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From the Rabbi

Tov l'hodot – It is good to give thanks

The approach of our annual congregational meeting provides a good opportunity to reflect on the year that has past. Each year when I look back, I am struck by the number of you who have made a contribution – of time, talent or resources – to Congregation Beth Shalom. This year is no different. The membership list is not only a list of names. It is a list of contributions, large and small, to the building of our synagogue community.

Some of you sit on the board of directors, chair a committee or sit on a committee. Some of you organized, worked at or solicited contributions for Denim & Pearls. Some of you donated to the High Holy Day appeal or in memory of a loved one. Some of you organized an oneg Shabbat or donated something to help enrich the community building that occurs at each oneg. Some of you cooked a meal for members who are sick or struggling with bereavement. Some of you helped at Sukkah under the Stars or our Chanukah celebration. Some of you raised new ideas and possibilities for our synagogue.

Your partnership and willingness to contribute is what makes Congregation Beth Shalom not just a name, a building, an address – but a true community. And for that, I say, in the words of the psalmist (psalm 92) “Tov l'hodot Adonai – it is good to give thanks to God.” The Holy One of Blessing is reflected in the blessings that you offer to us in everything you do.

What is your next step? Volunteering your time or talents to the synagogue is not only a matter of agreeing to do a needed task (although that is certainly appreciated!) Volunteering is something that should enrich your spirit, bring you fulfillment and joy. What does that for you? Is it knowing that you've brought joy to someone by calling them to say Shabbat Shalom? Is it seeing our young people grow in their connection to Jewish tradition? Is it helping make sure that the synagogue lives up to its mission to be welcoming to everyone? Is it building bridges with churches and mosques that strengthen us all? Is it finding ways to help us contribute to the community at large through acts of mitzvot? How can your contribution to the synagogue bring you meaning? Whether quietly behind the scenes or in a leadership role, what form of involvement and contribution to our synagogue family will bring you fulfillment and meaning?

I am grateful for all that you have done, and blessed in the knowledge that many of you will continue to explore your next steps as committed members of Beth Shalom. In a well-known teaching in Pirkei Avot 2:16 (the teachings of our ancestors), we are told “It is not up to you to finish the work, but you are not free to avoid it altogether.” What is your next step?



FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

Can We All Get Along?

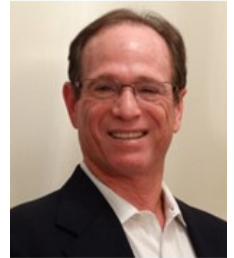
Perhaps you read Gary Gould's article in the March 24 – April 6, edition of the *Jewish Press*. This article, titled "The Wisdom of Rodney King and the Haredim: Part 3" was long, but interesting.

He writes about how the hate crimes that have flooded Jewish communities across America have put a lot of us in an everlasting state of alertness. "To be alert is a good thing, but the anxiety produced can be quite debilitating." Gould gives two possibilities for the recent rise in these detestable acts. "One being the recent contentious bid for the White House. The other could be the recent settlement expansion in Israel."

In his article, rather than focus on the reasons of why, Gould turns his attention to the fact that "We're under attack on many different fronts and now more than ever, when we truly need to stand together, many people are creating conflict in our North American Jewish community. Or, are withdrawing from it because of partisan political differences."

"Like all Synagogues and churches, with 501 (c) (3) non-profit status, we need to go out of our way to not take political stands." I agree with Gould's statement as it applies to what we do at CBS. As president, I, along with the rest of the CBS board, have a responsibility to "hide our political leanings" and unite. This was the main reason the executive committee chose to monitor what gets posted to our Facebook pages. We should reserve our own individual pages for our individual political views. I've already seen how two individuals, who were completely polarized politically on one Facebook page, now work together, side by side on a committee.

Gould writes, "sure, we have a plurality of very diverse opinions – we're all Jews after all, but we need to agree to disagree, civilly and with diplomacy and not pull back from one another or from the community because of red/blue perspectives."



Who are the haredim? This is a group of ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel. Their income level is well under the poverty-line. "In most of these households, the women are the sole bread winners while the men study Torah most of the day. Most of us would frown upon their unhealthy lifestyle. Little exercise, poor diet, etc. And yet, haredi men live three years longer than the rest of the Israeli male population. The haredi women live 18 months longer than other women.

Why do the haredi live so long? Researchers indicate it may be due to the multiple ways the haredim are connected to their communities, social trust and the absence of significant political discord"

To quote Karen Dawkins, who is co-owner and managing editor of the *Jewish Press*, "I can never recall so much division and passions running this high." The tone of the correspondence she's received is angrier than she can remember.

As for the "Philosophy of Rodney King," recall he was arrested and beaten by Los Angeles police in 1992. As a result of the police actions being acquitted, subsequent rioting was responsible for 55 deaths and numerous injuries. Rodney King pleaded, "I just want to say, you know, can we all get along? Can we get along?"

"Make no mistake, the future well-being of our Jewish community depends on it." Well said!

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 10th grade**
- ☆ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**



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- ☆ **Youth group programming**
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Upcoming Dates to Remember



• **Thursday May 4, 6 p.m.:** Interfaith Solidarity Gathering at the Franciscan Center, 3010 N Perry Ave, Tampa. Join Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and those from all faiths in a gathering of prayer, song and reflection on the bonds we share.

• **Friday, May 5, 7:45 p.m.:** Service will include the confirmation of Lucas Oldman and Jordan Shaw.

• **Sunday, May 7, 9:45 a.m.:** Torah Tots: "It's a Mitzvah."

• **Friday, May 12, 7:45 p.m.:** Service will honor our CBS high school graduates: Jared Blanchard, Jada Borgen, Lily Criden, Rachelle Wetsman, Olivia Murray, Cassie Cohen, Jack Dempsey, Kaycee Powell, and Max Newman.

• **Friday, May 12, 7:45 p.m.:** The oneg will honor all new members since January 2016.

• **Saturday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.:** Cabaret night. For more information, please see page 4.

• **Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.:** CBS annual meeting. Details and slate on page 8.

• **Tuesday, May 30, 7-8:30 p.m.:** Erev Shavuot @ The Ranch, 6606 Flicker Court, Seffner. Details on page 8.

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May 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 May.

• **May 5:** The **Shaw** and **Oldman** families will host the ones in honor of the confirmation class.

• **May 12:** The **membership committee** will host the oneg in honor of our new members.

• **May 19:** Date still available.

• **May 26:** Date still available.

On behalf of the oneg committee, I want to express our thanks to our May oneg hosts!

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

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

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

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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

Cabaret Night, An Evening of Jewish Music
All temple members and friends are invited to join us for an evening of fun!

DATE: Saturday, May 13
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Congregation Beth Shalom

Enjoy the culinary talents prepared by our temple family with a pot luck dinner.

Sit back and enjoy your friends' musical delights as they sing familiar melodies of Broadway.

Bring your own HAPPY HOUR DRINKS.

Please contact Joan Frankel at The_frankels@verizon.net or (813) 938-4123 to join in the show and exhibit your talents

Contact Phyllis Newman at phylnew1@yahoo.com to add your name to the pot luck list.



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OTHER PROGRAMS

CBS Players

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CBS Singles Over 50

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Caren Magdovitz, Lynn Kaler

Dinner with the Tribe

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Email Blast

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

KUDOS

▪ Kudos to all the CBS members who donated items for the silent auction baskets and the live auction:

Wendy Bonaddio, Stephen Yavelow, Michael and Cheryl Lubin, Brian and Arlene Slater, Anna and Stephen Feldman, Mike and Michelle McCormick, Seth and Paige Dugan, Mike and Virginia Barnett, Betsy and Michael Torop, Steve and Sheila Slavkin, Jason and Karen Blanchard, David and Carol Anne Friedman, Janice Perelman, Allison and Jared Rapp, Kate and Andrew Swedlow, Richard and Harriette Bauman, Sandy Saviet, and all anonymous donors.



- Kudos to **Jackie Feldman** for directing this year's Purim Shpiel.
- Kudos to **Jeff Goodman** for donating our new Haggadot.
- Kudos to **Gerry Lawrence** for donating the wine for Second Night Seder.
- Kudos to **Ira Ratner** for donating jars of gefilte fish to the temple.

MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Jared & Allison Rapp** on the birth of their son, Nolan Elias, born April 12!
- Mazel tov to **Lucas Oldman** and **Jordan Shaw** on their confirmations!
- Mazel tov to **Jared Blanchard, Jada Borgen, Cassie Cohen, Lily Criden, Jack Dempsey, Olivia Murray, Max Newman, Kaycee Powell, and Rachelle Wetsman** on their high school graduations!

*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

Membership invites **ALL NEW MEMBERS** who joined Congregation Beth Shalom since January 2016, to attend services and a special oneg May 12 Shabbat services in their honor. **ALL NEW MEMBERS** will be personally invited to attend May 12 and we hope to see **ALL** our new members that night.

The membership committee has started working on a major project: **updating our membership data base**. Because our members' demographic information changes often and includes home phone numbers, cellphone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, etc., we need to constantly update our membership information.

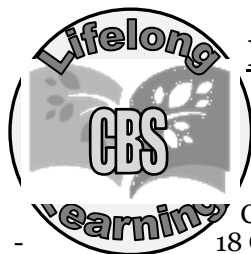
The best way for us to accomplish this is to ask all of you to contact Cari, our new administrator, at the temple or

contact your membership co-chairmen. If you move to a new house or apartment, make sure the temple receives your new address.

By the way, have you visited the CBS website recently? The membership list now includes ALL members - new and established. Go to the site, login with your user name and personal password and make sure your information is correct. If it is not, please let us know so it can be corrected.

*Thank you,
Gail Verlin (813-988-8193)
Judith Pliner (856-816-2578)
Membership Co-chairmen
Cari/temple office (813-681-6547)*

LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman



Lifelong Learning Programming

We are now approaching that time of the year when the Lifelong Learning Committee begins planning for the 2017-18 Congregation Beth Shalom learning experiences. Of course, Bibles and Bagels will continue several Shabbat mornings throughout the year, giving us an opportunity to nosh on a bagel and cream cheese and discuss the Torah portion for that week. Page Turners will also meet regularly throughout the year on selected Monday evenings, affording us an opportunity to share our opinions regarding selected books. Rabbi Torop will continue her series of programs, which will include classes on the Jewish immigrant experience, ethical dilemmas, and an introduction to Sephardic Jewry.

This is just the beginning. We are planning to provide additional programming throughout the year. We propose to continue our presentations on medical topics of interest to our congregants and their friends. We will be bringing back our "Saturday Night at the Movies" with a plus. We will be providing dinner to our attendees, and are hoping to arrange babysitting services for those members with young children.

It is our plan to offer several classes in our temple kitchen. Join us for an informative, fun, and enticing cooking demonstration. Each program will be a hands-on experience and will be followed by an opportunity to taste the "fruits of your labor." We are considering a program on challah baking, Sephardic food, or perhaps a special holiday meal. If you have any suggestions or would like to help in the planning of these In-the-Kitchen events, please contact Sheila Fishman at 813-833-7843.

There is still more under consideration. However, we want to hear from you!! We are looking to you for added programming or enhancements to the above programming. Finally, we are looking for congregants who would be interested in joining our committee for planning and future implementation of just one or all of the programs chosen for 2017-18. We meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30p.m. at the temple.

Once again, if you are interested in joining us or would like to assist in one area of our future programming, please reach out to Sheila Fishman.

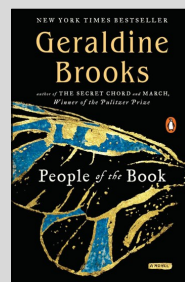
Save the Date!



The Social Action Committee reminds you CBS Mitzvah Day is Sunday, Nov. 5!

Page Turners

Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m. is the final Page Turners meeting of the season. The book we will be discussing is *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. Mindy Gale will be leading the discussion.



People of the Book is a fictionalized account of the Sarajevo Haggadah, a 600-year-old illuminated book, one of the earliest of its kind. It chronicles the attempts of a young Australian conservator, Hannah Heath, to trace the journey and the origin of the Haggadah, using the beguiling clues in its binding. Brooks' story telling gift gently uncovers the layers of the book's history, taking the reader in a backward trajectory from 1940 to Sarajevo, Vienna, Venice, Tarragona and finally Seville. The story involves the Vatican, the mausoleums and the treasure-seeking Nazis.

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.

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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EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that make our religious school a wonderful place to learn. First and foremost, Rabbi Torop. Through the years you have always been a huge supporter of our school. Thank you for the wisdom you share and the patience you bring each and every week. Our students learn to embrace traditions and are open to learning partly because we have such a hands-on, approachable leader. This is evident from our youngest learners to our confirmation class. A huge shout out to our dedicated teachers; Stacy Serota, Sarah Smith, Jeff Newman, Michael Barnett, Seth Dugan, Lauren Weisman, and Dan Weinstein. I certainly acknowledge how much you do and appreciate your commitment to our school. Thanks to Karen Blanchard who works to ensure we have effective curriculum and appropriate holiday programming for our students.

We provided many of our students supplemental material over 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 summer months, 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, please contact Amy Weinstein at awine007@msn.com (813)285-9251.

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, May 3:**
Last day of Hebrew class and Confirmation
- **Sunday, May 7:** Last day of Religious School

HAPPY SUMMER!

BESTY BEAT



BESTAghetti went great! Everyone enjoyed a fresh pasta meal made and served by the BESTY team! After the delicious dinner we split into teams to play Jewish Jeopardy! Team Green Kugel ended up taking the lead on some of the last questions and winning the game. Our night of fun was concluded with a short trophy ceremony where Judy Lubin, Jacob Garbett, and Kate Swedlow won MVPs. We'd like to thank everyone who came out to support BESTY and Camp Jenny. Upcoming events include the BESTY end of year event May 20.





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ANNUAL MEETING AND SLATE OF OFFICERS

The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 21 at 10 a.m. The Membership Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is a list of the slate of leadership for the two-year term of June 1, 2017 -May 31, 2018.

Secretary	Sheila Fishman
Treasurer	Peter Jacobson
Members at Large	David Richter
	Eric Miller
	Jackie Zaifert

The following positions are in their 2nd year of a two-year term, no vote is needed:

Executive Board

President	Dave Friedman
1 st Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 nd Vice President	Toby Koch
3 rd Vice President	Lauren Weisman

Members at Large

Steve Slavkin
Richie Bauman
Christine Stockleman

Per the By Laws, "any other nominations for an elected office or Member-at- Large may be made by written petition of five (5) members in good standing, which shall be filed with the Secretary, at least (20) twenty days prior to the annual meeting."

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting, as a quorum is needed to elect our leadership.

SHAVOUT @ THE RANCH

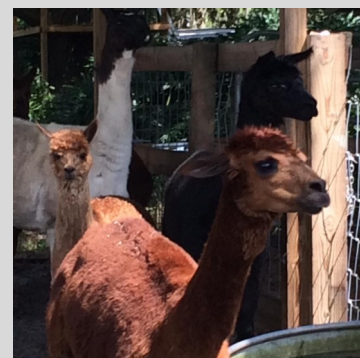


Shavuot @ The Ranch!

When: Tuesday, May 30, 7-8:30pm

Where: The Bolnick Ranch, 6606
Flicker Court, Seffner

Torah was given outdoors in the wilderness - Join us at the Bolnick ranch amidst the grass, the llamas, the cows and the sunset to celebrate the giving of Torah.



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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:

Cypress mulch (to refresh)

Planters, soil and vines for pergola

Wood sealer for outdoor elements

Awnings for entries

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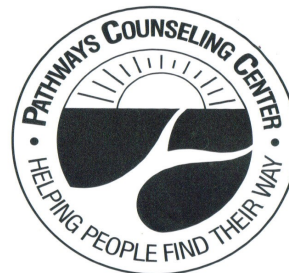
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SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE — David Richter

If you wish to participate in the synagogue's safety and security, become a member of this newly-formed committee. Our next meeting will be at the temple Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m., and on the last Wednesday of each month, also at 6:30pm, beginning in May. A great way to stay informed and plugged into safety and security within our congregational family is to participate in the secure and closed CBS Safety and Security Committee Facebook Group. Please note the group is not "searchable" via Facebook, adding an extra layer of security. If you'd like to be added, please email Jackie Mayer at jackie0011@yahoo.com. Being a member of this site, that already has in excess of 50 members, is a great way to stay informed and to stay plugged in. A liaison representative from Homeland Security has just completed a safety audit for CBS and we should be receiving their report shortly. We are in the process of completing a Homeland Security grant application that would assist in underwriting security enhancements for CBS. The members of the committee ratified the following Mission Statement:

The Safety and Security Committee was created by the board of directors of Congregation Beth Shalom to fulfill the mission of recommending and implementing safety and security measures. These measures are designed to protect and render safe and secure the congregation's membership (adults, children, guests, and friends) and property. Additionally, these measures are meant to preserve the congregation's vision of being a warm, caring, and inclusive reform Jewish community, which provides opportunities for life-long study of Torah, avodah (worship), and gemilut

chasadim (deeds of loving kindness).

We are committed, but not limited to, the following:

- Promoting a safe and secure environment while emphasizing and preserving Jewish values and the congregation's mission;
- Facilitating communication that embodies empathy, compromise, trust, and inclusion;
- Identifying and pursuing sources of funding, education and support to sustain our mission;
- Defining "safety and security" within the confines of:

1. The identification of dangers and risks to our congregation's community and then recommending and implementing "best practice" strategies and remedies; and,
2. The seeding and harvesting of goodwill within the outside community.

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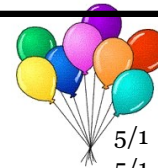
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Yahrzeits

5/3	Shirley	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sheryl	Finke
5/4	Alice	Koch	Mother	of	Toby	Koch
5/4	Joseph Leopold	Reisner	Grandfather	of	Gary	Ronay
5/4	Philip	Gold	Father	of	Carol	Balent
5/4	Rose	Reisner	Grandmother	of	Gary	Ronay
5/4	Elmer	Kalbas	Father	of	Bill	Kalbas
5/8	Marilyn	Rowen	Sister	of	Judith	Pliner
5/9	Fanny Bollinger	Zalka	Grandmother	of	Robin	Rogovin
5/9	Katherine	Verlin	Mother	of	Michael	Verlin
5/11	Sable	Zazulia	Mother	of	Iylene	Miller
5/12	Anna	Kobler	Grandmother	of	Stephen	Feldman
5/12	Rose	Rosenthal	Mother	of	David	Rubin
5/13	Marvin	Slavkin	Father	of	Steve	Slavkin
5/14	Max	Zander	Uncle	of	Diane	Jacobson
5/14	Esther	Cyment	Grandmother	of	Marci	Glassman
5/15	Paul	Goldstein	Father	of	Judith	Pliner
5/15	Laura	Gold	Mother	of	Marty	Gold
5/16	Ethel	Feinstein				
5/18	Richard	Ellis	Father	of	Jonathan	Ellis
5/18	Paul	Neff	Grandfather	of	Scott	Ellis
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5/24	Ralph	Pitchon	Father	of	Scott	Pitchon
5/27	Harry	Goldberg	Father	of	David	Goldberg
5/30	Hyman	Strauss	Father	of	J.E.	MacNaughton
5/31	Herbert	Kusherman	Father	of	Tami	Hahn
5/31	Susana	Blake	Friend	of	Kathryn	Kepes
5/31	Jack	Lubin	Father	of	Michael	Lubin

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.



Birthdays

5/1	Randi	Lannak
5/1	Arielle	Weisman
5/2	Michael	Garbett
5/3	Rebecca	Dimant
5/3	Emily	Dimant
5/4	Ericka	Young
5/6	Maxwell	Cohen
5/6	Martie	Spaier
5/6	Sophia	Smoak
5/7	Jonathan Eugenio	Gerscovich
5/8	Kim	Nixon
5/9	Jackie	Feldman
5/9	Benjamin	Best
5/10	Vickie	Goldberg
5/11	Tami	Hahn
5/12	Mitchell	Baylis
5/13	Brian	Slater
5/13	Michael	Spaier
5/13	Robert	Katz
5/13	Ella	Barnett
5/13	Mary Ann	Yavelow
5/14	Gideon	Torop
5/15	Jack	Kaler
5/15	Monica	Frost
5/15	Jeff	Newman
5/15	Debra	Balot
5/16	Jacob	Wetsman
5/16	Eunice	Rifkin
5/16	Benjamin	Leybovich
5/17	Daniel	Miller
5/18	Cassie	Newman
5/21	Jeff	Goodman
5/23	Aaron	Young
5/23	Kelsey	Frye
5/24	Jamie Lynn	Karr
5/24	Scott	Hopkins
5/24	Jayson	Bolnick
5/24	Jason	Blanchard
5/25	Katie	Best
5/26	David	Goldberg
5/28	Betsy	Glickman
5/29	Zachary	Zweibach
5/29	Matthew	Kramer
5/29	Michael	Ellis
5/31	Loranah	Dimant

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7 9:30AM—Religious School 9:45AM—Torah Tots	8 7:30PM—Cabaret Rehearsal	9	10	11 7:30PM—Cabaret Rehearsal	12 7:45PM—Erev Shabbat Service—Simchat & High School Grads	13 7:00PM—CABARET!
14 Mother's Day	15 6:00PM—Page Turners 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal	16	17 7:30PM—Calendar Meeting	18 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal	19 7:45PM—Erev Shabbat Service	20 6:00PM—BESTY End of Year Event
21 10:00AM—Annual Meeting & Brunch	22 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal	23 7:30PM—Executive Committee Meeting	24 7:30PM—Ritual Committee Meeting	25 7:30PM—Choir Rehearsal	26 7:45PM—Erev Shabbat Service	27
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