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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Some Jewish Perspectives on Voting and Civic Duty

When the Israelites were tasked with building a dwelling place for the Divine, G'd said to Moses,

See, I have singled out by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft. (Exodus 31:1 – 2).

Rabbi Yitzhak one of our Talmudic Sages commenting on this says:

One may only appoint a leader over a community if they consult with the community and the community agrees to the appointment, as it is stated: "And Moses said unto the children of Israel: See, Adonai has called by name Bezalel, son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah" (Exodus 35:30). Adonai said to Moses, "Moses, is Bezalel a suitable appointment in your eyes?" Moses said to G'd, "Master of the universe, if he is a suitable appointment in Your eyes, then all the more so in my eyes. The Holy One, Blessed G'd, said to him, "Nevertheless, go and tell Israel and ask their opinion." Moses went and said to Israel. "Is Bezalel suitable in your eyes?" They said to him, "If he is suitable in the eyes of the Holy One, Blessed be G'd, and in your eyes, all the more so he is suitable in our eyes." (Bavli Berakhot 55a).

This teaching tells us even when appointed by G'd, it was on the people to approve their leaders. The people had to have a say. In a few short days, on Nov. 6, it will be our turn to determine our leaders and while voting is important it is not enough to stop there. Earlier in the book of Exodus we are told,

You shall neither side with the majority to do wrong—you shall not give perverse testimony in a dispute so as to pervert it in favor of the mighty (Exodus 23:2).

One way to read this verse is to be informed voters. Do not simply vote for the person your friend is telling you to vote for. Do your own research. Ensure the person you are voting for will not do wrong by you, by your community, by other communities who are underserved and underprivileged. A second way to read this verse is regardless of how the majority ends up voting ensure after voting your voice is heard. Voting is our first step in civic duty and engagement. Regardless of who is elected it is on us to ensure they follow through on their commitments, advocate for just causes, do what is best not just for one person or one community, but every person and every community in this state. Election day is in a few short days. It has been my practice to recite the following blessing from Birkot HaShahar, the Morning Blessings whenever I enter the voting booth:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שפעשני בן הורין

Baruch atah Ad-nai Eloh-inu Melekh haOlam she'asani ben horin

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - Richie Bauman

Being active in a congregation gives one certain opportunities or experiences that are just invaluable.

As an example, as I chair blood drives at Congregation Beth Shalom for One Blood, I and many other drive chairs were invited to St. Pete on Friday, Oct. 12, to have either breakfast or lunch and get a VIP tour of the One Blood facility. We all know (or should know) the major blood types; A, B, AB, O and of course the positives and negatives. But there are other significant variations that we don't commonly come across and that is why blood typing is so critical - and the need is so great! On the way there, I had a blowout on I-275 just before the exit for Tropicana Field. Oh well, there goes the tour - I didn't care about breakfast. I arrived an hour late (I couldn't get the lug nuts off and had to wait for a Road Ranger) and I figured I'd get a cup of coffee at least - but I went as I didn't want them to think I was a no-show person. As soon as I walked in, our area coordinator, Cassie greeted me as she was expecting me. And, as it turns out, the tour had just started! The only piece I missed was how they actually collect the blood - and having given 5 gallons of blood and run drives in 3 states - I felt I had that piece down! As we went through the facility, it was really incredible to see exactly how they process and store, not just the whole blood, but plasma, concentrated blood and platelets too. The technology used is just top-notch. It was well worth the trip (and the tire.) And, as I am sure you all want to know, I had a coffee and pastry at the end! And Toyota replaced the tire Friday night (for free).

On another front, as I announced that same evening at Erev Shabbat services, one of the great privileges of being CBS president is the naches - the Yiddish word for great pleasure. Three of our congregants are being honored by the greater Jewish community; one in October, one in

November and one in December!

Seth Dugan was honored with the TJFS "Sofia Maisler Leadership Award" on Thursday, Oct. 18, pre-empting my attending Dinner With The Tribe the same night.



Next is Gerry Lawrence, being honored with the "8 Over 80 Award" on Sunday, Nov. 18 - I'll be coming late to our rabbi installation weekend cookout!

And last, but certainly not least, Sandy Santucci is being honored this year with the "Woman of Distinction Award" on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Please look at pages 6, 10, and 11 of *The Kibbitzer* for more information on these wonderful events - your participation is solicited!

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 p.m.**
- ✧ **Religious school pre-k through 10th grade**
- ✧ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✧ **Youth group programming**
- ✧ **Adult Education classes**
- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



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Blessed are You G'd, Ruler of the Universe who has made me free. *Note if you are female you would want to change בָּרַכְתָּ to בָּרַכְתְּ if you are gender non-conforming you could take out these gender signifiers. You can find more rituals for voting here: <https://www.ritualwell.org/search-results?Q=Blessing+for+Voting>

Whoever you cast your vote for on Nov. 6, or earlier, ensure you are casting it not because, "All of my friends are voting for this person," but because this is who you believe deep in your core will do what is best for this state. After you cast your vote remember it is on us to ensure our leaders do what is just and right through continued civic engagement.

*L'Shalom,
Rabbi Bryan*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, Nov. 3:** Meet & Greet, Baylis family.
- **Friday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.:** Choir Shabbat.
- **Sunday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m.:** Parents are invited to visit with Rabbi Bryan for breakfast and conversation.
- **Sunday, Nov. 11, 4 p.m.:** Meet & Greet, Newman family.
- **Friday, Nov. 16-Sunday, Nov. 18:** Rabbi Mann installation weekend celebration. More details on page 8.
 - **Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m.:** Shabbat service and installation on followed by a special oneg.
 - **Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.:** Breakfast and study session.
 - **Saturday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.:** Potluck dinner, Havdalah programming, and entertaining games.
 - **Sunday, Nov. 18:** Congregation BBQ with games and activities for all.
- **Sunday, Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m.:** Thanksgiving gift fair and food drive. More information on page 4.
- **Sunday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m.:** “8 Over 80 Awards” honoring Gerry Lawrence.
- **Monday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 9.
- **Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m.:** Chanukah book reading and special presentation at Barnes & Noble, 122 Brandon Town Center Drive, Brandon. More information on page 7.
- **Sunday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.:** Park Square Chanukah celebration with candle lighting, games, storytelling, and gifts for children. Snacks will be provided. The event is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the congregation food bank. Details on page 7.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 4:** “Woman of Distinction Awards” honoring Sandy Santucci. More information on page 10.
- **Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.:** Chanukah worship service led by religious school students. Don’t forget your menorah and candles!!
- **Sunday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.:** Kolot Shalom Chanukah concert and potluck dinner. More information on page 8.
- **Sunday, Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m.:** 6th- and 7th-grade family program.

November Oneg Schedule

There can be no joy without food and drink. — Talmud, Mo’ed Katan

THANK YOU! to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in November.

- **Nov. 2: Denise & Allan Weber** will host the oneg in honor of their son, **Joshua**, who will become a Bar Mitzvah.
- **Nov. 9: Maria Miranda** will host the oneg to celebrate her conversion to Judaism.
- **Nov. 16:** The rabbi transition team will host the oneg in honor of **Rabbi Bryan Mann** who will celebrate his installation service.
- **Nov. 23:** Andrea Chassen will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **Nov. 30: Suzie & Mitch Baylis** will host the oneg in honor of Suzie’s birthday.

On behalf of the oneg committee, I want to express our appreciation and thanks to our November oneg hosts! If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Joshua Weber



Joshua Weber, son of Allan and Denise Weber, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.

A relative newcomer to Florida, Joshua moved to FishHawk Ranch in Lithia with his parents in August 2017. He had been learning at Temple Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, N.J., for several years prior.

Josh is actually a native Floridian, having been born in Jacksonville, though he was raised in New Jersey, where he lived until 2017.

Josh really enjoys Randall Middle School, and excels while also actively attending Religious School at Beth Shalom. Josh has maintained honors grades at Randall, and particularly likes math and science. As an animal lover, he has also joined Randall Middle School's Future Farmers of America and will be showing a rabbit at state and local fairs this year. Josh has always been very active in sports. He was the MVP on Robbinsville, New Jersey's first football championship team, and now focuses on lacrosse which he has been playing for 6 years. He excels on numerous local and travel teams, currently being a team leader on two teams in the Tampa area.

Josh is very close with his 22 year-old sister, Sierra, who recently graduated from Rutgers with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Josh is extremely happy in Lithia, having made many friends in the area and enjoying the community, the schools, and the Florida weather and lifestyle. As he takes this big step towards adulthood in his Jewish life, please join us in wishing Joshua a big mazel tov on his becoming a proud Bar Mitzvah.

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Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon

November 18, 2018
10AM – 2PM

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and Food Drive

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can have a great Thanksgiving

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Kudos & Mazels

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

Mazels

- Mazel tov to **Bill and Jan Golden** on the engagement of their daughter **Samantha Golden** to **Matty Golub**, and for the engagement of their son **David Golden** to **Emily Bowie**.
- Mazel tov to **Seth Dugan** for being honored with the "Sofia Maisler Leadership Award."
- Mazel tov to **Gerry Lawrence** being honored with the "8 Over 80 Award."
- Mazel tov to **Sandy Santucci** for being honored as a "Woman of Distinction."



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.

MEMBERSHIP

Watch the December *Kibbitzer* for the names of our newest Congregation Beth Shalom members!

The membership committee would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Judith Pliner and Gail Verlin
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Gerry Lawrence To Be Honored With “8 Over 80 Award”

The Stephen Weinberg “8 Over 80 Awards” honors those who have dedicated their time, talents and lives to the Jewish community. This year, CBS member Gerry Lawrence will be one of the honorees.

Irving “Gerry” Lawrence was born Nov. 3, 1935, in Perry Fla., to Leon and Allie Lawrence of blessed memory. He graduated from Taylor County High School in 1953 and played the baritone horn in the band. He was a member of the 1953 NFC Conference championship football team. Gerry was an Eagle Scout, earning 3 Palms and was honored with membership in the Order of the Arrow. In later years, he became an Eagle Scout mentor, as he is always ready to give back.

He attended Stetson University, Deland, Fla., where he received his BA degree in political science. Continuing his love of music, he played the baritone horn and the tuba in their band, earning him a scholarship. Gerry enrolled in the Army ROTC Corps and received the honors of Distinguished Military Student and Distinguished Military Graduate and became a member of the Scabbard and Blade Honorary Military Society. He was awarded the Isaac Bonifay Scabbard and Blade Award as the most outstanding military cadet in the corps and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, June 1957. Gerry served for 10 years with the U.S. Army, both on active duty and in the reserves, attaining the rank of captain. He served with the 6th and 7th Cavalry and was the Regimental Adjutant of the School Regiment, U.S. Army Armor School.

While attending Stetson University, Gerry was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity, the Stetson University band and the Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity. He also worked the night shift full time as a police officer in the South Pasadena Police Department to finance his education!

Gerry was awarded his Juris Doctor Degree from Stetson University Law School in 1962 and was a member of the Pi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, admitted to the Florida Bar and served at the 5th and 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. He also served as a substitute Municipal Judge for the City of Tampa and served as an Assistant State Attorney as the Chief of the Trial Division. Gerry is a certified mediator and arbitrator in both state and federal courts and is a panel member of the American Arbitration Association Panel of Neutrals as both a mediator and arbitrator. He is a member of the Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Florida Academy of Certified Mediators.

Gerry was the president and director of the Ybor City Lions Club, receiving the coveted “Lion of the Year Award.” He ran the Greater Tampa Lions Eyesight Fund for the biggest fundraiser to date. Gerry served as a pro-bono counsel for the both Police Athletic League and the Hillsborough County Volunteer Firefighter’s Association. He is an active life time member of Post 44 of the AMVETS, participating in the Annual 9/11 Patriots Day Campaign, generating more than \$9,000 to benefit James Haley Veterans’ Hospital. He participates in the annual charity golf tournament. Gerry is also active in Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths on the graves of deceased service members at the Florida National

Cemetery. He also participates quarterly in ceremonies at the Hillsborough County Veterans’ Park in Tampa, honoring servicemen killed in the line of duty during the previous quarter as well as the Gold Star Mothers.

For relaxation and enjoyment, Gerry is a member of the Big Bull Georgia Hunt Club and is an avid hunter and fisherman. He can usually be found at CBS Erev Shabbat services after enjoying his meal at the AMVETS. Gerry is an active participant in Congregation Beth Shalom’s annual fundraisers, garnering sponsors and making contributions. Congregation Beth Shalom is extremely proud to see Gerry Lawrence as our 2018 8 Over 80 nominee for 2018 for a life well lived - a life of honor, of commitment to our country, our constitution and our way of life. A life dedicated to public service in many arenas – and we say thank you Gerry!

To honor Gerry in the recognition book or for more details, please contact Dan Sultan at dan.sultan@jewishtampa.com. The event takes place Sunday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, 3303 West Swann Ave., Tampa.

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EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

The next two months are going to be quite busy at the CBS Religious School. We will be offering classes on Sunday, Nov. 4 and 11, before we break and then return Sunday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16. Confirmation classes are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, and Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There are no classes for the latter weeks of November for the Thanksgiving holiday and the latter weeks of December for the Hillsborough County schools winter break.

Some of the special events for this period include:

- Sunday, Nov. 11, our youngest children will be joining Lucas and Ms. Anna in their classroom, which has been specifically designed to meet the needs of this age group.
- Sunday, Nov. 11, all parents are invited to visit with Rabbi Bryan in the library for a light breakfast and conversation beginning at 10:15 a.m., so please join us for the worship service at 9:30 a.m. and move to our library at 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 2, our students will be learning about Chanukah in the classrooms with their teachers.



- Friday, Dec. 7, we will be providing a Chanukah worship service and candle lighting as part of our Shabbat worship service.

Please attend this joyous Shabbat with your children and don't forget your menorah and candles!!

- Sunday, Dec. 9, we will wrap up the Chanukah holiday with a special assembly and games and treats with Rabbi Bryan from 11 a.m. until noon. Our youngest children will once again be attending class this morning and participating in rabbi's programming.
- Sunday, Dec. 16, our worship service

Chanukah is just around the corner ...

We are so excited about Chanukah this year. We are planning so many wonderful events.

- Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m., Rabbi Bryan Mann will provide a book reading and special presentation to celebrate Chanukah at the Barnes & Noble located at 122 Brandon Town Center Drive, Brandon. That afternoon we will also be offering a book fair at that location. Our congregation will receive a portion of any in-store and online sales.
- Also, Sunday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Park Square in the FishHawk community, 16132 Churchview Drive, Lithia. CBS will be offering a Chanukah celebration with candle lighting, games, storytelling, and gifts for children. Snacks will be provided. The event is free to all attendees. Attendees are encouraged to bring their chanukiah (menorah) to light with Rabbi Bryan. As this will be the first night of Chanukah, we will only be lighting two candles. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the congregation food bank.
- Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., we will be celebrating Chanukah as a community while welcoming Shabbat. On this evening, Rabbi Bryan and our religious school students will be leading the service. We invite all worshipers to bring their Chanukiah (menorah) and 7 candles. As a community, we will light our candles and illuminate the night. An oneg of latkes and sufganiyah (jelly donuts) will be offered.
- Sunday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., we will continue our celebration of Chanukah with a concert by Kolot Shalom (choir) and potluck dinner. As we watch our Shabbat draw to a close, we will come together for Havdalah. Our evening will end with dessert and coffee.

Add these dates to your calendar and join us for these very special events. We hope to provide additional occasions during the eight days of Chanukah this year. So, just follow us on our email blasts and other publicity sources.

is being moved to 11:30 a.m. and will be led by religious school staff. Rabbi Bryan will be meeting with our 6th and 7th graders to discuss their journey to Bar or Bat Mitzvah from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Parents are invited to attend this discussion.

- Report cards will be issued at the close of class Sunday, Dec. 16.
- Children return to classes on Sunday, Jan. 6.

If you are aware of any young Jewish families in your community seeking a warm and caring environment for their children, please recommend CBS! Please share my information with them so that we I may invite them to visit our religious school: Sheila Fishman, Gold17@verizon.net or 813-833-7843.

BESTY BEAT

A good way for teens to be connected to the temple is to be involved in youth group. Join now, and you can combine both friendship, fun, and Jewish study into your lives. Anyone who has had their bar or bat mitzvah and is between the ages of 13-18 can be a part of our BESTY youth group family today. For middle schoolers, they can attend Hatikvah Kallah, which is a large youth event on Nov. 9-11. Email wanna-bemybesty@gmail.com for more information.





RABBI INSTALLATION WEEKEND EVENTS

Congregation Beth Shalom is excited about the Installation Weekend for Rabbi Bryan Mann which will be held from Friday, Nov. 16 – Sunday, Nov. 18.

A variety of activities during the weekend will celebrate the arrival of Rabbi Bryan to Congregation Beth Shalom and allow us as a community to know one another in new and more meaningful ways as we work together to create the next chapter of our communal and religious life together.



Rabbi Sharon Cohen-Anisfeld

▪ Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., join us for a special Shabbat service with Rabbi Bryan’s mentor, Rabbi Sharon Cohen-Anisfeld, president of Hebrew College, who will participate in a spiritually meaningful installation of Rabbi Bryan. After services we will have a very special oneg to celebrate Rabbi Bryan and talk with Rabbi Sharon.

▪ Saturday, Nov. 17, at 9:30 a.m., we will have a Torah study, conversation, bagels and lox. The best combination of all things!



▪ Saturday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., will be a community pot luck featuring more great food provided by our beloved Congregation Beth Shalom community, a Havdalah service, games, dancing, and other fun family activities celebrating the arrival of Rabbi Bryan to our community. Sign up for the pot luck at: www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0844a8ab23a46-rabbi

▪ Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., join the community for the holiday shopping mart in front of the building followed by a BBQ at 2 p.m. and soccer game to cap off the weekend of activities.



Many congregants have met Rabbi Bryan over the past few months since he joined us in early August, but many families have not had the opportunity to spend time with him. This special weekend culminates the activities celebrating Rabbi Bryan’s arrival; we hope every family will be a part of the various activities over the weekend. Together, during this transition period with Rabbi Bryan, we are gathering to know one another and spend time together. Our investments of time and energy in this community of Congregation Beth Shalom lays the important foundation for how we grow together as people, as Jews, and as spiritual beings in our journey to wholeness.



CBS SINGLES OVER 50

Tampa Jewish Singles, a group in the area composed of singles from ages 50 to around 70, had a wonderful dinner at Cafe Ponte in St. Pete. It was truly 1st class American food presented by a French trained chef. We also went as a group to see Stagework's excellent production of *Judgement at Nuremburg*. They brought up points that we need to consider. Changes in the German government didn't happen all at once; rights were whittled away and we know the horrible tragedies and events that followed. We need to make sure this never happens again. Following the play, some had dinner at Osteria Natalina, an outstanding Italian Restaurant in South Tampa. We also invited members to Congregation Beth Shalom's Monster Mash.

We're looking forward to going to La Terrazza in Ybor in November. We will also be going to Seasons 52, both for small plates at happy hour and for dinner. If you are single and in our age demographic come and join us for our events. Each person pays his or her own way. For more information contact Anita Clifford at niewdnarb@yahoo.com.

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PAGE TURNERS

Monday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will discuss *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo.

Released in 2015, the author interweaves the stories of the residents of three apartments: a retired officer in the IDF, a stay-at-home mother, and a retired judge. The residents are human, with flaws that influence their decisions to move in unexpected directions.



A light dinner will be served. For more information, contact Andrea Chassen at abchassen@gmail.com.



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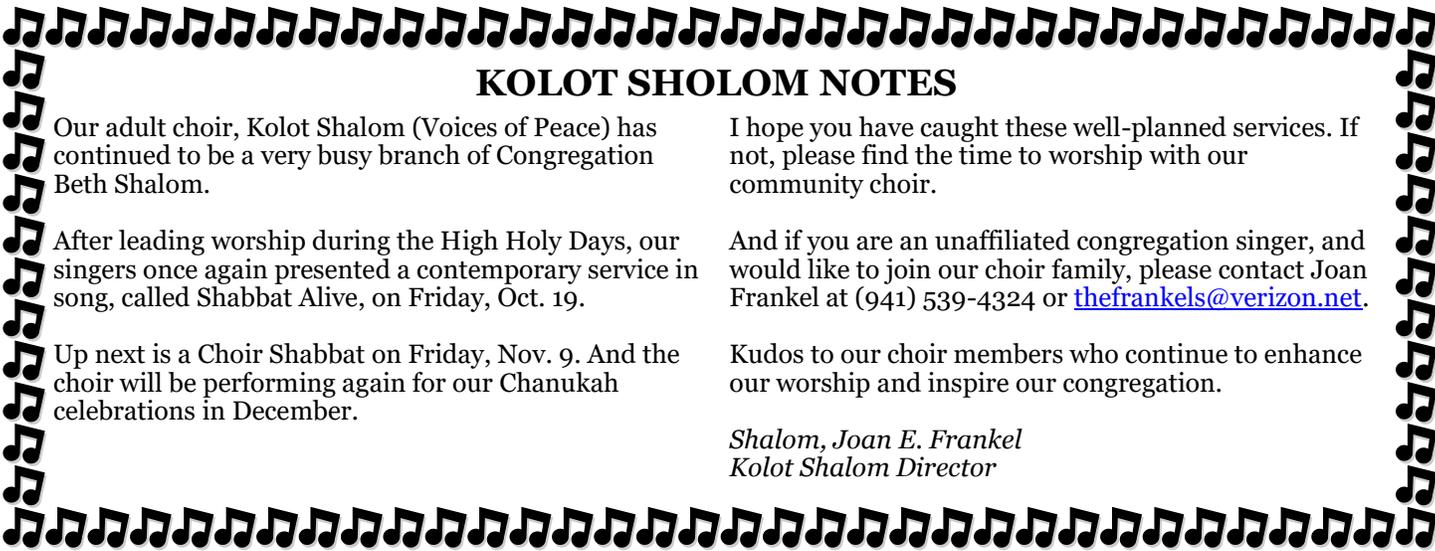
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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

Our adult choir, Kolot Shalom (Voices of Peace) has continued to be a very busy branch of Congregation Beth Shalom.

After leading worship during the High Holy Days, our singers once again presented a contemporary service in song, called Shabbat Alive, on Friday, Oct. 19.

Up next is a Choir Shabbat on Friday, Nov. 9. And the choir will be performing again for our Chanukah celebrations in December.

I hope you have caught these well-planned services. If not, please find the time to worship with our community choir.

And if you are an unaffiliated congregation singer, and would like to join our choir family, please contact Joan Frankel at (941) 539-4324 or thefrankels@verizon.net.

Kudos to our choir members who continue to enhance our worship and inspire our congregation.

*Shalom, Joan E. Frankel
Kolot Shalom Director*

Sandy Santucci To Be Honored as Woman of Distinction

Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., our own Sandy Santucci will be honored as a 2018 Bobbe Karpay Woman of Distinction. The event will be at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, 3303 W. Swann Ave., Tampa.

For more information, contact Loni Lindsay at loni.lindsay@jewishtampa.com or 813.769.2802. Or purchase tickets at <https://secure3.convio.net/jfna/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=108221>.

Also, be sure to check next month's *Kibbitzer* for a profile of Sandy!



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SETH DUGAN HONORED



Beth Ann Gemunder (left), president of Tampa Jewish Family Services, presents CBS member Seth Dugan with the 2018 Tampa Jewish Family Services Sophia Maisler Leadership Award.

This award seeks to recognize someone in the community who exceeds expectations to make both Tampa Jewish Family Services and the greater world a better place. Seth embodies these qualities by seeking: to touch the lives of others, yet expect nothing back in return; to make a difference and be a role model in the lives of young Cub Scouts; to help steer his temple in a positive direction; to bring smiles to many as they dance to the music or provide a special pictorial keepsake of a memorable event; to help non-profits raise funds to help the community – both people and our furry friends; to be a White House liaison for the military; and to also be a husband and dad.

After serving 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and retiring as a chief warrant officer, Seth was selected to serve as a military liaison in the White House for both Presidents Bush and Obama. He currently owns Doogie Entertainment where he has donated countless hours providing DJ, photo booth, and party activities to non-profit agencies, including: TJFS, numerous underserved schools, CARE Pet Shelter, One Voice Childhood cancer research, and Congregation Beth Shalom. In addition to this, he has served on his temple's board of directors for 5 years and is an assistant Boy Scout Master for one troop and advancement chair for another.

He DJ's for Fall Family and Friends Field Day and does personal keepsake photos for Trifecta, helps secure beverage discounts for our fundraiser, helps purchase food and stock bags for multiple food banks, and assisted with our move to the BGFJCC. His efforts have also reached beyond our local community with trips with our CEO Michael Barnett to both New Orleans and Texas to help those most severely hit after Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey. They delivered food, water, clothing, and bedding to those in need. They even helped clean out some of the most devastated homes – which included a special dash of empathy for the residents who lost their homes and most of their belongings.

To touch the lives of others, yet expect nothing back in return ---- this indeed is why Tampa Jewish Family Services chose to honor Seth. Congratulations!

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- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
- **Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund are placed in an investment account and temporarily restricted or can be defined/restricted by the donor. This fund ensures the future of our temple.
- **Religious School Scholarship Fund:** These funds will be made available to Religious School students who are in need of tuition assistance, as determined confidentially by the Treasurer.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** a fund for assistance to families in need, scholarship assistance, interfaith council, Holocaust museum and other endeavors at the Rabbi's discretion.
- **Youth Group Fund:** a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

If you wish to designate a gift to a particular purpose, for example, Food Bank, Choir, Oneg, Social Action, etc., you may do so by noting as such on your payment method or with an accompanying note; otherwise, your gift will be used where it is needed most.

Opportunities:

- **Adopt-A-Book:** A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life:** The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- **Yahrzeit Plaque:** To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in the Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
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Donations listed below were received between September 16 and October 15.

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**"A donation to the temple in memory of
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**In Loving Memory of Gail Verlin's sister Judith
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In Loving Memory of Morton Wasserman

Doris Raymond

**In honor of Sheila Fishman to support her work
with the religious school**

Julie Enszer

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**In Loving Memory of my father,
Morris Brandwein**

Anita Clifford

BRICKLET

**To Carole and Joe Plesur,
Wishing them a mazel tov on the birth of their
first granddaughter -**

Hailey Brooke Clifford - born August 12, 2018.

Gail & Michael Verlin

**In honor of our son David Golden for successfully
completing his 4th 100-mile ultra marathon**

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**In honor of the engagement of our daughter
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**In honor of the engagement of our son David
Golden to Emily Bowie**

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Anniversaries



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



Yahrzeits

11/2	Brenda	Jacob	Mother	of	Jeffrey	Jacob
11/3	Evelyn	Sanders	Mother	of	Sheila	Slavkin
11/4	Rosalie	Gwinn	Friend	of	Keren	Vergon
11/4	Ed	McAuley	Friend	of	Bill	Kalbas
11/5	Robert H.	Gordon	Father	of	Jane	Hertzberg
11/5	Harriette	Vaughan-Bauman	Wife	of	Richie	Bauman
11/6	George	Santucci	Husband	of	Sandy	Santucci
11/7	Max	Hershkovitz	Father	of	Phyllis	Newman
11/11	Gloris	Goldberg	Mother	of	Brenda	Gold
11/12	Doris	Arman	Mother	of	Ira	Arman
11/12	David	Cramer	Father	of	Toby	Rhine
11/12	Marshall	Silber	Brother	of	Joanne	Ronay
11/14	Janis	Faegas	Aunt	of	Lauren	Shaw
11/15	Samuel	Richter	Grandfather	of	David	Richter
11/16	Stanley	Weiss	Father	of	Alan	Weiss
11/19	David	Gould	Father	of	Sandra	Saviet
11/20	Frank	Kurtz	Father	of	Pam	Provenzano
11/20	Annette	Feldman	Mother	of	Stephen	Feldman
11/20	Miriam	Raymond	Mother	of	Howard	Raymond
11/23	Douglas	Miller	Brother	of	Eric	Miller
11/23	Estella "Sandy"	Kurtz	Mother	of	Pam	Provenzano
11/23	Geoffrey	Miller	Brother	of	Eric	Miller
11/24	Clara	May	Grandmother	of	David	Richter
11/25	Al	Smith	Father	of	Caren	Magdovitz
11/26	Irving	Balot	Father	of	Keith	Balot
11/27	Joan	Sherer	Mother	of	Carol	Roberts
11/27	Leonard	Edelson	Father	of	Joel	Edelson
11/28	Diane E.	Slavkin	Mother	of	Steve	Slavkin
11/28	Sophia	Brenner	Wife	of	Phil	Brenner
11/29	Frank B.	Arman	Father	of	Ira	Arman
11/30	Harold	Landfish	Father	of	Nancy	Landfish



Birthdays

11/1	Stephen	Feldman
11/1	Anita	Hoffman
11/3	Irving "Gerry"	Lawrence
11/4	Howard	Saviet
11/5	Jon	Ellis
11/8	David	Goldberg
11/8	Polly	Arman
11/9	Brandon	Feldman
11/9	Ira	Ratner
11/13	Scott	Pitchon
11/15	Rachel	Pitchon
11/15	Julie	Shienbaum
11/17	Anna	Brubaker
11/19	Laurie	Noyes
11/19	Cassandra	Cohen
11/19	William	Kalbas
11/20	Ken	Buchman
11/21	Richie	Bauman
11/23	Sara	Goodman
11/25	Carol Anne	Friedman
11/26	Karen	Pitchon Goldberg
11/26	Liz	Pelk
11/27	Doris	Raymond
11/28	Lynn	Kaler
11/28	Keren	Vergon
11/30	Suzie	Baylis

Simchat Shabbat!

Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

November 16

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

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11 9:30AM Religious School 4:00PM Rabbi Meet & Greet (Newmans)	12 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14 10:00AM Interfaith Breakfast 6:30PM Fundraising 7:30PM Membership	15	16 Rabbi Installation 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service, Simcha Shabbat	17 9:30AM Bagel Breakfast and Study Session 5:30PM Dairy Potluck Dinner & Havdalah Service
18 10:00AM Thanksgiving Gift Fair 2:00PM CBS Barbeque & Games/Activities	19 Hillsborough County Schools Closed 6:00PM Page Turners	20 Hillsborough County Schools Closed	21 Hillsborough County Schools Closed	22 Hillsborough County Schools Closed Thanksgiving Day	23 Hillsborough County Schools Closed 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service	24
25 No Religious School	26	27	28 6:30PM LLL 7:30PM Ritual	29 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	30 7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	

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