

# The Kibbitzer

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## **GUEST COLUMNIST - Julie Enszer**

### ***In Time and Out of Time: On Jewish Rituals and Temporality***

I write this piece on the last day of Sh'vat anticipating the month of Adar. When you read this, the month of Adar will be half over and everyone will be anticipating the middle of Nisan when we take our first taste of matzah during a Pesach seder. Like many people, Pesach is my favorite holiday. I anticipate with glee all the rituals of the holiday—even cleaning! Since I am not orthodox about my practice or my cleaning, good enough always suffices. This year, throughout March to use the Gregorian calendar for a minute, I will complete the necessary cleaning for the seder, find all the ritual objects for the event as well as the illustrative objects (small plastic lambs and bugs the contribute to the storytelling), purchase a brisket and other celebratory food, and anticipate people gathering around the table and the first taste of matzah on my tongue.

Every year the same activities happen in preparation for Pesach, and every year the preparations are different as they have different meanings, different burdens, and different celebrations in their particular moment in time. Repetition is both similar, exposing the sameness of our years, and dissimilar, making difference more stark through the process of repetition. Jewish rituals, like the Passover seder, offer a way to enter Judaism and to celebrate the circularity of the year. In Jewish life, each year revolves around the holidays and the rituals for their celebration, and, of course, Shabbat and its rituals anchor each week. This weekly and annual repetition of holidays marks both the passage of time and the significance of time in our lives. By recognizing and marking time, we individually and as a community create meaning and renewal.

Jewish rituals and the meanings they create are both “in time” with the lunar calendar and “out of time” with the calendar that rules most of our lives. They are “in time” for people living inside the lunar calendar (a number that in our contemporary lives is small—if even existent!) and “out of time” for people living with the Gregorian calendar. For instance, I had to look the information up on [www.hebcal.com](http://www.hebcal.com) to know what the month was and when I was writing these words. This duality of being in time and out of time is one I return to often as a metaphor. What is happening in life that is “in time” and what is happening that is “out of time”?

This period at CBS where we are without a rabbi is a moment when our congregational life is both “in time” and “out of time.” The board, the search committee, and the ritual committee all work with extraordinary commitment and grace to maintain our religious community and the rituals that bind us together; they keep us collectively “in time,” observing Shabbat, celebrating the days and weeks and milestones of our communal lives. But the absence of a rabbi is palpable; it is unsettling to not have a single figure on the bimah each Friday night—and to not even know what the face of the future rabbi will look like on the bimah in the future! We are collectively “out of time” in our congregational life as we thoughtfully conduct this search and select our next rabbi.

Yet, being “out of time” is something fundamental to our religious practice—a point of pride even for contemporary Jews. Being “out of time” and experiencing the absence of a rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom wakes us up to the importance of ritual and the congregation in our lives. As we collectively move forward in selecting another religious and community leader, may we anticipate the joy of a Jewish year with the new rabbi as we anticipate the taste of matzah on our tongues.

Finally, while the repetition of the holidays and of the year in general fills me with joy and satisfaction, there is one repetition that I am eager to see end—and that I must comment on given the day I am writing this piece. Our neighbors in Broward County experienced a terrible tragedy: another mass shooting at a school. Seventeen young people are dead in Parkland, Fla., and an additional 14 are injured. As of Feb. 14, there have been 30 mass shootings in the U.S. this calendar year; 1,827 people have died because of gun violence. Continued mass shootings, particularly in schools, must end. The answer lies in sensible reforms to gun laws. Celebratory repetitions bring joy and meaning to our lives; repetitions of death from gun violence plague our minds and our spirits—we can do better as a people.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

### ***The Wonders and Evils of Facebook***

Whatever happened to my 9th grade girlfriend, Veronica? I know, I'll do a search on Facebook. WOW! There she is. That's her. Three kids, five grandchildren, lives in Missouri. Boy did she get old. I didn't really search for my first love, but what better way to rediscover old friends, than Facebook?

Facebook is a marvelous way to keep current, even when months or years pass without direct contact. You can witness each other's life events, see photos of family members, let them know they're in your thoughts, etc.

There is also a negative side to Facebook. Besides the annoyance of people posting their strong political views, there has been extensive research conducted showing an increase in depression and lowered self-esteem due to too much Facebook time. Think about it. Most people post happy, smiling pictures of themselves having fun, doing things around town, enjoying vacations. People, especially kids, can get a skewed view of others and compare themselves to what they see on Facebook. The concept of "Facebook envy" has appeared in the literature because people compare their own life to what they see on their friends Facebook pages.

According to Dr. Hanna Krasnova, who led a social media study at the Humboldt University (Berlin), "In a world without social media, we would only be subject to our acquaintances' tantalizing vacation pictures if they were close friends and sitting down for a cup of coffee. In these cases, the richness of the honest-to-goodness interpersonal

communication would probably eclipse feelings of jealousy. But when it comes to online interaction, we're assaulted with the annoying highlights of the lives of every Tom, Dick, and Harry we've clicked a button to accept into our lives – whether they're actual friends, or people we've only met a time or two. Ironically, though we probably don't have offline relationships with too many of our Facebook acquaintances, their online presence is enough to invoke the negative feelings, as we inevitably compare ourselves to them"



Our own Facebook page affords us the opportunity to post photos and our opinions, stand up for our beliefs, vent, and even ask for prayers. We can also react to what our friends post, but here's the possible pitfall – are we getting the complete story before giving praise and kudos?

If I post, "hey, great State of the Union speech! Love what the president said about building more nuclear plants, and exploring off-shore areas for oil and gas."

What thoughts are you having right now? If one of your friends had posted this, what would your reaction be? Be honest with yourself. How would you respond?

What if I told you these words WERE taken from the State of the Union Address, but in 2010? Now what are you thinking?

I may or may not see you on Facebook, but I will see you at temple!

### **Save The Date For The Annual CBS Retreat**



The 2018 Congregation Beth Shalom  
Annual Retreat is  
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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Friday, March 2, 7 p.m.:** Shabbat at the Ranch. Details on page 9.
- **Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.:** Torah study and brief service with Rabbi Address.
- **Saturday, March 10.:** CBS Poker Night.
- **Monday, March 19: 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 6.
- **Friday, March 23, 7:45 p.m.:** Shabbat Sh'Challah Simcha. Details on page 6.
- **Saturday, March 24: 6 p.m.:** Parents Night Out.
- **Sunday, March 25 9 a.m.:** CBS Blood drive. Details on page 5.
- **Sunday, March 25: 9:45 a.m.:** Torah Tots.
- **Friday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.:** First night Passover service.
- **Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m.:** Second night Passover Seder. More information on page 9.
- **Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.:** Community-wide, interfaith Yom HaShoah service. Sun City Center United Methodist Church, 1201 Del Webb Blvd. West. More information on page 8.
- **Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m.:** Havdallah service and diversity panel. Details on page 8.
- **Sunday, April 15, 11:30 a.m.:** Yom Ha'Atzmaut festival. More information on page 8.
- **Saturday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.:** Cabaret Night. More information on page 8.

*Religious Education Calendar, page 7;*

## March 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 March.

- **March 2:** Shabbat at the Ranch. More info on page 9.
- **March 9: Sheila & Errol Fishman and Dave & Carol Anne Friedman** will host the oneg in honor of Rabbi Address who will lead our Shabbat service.
- **March 16: Toby Koch & Alan Weiss** will host the oneg in honor of their 41st anniversary.
- **March 23: The Life-Long Learning Committee** will host the oneg with a variety of yummy fresh baked challahs! More information about this night are on page 6.
- **March 30:** Passover begins so there will not be an oneg.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee I want to express our sincere thanks for the generosity of our March hosts!

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).

*Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman*

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## RABBI SEARCH- *Sheila Fishman*

### ***Our Continuing Spiritual Leadership***

Last month, I described our journey as a whitewater raft trip. Well now we are in still waters organizing for the next series of choppy waters. We did meet with Rabbi Roger Lerner from Feb. 20-22. Many of you provided your input via Survey Monkey. The Rabbi Search Committee did meet Tuesday, Feb.27, to discuss the next steps in the process.

At this time, we are:

- Considering onsite visits to the congregations of the rabbis under consideration. A few members of the committee have offered to make the trips at their own expense.
- Bringing our preferred candidate(s) back to CBS for a second visit and negotiations.
- Finalizing the candidate selection and negotiations.
- Recommending our rabbinic leader to the board for consideration and vote.

Once these steps are completed, it is our goal to share our next rabbinic leader with you, the membership of Congregation Beth Shalom. I would expect that an announcement will be made in late March or early April.

Remember □ despite all that is happening, we do have excellent congregational and spiritual leadership. Rabbi Richard Address and Cantor Moshe Friedler continue to visit us. Rabbi Address will be with us on the Shabbat weekend of March 9 and 10, while Cantor Friedler will be leading us through our second night Passover Seder on March 31. Sandy Santucci, Joan Frankel, and Kolot Shalom work diligently to ensure that each Shabbat is filled with joy and music. So many members of our Ritual Committee, under the leadership of Steve Slavkin, continue to provide spiritual leadership during our weekly Shabbat services.

Further, our youth's spiritual journey and education has not been interrupted. Keren Vergon has assumed the B'Nai Mitzvah duties normally handled by our rabbi. With Keren's dedication, our children will, in no way, miss a step in the preparation for their special day. Amy Weinstein and Karen Blanchard maintain our religious school with the same enthusiasm and caring they have always shown. Additionally, Karen has taken on the confirmation class with great skill as well.

## KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES



Thank you to our Shabbat Alive choir. From back left: Brian Slater, Jeff Newman, Milt Newman, Andy Daley, Motti Elazar. Front left: Joan Frankel, Gail Verlin, Sandy Santucci, Janice Perelman, Lauren Weisman, Christine Stockelman, and Cynthia Goldstein.

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

#### KUDOS

- Kudos to **Steve Slavkin** and the **ritual committee**, and **Amy Weinstein**, **Karen Blanchard**, and **Keren Vergon** for helping to “hold down the fort” in the absence of a rabbi.
- To the **fundraising committee**, led by **Mitch and Suzie Baylis**, and greatly helped by **Anna and Steve Feldman** and **Gerry and Judith Pliner**, who did a marvelous job with the Mardi Gras Gala. And kudos to everyone who helped out at the event.
- Kudos to **Sheila Fishman** and the **rabbi search committee**, especially **Toby Koch**, **Richie Bauman**, **David Richter**, **Gerry Pliner**, **Sheila Slavkin**, **Janice Perelman**, and **Christine Stockelman** as they continue to put in the tremendous hours required to handle the process properly. And to **Carol Anne Friedman** for arranging for the food during the rabbi visits.
- Kudos to **Michelle McCormick** and the **nominating committee** for their work on the slate of the new board.



#### MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Tiffany Feldman** for having 3 hamentaschen recipes published on Kosher.com. Check out all of them at <https://www.kosher.com/lifestyle/the-100-best-hamentaschen-recipes-of-all-time-330>.

*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).*

## Congregation Beth Shalom Blood Drive

Sunday, March 25

9—11 a.m.

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## LIFELONG LEARNING—Richie Bauman



Purim is a fun holiday - for the kids, it's a time to be loud, dress up (out version of Halloween or Mardi Gras), shake pasta boxes and twirl groggers and get full on all kinds of hamentaschen. And so we introduce the Book of Esther - one of the most curious of our Biblical Books as G-d doesn't play a role here at all! The protagonists and antagonists are all humans - G-d, angels, etc. just don't have a real role here.

And that's where the rabbis had such a problem with the book - how can we canonize a text that doesn't have G-d as a role at all. Well, somehow it sneaked in and, if you read it, you'll see that the story is really a lot more complex than the story we were told in religious school.

And to take it to the next level, kids are not the only ones allowed to have fun on Purim. Purim is the one time during the year we are allowed to be drunk! According to the ancient rabbis, we have to drink enough until we can't tell the difference between Mordechai and Haman. It's true - it says so in the Talmud!

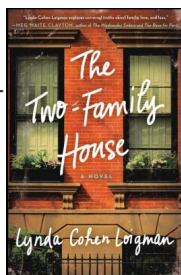
### PAGE TURNERS

Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet for a discussion of *The Two Family House, A Novel*, by Lynda Cohen Loigman.

Loigman's debut novel is an engrossing family saga set in post-war Brooklyn. It focuses on two families that are inextricably linked by blood, marriage, and a long-held secret. Brothers Abe and Mort took over their family box business when their father died, even though Mort had his heart set on studying mathematics. The brothers and their families share a two-family house. As the story opens in 1947, wives Rose and Helen are themselves as close as sisters, happily bringing up their children together. Rose and Mort have three young daughters, and Helen and Abe, on the top floor, are bringing up four sons. Then, the two women get pregnant at the same time, deliver their babies together during a horrible blizzard, and make an instant decision to swap the babies that will change all of their lives forever. The story follows the families through decades.

Loigman's use of shifting perspectives allows readers to witness first-hand the growing consequences of long-festered secrets and the insidious lies that cover them up. This historical family drama has a dark underbelly, but Loigman's decision to let the reader in on the secret allows the setting and mood of the novel take over as the characters move haltingly toward redemption and peace.

With the book discussion, a light dinner will be offered. Our moderator for the evening will be Sheila Fishman.



### Upcoming events

• **Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.:** Torah study and brief service with Rabbi Address.

• **Friday, March 23, 7:45 p.m.:** Calling all challah bakers and those that want to be! Join us on Shabbat Shachallah featuring the traditions and customs of making challah. Congregants are invited to put on their aprons and knead up their best challah and bring that masterpiece to the temple. Following services we will be eating these wondrous delights and sharing recipes, if you will. Please R.S.V.P. to Sheila Fishman at [gold17@verizon.net](mailto:gold17@verizon.net) if you wish to participate. Here's your chance to get your fill before Pesach begins!

### Thank you

A special thanks to those that sponsored/helped out with our Scholar-in-Residence program - first and foremost, Andrea Chassen - as without her, it would just not have happened. Thanks also to Sheila and Errol Fishman, Dave and Carol Anne Friedman, Steve and Sheila Slavkin and Mark

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## EDUCATION—Amy Weinstein

As we approach the last several months of our school year, I want to take the time to remind everyone of our mission and vision statements.

### Vision Statement

The Congregation Beth Shalom Religious School strives to lay a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge in order to produce lifelong Jewish learners who are committed to a Jewish community.

### Mission Statement

The mission of Congregation Beth Shalom Religious School is to inspire in students commitment to avodah (prayer and spiritual growth), to Torah (study), to tikkun olam and gemilut hasadim (repair of the world and acts of loving kindness) through the learning and experience of Jewish texts, holidays, rituals, values, and history.

In order to be successful, our students must attend sessions with consistence. Classes are held Sunday from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. for all students. Our 4<sup>th</sup>-, 5<sup>th</sup>- & 6<sup>th</sup>-graders also attend Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Our Judaic curriculum builds upon past lessons. If a student has multiple absences, it will result in gaps in their Jewish education. The Hebrew curriculum is a prayer-based one. Our students are exposed to Hebrew letters and vowels with the goal of giving them the skills to be active participants in Shabbat and holiday services. We have a limited amount of time with our students. If they do not attend regularly, their Judaic and/or Hebrew education may be compromised.

Please refer to the following information from our Policy and Procedure Handbook.

In order for your child to maximize his/her Jewish education, it is essential that attendance is a family priority. Please contact Amy Weinstein to report your child's absence. Teachers will maintain attendance records for each student. If a student is absent for two consecutive sessions, or if a pattern of absences occurs the teacher or religious school director will contact the family.

Students are expected to make-up any missed assignments due to an absence. Repeated absences may result in additional assignments or a project to cover the missed work.

Thank you for your continued support of our religious school.

### Important Dates

- **Sunday, March 4:** RS
- **Wednesday, March 7:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, March 11:** No RS (Spring Break)
- **Wednesday, March 14:** No Hebrew (Spring Break)
- **Sunday, March 18:** No RS (Spring Break)
- **Wednesday, March 21:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, March 25:** RS (Passover Celebration) & Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, March 28:** Hebrew

## BESTY BEAT

Hey everyone! Our March meeting will be on the Sunday the 4th at 4 p.m. at the Starbucks on FishHawk Blvd.

After that hangout/ meeting it will almost be time for Spring Kallah! It is going to be a great time installing our new regional board, but also a sad time saying goodbye to our seniors.

Following Spring Kallah, on Saturday, March 24th we will be having another Parents Night Out!

It's a packed month but should be lots of fun!

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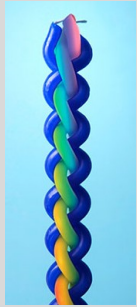
## Joint Venture Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Events with Beth Israel the Jewish Congregation of Sun City Center

This year, our east Hillsborough Reform congregations will offer the following free events:

- Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m., there will be an interfaith, community wide Yom HaShoah service at Sun City Center United Methodist Church, 1201 Del Webb Blvd., West. The service will include prayers, memorial candle lighting and readings, and there will be an interfaith community choir, led by Jeff Jordon. As a community, we will come together to remember what happened to the victims of Hitler, and to remember the heroes who did not live to tell their stories. A carpool will be arranged from CBS to SCC. Please meet at Beth Shalom at 6 p.m. April 11, if interested.



- Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon will host a Havdallah service and diversity panel at 706 Bryan Road, Brandon. Remembering the Holocaust was fueled by the dynamics of discrimination, demonization and marginalization, there will be panel members representing some of our diverse and marginalized community groups. Panel members will share ways in which our community could be more aware of their group's issues and sensitive to their needs. Presentations will be followed by an opportunity for Q&A and general discussion.



- Sunday, April 15, from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom will host a celebratory Yom Ha'Atzmaut festival honoring Israel's 70th birthday. There will be food, music, crafts, games, etc, with something for all ages.



All temple members and friends are invited to join us for our annual **CABARET NIGHT**.

This program grew out of an earlier program we called Evening of Jewish Music. Through research we found that so much music for the musical stage was written by or performed by Jewish musicians. Hence, the idea of a Cabaret Night with a Jewish Music theme was born.  
**COME TO THE CABARET, PET!**

**When:** April 28, 5:30p.m.

**Where:** Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon

### Schedule:

- **5:30 p.m.:** Enjoy the culinary talents prepared by our temple family with a pot luck dinner. BYOB.

- **7 p.m.:** Sit back and enjoy your friends' musical delights as they sing familiar melodies of Broadway. You'll be surprised at the Jewish connections.

Please contact Joan Frankel at 941-539-4324 to join in the show and exhibit your talents and/or Phyllis Newman at 480-209-3710 to add your name to the potluck list.

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## Join us for Passover at Congregation Beth Shalom!

Second Night Seder  
Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m.

Cantor Friedler will lead our 2nd night Seder.

Dinner will be catered by Lynn's Catering. Cost for the Seder is \$36 per adult, \$18 per child 5 – 12 years old, and children under 5 are free, but no meal provided. Grape juice and wine will be served and you may bring your own kosher-for-Passover wine.

Please mail or bring your check to the temple to secure your spot, as seats are limited. R.S.V.P.s must be received by Friday, March 16. Mail-in R.S.V.P.s are preferred, but you may also respond by email to [cbasad-min@hotmail.com](mailto:cbasad-min@hotmail.com), or by calling the temple at 681-6547.

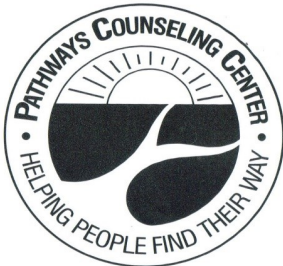
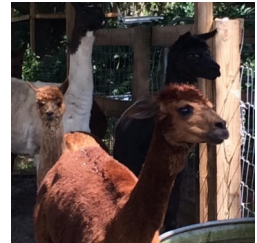
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## Shabbat at the Ranch



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## A MITZVAH TO READ A MISHNAH?

Pirkei Avot is a collection of ethical writings and maxims from the rabbis. Pirkei Avot loosely translates as "Chapters of the Fathers," though I think of it as "Chapters (or Ethics) of the People." (This gender neutral twist on the title will surprise no one who knows me.)

Pirkei Avot is six short chapters that are easy to read and filled with ethical degrees worth grappling with in our contemporary lives. As one example, the words, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And when I am for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" are found in the first chapter of the Pirkei Avot and in the second chapters readers will find, "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it." One tradition is to read the

Pirkei Avot in the weeks between Pesach and Shavuot. This year at Congregation Beth Shalom, people interested in reading Pirkei Avot together between Pesach and Shavuot will gather Sunday mornings from 9:30 am until 10:30 am to discuss a chapter of the book. All are invited to join in these lively and reflective discussions about Jewish ethics inspired by reading Pirkei Avot.

Here is the schedule:

- Sunday April 8: Chapter 1
- Sunday April 15: Chapter 2
- Sunday April 22: Chapter 3
- Sunday April 29: Chapter 4
- Sunday May 6: Chapter 5 & 6

(We will combine the last two chapters to avoid Mother's Day.) Join any or all of the meetings. No commitment re-

quired, no prerequisites to enter. Come if you have read the chapter—and come if you haven't. Jewish ethics are for everyone. We will examine these ethics together and consider how they relate to our lives today.

Pirkei Avot is available for free online here: [https://www.sefaria.org/Pirkei\\_Avot.1?lang=bi](https://www.sefaria.org/Pirkei_Avot.1?lang=bi) and here: [http://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/680274/jewish/Ethics-of-the-Fathers-Pirkei-Avot.htm](http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/680274/jewish/Ethics-of-the-Fathers-Pirkei-Avot.htm). Free translations can be downloaded for all ereaders. Join friends at CBS for a few hours to read, study, discuss, and to reflect on this wonderful text.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Julie Enszer at 813-502-5549 or [JulieREnszer@gmail.com](mailto:JulieREnszer@gmail.com).

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- **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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### 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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## Anniversaries

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 3/23 | Michael & Sarah Meyers  |
| 3/25 | Karen & Jason Blanchard |
| 3/27 | Myron & Jackie Feldman  |
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| 3/28 | Stephen & Anna Feldman  |



## Yahrzeits

|      |                             |                |    |                     |
|------|-----------------------------|----------------|----|---------------------|
| 3/1  | Louis Kay                   | Grandfather    | of | Iylene Miller       |
| 3/2  | Harry Vogel                 | Grandfather    | of | Bonnie Jacob        |
| 3/2  | Leo Bond                    | Grandfather    | of | Joanne Ronay        |
| 3/3  | Terry Magdovitz             | Husband        | of | Caren Magdovitz     |
| 3/3  | Lena Kaplan                 | Mother         | of | Janice Perelman     |
| 3/3  | Louis Glickman              | Father         | of | Betsy Glickman      |
| 3/4  | Sylvia Levine               | Mother         | of | Marcia Weiner       |
| 3/4  | Sharon Ellis                | Mother         | of | Jon Ellis           |
| 3/5  | Sophie Goldman              | Mother         | of | Sharon Aronson      |
| 3/6  | Lois Criden                 | Mother         | of | Stephen Criden      |
| 3/8  | Max Greenfield              | Father         | of | Lawrence Greenfield |
| 3/9  | JoAnn VanDeventer           | Mother         | of | Christina Frye      |
| 3/11 | Irwin Zazulia               | Uncle          | of | Iylene Miller       |
| 3/11 | Victor Vernick              | Friend/Brother | of | David Richter       |
| 3/14 | Benny Skop                  | Grandfather    | of | Nancy Landfish      |
| 3/14 | Victor Leybovich            | Grandfather    | of | Ron Leybovich       |
| 3/14 | Cheryl Feinstein            | Daughter       | of | Ethel Feinstein     |
| 3/15 | Charlie Reisner             | Uncle          | of | Gary Ronay          |
| 3/16 | Helen Weinstein             | Mother         | of | Dan Weinstein       |
| 3/16 | Arthur Ratner               | Father         | of | Ira Ratner          |
| 3/16 | Edith Richter               | Aunt           | of | David Richter       |
| 3/16 | Morris Slater               | Father         | of | Brian Slater        |
| 3/17 | Harry Chaiken               | Great Uncle    | of | Joanne Ronay        |
| 3/18 | Jules Honig                 | Uncle          | of | Rudina Richter      |
| 3/19 | Jack Ber                    | Father         | of | Jill Oppolo         |
| 3/20 | Joseph Koch                 | Father         | of | Toby Koch           |
| 3/20 | Lillian Bellavance Santucci | Mother in Law  | of | Sandy Santucci      |
| 3/22 | Pascuala Roldan             | Mother         | of | Julie Shienbaum     |
| 3/23 | Terri Goldberg              | Mother         | of | David Goldberg      |
| 3/24 | Clara Kish                  | Mother         | of | Ana Brubaker        |
| 3/26 | Laurel Cramer               | Mother         | of | Toby Rhine          |
| 3/27 | Josheph Magdovitz           | Father in Law  | of | Caren Magdovitz     |
| 3/29 | Carl Frye                   | Relative       | of | Christina Frye      |
| 3/29 | Robert Travin               | Father         | of | Justine Lamattina   |
| 3/29 | Ely Sandberg                | Father         | of | Sandy Santucci      |
| 3/31 | Jeffrey Zazulia             | Brother        | of | Iylene Miller       |
| 3/31 | Arlene Greiff               | Mother         | of | Roberta Peterson    |
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| 3/31 | Dorothy Zander              | Mother         | of | Diane Jacobson      |



## Birthdays

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| 3/2  | Scott Ellis        |
| 3/2  | Carol Roberts      |
| 3/3  | Jerilyn Dimant     |
| 3/3  | Megan Birnholtz    |
| 3/6  | Rob Northrup       |
| 3/8  | Jeffrey Borgen     |
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| 3/11 | Allan Weber        |
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| 3/16 | Olivia Smoak       |
| 3/18 | Celia Moskowitz    |
| 3/18 | David Friedman     |
| 3/18 | Tovah Cantrell     |
| 3/20 | Jill Oppolo        |
| 3/20 | Mike Hebert        |
| 3/22 | Steven Gale        |
| 3/23 | Virginia Barnett   |
| 3/23 | Robert Lamattina   |
| 3/31 | Ruth Goldberg      |
| 3/31 | Jisela Bolnick     |

## 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:

**March 23**

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

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the common date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the common date listed, please contact the temple office.

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# March 2018

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|   |   |   |   |  | 1<br>Purim   |   | 2<br>7:00PM Shabbat @ the Ranch | 3 |  |
| 4<br>9:30AM Religious School  | 5<br>7:30PM Choir Rehearsal<br>HCS Closed   | 6<br>6:30PM Executive Committee Mtg.<br>7:30PM Board Mtg. | 7<br>6:15PM Hebrew School<br>6:30PM Conf. Class   | 8<br>11:00AM Women Of Distinction          | 9<br>7:45PM Erev Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Richard Ad-dress<br>Kibbitzer Deadline | 10<br>10:00AM Torah Study & Brief Service w/ Rabbi Ad-dress |                                 |   |  |
| 11  | 12<br>7:30PM Choir Rehearsal<br>HCS Closed  | 13<br>HCS Closed  | 14<br>HCS Closed  | 15<br>7:30PM Choir Rehearsal<br>HCS Closed | 16<br>7:45PM Erev Shabbat Service<br>NFTY Spring Kallah<br>HCS Closed            | 17  |                                 |   |  |
| 18<br>NFTY Spring Kallah  | 19<br>6:00PM Page Turners with Julie Enszer | 20  | 21<br>6:15PM Hebrew School<br>6:30PM Conf. Class<br>7:30PM Membership Meeting                                   | 22   | 23<br>Shabbat Sh'Challah<br>cha  | 24<br>6:00PM Parents Night Out                              |                                 |   |  |
| 25<br>CBS Blood drive<br>9:30AM Religious School<br>9:45AM Torah Tots | 26  | 27  | 28<br>6:15 PM Hebrew School,<br>6:30PM Lifelong Learning and Safety & Security Mtg.,<br>7:30PM Ritual Committee | 29   | 30<br>Passover - 1st Seder<br>5:30PM Service<br>HCS Closed                       | 31<br>Passover - 2nd Seder<br>w/ Cantor Moshe Friedler      |                                 |   |  |

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