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From the Rabbi

Learning About Ourselves . . .

I was recently invited to speak to a class at a local high school that was studying the Holocaust. The teacher wanted me to speak not only about the Holocaust but also about Judaism and Jewish life today so the students would know something about those who were victims of the Nazis. One of the questions they asked was about the different kinds of Jews – from those who wear black hats to those who look just as they do. It's always hard to express the difference between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in just a few sentences. But one of the things I always say is that Reform Judaism balances the traditions we've been given with the desire to be part of the modern world and that each Jew has to make an informed choice about how to do this.

"Informed choice" has always been a central feature of Reform Judaism. This is true about how we observe the holidays and Shabbat, what we choose to eat, what ritual garments we chose to wear in the synagogue. I think of this every time I am asked by someone to explain what we do in the service – cover our eyes, bow, wear a tallit – because, as someone said recently "I don't know what I am supposed to do." "Supposed to do." Of course, there are norms of Jewish practice we hope everyone will embrace. However, when it comes to prayer practice, especially the "choreography" of the service, the quest is for individual meaning in worship, not expected behavior. It is hard to be open to meaning if we are looking around feeling left out or as if everyone else knows what to do. It is hard to make an "informed choice" if we are not even sure what the choice is! While there are notes in the book about many things, it helps to have a chance to learn in depth and ask questions. On Friday, Nov. 10, our Shabbat service will be a learner's service. It will be an opportunity to learn about the service, why we do what we do and the nature of different customs and traditions. Come learn about the various ways you might connect to prayer... so that you can make an informed choice.

And Learning About Others . . .

Our Interfaith Meet-Up at the end of August was a wonderful opportunity to gather together members of the Christian and Muslim community to begin to build bridges. Members of the Istanbul Cultural Center and a number of local churches joined members of CBS to learn about the Jewish New Year traditions and – more importantly – begin the process of getting to know each other. In their feedback, participants all echoed a similar sentiment: a desire to build meaningful relationships, an interest in opportunities to learn about one another, and a commitment to working together on projects of significance in the community. We hope this will include visiting other places of worship, learning together and from each other about issues of common concern, and doing the "mitzvah" work that is central to all faith, no matter what label we use. Our CBS committee will be looking at possible events and inviting others from the faith communities to join us in thoughtful planning for the future. In our multicultural and diverse world, understanding others is not an option. It is essential path to creating a world in which we can be secure in who we are knowing that we stand together in our quest for unity and peace.

May you all have a meaningful and joy filled Thansgiving.



FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

Well, if you read October's letter, perhaps you recall the fourth paragraph? What I'd hoped for came true. In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, we only had to "deal with manageable wind and rain" and a few days without power. Fortunately, no one else in the CBS family needed to be rescued!"



I'd like to congratulate Sheila Slavkin for being our next "Woman of Distinction!" Sheila has done a tremendous amount of work for us here at CBS through the years, and she's quite deserving. Thank you, Sheila! You can read about her accomplishments and get details of the event on page 4.

I'm going to retell a story Dr. Billy Graham told while at a luncheon. It was given in his honor, in 2000. At the time, he was struggling with Parkinson's disease and was reluctant to accept the invitation. After being told that a "major address" was not expected, he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the podium and said, "I'm reminded today of the great physicist, Albert Einstein, who was *Time* magazine's 'Man of the Century.' Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it."

Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, "Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. No problem. You don't need

a ticket. I'm sure you bought one."

"Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too know who I am. What I don't know is, where I'm going.'"

Having said that, Dr. Graham continued. "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children and my grandchildren tell me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So, I went out and bought a brand new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going. Amen and peace, my friends. And may each of us have lived our lives so that when our ticket is punched, we don't have to worry where we are going."

I found this very inspiring!

Thanksgiving is still a few weeks away, but I offer you this blessing: "May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door. Life without G-d is like an unsharpened pencil – it has no point.

See you at temple!

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Friday, Nov. 3, 7: 45 p.m.:** Janice Perelman will discuss *Poland - Connections with the Past*.
- **Sunday, Nov. 5:** Mitzvah Day. More information on pages 10 and 11.
- **Friday, Nov. 10, 7:45 p.m.:** Interactive learner's service. More information on page 6.
- **Sunday, Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m.:** *Make Summer Memories for a Lifetime!* Head counselor Diana Bloom will share a video presentation about URJ Camp Coleman. Camp Coleman is Jewish summer camp where kids spend summer swimming, doing ropes courses, arts and crafts, archery and more in a vibrant, dynamic Jewish environment. Join us to learn more!
- **Friday, Nov. 17, 7:45 p.m.:** Simcha Shabbat
- **Monday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners.
- **Sundays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, 4 p.m.:** *Beyond "I had a little dreidel."* Cantor Tanya Greenblatt will teach a class on the music of Chanukah. More information on page 6.



*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. 3: Gerry Lawrence** will host the oneg in honor of his birthday and also in memory of his wife, Harriet.
- **Nov. 10: Martie & Michael Spaier** will host the oneg in honor of their 50th anniversary.
- **Nov. 17:** This date is open. Please contact the Oneg Committee if you would like to host.
- **Nov. 24: Anna & Steve Feldman and Anita Hoffman** will host the oneg in honor of Steve's and Anita's birthdays.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to express a big thanks to our November oneg 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).

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

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The 2017 Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction

The 2017 Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program will honor more than two dozen deserving women who represent more than 20 Jewish organizations and congregations in the area Thursday, Nov. 30, at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 2713 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, from 7-9 p.m.



During the ceremony, our very own Sheila Bernstein Slavkin will be honored.

Born and raised in the New York/New Jersey area, Sheila worked in administration at 20th Century Fox Television Division in New York City. She was a professional recruiter for 25 years and received numerous awards from Snelling and Snelling for high achievement and placement success and was founder of Caroll Permanent Medical Professionals, Inc.

Sheila been an active member of Hadasah, ORT, and B'nai Brith Women. Her hobbies include home decorating and a strong interest in healthy but tasty eating. Sheila is married to Dr. Steve Slavkin. Together they have raised five children and currently enjoy traveling around the country to visit their eight grandchildren, and

in recent years Sheila has made heritage tours to Israel, Hungary, and other sites.

Sheila moved to Valrico from Jacksonville in 2005 and immediately joined Congregation Beth Shalom. She and her husband were 2011 Honorees of the Tampa State of Israel Bonds.

From 2006-14, Sheila started and ran a Beth Shalom group called Daytimers, retirees in their '70s, '80s and '90s, who met for a program and lunch once a month. Each month she found an interesting program and provided transportation for the members, many of whom didn't drive. She is also one of the three founding members of the Havurah program at Beth Shalom, which started in 2006 and is still going strong.

Sheila also co-wrote and performed with the Beth Shalom Players in the annual Purim Schpiel, recruited three synagogue administrators and a bookkeeper, and is currently on the committee to recruit a new rabbi. She currently participates in the Interfaith Task Force, Social Action and Membership Committees at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Help celebrate Sheila and her many accomplishments at this annual event. Tickets, tributes and ads start at \$25 and can be purchased online at <https://secure3.convio.net/jfna/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=106468>.

MITZVAH MADNESS

An occasional column to highlight the meaningful projects our congregation and b'nai mitzvah students have a passion about.

For his mitzvah project, Jackson McCormick has chosen to collect new toys to donate to the Child Life department at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg.

When Jackson was in kindergarten, he was admitted to the hospital for a week and remembers how happy he was when the Child Life department employees came around with a cart full of new toys for him to choose from. He wants to give back and do the same for other children



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who are admitted to the hospital.

If any congregant would like to donate a new toy for this worthy cause, please email Mishyvi@yahoo.com.

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Kudos & Mazels

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Steve Slavkin and the Ritual Committee**; also to **Joan Frankel and the choir** for all their work during the High Holy Days.
- Kudos to those who helped assemble and disassemble the sukkah.
- Kudos to **Amy Weinstein** for her work on organizing Sukkot Under the Stars.
- Kudos to **Mitch and Suzie Baylis** for putting together a fabulous Murder Mystery night fundraiser and kudos to all those who participated to help make this a successful event.
- Kudos to **Brady Garbett** for making the Roland Park K-8 Magnet School 5th-grade math bowl team.



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Please join us in welcoming Congregation Beth Shalom's newest members who joined us in October:

- **Dovid Goldfarb** is a retired officer from the Metro Police Department in Washington, D.C.
- **Carol Roberts** is a physician who practices in North Tampa.

Please watch for their friendly faces at temple events and introduce yourselves to our "new family members."

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LIFELONG LEARNING—*Richie Bauman*



CBS encompasses different faith traditions. Here, in our congregation, we have Jews who were brought up as Classical Reform Jews to those who went to an Orthodox Yeshiva. With this type of diversity, you will find many different Jewish traditions and practices as well as those from Christian and other faiths.

▪ Here's an opportunity to learn everything you wanted to know about Shabbat services but were afraid to ask! On **Fri-**

day Nov. 10, Rabbi Torop will lead an interactive service to explain our practices; everything from bowing to covering your eyes to when you wear a tallit. This is a golden opportunity to participate, ask questions and learn about Shabbat worship at CBS.

▪ **Sundays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, both days at 4 p.m.:** *Beyond "I had a little dreidel."* Join Cantor Tanya Greenblatt for an exploration of Chanukah music, both ancient and modern. Learn about the texts and tunes that add joy to this popular holiday.

PAGE TURNERS

On **January 15**, Page Turners will discuss Abigail Pogrebin's *My Jewish Year*—and the author will join us for our discussion via Skype!

We are announcing the book early so that everyone who wants to join this lively discussion can plan to read the book and join in.

About *My Jewish Year*: Although she grew up following some holiday rituals, Pogrebin realized how little she knew about their foundational purpose and current relevance.

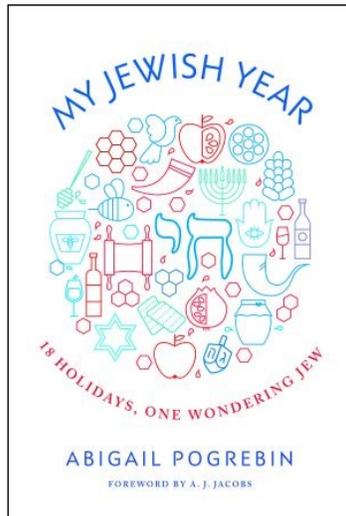
She wanted to understand what kept these holidays alive and vibrant, in some cases for thousands of years. Her curiosity led her to embark on an entire year of intensive research, observation, and writing about the milestones on the Jewish calendar.

My Jewish Year travels through this calendar's signposts with candor, humor, and a trove of information, capturing the arc of Jewish observance through the eyes of a relatable, wandering—and wondering—Jew.

The chapters are interspersed with brief reflections from prominent rabbis and Jewish thinkers.

Maybe you're seeking an accessible, digestible roadmap for Jewish life. Maybe you'd appreciate a fresh exploration of what you've mastered. Whatever your motivation, you'll be educated, entertained, and inspired by Pogrebin's unusual journey—and by *My Jewish Year*.

Copies of *My Jewish Year* are available from commercial booksellers, directly from the publisher, <https://figtreebooks.net/books/jewish-year/>, and in the library at CBS.



November Meeting

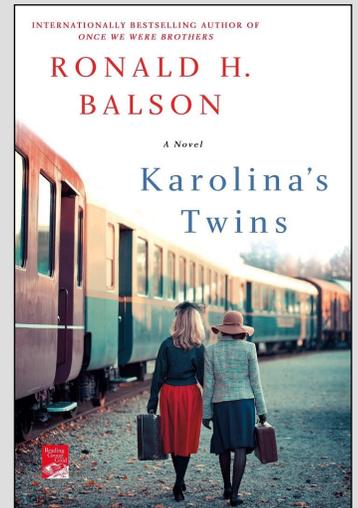
The next Page Turners meeting will be Monday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m.

The book will be *Karolina's Twins* by Ronald H. Bolson which tells the story of Karolina, the Nazis and her best friend's twin daughters who were born as the Nazis were closing in on Poland. It tells the story of what happened to her and them and her relentless search for the two girls.

A small dinner will be served.

Hope to see you there.

Anita Hoffman - leader of the month



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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 while our older students conquered higher-level thinking in response to holiday themes. Our 7th-graders led Shabbat Services on Oct. 20 with their insightful thoughts regarding Jewish values and the Torah. Many thanks to their teacher, Dan Weinstein. We appreciate the time and commitment you show toward our students. Shout-out to our 7th-grade parents for sponsoring the oneg that evening as well.

Our 5th annual Sukkot event was held Oct. 4. It was very well attended. We had music, crafts, games, star-gazing and s'mores! I was very pleased that so many of our religious school students attended.

This semester we are raising money through tzedakah to benefit those affected by Hurricane Irma. Please remember

Important November Dates

- **Wednesday, Nov. 1:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, Nov. 5:** RS, Mitzvah Day – not a drop off, there will be family activities
- **Wednesday, Nov. 11:** Hebrew
- **Sunday, Nov. 11:** RS & Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, Nov. 15:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, Nov. 19:** No RS (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 22:** No Hebrew (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Sunday, Nov. 26:** No RS (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 29:** Hebrew

to send in tzedakah with your child each Sunday. We teach concepts of acts of loving kindness and repair of the world in our curriculum. Please help us foster a community of generosity and caring for others.

BESTY BEAT

I hope everyone has had a great first quarter of school. Fall Kallah is now over, and it was an amazing event.

Our next Kallah will be over the first week of winter break. Be on the lookout for registration information.

Camp Jenny applications will also be opening in about a week! I highly recommend applying to be a counselor at Camp Jenny. It is held at Camp Coleman for inner-city Atlanta kids at F.L. Stanton Elementary school. It will be held over Memorial Day weekend. It's a life-changing experience for both you and the campers.

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RABBI SEARCH - Sheila Fishman

As previously reported, we are moving along two tracks. Regarding seating a permanent rabbi effective with July 1, we have met and reviewed the information obtained from the congregational meeting. Those comments repeatedly mentioned by the attendees were identified and were entered on the rabbinic application. We submitted the application Thursday, Oct. 5, and it was posted to the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) members-only website. Interested rabbis will contact the CCAR and submit their resumes. The CCAR will then forward the resumes onto your Rabbi Search Committee. A subgroup of the Rabbi Search Committee has been formed to develop the protocol for interacting with the applicants, evaluating the resumes, interviewing them, and evaluating each applicant's skill set. It is our ultimate goal to identify and select a rabbi for all of Beth Shalom congregants.

Now, regarding our needs January through June, I have great news. We have identified two individuals who will be providing spiritual leadership. Rabbi Richard Address agreed to assist us during this initial period. We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Address with us as his credentials are amazing. He served for more than three decades on the staff of the Union for Reform Judaism--first as a Regional Director and then as the Founder and Director of the URJ's Department of Jewish Family Concerns. He subsequently served as a specialist and consultant for the North American Reform Movement in the areas of family-related programming. During those years, he also served several congregations. He is the founder and director of www.jewishsacredaging.com. Currently, Rabbi Address contributes articles for websites on issues related to spirituality and aging, serves as Rabbinic Advisor to Men of Reform Judaism, and hosts a weekly radio show called "Boomer Generation Radio."



Rabbi Address will be with us for the following Shabbat weekends:

- January 19-20
- February 16-17
- March 9-10
- April 13-14 (Bat Mitzvah of Tovah Cantrell)
- April 27-28 (Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Robinson)
- May 25-26 (Bat Mitzvah of Felicia Tiller)

For the Bat Mitzvah of Ella Barnett on May 19-20, her family has arranged to have Cantor Moshe Friedler lead our congregation in prayer and celebration. Cantor Friedler served Congregation Rodeph Shalom for more than 20 years. Following his departure from the temple, he has been traveling nationwide to Jewish communities too small to hire a rabbi or cantor. When researching Cantor Friedler, he was described as vibrant, dynamic and larger than life.

We continue to identify other avenues for spiritual leadership for the initial 6-month period. Keep following our articles as we travel into the future of CBS!!

KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES



The Congregation Beth Shalom 2017 High Holy Days Choir.

What a wonderful start to our New Year!

Kolot Shalom has been very active this year, singing for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur morning, and Shabbat Alive in October. Thank you to all those who contributed your musical talents to enhance our worship services. The music continues to resound in our hearts.

The next Choir Shabbat will be Friday, Dec. 1. Please mark your calendars and come for an evening of uplifting prayer and melody. You'll be so glad you did.

Kolot Shalom always has room for new members. Rehearsals are listed on the Temple calendar. For questions, please contact Joan Frankel at 813-938-4123 or by email at the_frankels@verizon.net.

As many congregants already know, I'll be attending the URJ Biennial in December and singing in the hundred-member choir. I can't wait to report back with new music and ideas for our synagogue. Thank you for all your support.

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What mitigates the sadness of our rabbi's departure? The sweetness of a celebration of her service in our community!

Everyone is invited to join the celebration of Rabbi Betsy Torop during a weekend of festivities in December—and to contribute to honoring her service and thanking her in a variety of meaningful ways.

The lineup of celebratory events is:

Friday, Dec. 15

- 7 p.m.: Shabbat Service

Saturday, Dec. 16

- 10 a.m.: Bible and Bagels – a Torah learning discussion with Rabbi Torop
- 5:30 p.m.: Havdalah service followed immediately by a celebration of Rabbi Torop
- 7 p.m.: Chanukah dinner, festivities, and dancing

Sunday, Dec. 17

- 11:30 a.m.: Religious School Chanukah celebration and presentation to Rabbi Torop

Events are open to all.

Contributions in all amounts to Congregation Beth Shalom in honor of Rabbi Torop are welcome and will be recognized Saturday evening and in a permanent and meaningful way in our synagogue.

The congregation is assembling a special memory box with letters, photographs, and small items of particular significance for Rabbi Torop. Memory box items may be left at the synagogue in the labeled box, emailed, or mailed to CBS.

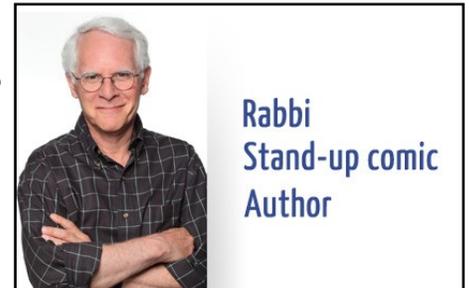
Questions? Want to contribute? Contact Julie Enszer by phone at 813-502-5549 or email at JulieREnszer@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing many old and new friends at these events.



Save the Date

Rabbi/Stand-Up Comic (Really) Bob Alper to perform Saturday, Jan. 6, xx p.m.

There's a reason why Sirius/XM satellite radio plays Rabbi Bob Alper's comedy bits several times daily, often sandwiched between Bob Newhart and Jerry Seinfeld: Bob's unique background: he's an ordained rabbi who served congregations for 14 years and holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary, preparing him well for a 28-year comedy career with wonderfully unique material presented in a way that's intelligent, sophisticated, and 100% clean.



And so it'll be 90 minutes of non-stop laughter Saturday, Jan. 6, when "the world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy... intentionally" comes to CBS in a program open to all in the community and universally enjoyable.

Bob is the author of three books that further showcase his considerable talents: *Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This*, an inspirational collection now in its fifth printing, the award-winning full-color cartoon book *A Rabbi Confesses*, and the newly-published *Thanks. I Needed That*. He's also produced two best-selling comedy CDs and a 102-minute DVD.

Bob lives in rural Vermont with his wife Sherri, a psychotherapist. Professionally, he makes people laugh, while she helps people cry.

Tickets will be on sale soon!

MITZVAH DAY—*Scott Hopkins*

Mitzvah Day is Sunday, Nov. 5

Hello, CBS! Please mark the date on your calendar! Mitzvah Day is an opportunity for us, the members of Congregation Beth Shalom, to go out into the wider community and share our resources and good will with those who will benefit from them. We have arranged a number of opportunities to get involved, and we will announce via blast and Facebook ways to sign up.

Several of the activities may involve much-needed outside or inside cleanup and work at these facilities:

- ECHO (Emergency Care Help Organization) of Brandon
- Tampa Jewish Family Services

In addition to those main activities, the choir will be visiting one or more nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Cynthia Goldstein is organizing a Dress for Success program for women. In future, we may also look to include the counterpart for men.

Richie Bauman has already set up the Bloodmobile for that morning. Signup information will be available for that as well.

We will also have projects for younger children to do at temple, including making cards for vets, seniors, Moffitt and other hospitals, and Houston and Florida synagogues affected by the hurricanes; making blessing bags (bags of food and sundries to hand out to homeless and those begging on street corners); and other art projects.

Judith Pliner has kindly agreed to handle the breakfast (bagels, coffee, and water) available that morning. We will gladly accept donations!

We will need to have captains for each of the activities that day. Please let me know if you would be interested or know somebody who would at srhopkins@hotmail.com

Parents are reminded that this is NOT a drop-off day. We would like you to participate with your children. We look



This Mitzvah Day we will be collecting clothing for Dress for Success Tampa Bay! The mission of Dress for Success Tampa Bay is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Dress for Success Tampa Bay serves clients by referral only, and women must have an interview scheduled before receiving clothing. Their clients come from a continually expanding and diverse group of non-profit and government agencies including homeless shelters, immigration services, job training programs, educational institutions and domestic violence shelters, among many other organizations.

Your fabulous suits and other professional apparel could furnish another woman with the confidence to enter or return to the workplace, make a great first impression, and land a job that could change her life.

Please ensure all items donated are freshly dry-cleaned or laundered and ironed, not more than five years old, and suitable for wearing to job interviews. Thanks!

Please note, only women’s clothing is accepted:

- Interview appropriate suits and professional separates
- Work-appropriate shoes and handbags
- Jewelry and scarves
- New undergarments
- Unopened Pantyhose

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forward to seeing you Sunday, Nov. 5! Much more information to come!

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Here's the scoop: Use the scoop. Bulk Nation is a fun way to shop, and they have a wide variety of spices, flour, nuts, dried fruit, candy, exotic teas and coffees; they have everything and things you never knew you needed.

Bulk Nation is located at 2426 W. Brandon Blvd, in the Staples shopping center.

Wanted!

Fundraising Committee is looking for fun people. If you are interested in planning social events or creative ways to raise money, please contact Suzie Baylis at all4suzie@gmail.com. Remember, we put the "FUN" in FUNdraising!



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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 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life:** The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- **Yahrzeit Plaque:** To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in the Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
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Anniversaries



- 11/7 Scott & Kelley Ellis
- 11/12 Iylene & Jeffrey Miller
- 11/13 Polly & Ira Arman
- 11/16 Brandon & Tiffany Feldman
- 11/28 Mindy & Steven Gale
- 11/28 Michael & Cheryl Lubin



Yahrzeits

11/2	Murray Goldberg	Father	of	Brenda Gold
11/5	Florence Finkel	Aunt	of	Steve Feldman
11/6	Sol Schecter	Relative	of	Leslie Will
11/7	Victor Goldberg	Father	of	Karen Goldberg Pitchon
11/7	Elisabeth Ballou	Mother	of	Christine Stockelman
11/9	Lawrence Berstein	Father	of	Sheila Slavkin
11/9	Rose Bond	Grandmother	of	Joanne Ronay
11/9	Peter Ronay	Brother	of	Gary Ronay
11/11	David Leopld	Grandfather	of	Tami Hahn
11/12	Doris Arman	Mother	of	Ira Arman
11/12	David Cramer	Father	of	Toby Rhine
11/13	Miriam Raymond	Mother	of	Howard Raymond
11/14	Evelyn Sanders	Mother	of	Sheila Slavkin
11/14	Janis Faegas	Aunt	of	Lauren Shaw
11/15	Samuel Richter	Grandfather	of	David Richter
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11/16	Stanley Weiss	Father	of	Alan Weiss
11/17	George Santucci	Husband	of	Sandy Santucci
11/18	Max Hershkowitz	Father	of	Phyllis Newman
11/18	Arthur Harris	Stepfather	of	Joan Cohen
11/18	Christa Dempsey	Mother	of	Mark Dempsey
11/20	Louise Braunstein	Grandmother	of	Hank Mart
11/21	Gloria Goldberg	Mother	of	Brenda Gold
11/22	Marshall Silber	Brother	of	Joanne Ronay
11/24	Clara May	Grandmother	of	David Richter
11/29	Frank B. Arman	Father	of	Ira Arman
11/29	David Gould	Father	of	Sandra Saviet
11/30	Frank Kurtz	Father	of	Pam Provenzano
11/30	Annette Feldman	Mother	of	Stephen Feldman

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 Villasin
- 11/1 Stephen Feldman
- 11/1 Anita Hoffman
- 11/3 Irving Gerry Lawrence
- 11/4 Howard Saviet
- 11/5 Jonathan Ellis
- 11/6 Abigail Hernandez
- 11/6 Michael Meyers
- 11/8 David Goldberg
- 11/8 Polly Arman
- 11/9 Brandon Feldman
- 11/9 Ira Ratner
- 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
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- 11/19 Cassandra Cohen
- 11/19 Williams Kalbas
- 11/20 Ken Buchman
- 11/21 Richard Bauman
- 11/23 Sara Goodman
- 11/25 Carol Anne Friedman
- 11/26 Elizabeth Pelk
- 11/26 Karen Goldberg Pitchon
- 11/26 Rachel Freedman
- 11/27 Doris Raymond
- 11/28 Laura Kaler
- 11/28 Keren Vergon
- 11/30 Susan Baylis

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Nov. 17

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Mitzvah Day 9:30AM Religious School	6 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30PM Executive Committee Meeting 7:30PM Board Meeting	8 6:15PM Hebrew School 7:30PM Membership Meeting	9	10 NFTY Hatikvah Kallah 5:30PM CBS Presidents Dinner 7:45 Erev Shabbat Learners Service	11 NFTY Hatikvah Kallah
12 NFTY Hatikvah Kallah 9:30AM Religious School 9:45AM Torah Tot	13 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15 6:15PM Hebrew School 6:30PM Conf. Class 6:30PM Lifelong Learning 7:30PM /Ritual Committee	16	17 Erev Shabbat Service 7:45 PM Simcha Shabbat	18
19 8:00AM TB/JEC in service	20 Hillsborough County Schools Closed Page Turners	21 Hillsborough County Schools Closed	22 Hillsborough County Schools Closed	23 Hillsborough County Schools Closed Thanksgiving Day	24 Hillsborough County Schools Closed Erev Shabbat Service	25
26	27 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	28	29 6:15PM Hebrew School 6:30PM TYG	30		
			1 6:15PM Hebrew School 6:30PM Confirmation Class	2	3 7:45 Erev Shabbat Service 8PM Past & Present in Eastern Europe	4 6PM-9PM Parents Night Out

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