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From the Rabbi

Warm, Caring and Inclusive



The first sentence of the vision statement for Congregation Beth Shalom is that we will be a “warm, caring and inclusive community.” I remember when we crafted our mission and vision statements, and these words were chosen carefully. Many of us think that being “warm and caring” is “our special sauce,” the foundation of our identity as a community. Of course, “warm and caring” don’t happen by magic. We – all of us – work to make it happen. The nametags that we wore at the High Holy Days helped us to overcome that initial barrier of conversation (and avoid the need to feel embarrassed at the person whose name you could not remember). Greeters at the door each Shabbat help ensure that no one sits alone. Introducing ourselves to our neighbors at each service means we are not sitting in a community of strangers.

Of course, there is still work to do in this area. Our wonderful Caring Committee chair Christine Stockelman can only help us reach out to those with illness or hospitalization if you tell us when these things occur to you or a friend. There are still people who stand alone at oneg Shabbat, and too often at services we just say hello to the friend sitting next to us. The warm and caring nature of our community is a true gift and blessing – and we need to work to ensure it remains so.

Being “inclusive” is also part of our vision and has long been an accepted reality in our religious school under the direction of Amy Weinstein. Our inclusion task force is meeting, and we hope you observed the initial fruits of our labors over the Holy Days. We have signs to communicate welcome to people in wheelchairs, we reserved chairs for those who need extra support, two of our services were interpreted into sign language, and we have a speaker in early December to begin our conversation about the real issues of mental illness. We have a new Inclusion Corner in the *Kibbitzer* to provide education and information.

But inclusion does not stop with making a place for those with physical, emotional or mental disabilities. It means that everyone – at all stages of life, and in all situations – feels at home at Beth Shalom. This includes interfaith families, single-parent families, gay and lesbian families, and single individuals. Do our actions, our language and the programs we offer reflect the inclusive desire that we articulate? What about people at all ages and life stages? To be truly inclusive we need to find ways to make sure that young adults who may not yet be drawn to the synagogue by children feel that the Jewish community meets their needs. We need to find ways to help people maintain the connections that they formed as their children leave and go to college. We need social programs that provide time to build relationships and communities of interest. LOTTs (Ladies of The Tribe) has provided a wonderful sense of community for the women; we need to find a way for men to get together for the activities that they may enjoy.

We are a warm and caring and inclusive community in many ways, and we should be proud of that. But we can’t be complacent. There is still work to do, and we can’t rest on past progress. I’d love to hear your thoughts and ideas so that we can move forward together.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

The High Holidays have come and gone. The level of your involvement and participation probably determined just how captivated or effected you were at how smooth everything ran and how fulfilling these "Days of Awe" were for you.

From my vantage point, it was absolutely amazing to see how all of the preparation came to fruition. Rabbi Torop, Cynthia Goldstein and the Ritual Committee had a tremendous amount of details to contend with. And the amount of output that came from Mags Oldman, our administrative director was immeasurable! A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all of you for your hard work.

In the October *Kibbitzer*, I wrote, "Perhaps each of us will be moved or find inspiration from a different passage, or even a different verse, from the same prayer." Well, it happened to me. In the long prayer, "A Personal Confession," where we are asking forgiveness, "For the sin I have sinned before You," the fourth line down hit me like a ton of bricks. Ever get hit with a ton of bricks?

Friday afternoon before Yom Kippur, I'm sitting at my desk, sending emails, answering the phone, thinking about the approaching Furniture Market, Yom Kippur, etc. My mind was occupied. Carol Anne walked in and briefly let me know how very bad her day at work had been. I heard her words... but wasn't listening. I was too wrapped up in my own world. We "cleared the air" another day, but here's the fourth line I refer to in the paragraph above: "I have sinned before You by not embracing those who needed it, and allowing myself to be embraced."

The significance of that one line, that was read silently by the way, had a tremendous impact on me. What happened that Friday afternoon will never happen again.

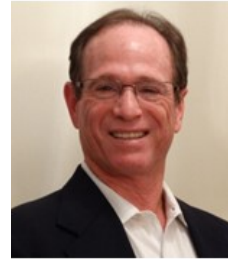
Now for some celebratory news. The 12th Annual Bobbie Karpay Woman of Distinction Program is taking place Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 pm, at Congregation Kol Ami. I am very pleased to announce that Mags Oldman has been chosen to represent Congregation Beth Shalom as this year's recipient!

In the four short months that I have served as President, Mags has proven over and over to be invaluable to me and to

this congregation. She tackles each task with a great attitude, a laugh and a smile.

Information, including ticket costs, can be found on page 4 inside this issue.

Let's please support Mags by attending this event.



Thanks For The Help

I want to thank the following people who helped me with setting and resetting the sanctuary before, during, and after the High Holidays: Richie Bauman, Andrea Chassen, Myron Feldman, Mark Finke, Jason Finke, Joel Magdovitz, Carol Anne Friedman, Scott Hopkins, Larry Kaler, Lucas Oldman, Aurora Oldman, Gerry Pliner, Sandy Santucci, Steve Slavkin, and Christine Stockelman,

I also want to thank these people who helped build the Sukkah: Richie Bauman, Anthony Lamattina, Michael Lubin, Michael McCormick, Mabel & Plusas-Kett

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:30pm LOTTs**, contact Amy Weinstein for details.
- **Friday, Nov. 4, 7 pm**: Consecration for grades K, 1 and Kabbalat HaSiddur (presentation of prayer books) for grade 4
- **Saturday, Nov. 5, Bible and Bagels**: Parashat Noach: "Did Noah Deserve to Be Saved." Study will be followed by a brief Shabbat service including the naming of Hannah Howard - daughter of Jason and Lizette Howard
- **Sunday, Nov. 6, 9:30 am**: 7th-grade family program: "Beyond Baruch Atah: Understanding the Prayers"
- **Sunday, Nov. 6, noon**: 6th-grade b'nai mitzvah orientation
- **Sunday, Nov. 13m, 10 am**: A conversation at Segal Funeral Home, details on page 6
- **Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 pm**: iEngage: "Attitudes toward the Land - Perspectives from Within Israel"
- **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 pm**: Membership meeting
- **Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 pm**: Women of Distinction ceremony, Congregation Kol Ami
- **Friday, Dec. 2, 6 pm**: President's Dinner, details on page 10; and special guest speaker, Dr. Greg Sullivan, USF Geriatric Psychiatry Fellow, details on page 6
- **Friday, Dec. 16**: New member oneg
- **Sunday, Jan. 8, 4 pm**: Jewish Art History Lecture with Susan Fader

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

November 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 November.

Nov. 4: The parents of the 4th-grade class will host the oneg in honor of their children who will assist Rabbi Torop with the Shabbat service.

Nov. 11: Kimberly & Donny Smoak will host the oneg in honor of their daughter, Olivia, who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

Nov. 18: Karen, Scott and Rachel Pitchon will host the oneg in honor of their birthdays.

Nov. 25: Melissa Villasin will host the oneg in honor of her daughter, Leah, who will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee I want to express a big thanks for helping out with our November onegs!

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Contact Judith Pliner at (813) 436-0080 or email her at gp@pliner-inc.com if you are interested in hosting. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the onegs in the upcoming months.

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



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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



Olivia Berry Smoak

Olivia Berry Smoak, daughter of Kimberly and Donny Smoak of Apollo Beach, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon, FL.

Olivia is in the eighth grade at Progress Village Middle Magnet School for the Arts in Tampa. When not studying, she is working hard at dance and theater.

She is also teacher's aide for Sunday school for K/first grade class at CBS and is enjoying confirmation as well.

She has chosen to raise money to fight hunger and is giving the proceeds of her fundraising to Mazon (an international Jewish response to hunger) and to C.A.R.E. (a non-kill animal shelter).

Her family will host a reception at The Embassy Suites Tampa-Brandon.



Leah Morgan Villasin

Leah Morgan Villasin, daughter of Melissa Villasin and Eric Villasin of Tampa Palms, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon, FL.

Leah is a seventh grade student at Terrace Community Middle School (TCMS) in Temple Terrace. She is enjoying her second year on the TCMS Cheerleading team, and is also a member of the Impact Club (a service-focused club). Leah is raising money for the FARE (Food Allergy

Research and Education) organization for her service project. Her family will host a reception at Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club with family and friends.

12th Annual Women Of Distinction

The Tampa Jewish Federation Women of Distinction Program will be held on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa, FL 33618. During the award ceremony, our very own Mags Oldman will be honored, along with more than 20 women who exemplify leadership and commitment to their organizations and our community.

The program will also feature an inspirational keynote presentation by Alina Spaulding. There will also be hors d'oeuvre and a dessert reception. Let's support Mags by attending this event. The cost is \$25 per person or \$36 per patron by November 29th. Patrons will receive special recognition and priority seating at the event. Non-patron tickets will be available for \$36 at the event.

The Federation is also offering the opportunity to purchase ads in the Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program Book. The program book, which features biographies of each honoree, will be a keepsake for the honorees and the community. Here are the ad costs:

1/4 page - \$36 1/2 page - \$72 Full page - \$108 To RSVP or place an ad, go to www.jewishtampa.com, or contact Loni Lindsay at 813.769.2702. Online registration is also available. For questions or more information, please contact Pamela Behar at pamela.behar@jewishtampa.com.



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

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Kolot Shalom** for lending their beautiful voices to our High Holy Day services!
- Kudos to **Cynthia Goldstein**, and the entire **ritual committee** for a wonderful High Holy Day season!
- Kudos to **Steve Slavkin** for coordinating our terrific pancake brunch on the second day of Rosh Hashanah services.
- Kudos to **Dave Friedman** and **Steve Gale** for their cooking skills at the brunch!
- Kudos to **Carol Anne Friedman** and **Lauren Weisman** for coordinating our break-the-fast - and to everyone who provided food for the veritable feast, and **Elisa Criden** for help cleaning it up!
- Kudos to all those who took the time before the High Holy Days to prepare their readings (in English & Hebrew) for our High Holy Days.
- Kudos to all who helped set and clear chairs to prepare for the holy days and restore our sanctuary for regular services!
- Kudos to **Kate Swedlow**, **Michelle McCormick**, **Andrea Chassen**, and **Toby Koch** for their terrific challahs!
- Kudos to **Richie Bauman**, **Michael McCormick**, **Dave Friedman**, **Paola Olivares**, and **Anthony Lamattina**, and **Mabel Pluas-Kett** for rolling up their sleeves and getting our sukkah up in time for services and to **Dave Friedman** for taking it down!
- Kudos to **Steve and Sheila Slavkin** for putting together a wonderful Taste of Sukkot event!
- Kudos to **Gayle Borgen** and all of our greeters - **Richie Bauman**, **Michelle Dempsey**, **Bill Golden**, **Jan Golden**, **Jeff Goodman**, **Sandee Pelk**, and **Judith Pliner**, who during the High Holy Days provided such warm welcomes to all our members and guests.
- Kudos to **Gerry Pliner** and the **parking team**.
- Kudos to **Kevin Frye**, **Sandy Santucci**, and **Joan Frankel** for providing their gifts of music to our High Holy Days.
- Kudos to all who helped make Sukkot Under the Stars so fun!
- Kudos to **Seth Dugan** and **Michael Barnett** for their hard work prepping the temple for the High Holy Days!
- Kudos to **Stacy Serota** for coordinating our Guess Who game for Simchat Torah!
- Kudos to the **BESTY teens** for sorting through all that food collected and preparing it for distribution!



MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to **Sandy and Lee Schwartz** on the birth of their new grandchild!

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

To all new members of Congregation Beth Shalom:

If you joined Congregation Beth Shalom since Jan. 1, you are being invited to a special oneg in your honor. The date is Friday, Dec. 16, and the hosts are all of you. However, this is not a traditional oneg where the hosts are responsible for providing all the food and other items that are part of an oneg. In fact, you will not be asked to provide anything except YOU.

You will be the people who greet fellow congregants at the oneg table after the service. All refreshments usually associated with an oneg will be provided by the Membership Committee in your honor. Your job is to introduce yourself to the other people and get to meet them. It's a wonderful way to have you meet other members of Beth Shalom and have them meet you. We will do this twice a year so that as new people join our congregation, everyone

gets to meet everyone, and hopefully we can get to know one another.

I have done this in the past when my husband and I were involved with membership at Beth Shalom, and we are bringing back this tradition as I am again involved with membership, this time with co-chairman Judith Pliner. We hope you will plan to attend this special oneg "in your honor" Dec. 16. If you cannot come to this oneg, there will be another one in May 2017 for those who join our congregation between Dec. 6, 2016 and end of May 2017. Watch for your invitation in the mail!

Shana Tovah !

Gail Verlin and Judith Pliner
Membership Co-chairmen

LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman



The Lifelong Learning Committee presents informative and exciting programs for November. These presentations include:

• **Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 am, Bible and Bagels – A Morning of Torah Study:**

Join us for a lively and participatory look at the weekly Torah portion – along with a nosh, of course! The topic is Parashat Noach: Did Noah Deserve to Be Saved?

• **Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 pm, Israel in the Spotlight: The Presbyterian Church confronts the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction Movement – Michael Gizzi, Speaker:** Many of the national church organizations have brought resolutions asking their national assemblies to approve boycotting and divesting from companies that do business with Israel. This program will allow us to discuss this disturbing trend with a church leader actively confronting these issues. Our guest speaker, Michael Gizzi, is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an active member of Presbyterians for Middle East Peace. A political scientist and professor of criminal justice at Illinois State University, Michael Gizzi is actively involved in research on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

• **Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 am, A Practical Exploration of the Customs of Death and Mourning:** All of us will experience the death of a loved one and oftentimes it is difficult to know what to do. The Lifelong Learning Committee will be offering a series that will take place both in the temple and in the community and will help us practically prepare for these difficult moments. Our initial program: What to do When a Loved One Dies – A Conversation at Segal Funeral Home. The funeral home is located 3909 Henderson Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33629.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 pm – 9 pm. iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict – A Year Long Conversation:** iEngage is an exciting program designed by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem to stimulate meaningful, knowledgeable dialogue about Israel. Over the past several months, the iEngage program has helped participants to dive deeply into fundamental questions about the Jewish homeland.

• **Saturday, Nov. 19, 6 pm, Pages Turners:** For this meeting in the Temple Library, we will be reading *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis. Our coordinator for the evening is Anita Hoffman.

• **Sunday, Jan. 8, 4 pm, Jewish Art History Lecture:** The Lifelong Learning Committee of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon is pleased to announce the rescheduled date of the lecture and slide program on Jewish Art History with Susan Fader.



Upcoming Programs

• **Friday, Dec. 2:** Special guest speaker. As part of our inclusion initiative, Dr. Greg Sullivan, USF Geriatric Psychiatry Fellow will speak on psychiatric illnesses and older adults.

• **Thursday, Nov. 10:** CANCELED PROGRAM: Israel in the Spotlight: The Presbyterian Church confronts the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction Movement – Michael Gizzi, Speaker

• **Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 am:** A conversation at Segal Funeral Home: “What to do when a loved one dies.” All of us will experience the death of a loved one and oftentimes it is difficult to know what to do. This conversation with the director of Segal Funeral Home will help provide background on the Jewish customs surrounding death and provide guidance to be prepared at a time of loss. RSVP REQUIRED TO TEMPLE OFFICE BY THURSDAY, NOV. 11. We will meet at Segal Funeral Home, 3909 Henderson Blvd., Tampa.

• **Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, & 2, 9:45 am:** Level 2 Hebrew for adults begins. See ad on page 9.

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EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

Each fall, it is all about the High Holidays!

Our classes have had great diverse learning. Our younger students connected Torah portion themes to the holidays including art projects. We had "Tootsie Roll Torahs," apple jars, Jonah and the whale along with a variety of Sukkahs. Our 7th graders led Shabbat Service on Oct. 14 with their insightful thoughts regarding hospitality and Sukkot. Thanks to their teacher, Dan Weinstein, and aide, Micah Dugan. We appreciate the time and commitment you show toward our students. Shout out to our 7th-grade parents for sponsoring the oneig that evening.

Our fourth annual Sukkot under the Stars event was held Oct. 19. It was very well attended. We had music, crafts, games and food - including s'mores! I was very pleased that many Torah Tot families with pre-school children attended. We saw some familiar faces of members without school-age children as well. I would like to thank Natasha Rieger, Lea Garbett and the Parent Association Sukkot Committee for a wonderful evening.

The Religious School Parent Association meets regularly.

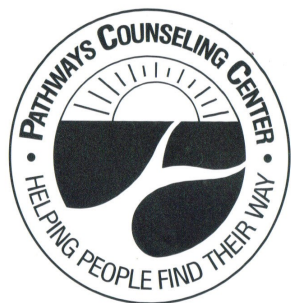
BESTY BEAT



Registration for Winter Kallah is now open! What to do with your winter break? Spend the second half in Orlando with hundred of other Jewish teens from around

the region! Hotel based, this event includes all of the regular NFTY programming as well as governance sessions—where bylaws are revised and amendments examined, debated upon, and voted on. Dec. 24–28, 2016.

We're looking at squeezing in a Light the Night fundraising walk in November, an ice skating trip in December, and then will be having the BESTY Bonanza in January!



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- **Friday, Nov. 4, 7 pm:** Family Service with Consecration & Kabbalat haSiddur for 4th grade
- **Sunday, Nov. 6, noon:** 6th grade B'nai Mitzvah orientation
- **Sunday, Nov. 6, 9:30 am:** 7th grade program Beyond "*Baruch atah*" - understanding the prayers
- **Friday, Nov. 11:** School District of Hillsborough County no school for Veteran's Day
- **Sunday, Nov. 13:** no religious school for Veteran's Day Weekend
- **Sunday, Nov 20:** No religious school for annual TBJEC in-service
- **Monday, Nov. 21 – Friday, Nov. 25:** School District of Hillsborough County no school for fall break
- **Wednesday, Nov. 23:** No Hebrew school
- **Sunday, Nov. 27:** No religious school

We have about a dozen parents attend. We are currently planning for Chanukah. Ideas for fundraising and increasing parental involvement are main topics as well. Please contact Natasha and/or Lea to get involved!

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 kibbitzer706@verizon.net by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

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INCLUSION TASK FORCE THOUGHTS —Amy Weinstein

*"For my house shall be a house of prayer for all people."
Isaiah 56:5*

Recently, we have established a task force to examine our practices regarding inclusion at Congregation Beth Shalom.

So what is inclusion? In the simplest definition, inclusion is a noun defined as "the action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure."

Inclusion is recognizing our universal "oneness" and interdependence. Inclusion is recognizing that we are "one" even though we are not the "same." The act of inclusion means fighting against exclusion and also involves assuring that all support systems are available to those who need such support. Providing and maintaining support systems is a moral responsibility, not a favor.

Having a disability should never be a reason to exclude someone from involvement in their Jewish community. When someone with a disability is included and (more importantly) involved in meaningful ways, we benefit as a community. Simply stated, we are not whole until *all* of us belong. Everyone at Congregation Beth Shalom, professional staff, lay leaders, board members and general membership, should understand the importance of inclusion for all. This is true because all of us have a part to play in audacious hospitality and ensuring that everyone feels included and welcomed.

Why is inclusion important for our Jewish community? It's more than "just a nice thing to do;" it's part of our culture. Many years ago, the Jewish people followed a leader from Egypt into the desert. Who would have guessed that without God's inclusion, Moses might never have been chosen to lead his people to freedom?

God spoke to Moses and told him that he would lead his people out of Egypt, (Exodus 4:11). Moses replied that he could not accept this job for he was slow of speech and heavy of tongue. Moses' statements caused God to be angry, and God replied: "Who made man's mouth? Or who makes one mute, or deaf or seeing or blind. Isn't it I, God?" God made it possible for Moses to be a leader by providing Aaron to speak for him. It was, in fact, providing an accommodation. Now, we provide accommodations routinely. A student with a processing disorder may receive additional time to process materials during a test. A person who is deaf or hard of hearing might have a sign language interpreter, a blind person utilizes braille, someone with limited mobility, a ramp, etc. These measures do not give a person an advantage; they simply level the playing field in order to assure that material or buildings are accessible to everyone.

With an accommodation, Moses could now do the work that God had commanded of him. Why would God choose Moses? Perhaps because of the personal vision and strength Moses possessed. His speech disability was insignificant in God's plan.

The realization is that each of us has something to offer our temple community, regardless of our abilities.

To welcome all is a Jewish tradition. As we open our hearts and our minds to everyone we meet, let us remember that we are all created in the image of God. Like Moses, may our strengths overcome our challenges allowing each of us the opportunity to contribute to our community utilizing our own gifts. Like Abraham and Sarah, may we find ways to welcome and accommodate those who wish to be part of our community. Like Miriam, may we recognize that our community is better when we move forward *together*.

If there be among you a needy person, you shall not harden your heart, but you shall surely open your hand. Deuteronomy 15:7.

Please contact Rabbi Torop if you are interested in participating with the inclusion task force.



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Thursday, November 3 • 7:00 PM OPENING NIGHT Kate Siegel <i>Mother, Can You Haff?</i> Featuring Author Kate Siegel and her mother, a popular producer of primetime TV. Her Frieda, join us for an evening of truth and laughter - based on the widely popular Instagram account, @CrashWithMom. HABERLATOR SPONSORSHIP - THE BANNER FAMILY Tickets are \$12 and includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres buffet with entertainment provided by the Ticket Club. JCC on the Oaks Campus • 13009 Community Campus Drive	Friday, November 4 • 11:30 AM LUNCHEON, SHARING SECRETS AND STORIES AROUND THE GAME TABLE. Betsy Lermer <i>The Bridge Ladies</i> Betsy Lermer, a poet and literary agent, introduces the group portrait of the five members of her mother's 50-year-old weekly bridge game. HABERLATOR SPONSORSHIP - THE BANNER FAMILY Tickets are \$26. Reservations will be limited to the first 70 responses. A reservation or full table will be available to select at the time of reservation. Seating: 52 • 304 H Wenhove Boulevard
Saturday, November 5 • 7:00 PM FOODIE/DINE NIGHT Issa Yehud <i>Food and the City</i> From Zabar's deli counter to the Plaza Hotel, the Harlem Shake to RedFarm, Author Issa Yehud captures the stories of the people behind NYC's culinary world. She will take us on an insider's journey into New York's pulsating food scene alongside the men and women who call it home. Tickets are \$15 and includes food tastings of New York City foods, including a rehearsal directly from Zabar's deli. JCC on the Oaks Campus • 13009 Community Campus Drive	Sunday, November 6 • 10:30 AM PANEL OF LOCAL AUTHORS. STORIES: LIVING THEM, TELLING THEM. Featuring Local Authors: Iris Paster, Moderator (Shen, Eliza and Other Facts of Life), Richard Cohen (2000), Baby Boomer's Run Across the U.S., Alyssa Green (Wider-Wider) and Gaila Brinkhoff (The Color Song Off-Key). Tickets are \$10 and includes a book buffet. Four authors who live in Tampa will comprise a panel, each to talk about their books, their writing process and their lives as an author. JCC on the Oaks Campus • 13009 Community Campus Drive
Sunday, November 6 • 1:00 PM Library INVITES YOU TO... Shoshana Ben-Zion <i>Land & Aya</i> Program is appropriate for children ages 5-12. Come dressed in your favorite blue outfits will have children back to time to the Wild West, where a young boy Shoshan builds his family business into a cornerstone of the midwestern boom town of San Francisco, and a sweet "Zempanose" love story unfolds. This is a drop off event from 1:00-3:00 PM. This is a FREE community event. JCC on the Oaks Campus • 13009 Community Campus Drive	Sunday, November 6 • 6:30 PM DINNER & PROGRAM. INSIDE THE ELITE TALPIOT UNIT OF THE IDF. Jason Gwirtz <i>Israel's Edge: The Story of the IDF's Most Elite Unit, the Talpiot</i> Instead of being trained to fight, the few soldiers each year selected for Talpiot are taught how to think. HABERLATOR SPONSORSHIP - BNA & BARRY DORCHER Tickets are \$12 and includes an Israeli buffet dinner. Gwirtz is an executive producer of the business news network CNBC. JCC on the Oaks Campus • 13009 Community Campus Drive
Wednesday, November 9 • 9:30 AM BREAKFAST & A BOOK Presented in partnership with the JCC. Hosted by: Noelle Duvall-Rhodes <i>Science of Paranormal: Scientific Explanations for Widely Believed Paranormal Phenomena</i> Anyone who's ever wondered why the kid who plays Minecraft for hours can't sit still for ten minutes to finish a worksheet or who's despondent after storming, sleeping, or finding a woman's jeans again, will find this book a hilarious, enlightening and reliable read. HABERLATOR SPONSORSHIP - BNA Tickets are \$5 and includes a breakfast buffet. JCC on the Oaks Campus • 13009 Community Campus Drive	Sunday, November 13 • 7:00 PM COFFEE & A CONVERSATION David Kushner <i>Alligator Caddy</i> Award-winning journalist and author David Kushner grew up in the Carrollwood area of Tampa, rearing wild with his friends, exploring, riding bikes and disappearing into the nearby woods. But one morning in 1973 everything changed. This is the true story of his brother's murder, at the hands of two drivers and everything that happened after. This is a FREE community event. Coffee, conversation and a dessert. Seating: 50 • 304 H Wenhove Boulevard

To register for a featured event and for a complete list of the 51st & 52nd Stages, visit us online at www.jewishtampabay.com or call Sherry Gold at 813.768.4735.

A Jewish Festival Book Store will be open at the JCC on the Oaks Campus throughout the festival. Guests will have book signing opportunities at the conclusion of each event.




KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

It is indeed my pleasure to thank the following individuals for their superbly performed music during the High Holidays this year: Dave Friedman, Kevin Frye, Cynthia Goldstein, Michael Lubin, Jeff Newman, Milt Newman, Janice Perelman, Sandy Santucci, Brian Slater, Steve Slavkin, Christine Stockelman and Lauren Weisman. Their music gave such reverence and beauty to the services.

In the event that you read the article about coming Nov. 11, for Shabbat Alive, I regretfully must inform you that we will not have a Shabbat Alive this fall. We'll set it up for later in the year.

Kolot Shalom will resume rehearsals Monday, Dec. 5, as we turn our attention to songs for Chanukah.

Blessings,

Joan Frankel, Kolot Shalom Director

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- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon**
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The President's Dinner



Our congregation president, Dave Friedman, has volunteered to cook for our upcoming Shabbat dinner on Dec. 2, at 6 pm. This dinner, one of those already scheduled earlier this year, will truly be a sumptuous event. The menu will offer salad, a choice of baked chicken or salmon, and a variety of sautéed vegetables, roasted potatoes and homemade challah. A light dessert will also be included.

Sounds yummy and will once again give all the opportunity to mingle before and after the evening's Shabbat service. Naturally, advance reservations are required. The cost for this event is \$18 for adults, \$5 for children under 5 years of age, with a family maximum of \$45.00.

Please put this on your calendar. Contact Mags with RSVP, including entrée selection. All involved hope to break bread with you and yours at this event.

Fantasy Football

The CBS Fantasy Football League is in full swing. Our 12 teams started the year with a pizza /draft party. We have just finished week 5 of the regular season. As of today, there is a 3-way tie for first place: El Presidente Pasado (Jeff Newman), Matzo Balls (Stacy Serota, Scott Cohen) and The Shayna Punums (Lynn Kaler & Caren Magdovitz).



Upcoming CBS Events

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2017

Denim & Pearls! See upper right!

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Our annual retreat is once again planned for Cedar-kirk Camp in Lithia. This daylong family program will have adult learning programs led by Rabbi Torop and an exciting children's program to include crafts, learning and lots of outdoor fun.

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The High Holy Day Appeal for 5777 is open through the end of January 2017. To make a contribution, please contact the office.

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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.
- **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.
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- **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.

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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.
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11/2	David & Linda	Young
11/2	Randi & Daniel	Lannak
11/7	Scott & Kelley	Ellis
11/12	Iylene & Jeffrey	Miller
11/16	Brandon & Tiffany	Feldman
11/22	Jackie & Jonathan	Zaifert
11/28	Steven & Mindy	Gale
11/28	Michael & Cheryl	Lubin



Yahrzeits

11/1	Malcsi	Reisner Lerman	Aunt	of Gary	Ronay
11/2	Paul	Buchman	Father	of Ken	Buchman
11/3	Himy	Joelson	Grandfather	of Mark	Rabinowitz
11/4	John	Cassidy	Father	of Jerilyn	Dimant
11/7	Eleanor	Segall	Grandmother	of Laurie	Noyes
11/8	H. Robert	Gordon	Father	of Jane	Hertzberg
11/10	Melvin	Rifkin	Husband	of Eunice	Rifkin
11/11	Doris	Ohman	Mother	of Cynthia	Goldstein
11/12	David	Cramer	Husband	of Laurel	Cramer
11/12	Irene	Freedman	Aunt	of Randy	Freedman
11/14	Murray	Goldberg	Father	of Brenda	Gold
11/15	Samuel	Richter	Grandfather	of David	Richter
11/16	Philip	Smith	Father	of Owen	Smith
11/16	Stanley	Weiss	Father	of Alan	Weiss
11/17	Florence	Finkel	Aunt	of Steve	Feldman
11/18	Sol	Schechter	Relative	of Leslie	Will
11/19	Victor	Goldberg	Father	of Karen Goldberg	Pitchon
11/19	Elisabeth	Ballou	Mother	of Christine	Stockelman
11/21	Rose	Bond	Grandmother	of Joanne	Ronay
11/21	Lawrence	Bernstein	Father	of Sheila	Slavkin
11/21	Peter	Ronay	Brother	of Gary	Ronay
11/22	Mary	Bonifacio	Mother	of Debbie	Balot
11/23	David	Leopold	Grandfather	of Tami	Hahn
11/23	Shirley	Malkman	Mother	of Marla	Smith
11/24	Clara	May	Grandmother	of David	Richter
11/26	Diane	Goodman	Mother	of Jill	Tyree
11/26	Evelyn	Sanders	Mother	of Sheila	Slavkin
11/27	Rosalie	Gwinn	Friend	of Keren	Vergon
11/29	George	Santucci	Husband	of Sandy	Santucci
11/30	Max	Hershkovitz	Father	of Phyllis	Newman
11/30	Christa	Dempsey	Mother	of Mark	Dempsey

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

11/1	Leah Morgan	Villasin
11/1	Stephen	Feldman
11/1	Anita	Hoffman
11/2	Olivia	Murray
11/3	Gerry	Lawrence
11/4	Howard	Saviet
11/5	Heidi	Rojas
11/5	Jonathan	Ellis
11/6	Abigail	Hernandez
11/6	Michael	Meyers
11/8	David	Goldberg
11/9	Brandon	Feldman
11/9	Ira	Ratner
11/13	Emma Marie	Osborn
11/13	Scott	Pitchon
11/13	Clifford	Will
11/15	Rachel	Pitchon
11/15	Julie	Shienbaum
11/16	Isabel	Hernandez
11/16	Rabbi Michael	Torop
11/17	Anna	Brubaker
11/18	Kayce	Powell
11/18	Madison	Oppolo
11/18	Jordan	Oppolo
11/19	Linda	Young
11/19	William	Kalbas
11/19	Cassandra	Cohen
11/19	Laurie	Noyes
11/20	Ken	Buchman
11/21	Richard	Bauman
11/23	Sara	Goodman
11/25	Carol Anne	Friedman
11/26	Karen Goldberg	Pitchon
11/26	Elizabeth	Pelk
11/26	Rachel	Freedman
11/28	Laura	Kaler
11/28	Keren	Vergon

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27 NO RS	28 	29 JCC Give Tuesday 7:30P Exec. Comm Mtg	30 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30 BESTY 7:30P Ritual Cmte	Calendar is subject to change. Please check with the Temple Office if you are planning an event or meeting. A live, online calendar is also available 24/7 at www.bethshalom-brandon.org		



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