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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*



It's well-known that Jews are preoccupied with food! How appropriate that March is filled with these upcoming nourishing events!

Food for the Mind . . .

Every year when we turn back to the beginning of Torah and the story of creation, someone asks me how we can believe and understand Torah as "true" given what we know about evolution. Even our youngest students ask this question, albeit in their own way. ("Rabbi, we read about the creation of the world in the Torah, but what about the dinosaurs?") At its deepest level, this question challenges us to unite the religious and faith aspects of our identity with the knowledge and insight that the most up-to-date scientific research has provided. This is essential work for modern 21st-century Jews if we are to assert the importance of our sacred text without abandoning our identity as modern, intelligent people. Dr. Clifford Will, a member of the National Academy of Science and a Distinguished Professor of Physics at the University of Florida, will address these questions, along with the most up-to-date thinking about Big Bang Cosmology, in a special presentation on March 23.

Food for the Body . . .

The Second Annual Noshfest is almost here! Bringing together hundreds of Jews and non-Jews from across the Tampa Bay region to eat and to learn about Jewish holidays, our first Noshfest was a huge success. This year's event should be equally wonderful, featuring vendors, holiday booths, music, synagogue tours and collection of canned food for Tampa Jewish Family Services and ECHO. Noshfest is unique — it provides an easy and fun way to introduce others to Beth Shalom, to the joy of Jewish community and to celebration. Some of the best aspects of our congregation and of Jewish life are highlighted at Noshfest, so mark March 30 on your calendar, and plan to bring a friend and join us. We also need your help; the event is only possible with lots and lots of volunteer participation. Sign up to be involved, and take a yard sign to help us advertise the event as well!

Food for the Spirit . . .

I don't know who first said, "Laughter is the best medicine," but there is a very old Jewish expression that echoes that sentiment. "When (the Hebrew month of) Adar begins, joy increases." This year there are *two* months of Adar, and the first day of the second Adar, the month is which Purim falls, begins on March 3. Not only is Purim itself a day of laughter, but that laughter — at the absurd king, at the beauty pageant that elects a nice Jewish girl as queen, at the villain who is hung on his own gallows — spills over to the whole month. The story of Purim is the story of danger and perseverance — a serious tale of Jewish survival wrapped up in a silly story. Our annual Purim shpiel on March 15 (*The Megillah of the Seven Seas*), written by Anna Brubaker and acted by our dedicated Beth Shalom players, will nourish our spirits with laughter — the best medicine of all.

As stereotypical Jewish mothers like to say, "Eat, Eat". . . your mind, body and spirit will be nourished as a result! □

From the President - Hank Mart

Did you know that Board Meetings are open to the entire congregation? Yes it's true! You may come to view the Temple's financial records, and you are welcome to discuss an issue that may be near and dear to your heart. You can even come just to observe the meeting. If you would like an item added to the agenda, please contact our secretary, Toby Koch, and she will make sure it gets added for discussion. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, and the meetings last about an hour and a half. Come: you just might find your niche!

How does attending a board meeting tie together with my short series of about "Team?" For our congregation to function properly, our goals are to provide for *everyone's* Jewish needs and ask for *everyone's* participation in meeting those goals. So this month's piece deals with the letter "E," for "*Everyone*," and how it relates to the congregation's vision:

Our vision is to provide you with opportunities for life-long study of Torah; to provide you with opportunities for Avodah (worship); and to provide you with opportunities for Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of love and kindness).

In order to fulfill these community-wide goals, it takes the participation of the entire community. Take, for example, the topic of hosting an upcoming Oneg. You might think this is a simple affair, but let us examine this more closely. The Oneg Committee lead by Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman must coordinate the dates, provide instructions on what to bring, and discuss duties and responsibilities with the Oneg host. Seems easy enough, but what if hosts did not know they needed to bring wine and challah? Why, the entire congregation would die of thirst and of hunger! We couldn't let this happen, could we? By the way, the Oneg fits into the category of Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of love and kindness).

Another example of *everyone* working together is how our religious school functions. There are numerous people involved in providing a Jewish education to our youth. Amy Weinstein, the Religious School Director, and Karen Blanchard, Curriculum Coordinator, provide the leadership to the religious school. While our teachers (Leslie Mazen, Marcia Lome, Pam

Provenzano, Dan Weinstein and Lauren Weisman) provide instruction on a weekly basis to nearly 70 students. In addition, the Parent Association led by Natasha Reiger provides feedback to the staff and temple leadership in order to have a more meaningful learning environment for our children. Our religious school is another fine example of *everyone* working together while providing an opportunity for life-long study of Torah starting with our youth.



I highly encourage *everyone* to express his/her ideas and feeling on how to improve our congregation and to be a part of the solution! The Temple needs you to get involved!

Remember: "That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together." Emet Ve-Emunah, Mishkan T'Filah.

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Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares. We offer:

- ☆ 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



March Dates to Remember!!!!

- **Saturday, March 1 — Congregational Retreat**
- **Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.— Adult Education Program: “A Genetic Approach to Cancers”**
- **Saturday, March 8 & 22, 10:00 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Services**
- **Saturday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.— Purim Spiel**
- **Sunday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.— Religious School Purim Carnival**
- **Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.—Page Turners**
- **Friday, March 21, 7:45 p.m.—Shabbat Service (Simchat Shabbat)**
- **Sunday, March 23, 1:00 p.m.—Guest Lecture by Dr. Clifford Will. The Seven Stages of Creation: Religion Meets the Big Bang**
- **Sunday, March 30, 11:00 a.m.—Noshfest Brandon**

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March 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 March.

- March 7 Hannah Weisman's B'nai Mitzvah class and Lauren Weisman (Hannah's mother) will celebrate Hannah's Bat Mitzvah by hosting the Oneg.
- March 14 Jerilyn and Murray Dimant in honor of her birthday.
- March 21 Natasha & Jarrett Rieger in honor their 11th anniversary.
- March 28 Toby Koch and Alan Weiss in honor of their anniversary.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

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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PURIM SPIEL

Saturday, March 15, 7 PM

Plan to join us at CBS for "The Megillah of the Seven Seas," an original Purim Spiel by Anna Brubaker. 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. Be there! Aloha!

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Kudos n' Mazels

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

- ♦ Kudos to Jeff Shaw, Karen Blanchard, & Suzanne Jones for helping greet our members during our recent directory photo shoot.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Hannah Torop on becoming Bat Mitzvah in February!
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Julia Dempsey on becoming Bat Mitzvah in February!
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Bill Kalbas on the birth of his grandson, Torin Mace Kalbas on Feb. 3, 2014.
- ♦ Kudos to Jeff Shaw on putting together a great bowling fundraiser for the Religious School!
- ♦ Kudos to Janice Perelman for her successful coordination of our newest offering, Chair Yoga!

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.



KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Due to the Purim Shpiel, Kolot Shalom is taking a mini-break until Monday, March 24. Our next Choir Shabbat will be on April 4.

Meanwhile, mark your calendars for our annual Evening of Jewish Music on May 17. All congregants are welcome to perform. Start thinking about your repertoire now.

See you at the Purim Shpiel — March 15.

Shalom,

Joan E. Frankel



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

In November 2013, 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.

**JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL PRESENTATION
IN THIS SERIES!**

Part IV: "A Genetic Approach to Cancers"

Thursday, March 6 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.

This program free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Adult Education Chairperson Janice Perelman by e-mailing chinadollip@verizon.net.

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## CHAIR YOGA

**THE CHAIRS ARE FILLING UP!**

Response to Chair Yoga class has been overwhelming, and reservations are now required. If you would like to join in, contact Janice Perelman at [chinadollip@verizon.net](mailto:chinadollip@verizon.net) to save a seat on Monday evenings, 6-7 p.m. Yoga instructor Gary Lenza has been well received. The class is free, but donations are welcome. You will need comfortable clothing.



## Join Us March 30!

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 [emillerfla@aol.com](mailto:emillerfla@aol.com) to be added.

A great big **Thank You** to all the congregation members who 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



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## CBS Religious School Goes Bowling



## The BESTY Beat

In February, BESTY (Beth Shalom Temple Youth) held its elections for the 2014-15 year. Candidates presented themselves and addressed the group in a formal election process followed by an anonymous ballot. Mazel Tov to our incoming BESTY Board!

- ♦ President - David Goldfarb
- ♦ Programming Vice President - Jordan Oppolo
- ♦ Social Action/Fundraising Co-Vice Presidents: Jamie Karr & Jesse Mazen
- ♦ Religious & Cultural Vice President: Justin Shaw
- ♦ Membership Vice President: Madi Oppolo
- ♦ Communications Vice President: Cori Posner



The new board will take over in May following their weekend-long leadership training workshop in April that will be held in St. Petersburg. BESTY would also like to thank outgoing President, Tony Provenzano and outgoing CVP, Arielle Weisman for their commitment to the group this past year.

BESTY members will also be attending the Spring Kallah in Parkland, FL in early April as well as working on a calendar of activities for the spring and summer. They are also conducting various fundraisers (like Parents Nights Out) to help support Camp Jenny, a three-day weekend camping experience held each Memorial Day for underserved kids who would never have the opportunity otherwise. Camp Jenny provides three nutritious meals a day, the love of "big brothers" and "big sisters" and hiking, canoeing, and enjoying the great outdoors in the mountains of Georgia. The group would also like to give a big shout out to incoming President David Goldfarb, who was selected by NFTY-STR (North American Federation of Temple Youth - Southern Tropical Region) be a counselor at this year's Camp Jenny experience!

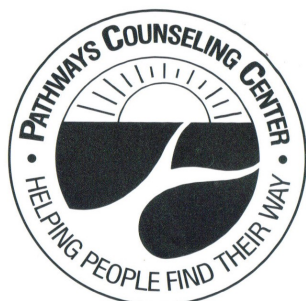
## B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon at  
813-785-6324 or  
[kvergon@verizon.net](mailto:kvergon@verizon.net)



## 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.



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## Education - Amy Weinstein

We continue to be in the middle of our serious learning opportunity for the year. We had 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.

Report cards were recently issued reflecting the progress our students made during the first semester. I met with our teachers, and many had the same thought. I was told by several different teachers that "[insert child's name] could be so much further in their Hebrew knowledge if they came consistently." We have 9 Sunday classes and 10 Wednesday classes left this school year. I challenge our families and students to have students attend every session. Our students are bright, capable and usually enthusiastic about learning. I would like to review our report cards in May and be able to note the growth that regular attendance coupled with meaningful teaching can make.

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

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

### Important March Dates

(Are you on our Facebook page?)

- 3/2 **Religious School is in session** (change from original calendar)
- 3/9 & 3/12 **NO school- Spring Break**
- 3/16 Purim Celebration & Torah Tots
- 3/23 B'nai Mitzvah Family Program (7<sup>th</sup> grade) with Rabbi Torop (9:30-11:30); Pizza fundraiser (noon)
- 3/30 Parent Association (9:45). Religious School ends at 11:15 due to Noshfest. **All children must be picked up at 11:15.**



## B'nai Mitzvah

### Julia Dempsey



Julia Ann Dempsey, daughter of Michelle and Mark Dempsey, was called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on February 22 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Julia is a seventh-grader at Burns Middle School. She has been playing soccer since she was four years old but also enjoys most other sports, music, and arts and crafts.

For her mitzvah project, Julia will be volunteering for 1Voice, a foundation dedicated to supporting children with cancer and their families.

### Hannah Weisman



Hannah Leigh Weisman, daughter of Lauren Weisman and Andrew Weisman, will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 8 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Hannah is a seventh-grade honor student at Burns Middle School and is involved with the Best Buddies program. Additionally, Hannah was invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Hannah has been playing soccer for seven years and also enjoys music, video games, watching Florida Gator sports and spending time with her friends, family and Bruce (the family dog).

Her parents are ecstatic that Hannah is the fourth and final B'nai Mitzvah for the Weisman family. Matthew, Sydney, and Arielle are all very proud of their sister's accomplishments and look forward to her special day. For her mitzvah project, Hannah has chosen to volunteer her time to the RVR Horse Rescue in Riverview — a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and providing sanctuary for abused and neglected horses and farm animals. We hope that members of the congregation will join us March 8 as Hannah leads us in prayer and study.



## CBS Religious School Purim Celebration

**MARCH 16**  
**9:30 A.M. - NOON**

### Don't Miss Our Fun Religious School Purim Celebration!

Religious School will celebrate Purim 9:30 - noon on March 16.  
Please make sure that your child attends.

- ♦ Megillah Reading and Costume Parade
- ♦ Purim "Jewpardy" Game
- ♦ Hamantaschen
- ♦ Color Run for Kids at 11:30 a.m. – Please send your child in a white t-shirt and clothes that can get dirty/destroyed. Parents can pay \$2 to throw color powder at runners!
- ♦ Hot Dog Vendor (bring your cash)

For more info, contact Amy W. or Karen B.

CBS T-shirts will be available for purchase.





## Membership — Rudina Richter

Watching this winter's weather issues plaguing the rest of the country, I feel so grateful to be in our own relative balminess. I am also grateful that some people enjoy snow. Otherwise, we would have everyone down here, and there would be no elbow room at all!

Happily, I can announce that we now will share our space at Congregation Beth Shalom with a returning family. Marla and Owen Smith were members until 2002 and are again choosing to affiliate. They have two grown children: Jenny (22) and Philip (21). Marla, an independent contractor, is interested in adult Jewish learning, fundraising, social action and our CBS Players. She has areas of strength in editing/proofing and in public relations. Owen is a physician, and both are known to our president, Hank Mart, who heartily endorsed their application for membership. Please look for Marla and Owen around the Temple, and give them your warmest CBS welcome!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Purim. Peace — Rudina



**CBS MITZVAH DAY  
2014**

**DO A GOOD DEED AND  
FEEL GREAT ABOUT  
YOURSELF!**

Please join us for our  
annual Mitzvah Day event.  
**APRIL 27**

We begin the morning at 9 a.m. at the Temple with bagels, a "schemer," cereal and coffee before going out to participate in your good deed.

Below are some of the activities :

- ♦ RVR Horse Rescue
- ♦ New location for garden
- ♦ Emeritus Assisted Living Facility
- ♦ Blood Drive
- ♦ In House Arts and Crafts Project
- ♦ Bingo at Delaney Creek Lodge
- ♦ Help stack shelves at Jewish Family services

Mitzvah Day is coming soon, and your Social Action Committee is hard at work lining up a number of fulfilling outreach projects for congregation members to take part in for that day. This community service event has always been a popular element of synagogue life and one which makes us proud to be who we are as a temple family. During the next couple of months, we will be previewing in the *Kibbitzer* some of the projects which will be available for volunteering.

Let's make this year the best ever!!!

Thank you,

Phyllis, Social Action Chair (phylnew@verizon.net)

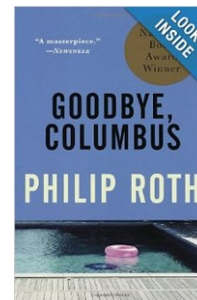
## CBS Page Turners

### 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.

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## TempleKeeping Tips Hosting an Event at CBS

From time to time, we all need a little more space, specifically to host an event that perhaps our homes won't quite accommodate. Or perhaps we're planning an event that centers around the CBS family. The synagogue is available to our congregants for use as an event facility, with prior approval from the Board of Directors and clearance through the Temple Office.



TempleKeeping Tips

To begin the process, email or call the office. If space is available on the requested date, you will be forwarded a Facility Usage Agreement, a part of which is your specific, formal request. A rate sheet is included. For members, lifecycle events such as baby namings, b'nai mitzvahs, weddings, and memorials are free and part of your membership; however if you wish to use the facility for a private event, there is small fee.

The completed request form is to be returned to the office for processing — *even if there is no fee*. Once the event is approved, you will be notified, and any details specific to your event will be discussed.

A significant portion of this notification discussion will be covering the "After-Event Facilities Checkout Form." This is very important. Keep this form until the completion of your event, and then submit it. It is as important for you as it is for temple. If, after your event, items on the list are not found as they should be, fees may be incurred. It's important that you count into your event time the completion of the checklist at the end of the event, or entrust this task to a specific individual you can count on.

The checklist covers everything from the sound system to trash disposal, top to bottom, side to side — the Buildings & Grounds Committee really did an excellent job putting this document together making sure to cover all aspects of the facility. It also includes a section for you to share any comments that you feel need to be brought to the attention of the office (if something was broken, or if something was working improperly, etc.).

If this will be an unstaffed event, and you as the host are assuming the responsibility for it, you will be granted a temporary key to the facility and be trained in how to open and close the facility prior to the event. This is an exclusive benefit for members.

The facility is also available to rent for non-members; however, the event(s) also must be cleared through the office and Board of Directors. Fees are not waived for non-member-hosted events, and staff or a congregant (who agrees to take responsibility for the event) must be on site.

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

**March 23, 1:00 p.m.**



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

Can science and religion really co-exist? In the Will family it can. Dr. Will is not just a member of Beth Shalom; he is also the father of Betsy Torop, the synagogue's rabbi. As the congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Torop is often asked how the Torah (the Jewish Bible) can be true given what is known about evolution.

In his lecture, Dr. Will describes the current model of Big Bang Cosmology and will give up-to-date, 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 U.S. National Academy of Sciences.*



**ANNUAL BAKE  
SALE**

**Sunday, May 18**  
(The date of the Congregation's  
annual meeting)

**9 a.m. — noon**

The lobby of Congregation Beth Shalom

**PROCEEDS GO TO: JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES**

Please bring your baked items to the temple by 9 a.m.

Thank you so much—*Phyllis* (Social Action Chairperson),  
Anna Feldman and Jerilyn Dimant

**FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE...**

The Nominating Committee has met and has submitted a slate of candidates to the temple Board. Our CBS by-laws welcome submission of additional candidates.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Janice Perelman, Nominating Committee Chair, at [chinadollip@verizon.net](mailto:chinadollip@verizon.net), for further information on how you may proceed.

**WOMEN'S SEDER—SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at 1PM**

**WHY A WOMEN'S SEDER?**

This Seder is held on a Sunday afternoon before Passover and is different from most traditional Seders.

1. This one talks about the exodus of the children of Israel from slavery from the women's perspective.
2. The feminist Seder has a specially written Haggadah. Daughters instead of sons ask the four questions. Both males and females need to feel this experience personally.
3. In the feminist Seder Miriam plays a chief role. She is the source of comfort and nourishment as the Israelites were led out of Egypt.
4. We like to think that Elijah's cup symbolizes the future, whereas Miriam's cup symbolizes the present.
5. Miriam celebrated with singing, dancing and tambourine playing.



The annual Woman's Seder will be held at the Temple and led by our Rabbi Betsy Torop. Each attendee will be asked to bring one dairy luncheon food item to share with the other attendees. There will be a \$15.00 charge per Haggadah for members of CBS (\$20.00 for non-members). Please bring your Haggadah if you already purchased one in previous years. Children of the attendees can share the Haggadot. There will be a \$5.00 entrance fee per family. Men are welcome to attend.

Contact me at [phylnew@verizon.net](mailto:phylnew@verizon.net) or Sheila Fishman [gold17@verizon.net](mailto:gold17@verizon.net) to receive a listing of what food items are required for the potluck. Additionally, if you are willing to help with preparation and set-up and clean-up, please let me know.

Thank you. A good time will be had by all — so please join us as we sing, dance and be merry!! — *Phyllis Newman*



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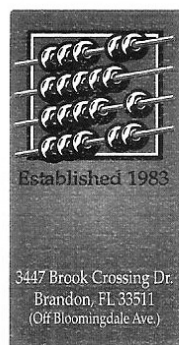
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### Funds:

- **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.
- **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.

*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.  
If your donation is incorrectly listed or omitted, please notify the temple office immediately.*

### Donations listed below were received between January 16 and February 15.

|                                         |                                   |              |                                               |
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| Leslie & Ron Boyar                      | General Fund                      | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Gerry Vandevender                |
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| Joan Frankel                            | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| David & Carol Anne Friedman             | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Michael & Lea Garbett                   | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
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| Michael & Lea Garbett                   | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah (TOL?) |
| Sara & Jeff Goodman                     | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Robert & Caren Katz                     | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah (TOL?) |
| Toby Koch & Alan Weiss                  | General Fund                      | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Gerry Vandevender                |
| Randi Lannak                            | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah (TOL?) |
| Caren, Joel, Evan, & Brittany Magdovitz | General Fund                      | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Terry B. Magdovitz               |
| The Oldman Family                       | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Judith & Gerry Pliner                   | General Fund                      | Bricklet     | In Memory of Gerry Vandevender                |
| Judith & Gerry Pliner                   | General Fund                      | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Leon Pliner                      |
| David & Rudina Richter                  | General Fund                      | Adopt A Book | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Natasha & Jarett Rieger                 | General Fund                      | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah (TOL?) |
| Marcia Weiner                           | General Fund                      | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Sylvia Levine                    |
| Ruth Goldberg                           | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Marshall Goldberg                |
| Terri Goldberg                          | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Marshall Goldberg                |
| Renate Greenfield                       | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Peter & Diane Jacobson                  | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Larry & Lynn Kaler                      | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Sandra Roberts                          | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Yahrzeit     | In Memory of Marshall Farkas                  |
| Gail & Michael Verlin                   | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Phyllis & Milton Newman                 | Rabbi's Discretionary Fund        | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |
| Errol & Sheila Fishman                  | Religious School Scholarship Fund | Tribute      | In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah        |



## Anniversaries

|      |                  |            |
|------|------------------|------------|
| 3/2  | Natasha & Jarett | Rieger     |
| 3/19 | Joseph & Debbie  | Saavedra   |
| 3/23 | Michael & Sarah  | Meyers     |
| 3/25 | Jerry & Jamie    | Holschauer |
| 3/25 | Karen & Jason    | Blanchard  |
| 3/27 | Toby & Alan      | Koch/Weiss |
| 3/27 | Myron & Jackie   | Feldman    |
| 3/28 | Stephen & Anna   | Feldman    |

## Yahrzeits



|      |                |          |                  |    |         |            |
|------|----------------|----------|------------------|----|---------|------------|
| 3/1  | Arthur         | Ratner   | Father           | of | Ira     | Ratner     |
| 3/1  | Ely            | Sandberg | Father           | of | Sandy   | Santucci   |
| 3/6  | William David  | Dufresne | Father           | of | Laurie  | Edelson    |
| 3/11 | Victor         | Vernick  | Friend & Brother | of | David   | Richter    |
| 3/14 | Mario          | Litovich | Cousin           | of | Fanny   | Litovich   |
| 3/15 | Meyer          | Feldman  | Father           | of | Stephen | Feldman    |
| 3/15 | Abraham Isaac  | Siegel   | Grandfather      | of | Eric    | Miller     |
| 3/16 | Edith          | Richter  | Aunt             | of | David   | Richter    |
| 3/18 | Jules          | Honig    | Uncle            | of | Rudina  | Richter    |
| 3/20 | Sophie         | Goldman  | Mother           | of | Sharon  | Aronson    |
| 3/28 | Jeffrey S.     | Zazulia  | Brother          | of | Iylene  | Miller     |
| 3/29 | Lea Yakovlevna | Kreinina | Grandmother      | of | Anna    | Moneymaker |
| 3/31 | Morris         | Slater   | Father           | of | Brian   | Slater     |



## Birthdays

|      |               |            |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 3/2  | Scott         | Ellis      |
| 3/3  | Gabe          | Tabak      |
| 3/3  | Jerilyn       | Dimant     |
| 3/4  | Dale          | Wozniak    |
| 3/5  | Stephen       | Richner    |
| 3/5  | Chloe         | Brown      |
| 3/6  | Rob           | Northrop   |
| 3/8  | Jeffrey       | Borgen     |
| 3/8  | Ian Michael   | Villasin   |
| 3/8  | Aaron         | Edelson    |
| 3/8  | Keith         | Balot      |
| 3/9  | David         | Richter    |
| 3/9  | Anna          | Feldman    |
| 3/9  | Sarah Ann     | Raiskin    |
| 3/9  | Melissa       | Villasin   |
| 3/10 | Leah          | Carapella  |
| 3/12 | Sandy         | Schwartz   |
| 3/14 | Tara          | Schwartz   |
| 3/14 | Jamie         | Holschauer |
| 3/16 | Jenny Arielle | Smith      |
| 3/16 | David         | Goldfarb   |
| 3/17 | Maria         | Brubaker   |
| 3/18 | Celia Faye    | Moskowitz  |
| 3/18 | Tovah         | Cantrell   |
| 3/18 | David         | Friedman   |
| 3/20 | Jill          | Oppolo     |
| 3/20 | Mike          | Hebert     |
| 3/21 | Natania       | Gerscovich |
| 3/23 | Virginia      | Barnett    |
| 3/23 | Robert        | Lamattina  |
| 3/23 | Stephen       | Udell      |
| 3/24 | Craig         | Kennon     |
| 3/25 | Jacob         | Burkett    |
| 3/25 | Ryan          | Tackus     |
| 3/27 | Michelle      | Dempsey    |
| 3/29 | Jodi          | Tiberio    |
| 3/29 | Aaron         | Flaks      |
| 3/30 | Sara          | Kennon     |
| 3/30 | Kyra          | Frye       |
| 3/31 | Jisela        | Bolnick    |
| 3/31 | Ruth          | Goldberg   |
| 3/31 | Barbara       | Kinney     |

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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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>2<br/>9:30A RS<br/>10:00A NoshFest Mg<br/>1:00P Purim Rehearsal<br/>3:00 P Adult Hebrew<br/>JCC Women's Day Tea</p>                                        | <p>3<br/><i>1 Adar II</i><br/><i>Strauberry Fair Day</i><br/><i>No School E. Hills. Co</i><br/>6:00P Chair Yoga</p> | <p>4<br/>6:30P Adult Ed Comm<br/>7:30P Board Mtg</p> | <p>5<br/>6:15P Hebrew School<br/>6:30P Confirmation<br/>6:30P Conf &amp; YG Parent Mtg.</p> | <p>6<br/>7:30P Adult Ed: Guest<br/>Speaker, A Genetic approach<br/>to Cancers</p> | <p>7<br/>Kibbitzer Deadline<br/>7:45P Shabbat Svc.</p>               | <p>8<br/>10:00A Shabbat Svc<br/>Weisman Bat Mitzvah<br/>Hillel Gift of Gold</p> |
| <p>9<br/>NO RS<br/>1:00P Purim Rehearsal<br/>3:00 P Adult Hebrew<br/>JCC Preschool Fundraiser<br/>South Branch</p>                                            | <p>10<br/>6:00P Chair Yoga</p>                                                                                      | <p>11</p>                                            | <p>12</p>                                                                                   | <p>13<br/>7:30P Cancer Support</p>                                                | <p>14<br/>7:45P Shabbat Svc.</p>                                     | <p>15<br/><i>Purim</i><br/>7:00P Purim Spiel</p>                                |
| <p>16<br/>9:30A RS<br/>9:45A Torah Tots<br/>10:00A Finance<br/>Purim Carnival<br/>3:00 P Adult Hebrew</p>                                                     | <p>17<br/>6:00P Chair Yoga</p>                                                                                      | <p>18</p>                                            | <p>19<br/>6:15P Hebrew School<br/>6:30P Confirmation</p>                                    | <p>20<br/>7:30P Page Turners</p>                                                  | <p>21<br/>7:45P Shabbat Svc.<br/><i>Simchat Shabbat</i></p>          | <p>22<br/>10:00A Shabbat Svc</p>                                                |
| <p>23<br/>9:30A RS<br/>B'nei Mitzvah Fam. Pr.<br/>10:00A NoshFest Mtg.<br/>12:00P Pizza Fundraiser<br/>1:00P Lecture: Rel&amp;Sci<br/>3:00 P Adult Hebrew</p> | <p>24<br/>6:00P Chair Yoga<br/>7:30 Choir -SSv 4/11</p>                                                             | <p>25<br/>7:30P Exec. Comm.</p>                      | <p>26<br/>6:15P Hebrew School<br/>7:30P Ritual Comm.</p>                                    | <p>27<br/><i>TBJewish Film Fest</i><br/><i>Begins</i></p>                         | <p>28<br/><i>Film Fest</i><br/>7:45P Shabbat Svc.<br/>YAD Friday</p> | <p>29<br/><i>Film Fest</i></p>                                                  |
| <p>30<br/><i>Film Fest</i><br/>9:30A RS<br/>9:45A RSPA<br/>11:00A NoshFest</p>                                                                                | <p>31<br/><i>Film Fest</i><br/>6:00P Chair Yoga<br/>7:30 Choir -SSv 4/11</p>                                        |                                                      |                                                                                             |                                                                                   |                                                                      |                                                                                 |



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