

# The Kibbitzer

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**FROM THE RABBI** - *Rabbi Paul Schreiber, Reb Tuviah*

This High Holiday season, 5781, is upon us and proves to be unique in most of our lives. The idea of a closed synagogue and the inability to gather with one another for these most precious days is something most if not all of us have ever experienced before. And so, we should be asking ourselves an important question: "How will I be observing the High Holidays this year?" Of course, if I were approached and asked that question, I, as a rabbi, would answer, "Attend services in any which way possible!"

What will that look like this year? Well, in two words ... Zoom and Facebook. We have all come to learn this form of technology, and even those who could barely find the power button on their computer are now commenting in the chat window, sharing their screens, and, most importantly, muting and unmuting when appropriate! And so, to continue my answer to the question posed, virtual live streaming is the way to attend a holiday service. Is it my first choice? I can answer that with a resounding NO! But it is our only choice, and for that we must be thankful; we must be grateful. My fear is that some people will choose not to attend services virtually because that's just simply not the way we've ever done it before. I completely understand that feeling, but any student of history would be hard-pressed to find an extended period of time when the Jewish people were not put in uncomfortable situations. Throughout the history of the Jews, we have found ourselves in times where our temple doors have been shuttered, where we have been forced to observe our holy calendar in unique and challenging ways. This, by no means, is the first time we have been forced to do things differently. When looking back in our history, we find times when not only were the temple doors closed, but our synagogues were actually burned to the ground and our holy Torah scrolls thrown in fire pits while we, as a people, watched in helpless agony as those who persecuted us had their way. We stood by and watched as they attempted to destroy our faith and destroy us as a people.

When I think of the situation we are in today, although extremely uncomfortable and monumentally difficult for so many of us, I can't help but think there just may be another way to view all that has and continues to happen. In no way am I intending to suggest our pain is not real, but what I am saying is that we as a people have seen much worse, and, in reality, the situation we find ourselves is survivable and even at times beneficial. Our temple doors have not been shuttered because those who hate us have locked the doors. We chose to lock our own doors for the sake of the public good. We are still free to practice our faith as we see fit, our families are not separated, and our Torah scrolls are safe. There have been no laws put in place prohibiting the learning of Torah but rather, due to virtual technology, we have been afforded opportunities of Jewish learning we've never had access to before. For our sect of Judaism, services have not been canceled. Instead there's been more activity than ever before as attendance at so many of our virtual offerings far exceed the numbers we've experienced in the past.

So at this point, one might assess I am advocating for closed doors and continued virtual services. Nothing could be further than the truth! I long for the day to be back in the synagogue, in our beautiful sanctuary, praying, singing and learning together as a family. But in the meantime, my heart's desire is that we will maintain that closeness, albeit virtually, by attending all of the High Holiday services. Now more than ever it is most important to stay connected to our faith and to each other in any way we can. Rather than place your focus on what is different this year, I ask you to focus on what is the same: the High Holiday melodies that we will indeed be hearing, the stories we will be told, the familiar prayers and the familiar sounds ... all that has kept Judaism alive for thousands of years. I ask you to embrace this time as we are all given the unique opportunity to explore these Days of Awe on a much more personal note than we've ever had before. Perhaps you will learn something about yourself and your own unique Jewish path as this High Holiday season just may be the most personal and reflective season of your life!



## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Steve Slavkin

As 5781 approaches, I want to wish you and your family a L'shana tova and look forward to having you celebrate the High Holy Days with Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon.

On behalf of the congregation, its board of directors and me,

Please see page 10 for a complete list of our High Holiday services.

I want to recognize that we are far from perfect, and we do make mistakes. To the extent we have done something hurtful, please accept my apology. If there is something which you think we

could do better, please just let me know. I want to hear what you have to say. We, as a congregation, want to improve. We need to ensure Congregation Beth Shalom is a place that you enjoy and where you feel at home.

We remain committed to making Congregation Beth Shalom the center of Jewish life in Brandon and eastern Hillsborough County. This has been our mission since the congregation was formed 30 years ago. We provide not only a physical location but a place for our community to learn (Torah), pray (Avodah), and serve (G'milut Chasadim).

We need to be a congregation that practices Big Tent Judaism where all are welcome and you get to be the Jew you want to be. We need to open dialogues so that we appreciate alternative approaches and thought processes and to reach consensus on those things that we all, as Jews, hold most sacred.

We are committed to families in which only one spouse is Jewish, to be welcoming and respectful to the non-Jewish spouse. We are committed to teaching our children what it means to be Jewish, our traditions, and to ensure we are doing what is needed so the next generation can carry on the traditions and beliefs that have been established over the past 5,000 years.

From Isaiah 58: 12, "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations. You will be called the Repairer of the Broken Walls, Restorer of Paths to dwell in." This prophecy was fulfilled when the Second Temple was built in Jerusalem after Cyrus the Great of Persia allowed the Jews to return to Israel, ending the First Exile.

We too, as a community, must rebuild Congregation Beth Shalom, the House of Peace. We desperately need your assistance to maintain our programming and the services we offer our community. This year the congregation is facing greater financial pressure than it has faced since I have been a member. To the extent you are donating this year, please give some thought to increasing the gift you made last year.

Please give some thought to what a meaningful gift would be and consider making that gift.



If you are in a position that you are truly unable to give any gift, even \$18, we understand and want to assure you that you remain an important member of our community.

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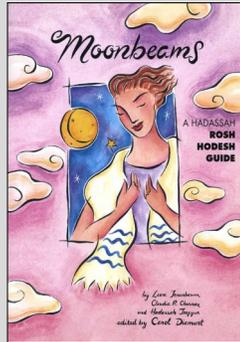
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- ☆ **Youth group programming**
- ☆ **Adult Education classes**
- ☆ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



## Upcoming Dates To Remember

- **Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night In. See page 8 for more information.
- **Saturday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.:** Selichot
- **Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.:** Erev Rosh Hashanah
- **Saturday, Sept. 19:** Rosh Hashanah 1st day
  - 10 a.m.: Morning Service
  - 3 p.m.: by Tashlich service at Brandon Parkway Trail, 600 Pauls Drive, Brandon
- **Sunday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.:** Rosh Hashanah 2nd day
- **Monday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.:** Page Turners. See page 4 for details.
- **Friday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.:** Shabbat Shuvah
- **Sunday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.:** Memorial Service at Beth Shalom Cemetery in Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, 2323 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon.
- **Sunday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.:** Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidrei
- **Monday, Sept. 28:** Yom Kippur
  - 10 a.m.: Morning Service
  - 12:30 p.m.: Yizkor Memorial Service
  - 2:30 p.m.: Study Session with Reb Tuviah
  - 4:30 p.m.: Yom Kippur Afternoon Service/Ne'ila
- **Sunday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars
- **Saturday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.:** Simchat Torah.



*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.**

## September Oneg Schedule

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

We hope you and your family are doing well.

The Oneg Committee has not scheduled oneg hosts for the month of September.

Since the temple has been closed for more than three months, we are waiting for our executive board to notify us as soon as they are able to determine at which time they feel it is safe to re-open the synagogue.

Once we have been given the heads up, we will contact the oneg hosts, who so generously offered to take a date in April–August, to see if they are available for a future date.

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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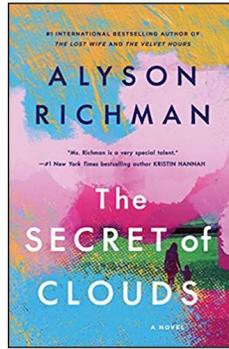
### Weekly Email Blast submissions

[bethshalominfo@gmail.com](mailto:bethshalominfo@gmail.com)  
eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 4 p.m.

## PAGE TURNERS

Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., Page Turners will meet to discuss *The Secret of Clouds* by Alyson Richman.

*The Secret of Clouds* is from the international bestselling author of *The Lost Wife* and *The Velvet Hours*. It is an emotionally charged story about a mother's love, a teacher's promise, and a child's heart. Katya, a rising ballerina, and Sasha, a graduate student, are young and in love when an unexpected tragedy befalls their native Kiev. Years later, after the couple has safely emigrated to America, the consequences of this incident cause their son, Yuri, to be born with a rare health condition that isolates him from other children. Maggie, a passionate and dedicated teacher, agrees to tutor Yuri at his home, even though she is haunted by her own painful childhood memories. As the two forge a deep and soulful connection, Yuri's boundless curiosity and unique wisdom inspires Maggie to make difficult changes in her own life. And she'll never realize just how strong Yuri has made her—until she needs that strength the most.



A novel that will make readers examine what it means to live life with a full heart.

## COLLEGE CONNECTION

Congregation Beth Shalom wants to wish all of our college students a successful year!

Whether this is their first year away from home or they are ready to graduate, CBS wants our college students to know we are thinking of them throughout the year.

College Connection is open to all former and current members with students 18-23 years old.

To participate, please complete the form below for each college-age student in your family and email it to [CBSMembership@hotmail.com](mailto:CBSMembership@hotmail.com).

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### **Dinner With the Tribe**

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**Kudos & Mazels**

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

**KUDOS**

- Kudos to all those who organized and attended the congregation open house.
- Kudos to all our CBS families and students for their flexibility with back to school.



*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**

Membership is excited our High Holiday services will be free as livestream to all members and nonmembers. Please be sure to share this information and links on your neighborhood social media pages.

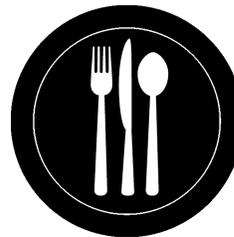


The best way to get our name and information out is from our great existing families. Feel free to share our email address [CBSmembership@hotmail.com](mailto:CBSmembership@hotmail.com) to anyone who asks about us!

Please also be sure to check out the article "College Connection" on page 4. We are looking forward to keeping our college-age members involved in our vibrant community.

– Lea Garbett

**DINNER WITH THE TRIBE —  
Anita Clifford**



Look for information in the eblast about our upcoming virtual Dinner With The Tribe nights.

We can gather by the glow of our screens to stay in touch!

Anita Clifford  
[niewdnarb@yahoo.com](mailto:niewdnarb@yahoo.com)

**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/operating-budget/>

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.



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## LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman

### 10 Things I Learned on My Summer Quarantine

Since my children nagged me sufficiently to get me to spend a prolonged visit (six weeks) at my daughter's home in River Forest, Illinois, I thought I would share "What I Learned on my Summer Vacation" with you all.



Members of the Lifelong Learning Committee attend monthly meetings, share ideas and suggestions, and assist and attend events sponsored by the committee. We welcome Caren Magdavitz as a new member of the committee, and we are always happy to include new faces. To join, please write to [chinadolljp@verizon.net](mailto:chinadolljp@verizon.net) or call (813) 748-8042.

1. I learned that it's easier to get tested for COVID-19 in Illinois than in Florida. By appointment, I waited six days for the test, and then 15 minutes for the results.
2. I learned a lot of things from my 15-year-old granddaughter, including that you can make pancakes by preparing the batter and baking in the oven, instead of frying. I also learned it is possible to accompany a driver who has only a permit without tearing your hair out or getting scared out of your wits. She also taught me to accept the fact she is not ready for me to teach her how to parallel park.
3. I learned I was probably overzealous by having cooked a different meal every night during my 24-year marriage while my daughter cooks 3-4 times a week and invites everyone to help themselves to leftovers on the other nights.
4. I learned my grandchildren could beat me in both canasta

and gin rummy.

5. I realized I was unable to learn the new TV channels, but simultaneously had forgotten my own TV channels by the time I returned home. I also learned there is something called "Apple" TV, a total mystery still.
6. I learned to make a wonderful salad of fresh tomatoes and mozzarella with red onion and a little dressing. It's nice to add marinated artichokes also.
7. I learned I could adapt to a whole new pattern of life in another home, one in which four adults each had a separate room with a computer and phone and could work competently all day.
8. I learned it's still not safe to put me in a house with lots of chocolate and boxes of ice cream in the freezer.
9. I learned that shopping at Costco, even with a mask on, is a pleasurable experience.
10. And lastly, I learned how wonderful it was to return to my own home!!

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#### CBS Adult Education

### Are You Smarter Than a Hebrew Schooler Level 1, 2, and 3?

This 8-week course is only \$18!

We will be meeting in person and at the congregation. Day and times will be announced after CBS reopens our doors.

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## EDUCATION

We are so excited to begin another school year at Congregation Beth Shalom and we hope the children are just as excited! Our religious school will meet on Sundays at 10 am.

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

For now, and in the interest of everyone's safety, we will be meeting virtually via Zoom. Let's get ready for a great year at CBS!

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our religious school program, please contact Reb Tuviah directly at [rebtuviah@gmail.com](mailto:rebtuviah@gmail.com).



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## CONFIRMATION

**Calling all teens who want to continue to explore his/her growth and knowledge of Judaism, Jewish thought, and Jewish life!**

Plans are now under way with Reb Tuviah to meet with our confirmation students, youth group members, and any interested teens ages 13-16 effective with the 2020-21 school year. We are considering meeting monthly, but no specific dates have been identified.



Topics being considered for these meetings could include:

- how to address modern issues within the text of Jewish law,
- ethical practices,
- the place of Israel in our lives,
- anti-Semitism and racism, and
- other religions.

However, we welcome any suggestions from our youth or their parents.

With your help, the curriculum can be exciting and interesting –and we hope to provide further conversations within families about Judaism and Jewish life.

If you have any suggestions for this program, please reach out to Reb Tuviah at [rebtuviah@gmail.com](mailto:rebtuviah@gmail.com) or the temple office.

### 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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**Ladies Night In**

**Tuesday, September 8th**

2nd Tuesday of each month

6:30pm

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

Join us for a Zoom get-together to connect with friends & welcome Nancy to Congregation Beth Shalom

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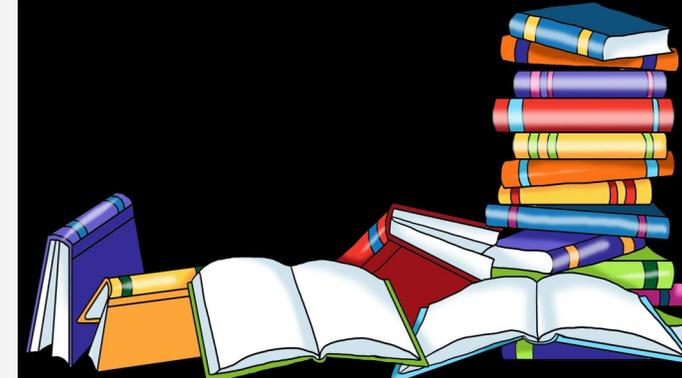
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**THE LIBRARY CORNER**  
— Sandy Saviet

Once a month, our religious school students visit the library and learn about the various books we have available (based on their interests) for them to take home and read. Cooking, music and the Holocaust are very popular subjects. Did you know that we have in our library a children's Chanukah counting book that is printed in English, Hebrew & Yiddish?

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**Our virtual services will be streamed online on our Facebook page or participate and request a Zoom link**

Selichot - Sat. 9/12/20 at 6 PM  
Erev Rosh Hashanah - Fri. 9/18/20 at 7:30 PM  
Rosh Hashanah (First Day) - Sat. 9/19/20 at 10 AM  
Tashlich Service - Sat. 9/19/20 at 3 PM (Brandon Parkway Trail)\*  
Rosh Hashanah (Second Day) - Sun. 9/20/20 at 10 AM  
Memorial Service at HMG - Sun. 9/27/20 at 10 AM

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) - Sun. 9/27/20 at 7:30 PM  
Yom Kippur Morning Service - Mon. 9/28/20 at 10 AM  
Yizkor Memorial Service- Mon. 9/28/20 at 12:30 PM  
Study Session - Mon. 9/28/20 at 2:30 PM  
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service/Ne'ilah - Mon. 9/28/20 at 4:30 PM  
  
Sukkot Under the Stars - Sun. 10/4/20 at 6 PM (tentative outdoors)

\* 600 Pauls Drive - in person

*See our website for additional information.*

All are welcomed to participate in the spiritually meaningful High Holiday services this year at CBS for free. Join our community to celebrate this important time in the safety of your own home.

We so appreciate your support and would ask that you increase your donation this year so that we may continue to provide special programming through 5781

## Reb Tuviah and our congregational family welcome you

We hope to see you in person....soon!

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***"Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined" - Talmud***  
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## HIGH HOLIDAYS



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- **Saturday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.:** Selichot
- **Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.:** Erev Rosh Hashanah
- **Saturday, Sept. 19:** Rosh Hashanah 1st day
  - 10 a.m.: Morning Service
  - 3 p.m.: by Tashlich service at Brandon Parkway Trail, 600 Pauls Drive, Brandon
- **Sunday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.:** Rosh Hashanah 2nd day
- **Friday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.:** Shabbat Shuvah
- **Sunday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.:** Memorial Service at Beth Shalom Cemetery in Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, 2323 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon, with Rabbi Jason Rosenberg of Temple Beth Am
- **Sunday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.:** Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidrei
- **Monday, Sept. 28:** Yom Kippur
  - 10 a.m.: Morning Service
  - 12:30 p.m.: Yizkor Memorial Service
  - 2:30 p.m.: Study Session with Reb Tuviah
  - 4:30 p.m.: Yom Kippur Afternoon Service/ Ne'ila
- **Sunday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars
- **Saturday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.:** Simchat Torah. We will begin with Havdalah and continue with our Simchat Torah celebration.

All are welcome to participate in the spiritually meaningful High Holy Days Services this year at CBS. If you are aware of anyone interested in joining our community to celebrate this important time with us, please direct them to the Temple Administrator Jenny Allen at (813) 681-6547.

**All events will be live-streamed from CBS with Reb Tuviah and Sandy Santucci, or from Temple Beth David with Reb Tuviah and a professional cantor, except the Sunday, Sept. 27, Memorial Service. Please see the eblast for details and links.**

Shalom to my congregational family and guests to this edition to *The Kibbitzer!* I hope this email finds everyone safe and healthy.

We are now approaching the beginning of a new Jewish year, 5781. This is the time that we must reflect on our past year and how we have lived our lives as Jews. We must take this time to consider our past, change our present, and build for our future. We must decide how we wish to live 5781 in a meaningful way, honoring our Jewish traditions.

The High Holy Days are always a busy time at Congregation Beth Shalom. To help you navigate the holidays, we are including the High Holy Days schedule. We of the Ritual Committee encourage you to attend the Selichot service and our High Holy Days Services, led by our Reb Tuviah and Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci.

As is our custom at CBS, we will offer our full complement



of services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Shortly after Yom Kippur, we celebrate Sukkot Under The Stars, and then close the High Holy Days Season with our Simchat Torah celebration.

You should be receiving your High Holy Days Packets in the mail, where you will find a schedule of all events and your tickets. Please bring the tickets to temple during the High Holidays for admission to services as a security measure. Worship services will be offered virtually via Zoom and the Congregation Beth Shalom Facebook page.

The packet will also include additional information about High Holy Days traditions and customs, as well as our usual materials, including information about our Tree of Life and Yahrzeit Plaque opportunities.

Also, for those who observe Yizkor, PLEASE remember to fill out the Book of Remembrance (BOR) form and follow the instructions for returning it. Add any new names you wish to have read as part of the service. If you had names included in it last year, you should have had those names included with your BOR form in this year's packet. Please take a moment to check the names and spellings to ensure there are no errors. (If there are, please correct and return—if there are not, please still return the form!) Copies of this form can also be found on the congregation website ([www.bethshalom-brandon.org](http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org)), the High Holidays 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 Holy Days information and links to the virtual services.

## HIGH HOLIDAY GIVING — Steve Feldman

### ***Save Money on Your Taxes with a Qualifying Charitable Distribution (Maybe)***

According to Charity Navigator, charitable giving is a great way to support organizations like Congregation Beth Shalom with the added bonus of earning a greater tax deduction. Here's what you need to know that may help you save some money on your taxes this year (and in future years as well), especially if you use the standard deduction when filing your taxes. If you are 70 1/2 or older, have a qualifying retirement plan and help support a qualifying tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity such as CBS, you can request that a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) be sent directly to your supported charity. You could then advise your plan administrator to reduce your retirement income by the amount of your charitable gift. That way you can avoid paying taxes on your donation because your gifted amount effectively lowers your adjusted gross income.

Due to the recent increases in the standard deduction, many fewer taxpayers now itemize on Schedule A, making this up-front deduction potentially even more important. So, using an IRA to make a charitable donation can help lower a tax bill and help a worthy cause! In addition, your plan can send your gift in (for example) monthly, quarterly or yearly installments to the qualifying charity and then reduce your income distribution accordingly if you so direct. You would get less money from your IRA but if you were donating to the charity anyway, it is a wash and you are saving money on your taxes. Your gift can be deducted from your reported income by your plan at your request, thereby reducing your tax burden.

Here's how it works: Say your monthly dues to CBS is \$150 and you make a High Holiday pledge of \$600 this year. You instruct your retirement plan to deduct \$300 per month, starting in September, for the next four months until the end of the year (\$150 for dues and \$150 towards your HHD pledge). Your donation of \$1200 by the end of the year can then, at your request, reduce your income by that amount—\$1200 (if you wish), a deduction from your income on which you would owe no taxes. Further, if you have to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) because you are 72 or older, you can instruct your retirement plan to reduce your RMD by the amount of your yearly gift if you wish, leaving more money in your retirement plan. This is not necessary this year because in 2020 you are not required to take an RMD.

That's a quick look at this relatively new tax strategy. Since I am not a tax professional, please contact your retirement plan administrator and your tax advisor or accountant if you have one to see if you would benefit implementing this plan. Questions? Contact Steve Feldman at 707-628-5272 or [smfeldman01@gmail.com](mailto:smfeldman01@gmail.com). Reference: Can I Use Money from my IRA to Donate to Charity ([www.investopedia.com](http://www.investopedia.com))

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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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**Donations listed below were received between July 16 and August 15.**

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## Anniversaries

- 9/2 Sandee & James Pelk
- 9/3 Michael & Martie Spaier
- 9/4 Chris & Christine Stockelman
- 9/14 Tammie & Michael Hebert



## Yahrzeits

9/1	Fay	Greenfield	Mother	of	Lawrence	Greenfield
9/1	Seymour	Chassen	Father	of	Andrea	Chassen
9/1	Issac	Shienbaum	Father	of	Marvin	Shienbaum
9/2	Edna	Jacobson	Mother	of	Peter	Jacobson
9/6	Raymond	Sperry	Father	of	Bruce	Sperry
9/6	Dr. Lewis	Bolnick	Father	of	Jay	Bolnick
9/7	Carl	Miller	Father	of	Sheryl	Finke
9/7	Sheryl	Knight	Sister	of	Bonnie	Jacob
9/9	Elwin	Saviet	Father	of	Howard	Saviet
9/10	Lenore	Ber	Mother	of	Jill	Oppolo
9/14	Louis	Green	Step Father	of	Carolyn	Miller
9/15	Morris	Brandwein	Father	of	Anita	Clifford
9/16	Rose	Skop	Grandmother	of	Nancy	Landfish
9/16	Michelle	Jacobson	Niece	of	Peter & Diane	Jacobson
9/19	Dorothy S.	Goldstein	Mother	of	Judith	Pliner
9/20	Pauline	Magdovitz	Mother in Law	of	Caren	Magdovitz
9/21	Sally	Gaba	Grandmother	of	Leslie	Boyar
9/21	Becky	Smith	Grandmother	of	Lynn	Kaler
9/21	Louis	Kaplan	Father	of	Janice	Perelman
9/22	Murray	Siegel	Grandfather	of	Eric	Miller
9/23	Herb	Goldberg	Husband	of	Ruth	Goldberg
9/23	Sharon	Leibowitz	Sister	of	Gail	Verlin
9/23	Dorothy	Brown	Mother	of	Stephen	Zweibach
9/24	Ladislau	Karczag	Cousin	of	Anita	Clifford
9/25	Rabbi Karl	Richter	Father	of	David	Richter
9/26	Eugene	Zazulia	Grandfather	of	Iylene	Miller
9/28	Helen	Reisner	Aunt	of	Gary	Ronay
9/28	John	Grimm	Husband	of	Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
9/28	Antal	Reisner	Uncle	of	Gary	Ronay
9/28	Adolph	Reisner	Uncle	of	Gary	Ronay
9/28	Rose	Glickman	Grandmother	of	Betsy	Glickman
9/29	Jack	Kaler	Father	of	Larry	Kaler
9/29	Michael	Ronay Reisner	Father	of	Gary	Ronay
9/29	Regina	Metz	Grandmother	of	Bill	Kalbas



## Birthdays

- 9/1 Seth Dugan
- 9/1 Logan Blade Alexander
- 9/2 Aurora Glory Oldman
- 9/3 Joan Frankel
- 9/6 Landri Raine Ellis
- 9/6 Brady Garbett
- 9/6 Stephen Zweibach
- 9/6 Mark H. Kavesh
- 9/15 Gabe Lifschitz
- 9/16 Jared Baessell
- 9/18 Brielle Zweibach
- 9/21 Christine Stockelman
- 9/23 Steve Slavkin
- 9/23 Max Newman
- 9/26 Zachary Hebert
- 9/26 Tammie Hebert
- 9/28 Alan Weiss
- 9/29 Janice Perelman

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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# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 PM Board Mtg	2 Mens Club (Tentative)	3	4 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	5
6 No Religious School	7 Labor Day	8 6:30 PM Ladies Night Out	9	10 6:30 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting	11 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	12 7 PM Selichot
13 9:30 AM Religious School (RS)	14	15	16	17	18 8 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	19 10 AM RH Day 1, 3 PM Tashlich Service
20 No Religious School 10 AM RH Day 2 Service	21 6 PM Page Turners	22	23 6:30 PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30 PM Ritual Mtg	24	25 7:00PM Shabbat Shuvah	26
27 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre	28 10 AM YK Service 12:30 PM Yizkor 2:30 PM Study Session 4:30 PM Afternoon Service / Ne'ilah	29	30			

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