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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Tu BiShvat and Protecting the Earth

One of the earliest things we are told about humans in the Torah is that the Divine, "Placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to work it and protect it" (Genesis 2:15). The Hebrew word used is שמר which has connotations of protect, guard, and keep.

Jews and non-Jews alike read this verse as a command to protect not only the Garden of Eden, but the Earth we live on. Many Jews and Jewish organizations cite this verse as one reason to participate in Jewish farming, sustainable living, and agriculture programs. Many Jews cite this verse as the reason they personally recycle or are energy conscious. Many see this as one of the central purposes of humanity. Humans were created by the Divine and given a mission to protect the world the Divine created.

This one line in Genesis is not our only inspiration however. Every year we as Jews celebrate, "The New Year for the Trees" on the 15th of Sh'vat also known as Tu BiShvat. Just like Passover there is a dedicated seder for Tu BiShvat that often recognizes the gifts trees give us of food, shelter, breathable air, and so many other things. Some Tu BiShvat seders recognize the changing of the seasons. Many Jews have a custom of planting a tree in honor of Tu BiShvat.

We live in a world where it seems like every month there is another natural disaster. Whether the hurricanes some of us have personal experience of here at home, wildfires in Brazil and Australia, earthquakes in Puerto Rico, it feels like we have failed in our job as protectors. Sometimes the effects of a changing world are less disastrous. Unseasonably warm or cold temperatures around the country. These are all effects of our presence on this Earth and what we have and have not done to protect it.

The plans to curb and stop these effects to ensure a livable planet for future generations are vast. There are many different visions of what we as individuals and communities can do. It can be incredibly overwhelming and often feel paralyzing. "So many people are telling me, I need to do all of these things as an individual and I can only do so much." Other times the pessimism comes from a place of, "I am just one person. Does it really matter if I take a shorter shower or recycle?" It is easy to simply do nothing out of a sense that our actions will not make a significant difference in the long run.

Yet, one of these bold visions is simple, "Plant trees in specific areas to curb CO2 Emissions." Throughout social media in the recent weeks there is a picture that outlines precisely where we should be planting trees based on this article <https://www.geographyrealm.com/mapping-where-planting-trees-can-help-with-climate-change-mitigation>. As with any major issue of our time there are multiple visions, plans, and strategies. One very real truth is we do not know what will work until we try. We can seek out the advice of scientists, climate experts, and others who spend much of their lives studying and understanding these issues to inform these visions, plans, and strategies, but until we do something nothing is going to change.

We Jews have been planting trees as a ritual practice during Tu BiShvat, the New Year for Trees for a long time now. What might it look like to see this practice as one part of our fundamental mission of protecting this planet and how else might we fulfill that mission? Happy Tu BiShvat!



FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

Saturday, Feb. 22, is our annual fundraiser, the Roaring Twenties Gala. If you have not bought your tickets yet or made arrangements to attend, please do so. It should be a lot of fun and the success of the event is critical for our fundraising. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!

The rabbi search committee co-chairs have been working diligently and we are beginning to narrow the search. Once a candidate has been approved by the committee, we anticipate bringing that candidate in to meet the rest of the committee and the congregation. I would like to thank Shelia Fishman, Julie Enszer, and Michael Lubin for all the work they have done to date.

The dues committee has met again and we are getting closer to a determination whether we will revise our dues structure and if so, how. Many of us have come to the realization the current dues structure is no longer working. Our membership is declining and our revenue is dropping at an unsustainable rate. If something does not change in the immediate future, it is questionable whether we will be able to remain as an ongoing concern. One of the models being discussed is a voluntary dues structure. In other words, would we obtain more revenue if the dues were voluntary? This system would only work if those paying dues continue to pay at the

current rate and we were able to attract additional new members who would also contribute. We hope to address this at the March board meeting and then at a special membership meeting. If there is support, I hope to bring this system before the membership at our annual meeting in June. If you have strong opinions on our dues structure, please let me know. The goal of the committee is to ensure that our dues structure is not a hindrance to our increasing membership of fulfilling our mission.



I am pleased to announce that we should start to see the roof replaced in the next few weeks. This is a major expense but also needed to ensure our building stays in good repair.

Lastly, security remains paramount for us. We are working with the Tampa Jewish Federation and law enforcement to review the building and what we can do to ensure that we are taking necessary measures. It is important that we remain vigilant and report anything that appears out of the ordinary or suspicious.

CBS FINANCIALS

In an effort to be transparent to all of our congregants, Congregation Beth Shalom will be publishing its monthly financials for all to see, and can be found in the link below.

With this transparency, we welcome all to note areas of need, and we welcome any suggestions or contributions to keep CBS on firm financial footing.

<https://bethshalom-brandon.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/173/2020/01/CBS-Dec.-2019-PL-vs-Budget-Abbreviated.pdf>



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Upcoming Dates To Remember

- **Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanakh, "(Parshat Bo): Tefillin A Sign Upon Your Hand and a Symbol Before Your Eyes." Details on page 6.
- **Sunday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.:** We're Not Getting Any Younger series, part 2. More information on page 6.
- **Sunday, Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m.:** Religious school TuB'Shevat celebration. Open to all congregants and friends. More information on page 7.
- **Sunday, Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe. More information on page 5.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night Out. Mainstream Boutique, 111232 Sullivan Street, River-view. More information on page 9.
- **Sunday, Feb. 16, 3 p.m.:** Let's Chat, "Jews and the Environment." More information on page 6.



- **Sunday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m.:** Potluck dinner and special "Meet the Author" event. More information on page 4.

- **Monday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.:** We're Not Getting Any Younger series, part 3. More information on page 6.

- **Saturday, Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m.:** Roaring '20s Gala, Elks Lodge of Brandon, 800 Centennial Drive, Brandon. More information on page 10.

- **Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.:** Shabbat Torah service. More information on page 5.

- **Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.:** "A Celebration of Education" special Shabbat service. More details on page 7.

- **Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night Out. River's Edge Bar & Grill, 6626 Ohio Avenue, Gibsonton. More information on page 9.

- **Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m.:** Page Turners.

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February 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 February.

- **Feb. 7: Stephanie & Rob Ferry** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **Feb. 14: Anita Clifford** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **Feb. 21:** This date is currently unfilled.
- **Feb. 28: Suzie & Mitch Baylis** will host the oneg in honor of their anniversary.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to express our appreciation to our February oneg hosts for stepping up to help out. Also, Mazel Tov to Suzie & Mitch who will be celebrating their anniversary!

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, and Anna 707-628-5399).

Anna Feldman & Judith Pliner

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RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE

As you may know, Jon Ellis named Sheila Fishman, Julie Enszer and Michael Lubin to serve as chairs for the rabbi search committee. The chairs have posted requests for resumes on multiple sites geared to rabbis in search of a position with a congregation with our demographics, needs and desire to grow and flourish. More than a dozen resumes were received. The three chairs met to review the documentation received and have narrowed the search to those most compatible with our congregational needs.

The chairs will be meeting with these individuals by video conferencing over the next few weeks. Many of these applicants reside in Florida, reducing our expenses should we decide to meet with any personally.

Once these online interviews are completed, we will provide information to the remaining search committee for their review and comments. If it is determined that an onsite visit is warranted, we will advise the board accordingly. You, our congregants, will be also be afforded an opportunity to meet with the prime candidates and provide your input.

SPECIAL EVENT: MEET THE AUTHOR

It is a rare opportunity to meet the author of a book we have chosen to read and discuss. Page Turners (our book club) will have that opportunity Sunday, **Feb. 16, at 5 p.m.**

We will start the evening off with a potluck dinner and follow with our book discussion. We have created a Sign-Up Genius page so you can both R.S.V.P. and sign up for the item you would like to bring. Click this link to contribute to dinner and join this event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444afa72ca4ff2-evening>.

We will have the pleasure of meeting Anastasia Goodman. She is a mystery novelist who writes about Jewish themes. Her protagonist is a Russian-born NYPD detective Sasha Perlov. He is the son of a Soviet Jewish dissident that was tortured and imprisoned by the Soviet authorities. The family was permitted to leave during the refusenik era.

Her latest novel is *The Terrorist: Sasha Perlov Novel*. The year is 2004 and the terrorist attacks are still fresh in our memories. Protesters against the Iraq War line the streets of major cities. Sasha Perlov is requested by the US Attorney's NY office to interrogate a potential terrorist in a CIA run prison in Eastern Europe. Is a Muslim woman picked up by U.S. immigration in Long Island a terrorist? Why is she in the company of members of the infamous MS-13, experts at drug and human smuggling? Is a Latin gang and foreign terror group creating an alliance?

History, intrigue, and political turmoil converge to challenge Sasha as he attempts to seek the truth.

Let's join together to give Anastasia a warm welcome, enjoy our potluck dinner and discuss her book.



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Dinner With the Tribe

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Page Turners

Sheila Fishman

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

MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Peter and Diane Jacobson** on the birth of their new granddaughter.

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Joan Frankel** and **Rob Northrop** for their musical accompaniment during Friday night services on Jan. 17.
- Kudos to those who coordinated and those who joined in the fun on the CBS cruise.



*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.*

DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

Our Congregation Beth Shalom Dinner With the Tribe is going strong. We have nice sized groups with many to talk to and good food to enjoy. Our next adventure will be:

Sunday, Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Shells Seafood Restaurant Brandon, 115 East Brandon Blvd., Brandon

If you haven't been there before, it's a very casual and quite moderately priced restaurant with good seafood. Many of us have eaten there before, some many times before. If you want to join us, please email Anita Clifford, niewdnarb@yahoo.com to save your seat.



Torah Shabbat!

Join us Friday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m., as we chant from the Torah. On this Shabbat we will do a full Torah including taking the Torah out of the ark, processing it around the congregation, and chanting from the Torah scroll itself. You might even get the chance to have an aliyah. Since this is a Torah Shabbat you are welcome to wear your tallitot if that is your custom.



MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee is working with several prospects for membership, and will be proposing a lovely couple for membership at the February board meeting. Look for more information about our new members in upcoming editions of *The Kibbitzer*.

— *Judith Pliner and Gail Verlin,*
"The Membership Ladies"



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LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman

“We’re Not Getting Any Younger” Series

This is a 5-part series about aging issues, presented by Life Long Learning.

You do not have to have attended previous sessions to take part in upcoming sessions.

Series Events Include:

• **Part 2: Sunday, Feb 2, 7 p.m.: “Making Memories”** an exploration of how and what to share with your children and grandchildren in the form of an Ethical Will. **Janice Perelman, M.A., former social casework supervisor and educator**, will lead us through the steps of creating a meaningful document which will guide us in handing down our history to future generations.

• **Part 3: Monday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.: “Navigating Elderlaw Issues.”** Find out about all of the legal documents which are recommended to make decision-making easier and smoother, including wills, revocable trusts, entrusting another person to act as a surrogate health advocate, power of attorney, etc. You will learn what these documents are, why you need them, and how each one may help at critical times in the future. The presenter for this session will be **Jack Rosenkranz, Esq.**, an attorney who specializes in elderlaw issues.

• **Part 4: Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.: “Managing Living Arrangements as We Change.”** A representative from the **Hillsborough County Senior Connection Center** will address a variety of living arrangements which may be available to us as our needs change because of changes in health, including how we can access financial aid such as Medicaid.

• **Part 5: Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m.: “Remains of the Day - End of life Decisions.”** Planning can be so helpful when addressing end-of-life events. **Charles Segal, director of Segal Funeral Home** will help to inform us about what options are available to us, when we should make such decisions, and how they can be arranged. We will also address the role services such as Hospice can play.

Cost for the entire series of five sessions is \$25 per person for members and \$35 per person for non-members. Call the temple office at (813) 681-6547 to reserve your place at these informative discussions.



• **Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m.**, Taste of Tanakh will explore (Parshat Bo): Tefillin A Sign Upon Your Hand and a Symbol Before Your Eyes. Parshat Bo contains the last three plagues in Egypt and the Israelites escape. We are told twice at the end of this parsha we are told twice, “It shall be a sign upon your hand and as a symbol before

your forehead.” We will look more in depth at these passages and then look at how this is related to the mitzvah of tefillin. Those who wish will have the opportunity to learn how to wrap tefillin and learn why we do not wrap tefillin on Shabbat.

• **Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m.**, we will meet for Let’s Chat to discuss Jews and the Environment. From planting trees to celebrate a B’nei Mitzvah to the Eco-Kashrut movement, Jews express their commitment to caring for and protecting the natural world. In honor of Tu b’Shtat come learn about these practices and discuss the ways we are committed to this work.

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EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

We are well into our year and are looking forward to some special programming.

Sunday, Feb. 2, we will be meet at our regular time of 9:30 a.m. Our day will begin with worship services led by Rabbi Bryan. Our students will be provided with classes in Judaica and Hebrew at 10 a.m. There will also be an opportunity to visit the CBS library to return and borrow books.

Sunday, Feb. 9, we will be celebrate Tu B'Shevat. For thousands of years, Tu B'Shevat has been a special day on the Jewish calendar □ a time for celebrating trees and agriculture. For long ago on this day people would count their trees to see how many had survived the winter and would continue to bear fruit. More recently, only hundreds of years ago, some of the Jews living in the Land of Israel came up with the idea of not just having a Seder and symbolic meal on Passover, but on Tu B'Shevat as well. The idea has caught on and we now greet Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year for celebrating trees and tree-planting, with our very own Seder with 4 new questions and 4 new cups to drink. Additionally, we will learn about our environment and plant on the CBS property. This event is open to all congregational families and friends of CBS. Please RSVP Sheila Fishman at gold17@verizon.net if you plan on attending so that we may ensure we are properly prepared.

As we follow the Hillsborough County School calendar, there will be no religious school Sunday, Feb. 16, and we reconvene for class Feb. 23.

Keep an eye out for our articles for March, April and May as we plan programming for Purim, Passover, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, and our end of the religious school year celebration!!

BESTY BEAT



The Spring Kallah is Feb. 28-March 1 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

This event is open to students in 8th-12 grade.

Celebrate, laugh, engage. Spend an amazing weekend with your NFTY-STR community. Be prepared to participate in creative programs,

meet new people and learn something new about yourself. Spring Kallah promises to be a wonderful event filled with laughter, community, trust and friendship.

Scholarships are available. If interested, please contact BestyBoard@gmail.com.

A Celebration of Education

Friday, March 6, the religious school will present a Shabbat service entitled "A Celebration of Education."

During this evening, we will be celebrating all of our children and their amazing teachers.

- For those students initially moving along the road to learning about their Jewish roots, adding to their family's Jewish traditions, becoming familiar with Biblical texts and tackling Hebrew. As these students continue along this path, we want to celebrate the journey with a consecration ceremony and Hebrew naming if they do not already have a Hebrew name. If your child does not already have a Hebrew name, please schedule a meeting with Rabbi Bryan by March 1. You can do this by emailing him at rabbibryanmann@gmail.com or contacting the temple office at (813) 681-6547.

- For those students in the 6th/7th grade or entering that grade this summer, we will be providing parents an opportunity to present their child with their own copy of the Mishkan T'Filah. We are ordering special editions of the Mishkan T'Filah for Shabbat. These editions do not contain the transliterations of the prayers. With this edition, students will be able to enhance his or her Hebrew skills.

As is our tradition, the parents of these students create a special book cover and dedication for the inside cover of the Mishkan T'Filah. At this time, we are asking you to help us renew this tradition and create that book cover for your child's Siddur along with a special dedication. Religious school administrator, Sheila Fishman has special book covers that can be decorated and used. The arts and crafts room and supplies will be available for parents' use Feb. 2, Feb. 23, and March 1, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Sheila Fishman will be available for assistance.

Then, on our March 6, Shabbat worship service, Rabbi Bryan will afford these parents an opportunity to present these students with the dedicated copy of the Mishkan T'Filah. Rabbi Bryan will provide these students with a special blessing as they continue the road to Jewish adulthood.

With this Worship Service, our religious school teachers and assistant teacher will be honored for all the time and knowledge they have provided to our students. They have donated their time and energies to ensure our students receive the best education possible.

The evening will end with an oneg Shabbat sponsored by the religious school. Please mark this special evening on your calendar.

CBS Cruise



Some CBS members enjoyed a cruise together in January. It was a great opportunity to get to know other members and create lasting memories.

A Note About Pastoral Care

Rabbi Bryan wants to know when congregants are in need of pastoral care.



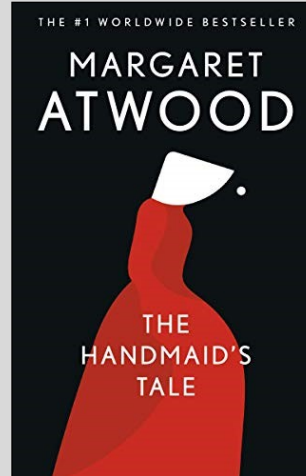
This includes but is not limited to: when our congregants or their family members are in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or otherwise may need his support.

If you hear about a congregant in need, please contact Rabbi Bryan directly at rabbibryanmann@gmail.com and/or 857 728 4792.

Please 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.

PAGE TURNERS

Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet to discuss *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood.



The Handmaid's Tale is the story of Offred, a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, a totalitarian and theocratic state that has replaced the United States of America. Because of dangerously low reproduction rates, Handmaids are assigned to bear children for elite couples that have trouble conceiving. Offred serves the Commander and his wife, Serena Joy, a former gospel singer and advocate for "traditional values." Offred is not the narrator's real name—

Handmaid names consist of the word "of" followed by the name of the Handmaid's Commander. Offred's freedom, like the freedom of all women, is completely restricted. She can leave the house only on shopping trips, the door to her room cannot be completely shut, and the Eyes, Gilead's secret police force, watch her every public move.

Margaret Atwood, whose work has been published in more than 40 countries, is the author of more than 50 books of fiction, poetry, and critical essays. Her novels include *Cat's Eye*, shortlisted for the Booker Prize; *Alias Grace*, which won the Giller Prize in Canada and the Premio Mondello in Italy; *The Blind Assassin*, winner of the 2000 Booker Prize; *Oryx and Crake*, shortlisted for the 2003 Booker Prize; *The Penelopiad*; *The Heart Goes Last*; *Hag-seed*; and *The Testaments*, a sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, published in September, 2019. She lives in Toronto some of the time.

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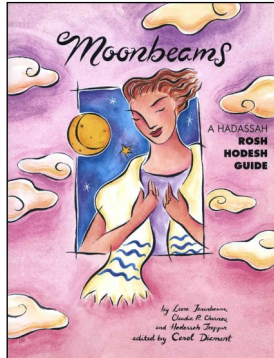
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Rosh Hodesh, offered by Andrea B. Chassen

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 2020. 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.



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February 11

March 10

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Roaring 20's Gala

Saturday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon will partner with the Special Operations Warrior Foundation and hold its annual fundraiser at the Elks Lodge of Brandon.

Proceeds of the evening will be shared with SOWF to ensure full college funding to every surviving child of a special operator who loses their life in the line of duty. SOWF also provides immediate financial assistance to hospitalized wounded, ill, and injured service members so their families can be at their bedside.

This year's event, is a Roaring 20's Charity Gala with special honorary Co-chairman, Congressman Ross Spano.

The evening will feature door prizes, free Gatsby photos, dancing, a delicious buffet dinner, and both live and silent auctions. Highlighting the evening is our Speakeasy show, headliner R&B star David Morris who will perform songs from the 1920s to 2020 including songs from his newly released album. There will also be Speakeasy Dancers to teach the Charleston, so wear your best flapper outfit and let's party.

The Elks Lodge of Brandon is located at 800 Centennial Lodge Drive, Brandon. Tickets cost \$45 for adults (active military and veterans get 20% off), and \$10 for children aged 5 -12 years, free for children under 5 years. Tickets may be purchased by phone (813) 681-6547, or online at <http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org>.



The poster is for the 'Roaring Twenties Charity Gala' held on Feb 22, 2020, at the Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon. It features a black background with yellow and white text and graphics. At the top, two flapper girls in white dresses and feathered headbands are shown in profile. Below them, the text 'ROARING TWENTIES' is in large, stylized white letters, followed by 'Charity Gala' in yellow and '1920/2020' in white. A yellow banner across the middle contains the 'SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION' logo, which depicts a soldier and a family. The date 'Feb 22, 2020' is prominently displayed in large yellow letters. Below the date, the location 'Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon' and 'Annual Fundraiser' are listed. A section for 'Partner Charity Special Operations Warrior Foundation' explains the purpose: 'Helping the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice'. A photo of David Morris is shown next to the text 'SPEAKEASY Show Dancing & Performance Starring David Morris', with a note that he will perform songs from 1920 to 2020, including his latest hit single 'Welcome to My World'. The 'Full Gatsby Buffet Dinner' is scheduled for 5:30PM - 10PM, including a silent and live auction. Ticket information states '\$45 per person; Children under 13 - \$10' with a '20% off active military or veterans' discount, and provides the website 'www.bethshalom-brandon.org' for purchases. The venue 'Elks Lodge of Brandon' and address '800 Centennial Dr. Brandon, FL' are listed at the bottom.

ROARING TWENTIES
Charity Gala
1920/2020

SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION

Feb 22, 2020
Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon
Annual Fundraiser

Partner Charity Special Operations Warrior Foundation.
Helping the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice

DAVID MORRIS
Welcome To My World EP

Speakeasy Show
Dancing & Performance
Starring
David Morris
Will perform songs from 1920 to 2020, including his latest Hit single "Welcome to My World"

Full Gatsby Buffet Dinner
5:30PM – 10PM
silent and live auction

Tickets only \$45 per person; Children under 13 - \$10
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Elks Lodge of Brandon
800 Centennial Dr. Brandon, FL

David Morris Biography

Congregation Beth Shalom's annual fundraiser will feature R&B star David Morris.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., David began harnessing his vocal style, piano playing and songwriting at a very early age. By the time he was 13, the self-taught musician was already proficient in piano and would mimic the soulful sounds of Motown that was played throughout his home. David is at his creative best when he's at the piano or writing a hit song. His vocal influences are resplendent of the sounds of Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway and Stevie Wonder to name a few. Currently David is working on becoming the hottest independent artist to hit the music scene.

His current EP "Welcome to My World" is set for release this summer and already contains the hit single of the same name, which is currently available on iTunes, Amazon and for purchase at his live shows.

THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAYS BRIDGE BUILDERS 5780

BONIM BRIDGE ☆ \$3,600—\$7,500

Isabel & Jonathan Ellis	Judith & Gerald Pliner
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Sheryl & Mark Finke	Stephen Zweibach

CHAI BRIDGE ☆ \$180 - 359

Andrea Chassen	Sara & Jeff Goodman
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CHAVERIM BRIDGE ☆ \$36 - 179

Lois Erenberg	Phyllis & Milton Newman
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Barbara Hart	Ruth & Jordan Spiegel
Irving Kadet	Sharon & Mervin Taub
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Toby Koch & Alan Weiss	

DONOR ☆ \$18 - \$35

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The High Holy Day Appeal for 5780 is open through the end of January 2020. To make a contribution, please contact the office. This does not include donations made through the Book of Remembrance or Adopt-a-Book Campaigns, nor does it include non-members. If there are any errors or omissions to this listing, please notify the office as well.

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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.
- **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 \$350. 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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In Loving Memory of Anita Hoffman

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To Seth Hoffman, with Deepest Sympathy on the Passing of Your Mother, Anita Hoffman

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To David Eskstein, In Loving Memory of Blossom Grimm Silverstein

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To Joan Frankel and Rolly, Congratulations on your new home, and best wishes to Rolly (happy healing from his recent injury)

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To Paula Price, In Loving Memory of Michael Price

Gail & Michael Verlin





Anniversaries

2/2 Stephanie & Rob Ferry
2/12 Mitch & Suzie Baylis



Yahrzeits

2/2	David	Brill	Grandfather	of	Myron	Feldman
2/2	Robin	Bess	Mother	of	Anita	Hoffman
2/3	Lawrence	Gould	Brother	of	Sandra	Saviet
2/4	Samuel	Raiskin	Father	of	David	Raiskin
2/4	Meyer	Bloom	Father	of	Gail	Verlin
2/5	Costa	Giantsos	Father	of	Vickie	Goldberg
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2/6	Pearl	Brill	Grandmother	of	Myron	Feldman
2/6	Sol	Zweibach	Father	of	Stephen	Zweibach
2/6	Marshall	Goldberg	Son	of	Ruth	Goldberg
2/8	Joe	Newman	Grandfather	of	Jeff	Newman
2/8	Soloman	Gudz	Grandfather	of	lana	Goldfarb
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2/11	Sarah	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sandra	Roberts
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2/13	Pedro	Gonzalez	Father	of	Debora Rachel	Miranda
2/13	Ann	Rogovin	Mother	of	Richard	Rogovin
2/13	Robert	Goren	Husband	of	Doris	Goren
2/13	Florence	Workman	Mother	of	Anna	Feldman
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Birthdays

2/2 Larry Kaler
2/3 Sheila Fishman
2/4 Lawrence Greenfield
2/14 Lauren Miller
2/23 Bruce Sperry
2/25 Jason Finke
2/27 Hannah Weisman
2/28 Susan Schwartz
2/28 Joseph Plesur

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:

February 21

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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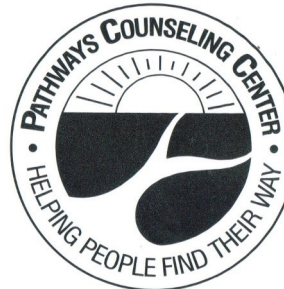
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Congregation Beth Shalom
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February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10AM Taste of Tanach
2 9:30 AM Religious School 7 PM We're Not Getting Any Younger Series Part 2	3	4 7PM Board Mtg	5 6:30 PM Fundraising Mtg 6:30 PM Adult Hebrew School	6	7 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service FAIR DAY HCPS	8 FHM—Gala
9 EREV TU BISHVAT 9:30 AM Religious School - Tu Bishvat Seder 5:30 PM Dinner with the Tribe—Shells Brandon	10 TU BISHVAT 7:30 PM Political Book Club Mtg.	11 6:30 PM Ladies Night Out	12 6:30 PM Adult Hebrew School	13	14 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	15
16 No Religious School 3 PM Let's Chat 6 PM Meet the Author (5PM pot luck)	17 7 PM We're Not Getting Any Younger Series Part 3 Presidents Day	18	19 6:30 PM Adult Hebrew School	20	21 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	22 Annual Fundraiser—The Roaring Twenties Charity Gala
23 9:30 AM Religious School	24	25	26 6:30 PM Adult Hebrew School 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30PM Ritual Mtg	27	28 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Torah Service Regional NFTY wknd 28th-1st	29

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