

# The Kibbitzer

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### FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

#### Teshuva: What is it and How Do we Make it?

During Eul, Rosh Hashanah, the 10 Days of Awe, and Yom Kippur, we talk a lot about teshuva, a Hebrew word commonly translated as repentance, but can also mean repair and return. The idea being that as you make repentance, you begin to repair your relationship with the person you hurt and return to a better version of yourself. According to Rambam, the medieval Sephardic Jewish philosopher also known as Maimonides, complete repentance is when a person has the opportunity to make the same mistake and refrains from doing so. How do we get there? How do we get to the point where we are given the same opportunity to make the same mistake and refrain from doing so?



Rabbi David J. Blumenthal in his article for My Jewish Learning, "Spiraling Toward Repentance" compiles five necessary steps Jewish tradition requires to make teshuva:

1. Recognition of one's sins as sins
2. Remorse
3. Desisting from sin
4. Restitution when possible
5. Confession

Each of these steps according to Rabbi Blumenthal demands something different from us. Recognition, requires thinking and intellect. We have to use our minds to know we've done wrong. Remorse is a feeling. We have to use our hearts to know we've done wrong. Desisting and restitution require action. We have to actively make choices to refrain from making the same mistake again and heal the hurt we caused. Confession requires speaking, we have to use our mouths to know we've done wrong.

It is important to note confession also requires community. When we confess our sins, our mistakes in the past year we do so as a community using plural language. "Al chet sh'chatanu, for the sins which we have sinned ..." We are responsible for each other. When one of us messes up we all mess up. This means, it is on us to teach each other, learn from one another, support one another's growth, and help correct each other's behavior when necessary.

After all, the Sages of the Talmud teach us that Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement only atones for sins between a person and the Divine. It is only when we approach each other, full of recognition and remorse, seeking teshuva, seeking to repair the hurt we've caused that we have truly made complete teshuva. It is through this recognition and remorse, that we know the next time, we might hurt that person in the same way, we will choose not to, because we recognize the pain it caused the first time.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

### ***L'shana Tovah (to a good year) and G'mar Chatima Tovah (may you be inscribed for good)***

As 5780 is upon us, I am hopeful things are beginning to turn for Congregation Beth Shalom. For example, this month is the first month I can remember the number of new and returning members exceeded the number of members that left. The rabbi has put together two separate adult education programs for the upcoming year. We are opening these programs to the community, free of charge. The religious school is in full swing. I am hopeful that we will remain on this trajectory. More importantly, by increasing our membership, we are able to better fulfill our mission and remain the center of Jewish Life in eastern Hillsborough County.

Notwithstanding, an increase in membership and programming, we are having unexpected expenses. We had to pay \$2,750 for removal of a tree in the back of our property and have had to pay additional funds to ensure the building complies with all fire codes and remains safe. These are just a few of the unexpected expenses we have faced. More importantly we need to replace our roof and hope to start this project in the near future. This will be an expensive but needed repair/improvement. However, these expenses are difficult to do, to the extent we have a negative cash flow for the year. As a result, any assistance that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already done so, please remember to make some contribution to the High Holiday drive and consider increasing your gift from last year. We greatly need your assistance this year more than ever.

As for having a voice in the community, I was invited to meet with the Hillsborough County public schools' search committee, seeking a new superintendent along with a number of other community religious leaders. And while representing the interests of the Jewish community is always difficult to the extent we do not have a homogeneous community, I was clear that it was imperative the new superintendent understood the separation of church and state and ensure that the schools take the necessary efforts to ensure that proselytizing stays out of the schools. The

other religious leaders in attendance agreed.

Lastly, I want to thank Steve Slavkin and the entire ritual committee for all the work they did this year for the High Holidays. The task itself is time consuming, difficult and takes hours and hours. For example, just undertaking the honors for the High Holidays is time consuming, attempting to determine who receives which honor, notifying the recipient, confirming the recipient will accept the honor and then ensuring that all goes well on the day of the service. And this is just one small piece. While I am writing this column before the High Holiday services take place, I am hopeful they are flawless this year as they have been in the past. On behalf of the congregation, thank you for all your hard work.



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## Upcoming Dates To Remember

• **Saturday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m.:** "A Taste of Tanach." Details on page 6.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.:** Yom Kippur Day. More information on page 6.

• **Thursday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m.:** Help build the sukkah. More information on page 9.

• **Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.:** The bar mitzvah of Brady Garbett.



• **Sunday, Oct. 13:** BeSTY at Dave & Buster's. More information on page 7.

• **Sunday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars. More information on page 9.

• **Monday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.:** Simchat Torah. More information on page 9.



• **Sunday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe at The Lucky Dill. More information on page 11.

• **Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.:** Howard Kerner returns by popular demand to engage us further as he reveals "A Celebration of Goodness - Part II." More information on page 6.

• **Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.:** Murder Mystery night at CBS. More information on page 10.



• **Monday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 8.

• **Sunday, Nov. 24:** Holiday vendor fair.

• **Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.:** Congregation retreat. More details on page 4.

• **Saturday, May 23, 2020, 7 p.m.:** Cabaret and congregation potluck.

*Religious Education Calendar, page 7;*

*Full calendar, page 15*

## October 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 October.

• **Oct. 4:** Julie Enszer will host the oneg in honor of **Andrea Chassen's** 65th birthday and **Lea Garbett's** 45th birthday. Hooray to both Andrea & Lea!

• **Oct. 11:** Lea & Michael Garbett will be hosting the oneg in honor of their son, **Brady**, who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to the Garbett Family!

• **Oct. 18:** Steve & Sheila Slavkin will be hosting the oneg in honor of their birthdays!

• **Oct. 25:** Gerry Lawrence and his son, **David**, will host the oneg in honor of Gerry's birthday and in memory of his wife, Harriet.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to thank everyone who will be hosting our October onegs!

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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## Brady Harris Garbett



Brady Harris Garbett, son of Michael and Lea Garbett of Riverview, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.

A 7th-grade honor student at Roland Park K-8 IB Magnet School, Brady plays soccer, baseball, and flag football. For his bar mitzvah project, Brady built a Little Free Library, which will be installed at the congregation.

Brady and his parents will host a kids' party at Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Tampa, while his grandparents host an adult dinner at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen in Brandon.

Special guests include family and friends from Georgia, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

## CONGREGATION RETREAT

### Save The Date!

**Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. until after lunch!**

Congregation Beth Shalom's annual retreat helps members of the congregation--and interested community members - explore the nuances of worship in a fun and relaxed environment.

This year, the retreat committee has planned a half-day event on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 9 a.m., and extending through a luncheon at a local restaurant.

During our time together, we will explore the Saturday morning service as conceived by the Union of Reform Judaism. Then understanding the different elements of the service, we will construct our own Saturday morning Shabbat worship service and share it together as a community. Our explorations will end with a dutch-treat luncheon at a local restaurant.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 7. All are welcome - including children of all ages. Please RSVP to Christine Stockelman or Julie Enszer with your interest.

Please look for more information in subsequent editions of *The Kibbitzer* and online.

## DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

Sunday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.  
Lucky Dill Westshore,  
4606 West Boy Scout Blvd., Tampa



In October we'll be going to Lucky Dill, home of the *Sandwich that ate Brooklyn*. Join us for your Jewish-style deli fix.

You can bring friends and family, just please let me know how many will be there so we save a place for you.

Must R.S.V.P. to Anita Clifford, [niewdnarb@yahoo.com](mailto:niewdnarb@yahoo.com) by Friday, Oct. 25.

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## Other Programs

### CBS Singles Over 50

Anita Clifford

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Sheila Fishman

### Dinner With the Tribe

Anita Clifford

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Sheila Fishman

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



### KUDOS

- Kudos to **Sandy Savitt** and **David Richter** for their continuing work in the temple library.
- Kudos to **Martie Spaier** and **Suzie Baylis** for helping with the design of the High Holy Day bimah flowers.
- Kudos to all who helped prepare for Hurricane Dorian.
- Kudos to **Errol Fishman** for polishing the Torah silver for the High Holy Days.
- Kudos to **Steve Slavkin** and the ritual committee for their hard work preparing for the High Holy Days.
- Kudos to all who volunteered as greeters, parking attendants, bimah sitters, brought food for our High Holy Days events, and contributed to our food pantry collection. Your congregation family and our greater Brandon-area community appreciates your efforts.
- Kudos to **Jenny Allen**, our congregation administrator for all her hard work preparing our High Holy Days packets and information.
- Kudos to **Gabe Lifshitz** and the **religious school students and aides** for creating the High Holy Day donation "thermometer."

*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?  
If so, email the name and accomplishment to [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).*

## Janice Perelman To Be Honored

Congregation Beth Shalom is thrilled to announce our very own Janice Perelman will be honored at the 2019 Stephen Weinberg 8 Over 80 Awards.

The awards will be presented Sunday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m., at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa.

Recipients are local residents who have dedicated their time, talents, and lives to our community and devoted themselves to helping others. All honorees are inducted into the Weinberg Village Senior Hall of Fame at each annual award ceremony and reception.

If you would like to honor Janice in the "Mazel Tov" recognition book or would additional information please contact Dan Sultan at [dan.sultan@jewishtampa.com](mailto:dan.sultan@jewishtampa.com) or 813-769-4729.

## MEMBERSHIP

Four more households are now part of our CBS family:

**Meral Ginsberg**  
**Deborah and Ben Miller**  
**Sandee Pelk**  
**Scott & Kelley Ellis**

Please welcome these individuals at High Holy services and at all temple events. What a lovely way to begin the New Year! May it be a healthy, happy and prosperous year for all of us at Congregation Beth Shalom!

Shana Tova from the ladies of membership!

– Judith Pliner and Gail Verlin

## A Note About Pastoral Care

Rabbi Bryan wants to know when congregants are in need of pastoral care. This includes but is not limited to: when our congregants or their family members are in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or otherwise may need his support.

If you hear about a congregant in need, please contact

Rabbi Bryan directly at [rabbibryanmann@gmail.com](mailto:rabbibryanmann@gmail.com) and/or 857 728 4792. Do not assume just because you told another congregant, a board member, or even Jenny that Rabbi Bryan knows who is in need of pastoral care.



## LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman



• **Saturday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m., “A Taste of Tanach”** will feature Sing a Song of the Holy Days. Rabbi Bryan Mann will lead a discussion on the role of poetry and song in the Bible and on High Holy Days. In *parshat vayishlach*, the Divine commands Moses to compose

a poem or song prior to his death and teach it to the people. On this Shabbat Shuva between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will explore the role of songs and poetry in the Tanakh and examine poetry written specifically for the High Holy Days. Feel free to bring your own poem to share, as well as a friend.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m., Yom Kippur Day (Let’s Chat)**, offers an additional opportunity for you to join us at the break between morning and afternoon services for a deep look into Teshuva/Repentance. Learn what Judaism says about teshuva. How does that align with our own thinking about teshuva, and what if we are not ready to forgive?

• **Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m., “A Taste of Tanach”** will feature (Parshat Noach) What Does It Mean to Be Righteous. Parshat Noach teaches us that Noah was righteous for his generation. Jewish tradition debates whether we should look to Noah as a role model or not. We will explore some of these debates and talk about what it means to be righteous.

• **Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Howard Kerner** returns by popular demand to engage us further as he reveals “A Celebration of Goodness - Part II.” Those of you who attended Mr. Kerner’s first presentation in May will be pleased to hear more true stories about how Christians, Muslims, and Jews risked their own lives as well as those of their families by their brave actions, saving the lives of Jews who were threatened by extinction during WWII.



Mr. Kerner is a retired English professor who has taught and published extensively on Holocaust Heroism and lectures extensively in Florida to churches, synagogues, and adult education participants.

Although this event is free and open to the public, we will be happy to accept your donations.

• **Sunday, Nov. 17, 3 p.m., “Let’s Chat”** will focus on Jews and Non-Jewish Holidays. How do we as 21st Century Jews, Jews with non-Jewish spouses, in-laws, friends/family approach Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Join us as we talk about our own approaches and various options available.

### LET’S EAT!!!!

• Life Long Learning is planning to conduct a Jewish cook-

ing class soon. What dishes do you want to learn to make? Let us know your preferences, and learn how to “esse and fress the products of your labors.” You can also let us know what days and times would be best for you. Contact us at [chinadolljp@verizon.net](mailto:chinadolljp@verizon.net).

### COMING IN 2020

• A series entitled “**We’re not getting any Younger!**” is planned after the first of the year. In this 5-part series we plan on addressing many of the issues which face us as we age, and as other family members become increasingly involved in our decision making. This series is not just for the “old fogies.” How do those who are approaching middle age continue to parent their children while “being there” for our parents? What kind of legacy do we want to leave our children and grandchildren? What legal issues and documents are necessary for everyone’s welfare? When is it time to move to a home which provides more assistance, and how do we financially afford it? What choices do we have in making plans for end-of-life? We are sure you will want to participate in this important series. More information will be available soon.

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## EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

### 2019-2020 Confirmation Information

#### It's Not Too Late: Join Confirmation TODAY!

Confirmation classes are beginning soon! It is not too late to join in the fun!

Confirmation will cover three topics, each over four sessions. The topics are Anti-Semitism, the Holocaust (and religious responses to human atrocity in general), and Other Religions. Rabbi Bryan and Julie Enszer, the confirmation class leaders, are excited for ALL CBS teens to join the class.

Classes will meet these Wednesday evenings:  
Oct. 16; Oct. 23; Oct. 30; Nov. 6; Jan. 8; Jan. 15; Jan. 22;  
Jan. 29; Feb. 19; Feb. 26; March 4; and March 11. Each class will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

We hope all interested teens will join confirmation. For more information, see Sheila Fishman, Julie Enszer, or Rabbi Bryan.

The CBS religious school has been in session since Aug. 18, and our students have attended worship service with Rabbi Bryan, sang with Sandy Santucci, renewed their Hebrew skills, discussed our Jewish history and traditions, discussed Rosh Hashanah while learning how to use the Shofar with Seth Dugan, and participated in Arts and Crafts projects with Rudina Richter and Gabe Lipschitz. It's been a great start.

For the month of October, we have the following classes and activities:

- Oct. 6, grades 2 - 7 will meet and study Hebrew prayers and learn about Yom Kippur. Our students will also be visiting the temple library and will be encouraged to check out books at their age level and interest. Please ensure that these books are returned to our library with their next visit in November.



- Oct. 13, all grades will be in attendance as they study with their teachers and create lovely decorations for our Sukkah under the direction of Rudina Richter. At the end of the session, students will visit the Sukkah, say the appropriate blessings, and share some tasty snacks. As is our tradition, family members are encouraged to attend this visit to the Sukkah.

Also on the 13th, there will be a teachers' meeting immediately following classes. If you have suggestions for improving our religious school, please pass them on to me so that we may discuss and implement your recommendations as we are able.

- Oct. 20, grades 2 - 7 will be preparing for Simchat Torah. The day will end with their examining our Torah scrolls.

- Our final class for October is on the 22nd. On this date, our 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades will attend services with Rabbi, devote time to their Hebrew studies and look at those Judaica topics outlined in their respective curriculums.

If you are aware of any families, in our extended community, seeking a Jewish education for their children, please furnish my name and contact information to them. It would be most appreciated.

Sheila Fishman, administrator  
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### BESTY BEAT



In September, BeSTY members got together for a pizza and ice cream social. We had a great time!

Our next activity will be a group outing to Dave & Buster's on Sunday, Oct. 13.



If you haven't completed a 2019-20 registration form and waiver, please do so at <https://bethshalom-brandon.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/173/2019/06/2019-2020-BESTY-Registration-Form.pdf> and mail it to Kelsey Birnholz, 16313 Bridgelawn Ave.,

Lithia, FL 33547. We will need completed forms for all BeSTYites before the Dave & Buster's outing Sunday, Oct. 13.



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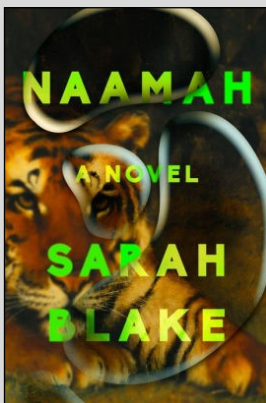
## KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

### *Know Your Jewish Musicians and Composers: A fill-in-the-blank game*

1. Irving Berlin, the great American songwriter is best known for the song \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Leonard Bernstein, the first to introduce classical music on TV. His most famous Broadway show - \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Neil Diamond was inducted in Songwriters' Hall of Fame and Rock & Rolls' Hall of Fame. He wrote a very patriotic song - \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Bob Dylan was prominent in the civil rights movement with Joan Baez. He wrote the protest song - \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Debbie Friedman is best known for her setting of the healing prayer \_\_\_\_\_.
6. George Gershwin wrote first truly American Opera \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Billy Joel's nickname is the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Carole King, one of the most successful female songwriters, Titled her break-through album \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Felix Mendelssohn's most famous work was The \_\_\_\_\_. He also wrote the music for *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*.
10. Richard Rodgers has 43 Broadway musicals to his credit. His most familiar takes place in a convent. The \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Arthur Rubenstein was one of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of the 20th century.
12. Kurt Weill wrote The Threepenny Opera, which included the ballad \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:**  
1. God Bless America; 2. West Side Story; 3. America; 4. Blowin' in The Wind; 5. Mi Shebeirach; 6. Porcy and Bess; 7. Piano Man; 8. Tapestry; 9. Wedding March; 10. Sound of Music; 11. Pianists; 12. Mack the Knife

## PAGE TURNERS



Monday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet to discuss Sarah Blake's book, *Naamah*. This book is Blake's first novel which explores her take on how women may have fit into the scheme of life during the time of the Great Flood. The reader may find that this book's undercurrent theme seems to pose the following question: How can God's presence be seen throughout creation? Blake does a marvelous job with the alternative world she creates. She often moves back and forth between reality and the surreal which can leave the reader a bit confused at times. Blake creates

many earthly situations that are often illuminating, funny and at times queasy with a bit of erotica thrown in; yet, she somehow makes this sailing journey work!

Just so everyone knows, Hillsborough County Public Library has two copies of *Naamah*. Once I finish the copy I bought, I will lend it to whomever is in need of it.

Please join us for a light dinner which Anna Feldman will provide, and also what will be a lively and interesting discussion.



## HIGH HOLY DAYS— Steve Slavkin

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES HIGH HOLIDAYS 5780

- **Tuesday, Oct. 1:** Rosh Hashanah 2nd day
  - 10 a.m. morning service, followed by brunch
- **Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.:** Memorial service at Beth Shalom Cemetery in Hillsborough Memorial Park, 2323 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.:** Erev Yom Kippur, will including a performance of Max Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* by cellist Carlos Audi and pianist Elias Phoenix.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 9:** Yom Kippur
  - 10 a.m. morning service
  - 2:30 p.m. children's service
  - 4 p.m. Yom Kippur afternoon service
  - 5:30 p.m. Yizkor memorial service
  - 6:30 p.m. Ne'ilah – conclusion
  - 7:15 p.m. Break the Fast
- **Sunday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars with wine & cheese for adults, snacks & games for children
- **Monday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.:** Simchat Torah.

All are welcome to participate in the spiritually meaningful High Holiday services this year at CBS for free. Join our community to celebrate this important time with complimentary tickets for all who request them. Please contact our synagogue office at 813-681-6547 for tickets.

Shalom! As we approach the beginning of another Jewish year, we take time to reflect on the past year and how we have lived our lives as Jews. Our congregation continues to be a Jewish home for our community. As we enter 5780, we have the opportunity to consider our past, change our present, and build for the future. May the coming year be lived in a Jewishly meaningful way.

The High Holidays are always a busy time at Congregation Beth Shalom. Included is our High Holiday schedule. I encourage you to attend all of our High Holiday services, led by our rabbi, Rabbi Bryan Mann, and Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci. Immediately following Yom Kippur, we celebrate Sukkot under the stars and then close the High Holiday season with our Simchat Torah celebration. Again, this year we will be celebrating Sukkot with special activities for our youth who, we hope, will bring a friend with them as a celebration of welcoming ushpizim (guests) as part of Sukkot.

You should have received your High Holiday packets in the mail. We will not be distributing lanyards this year and using the tickets as name tags, but we ask that you please bring the tickets to temple during the High Holidays for admission to services as a security measure. The packet will also include additional information about High Holiday traditions and customs, as well as our usual materials, including information about our Tree of Life and yahrzeit plaque opportunities. Copies of this form can be found on the CBS website [www.bethshalom-brandon.org/](http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org/) and the packet, and can be obtained at the synagogue.

Finally, be sure to look at the upcoming weekly email blasts and our congregational Facebook page for special High Holiday information. If you have High Holiday questions or needs, please feel free to contact me as ritual chair at [sslavkin50@gmail.com](mailto:sslavkin50@gmail.com).



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- bring food for Yom Kippur Break the Fast (contact Karen Weber, [Karenweb58@gmail.com](mailto:Karenweb58@gmail.com) or 813-935-3060)
- volunteer to greet/usher (Julie Enszer, [julierenszer@gmail.com](mailto:julierenszer@gmail.com) or 301-537-6570)
- help with parking (Seth Dugan, [sethdugan@gmail.com](mailto:sethdugan@gmail.com) or 813 951-0522)
- bring nonperishable food to support the food drive.
- help build the sukkah, Thursday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m.

No effort is too small and everything is much appreciated!

### ***Rosh Hodesh, offered by Andrea B. Chassen***

Months begin and end. In our calendar each month begins as the moon fades into blackness and begins to reemerge with a sliver of light. Rosh Hodesh, the new month, is a symbol of renewal. Thus, we can also use this time to look at ourselves, embrace a new view and start anew. Have been interested in joining a group of like-minded women who want to further their understanding of Jewish traditions and practice while continuing to grow and evolve?

So, when one cannot join a group, why not start one? That brings me to 2019. I am planning a monthly program that will be based this year on *Moonbeams: A Hadassah Rosh Hodesh Guide*. Each session will center on a topic and explore it more deeply. Rosh Hodesh is open to all women in our community and in your lives who have an interest in learning more. We will convene after the new year. Hope to see all there.

## DO YOU KNOW?

### *Do you know Sandy Saviet?*

As you probably know, Sandy is married to Howard Saviet. You probably met her at our chavurah or perhaps in the congregation library where she currently is organizing it. But here are some things about her you might not know.

Sandy, like her mother, was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Her grandparents came from Latvia and Romania. Arriving in the United States, Sandy's grandfather opened up a department store in Beloit, Wisconsin. Growing up her family always only travelled to cities where relatives lived for weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs, but every summer they spent three days at Cedar Point in Ohio and stayed at The Breakers Hotel. Sandy's father would take the kids to the amusement park while her mom would sit on the beach sunning herself.



University of Cincinnati, Sandy was part of the A.M.A.C. (Ask Me About Cincinnati). She worked outside in a booth on Fountain Square assisting visitors with directions, answering questions about the city, promoting the downtown businesses and assisting at risk teenagers learn work skills. It was a summer job and hot working outside, but she got to dangle her feet in the fountain at the end of the shift.

Sandy recounted an embarrassing moment which she still blushes about. "My in-laws threw an engagement party to introduce Howard and myself to their friends who did not know us. I was in charge of answering the door and introducing myself to them. Unbeknownst to me, my in-laws were friends with my gynecologist and his wife. I opened the door and there standing in front of me was my doctor. I was mortified! I dashed into the nearest bathroom and started hyperventilating. My mother was visiting and ran into the bathroom after me. When she heard why I was upset, she started laughing hysterically. I asked her very seriously if this was a Jewish tradition, she never told me about. And she laughed even harder. I eventually left the bathroom that evening and learned that my gynecologist was as surprised to see me as I was to see him."

While pursuing her bachelor's degree in social work at The

Next time you see Sandy at CBS, ask her about it!

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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.
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- **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 \$350. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

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## Birthdays

10/1	Kate Swedlow
10/1	Mitchell Finke
10/2	Eric Alexander
10/2	Lea Garbett
10/3	Rebecca Sperry
10/5	Andrea Chassen
10/5	Joshua Weber
10/7	Aaron Weiss
10/7	Nickie Meeks
10/8	Renate Greenfield
10/8	Jessica Freedman
10/10	Randall Finke
10/13	Steven Billor
10/16	Myron Feldman
10/18	Paige Dugan
10/20	Sandee Pelk
10/22	Gerald Pliner
10/23	Sheila Slavkin
10/23	Michael Lubin
10/27	Lander Feldman
10/28	Ira Arman
10/28	Debra Silverstein
10/28	Danielle Elazar
10/29	Shane Savitt

## 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:

**October 18**

## Anniversaries



10/22	Andrew & Kate Swedlow
10/24	Judith & Gerald Pliner
10/31	Errol & Sheila Fishman
10/31	Jan & Bruce Sperry



## Yahrzeits

10/1	Pauline	Magdovitz	Mother in Law	of	Caren	Magdovitz
10/2	Sally	Gaba	Grandmother	of	Leslie	Boyar
10/2	Becky	Smith	Grandmother	of	Lynn	Kaler
10/2	Louis	Kaplan	Father	of	Janice	Perelman
10/3	Renee	Furman	Sister in Law	of	Eunice	Rifkin
10/3	Murray	Siegel	Grandfather	of	Eric	Miller
10/4	Herb	Goldberg	Husband	of	Ruth	Goldberg
10/4	Sharon	Leibowitz	Sister	of	Gail	Verlin
10/4	Ira	Fleischman	Father	of	Lauren	Fleischman
10/4	Dorothy	Brown	Mother	of	Stephen	Zweibach
10/7	Morton	Wasserman	Husband	of	Doris	Raymond
10/9	Helen	Reisner	Aunt	of	Gary	Ronay
10/9	Antal	Reisner	Uncle	of	Gary	Ronay
10/10	Frieda	Moravnick	Mother	of	Eunice	Rifkin
10/10	Michael	Ronay Reisner	Father	of	Gary	Ronay
10/10	Jack	Kaler	Father	of	Larry	Kaler
10/10	Regina	Metzl	Grandmother	of	Bill	Kalbas
10/12	Frieda	Schwartz	Mother	of	Sandy	Schwartz
10/13	Dorothy	Zazulia	Grandmother	of	Iylene	Miller
10/15	Ruth	Newman	Grandmother	of	Jeff	Newman
10/22	Philip	Sklar	Father	of	Carol	Wagner
10/23	Richard	May	Grandfather	of	David	Richter
10/23	Milton Harvey	Rogovin	Father in Law	of	Robin	Rogovin
10/23	Albert W.	Besterman	Grandfather	of	Leslie	Boyar
10/24	Rose	Goloskov	Grandmother	of	Sheila	Fishman
10/25	Arnold	Krulich	Father	of	Lee	Schwartz
10/28	Seymour	Deiner	Brother	of	Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
10/29	Malcsi	Reisner Lerman	Aunt	of	Gary	Ronay
10/29	Harriet	Lawrence	Wife	of	Gerry	Lawrence
10/30	Paul	Buchman	Father	of	Ken	Buchman
10/31	Himy	Joelson	Grandfather	of	Mark	Rabinowitz

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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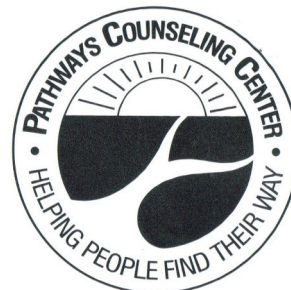
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		1 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 -10 AM Service -11:30 AM Pancake Brunch	2 7 PM Board Mtg	3 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	5 10AM Taste of Tanach
6 -9:30 AM Religious School -10 AM Memorial Service at HMG	7 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 Kol Nidre 8 PM Service	9 Yom Kippur -10 AM Morning Service -2:30 PM Family Service -4 PM Afternoon Service -5:30 PM Yizkor Mem.Serv. -6:30 Neilah -7:15 PM Break the Fast	10	11 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	12 10 AM Brady Garbett Bar Mitzvah
13 SUKKOT -9:30 AM Religious School - Sukkot Program -6PM Sukkot under the Stars	14 SUKKOT	15 SUKKOT	16 SUKKOT 6:30 PM Conf. Class	17 SUKKOT JCC Community Leadership Awards	18 SUKKOT 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	19 SUKKOT Yizkor AM Serv:Tentative
20 SUKKOT EREV SIMCHAT TORAH -9:30 AM Religious School (Simchat Torah Program)	21 -6:30 PM SIMCHAT TORAH -7 PM Choir Rehearsal	22	23 -6:30 PM Conf. Class - 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. -7:30PM Ritual Mtg	24	25 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Sharai Zedek 125th Anni- versary wknd	26
27 -9:30 AM Religious School -9:30 AM Take down the Sukkah -6 PM Dinner w/ the Tribe	28 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	29 Rabbi Out	30 6:30 PM Conf. Class Rabbi Out	31 Rabbi Out		

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