

# The Kibbitzer

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

### *It's the Journey, not the Destination, that Matters Most*

"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." (Michael Waltzer, in *Mishkan T'filah*.) What does this reading, often part of our Erev Shabbat service, teach us?

First, we are often in Egypt – in a place where we are uncertain and afraid, and struggle and difficulty are inevitably part of our lives. But that is not the sum total of our experience. Hope – a better place, a promised land – exists. And though our journey may sometimes involve a few wrong turns, we can move toward better and brighter things if we join hands and work toward that better future together. Our hope for growth and achievement, our journey taken hand in hand – this is the foundation of a life of meaning. This message resonates in particular in this month of transitions when we celebrate the confirmation of eleven 10th graders, when we bless our high school graduates, and when we mark a transition to a new board and president.

Confirmation is a milestone for our 10<sup>th</sup> graders, a marker on their ongoing journey as Jews. Having spent three years after Bar/Bat Mitzvah discussing Jewish ethics and values, contemporary dilemmas and major Jewish ideas, our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will share their thoughts about God, Torah and Israel during Confirmation on May 9. Their thoughts reflect their diversity of views and honest wrestling with important ideas. This is not the destination... but a step on the journey that will take each of them in many directions, and we are all privileged to be able to share in the occasion.

High school graduation is also a milestone, the end of one stage and the beginning of the next. These students are looking toward bright futures, a promised land of independence and challenge, opportunity and success. It is safe to say that for many, if not all of them, their future will be filled with twists and turns, and there will be some wandering in the wilderness. In blessing them from the bima at a Shabbat service on May 16, we remind them that they are not alone in this journey, that not only their parents but their community stands with them, joining hands to support them on their way.

And on May 30, we welcome a new Temple board, under the leadership of Jeff Newman, and wish them strength and blessing in their service to our congregation and the Jewish people. It is a sacred calling to serve as a synagogue leader – full of challenge and frustration, joy and satisfaction. In their willingness to step forward, Temple leaders affirm their belief that there is a better place, a promised land. Our community can grow ever stronger as a place of meaningful relationships, a place that fosters Jewish learning and celebration, a place that passes on our traditions to a new generation. And that the way to achieve this vision, to reach this promised land, is by "joining hand and marching together."

This is a month of transitions, of celebrations, of milestones on journeys for people of all ages. Please plan to join us!



## From the President - Hank Mart

My hat's off to Rabbi Torop, Bonnie Karr, Mags Oldman, and all the others who gave of themselves in preparation for a truly superb Pesach Sedar! During this delightful evening, Jews from all demographics relived what our ancestors had to go through during their exodus from Egypt. The Rabbi told stories, we sang songs and enjoyed a wonderful meal, but most of all we came together as a vibrant Jewish community in our little *schul* right here in Brandon, Florida! I truly had a GREAT time!

Now it is time for the rest of the story (who said that?). This article is the concluding piece on the series discussing the word **"TEAM."** We are on the last letter "M" representing "More; as in **"Together Everyone Achieves More."**

Congregation Beth Shalom has come a long way since it was first formed nearly 25 years ago. Just a few Jewish families met at someone's home for Shabbat, probably at Sandy Santucci's home or at Toby Koch's home. And then a few more families joined this small gathering of Jews. The small gathering of Jews grew and grew until they needed another meeting place. They were able to get together at Apostles Lutheran Church for many years, but this wasn't a place they could call home. So they saved and saved, until finally they had enough money for a down payment to purchase a home of their own. They were finally free.

The meaning here is that this didn't happen overnight. Through teamwork, the Jews in Eastern Hillsborough County focused their efforts, put aside their differences, worked together, and were able to achieve **more** than was thought possible.

Fast forward to where we are today. We have a beautiful

campus. Thanks to the many families who either gave of their time, gave their money, gave of their talents or all three. This place we call the Temple or the synagogue allows us to have a place to conduct worship services, classrooms for our religious school, meeting rooms for the adult education classes. It also facilitates other programs such as CBS Players, the Noshfesters, the Page Tuners, Yarn Mavens, Torah Tots, and Youth Group, just to name a few. In order to illustrate where we have come from to where we want to go, I am providing you with a snapshot of the congregation's fiscal demographics. (See table.)



The obvious conclusion noted from these figures is that we could achieve so much more if everyone put forth their fair share and took action to eliminate all dues owed schul. Remember it is our Temple's mission is to help and encourage each member of the congregation to participate in our synagogue, thus enhancing his/her own life through *Torah* (Study), *Avodah* (worship), and *Gemilut Chasadim* (deeds of love and kindness). We do this by our commitment.

In order to achieve our mission, each of us has the annual responsibility to self-assess our temple commitment and thereby reaffirm our connection to and support for Congregation Beth Shalom. The temple is not only where we turn to fulfill our individual Jewish needs; it is a vital communal and educational institution. (Continued on page 5)

Category	# of Family Units	Dues Owed Shul
Associate Family Members	3	\$270
Chai2 Members	6	\$450
Congregational families on "Commitment Assistance"	48	\$40,838
Congregational families on prescribed commitment levels	88	\$36,878
Totals:	145	\$78,436

**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



### ***May Dates to Remember!!!!***

- **Friday, May 2, 7:45 p.m. — Shabbat Evening Service**  
(Celebrating Israel's Independence Day! Congregants share experiences of being in Israel.)
- **Sunday, May 4, [time]— Torah Tots: "Honoring Mom and Dad"**
- **Friday, May 9, 7:45 p.m. — Shabbat Evening Service**  
(Honoring CBS Confirmands)
- **Friday, May 16, 7:45 p.m.—Shabbat Evening Service**  
(Mazel Tov to Motti Elazar on his Bar Mitzvah, and to our high school graduates.)
- **Saturday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.—Evening of Jewish Music** (Preceded by pot luck dinner at 5:30—all welcome)
- **Friday, May 30, 7:45 p.m.—Shabbat Evening Service**  
(Installation of new CBS Board)
- **Tuesday, June 3, 7-9 p.m.—SAVE THE DATE: Erev Shavuot**

*Religious education page 7; full calendar on page 15 .*

### **Erev Shavuot**

*Feed your Eyes, your Mind and your Stomach!*

Shavuot celebrates the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. It is the beginning of all subsequent Jewish learning and understanding — the values, teachings and ideals that have defined our people.

Our interactive Shavuot study will use a series of thought-provoking posters and art work to discuss key Jewish ideas such as the source of knowledge, the meaning of community and the nature of miracles. We'll begin with a brief service, followed by study, discussion and traditional Shavuot cheesecake and dairy desserts.

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## **May 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 May.

- May 2 Stephanie Ferry in honor of Sophia Brenner's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday and in celebration of Israeli Independence Day.
- May 9 The parents of the Confirmation Class will in honor of their children being confirmed.
- May 16 Sharon and Zohar Elazar will be celebrating with Matti who will become Bar Mitzvah and his class will host the Oneg to honor him.
- May 23 Amy and Daniel Weinstein in honor of Aaron who will be graduating from high school, and in honor of Adam and his fiancé, Julia, who will be graduating from college.
- May 30 The CBS Board in honor of the outgoing and incoming Board Members.

### **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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### A Special Thank You

To be a Temple president is an enormous responsibility. To inspire others, to lead with patience and vision, to solve problems large and small, to help Beth Shalom continue to become a vibrant center of Jewish life and learning – this is the sacred challenge of being Temple president. As he finishes his term as president, I want to thank Hank Mart for doing all this and more, for leading by example and encouraging kindness and compassion in everything he did. When you see Hank, I know you will want to offer your own words of thanks as well. *Todah Rabbah! Thank you very much!*□



## Kudos n' Mazels

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

### **MAZELS**

- Mazel Tov to Kate & Andrew Swedlow on the birth of their son, Joseph Stone Swedlow!
- Mazel Tov to Talia Blanchard & Aurora Oldman for earning spots on the Principal's Honor Roll at school!
- Mazel Tov to Scott Hopkins on becoming a grandfather again!
- Mazel Tov to Adam Weinstein and fiancée, Julia Matthews on their graduation from USF with Bachelor of Science degrees in Music Education!
- Mazel Tov to all our Confirmants! (See page 10)

### **KUDOS**

- Kudos to Bonnie Karr & Mags Oldman, for their help with the Second Night Seder for Passover!
- Kudos to Jeff Goodman for chaperoning our BESTY teens to Spring Kallah in Parkland, FL!
- Kudos to Phyllis Newman for coordinating a lovely Women's Seder for Passover!
- Kudos to Toby Koch for putting together the new Spiritual Leaders project.



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## **OTHER PROGRAMS**

### **All Jazzed Up**

Zsa Lobel

### **Cancer Support Group**

Cynthia Goldstein-Hart & Rudina Richter

### **CBS Players**

Anna Brubaker

### **Chavurah**

Phyllis Newman

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(From the President—Continued from Page 2)

As Alex Schindler, former President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the URJ) said, "The synagogue is the only institution which makes Jews."

With your financial assistance, we have been able to maintain the budget while providing the very best place of worship, a wealth and variety of programming, and a caring, supportive Jewish community for you, our Temple family.

Our synagogue is growing. And with growth, our monthly expenditures are increasing. Just like your personal budget, your Jewish home has financial obligations that must be kept. By putting forth your financial commitments to the synagogue, we are able to meet our obligations and provide the most up-to-date and beneficial program and services to you the congregant.

Finally, I wanted to sincerely thank the entire congregation for allowing me to be your president for the past two years. I truly have enjoyed the experiences, and I am grateful for the friendships that were forged as a result of this endeavor. I want to thank you for your past commitment to Congregation Beth Shalom and appreciate you meeting your financial commitments and look forward to a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

Hank Mart, Board President

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### **Adult Education Needs Volunteers!**

Have you thought about becoming a vocal part of our Adult Education Committee? Are you looking for an opportunity to become involved in something new? Share your ideas, suggestions, and experiences regarding continuing education programs, and help to become active in actuating them. Feel free to join our monthly meetings which are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Our committee will soon be planning events for the 2014-15 calendar year. Contact Janice Perelman at [chinadollip@verizon.net](mailto:chinadollip@verizon.net) or (813) 571-2029 if you have questions about this committee or about what membership in this committee entails.

### **My Thanks to You...**

Thanks to members of the Adult Education Committee for their help and support over the past two years. I am happy to have served a role in bringing so many valuable programs to our temple, including a group for grandparents; the informative and entertaining Rabbi Mark Glickman, our Scholar-in-Residence last October; the series of Health-Related Issues programs which provided such important information especially directed to people of Jewish ancestry; and the initiation of programming specifically for the parents of school-aged children in our religious school.

Janice Perelman, Chairperson  
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## Israel Connections... Meet Yuval Freincle

By Cynthia Goldstein-Hart

Many members of Beth Shalom do amazing things both at the Temple and in their personal lives, and Yuval Freincle is no exception. Yuval, a member of our board, Youth Group, Social Action Committee, and our resident gardener, recently made Aliyah to Israel. He was kind enough in the midst of his preparations to be interviewed for this article; here are excerpts from our conversation.

**CGH:** Please tell our members a little about you.

**YF:** I was born in Tulsa, OK but grew up in Brandon and went to Brandon High. I went to the HCC Honors Institute after high school and then to Florida State University to study political science on the Bright Futures Scholarship. I realized politics was not in my future so I got a job working at a hotel.

**CGH:** You visited Israel in 2012. Can you tell us about that trip?

**YF:** I've made three visits to Israel so far. The first was through the Taglit/Birthright program. I chose to go with Israel Outdoors on a hiking-focused trip. I'm so glad I chose that because I really connected to the land of Israel. My second trip I owe to Rabbi Torop. She forwarded an email about Kibbutz Lotan's Green Apprenticeship program. I spent five months living on a traditional kibbutz studying the environment and Torah — and milking goats! This trip helped me decide I was going to make Aliyah when I turned 35 or before. My third trip was with the Jewish National Fund's Alternative Spring Break program. The more time I spent in Israel, the more at home I felt. The mindset of most Israelis still seems to embrace that there is a county to be built and things to be done together.

**CGH:** Where will you be living, and what will you be doing when you get there?

**YF:** Nefesh B'Nefesh is an organization whose goal is to help North American Jews make Aliyah. You get to choose where you live, and Israel offers a welcome basket to help all new immigrants their first year. I chose to settle in southern Israel. I'm 95% sure I'll be going to a kibbutz and my first priority is to enter an Ulpan (Hebrew language course) as soon as I can.

**CGH:** What do you think will be the biggest adjustment you will have to make?

**YF:** HEBREW!

**CGH:** You are probably the only person in Brandon to make Aliyah in a long time, if ever. How do you feel about that?



*Yuval and Rabbi Torop at the Shabbat service before his Aliyah*

**YF:** You know, I had not thought of that this whole time! Truthfully, I'm not sure how to feel about it. On one hand, I would love to encourage everyone to make Aliyah. But, on the other hand, CBS truly is growing every day into a larger and loving community.

**CGH:** Do you feel that you are a role model for Jewish youth?

**YF:** Working with the Temple Youth Group really has inspired my life in many ways. To see CBS care enough about the needs of their youth just warms my heart. I think the youth are more of role models for me than I could have ever hoped to be for them — for that, I'm truly thankful.

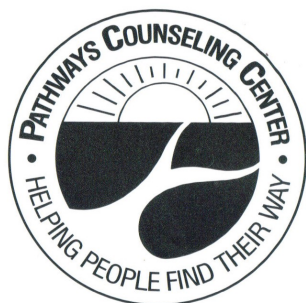
**CGH:** How has Beth Shalom been a part of your life?

**YF:** What a question! And where to start! CBS has been so much to me. Rabbi Torop has been a spiritual teacher when I needed to learn and a healer in times of need. People at CBS are like surrogate family members. I have more mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters than I could have hoped for! Even in the youth I see aspects I hope and pray my own children will have. I truly hope to see my CBS family many more times — when I come back to visit AND when they come to Israel!

*Author's note: This interview took place in December 2013. Yuval is currently on Kibbutz Mishmar HaSharon in an Ulpan program. He attends Hebrew class 20 hours a week and works on the kibbutz 20 hours a week. The kibbutz is pre-Statehood and is located on land owned by Arabs. The kibbutz is no longer socialistic in the original form of a kibbutz. He will be there until July 2014. Follow Yuval's adventures in Israel on his blog: <https://mfreincle.wordpress.com>*

### POTLUCK DINNER—EVENING OF JEWISH MUSIC Saturday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.

All temple members are invited to join us for our annual potluck dairy dinner before the performance of An Evening of Jewish Music. Please email Phyllis Newman with what you will be bringing so that dinner may be planned accordingly. (phylnew@verizon.net)



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## Education - Amy Weinstein

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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

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## Membership — Rudina Richter

Happy May! Hope everyone had an opportunity to celebrate a meaningful Passover seder and that you all had your fill of matzah for another year.

We are such a busy congregation: Nosh Fest, Congregational and Women's Seders, Mitzvah Day, Congregational Shabbat Dinner, Kolot Shalom and CBS Players offerings, Adult Education and Torah Tots — We have something for everyone! Remember to read your eblasts and *Kibbitzer* calendars to keep current on all the opportunities that membership affords you.

And speaking of membership, I am delighted to introduce you to our newest Congregation Beth Shalom members: **Andrew and Katy Swedlow**, and their brand new baby boy, **Joseph**. Andrew is an active-duty officer in the Army, and Katy is an attorney who is currently a stay-at-home-Mom. Please look for them around the Temple, and extend them a warm Beth Shalom welcome.

Remember that we are all good will ambassadors for our congregational family. So, spread the love!

Peace — Rudina

### Important May Dates

(Are you on our Facebook page?)

- 5/7- Hebrew Class and last Confirmation Class
- 5/9- Shabbat Service- recognizing Confirmation Class
- 5/11- No Religious School
- 5/14- Last Hebrew Class
- 5/18- Last Religious School- closing ceremony



### 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.

### KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Kolot Shalom, the adult choir of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon, invites you to join us in singing for:  
An Evening of Jewish Music.

Date: May 17, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon  
706 Bryan Road  
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Rehearsals will be held at the Temple on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM beginning on April 21, 2014, with one exception. There will be no rehearsal on May 8, 2014.

Selections will include sacred texts and folk songs of Israeli origin as well as popular Broadway show tunes.

We are also looking for instrumentalists who would like to perform.

For questions and comments, please contact Joan Frankel at (813) 938-4123 or by email :  
[the frankels@verizon.net](mailto:the frankels@verizon.net).

It will be a grand night. Hope to see you there.

Shalom,  
Joan E. Frankel

(See page 6 for potluck dinner information.)



## CBS ANNUAL MEETING AND SLATE OF OFFICERS

**The CBS Annual Meeting will on Sunday May 18 at 10 a.m.** The Membership Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation.

Below is a list of the slate of leadership for the two-year term of June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016.

### Executive Board

President	Jeff Newman
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Errol Fishman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Cynthia Goldstein-Hart



### Members at Large

Amy Tabak  
Michelle Dempsey  
Gayle Borgen

The following positions are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two-year term (no vote is needed):

Secretary	Toby Koch
Treasurer	Michael Barnett
Members at Large	Scott Hopkins
	Seth Dugan
	Dan Weinstein

Per the By Laws, "any other nominations for an elected office or Member-at-Large may be made by written petition of five (5) members in good standing, which shall be filed with the Secretary, at least (20) twenty days prior to the annual meeting."

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting, as a quorum is needed to elect our leadership.



## ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 18  
9 a.m. — Noon

*(The date of the Congregation's annual meeting)*

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*

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## TempleKeeping Tips Safety & Security at CBS

Congregation Beth Shalom is a thriving, growing synagogue, full of people of all ages coming and going every day, all week, every month and all year! Just as it should be! Creating and maintaining a safe, secure environment is paramount to our growth as a spiritual home for our congregants and the community.



TempleKeeping Tips

The temple has practices in place to increase our safety. We have highlighted a few of our most important ones here to remind everyone of how they work.

### Drop-off/Pick-up

Children should not be dropped off without the parent knowing there is an attending adult on site who is scheduled to be there. Just because vehicles on are on site does not mean there is a supervisor available for your child. Conversely, they should also be picked up in a timely fashion so that the supervising adult can get to his or her next appointment. Our teachers and staff will not leave a child unattended, so please be respectful of their time, as they are of yours.

### Building Access

During the day the temple is kept locked from the outside. To access the facility during operating hours, please use the Administrative Entrance door and ring the bell. It is also a good idea to call the temple first to let us know you are coming if you do not already have an appointment.


### Vehicles

Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the parking lot without notifying staff. A standard practice among group facilities is to report unfamiliar vehicles that are parked in your lot without knowledge. An unknown vehicle is a standard red flag in the world of security, and your vehicle will be reported to the police and possibly towed if it is left without notice.

### Assistance

If you notice a light not working, or an exterior camera visibly broken, please notify the office. We strive to keep all of our safety equipment (including fire extinguishers, security cameras, lighting, etc.) in working order. Don't be afraid to notify the office or assume that it is necessarily being fixed. It's possible that something has broken during a time when the facility is unattended. It's always better to assume that someone doesn't know than to think, "Oh, someone else will take care of it."

These are just some of the everyday practices in which we hope our entire congregation can play an active role. Working together to ensure our communal safety is important to everyone. If you have any suggestions with regard to safety practices and procedures, please forward them to the Temple Office by emailing [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).





**CBS Page Turners**  
Invites You to Join in the Reading of  
**The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer**  
**Thursday, May 8, 7:30**

The 47 stories in this book, selected by the author in 1982, include supernatural tales, slices of life from Warsaw and the *shtetls* and displaced Jews from that world to the New World. Something for everyone! Each member of the group will choose three stories to read and share their thoughts on their selections.

Isaac Bashevis Singer was one of the great storytellers of the Twentieth Century. His writing is a unique blend of religious morality and social awareness combined with an investigation of personal desires. Though his work often took the form of parables or tales based on a Nineteenth-Century tradition, he was deeply concerned with the events of his time and the future of our people and Jewish culture. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1978 and was prolific up until the end of his lifetime.

At this discussion, we will also choose literature for the summer and create a schedule of rotating discussion leaders for the coming year. Please join us in this diverse and interesting conversation, 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](mailto:zsa@tampabay.rr.com) or at 689-1237.



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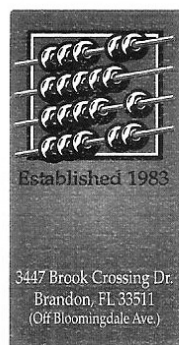
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### Funds:

- **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 March 16 and April 15.

Bricklet	Steve & Sheila Slavkin	General Fund	In Memory of Matina Giantsos
Tree of Life	Jim & Sandee Pelk	General Fund	In Honor of Liz Pelk's Bat Mitzvah
Tribute	Laurie Noyes	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah
Tribute	Jay & Jisela Bolnick	General Fund	In Honor of Hannah Torop's Bat Mitzvah
Tribute	Hank & Donna Mart	General Fund	In Honor of Julia Dempsey's Bat Mitzvah
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Yahrzeit	Harriet & Del Bennett	General Fund	In Memory of Marla Lee Feldman
Yahrzeit	Murray & Jerilyn Dimant	Religious School Scholarship Fund	In Memory of Akiva Dimant
Yahrzeit	Laurie & Joel Edelson	General Fund	In Memory of William Dufresne
Yahrzeit	Joan Frankel	General Fund	In Memory of Fred Frankel
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Yahrzeit	Brian & Arlene Slater	General Fund	In Memory of Morris Slater
Yahrzeit	Marcia Weiner	General Fund	In Memory of Elijah Weiner



## Our Congregation



### Anniversaries

5/1	Tatiana & Nick	Hernandez
5/2	Keith & Debra	Balot
5/7	Gayle & Jeffrey	Borgen
5/9	Kevin & Christina	Frye
5/9	Ken & MarDee	Buchman
5/19	Joseph & Susan	Reckner
5/19	Bill & Laurie	Noyes
5/22	Mags & Richard	Oldman
5/24	Robert & Caren	Katz
5/24	Karen & Stephen	Richner
5/25	William & Jill	Tyree
5/25	Joseph & Pamela	Provenzano



### Birthdays

5/1	Randi	Lannak
5/3	Rebecca	Dimant
5/3	Emily	Dimant
5/4	Erika	Young
5/5	Daniel	Goldfarb
5/5	Mark	Davis
5/6	Sophia	Smoak
5/6	Ron	Boyar
5/7	Jonathan	Gerscovich
5/8	Kim	Nixon
5/9	Jackie	Feldman
5/9	Benjamin	Best
5/10	Vickie	Goldberg
5/11	Tami	Hahn
5/12	Byron	Baker
5/13	Ella	Barnett
5/13	Robert	Katz
5/13	Brian	Slater
5/14	Gideon	Torop
5/15	Jeff	Newman
5/15	Jack	Kaler
5/15	Ronit	Elkin
5/15	Monica	Frost
5/15	Debra	Balot
5/16	Eunice	Rifkin
5/17	Sophia	Brenner
5/17	Kayla	Boyar
5/18	Cassie	Newman
5/20	Eleanor Ann	Osborn
5/21	Jeff	Goodman
5/23	Aaron	Young
5/23	Kelsey	Frye
5/24	Scott	Hopkins
5/24	Jamie Lynn	Karr
5/24	Jason	Blanchard
5/25	Katie	Best
5/26	David Harry	Goldberg
5/28	Betsy	Nixon
5/28	Marina	Baker
5/29	Zachary	Zweibach
5/29	Michael	Ellis
5/31	Loranah	Dimant

### Yahrzeits



5/2	Barbara	Berkley Shapiro	Mother	of	Jan	Sperry
5/2	William	Statter	Father	of	Brad	Statter
5/3	Dora	Macaluso	Mother	of	Sophia	Brenner
5/4	Elmer	Kalbas	Father	of	Bill	Kalbas
5/4	Mariah Hope	Braverman	Granddaughter	of	Errol & Sheila	Fishman
5/5	Gertrude	Weisberg	Mother	of	Barbara	Kinney
5/7	Shirley	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sheryl	Finke
5/8	Alice	Koch	Mother	of	Toby	Koch
5/8	Rose	Reisner	Grandmother	of	Gary	Ronay
5/8	Joseph Leopold	Reisner	Grandfather	of	Gary	Ronay
5/8	Philip	Gold	Father	of	Carol	Balent
5/10	Gilda	Cohen	Mother in Law	of	Sheila	Cohen
5/12	Marilyn G.	Rowan	sister	of	Judith	Pliner
5/12	Sable M.	Zazulia	Mother	of	Iylene	Miller
5/13	Fanny Bollinger	Zalka	Grandmother	of	Robin	Rogovin
5/13	Katherine	Verlin	Mother	of	Michael	Verlin
5/16	Anna	Kobler	Grandmother	of	Stephen	Feldman
5/16	Jean A.	Naylor	Great Aunt	of	Jessica	Beredit
5/16	Ethel	Feinstein	Mother	of	Ronna	
5/19	Paul D.	Goldstein	Father	of	Judith	Pliner
5/19	Laura	Gold	Mother	of	Marty	Gold
5/20	Max	Zander	Uncle	of	Diane	Jacobson
5/22	Richard	Ellis	Father	of	Jonathan	Ellis
5/22	Paul	Neff	Grandfather	of	Scott	Ellis
5/23	Marvin	Beredit	Grandfather	of	Jessica	Beredit
5/25	Alan	Friedman	Father	of	Lisa	Smith
5/26	Bernie	Friedman	Father	of	David	Friedman
5/27	Betty	Armus	Mother	of	Sheila	Fishman
5/29	A. Lewis	Herzberg	Father-in-law	of	Gareth	Morgan
5/31	Harry	Goldberg	Father	of	David	Goldberg

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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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>1 Ivjar</i>  7:30P Choir-SF Reh.	2 Yom HaAtzmaut  7:45P Shabbat Svc. CBS YomHaAtzmaut	3
4 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tots 9:45A RSPA 3:00 P Adult Hebrew  TBD Israel Independ. Day Celebration	5  7:30P Choir-SF Reh.	6  6:30P Adult Ed Comm. 7:30P Board Mtg	7  6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	8  7:30P Cancer Support (S) 7:30P Cantorial Search (L) 7:30P PageTurners (CS)	9 Kibbitzer Deadline  7:45P Shabbat Svc. Confirmation Families	10  10:00A Shabbat Svc
11 Mothers Day NO RS 3:00 P Adult Hebrew	12  7:30P Choir-SF Reh	13	14  6:15P Last day of Hebrew School	15  7:30P Choir-SF Reh	16  7:45P Shabbat Svc. HS Grads / <i>Simcha Shabbat</i>	17  10:00A Shabbat Svc Elazar Bar Mitzvah  7:00P Songfest
18 9:00A Cake Sale 9:30A RS Closing Ceremonies 10:00A Annual Mtg 11:30A RS Fam. Svc. 12:00P RS Dance Party	19  7:30P Choir-SSv 5/30	20	21  7:30P Annual Cal & Proce- dures Mtg.	22  7:30P Choir-SF Reh	23  7:45P Shabbat Svc.	24  10:00A Shabbat Svc
25	26 Memorial Day  7:30P Choir-SSv 5/30	27  7:30P Exec. Comm.	28  7:30P Ritual Comm.	29  6:00P JCC Major Donor Closing Event 7:30P Choir-SSv 5/30	30 <i>1 Sivan</i>  Choir Sings 7:45P Shabbat Svc. Board Installation	31



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