interior Wish List:

Large Print Copies of Mishkan HaNefesh (the High Holy Day Prayerbook) Contact Rabbi Torop for details

Large coolers

Water supply for Cafe Shalom

Commercial oven

Free standing literature stand (floor model)

8—New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in navy blue

8—New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths 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

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MITZVAH MADNESS

An occasional column to highlight the meaningful projects our congregation and b'nai mitzvah students have a passion about.

School Supplies Collection

The Religious School Parent Association is providing an opportunity for everyone to practice the fundamental Jewish values of:

1) *Gemilut Hasidim* (acts of kindness); 2) *Tzedakah* (charity); and 3) *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). We have partnered up

with A Kid's Place, a non-profit organization located in Tampa. Their mission is to "provide(s) residential services to children from birth to age 18, who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment, and to provide a variety of services, which meet the social, educational, medical, and psychological needs of the child."

Given that there are more than 5,000 foster children in the Tampa Bay Area, they are in desperate need of school supplies. These children deserve to have the same benefits that our children do- the opportunity to start their school year off with the necessary essentials to aid in their success.

The following is a list of the school supplies they are most in need of:

- * Glue sticks
- * Elmer's glue
- * Markers
- * Pens (blue, black, red)
- * Flash drives
- * Sturdy backpacks
- * Zippered binders (middle school students)
- * Athletic socks (black or white)
- * Underwear
- * New tennis shoes

There will be a donation bin located in the foyer at CBS.

For more information, or other opportunities to give, you may visit their website: www.akidsplacetb.org.

Thank you in advance for your donations! Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you in the fall!

Jackie Mayer
Chair-Religious School Parent Association



Mason Bee Houses



For my bar mitzvah project, I am creating mason bee houses. Mason bees are non-stinging, non-honey-making bees; they are just pollinators.

The bee houses will be sold for \$5, and the money will be donated to Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger.

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Jacob Garbett

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- ✓ **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.



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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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.
- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
- **Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund are placed in an investment account and temporarily restricted or can be defined/restricted by the donor. This fund ensures the future of our temple.
- **Religious School Scholarship Fund:** These funds will be made available to Religious School students who are in need of tuition assistance, as determined confidentially by the Treasurer.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** a fund for assistance to families in need, scholarship assistance, interfaith council, Holocaust museum and other endeavors at the Rabbi's discretion.
- **Youth Group Fund:** a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

If you wish to designate a gift to a particular purpose, for example, Food Bank, Choir, Oneg, Social Action, etc., you may do so by noting as such on your payment method or with an accompanying note; otherwise, your gift will be used where it is needed most.

Opportunities:

- **Adopt-A-Book:** A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life:** The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- **Yahrzeit Plaque:** To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in the Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
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Donations listed below were received between May 16 and June 15.

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Anniversaries

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|------|--------------------|-----------|
| 7/2 | Michael & Virginia | Barnett |
| 7/3 | Jay & Jisela | Bolnick |
| 7/4 | Seth & Paige | Dugan |
| 7/7 | Mark & Michelle | Dempsey |
| 7/10 | Mark & Sheryl | Finke |
| 7/16 | Steven & Kristan | Birnholtz |
| 7/20 | Gary & Marci | Glassman |
| 7/26 | Cesar & Heidi | Rojas |



Yahrzeits

| | | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----|---------|------------|
| 7/1 | Joseph | Taratoot | Grandfather | of | Sandra | Roberts |
| 7/2 | Kalman | Feinstein | | | | |
| 7/5 | Rose | Billet | Grandmother | of | Nancy | Landfish |
| 7/5 | Rosalie | Goldstein | Mother | of | Cynthia | Goldstein |
| 7/8 | Gertrude | Siegel | Grandmother | of | Eric | Miller |
| 7/9 | Mary | Glover | Mother | of | Rob | Northrop |
| 7/9 | Sigmund | Boraks | Father | of | Renate | Greenfield |
| 7/9 | Iris | Prager | Sister | of | Marcia | Weiner |
| 7/9 | Mimi | Evans | Aunt | of | Alan | Weiss |
| 7/10 | Deborah | Glickman | Mother | of | Betsy | Glickman |
| 7/10 | Esther | Lubonne | Mother | of | Carole | Plesur |
| 7/10 | Earl | Zander | Father | of | Diane | Jacobson |
| 7/11 | Minnie | Spaier | Mother | of | Michael | Spaier |
| 7/12 | Phyllis | Linden | Mother | of | Ron | Boyar |
| 7/13 | Harry | Goldstein | Father | of | Cynthia | Goldstein |
| 7/14 | Jack | Spaier | Father | of | Michael | Spaier |
| 7/15 | Sherry | Costello | Sister | of | Amy | Weinstein |
| 7/16 | Irving | Weiner | Husband | of | Marcia | Weiner |
| 7/16 | Phil | Brenner | | | | |
| 7/17 | Tommy | Borrell | Step-father | of | Natasha | Rieger |
| 7/20 | Bernard | Goldberg | Uncle | of | David | Goldberg |
| 7/20 | Sandra | Furman Goldberg | Mother | of | Karen | Pitchon |
| 7/21 | Sally | Rubin | Mother | of | Stan | Rubin |
| 7/23 | Joseph | Gaba | Grandfather | of | Leslie | Boyar |
| 7/24 | Sandor | Winter | Grandfather | of | Gary | Ronay |
| 7/25 | Merrill | Barber | Husband | of | Barbara | Barber |
| 7/26 | Herbert | Cohen | Father | of | Larry | Cohen |
| 7/26 | Lia | Lifschitz | Mother | of | Gabriel | Lifschitz |
| 7/26 | Phillip | Robin | Father | of | Anita | Hoffman |
| 7/28 | Bette | Nusman | Mother | of | Lisa | Murray |
| 7/30 | Lyubov | Shulman | Grandmother | of | Sherry | Leybovich |
| 7/30 | Charlotte | Winter | Grandmother | of | Gary | Ronay |



Birthdays

| | | |
|------|----------|-----------|
| 7/1 | Jeffrey | Shaw |
| 7/2 | Bonny | Karr |
| 7/3 | Rebekah | Dugan |
| 7/3 | Murray | Dimant |
| 7/4 | Benjamin | Miller |
| 7/4 | Benjamin | Sperry |
| 7/6 | Seth | Rieger |
| 7/7 | Joshua | Singer |
| 7/9 | Joshua | Lamattina |
| 7/9 | Leslie | Will |
| 7/10 | Joaquin | Acanda |
| 7/10 | Lauren | Weisman |
| 7/11 | Toby | Koch |
| 7/12 | Anita | Clifford |
| 7/14 | Rudina | Richter |
| 7/16 | Lily | Criden |
| 7/17 | Adina | Miller |
| 7/18 | Talia | Acanda |
| 7/19 | Michael | Barnett |
| 7/20 | Janice | Sperry |
| 7/20 | Lynn | Kaler |
| 7/20 | Zack | Rapp |
| 7/23 | Alicia | Jacobson |
| 7/23 | Jan | Golden |
| 7/24 | Jeffrey | Jacob |
| 7/24 | Larry | Cohen |
| 7/24 | Brittany | Magdovitz |
| 7/24 | Bill | Golden |
| 7/25 | Zach | Criden |
| 7/27 | David | Ellis |
| 7/27 | Jessica | Balot |
| 7/28 | Caroline | Miller |

Simchat Shabbat!

Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

July 28

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.

We encourage you to review our birthday, anniversary and yahrzeit anniversaries each month, and notify the office of any errors.

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July 2017

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| | | | | | | | 1 6:00PM -CBS Brotherhood Event Tampa Bay Storm vs Washington Valor |
| 2 | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | 7:45PM—Shabbat Service | |
| 9 | | 10 | 11 6:30PM—Executive Committee Meeting 7:30PM—Board Meeting | 12 7:30PM—Ritual Committee Meeting | 13 | 14 7:45PM—Shabbat Service | 15 |
| 16 | | 17 6:00PM—Page Turners with Andrea Chassen | 18 6:30PM—Lifelong Committee Learning | 19 6:30PM—Fundraising Committee Meeting 7:30PM—Community Partnership Meeting 7:30PM—Memberships Committee Meeting | 20 | 21 7:45PM—Shabbat Service | 22 |
| 23 | | 24 | 25 | 26 6:30PM—Safety & Security Meeting 7:30PM—Ritual Committee Meeting | 27 | 28 7:45PM—Simcha Shabbat Service | 29 |
| 30 | | 31 | Tishah B'av | | | | |

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