

# The Kibbitzer

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## **From the Rabbi** *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

### ***Becoming a Jewish Adult***

I've been thinking about Bar and Bat Mitzvah lately. No doubt this is because of the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of my daughter, our youngest child, later this month. The starting of a new group of adult b'nai mitzvah students – and their thoughts about the desire to learn, lead worship and read Torah – has also been reverberating in my mind and spirit. And, as I write today, about half a dozen students are at various points in their learning toward becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and another four students will start tutoring with Keren Vergon in the next few months. We often take for granted that our young people go through this rite of passage without really considering what it means not only for them but for our community and the Jewish people.

### ***Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a Journey***

When each student begins tutoring, we expect him or her to know key prayers and have the ability to read Hebrew by sounding out words, the result of a strong Religious School education. Keren teaches them the prayers of the service – not only the ones they lead, but prayers such as Mourner's Kaddish and MiChamocha that are a part of regular worship. Many of our children learn Torah trope (the melody for chanting Torah) so that they can read Torah again. They learn their Torah and Haftarah portion and study their Torah portion with me so that they can understand it and be a teacher of Torah. They attend four family programs with their parents to better understand what it is to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and they do a mitzvah project to emphasize that being committed Jews is also about caring for the world. I tell each student that the actual day when they lead services is not what shows their commitment – that's the easy part. It's the journey to get there that is the challenge. And like with all journeys, when they think they've arrived, the road has actually only just begun.

### ***Bar/Bat Mitzvah is about Jewish Community***

Each Bar and Bat Mitzvah is different – just as each student is different. We encourage students to grow their Jewish muscles and skills to their maximum capability. In that respect, each service is unique. But although they are not all the same, Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a communal event – not a private one. No invitation is required to worship. It saddens me that more of our community doesn't come to be part of the worship service that each young person leads. Bar and Bat Mitzvah is about becoming a responsible member of the Jewish community, so surely there ought to be a community present to welcome them? Our children get this. They understand that a *tallit* is not a garment for a day... but for one's Jewish life. We see in the numbers who continue to participate in Confirmation and Youth Group that they understand that Bar/Bat Mitzvah is the beginning of Jewish communal involvement and not the end. Moreover, the stronger their bonds are with each other and with the synagogue itself, the more likely they are to continue to participate. Community creates meaning. When they experience it with their peers on Sundays and feel it in the energy in the sanctuary on Shabbat morning, they are bound every more tightly to the Jewish people and the Jewish future. Our young people work hard to become Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and their families support and encourage them. But let's not forget that we have a role to play as well.□



## From the President - Hank Mart

In 2005, the Tampa Jewish Community Center & Federation initiated the Tikkun Olam Award. This award is given to a community member who exhibits not only the stamina of a long-time leader but also commands the respect of all who work with him or her. This description clearly applies to Congregation Beth Shalom's nominee for the award, Jonathan Ellis. Jonathan has served numerous roles at CBS ranging from President to current Chair of the Finance Committee. Furthermore, he is a strong advocate for Israel and Jewish causes locally, nationally and internationally, and he actively supports too many organizations to list individually in this article. So this month's big THANK YOU goes out to Jonathan Ellis for all that you do for our Jewish community!

The remainder of this piece is a continuation from last month's article regarding a short series closely exploring each aspect of the word *team*. More specifically, we will explore the "t" and how it relates to *togetherness*. "Our sacred literature does not use obscure language but describes most things in words clearly indicating their meaning. Therefore it is necessary at all times to delve into the literal meaning of words to achieve complete understanding of what is actually meant." -- Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch.

Togetherness has several meanings; however, I thought we should look at this term as it relates to our congregation's vision statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon, Florida, will be a warm, caring inclusive Reform Jewish community which will provide opportunities for life-long study of Torah, for Avodah (worship), and Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of love and kindness).

One aspect of the vision statement is that we must cooperate with each other and set aside personal differences in order to accomplish our goals. This does not mean we should avoid discussions when there are varying opinions on a subject. It does mean for our congregation to run smoothly, all members must work together. This necessitates putting aside personal differences so that our goals can be achieved. We need to

cooperate and collaborate with each other. If there are conflicts, then these need to be resolved by using principles set out in the Torah.

Sometimes discussions get heated either at a board meeting or committee meeting. Once in a while someone will say something offensive or send an email that has inappropriate comments. I had an old supervisor say to me, "Hank, think before you speak." He also used to caution me to not send any correspondence whilst in a fit of anger. In both instances he was absolutely correct.

What I am trying to say is our time on this earth is brief compared to the history of humankind. So I will end with a brief statement from Bill Bradley: "Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it."

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- ☆ Friday worship services at 7:45 PM, Saturday worship services at 10:00 AM
- ☆ Religious school pre-kindergarten through tenth grade
- ☆ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ☆ Youth group programming
- ☆ Adult Education classes
- ☆ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day



### ***February Dates to Remember!!!!***

- **Sunday, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m.— 4th Grade Family Program.** “Celebrate Florida through Jewish Eyes”
- **Thursday, Feb. 6, 7:30-8:15 p.m.— Teleconference Learning.** “Raising Jewish Children in a Non-Jewish World” (Postponed from Dec. 2013) RSVP to Rabbi Torop.
- **Friday, Feb. 7, 7:45 p.m.— Shabbat Service** (Kolot Shalom sings)
- **Sunday, Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m.— 5/6th Grade Family Program.** You Be the Judge: Ethical Decision Making for the 21st Century.
- **Saturday, Feb. 15, 6-10 p.m.—Parents Night Out**
- **Sunday, Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m.—RS Bowling Fundraiser**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.— Adult Ed: “Lifepath Hospice—a holistic approach to end-of-life care”** (see page 4 for details)
- **Thursday, Feb. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Adult B’not Mitzvah Meeting**
- **Friday, Feb. 21—Shabbat Service** (Simcha Shabbat)
- **Sunday, Feb. 23—Torah Tots: “The Torah is our Precious Treasure.”**

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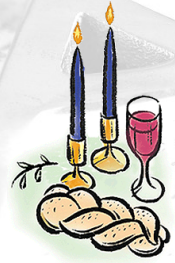
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### **February Oneg Schedule**

*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  
February.

- Feb. 7: Amy Hertzberg and her daughter’s religious school class will host the Oneg in honor of Allie’s Bat Mitzvah.
- Feb. 14 Potluck Oneg. Please bring something to share. Challah & Wine provided by the temple.
- Feb. 21 Michelle & Mark Dempsey and their daughter’s religious school class will host the Oneg in honor of Julia’s Bat Mitzvah.
- Feb. 28 Potluck Oneg. Please bring something to share. Challah & Wine provided by the temple.

#### **SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!**

Please contact Judith Pliner at 813-436-0080 or email her at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com) if you are interested in helping out with a future date.

Thank you from your Oneg Committee,

*Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner and Anita Hoffman*

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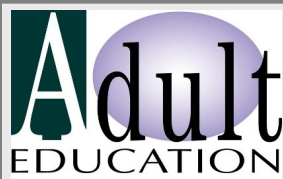
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## YOUR HEALTH: Prevention, Protection, and Preparation for the Future

In November, Congregation Beth Shalom kicked off a four-part series designed to provide relevant information about important health-related issues particularly pertinent to members of the Jewish community.

The first program in the series — “What’s in Your Genes?” — provided an overview of Jewish genetic diseases. The second program, “Affordable Health Care Act,” was presented in December and addressed the controversial new federally-mandated medical insurance.

### JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN THE SERIES!

#### Part III: “Lifepath Hospice — a holistic approach to end-of-life care”

**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

We are fortunate to have Sue Pagano, Community Representative of Lifepath Hospice, present information about the many concerns and questions needing to be addressed about end-of-life care, including paliative care — comfort care for chronic diseases. People are frequently surprised to learn of the many varied services Lifepath can provide both to the patient and to the family caregivers. You can become better informed about your choices as Ms. Pagano addresses a holistic view to approaching end-of-life care.

#### Part IV: “A Genetic Approach to Cancers”

**Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.**

Presenter Meghan Sherman Caldwell, M.S., a Certified Genetic Counselor and Outreach Coordinator at the Moffitt Cancer Center, will bring to light what we should know about genetic predispositions to certain types of cancer — particularly breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and colon cancer. Ms. Caldwell specializes in providing comprehensive cancer genetic consultations to individuals and families across Florida with a history of cancer. These consultations include cancer risk assessment, psychosocial support, and screening recommendations. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your knowledge.

All programs will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom and are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Adult Education Chairperson Janice Perelman by e-mailing [chinadollip@verizon.net](mailto:chinadollip@verizon.net).

## Kudos n' Mazels

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

- Kudos to Seth Dugan for putting on another great Wii Fest for the kids!
- Kudos to Randi Lannak for coordinating a great pizza fundraiser for Religious School!
- Mazel Tov to Rudina & David Richter on the birth of their grandson, Elisa Oren Scheckler!
- Mazel Tov to Hank & Donna Mart for being Israel Bonds Honorees for 2013!
- Mazel Tov to Joan Frankel for being named a Bobby Karpay Woman of Distinction for 2013!
- Mazel Tov to Garrett Borgen on becoming Bar Mitzvah in January!
- Mazel Tov to Liz Pelk on becoming Bat Mitzvah in January!

*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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## OTHER PROGRAMS

### All Jazzed Up

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### Cancer Support Group

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## DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KEEP THOSE BOOKS UNDER YOUR BED???

CBS Used Book Sale To  
Benefit NoshFest

### Let the Noshing Begin!

You know all those old books you've been keeping in your overflowing bookcase, in the garage and under the bed? Put them to good use to benefit NoshFest on March 30.



Page Turners will feature a booth to sell used books to help defray NoshFest expenses. We have a collection box in the synagogue lobby and also feature pick-up service. We'll take hardbacks, paperbacks and coffee table books, but not textbooks. Please save those books for a good cause!

Please contact Zsa Lobel at [zsa@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:zsa@tampabay.rr.com) for pick up services.



### INTRODUCING CHAIR YOGA AT CBS! WHO LIKES CHAIR YOGA?

Like Chair Yoga? Never heard of it, but want to give it a try?

We are happy to announce that Gary Lenza, a proficient chair yoga instructor, will begin providing classes in chair yoga to people of all ages.

Gary has been teaching chair yoga at The Bridges for almost two years. Please join us for an evening of yoga you can do while seated in a chair. It's rewarding both physically and emotionally and wonderfully relaxing. Although classes are free, donations are always welcome. The only thing you need is comfortable clothing and the desire to learn.

Questions? Call Janice Perelman at (813) 571-2029. Class begins Feb. 3rd. Mondays, 6:00—7:00 PM.

## Cancer Support Group



The CBS Cancer Support Group will meet on February 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm. All touched by cancer are welcome to attend. For more information contact Cynthia Goldstein-Hart at [cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com](mailto:cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com) or Rudina Richter at [rudinarichter@gmail.com](mailto:rudinarichter@gmail.com).

## TIKKUN OLUM REPAIRING THE WORLD

### Mitzvah Day April 27

The social action committee is busy with many ideas for Mitzvah Day, April 27. We are very fortunate to have a very enthusiastic committee. New ideas are welcomed by all.

- We will be collecting candy for our troops. (Small packages of candies will be donated at entrance to the breakfast at mitzvah day.)
- Delaney Assisted Living: bingo
- Emeritus Assisted Living: a sing-a-long with the residents
- Blood Drive
- Relocation of our garden
- RVR Horse Rescue
- Jewish family Services: helping to stock and organize their staple supply

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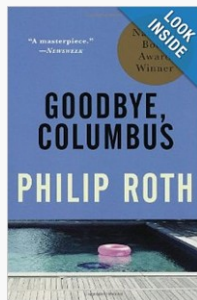
## CBS Page Turners

### CBS PAGE TURNERS TAKE A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Join us as we go back to the 1950's...

**Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.**

A part of our mission this year is to re-read classic books from many years ago which may be lost in the mists of time. In March, Page Turners will be discussing the 1959 collection of fiction by the American novelist Philip Roth, comprising the title novella "Goodbye, Columbus" and five short stories. Each story deals with the concerns of second- and third-generation assimilated American Jews as they leave the ethnic ghettos of their parents and grandparents and go on to college, to white-collar professions, and to life in the suburbs.



In addition to the title novella set in New Jersey, "Goodbye, Columbus" contains the five short stories: "The Conversion of the Jews," "Defender of the Faith," "Epstein," "You Can't Tell a Man by the Song He Sings," and "Eli, the Fanatic." The book was a critical success for Roth and won the 1960 U.S. National Book Award for Fiction.

Please join us as we discuss this provocative collection of stories in light of our faith and our history.

For questions, please contact Zsa Lobel at [zsa@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:zsa@tampabay.rr.com).

## KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Our next choir Shabbat will be on February 7. The Torah parsha for that weekend will be Parsha Tetzaveh. One year ago I was working on this very portion for the Saturday morning service, to be celebrated on February 23, 2013. I never completed that D'var Torah due to my husband's medical emergency. Rabbi Torop assured me at that time that Torah study is never for naught. So it is with great emotion that I finish what I began.

Tetzaveh is the reading that commands the children of Israel to kindle the light in the Temple regularly. Why are we commanded to light the menorah? Rabbi Perry Netter asks if God needs our light. Do we leave the light on for God to find his way like Tom Bodette says in the motel commercial? "We'll leave the light on."

No. Light is a metaphor for the Torah. Those who love and study the Torah can bring the light into the world. In Isaiah 60:3 it says, "And nations shall walk by your light."

As Jews we *must* light the *ner tamid* in our own hearts, take it into the streets and outside world. In Itture Torah, we see that the word "ner" can be seen as an acrostic for *nefesh ruach*, a soul with spirit, the lamp we must light regularly.

Kolot Shalom will start our service with *Light These Lights* by Debbie Friedman. May you too find the lighting of your soul, *nefesh ruach*, from the kindling of our Shabbat lights.

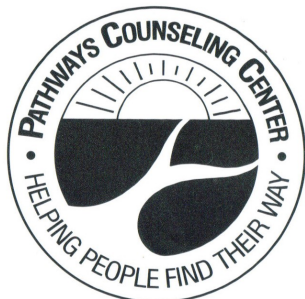
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## Education - Amy Weinstein

We are now in the middle of our serious learning opportunity for the year. We have mid-January through mid-March with no major holidays to break up our scheduled Sundays and plenty of time to really dive into our curriculum. Please make every effort to have your children here on time and ready to learn each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

I recently was on the URJ website and came across a page entitled Torah at the Center. This portion of the URJ website refers to the inclusion of all students in religious education: accommodating those that may need it due to physical, cognitive or social limitations. If you have (or know of) a student who may need additional support than what is typically available to all, I highly recommend you check out the URJ website.

We at Beth Shalom are very fortunate. Karen Blanchard and I are professional educators with over 40 years experience working in Florida School Districts. Half of our teachers are also professional educators working in a Hillsborough County public schools. Many of us are also certified to work with students with special needs. This expertise allows us to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all our students. It is one of our core beliefs that access to our school is far more than accommodations. Rather, it means a full integration into

the community, one that is fully accepting of all of its members. We work very hard to make our school a positive, rewarding learning environment for all our students.

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

Amy Weinstein- [awine007@msn.com](mailto:awine007@msn.com) (813)685-7064

### Important February Dates

(Are you on our Facebook page?)

2/2- 4<sup>th</sup> grade family program with Rabbi Torop (9:30)

2/9- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade family program with Rabbi Torop (9:30)

2/16- Parent Association meeting (9:45); Bowling Fundraiser (2-4 p.m.)

2/23- Torah Tots (9:45) & 6<sup>th</sup> grade TBJEC fieldtrip



### PURIM SPIEL

#### Save The Date—March 15, 2014

That's when "The Megillah of the Seven Seas" comes to Congregation Beth Shalom. You'll see handsome pirates and beautiful island maidens and hear the mystical sounds of the seven seas. Come join us for a wonderful evening of music, drama, laughter, intrigue, mystery and bravery. And, of course, lots of hamentashen — what a great combination!

This latest Purim Spiel tells the story of Esther, Mordechai and Haman neatly packaged in sneaky plots, humorous dialogue and mesmerizing island melodies. Plan to be there Saturday night, March 15, at 7:00 PM for "The Megillah of the Seven Seas," an original Purim Spiel by Anna Brubaker. Be there! Aloha!



### 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](mailto:kibbitzer706@verizon.net) by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

### B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

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With our new one-day format, more members will now be able to attend in both time and costs. Limited scholarships are also available.

**Who:** You! Members of Congregation Beth Shalom of all ages —singles, couples, families.

**When:** Saturday, March 1 — 9:00AM—9:00PM

**Where:** Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, off Lithia Pinecrest Road, in Lithia

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

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Can't quite remember what day you said you'd volunteer for that Religious School event? We've got quite a few ways to remind you at Beth Shalom. The temple calendar can be found in both hard copy and online for your convenience!



*TempleKeeping Tips*

### *Daily/Weekly:*

- On the bulletin boards in our gathering areas you will find a weekly schedule of all the goings on in the building — that schedule runs from Monday to Sunday. It's called, aptly, This Week at CBS.
- Our weekly eNews lists all activities coming up, along with event detail, and delivers it right to your inbox. If you are not on our eblast list, please contact the Temple Office immediately! The eNews is sent on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings of each week.

### *Monthly:*

- A monthly calendar is posted in the Lobby Bulletin Board
- The monthly Kibbitzer's back page is a full monthly calendar that is as current as possible as of press time — so it is possible that changes may be made between the time the Kibbitzer is produced and when you receive it.
- Our website, [www.bethshalom-brandon.org](http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org), hosts an online calendar. If you happen to use Google Calendar or Microsoft Outlook, you can click on the event in our calendar and save a copy to your own.

If you wish to schedule an event, whether it be a committee meeting, life cycle event, or otherwise, your first step would be to check the online calendar for availability. Then contact the Temple Office for confirmation. Without contacting the office, your event will not be considered official and another event may be scheduled over it. Events scheduled through the proper channels will take priority in the facility. We will explore more detail about hosting an event at Beth Shalom in next month's column.

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### Are your Latkes the envy of the neighborhood?

There are still lots of exciting volunteer opportunities open for NoshFest 2014, so please join us at one of our upcoming meetings or contact a Nosh Crew member to see how you can help out for this year's event on March 30. Meetings will be ongoing, and dates and times will be posted in the weekly Shabbat bulletin and e-blast as well as sent out via email. If you are not on the NoshFest email list, please contact [cmillerfla@aol.com](mailto:cmillerfla@aol.com) to be added.



A great big **Thank You** to all the congregation members that have already stepped forward to volunteer for NoshFest 2014! All Holiday Booth captain positions have been filled, and we are excited to announce that Brooklyn Knish (with their mouthwatering knish creations) and Hats Off to Dining (with their awesome corned beef & pastrami sandwiches) will once again be joining us.



*The Nosh Crew*

Sheryl Finke, Carolyn Miller & Amy Weinstein

## Caring Committee

Hello!

My name is Amy Tabak. I am the new Chairperson for the Caring Committee here at Congregation Beth Shalom. One of the many things that I found to be outstanding about our congregation is the amount of love and concern that the members have for one another. I was pleasantly amazed at the way members of the congregation arose to help my husband and me when I had an unexpected hospitalization last summer. Members reached out to us with offers ranging from rides to doctors' appointments and meals to prayers. I had some wonderful people just call to check up on me and see how I was doing. This was one of the major factors that made me want to serve as chairperson of this committee.

At this time, I would like to get a feel for what members of the congregation would be willing to do for those members who may have a need for assistance. Do you like to cook? Would you prepare a meal for an ill member? Would you be willing to visit shut-ins or provide a ride to services or appointments? Whatever your talent or forte is, we would love to have you help in serving our brothers and sisters here at Congregation Beth Shalom. Please feel free to contact me by phone or by email:

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I look forward to joyfully serving our congregation. — Amy

## WOMEN'S SEDER—APRIL 6

Women and Children Rejoice at this Wonderful Afternoon! Please mark your calendars so that you can bond with your Temple Family Members at this unique event.

**Excerpt from The Why of Women's Seders**  
**By Rabbi Susan P. Fendrick**

In the words of longtime Jewish feminist Francine Klagsbrun, "Women's seders have become a phenomenon of our time... From New York to Nebraska, from Berlin to London, thousands of Jewish women throughout the world celebrate the Passover holiday every year with an evening of ceremony and remembrance led by women for women."

The timing of a women's seder — most frequently just before Passover (obviating the need for the food to be strictly kosher for Passover), or on a night during Passover other than the two first evenings (when women might want to be or be expected to be participating in more typical seders with a mixed-gender group of family and friends) — already suggests its position in Jewish ritual life. The women's seder stands a bit on the margin, critiquing, supplementing and serving as an implicit commentary on the traditional seder experience with its haggadah text. While for some women this is their most important — or in some cases only — significant connection to Passover, for the most part attendance at a women's seder serves to add a feminist, woman-centered dimension to the observance of the universally Jewish holiday of Passover.

More information about this event will be in future Kibbitzer editions. Thank you. — Phyllis





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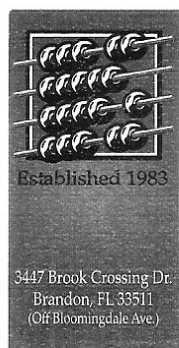
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### Funds:

- **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.
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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.

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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.
- **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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## Our Congregation



### Anniversaries

2/4	Lauren & Jeffrey	Shaw
2/10	Rachel & David	Moskowitz
2/13	Joel & Laurie	Edelson
2/14	Paulette & Norman	Powell
2/17	Anna & Frank	Moneymaker

### Yahrzeits



2/1	Florence	Cohen	Mother	of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
2/3	Dr. Dorothy	Strauss	Mother	of J E	MacNaughton
2/4	Rose	Sandberg	Mother	of Sandy	Santucci
2/5	Reuben	Armus	Father	of Sheila	Fishman
2/7	Joe	Scheiner	Father	of Susan	Ruiz
2/10	Violet	Leopold	Grandmother	of Tami	Hahn
2/11	Deborah	Brill	Mother	of Scott	Savitt
2/11	Herbert	Sapolsky	Father	of Susan	Burkett
2/11	Anna	Fleischman	Grandmother	of Lauren	Weisman
2/13	Frederick	Frankel	Husband	of Joan	Frankel
2/15	Leo	Bond	Grandfather	of Joanne	Ronay
2/16	Terry	Magdovitz	Husband	of Caren	Magdovitz
2/16	Lena	Kaplan	Mother	of Janice	Perelman
2/17	Sharon	Ellis	Mother	of Jonathan	Ellis
2/17	Yakov Samuilovich	Seglevich	Grandfather	of Anna	Moneymaker
2/17	Marjorie	Will	Relative	of Leslie	Will
2/17	Sylvia	Levine	Mother	of Marcia	Weiner
2/17	Louis	Glickman	Father	of Betsy	Nixon
2/19	Lois	Criden	Mother	of Stephen	Criden
2/20	Esther	Lieberman	Grandmother	of Rudina	Richter
2/20	Morton	Epstein	Father	of Fred	Epstein
2/21	Max	Greenfield	Father	of Lawrence	Greenfield
2/22	Molly	Honig	Mother	of Rudina	Richter
2/22	Jo-Ann	VanDeventer	Mother	of Christina	Frye
2/23	Frank	Newman	Relative	of Leslie	Will
2/24	Harry	Saxe	Relative	of Leslie	Will
2/26	Rae S.	Sukloff	Grandmother	of Grant	Sukloff
2/27	Benny	Skop	Grandfather	of Nancy	Landfish
2/27	Cheryl	Feinstein	Daughter	of Ethel	Feinstein
2/28	Charlie	Reisner	Uncle	of Gary	Ronay
2/28	Lillian Bellavance	Santucci	Mother-in-law	of Sandy	Santucci



### Birthdays

2/1	Leslie	Boyar
2/2	Larry	Kaler
2/2	Jillian	Boyar
2/3	Justine	Lamattina
2/3	Robert	Karr
2/3	Adrienne	Horst
2/3	Sheila	Fishman
2/4	Lawrence	Greenfield
2/4	Paulette	Schwab-Powell
2/4	Dawn	Carapella
2/5	Hayley	Finke
2/6	Michael	Davis
2/7	Michael	Freedman
2/8	Benjamin	Rieger
2/11	Jerry	Holschauer
2/12	Albert	Carapella
2/12	Noah	McCormick
2/13	Zachary	Meyers
2/14	Lauren	Miller
2/15	Micah	Murray
2/16	Julia	Dempsey
2/18	Abigail Caitlin	Richner
2/18	Martie	Zuckerman
2/21	Carly	Noyes
2/23	Amy	Tabak
2/23	Bruce	Sperry
2/25	Jason	Finke
2/27	Hannah	Weisman
2/28	Cynthia	Posner
2/28	Susan	Schwartz

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

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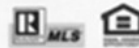
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<b>9</b> 9:30A RS 5th/6th Gr. Fam. Prog. 11:30A RS Fam. Svc. Fed. Super Sunday 1:00P Purim Rehearsal 3:00P Continuing Adult Hebrew	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Youth Group	<b>13</b> 7:30P Cancer Support	<b>14</b> Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45P Shabbat Svc.	<b>15</b> 10:00A Shabbat Svc Torop Bat Mitzvah 6—10P Parents Night Out
<b>16</b> 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 1:00P Purim Rehearsal 2:00P RS Bowling @ The Alley 3:00P Continuing Adult Hebrew	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30P Adult Ed: Guest speaker Lifepath Hospice	<b>19</b> 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:45P Shabbat Svc. <i>Simchat Shabbat</i>	<b>22</b> 10:00A Shabbat Svc Dempsey Bat Mitzvah (Tentative: Chavurah)
<b>23</b> 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tots JCC 6th Grade Prog. 1:00P Purim Rehearsal 3:00P Continuing Adult Hebrew	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30P Exec. Comm.	<b>26</b> 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Youth Group 7:30P Ritual Comm.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:45P Shabbat Svc.	<b>MARCH 1</b> 9:00A Congregational Retreat



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