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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

Shabbat Services Are . . .

How would you – honestly – fill in the blank? Communal worship is hard. It is the balancing act between the needs of the individual, the pull of tradition, and the power and bonds of community. The noted contemporary theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel explained it this way: “It is true that a Jew never worships as an isolated individual but *as part of the Community of Israel*. Yet, it is within the heart of every individual that prayer takes place. It is a personal duty, and an intimate act which cannot be delegated to either the [rabbi] or to the whole community. We pray with all of Israel and every one of us by himself (sic).”

We all come to services for different reasons – the opportunity to be with others, a sense of obligation, the chance for peace and quiet, the words of prayer themselves. Whether or not the service “meets our needs” depends, of course, on what our needs are in the first place. For every individual who tells me she finds comfort in the familiar repetition of the same words and melodies from week to week, there is another person who expresses the need for change and novelty, new words and melodies to elevate the spirit. Some say the sameness is boring; others find it comforting. There are those who say that the presence of community is all that really matters, and there are those who find the seeming obligation to chat and talk counterproductive to their spiritual needs. Some find deep connection to the ancient Hebrew words; others find them unfamiliar and distancing. And, we all bring in our own “stuff” from the week that has passed – the events and words and challenges that may either distract us from prayer or cause us to be even more open to the words of the prayer book and the melodies of prayer.

I share your concerns and struggles with communal worship. Sometimes the familiar words resonate; other times, they seem merely rote. Sometimes the events of the week are hard to put aside. Sometimes individual needs are reinforced and embraced by the community; other times, I feel out of step. Weekly worship doesn’t just happen, and creating prayer that is meaningful (for the community and each individual) is a journey that we take together.

These are the things I think about week after week as I plan services, review melodies with Sandy, decide whether to add readings or stories, and consider what to speak about in a sermon. The ritual committee, too, has been discussing these questions in regard to Shabbat morning services in particular. Erev Shabbat services are traditionally different in many respects from Shabbat morning services, and this is very true at Beth Shalom. Our Shabbat morning services are more intimate and informal. We have used them as an opportunity to conduct learning services, have conversations, introduce new melodies and explore spiritual tools such as meditation.

Heschel teaches, “There is a permanent union between individual worship and communal worship, each of which depends for its existence upon the other.” *Shabbat services are...* I’d like to hear your answer. Your honest feedback, reflections, input and suggestions will help direct our journey, as individuals and as a community. □



From the President - Hank Mart

As we begin the calendar year 2014, my gratitude goes out to Zsa Lobel and the able team of volunteers (so many to name individually) who made the All Jazzed Up (AJU) event a tremendous success! The evening of fun and charitable giving raised much needed monies for CBS and our partner, 1Voice Foundation. But more importantly, it brought our community together — Jews and non-Jews alike. To the entire AJU Team, this month's big THANK YOU goes out to you!

Looking back over the past 12 months caused me to think about how we accomplished so much. Almost every endeavor was the result of teamwork. This prompted me to write a short series of articles closely exploring each aspect of the word *team*. But the overarching goal is to further develop our relationships with one another and to foster a strong and vibrant Jewish community here in Eastern Hillsborough County.

The remainder of this article focuses on this broader meaning of team — the need to work in unison for the good of the Jewish Community.

“Standing on the parted shores of history, we still believe what we were taught before ever we stood at Sinai's foot; that wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt that there is a better place; a promised land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness. That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together.”
Mishkan T'Filah, Emet Ve-Emunah

This passage from the *Mishkan T'Filah* teaches us that life can sometimes be difficult. More importantly, it teaches us to join forces when striving to overcome adversities. The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) offers tools to learn from experts in a variety of fields, to ask big questions, share ideas and best principles, and apply lessons to our congregation resulting in positive congregational change.

The CBS mission statement includes the goal of joining together: “Affirming the collective importance of contributing to the ongoing well-being of the communities in which we live.”

Teamwork can and should be part of everyday Jewish life. You can accomplish this by working on the next fundraising event, putting together the next adult education class, or helping with one of the many aspects of Shabbat services. **Together Everyone Achieves More!**



One last note: the High Holy Day Appeal has been extended through the end of January since we have not yet reached our goal: to have all 155 families put forth a **significant and meaningful donation** (versus a specific dollar amount). I know we will reach this year's goal!

*The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.
The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.*
— Winston Churchill

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- ✧ Friday worship services at 7:45 PM, Saturday worship services at 10:00 AM (2nd & 4th Sat. only, unless otherwise scheduled)
- ✧ Religious school pre-kindergarten through tenth grade
- ✧ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ✧ Youth group programming
- ✧ Adult Education classes
- ✧ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day



January Dates to Remember!!!!

- **Friday, Jan. 10, 7:45 p.m. — Simcha Shabbat!** We will celebrate January birthdays during Shabbat services.
- **Sunday, Jan. 12, 9:45 a.m. — Torah Tots:** Hey Ho, Shabbat Shabbat! Shabbat is a Special Day!
- **Tuesdays Jan. 14, 21 & 28, 7:30-9 p.m. Adult Ed Series. Sex In The Texts: Ancient Teachings for a Modern World** The 21st-century attitudes about sex and sexuality are very different from the attitudes of our ancestors. Or are they?
- **Sunday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. — Parent Workshop.**
- **Jan. 26 & 27, 2-8:30 p.m. — Membership Directory Photo Shoot.**
- **Sunday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m. — Guest Speaker, Dr. Clifford Will. The Seven Stages of Creation** (see page 8)

Religious education & youth activities on page 7.

Full calendar on page 15.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services are Changing

Beginning this month, lay-led Shabbat morning services will be held on the second and fourth Saturday mornings each month. A notice will be placed in the weekly Eblast and posted to the congregation's Facebook page when a lay-led Shabbat morning service will be held on any other weekend in the month. Other scheduled Shabbat morning services, such as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, are not affected.

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January 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 January.

- Jan. 3 Jay, Jisela & Jayson Bolnick as a Temple Mitzvah.
- Jan. 10 Diane & Peter Jacobson in honor of Joan Frankel being awarded Woman of Distinction.
- Jan. 17 Gayle & Jeffery Borgen and Garrett's Class in honor of Garrett's Bar Mitzvah.
- Jan. 24 Sandee & Jim Pelk and Elizabeth's Class in honor of Liz's Bat Mitzvah.
- Jan. 31 The 7th-grade class in honor of their participation in leading the Shabbat evening service.

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Please contact Judith Pliner at 813-436-0080 or email her at 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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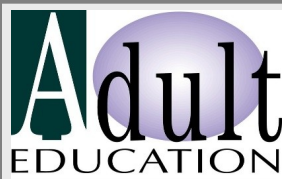
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Weekly Email Blast submissions

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eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6:00pm



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

On November 21, 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.

Our presenter will be Sue Pagano, Community Representative in Professional Relations with Lifepath Hospice, who will address palliative care for chronic diseases.

Part IV: “A Genetic Approach to Cancers”

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

Meghan Sherman Caldwell, MS, CGC, a Certified Genetic Counselor at the Moffitt Cancer Center, will address genetic predispositions to certain types of cancer, especially breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and colon cancer.

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 at (813) 571-2029 or by e-mailing chinadollip@verizon.net.

Kudos n' Mazels

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

- All Jazzed Up Committee for putting together a wonderful evening for all to help support a great cause.
- Jared Blanchard, Jada Borgen, Alexa Cohen, David Goldfarb, Michaela Meyers, Jordan Oppolo, Madi Oppolo, Andrew Pelk, Tony Provenzano, Justin Shaw, Rebecca Smith, & Sarah Smith for providing great support at All Jazzed Up!
- To everyone who donated or solicited and procured items and sponsorships for All Jazzed Up. Your contributions added to the success of the evening!
- Yuval Freinkle and Anita Hoffman for their work in the Library.
- Yuval Freinkle for his commitment to our Youth Group and a Board member. You will be missed, Yuval!
- Amy Tabak for becoming Chair of our Caring Committee!
- Brian Slater for his years of dedication as a Board Member.
- To Laurie & Joel Edelson on the marriage of their son Aaron William Edelson to Chelsea Marie Coto on November 23, 2013!
- Fanny Litovich's son, Jose, for his promotion to Chief in the United States Coast Guard. At 31, he is the youngest Chief in the institution.

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.



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NOSH Fest

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Let the Noshing Begin!

Noshfest will be upon us before you know it, and we need lots of volunteers to make our second annual event as big a success as the first one. Join us for a nosh and see how you can help make this year's NoshFest bigger and better!

The next two meetings will be held at the temple on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Nosh Crew

Sheryl Finke, Carolyn Miller & Amy Weinstein

Save the Date

WOMEN'S SEDER

APRIL 6, 2014



Women and children rejoice at this wonderful afternoon!

Please mark your calendars so that you can bond with your temple family members.

More information about this event will be in future *Kibbitzer* editions.

Thank you,

Phyllis, Sheila and Cynthia



CBS Page Turners

CBS Page Turners Invites You...

Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m.



...to explore the life of a girl in sixth grade who grew up without a religious affiliation. Margaret's mother is Christian and her father is Jewish, and the novel explores her quest for a single religion.

Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret

by Judy Blume

This year, Page Turners are reading books that we read a long, long time ago, that some teacher made us read because it was a "classic" (and that we barely remember), or that we know we read years ago but wonder if our new maturity will help us find new meaning in the work.

When Margaret Simon moves from New York City to the New Jersey suburbs, she's swept up into a group of sixth-grade girls abuzz about all the stuff that fills most teen and tween minds: boys, bras, bodies, friendship, and more. In addition, Margaret, born to a Christian mom and Jewish dad, is also trying to figure out which religion she should be, if any. She has frank one-sided conversations with God in which she discusses not only the changes she's going through but her search for a religion that feels right.

Judy Blume is the author of five books that appear on the American Library Association's Top 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books. Surprised that a teenage book is on this controversial list? Come to Page Turners and find out why!

Please join us in this diverse and interesting discussion as we explore our past and our future in light of our faith and beliefs. For more information, please contact Zsa Lobel at zsa@tampabay.rr.com or at 689-1237.



11th Annual President's Dinner

The Tampa Jewish Community Center & Federation and Presidents Jonathan Ellis and Sue Schoenbaum are delighted to announce that The Honorable Ehud Barak, Israel's 10th Prime Minister, will be the keynote speaker at the 11th Annual President's Dinner to be held at A La Carte Event Pavilion on Sunday, January 26, 2014.

Regular tickets are \$180. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.jewishtampa.com or contact Loni Lindsay at 813-769-2802.

B'nai Mitzvah



Elizabeth Pelk

Elizabeth Anne Pelk, daughter of Sandee and Jim Pelk, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at Congregation Beth Shalom. Liz is a seventh-grade honor student at Randall Middle School and was invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Liz has been a Girl Scout for the past eight years and enjoys camping, earning badges, and helping others in the community. She also enjoys swimming and playing the flute.

For her Mitzvah project, Liz is creating birthday boxes for families that benefit from the food pantry at Tampa Jewish Family Services. She wants each child to be able to have a birthday party and not have the family worry about the cost. The birthday boxes include the following items for a party of eight: invitations, plates, cups, napkins, tablecloth, silverware, streamers, balloons, cake mix, frosting, and candles. Visit "Liz's Birthday Box Project" on Facebook to learn how you can help a child celebrate their birthday.

Jim and Sandee would like to extend a warm invitation to the congregation to join their family as Liz becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

Garrett Borgen



Garrett Stone Borgen, son of Gayle and Jeffrey Borgen, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at Congregation Beth Shalom. Garrett is a seventh-grade honor student at Burns Middle School. He has been playing baseball competitively for five years and also enjoys flag football, track, and video games.

For his Mitzvah project, Garrett is collecting sports equipment for children who would not normally be able to participate due to lack of equipment, thus providing them with an opportunity to experience multiple sports.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR



"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no [person] can seriously help another without helping [themselves]."
—Charles Dudley Warner, 1873

MITZVAH DAY is coming soon!
April 27, 2014

The Social Action team is working on lots of ideas for doing mitzvot to show your love for others who are in need of our help.

We do good deeds to help others and we feel good about ourselves while performing the acts of loving kindness.

We are going to have a meeting in January. The date will be announced, and we of the social action committee would love your ideas and input so that we can make this mitzvah day the best ever.

For more information, please call me or email.

Thank you,

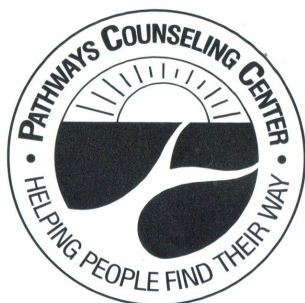
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS Save this date!

Parents are invited to attend the second parenting discussion group this season on Sunday morning, **January 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Education - Amy Weinstein

I hope everyone enjoyed the midyear semester break. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished so far, renew our commitments and rejuvenate after a busy holiday season. Karen Blanchard and our teachers are working on report cards for the students. Please take a minute to review your child's progress, celebrating their successes and working with the school on any areas needing additional support.

Here are a couple of reminders as we begin the 2nd half of the school year. Sunday classes are in session from 9:30 until noon. The family service led by Rabbi Torop is an important portion of our morning. It is not meant to be an option for families to choose to participate. Parents are welcome and even encouraged to attend with their children. This service gives our students an opportunity to practice the prayers they are learning in a service setting. It also allows us a forum to deliver announcements and keep parents informed of what they need to

know in regards to school and temple events. If you are unable to attend the service, please keep in mind that students are to be picked up at noon. The Sunday commitment for teachers and school staff is 9:00-noon. After noon, we do not have the staff available to adequately supervise your children. Student safety is our top concern.

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

Amy Weinstein- awine007@msn.com (813)685-7064



Important January Dates

(Are you on our Facebook page?)

- 1/12 Pizza & Wii Fundraiser 12:00 & 5th-grade fieldtrip
- 1/19 No School — SDHC 4-day weekend
- 1/31 7th-grade family service*
*please note change of grade

CONNECT WITH CBS!

Be a part our new membership directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete! Let's put names with faces! We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.



**January 26 & 27
2:00—8:30 PM**

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(Go to the CBS website and click on Directory Portrait Sessions on the top right of the Home Page).

There is NO purchase necessary, and just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait of you and/or your family. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits if you wish.

If you cannot attend either portrait session, but would still like to be included, contact the Temple office for more information.

Every member will receive a complimentary membership directory upon completion, regardless of participation. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



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.

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon at
813-785-6324 or
kvergon@verizon.net



Torah Tots

**January 12
9:45 a.m.**

Hey Ho, Shabbat Shabbat! Shabbat
is a Special Day!

Plan to Attend a Special Lecture by Guest Speaker, Dr. Clifford Will

**The Seven Stages of Creation:
Religion meets the Big Bang**

Sunday Feb. 2, 4 p.m.

Every religion has its "creation" story, and many who believe those stories literally reject the modern scientific view of the "big bang." This conflict has become intense, affecting political discourse, school curricula, and church-state separation. Even those who accept the big bang model of the universe often have only a fuzzy idea of what it is and why scientists accept it. In this talk, Dr. Will describes the current model of big bang cosmology and will provide currently accepted best answers to questions like "How old is the universe?" and "Will it expand forever?" Dr. Will also describes the essential differences between how science and religion work.

Dr. Clifford Will is the Distinguished Professor of Physics at the University of Florida. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and a member of the US National Academy of Sciences.

Cancer Support Group



The CBS Cancer Support Group is pleased to announce Rabbi Torop will be our guest speaker on Thursday, January 9. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. for this wonderful talk. All cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and those affected by cancer in any way are welcome to attend.

We will also be celebrating (with food!) the group's recent Simchas from November to January — birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, and more. Join us for a lovely evening! For more information contact Rudina Richter at rudinarichter@gmail.com or Cynthia Goldstein-Hart at



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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

January is a very important month for Kolot Shalom and our Beth Shalom Players. Rehearsals for the choir begin again on Monday, January 13 at 7:30 PM. Our next choir Shabbat will be on February 7. For questions, please call Joan Frankel at (813) 938-4123.

The Players begin Purim rehearsals on Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 PM. If you have a love for singing, acting or dancing, we have a place for you. Don't let the winter blues get you down! Come to Beth Shalom for all the fun and excitement of performing.

Got an idea for a song or skit? Give Anna Brubaker or Gail Verlin a call. Non-musical parts and backstage opportunities are available as well.

Let's use our artistic talents to usher in 2014.



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TempleKeeping Tips Recordkeeping

Records? No, we're not talking about LPs filled with music. Just as important as keeping our house of worship tidy is keeping our membership records current. When folks move, change a cell number, a land line number, etc., there's a lot of updating in one's life to do... and we hope that you keep CBS on your list. We're going to have the opportunity to update all of our records in January with the upcoming membership directory photo shoot on January 26 and 27 (see the insert and the highlight box on page 7 for more details), and it will be a wonderful time to put faces to names and "clean house" with regard to our mailing lists and files.



TempleKeeping Tips

You may also help lighten our mailing load by choosing to receive *The Kibbitzer* online, just like our weekly Beth Shalom eNews that's delivered right to your inbox. The electronic version is faster, more efficient, and greener to boot! E-users receive links to all of the inserts that normally come with a hardcopy version of the newsletter. Just email the office to indicate your preference to receive the *Kibbitzer* electronically. If you are not receiving our weekly eNews, please notify the office of that as well. We may have an outdated email address on file for you.

The temple also keeps records of family members' births and deaths, so please be sure to let us know about so we may celebrate and commemorate when appropriate. Both of these types of life cycle events, along with weddings, anniversaries, graduations, and other achievements are all wonderful items to share with your spiritual family and can be memorialized on our Tree of Life at the back of the sanctuary. Contact the office or see our website for more information on how to do so.

Permanent Commemoration at Beth Shlaom

Tree of Life

Commemorate a special occasion with a permanent piece on our Tree of Life! A wedding, a graduation, b'nai mitzvah, a birth...any simcha worth celebrating (and aren't they all?)

Yahrzeit Plaques

Memorialize your loved one with a Yahrzeit Plaque to be cared for in perpetuity. The plaque includes the common date and Hebrew date of death. Their plaque will be lit on the corresponding week of the anniversary of their passing.

Forms for both are available at the temple, or on our website. Contact the office at 681-6547 or cbs-admin@hotmail.com.

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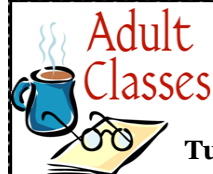
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Anniversaries

1/5 Sandy & Lee Schwartz
1/22 Randy & Jackie Sehres
1/25 Murray & Jerilyn Dimant
1/31 Jon & Isabel Ellis

Yahrzeits



1/1	Jack	Goldberg	Father	of	Michelle	Dempsey
1/1	Harold	Kaplan	Grandfather	of	Lauren	Davis
1/1	Robert	Northrop	Father	of	Rob	Northrop
1/1	Elayne	Raiskin	Mother	of	David	Raiskin
1/3	Amada "Amy"	Ferman	Grandmother	of	Joel	Edelson
1/3	Frieda	Hershkovitz	Mother	of	Phyllis	Newman
1/4	Marilyn	Udell	Wife	of	Stephen	Udell
1/6	Selma	Sperry	Mother	of	Bruce	Sperry
1/8	David	Brill	Grandfather	of	Myron	Feldman
1/8	Bess	Robin	Mother	of	Anita	Hoffman
1/10	Samuel	Raiskin	Father	of	David	Raiskin
1/10	Meyer	Bloom	Father	of	Gail	Verlin
1/11	Costa	Giantsos	Father	of	Vickie	Goldberg
1/11	Kenneth	Fox	Father	of	Jill	Tyree
1/12	Pearl	Brill	Grandmother	of	Myron	Feldman
1/12	Sol	Zweibach	Father	of	Stephen	Zweibach
1/12	Aline	Brandwein	Mother	of	Anita	Clifford
1/12	Jack	Vandeventer	Stepfather	of	Christina	Frye
1/12	Marshall	Goldberg	Son	of	Ruth	Goldberg
1/14	Joe	Newman	Father	of	Milton	Newman
1/14	Solomon	Gudz	Grandfather	of	Lana	Goldfarb
1/15	Irving	Dinnerman	Father	of	Tammie	Hebert
1/16	Myna	Kalbas	Mother	of	Bill	Kalbas
1/17	Sarah	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sandra	Roberts
1/17	Abraham	Levine	Father	of	Marcia	Weiner
1/19	Mina	Oliveira	Mother	of	Marina	Baker
1/19	Vincent	Garafola	Father	of	Christina	Frye
1/19	Florence	Workman	Mother	of	Anna	Feldman
1/19	Ann	Rogovin	Mother	of	Richard	Rogovin
1/21	Albert	Jacobson	Father	of	Peter	Jacobson
1/23	Nathan	Weisberg	Father	of	Barbara	Kinney
1/25	Kathy	Bensanceney	Niece	of	Laurie	Edelson
1/27	Maurice	Goldman	Father	of	Sharon	Aronson
1/27	Judy	Fishman	Mother	of	Errol	Fishman
1/28	Leon	Pliner	Father	of	Gerald	Pliner
1/31	Daniel	Workman	Nephew	of	Anna	Feldman



Birthdays

1/1	Howard	Fournier
1/1	Sophia	Savitt
1/2	Sarah	Meyers
1/4	Sharon	Aronson
1/4	Robert	Mazen
1/5	Natasha	Rieger
1/5	Richard	Oldman
1/7	Jacob	Schwartz
1/8	Leslie	Mazen
1/9	Bill	Noyes
1/9	Rachelle	Slater
1/10	Sarah	Smith
1/10	Lauren	Shaw
1/11	Joseph	Provenzano
1/12	Evan	Magdovitz
1/12	Stephen	Criden
1/13	Susan	Reckner
1/15	Olivia	Sukloff
1/15	Michael	McCormick
1/15	Karen	Blanchard
1/17	Jordan	Epstein
1/17	Diane	Jacobson
1/17	Laurie	Edelson
1/18	Alex	Friedman
1/18	Andrew	Pelk
1/19	Danita	Freedman
1/19	Collette	Neuman
1/20	Adam	Weinstein
1/20	Gayle	Borgen
1/20	Sean	Brown
1/20	Christina	Frye
1/23	Clara	Barnett
1/24	Lauren	Davis
1/24	Caren	Katz
1/24	Garrett	Borgen
1/24	Stephen	Yavelow
1/24	Steve	Nixon
1/25	Kari	Halperin
1/25	Mallory	Friedman
1/25	Hannah	Torop
1/25	Cynthia	Goldstein-Hart
1/27	Aaron	Weinstein
1/29	Frank	Moneymaker
1/29	Jesse	Mazen
1/30	Errol	Fishman

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Calendar is subject to change. Please check with the Admin. Office if you are planning an event or meeting.</div> <div>Grey squares indicate office closure.</div>			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>1 Shevat</i>	3	4
5 9:30A RS	6	7	8	9	10 Kibbitzer Deadline	11 10:00A Shabbat Svc
1:00P Social Action Mtg (Newman home)	No Choir	6:30P Adult Ed Comm 7:30P Board Mtg	6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Youth Group 6:30P NoshFest	7:30P Cancer Support	7:45P Shabbat Svc.	
12 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tots 9:45A RSPA 12:00P Wii Fundraiser 4:00P Purim Rehearsal TBD 5th Gr. Israel/JCC TBD Hadassah Installat.	13	14	15	16 <i>Tu B'Shvat</i>	17	18 <i>Gasparilla Children's Parade</i> 10:00A Shabbat Svc Borgen Bar Mitzvah
	7:30P Choir –SSv 2/7	7:30P Adult Ed II.1:	6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	7:30P Page Turners	7:45P Shabbat Svc.	
19 NO RS	20 <i>MILK Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Gasparilla</i> 10:00A Shabbat Svc Pelk Bat Mitzvah
1:00P Purim Rehearsal	7:30P Choir –SSv 2/7	7:30P Adult Ed II.2:	6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Nosh Fest 7:30P Ritual Comm.		7:45P Shabbat Svc.	
26 <i>Int'l Holocaust Day</i> 9:30A RS 9:45A Parent Wkshp	27 2:00P Mem. Dir. Photos 7:30P Choir –SSv 2/7 7:30P Exec. Comm.	28 7:30P Adult Ed II.3:	29	30	31	FEB 1 6:00P Pajama Havdalah Jewerly & CBS Got Talent Night

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