

# The Kibbitzer

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

## **Be Proud!**

A few years ago, there was an extremely enlightening survey conducted by the Pew Research Center on American Jews' identity, religious practices, and beliefs. It says much about the current state of Judaism in America and brings to light some of what is working in the organized Jewish community and also some of the challenges we will encounter in the years ahead.

It has always been difficult to estimate the number of Jews in America, since Jewish identity means so many things to different people. Nevertheless, this survey found there are 6.7 million Jews in America, far more than the 5.2 million found in the previous survey. Another important statistic: while ten years ago 93% of people who were raised Jewish and identify as Jewish said that their religion was Judaism, today only 78% do.

And this is where things get interesting. The term "religion" for those surveyed does not seem to be only about theology, God, or religious practice. In fact, only 39% of people who said Judaism is their religion are sure that God or a "higher power" exists. Yet, these Jews by religion (not necessarily "religious Jews") believe that Jews "have a special responsibility to care for other Jews" (72%) and give to Jewish organizations (62%). In a way, religion seems to signify connection to community, values, and tradition more than specifically a connection to God.

But here's the most remarkable number of all: 94%. This is the percentage of American Jews who say they are proud to be Jewish. How can this be? With so many unaffiliated Jews and a large number with little or no connection to Jewish practices or beliefs, nearly all Jews are proud of their heritage. What has changed over the years are the various ways that people can identify as Jews and how others relate to the Jewish community. Unlike in the Old Country and even in the early years of Jewish immigration to America, in contemporary America, being Jewish is a choice. People do not need to act or even identify as Jewish. While some stay connected to Jewish life and community, many don't. But nearly all are proud.

I am proud of what we have done, and continue to do, in our community to be a welcoming and diverse "Center for Jewish Life," and I also know that we are not alone. There is such an incredible growth and flourishing of Jewish life in America, with a new understanding of spirituality, music, education and Yiddishkeit — Jewish culture and life. So, I think we are all doing something right, and we as a community and a people are in just the place we need to be.

What can we learn from this new survey? Stay proud of the way that you are Jewish or connect to Jewish life, and be proud that there are so many ways to be. Beyond belief, practice, politics, theology and everything else that we could be worried about, this is what will keep Judaism strong long into the future.

*L'Shalom,  
Reb Tuviah*



## FROM THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT - *Toby Koch*

It strikes me as rather fortunate, in lieu of a national pandemic requiring masking, social isolation, and separation, that we have a place to go to every Shabbat where we can tune out the trials and tribulations of our daily lives and celebrate the many joys of being part of a vibrant Jewish community with our extended Congregation Beth Shalom family. And now, as I mentioned last month, we have a choice on how to do that. Every other week we can gather by car or in person (with masking and social distancing) outside the CBS building in our parking lot (weather permitting), while every week we can log on to our electronic devices to connect with Zoom and/or Facebook to “attend” Sabbath services. No requirement to dress up; get in the car to drive to CBS and back home. Those who live far away from Brandon (including Israel!) can tune in, thanks to modern technology. It’s not the most desirable situation, but at least it’s available to us. I’m glad to see that many are taking advantage of this opportunity, and I’m hopeful that even more of you will be able to join us for this weekly festive event!

In January, I focused on the pleasures of listening to the melodic cantorial chants Sandy brings us each week. This month, I want to say more about our very gifted Rabbi, Reb Tuviah. He is one of the warmest, enlightening, and informative rabbis I have ever had the pleasure of experiencing. He always brings the Torah and other Jewish scripture and doctrine into modern light in a rather fascinating way that is easy to understand. And his singing and guitar accompaniment elevate our souls, adding to the joy of celebrating this holiday. If you have not attended, I want to invite you to experience Sabbath pleasure with the rabbi and our congregation. I assure you that you will have a most positive experience! Please try to join us if you can.

And let us not forget about our regular Tuesday evening electronic “get-togethers” for some really fascinating adult learning classes in which Reb Tuviah continues to bring the Torah into present-day focus with his midrash, elaborations, and explanations on the scriptures. You might consider these discussion groups as a continuation of the “Bible and Bagels” or the “Taste of Tanach” series of programs we previously had with other rabbis. They are very interactive and engaging, and I can assure you that if you attend and participate you will be sure to learn something new in a most enjoyable way. There is plenty of room “at the table” for you!

One more thing I would like to publicize is a new event for us – the Jewish Healing Circle. This is a brief period of self-healing through song, praying for ourselves and those in need of healing held with the rabbi and another host once a month at 6:30 p.m. – an hour of prayer and reflection and song in the Jewish tradition. Bring a candle for healing our-

selves, our community, and our planet. We certainly need it. This is all on Zoom of course. The next session is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. See you there, and don’t forget the candle.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank Steve Slavkin for all of his efforts in serving as our previous president. It’s an enormous job with enormous responsibility and I know I speak for everyone in expressing our appreciation for his heartfelt efforts. I’m sure we all want to wish him and his family well!



**Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares.**

### We offer:

- ✧ **Friday worship services at 7:30 p.m.**
- ✧ **Religious school pre-k through 10th grade**
- ✧ **Complete B’nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✧ **Youth group programming**
- ✧ **Adult Education classes**
- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



## Upcoming Dates To Remember

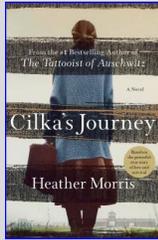


- **Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.:** Jewish healing circle service. More information on page 5.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night In. More information on page 8.

▪ **Sunday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe. More information on page 7.

▪ **Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.:** Page Turners. Details on page 7.

▪ **Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night In. Details on page 8.



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Full calendar, page 15*

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

## February 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 February.

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.

We are considering a plan to have “virtual oneg hosts.” Please let us know if you are interested in this opportunity to honor a special person or date in your life.

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact at Judith 856-816-2174.

*Judith Pliner*



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## SOCIAL ACTION — Judith Pliner

Our community food pantry is open for all in need. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact Judith Pliner at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com) or Suzie Baylis at [all4suzie@gmail.com](mailto:all4suzie@gmail.com).

We are currently seeking donations of the following for our pantry:

- bar soap
- body wash
- laundry detergent
- feminine hygiene products
- kid's cereals
- spaghetti sauce
- toilet paper

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact us. Thank you.

*The Social Action Committee*

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

### Other Programs

**CBS Singles Over 50**

Anita Clifford

**Chavurah**

Anita Clifford

**Dinner With the Tribe**

Anita Clifford

**Interfaith/Outreach**

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Thank you!

### Congregation Beth Shalom - Donation Form

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***"Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined"*** - Talmud  
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**Kudos & Mazels**

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

**MAZELS**

- Mazel tov to **Larry and Lynn Kaler** on your retirement.

**KUDOS**

- Kudos to **all our students** for finishing the first semester of school in this difficult time.
- Kudos to our treasurer **Suzie Baylis** for cutting operating expenses and increasing income.
- Kudos to **Rachel Duncan** for volunteering to be the chairperson of Ladies Night Out and for helping CBS with her technology talents.
- Kudos to **Steve Feldman** for helping make flyers for our congregation events.



*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).*



**Jewish Healing Circle**

As humans, we are all in need of healing.

As friends, caregivers, family members, and planetary citizens, we can pray for ourselves and all those in need of healing.

Let us come together to form a healing community through prayer, reflection and song in our tradition.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 6:30pm**

A link will be emailed to all members and friends.

Please join Reb Tuviah and special guest Sue Gurland for an evening of "Healing Through Song & Chant."

Now more than ever, we need to find that space of healing... for ourselves, for our country and for our planet.

*Please bring a candle to this gathering.*

**MEMBERSHIP**

The best way to get the word out about Congregation Beth Shalom is by our current members. Please continue to promote our events on your neighborhood websites and pages.

Please reach out to us if you have any friends or neighbors who would like more information or are interested in joining our temple.

– Sandee Pelk & Lea Garbett

**A Note About Pastoral Care**

Reb Tuviah wants to know when congregants are in need of pastoral care.



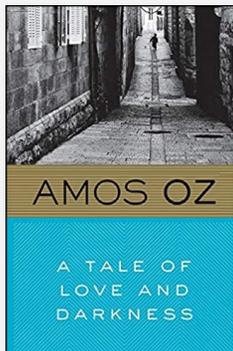
This includes but is not limited to: when our congregants or their family members are in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or otherwise may need his support.

If you hear about a congregant in need, please contact Reb Tuviah directly at [rebtuviah@gmail.com](mailto:rebtuviah@gmail.com)

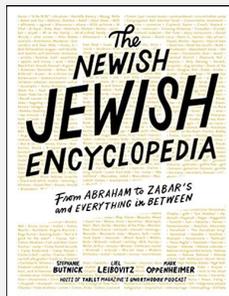
## THE LIBRARY CORNER

### —Sandy Saviet

This month I am continuing my list of recommended books taken from *Moment Magazine's* "Must Read Books to be an Educated Jew," and I have added a recommendation from the January/February 2021 *Hadassah* magazine. This month's selections are:

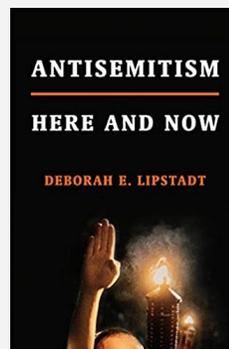


Two books recommended by Erika Dreifus, who is a historian, a fiction writer, a teacher and author of *Birthright: Poems*. They are *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz and *The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia* by Stephanie

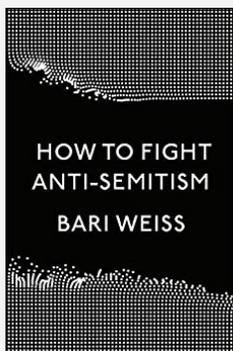


Butnick, Liel Lebovitz and Mark Oppenheimer.

Rabbi Jason Miller, who is a conservative Rabbi, founded a successful kosher certification agency and owns an IT company, recommends any books written by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

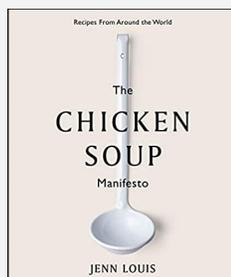


Deborah Lipstadt, who has spoken in Tampa in the past few years, has a book that is timely. The title is *Anti-Semitism: Here and Now*.



Bari Weiss, who has also been a guest speaker in Tampa recently, has also written a book about the rise of *Anti-Semitism*. The title is *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*.

And my last selection is a cookbook that may appeal to "foodies." It is *The Chicken Soup Manifesto* by Jenn Louis. This book is filled with 130 recipes from around the world, all based on the chicken and the broth. Ms. Louis, according to the article, has also written cookbooks about pasta and greens.



I wish all of our readers a safe, healthy few months. And try not to trip on area rugs in the middle of the night. (That's a message to myself.) 😊

## Shalom Jenny

Sadly, Jenny Allen, is no longer the administrative director of Congregation Beth Shalom. Jenny is an amazing person. For personal reasons Jenny tendered her letter of resignation in August 2020. But she did not just leave. She stayed on to help us through the High Holy Days. Then she stayed to make sure the office was organized. She helped us out even during times of great personal stress. That demonstrates her character. She is always conscientious.

Jenny worked for CBS for 3 1/2 years. She did an awesome job as administrative director.

For any of you who were a fan of the TV show *Suits* you will remember January Jones. She played an executive assistant to one of the partners in a law firm. She knew everything. She seemed perfect in her job. When asked how she could do it all and know so much she would answer "because I am Jenny."

Now our Jenny would never boast like that. But I can, for her. She did an amazing job. She is smart, creative and a pleasure to work with. Also, very efficient.

We will miss you, Jenny. We do wish you well in your next endeavor.

## 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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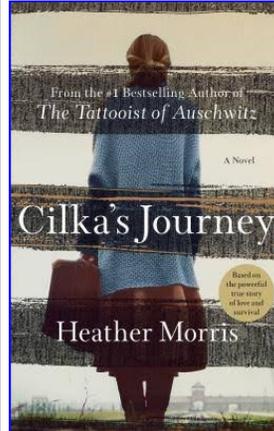
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## PAGE TURNERS

Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m., please join us as Page Turners will discuss *Cilka's Journey* by Heather Morris.



*Cilka's Journey* is the heart-wrenching story of Cilka Klein, who in 1942, at the age of 16, is sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp. Cilka is a beautiful girl, and her beauty catches the eye of some of the guards at the camp, who decide to separate her from her fellow prisoners. By playing the role these men want her to play, Cilka manages to survive three years in the camp until it is liberated. Unfortunately, young Cilka's harrowing journey has just begun. She is arrested by the Russians, charged as a collaborator for sleeping with the enemy (even though she had no choice in the matter), and is sent to prison for 15 years in Siberia.

While *Cilka's Journey* itself is a work of historical fiction, it is based on a true story.

Watch the eBlast for a Zoom link for this event.

## DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

**Sunday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.**

Join us as we schmooze and kibbitz with friends. Eat some yummy dessert, have a glass of wine, or both!



Tell us how you are coping with Covid. Have you had your shots yet? We'll discuss. Maybe we'll be able to go to a real Dinner with The Tribe soon.

Watch for the Zoom link in the eblast close to Feb. 28

Anita Clifford  
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## LIFELONG LEARNING



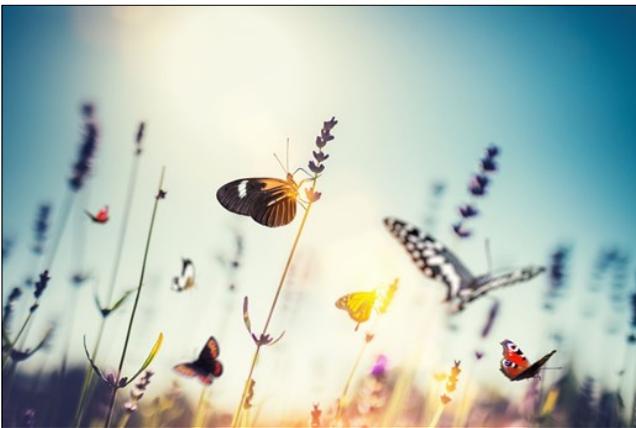
Thank you, Janice Perelman for being chairperson of Lifelong Learning for the past three years. You were involved in arranging a number of interesting programs. You are smart and energetic. You know many people. That helped when programs were being arranged. Now you have retired from your position of chairperson. While you are

no longer chairperson, we do hope you will remain active,

since you have so many talents.

We are now looking for a volunteer to become chairperson of Lifelong Learning. The Lifelong Learning committee is a creative group of dedicated individuals. Some of the programs they arrange are educational, some are just fun. The committee exists to get the members of Congregation Beth Shalom engaged and involved.

If you are interested in becoming chairperson or even becoming a committee member, please contact Toby Koch at [tobykoch@hotmail.com](mailto:tobykoch@hotmail.com).



### Ladies Night In

Enjoy a virtual night out with the ladies of Congregation Beth Shalom

**Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Plan to introduce a short 10-30-minute virtual travel tour video to help us talk about our past travel adventures with your CBS friends.

Join us on Zoom to see where we go virtually — it's a secret until we meet on Feb. 17!

For information, contact Rachel Duncan at [superrachel@att.net](mailto:superrachel@att.net) or by cell at 469-774-8961.

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## EDUCATION

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**TUTORING:** Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring is available. Contact Reb Tuviah to make an appointment and set a date.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 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



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 a.m.

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 their 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.



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## CONGREGATION COVID-19 DONATION DRIVE

By Suzie Baylis, Fundraising and Toby Koch 2nd VP

Uncle Sam has given most Americans another COVID-19 relief gift. Most of us have already received the direct deposit into our bank accounts. Thank you, Uncle Sam.

During this pandemic, your Congregation Beth Shalom family has been steadily providing help to many of our members and even non-members. We recently helped a mother and her son. She was given food and told how to get clothing for her son, and most of all we gave her friendly support. We don't just provide help several times a year, we provide support and care all year long.

Whether it is handing out food from our pantry or a call of comfort from Reb Tuviah, CBS provides care for our community 24/7. From the first days of the pandemic nearly a year ago, we have gone shopping for members, we have de-

livered needed supplies to those who are home bound, and we improved our ability to provide religious services and Jewish learning safely in our own homes.

WHETHER OR not you receive a stimulus check from the government, we suggest a small donation to support CBS. Any amount is appreciated. As a special incentive, the first 20 members who donate \$118 or more to our CBS COVID-19 donation drive will receive a special Judaic gift hand-made in Israel as a show of appreciation. This gift is individually made exclusively for CBS from silver and 2,000-year-old Roman glass. Each one will have a certificate of authenticity. This rare and unique piece of Jewish history is our way to show appreciation for your support. We hope it will share a special place in your home as CBS shares a special place in your heart. We will be adding some pictures of the gift on our Facebook page. You can donate using this link at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4w4Z6D>.

## 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 pre-



fer 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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- (3) Anonymous

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*The High Holy Day Appeal for 5781 is open through the end of January 2021. 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.  
If your donation is incorrectly listed or omitted, please notify the temple office immediately.*

**Donations listed below were received between December 16 and January 15.**

### GENERAL FUND

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## Anniversaries

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



## Yahrzeits

2/2	Phillip	Friedman	Grandfather	of	Dave	Friedman
2/6	Doreen	Becker	Mother	of	Lynn	Kaler
2/8	Judy	Fishman	Mother	of	Errol	Fishman
2/8	Maurice	Goldman	Father	of	Sharon	Aronson
2/9	Loen	Pliner	Father	of	Gerald	Pliner
2/12	Daniel	Workman	Nephew	of	Anna	Feldman
2/13	Albert	Jacobson	Father	of	Peter	Jacobson
2/13	Pedro	Gonzalez	Father	of	Maria	Miranda
2/13	Robert	Goren	Husband	of	Doris	Goren
2/14	Anita Betty	Kaler	Mother	of	Larry	Kaler
2/14	Joan M	Ratner	Sister	of	Ira	Ratner
2/16	Rose	Sandberg	Mother	of	Sandy	Santucci
2/17	Reuben	Armus	Father	of	Sheila	Fishman
2/19	Joe	Scheiner	Father	of	Susan	Ruiz
2/21	Sandy	Soffer	Brother	of	Bonnie	Jacob
2/22	Florence	Cohen	Mother	of	Blossom Grimm	Silverstein
2/22	Charles "Russ"	Yokley	Step-Father	of	Sheryl	Finke
2/25	Frederick	Frankel	Husband	of	Joan	Frankel
2/25	Abraham Isaac	Siegel	Granfather	of	Eric	Miller
2/25	Meyer	Feldman	Father	of	Stephen	Feldman
2/27	Leo	Bond	Grandfather	of	Joanne	Ronay
2/28	Lena	Kaplan	Mother	of	Janice	Perelman
2/28	Terry	Magdovitz	Husband	of	Caren	Magdovitz



## Birthdays

2/2 Larry Kaler  
 2/23 Bruce Sperry  
 2/25 Jason Finke

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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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# February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7 PM Board Meeting	3	4	5 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	6
7 10 AM Religious School	8	9 7:30 PM Adult Education	10 6:30 PM Healing Circle Service	11	12 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service HCSD Non Student Day	13
14 10 AM Religious School	15	16 7:30 PM Adult Education	17 6:30 PM Ladies Night In	18	19 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	20
21 10 AM Religious School 3	22	23 6:30 Executive Committee 7:30 PM Adult Education	24 6:30 PM Ritual Meeting	25	26 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	27
28 10 AM Religious School 7:30 PM Dinner With The Tribe	29	30 7:30 PM Adult Education				

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