

# The Kibbitzer

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## *The value of numbers*

“Echad, sh’taim, shalosh, arba ...” in my Hebrew class at USF a few years ago we would go around the room and count in Hebrew. If a person said the wrong word for the number it meant the entire group had to start over at one, “echad,” and try the sequence again. During the class exercise each person counted and each person was part of the counting.

In the middle of the month of May we begin Bamidbar, or Numbers, in the Torah. This is where the census of the ancient Israelites in the desert begins; the count of available males presumably for battle. Census, ah as a trained statistician I love a great data set. The U.S. Census can tell so much about a community – the gender make-up, educational levels, home ownership, income, it is a virtual smorgasbord of mine-able data. But, to what end?

Often numbers are just that, numbers. Without trained researchers and professionals to interpret the data and make it usable the raw numbers are all we are left with. So, what about our Torah’s numbers, the ancient census? What can we make of it?

One of the most notable features is who WASN’T counted: women, children, the aged, the disabled. Were they not just as important? Cantor Rachel S. Spilker writes, “These people are usually missing ... those who are counted have a special worth to the society, while those who are not may be considered less valuable ...” She goes on to question the census all together and states that Rashi explained we must count something each person GIVES rather than the actual people themselves. Rashi’s comment teaches us we must value each human because we are made b’tzelem Elohim, in G-d’s image.

Cantor Spilker continues, “a number can measure whether an army has enough people, but it can never measure the worth of the individual people of that army.”

How do we measure members of our congregation? By the monetary donations they give? By the time they invest? By the friends or “status” they have? If we have someone who gives small dollars but volunteers time, do we treat them differently than those that give big checks but are never seen? What about those who have different views, limited time, or limited dollars? Are they any less valuable, human, or Jewish in our count?

One of the dictionary definitions of the word “count” is to “be significant” to “matter” to “(have) worth.” Let’s continue to ensure that everyone counts in our congregation.

Those with different views, income, or time do count, because if we leave them out of our counting we in affect discount how much they truly do have to offer and contribute. If we leave people out of our counting we not only do a disservice to them, but to the entire congregation.

Shalom.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT** - *Dave Friedman*

**“Where’s the hat?”**

As I write my last “President’s Letter,” I’m reminded of a story ...

A 5-year old boy was visiting his grandmother, who lived near the Jersey shore. It’s overcast, windy, and very cold outside. They’re inside watching TV. The grandmother says, “I know it’s cold, but we’ve been stuck inside for days. Let’s put on boots and warm clothes and walk along the shore to get some exercise.” So, they get dressed and go out for a walk along the shore. A few minutes into their walk along the shoreline, a tremendous wave comes out of nowhere and sweeps the boy into the water.

The grandmother cries out frantically for help. A gentleman walking by sees what just happened. He rips off his jacket and shoes and goes after the young boy. The grandmother watches in horror as the man fights against the rough water. He bobs up and down, and finally brings her grandson onto the shore.

After several minutes of CPR, the little boy coughs and opens his eyes.

After having just saved the young boy’s life, the man looks at the woman expecting words of gratitude, but instead, she says, “He had as hat.”

Sometimes, this is how it is as president. No matter what you do, no matter how much time you invest, no matter

how thin you spread yourself, someone’s going to say, “Where’s the hat?”

Fortunately, and on a more positive note, when I first sat with past president, Hank Mart, he told me, “There will be people to help you out.” What he didn’t tell me was, how many people would help me, and to what degree.

In a very short time as president, I learned that this little congregation, called Beth Shalom, has an army. I have been surrounded by an army of people who have stepped up time and time again. They’ve assisted with membership, fundraising, social action and ritual. When we needed “talent scouts” to step up and assist CBS in finding two administrators, they did! When we needed someone to step up and lead us in the quest to find a new rabbi, (still in process) they did! Whenever I have needed advice, my go-to group of advisors were always “ready and waiting.” I was able to keep my head above water because of you. To not run the risk of leaving someone out, I refrain from mentioning names. You know who you are. I thank you with all my heart.

Alright. I’ll mention one name. To my wife, Carol Anne. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your tolerance. Thank you for your support. You have been incredible!

See you at temple!



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

The 2018 Congregation Beth Shalom Annual Retreat is Saturday, Oct 27, at Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center

Sponsorships are welcomed. Please contact Christine Stockelman at [chris.stockelman@gmail.com](mailto:chris.stockelman@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, May 5, 5 p.m.:** Movie night hosted by BESTY.
- **Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.:** Annual meeting. More information on page 11.
- **Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.:** Mother's Day vendor fair. Please see ad on page 8.
- **Sunday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.:** Pirkei Avot study, chapters 5 & 6. For more information, contact Julie Enszer at 813-502-5549 or [JulieREnszer@gmail.com](mailto:JulieREnszer@gmail.com).
- **Friday, May 11, 7:45 p.m.:** Choir Shabbat.
- **Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.:** The Bat Mitzvah of Ella Barnett.
- **Saturday, May 19, 6 p.m.:** Yizkor service, followed by Havdalah and festive dairy study meal with the Ten Commandments. Details on page 6.
- **Monday, May 21, at 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 6.
- **Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m.:** The Bat Mitzvah of Felicia Wetsman.
- **Saturday, June 2, 5:30 p.m.:** CABARET DATE CHANGE. More information on page 8.
- **Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m.:** Bible and Bagels study session.
- **Saturday, July 21/ Sunday, July 22:** Tisha B'Av, our traditional day of mourning.

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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 4:** The **parents of the confirmation class** will host the oneg honor of their students.
- **May 11:** **Dave and Carol Anne Friedman** will host the oneg in memory of Dave's father's yahrzeit, and in honor of the CBS high school graduates.
- **May 18:** **Michael and Virginia Barnett** will host the oneg in honor of their daughter, **Ella**, who will become a Bat Mitzvah.
- **May 25:** **Rita and Alan Tiller** will host the oneg in honor of Rita's daughter, **Felicia Wetsman**, who will become a Bat Mitzvah.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee we want to express our sincere thanks for the generosity of our May 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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 eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

### Felicia Wetsman

Felicia Wetsman, daughter of Rita Tiller and Arthur Wetsman, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 26, at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon.



Felicia is a 7<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Barrington Middle School, where she has been named to the Principal's Honor Roll the past two years.

Felicia's passion is singing and musical theater. As such, she decided to sing for residents at the Twin Creeks Retirement Community for her bat mitzvah project. She has prepared a program of songs that appeal to seniors.

Felicia participates in many activities, including singing, dance and theater classes. She also enjoys roles in musical theater productions.

### Ella Barnett

Ella Louise Barnett, daughter of Michael and Virginia Barnett of Apollo Beach, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May. 19, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.

Ella is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor student at Bell Creek Academy. For her bat mitzvah project, Ella did volunteer beach cleanup at various beaches in Hillsborough County.



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**CBS Players**

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**Kudos & Mazels**

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



**KUDOS**

- Kudos **Steve Slavkin** and the **Ritual Committee** for putting together a fabulous 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder.
- Kudos to the **Men's Club** for handling the food at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Night's Seder.
- Kudos to **Gerry Lawrence** for donating the wine for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Night's Seder.
- Kudos to everyone who helped plan, implement and attend our first ever Yom HaShoah, Diversity Panel and Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration.

**MAZELS**

- Mazel tov to all our students for their grades on their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards.
- Mazel tov to **Arielle Weisman** for getting accepted into the University of Florida health professionals program.
- Mazel tov to **Judy Lubin** who competed and medaled in three out of four events at the Florida State National Gymnastics competition (vault, bars and floor.) She also came in 9<sup>th</sup> overall and was invited to compete in the national competition which will be held in Tampa at the end of June.
- Mazel tov to **Lander Feldman** as the champion for the USTA L8 tournament in the 10 and under group held at Buckhorn Springs Tennis and Swim Club on April 21.

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

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Hope to see everyone at Congregation Beth Shalom's Mother's Day event Sunday, May 6, at the temple. It's the perfect chance to remember the special "moms" in our lives and support the temple at the same time.

*Gail Verlin and Judith Pliner  
Membership Co-Chairmen*



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**LIFELONG LEARNING**—*Richie Bauman*



Shavuot combines two major religious observances; the grain harvest of early summer, and the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. This takes the form of the entering into a covenant or formal agreement between G-d and Israel at Mount Sinai. This is a joyous time, since it is the moment at which G-d and Israel entered into a figurative marriage with each other, the hopeful springtime of their relationship.

Shavuot is the predecessor to the college all-nighters! Going back to the time of the Mystics of Safed, they studied Torah literally all night long. They believed at midnight the heavens open and favorably receive the thoughts, study, and prayers of those who remain awake on the anniversary of the Giving of the Torah. Moroccan Jews believe that staying up all night guaranteed one life for the next year.



Study options are rampant, although traditionally, they are the Torah and the Book of Ruth. As Shavuot centers on the giving of Torah on Mount Sinai, we will focus on that seminal event that sets us apart as People of the Book – and the four varying versions of the Ten Commandments in the Torah.

Traditionally, dairy products are eaten on Shavuot. Although the reasons for this custom are not completely clear, as Tevye says, “It’s a tradition!” So, our potluck dinner will be dairy – although latkes are permitted – parve!

**Schedule for Saturday, May 19:**

- 6 p.m.: Short Yizkor service
- 6:30 p.m.: Havdalah and festive dairy study meal with the Ten Commandments

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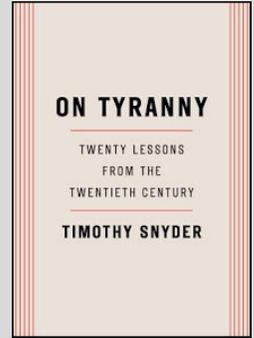
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**PAGE TURNERS**

Page Turners will meet in the library Monday, May 21, at 6 p.m. to discuss Professor Timothy Snyder's book, *On Tyranny*. In his book he explains that we are surrounded by a similar political climate that many faced during the 20 Century which threatened their political order.



His short book has 20 chapters which presents lessons that can help us to understand and, hopefully, to navigate through this difficult period in our history.

Dinner and drinks will be provided by Anna Feldman. Please contact her if you have any questions at 707-628-5399.

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## EDUCATION—Amy Weinstein

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who make our religious school a wonderful place to learn. As you all know, we have been without a rabbi for half the school year. In spite of the lack of spiritual leadership, we have continued to provide an outstanding religious educational format for our students. I am extremely proud of what we've accomplished this year.

**Important Dates**

- **Wednesday, May 2:** Hebrew and confirmation last day- May 2nd
- **Sunday, May 6:** Last day of religious school

I want to give a huge shout-out to our dedicated teachers; Stacy Serota, Sarah Smith, Sophie Smoak, Lauren Weisman and Dan Weinstein. In addition, thanks to Dan Miller for adding his musical talents to our mornings. 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 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 me.

HAPPY SUMMER!

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

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We also had some of our BESTY members participate in March for Our Lives. It was a great experience! We met up with some other temple members as well as a few teachers and friends from our high school.

### New board member and upcoming events

We have had an amazing year! We have just a few weeks left! We held elections for our 2018-2019 board. Our new board is: President- Liz Pelk, Programming Vice President- Aurora Oldman, Religious and Cultural Vice President- Lucas Oldman, Social Action Vice President- Kelsey Birchholz.

Coming up on Saturday, May 5, we are having BESTY BINGO! The games start at 6:30 p.m. It is \$8 per person or \$25 for a family. Can't wait to see everyone there! RSVP to: [wannabemybesty@gmail.com](mailto:wannabemybesty@gmail.com)




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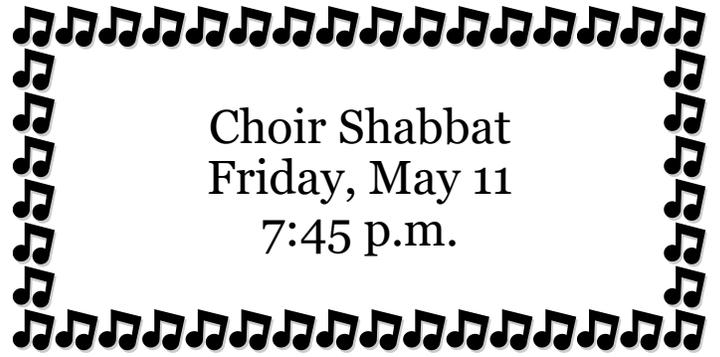
**When:** Saturday, June 2, 5:30p.m.

**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.

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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**Interior Wish List:**

- Plain paper fax machine for the CBS office
- Large Print Copies of Mishkan HaNefesh (the High Holy Day Prayerbook) Contact Rabbi Torop for details
- Large coolers
- Water supply for Cafe Shalom
- Bookcase for the Religious School office
- Commercial oven
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- 8—New floor length round tablecloths in white
- 1" binders
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### Yom Ha'atzmaut



### Report on Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Events

This April, CBS, through its Ritual Committee, offered new experiences to members, all of which were exciting, free and open to the public.

The first, a joint venture with Joanne Sudman of Congregation Beth Israel, in Sun City Center, focused on Yom HaShoah, the remembrance day for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Beth Israel helped create this interfaith memorial service which has grown in support and reputation over the last decade, and we were honored to participate this year. As a diverse and inclusive community, we experienced prayer and readings, lit memorial candles, and were moved by an interfaith choir which included Joan Frankel and some of our Kolot Shalom members. It was a wonderful and emotional experience, and I encourage everyone to put May 1, 2019, on their calendars for next year's offering.

This was followed by Beth Shalom's own Diversity Panel experience April 14. Remembering the Holocaust was fueled by the dynamics of discrimination, demonization and marginalization, we invited representative speakers from some of our less mainstream community members: Kathy Dane, Director of the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in

Wimauma; Pastor Tom Jones of the Genesis Worship Center of Tampa Bay; Dr Karen Goldberg of USF speaking about issues involving the deaf; Mr. Sener Gultekin from the Istanbul Cultural Center teaching us about current events in Turkey; and Ms. Mona Posinoff speaking about issues of the LGBTQ community. Each speaker shared ways in which their group is experiencing a lack of sensitivity to their needs, and proposed changes through which the rest of the community might be more sensitive and inclusive toward them. This was a wonderful, sharing and growthful experience for all of us, and I am very grateful to our speakers for their courage and candor, and to our audience for their receptivity to the information shared.

Finally, we created our own joyful Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration for Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. There was food, games, crafts, activities, Israeli dancing led by Terry Abrahams, music provided by Sandy Santucci, Rob Northrup and Gail Verlin, a bake sale, and a raffle. There was even a model of Jerusalem's Kotel/Western Wall/Wailing Wall that is still up in the sanctuary, where anyone can write a prayer or wish and insert it between the "stones." Our Youth Group, under the direction Mags Oldman, was

a vital component of this endeavor, and we are indebted to them for their help. We hope to make it an annual event.

Thanks to everyone who helped make all this possible: Judith and Gerry Pliner, Steve and Sheila Slavkin, Suzie and Mitch Baylis, Steve and Anna Feldman, Jan and Bill Golden, Jenny Allen, Joanne Sudman, Sheila and Errol Fishman, Kathy Dane, Sener Gultekin, Pastor Tom Jones, Dr Karen Goldberg, Mona Posinoff, Toby Koch, Joe and Carole Plesur, Martie and Michael Spaier, Christine Stockelman, Richie Bauman, Dave Friedman, Andrea Chassen, Terry Abrahams, Sandy Santucci, Rob Northrup, Joan Frankel, Mags Oldman and the CBS Youth Group, Janice Perelman, Gail Verlin, Julie Enzer, Carolyn Miller, Michelle McCormick, Amy Weinstein, Jon Ellis, Tiffany Feldman, Peter and Diane Jacobson, and the Ritual Committee. And I could not have done any of this without my best friend, life partner and right-hand man, David Richter. Thank you, for all your help and support.

Please start sending me your ideas, visions, and suggestions for next year's events. The planning starts now!

Peace - Rudina Richter

**ANNUAL MEETING  
AND SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 6, 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.

**Executive Board**

- |                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| President                      | Richie Bauman  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Gerry Pliner   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Toby Koch      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President | Lauren Weisman |

**Members at Large**

- Steve Slavkin  
Christine Stockleman  
Michael Barnett

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.

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- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
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- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** a fund for assistance to families in need, scholarship assistance, interfaith council, Holocaust museum and other endeavors at the Rabbi's discretion.
- **Youth Group Fund:** a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

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

### Opportunities:

- **Adopt-A-Book:** A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
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- **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.
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- 5/19 Laurie & Bill Noyes
- 5/22 Mags & Richard Oldman
- 5/29 Joan & Larry Cohen



**Yahrzeits**

5/1	Anna Kobler	Grandmother	of	Stephen Feldman
5/2	Marvin D. Slavkin	Father	of	Steve Slavkin
5/4	Elmer Kalbas	Father	of	Bill Kalbas
5/4	Paul D. Goldstein	Father	of	Judith Pliner
5/4	Laura Gold	Mother	of	Marty Gold
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5/7	Paul Neff	Grandfather	of	Scott Ellis
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5/13	Ralph Pitchon	Father	of	Scott Pitchon
5/14	Max Zander	Uncle	of	Diane Jacobson
5/16	Harry Goldberg	Father	of	David Goldberg
5/16	Ethel Feinstein	Relative	of	Ronna
5/19	Hyman Strauss	Father	of	J.E. MacNaughton
5/20	Susana Blake	Friend	of	Kathryn Kepes
5/20	Jack Lubin	Father	of	Michael Lubin
5/21	Clara Shienbaum	Mother	of	Marvin Shienbaum
5/23	George Barren Huber	Father	of	MarDee Buchman
5/26	Robert Hirshenson	Father	of	Steve Billor
5/27	Rose Friedman	Grandmother	of	Dave Friedman
5/29	David Edelson	Grandfather	of	Joel Edelson
5/30	Rose Edelson	Mother	of	Joel Edelson



**Birthdays**

- 5/2 Michael Garbett
- 5/6 Sophia Smoak
- 5/7 Martie Spaeir
- 5/7 Jonathan Eugenio Gerscovich
- 5/9 Jackie Feldman
- 5/9 Benjamin Best
- 5/10 Vickie Goldberg
- 5/12 Mitch Baylis
- 5/13 Ella Barnett
- 5/13 Brian Slater
- 5/13 Mary Ann Yavelow
- 5/15 Jeff Newman
- 5/16 Jacob Wetsman
- 5/16 Eunice Rifkin
- 5/17 Daniel Miller
- 5/21 Jeff Goodman
- 5/24 Jayson Bolnick
- 5/24 Scott Hopkins
- 5/24 Jason Blanchard
- 5/25 Katie Best
- 5/28 Betsy Glickman
- 5/29 Mathew Kramer

**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:

**May 18**

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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