

# The Kibbitzer

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## **FROM THE RABBI** - Rabbi Bryan Mann

### **Finding Ways to Stay Grounded in Isolation**

This past month for many of us has been hard. Our work, routines, and social events were and continue to be disrupted. Some of us lost a loved one to COVID-19 and were unable to mourn in the way we wanted or needed to. Many of us celebrated Passover in an entirely new way. Even when we do leave the house, we do so with masks on. We walk around mostly empty streets. Society as we know it has changed.

This all has a deep effect on our psyche. Some medical professionals and spiritual leaders have said all of us are experiencing grief and/or trauma due to COVID-19. Grief and trauma affect everyone differently. Some of us might not even feel or recognize we are grieving. I know at times I have thought or even said out loud this past month, "Sure, my routines are different. Sure, I'm seeing people less. Sure, I'm staying inside a lot more, but my life hasn't changed THAT much."

When I truly confront the reality, when I sit down to really reflect on my feelings, however, I do recognize there is some amount of pain, sadness, and loss. Yes, Jewish tradition has rituals for mourning, for processing grief, but we're in a moment when even those rituals feel unsafe. We cannot sit shiva. We cannot gather in person to say kaddish, so what can we do?

Two things I have been doing are daily Jewish learning and counting the Omer. In terms of daily learning, I am regularly participating in SVARA's daily Mishna Chabura (<https://svara.org/drop-in-mishnah-chaburah-collective/>.) The most important thing this does is connect me to a big virtual community, where everyone is learning the same bit of text. I get to see many of the same people every day at the same time. I get to learn from incredible teachers. It is also extremely accessible in that it is only a half hour. It is something I can easily commit to and make time for. Even if SVARA is not the right community for you, finding a half hour to learn a text with another person or a small group over Zoom can be incredibly grounding.

This past month, with the help of the Omer Counter app from [www.neohasid.org/](http://www.neohasid.org/), I have been counting the Omer. This short practice helps me reflect on how each day is truly different and unique. Especially, in this moment, when it feels like more than usual days just blend together and time doesn't really exist. Omer Counter provides quotes each day to reflect on related to the sefira of each week. If much of this paragraph did not make sense to you, I invite you to check out this detailed and vetted Wikipedia article: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counting\\_of\\_the\\_Omer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counting_of_the_Omer).

Spending a brief moment: blessing then reflecting, meditating, and journaling on particular qualities has helped ground me. It has helped me think deeply about ways I hope to grow. What I can be doing right now in this moment to cultivate that growth even in a time when routines are disrupted and I am feeling unrecognized grief or trauma.

One of my teachers, Rabbi Ebn Leader, consistently reminded us, his students, that we refer to Jewish prayer, Jewish learning, and other aspects of our Jewish/religious lives as spiritual practices. This means we have to practice. Practice takes work. Just as with an instrument, a skill, or a sport, when we begin, we will not immediately be adept, let alone masters. To practice means putting in the work. Sure, sometimes we realize after a bit of practice we picked the wrong instrument and will want to try another one, but whether it is daily learning, counting the Omer, or a different practice, I invite you, especially now, to pick up something you may have never tried before and see if it helps ground you. May we soon be able to meet in person.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

Who would have believed two months ago, we would be eight weeks into social distancing, the synagogue would be closed and we would be living through the first pandemic in a century?

We have yet to see how these past eight weeks and the next few weeks will forever change our society. But I assure you that even when things go back to "normal," a number of changes will remain permanent or acceptable. These will include a full embracement of doctor visits through video, mainstream offices and mandatory businesses accepting work from home options, and college and grade school real-time virtual classes. Notwithstanding we are still able to keep our traditions, even if modified a bit. Congregation Beth Shalom is currently offering virtual Shabbat services, with Rabbi Mann presiding, not only to all our members, but the greater Jewish community each Friday night. We are meeting the needs of our congregants who need assistance. And we are carrying on through this pandemic with our Jewish values intact. For all of our members assisting with mitzvot and tikkun olam, and other Jewish values, thank you!!

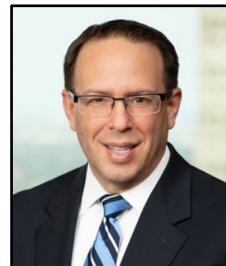
I am pleased to announce that in April, the board of directors voted unanimously to approve a contract with Rabbi Paul Schreiber, who will begin as Congregation Beth Shalom's new rabbi on July 1. Those who met with Rabbi Schreiber in March overwhelmingly requested we proceed with offering him a position with CBS and Rabbi Schreiber enthusiastically accepted the offer. We look forward to Rabbi Schreiber and his wife, Nancy, joining us and providing them with a warm welcome.

And while we are pleased to enter this new phase of rabbinical leadership with Rabbi Schreiber, we are also sorry to see Rabbi Mann leave CBS in June. During my tenure as president of CBS, I have fully appreciated my relationship with Rabbi Mann as well as all he has done for CBS during the past two years. Some say that any rabbi replacing a long-term rabbi is an interim rabbi, at best. CBS was Rabbi Mann's first congregation and Rabbi Mann saw us through some difficult times. Rabbi Mann was more than just an interim rabbi, he was able to provide clear leadership when needed. He provided pastoral care for all who sought it. And he personally helped me through some difficult times at CBS. I will certainly miss Rabbi Mann. Stay tuned for the announcement of a proper farewell.

Lastly, Congregation Beth Shalom's largest and least exciting project this year is continuing at an even more problematic pace than initially believed. As many of you know, the largest expenditure we have this year is replacement of our roof. The project is proceeding, but has been delayed due to a requirement that we replace the steel decking underneath the roofing membrane at substantial additional expense. Moreover, we have had leaks into the building due to the roofing work. And while we had a record breaking Kol Nidre fund drive and February fundraiser, those funds and more are being absorbed into the roofing repair expense. The board has worked hard not to levy a special assessment for

the repairs, but in doing so, we are draining our reserves. But when completed we will not have to replace the roof again until 2050. The only good thing about the roofing project is that it is taking place now, at a time we are not using the building. The only better time to have done the project would have been during Sukkot when we could have looked up and seen the stars!

I look forward to our first Shabbat after social distancing ends and seeing everyone back in the synagogue under our new roof. And if we are lucky, we may even be able to shake hands!



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- ✧ **Youth group programming**
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## Upcoming Dates To Remember

- **Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanakh, Kid-oshuim T'hiyu: You Shall Be Holy. More information on page 6.
- **Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies' Night Out. More details on page 9.
- **Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.:** Congregation annual meeting.
- **Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m.:** Let's Chat, an opportunity to check in with each other. More information on page 6.
- **Monday, May 18, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 9.
- **Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies' Night Out. More details on page 8.

*Religious Education Calendar, page 7;  
Full calendar, page 15*

**Due to COVID-19, please check the eblast for the most current information and details on all our events.**

## May Oneg Schedule

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

Should we still be live streaming services in May, oneg hosts will be contacted for hosting a future date.

▪ **May 1: The CBS executive board** will host the oneg in honor of **Sheila Fishman**, who has done a wonderful job and worn many hats in our temple. Most recently, she is serving as the Director of the Religious School and the Secretary of the Board. Additionally, she has also been serving on other Committees including the Rabbi Search, Fundraising and Membership.

▪ **May 8: Debora Rachel Miranda** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah. As many of you know, she travels a great distance after working a long and strenuous day so she can attend our Shabbat services.

▪ **May 15: Julie Enszer** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

▪ **May 22: The executive board** will host the oneg to honor both the members who are leaving and who also who are coming on the board.

▪ **May 29:** This date has not been filled.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be an oneg host!

Anna Feldman & Judith Pliner



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Sean J. Corrigan (COL, USA Ret), the Executive Vice President for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, expressed his sincere thanks to Congregation Beth Shalom on presentation of the check to the charity. The Roaring '20s annual fundraiser held Feb. 22, was our most successful to date.

## 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 they can be found in the link below.

<https://bethshalom-brandon.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/173/2020/04/Copy-of-CBS-190331-PL-vs-Budget-Kibbutzer-March-2020.pdf>

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.

## Congregation Beth Shalom - Donation Form

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### Caring

Christine Stockelman

### Finance\*

Allan Weber

### Fundraising\*

Mitch & Suzie Baylis

### Life Long Learning\*

Janice Perelman

### Strategic Planning\*

Open

### Membership\*

Gail Verlin, Judith Pliner

### Oneg

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Sue Reckner

### Publicity

Andrea Chassen

### Ritual\*

Steve Slavkin

### Facility and Safety

Mitch & Suzie Baylis

### Social Action\*

open

### Religious School\*

Sheila Fishman

### BESTY—Youth Group\*

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President —open

*\* Ex-officio voting board member  
(each committee only gets one vote)*

## Other Programs

### CBS Singles Over 50

Anita Clifford

### Chavurah

Sheila Fishman

### Dinner With the Tribe

Anita Clifford

### Interfaith/Outreach

Sheila Slavkin

### Kibbitzer Editor

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### Kolot Shalom — Choir

open

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David Richter

### Men's Club

Seth Dugan

### Page Turners

Sheila Fishman

### Web Administrator

Jenny Allen

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



### KUDOS

- Kudos to the Rabbinic Search Committee for a successful search.
- Kudos to all committee chairs and committees who have adapted to online meetings to keep Congregation Beth Shalom running and successful.
- Kudos to all our congregation members who are first responders, essential workers, teachers, or anyone who has reached out to help a friend or neighbor in need.

### MAZELS

- Mazel tov to Gerry Lawrence on the adoption of his new fur-baby.

### SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

In uncertain times we can certainly rely on our congregation family to come through. Thank you to our CBS members who donated items and helped support others in need of supplies: **David & CarolAnne Friedman, Gerry & Judith Pliner, Larry & Lynn Kahler, Janice Perelman, Mark & Sheryl Finke, Stephanie Ferry, and the Baylis family.**

*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).*

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee is continuing its outreach to our congregants to ascertain and fulfill their unmet needs. If you are in need of food or supplies, or have extra supplies to share please reach out to Judith Pliner at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com) or to Suzie Baylis at [all4suzie@gmail.com](mailto:all4suzie@gmail.com).

Also, the membership committee will be liaising with the

Welcoming Committee for Rabbi Schreiber in its efforts to plan & create meet and greet events so that every congregant will have the opportunity to get to know Rabbi Schreiber.

The membership committee,

– *Judith Pliner, Gail Verlin, and Sheryl Finke*

## Virtual Jewish Rituals, Learning, and Other Opportunities

As we at Congregation Beth Shalom continue to work on our own virtual opportunities for ritual, learning and gathering we want to make sure you know about the plethora of opportunities from other places as well.

• **jewishLive:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jewishlivegroup> or <https://www.jewishlive.org/> is one of the best places to find daily services/meditation/singing geared both to adults and youth, Jewish learning opportunities and other ways to connect with Jewish life at home.

• **Sefarai:** <https://www.sefaria.org/texts> is a virtual Jewish library. It includes the full Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) and Babylonian Talmud with English translation. It has dedicated pages for the weekly torah portion, the daily page of Talmud (Daf Yomi), and other amazing resources.

• **BimBam (formerly Godcast):** <https://www.bimbam.com/> This is a great resource for youth/families and those interested in intro to Judaism resources. There are videos focusing on major holidays, themes, and

Hebrew Bible stories. There is also a Jewish kids show called ShaBoom!

• **SVARA Daily Mishna at 1:30 p.m. (except for Shabbat):** <https://svara.org/drop-in-mishnah-chaburah-collective/>. SVARA the folks that bring you Queer Talmud Camp is offering a Daily Mishnah Chaburah (collective). It lasts for a half hour. You can drop in once, or drop in daily. This is taught by LGBTQ teachers with the aim of creating a learning community specifically by, for, and with LGBTQ Jews.

• **Jewish Women's Archive and jewishLive's Quarantine Book Club in Partnership Jewish Women's Archive:** [bit.ly/Jewishbooks](http://bit.ly/Jewishbooks) is a weekly virtual book club. In this time of predominately virtual Jewish life we invite you to check out these offerings along with the ones provided by Rabbi Bryan and the Congregation Beth Shalom community. We also remind you to check in on each other. You might take this opportunity to even study in virtual chevruta (pairs).

## LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman



**LIVESTREAM EVENT • Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m., Taste of Tanakh's** parsha is the double parsha: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim. Kedoshim teaches us that G'd tells us, "You shall be holy." We will explore some of the biblical laws included in the part of the parsha and discuss what it means to be holy.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86411818455?pwd=ZON2MFIMMnFiUW93UWpMcW5Cb2sxUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 864 1181 8455

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• **LIVESTREAM EVENT Sunday, May 10, 3 p.m., Let's Chat** will forego a formal learning session, and instead we will take the opportunity after our annual meeting to check in with each other, see how we are doing, and spend some time together in community.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84165024685?pwd=UWtvb0lnZSszRnJiNzhJaG1QWTZlNQTo9>

**Meeting ID:** 841 6502 4685

**Password:** 632760

### Future Programming Notes

It would appear that "Lifelong Learning," the name of our congregation's adult educational program, has gained new meaning during the pandemic in which we find ourselves mired.

We continue to learn our world is one big neighborhood and that nothing and no one can hide from its continually surprising events. However, in the spirit of hopefulness and confidence in the future, we expect our programming will resume again in the fall. This includes the following activities and events:

• **"A Celebration of Goodness"** with speaker Howard Kerner, the third in a series of wonderful presentations about the basic goodness that many Muslims courageously displayed during World War II. This event had originally been planned for May.

• The last of our extensive series dealing with aging issues, **"We're Not Getting any Younger,"** to be presented by Charles Segal, director of the Segal Funeral Home. Everyone who attended the first three sessions of this series will automatically be registered to attend this one at no additional charge.

• **"What's new in the kitchen?"** a series of cooking classes to whet our appetites for good food. We are experiencing the surprise and dismay of restaurants open for take-out only, requiring us to do more cooking at home. Let's learn some new recipes, as well as replicating how our

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The monthly meeting for members of the Life Long Learning committee will be held in abeyance for May and June. Meanwhile, suggestions for future plans are always welcome. Please write to [chinadolljp@verizon.net](mailto:chinadolljp@verizon.net) or call (813) 748-8042.

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## EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

This has been quite a year at our religious school.

We were most fortunate to work with Rabbi Bryan who has led us in prayer, provided special programming, and conducted several special holiday celebrations. We have been blessed to have amazing teachers: Christine Stockelman, Anna Feldman with our youngest students, Sandy Santucci for grades 2 and 3, Michael Lubin for grades 4 and 5, and Rudina Richter in grades 6 and 7. We were assisted by our wonderful aide, Davina Feldman. Most importantly, we have had the honor of working with your children.

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Then, COVID-19 arrived, our onsite school ended, and we moved to an online program with the month of April and will continue through the end of the year. We are so enjoying working with your children electronically.

During the summer, we will be working toward further enhancing our programming to meet the needs of these students.

Upcoming schedule for May is as follows:

▪ **LIVESTREAM EVENT Sunday, May 3, at 10 a.m.**, all students and teachers are invited to join us. Our day will begin with a worship service with Rabbi Bryan at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a discussion with Rabbi Bryan about Shavuot and the Ten Commandments.

### Are You Smarter Than a Hebrew Schooler Level 2?

We will be starting the next level of this special program soon.

Please contact the Jenny, our CBS administrator, if you would like to sign up. You can reach the temple office at 813-681-6547 or email [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).



### BESTY BEAT

For more information about our Jewish youth group, please visit our congregation website at <https://bethshalom-brandon.org/community/youth/> or call the congregation office at 813-681-6547 and speak to our administrator.



▪ **Sunday, May 10**, religious school is closed for Mother's Day. Have a great weekend!

▪ **LIVESTREAM EVENT Sunday, May 17, at 9 a.m.**, special programming will be provided by Rabbi Bryan. We will end promptly at 9:45 a.m., as our annual meeting begins at 10. All students and teachers are invited to join in. There will be no report cards for our second semester. **Please note our early start time.**

To access all programming, click on: <https://zoom.us/j/98112956059?pwd=Qok5SEgSc2dVZG9wNlBoRWdWWUxidzo9>  
Meeting ID: 981 1295 6059  
Password: 459549

Especially watch for announcements regarding our Open House for registration.

### Bar/Bat Mitzvah Listings

If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to [thekibbitzer@hotmail.com](mailto:thekibbitzer@hotmail.com) by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.



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## CONGREGATION WISH LIST

Financially supporting the synagogue is the responsibility of the entire Jewish community so that it can continue to exist and grow for everyone, both now and in the future. Items are often "wished" for to add to our spiritual home. Below are a few of our most frequently requested items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:



While monetary donations are welcomed, encouraged, and needed and can be used where the temple needs it most, we know sometimes people prefer concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. We hope this list is helpful. Before making an in-kind contribution, due to limited storage space, please contact the temple first to be sure the item is still on the list.

### Interior wish list:

- Large print copies of Mishkan HaNefesh
- two 4-foot tall bookcases for classrooms
- 60 wine glasses and water glasses (plain not decorative)
- 8 white large round table cloths
- 3 large round tables (to replace the broken ones)
- 10 deadbolt door locks
- School supplies and crafts

### Exterior wish list:

- 40 bags of red mulch
- Pavers for the path to the fire pit
- Awnings for office entrance



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## ANNUAL MEETING AND SLATE OF OFFICERS

The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 17, at 10 a.m. The Nominating Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is a list of the slate of leadership for the two-year term.

President	Steve Slavkin
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Toby Koch
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Sheryl Finke
Secretary	Dave Friedman (1-year term)

### Members at Large

Gabe Lifschitz  
Sande Pelk  
Michael Lubin

The following positions are in their second year of a two-year term; no vote is needed:

Treasurer	Allan Weber
Member at Large	Mitch Baylis
Member at Large	Julie Enszer
Member at Large	Lea Garbett

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

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



## DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

To everyone who enjoys Dinner With the Tribe,

Eating a nice meal with people we know, and not having to cook for ourselves or clean up afterward is one of life's joys. We look forward to resuming these adventures as soon as we can. Meanwhile, if you know some good restaurants to go to, please don't hesitate to let us know about them.

Send an email to Anita, [niewdnarb@yahoo.com](mailto:niewdnarb@yahoo.com) and when things open up, we can try out new places together again.

Stay strong and healthy,  
Anita

## Ladies Night Out

2nd Tuesday of each month  
6:30pm

**Enjoy a night out with the ladies of CBS!**

We will dine at local restaurants, attend cooking demos, get creative with art/craft classes, play bunco, enjoy pot luck dinners, and more!



**April 14      May 12      June 9**

Restaurants / activities will be announced  
in the weekly eblast.



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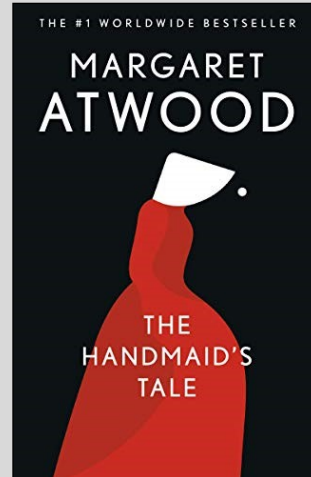
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## PAGE TURNERS

Monday, May 18, 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 part-time.



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## JEWISH COOKING

By Marissa Solomon and taken from  
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Lag BaOmer is a festive day of outdoor celebration. Especially in Israel, many people celebrate with picnics and barbecues and use bonfires to symbolize the light of Torah.

You don't need to be in Israel to celebrate this festive day the Israeli way. Here is a recipe you can use to host your own festive and delicious Lag BaOmer picnic or barbecue.

Grilled Steak with Chimichurri Sauce and Orange Slices (by Tina Wasserman)

### Ingredients:

#### CHIMICHURRI SAUCE:

1/2 cup tightly packed parsley  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
4 cloves of garlic, chopped  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt  
1 teaspoon black peppercorns  
2 1/2 tablespoons sherry vinegar  
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil



#### STEAK AND GARNISH:

1 1/2 pounds steak (rib eye, skirt, or club)  
4 navel or Valencia oranges  
Flour tortillas (optional)

### Directions:

Combine the first 8 ingredients in a processor work bowl. Pulse on and off until the garlic and parsley appear to be minced and make a coarse paste.

Add the vinegar and olive oil, and pulse until well blended. Let the mixture sit for a few hours to allow the flavors to meld.

Brush steaks with 2 tablespoons of the sauce and let sit for 1/2 hour. Marinate skirt steak in half of the sauce for 3-4 hours to tenderize.

Cut the tops and bottoms off the oranges and cut away all of the rind, leaving a ball of orange. Slice the oranges horizontally into 1/4-inch slices. Set aside.

Grill the steak over medium-hot coals until medium rare (about 10 minutes per inch of thickness of steak.)

Slice the steak across the grain and place on the center of a platter. Place the orange slices around the meat and drizzle with some of the remaining chimichurri sauce.

Note: If you like, you may place some of the meat, sauce, and oranges in a tortilla and wrap it up, like eating fajitas. This is not traditional but fun!

## 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.

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.

A colorful graphic for the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF). It features the text "Jewish? Need College \$?" in large, stylized letters. Below this, it says "Apply" in a large, orange script font. To the right of "Apply" are two boxes indicating the application period: "MAR 1 THROUGH APR 30" and "SEPT 1 THROUGH SEPT 30". Below "Apply" is the text "LEARN MORE AT JELF.ORG" in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a purple graduation cap icon and the text "Help us help you!" in a blue, handwritten-style font. The background is blue with white stars and lines.



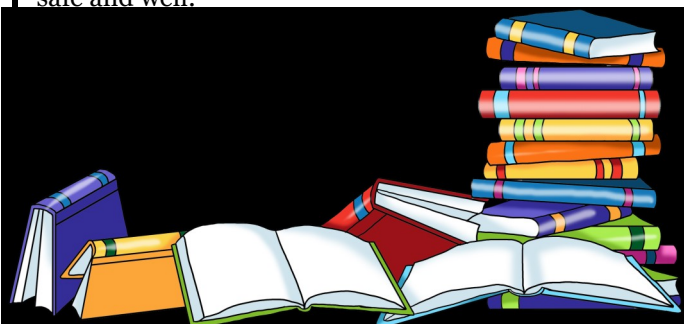
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## THE LIBRARY CORNER

— Sandy Saviet & David Richter

Though our temple library was closed in April, thank you to those of you who contributed books in early and late March. We do ask that when you contribute books to our library, you leave a note as to who contributed so that you may receive a personal acknowledgment. Hopefully, the library will re-open in May. I am currently reading *The Jew Store* by Stella Suberman. I am finding it very insightful as to what my paternal grandparents may have experienced in the early 20th century when they owned a small department store in Beloit, Wisconsin. Stay safe and well.



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5/7 Bonnie & Jeffrey Jacob  
5/9 Ken & MarDee Buchman  
5/10 Denise & Allan Weber  
5/22 Mags & Richard Oldman  
5/29 Neal & Janet Kavesh



## Yahrzeits

5/1	Shirley	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sheryl	Finke
5/2	Alice	Koch	Mother	of	Toby	Koch
5/2	Rose	Reisner	Grandmother	of	Gary	Ronay
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5/2	Philip	Gold	Father	of	Carol	Balent
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5/4	Elmer	Kalbas	Father	of	Bill	Kalbas
5/6	Marilyn G.	Rowen	Sister	of	Judith	Pliner
5/7	Fanny	Bollinger Zalka	Grandmother	of	Robin	Rogovin
5/7	Katherine	Verlin	Mother	of	Michael	Verlin
5/10	Anna	Kobler	Grandmother	of	Stephen	Feldman
5/11	Sable M.	Zazulia	Mother	of	Iylene	Miller
5/11	Marvin D.	Slavkin	Father	of	Steve	Slavkin
5/13	Paul D.	Goldstein	Father	of	Judith	Pliner
5/13	Laura	Gold	Mother	of	Marty	Gold
5/14	Max	Zander	Uncle	of	Diane	Jacobson
5/16	Richard	Ellis	Father	of	Jonathan	Ellis
5/16	Ethel	Feinstein	Relative	of	Ronna	Feinstein
5/20	Bernie	Friedman	Father	of	David	Friedman
5/21	Betty	Armus	Mother	of	Sheila	Fishman
5/27	Paul	Neff	Grandfather	of	Scott	Ellis
5/28	Hyman	Strauss	Father	of	J.E.	MacNuaghton
5/29	Susana	Blake	Friend	of	Kathryn	Kepes
5/29	Jack	Lubin	Father	of	Michael	Lubin
5/30	Alan	Friedman	Father	of	Lisa	Smith
5/30	Clara	Shienbaum	Mother	of	Marvin	Shienbaum



## Birthdays

5/2 Mike Garbett  
5/3 Rebecca Dimant  
5/3 Emily Dimant  
5/7 Martie Spaier  
5/9 Jackie Feldman  
5/12 Mitchell Baylis  
5/13 Ella Barnett  
5/13 Mary Ann Yavelow  
5/15 Jack Kaler  
5/15 Jeff Newman  
5/16 Jacob Wetsman  
5/18 Cassie Newman  
5/22 Neal Kavesh  
5/23 Kelsey Frye  
5/27 Carol Hindin  
5/28 Betsy Glickman  
5/29 Zachary Zweibach  
5/29 Michael Ellis  
5/30 Heather Spaier  
5/31 Loranah Dimant

## 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:

**May 22**

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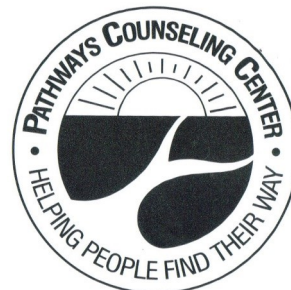
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3 10 AM Religious School On- line Programming via Zoom	4	5 Board Mtg	6	7	8 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	9
10 Happy Mother's Day	11 LAG BAOMER	12 LAG BAOMER	13	14	15 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	16
17 9 AM Religious School On-line Pro- gramming 18 10 AM Annual Meeting Let's Chat 3 PM - Via Zoom	18 Page Tuners 6PM	19	20 7:30PM Ritual Mtg	21	22 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	23
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