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From the Rabbi

It's Not the Destination but the Journey



The Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), where I was ordained as a rabbi, has a tradition of awarding an honorary Doctorate of Divinity to rabbis when they mark 25 years of rabbinic service. This year, Beth Shalom's 25th birthday, is also my

25th year in the rabbinate. I joined my colleagues in Cincinnati, OH for a wonderful and meaningful celebration. On the morning of the ceremony we sat with the president of HUC-JIR and reflected on our 25 years. We all remarked on how much we thought we knew when we began our journeys, and how quickly we discovered how little we actually knew! We observed all that had changed in Jewish and American life in those years —well beyond what we could have ever anticipated. And the depths of the sorrows, and the heights of the joys that we have all been privileged to witness, is the truest blessing of our rabbinic lives.

So much of my own journey reminds me of the journey of CBS. Could we ever have imagined all that would have unfolded in the 25 years of our congregational history? The successes that our founders only dared to dream of . . . the challenges that we anticipated conquering-but that are still very much with us . . . and the holy moments that have filled our sanctuary.: blessing of babies, young adults reading Torah, sacred music, learning and debate, and tears of sorrow.

When we gather together on May 17 for our "big bodacious birthday bash" it is that journey that we celebrate–all the steps and detours and sights that have been present along the way. **And most importantly, we celebrate** *you*. This year we have recognized the volunteer energy and dedication that is the true driving force of Beth Shalom. Almost half of our congregational families have earned their blue t-shirts through 7 hours of volunteer time. Many have contributed well beyond those hours, and we know that some of you out there have worked in ways that we have yet to discover! (Please speak up – we're still giving out t-shirts!) Everything that we have achieved in 25 years is due to those who understood the saying of the rabbis, "it is not upon us to complete the task . . . but neither are we free to refrain from starting" (Pirkei Avot 2:16). The work isn't done–we have not arrived at the destination. There is much to do for our children, and their children, and their children. But all of you who have given of your time, energy and resources over 25 years have helped move us forward, and we celebrate your achievements on May 17.

As we say on all birthdays, Ad Meah V'Esrim – May we flourish until 120 - and well beyond.

CBS Annual Calendar Meeting

The 2015-2016/5775-5776 Calendar Meeting will take place on May 20. Committee chair persons, please take this opportunity to review your calendars and be prepared to contribute events and activities during the meeting.

"Money is Honey"

That was one of my grandmother's favorite expressions. I heard it repeatedly as I was growing up.

I am a person who believes in tradition and carrying on family rituals and philosophies. So I am going to start a four-part series on the wisdom of my grandparents and how I relate it to our temple and our lives.

This article comes out right before our annual meeting and the most important thing to me is to ensure that our temple continues our direction of trying new avenues. We have done so much new, experimental and thoughtful programming in the last year. We have tried to be inclusive, broadening our reach to all segments of our temple. We have tried to cross-pollinate our temple—to bring together different groups. We have engaged and energized many congregants who have not felt engaged for years, bringing the disenfranchised back into the fold.

Here is one example. The weekend of our cantoral soloist brought in rave reviews from many segments of our congregation. It energized our congregation and was a successful experiment on how we can think outside the box.

Our focus has been on meaning. Temples are where we meet for spiritual, communal and educational guidance. It is where we nurture our soul, mind and hearts. It is traditional, generational and transformational. On a personal note, CBS has helped me through a difficult year, bringing back meaning to my life.

Our continued focus on meaning can only be done if we continue to stay in the black. We are going to be close this year and every dollar will count toward financial success. I would love to

expand into new ideas but we can only do so if CBS breaks even or makes a profit for the year. After all, we must be responsible stewards of our finances. We can only continue what is fiscally prudent.

Anything you can contribute towards the CBS fiscal goal would be appreciated. Whether paying up an old balance or making a new commitment, it is very much appreciated as we forge into a promising new year.

Money is really honey—we need dollars to sweeten our temple life.

OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT, and THE FUTURE IS YOU!

UT25 Celebration

Please be sure to RSVP for our upcoming once-in-a-lifetime celebration feting our first 25 years! The event is free for members. Community friends are welcome with a suggested donation of \$18 to the synagogue, and must RSVP as well. May 17 at 5:00 PM, dinner, music, a special presentation and more! We'll only turn 25 once...so be sure to be a part of this very special occasion! And if you've already earned your UT25 blue tee-shirt, please wear it to the event. And for those of you who have not yet, there's still time!



Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares. We offer:

- ☆ Friday worship services at 7:45 PM
- ☆ Religious school pre-kindergarten through tenth grade
- ☆ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ✤ Youth group programming
- ☆ Adult Education classes
- ☆ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day



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 1 Paul and Lisa Cantrell's son, Ari, will become Bar Mitzvah, and his class will sponsor the Oneg in his honor.
- May 8 The parents of the Confirmation class in honor of their children being confirmed, and Sheryl and Mark Finke in honor of their granddaughter's Baby Naming.
- May 15 The Religious High School Students who are graduating will be honored by the temple. Anna & Steve Feldman and Judith and Gerry Pliner will host the Oneg in their honor and in memory of Sophie Brenner's 100th birthday.
- May 22 TBD
- May 29 The Board will host the Oneg in honor of the outgoing and incoming Board members.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to extend our thanks to our May hosts!

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Contact Judith Pliner at (813) 436-0080 or email her at <u>gp@pliner-inc.com</u> if you are interested in hosting an Oneg. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the Onegs in May and in the upcoming months.

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

at Lettuce Lake Park



Sunday, May 24, 9:30 - 11am 6920 E. Fletcher Ave, Tampa

Celebrate the Giving of Torah in the wilderness just like our ancestors did!

What must it have been like for the Children of Israel in the wilderness, receiving Torah in the open space?

We will wander the beautiful nature trails, pausing for brief discussion and study of nature and Torah.

We will conclude in one of the enclosed pavilions and you will be free to spend the day walking, enjoying the lake, kayaks and canoes in the park. Watch for more details to come!

May Dates to Remember

- Friday, May 8, 7:45PM Shabbat Service, including Confirmation of Jared Blanchard, Jack Dempsey, Kayce Powell and Jada Borgen
- Friday, May 15, 7:45PM Shabbat Service, honoring our High School Graduates plus special speaker (see below)
- Friday, May 22, 7:45PM Shabbat Service: Simcha Shabbat, Choir Sings
- Sunday, May 24—Shavuot Morning Outdoor Experience. Celebrate the Giving of Torah in the wilderness with an outdoor hike at a local state park! We'll walk on trails, pause for moments of study and brief prayer, talk and share the joy of community together.
- Friday, May 29, 7:45PM—Shabbat Service, including our CBS Board Member Installation

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Special Speaker at Shabbat Services on May 15th

Yuval Freincle will be here to tell us about life on Kibbutz Lotan before he heads back to Israel!

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<u>bethshalominfo@gmail.com</u> eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6:00pm

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to Bonny Karr for her work on the Passover Seder she always makes it beautiful!
- Kudos to **Marla Smi**th for coordinating last month's I Am Hope Café, and for all those who helped out that evening!
- Kudos to our Shabbat Alive leaders and musicians: Kevin Frye & Joan Frankel; Vocalists-Sandy Santucci, Jeff Newman, Dave Friedman, Lauren Weisman; and the Band-Motti Elazar, Rob Northrup, Andy Daley, Joan Frankel and Kevin Frye. Thanks for making the evening so memorable!
- Kudos & Mazel Tov to Natasha Rieger, for her tireless work on creating an amazing Congregational Retreat!
- Kudos to **Seth & Paige Dugan**, and **Melissa Villasin** for putting together an engaging program for our youngest congregants at the retreat!
- Kudos to Phyllis Newman & Sheila Fishman for another lovely Women's Seder.
- Kudos to Keren Vergon & Kevin Frye for leading shiva services in March.
- Kudos to Melissa Villasin & Mags Oldman for chaperoning our 5th graders to the JCC

Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment? If so, email the name and accomplishment to <u>cbs-admin@hotmail.com</u>.





Congregants enjoyed a sunset Havdalah service followed by campfire songs, and of course s'mores, at the Second Annual CBS Retreat at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center.

Committees/Chairpersons

Building/Capital Fund Peter Jacobson

Building & Grounds Seth Dugan*

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Lifelong Learning Adult—Sheila Fishman

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Long-Range Planning Open*

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> Publicity Cynthia Goldstein-Hart <u>Ritual</u> Keren Vergon*

Social Action [Open]*

<u>Youth Group</u> Advisor—Mags Oldman* President—David Goldfarb

* Ex-officio voting Board member

OTHER PROGRAMS

Healing Hour Cynthia Goldstein-Hart CBS Players Anna Brubaker

> <u>Chavurah</u> Phyllis Newman

Dinner with the Tribe Judy Jacobson

> Email Blast Mags Oldman

<u>Going Green</u> Jim & Sandee Pelk

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Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



Your Lifelong Learning Committee recently met and we were quite pleased with our presentations this year. Individual

study opportunities with Rabbi Torop, Bibles and Bagels on four Shabbat mornings, two Saturday Night at the Movies Events, and a tour of Judaism around the World during two Friday evening Shabbat services are all examples. In addition, the Book Club continued to provide literary stimulation for our members.

The 2015-16 year will be dynamic and exciting. We will be returning to group study with the Rabbi three times within the year--in the fall, winter and spring. Topics of interest are being considered now. Bibles and Bagels will continue into the next year as will our Saturday Night at the Movies. (We are looking for insightful and entertaining presentations for these movie events.) It is also our hope to see the Book Club flourish this year.

Most importantly, we will be offering a **Scholar in Residence program for the weekend of October 16 and 17**. Rabbi Debbie Prinz will be visiting Congregation Beth Shalom. Rabbi Prinz currently serves the Central Conference of American Rabbis as Director of Program and Member Services and is the Director of the Joint Commission on Rabbinic Mentoring, having held a number of leadership positions in the national and regional Reform movement. During her almost thirty years in congregational work, Rabbi Prinz contributed to the local Jewish community as well as on the national level. In 1991, she was named "Woman of the Year" by Brandeis University National Women's Committee. The author of several articles, she has published in scholarly, professional and popular journal.

Rabbi Prinz is also a published author whose book, "On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting



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Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao," in which she wends her way through the world of historical & contemporary chocolate in search of the world's best. She ultimately finds it, based not so much on taste but on ethics. The project spans several cultures, countries, centuries, and religions, exploring how faith traditions share consumption, ritual and business interests in chocolate.

Rabbi Prinz's book was published in the fall of 2012 by Jewish Lights. She was awarded a Starkoff Fellowship and a Director's Fellowship from the American Jewish Archives as well as a Gilder Lehrman Fellowship from the Rockefeller Library to pursue this research. Rabbi Prinz lectures on this topic around the world in a number of settings.



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7 It gives me so much pleasure to thank all our Temple musicians for their work this year. Our temple would be a very different place without their leadership. Here is just a rough list of all the events our members have participated in:

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

- Seven Friday Shabbat Services, including the new Shabbat Alive Band Services
- The Purim Spiel, Frozen
- Selichot Play
- Visiting Cantor Weekend/ To You With Love Concert
- Women's Seder
- And this month the Board Installation Service on May 29

We would be hard-pressed to find a more dedicated group of musicians anywhere. Kudos to you all. And next year, we hope to bring back our Evening of Jewish Music. Our scheduling proved to be a problem this year.

My thanks to all our musicians: Sandy Santucci, Kevin Frye, Lauren Weisman, Cynthia Goldstein, Marina Baker, Mags Oldmar, Lucas Oldmar, Jamie Karr, Gail Verlin, Anna Brubaker, Keren Vergon, Janice Pearlman, Joel Edelson, Milt Newman, Steve Feldman, Jeff Newman, Dave Friedman, Steve Slavkin, Brian Slater, Rob Northrop, Motty Elazar, Adam Weinstein, Julia Matthews and Diane Jacobson.

Again thank you for sharing your talents, time and efforts for our Beth Shalom Community.

Shalom,

Joan Frankel, Choir Director

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CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

The CBS Library is a shared resource and as such is used by members for various meetings. When your meeting is over, please place library baskets and sign out book back on the table. Thank you.

Anita Hoffman, Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian

United Together 25



Our Mission

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

How Does It Work?

The premise is simple: Do the time (7 hours of service) and then do the crime (eat and enjoy yourself way too much at our celebration in May). There are many, many ways you and your family can contribute your time and talents (see the list at right).

Look Who's Earned a Shirt!

(since last month's Kibbitzer)

Elise Berman Jay Bolnick Gayle Borgen Anita Clifford Michelle Dempsey Micah Dugan Seth Dugan Motti Elazar Jon Ellis Isabel Ellis Stephen Feldman Anna Feldman Joan Frankel Carol Anne Friedman Janice Frieman Jeff Frieman Ruth Goldberg Vickie Goldberg Peter Jacobson Diane Jacobson Jamie Karr

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Suzanne Jones Caren Magdovitz Carolvn Miller Anna Moneymaker Rob Northrop Aurora Oldman Jill Oppolo Jordan Oppolo Madi Oppolo Andrew Pelk Liz Pelk Sandee Pelk Janice Perelman Cory Posner Jordan Shaw Justin Shaw Lauren Shaw Marla Smith Alan Weiss Dale Wozniak

If your name is on this list and you haven't yet received your shirt, please see Mags in the **Temple office!**



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Education - Amy Weinstein

It is hard to believe another year has ended. I am super proud of our students, staff and parent association. Once again our staff has set high expectations and our students have reached their goals. We provided students with enriching learning opportunities through the Rabbi's family programs, holiday celebrations, family Shabbat Services and weekly classes.

Each month I write about the importance of attendance and reporting to class on time. By now you know our Judaic curriculum builds upon past lessons. If a student has multiple absences, it will result in gaps in his or her Jewish Education. If your child has had difficulty attending regularly, we will be able to provide you with activities to complete during the summer months. If you would like some ideas on how to continue to build Jewish identity during the summer months when school is not in session, feel free to talk to the Rabbi, Karen or me. Of course, remember that each week ends with Shabbat services at Congregation Beth Shalom no matter the season!

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

Amy Weinstein – <u>awine007@msn.com</u> (813) 685-7064



B'nai Mitzvah

Ari Cantrell - Becomes Bar Mitzvah on May 2! Mazel Tov!

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring Contact Keren Vergon at 813-785-6324 or <u>kvergon@verizon.net.</u>





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Got Extra Stuff? Donate it!

Help CBS fill the coffers and get your tax deductible letter for items that you no longer use. For pick up or questions, please email <u>cbspickup@tampabay.rr.com</u> or call Toby

Koch at 813-654-0877. Our team is standing by for your contributions and we thank you for your generosity in advance.

Important May Dates

- 5/3 Ice Cream Attendance Incentive
- 5/8 Confirmation Shabbat Service
- 5/10 No RS- Happy Mother's Day
- 5/13 Last Hebrew Class
- 5/15 High School Senior Shabbat Service
- 5/17 Last RS



BeSTY BEAT



The BESTY board just returned from LLTI (Leadership Training) weekend, and are all ready to create a great calendar for next year!

New the STR region will be more sub-regional events - our subregion newly named, The North STR, will include TYGs from St. Pete, Clearwater, Sarasota, Tampa, and Orlando. We'll be looking at doing a number of events together in the future, as well as incorporating our 6th & 7th graders in select events.

But as our year rounds out, we have a few more BESTY events to put on your calendars. BESTY will be hosting our first BESTY Beach Havdalah on May 30th! We will wind down Shabbat together on a beautiful beach and present our first ever awards. RSVP to Mags so we can get a headcount for carpooling info. Then on June 6th, we'll be hosting our 2nd Annual End-of-Year Party that will be open to all temple teens as well as other temple TYGs. If you are already a duespaying TYG member of BESTY, the event is free, and for others as well as from visiting TYGs there is a nominal entry fee. You'll be seeing flyers and announcements soon!

Also, a big thank you to our BESTies who pitched in to clean up our landscape last month - they did a wonderful job beautifying our grounds, and the temple greatly appreciates their efforts!



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MitzvahDay make your mark

November 8

Planning for Mitzvah Day 2015 is underway. My name is Marla Smith, and I have accepted the awesome opportunity to plan this terrific event. This is a new experience for me and would love to put together a committee of temple members wanting to help plan this very worthwhile and fun day.

This is a special opportunity for the our temple as we have the chance to put ourselves out there in the community, and in our own way, help to repair a little part of this crazy world. The concept of tikkun olam emphasizes the role of human responsibility and action. Regardless of age, we are all capable of doing something.

Please join with me in helping to make our annual Mitzvah Day a huge success. As the only synagogue in Brandon it is important for us to have a presence and for our families to have a true impact on our community. I can be contacted at marlasmith914@gmail.com or via cell at 813-546-4018. Once I hear from all of you, I will organize a planning/eating/ drinking session. Thanks in advance for helping me out.

-Marla Smith

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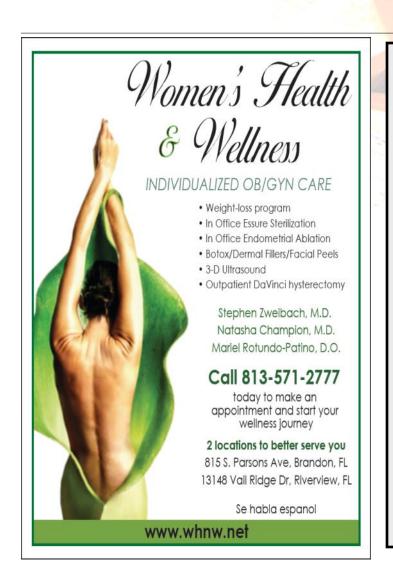
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CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM WISH LIST

Congregation Beth Shalom exists today because of its congregants and the love and support they provide. In turn, the synagogue provides worship opportunities, holiday celebrations, social activities, life-cycle observances, education for adults and children, and a place one can turn to in a time of need.

Monetary donations are always welcomed, encouraged, and needed. But sometimes people prefer to give concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. Below are a few "wished for" items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:

Interior Wish List:

Bookends for library shelves Commercial oven Free standing literature stand (floor model) New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in navy blue New blue tablecloths for 8 foot tables 1" binders Keyboard drawers

Exterior Wish List:

Flowering plants and soil for 2 large planters Planters, soil and vines for pergola New outdoor benches Wood sealer for picnic table and benches



~~BOARD INSTALLATION~~

CONGRATULATE YOUR CBS BOARD

Come on out to Shabbat Services

Friday, May 29 at 7:45PM and thank your board for volunteering their time and be part of this sacred commitment!



When it's time to pick a vendor or hire a professional for services, keep in mind these generous businesses that support CBS. Thank you to the following businesses and friends for their participation in Frugal Fashionistaz.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND SLATE OF OFFICERS

The CBS Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17,

at 10AM. The Nominating Committee consisting of Hank Mart

(chairperson), Gayle Borgen, Lauren Weisman, Sheila Fishman, Jarett Rieger and Melissa Villasin have found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is the leadership slate for the two-year term of June1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

Executive Board	Members at Large
Secretary – Dan Weinstein	Seth Dugan
Treasurer - Michael Barnett	Steve Criden
	Scott Hopkins

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

President	Jeff Newman
1 st Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 nd Vice President	Errol Fishman
3 rd Vice President	Cynthia Goldstein
Members at Large	Gayle Borgen Michelle Dempsey Lauren Weisman

Per the Bylaws "any other nominations for any elected Office or Member-at-Large may be made by written petition of five(5) Members in good standing of the Congregation, which shall be filed with the Secretary, at least twenty(20) days prior to the Annual Meeting."

Please make every effort to attend this year's Annual Meeting as a quorum is needed to elect our leadership. Also presented at the meeting are the State of the Temple and the Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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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 nonrestricted 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.

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. If your donation is incorrectly listed or omitted, please notify the temple office immediately.

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Our Congregation



- Tatiana & Nick 5/1Keith & Debra Balot 5/2Gayle & Jeffrey 5/7 Kevin & Christina Frye 5/9 Ken & MarDee 5/9 5/19 Bill & Laurie Noyes
 - Hernandez Borgen Buchman
- 5/19 Joseph & Susan 5/22 Mags & Richard 5/24 Robert & Caren 5/24 Karen & Stephen 5/25 William & Jill 5/25 Joseph & Pamela





Birthdays

5/1	Randi	Lannak
5/2	Michael	Garbett
5/3	Rebecca	Dimant
5/3	Emily	Dimant
5/4	Erika	Young
5/5	Daniel	Goldfarb
5/5	Mark	Davis
5/6	Sophia	Smoak
5/6	Ron	Boyar
5/7	Jonathan	Gerscovich
5/8	Kim	Nixon
5/9	Benjamin	Best
5/9	Jackie	Feldman
5/10	Vickie	Goldberg
5/11	Tami	Hahn
5/12	Byron	Baker
5/13	Ella	Barnett
5/13	Robert	Katz
5/13	Brian	Slater
5/14	Gideon	Torop
5/15	Monica	Frost
5/15	Jeff	Newman
5/15	Jack	Kaler
5/15	Debra	Balot
5/16	Eunice	Rifkin
5/17	Kayla	Boyar
5/18	Cassie	Newman
5/20	Eleanor	Osborn
5/21	Jeff	Goodman
5/23	Aaron	Young
5/23	Kelsey	Frye
5/24	Scott	Hopkins
5/24	Jason	Blanchard
5/24	Jamie	Karr
5/24	Jayson	Bolnick
5/25	Katie	Best
5/26	David	Goldberg
5/28	Betsy	Glickman
5/28	Marina	Baker
5/29	Zachary	Zweibach
5/29	Michael	Ellis
5/31	Loranah	Dimant

Yahrzeits 🗳

5/1	Marilyn G.	Rowan	Sister	of	Judith	Pliner
5/2	Fanny Bollinger	Zalka	Grandmother	of	Robin	Rogovin
5/2	Katherine	Verlin	Mother	of	Michael	Verlin
5/4	Elmer	Kalbas	Father	of	Bill	Kalbas
5/5	Anna	Kobler	Grandmother	of	Stephen	Feldman
5/5	Jean A.	Naylor	Great Aunt	of	Jessica	Berdit
5/5	Rose	Rosenthal	Mother	of	David	Rubin
5/8	Paul D.	Goldstein	Father	of	Judith	Pliner
5/8	Laura	Gold	Mother	of	Marty	Gold
5/9	Max	Zander	Uncle	of	Diane	Jacobson
5/11	Richard	Ellis	Father	of	Jonathan	Ellis
5/11	Sable M.	Zazulia	Mother	of	Iylene	Miller
5/11	Paul	Neff	Grandfather	of	Scott	Ellis
5/12	Marvin	Berdit	Grandfather	of	Jessica	Berdit
5/14	Alan	Friedman	Father	of	Lisa	Smith
5/15	Bernie	Friedman	Father	of	David	Friedman
5/16	Ethel	Feinstein				
5/16	Betty	Armus	Mother	of	Sheila	Fishman
5/18	A. Lewis	Herzberg	Father-in-law	of	Gareth	Morgan
5/20	Harry	Goldberg	Father	of	David	Goldberg
5/23	Hyman	Strauss	Father	of	J.E.	MacNaughton
5/24	Sheila	Litovich	Mother	of	Fanny	Litovich
5/24	Susana	Blake	Friend	of	Kathryn	Kepes
5/24	Herbert	Kusherman	Father	of	Tami	Hahn
5/25	Clara	Shienbaum	Mother	of	Marvin	Shienbaum
5/27	George Barron	Huber	Father	of	MarDee	Buchman
5/30	Robert	Hirshenson	Father	of	Steve	Billor

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the actual date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the actual date listed, please contact the temple office at 681-6547.

5/31 Loranah

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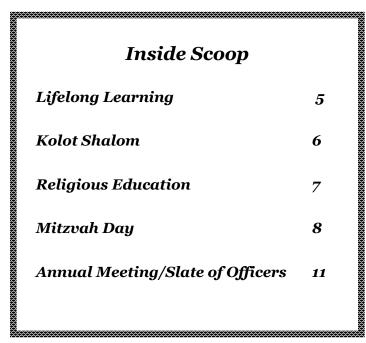
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:45P Shabbat Service	2 10:00 A Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah—Cantrell
3 (MITZVAH DAY) 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 12:15P BeSTY Board	4 7:30A Choir Reh—5/29	5 6:15P Lifelong Learning Committee 7:30P Board Meeting	6 6:15P Hebrew School (6th grade pizza party!) 6:30P Confirmation Class	7	8 7:45P Shabbat Service Confirmation Shabbat & Baby Naming	6
10 Mother's Day NO RS	11 7:30A Choir Reh—5/29	12 7:30P Adult B'nai Mitzvah	13 6:15P Last Hebrew School	14 10:00A TJFS Food Bank 7:30P Healing Hour	15 7:45P Shabbat Service High School Grad Simcha	16 10:00AM Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Anniversary— Goodman
17 9:30A RS- Last Day 10:00P MAnnual Mtg 5:00P UT25 Celebration!	18 7:30A Choir Reh—5/29	19 1st of Sivan	20 7:30P Calendar Meeting	21 7:30P PageTurners	22 7:45P Simcha Shabbat	23 Erev Shavuot
24 Shavuot 9:30A Shavuout Study at Lettuce Lake Park	25 US Memorial Day Hills. Co. No School	26 7:30P Exec. Board Mtg.	27 7:30P Ritual Committee	28 7:30A Choir Reh—5/29	29 7:45P Shabbat Service (Board Installation / Choir Sings)	30 3:00PM BESTY Beach Hav- dalah
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