

The Kibbitzer

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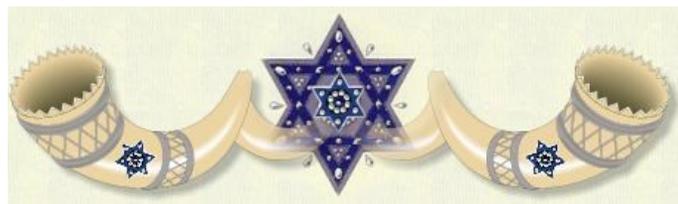
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Rosh Hashanah Jewish Shofar Blowing Yom Kippur Mixed
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From the Rabbi's desk...



Who would have imagined that COVID would still be with us today? We have made it to The New Year of 5783. Let us thank God for the blessings in our lives and let us ask God to strengthen us for the challenges that we will face in the future.

We have lived through so many losses. Some were not able to travel to funerals and to be with family and friends. We also experienced the loss of freedom, the loss of personal contact, loss of innocence, and the loss of the sense of feeling safe. Most of us have received our vaccines and our boosters. We all had anguish, disbelief, and fear of the global Pandemic. We made it through. We lost the freedom to hug and to touch family and friends. We really do need each other. We also learned how to Zoom. We hopefully learned how to be more patient and to focus on the positive. May hope continue to bring us good things into the future.

May your New Year be sweet, healthy, and prosperous,

B'ahava,

Rabbi Lefkowitz



Reward and Punishment

One of our basic beliefs is the idea of reward and punishment. God sees all our actions; we are rewarded for good deeds and punished for the bad things we do. We are unique and special and were created with wisdom to make choices. When a person decides to make a poor choice, they are held responsible and therefore punished. God has no desire to take revenge on a person for their aveirah - sin. When we sin, we make a sin on our neshama - soul. The basic part of our belief is that God sees our actions and will reward and punish us accordingly.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Lefkowitz



JERUSALEM PAINTING: MORNING OF YOM KIPPUR IN JERUSALEM

BY ALEX LEVIN

The President's Corner



Steve Billor

Shalom Everybody,

My theme for the September Kibbitzer is “Family”. As this is my first official year of my two-year term as President of Beth Shalom, I am so very excited with the direction our Synagogue is taking. Our potential growth in membership, community involvement and commitment to work together as a congregation are rising in leaps and bounds. With our 5783 High Holidays approaching, the Beth Shalom Family is working so very hard to make these “10 Days of Awe” so very special and memorable. As

I have stated in the past, I have always been on the outside, doing my security detail for the High Holidays and enjoying Beth Shalom as my spiritual center. But it continues to astonish me, when I see how hard our Board of Directors and members work and step up to the plate when needed, to make our High Holiday experience as fulfilling as they can possibly be. I am so very proud to be a part of this “Beth Shalom Family.” To be open and sincere, don’t for a second think that it is always smooth sailing when planning these or any other events. Just like any Jewish Family, we have “Drama and High-Flying emotions.” But in the end, we all come together as one and get the job done.

I am hoping/praying we have a wonderful turnout for the High Holidays and you volunteer and participate where you are able. Toby has coordinated a wonderful musical experience that was made possible by generous donations within our Congregational Family. The Ritual Committee have been working hard on the Book of Remembrance and we are adding an addition to the Book of Remembrance this year for loved, furry members of our family that have passed (Not to be recited but printed to remember and honor.) At the end of our high holidays, we are hoping everybody joins us for our wonderful “Break the Fast” meal after the evening Yom Kippur service. We will be having some of my favorite “Jewish Soul Food” dishes.

So, in closing, I am hoping you join your Congregational Family at Friday night service, as well as our upcoming High Holiday services.

Todah Rabah (Thank you very much) for you time in reading this article.

Your President,

Steve Billor



First Vice-President Report

By Gerry Pliner



Gerry Pliner

Dear Congregants,

After a dip in availability due to COVID and loss of members, we are working to improve CBS with the objective to bring back members that left and attract new members. So that our temple can be of service to the congregation and community, we need to maintain the efforts to upkeep the building and grounds.

As First Vice President I ensure CBS needs are acceptable that impact insurance coverages and most other contracts. For this I oversee the committees below.

The Finance and Capital Committees. Currently the finance and capital committees operate as a joint committee. In coordination with the treasurer the joint committee reviews and tracks the income and expenses and capital needs of your synagogue on an ongoing basis to maintain its financial health. The committee is responsible with input from other committees for drafting an annual budget which is presented to the board of directors and the membership for their review and approval. For our fiscal year ending May 31, 2022, we ended the year with a small surplus.

The Building and Grounds Committee. This committee manages more than half of the CBS budget with large projects and small jobs that require almost daily attention. Gabriel Lifschitz, one of our members at Large, chairs the committee. He keeps track of more than 35 projects for the upkeep, maintenance, preventive maintenance, and improving the infrastructure of our building and grounds. There are two ways we keep the temple in good condition as stated below.

1. Where possible, we use volunteers to upkeep the temple by bringing in donated or purchased materials, supplies, and equipment
2. We contract out services and projects that are complex or require skilled labor and safety.

I highlight that in the past two years we replaced the steel deck and roof which was the highest cost we have had in a long time. Recent maintenance includes the exterior painting of our entire building, safe removal of a large tree that was leaning over our building, and the hiring of new contractors for cleaning and pest control. We also have a grant application pending for gates, fencing, exterior lighting, surveillance camera system, and vehicle barriers for the front of our building.

Gabe sends out monthly reports to the Board that shows every project, job or maintenance need. If you would like to help you can contact him at cbs-building@outlook.com, or 571-277-1416.

Chag Samayach

Gerry Pliner, First Vice President



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3rd Vice-President

Sheryl Finke



From my family and the CBS membership team, we wish that your path leads you to happiness, peace, and good health in the New Year.

We welcome all to join us in worship for the High Holy Days. We know that you will enjoy what you hear and experience.

We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will join our warm and engaging congregational family.

Sheryl Finke

Treasurer's Report

Sandy Schwartz



Sandy Schwartz

Greetings, Recently, I was asked by our President, Steve Billor, to serve as Treasurer. I said I would check with my wife, Lee. Before I could check and get back with Steve, he called to congratulate me.

When I first arrived in Brandon in 1986, we had no synagogue, so we met as B'nai B'rith in Oak Park Plaza. We then organized as a synagogue, and I served as a board member when we met in Bloomingdale Square. Then, we moved to a church, and then purchased land and built our Temple at 706 Bryan Road. I was so buried in work in my dental practice, I was just another member for decades, while others served our congregation as board members, working long and hard without monetary compensation, for the benefit of all members of the congregation and our community.

Since retiring from clinical practice, I am honored to serve alongside a number of board members who have been giving generously of their time and energy for quite a while.

This synagogue has been there for me when my children needed to attend religious school, for my son's Bar Mitzvah, when my parents died, as well as for religious services whenever I was able to attend. What is your **WHY?**

As your treasurer, it is my duty to inform you that we are operating at a deficit, yet we have adequate funds to continue operating well into the future.

We are blessed to have Rabbi Lefkowitz, for all the joy and positivity he brings, but we must increase our revenue and increase his compensation in the future.

Some members are paying reduced dues, some members are in arrears. Our number of active, paying members has declined. Meanwhile, all of our expenses are increasing. If you know a former member or a prospective member, please encourage them to come worship with us and join us as active members. Current members, please do all you can to sustain our wonderful enterprise, pay your full dues in a timely manner and make donations whenever possible.

Thank you for your membership and support of our congregation.
Wishing you all a sweet, healthy, happy new year and an inspiring fast, I am your Treasurer,
Sandy Schwartz.

Strategic Planning

By Stephen Feldman

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Stephen Feldman, Chair

July, 2022



A major accomplishment of the Strategic Planning Committee this year was to develop a “Strategic Planning Consensus” focusing on strategies for increasing membership and funding of CBS. This document was approved by the Board and has been sent to each Board member.

A key part of the “Consensus” is the stated goal that “Members treat each other in a warm, caring, inclusive manner.” This is part of our synagogue’s mission statement and, as such, our temple leaders should be setting an example of this behavior. The document points out that, as Jews, it is important for all of us to adhere to these principles, especially when dealing with those with whom we disagree. This applies to our behavior at meetings of the synagogue, and when attending religious services, especially on Shabbat.

Implementation of the “Consensus” has not been formal, but Board members, having read and in many cases participated in the writing and/or editing of the document, have successfully self-implemented important parts of the plan, particularly at Board meetings. In addition, our Rabbis have held many sermons and discussion periods in which they focused, directly and indirectly (by setting an example) on the importance of showing respect towards others as an important tenet of Judaism. This principle is also reflected in one of the Ten Commandments: “Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor”. This commandment relates to the importance of treating each other in a positive manner.

If each of us commits to the Jewish tenet of treating each other with respect and kindness at all times, this should go a long way in keeping our members wanting to support and maintain an affiliation with CBS and could also help in attracting others to join our membership. As the “Consensus” document points out, this would be an important strategy for increasing membership and funding of CBS.

Anyone who would like a copy of the “Consensus” document can request one by emailing me at



Romero Britto
“Kindness”



Japanese Girls Bowing Greeting
Japan 1910 Hand Colored Postcard
“Respect”



Jewish Dance
by Alex Levin
“Joy”

Building and Grounds Report

Gabe Lifschitz



Gabe Lifschitz

Dear CBS Kibbitzer Readers,

I write with some thoughts about the temple, the trees, and property around CBS and how we can all help keep the temple for future generations.

Before I go any further, I checked the definition of Kibbitzer: one who looks on and often offers unwanted advice or comment. Also, one who offers opinions. A busybody, interferer, interloper, intermeddler. Hmm, this doesn't sound nice. So, I will be careful to kibbitz very little.

I make two points below where you can be of help to the upkeep of the temple and property.

1. The temple. I envision children Bar Mitzvah age who will manage the congregation 28 years from now. The temple has a new roof and steel deck that should last 30 years. As a result of the roof project, the entire ceiling had rust debris, leaves, and sand from the tar rolls that were removed. We saved thousands of dollars in cleaning costs when CBS dedicated volunteers pitched in. Every single tile you see above you was removed, cleaned, and placed again, or replaced due to damage. Every single light fixture was moist wiped, and in a few cases, rewired. In the past few months, we repainted the temple and removed a gorgeous tree leaning towards it. Because I have a vision of long term merit in the building, the temple could use your help in four areas which are long term projects.

A. The kitchen. We have people who love to cook and cater when we celebrate a holiday that requires food. For this, the kitchen could use a relook as to how it is organized, what appliances would work well, and how to better organize food stuff, utensils, and supplies. Currently, the food bank is using one of the classrooms for hold storage and a freezer is a backup to the kitchen freezer in case it fails without warning.

B. The bimah. We all enjoy watching the Rabbi and cantor up on the bimah, and children open the doors to the ark. It would be great if we filled the temple with children. My message is that member with skills, talent and a few hours of time could work a plan to renovate the bimah and ark for the torahs.

C. Air conditioning. The temple has three package air conditioning Roof Top Units (RTU). I could kibitz all day long about air conditioning. Air Conditioning makes approximately 70% of the CBS electric bill. For the near term, I am working a preventive maintenance plan to ensure the units can run for several years. If a unit needs new filters, someone must go on the roof to replace it. When I receive calls that there is no air, we found that a part failed, or a belt broke. Again, someone went on the roof to do the work. Eventually, the units will require major work or replacement. What I envision is air conditioning with the equipment on the ground and replace the filters without the need to go on the roof. By the way, every time someone walks on the roof, there is a chance of a cut or scuff which wears the roof.

D. Trees and property. CBS has a lot of trees and a whole lot of property. If you ever want to have some quiet time to read a book or just meditate, just place a picnic cloth under the trees in front of the temple which offers a park like environment. The CBS perimeter is surrounded by 24 neighbors, each who has a distinct way to live. We definitely want to keep all of them as good neighbors. The last time I checked, many of the homes were there before the temple was built. The west side of the property has the second retention pond and CBS is responsible for the upkeep of both retention ponds. The wooded area offers many opportunities that could be of benefit to CBS. An area could be a vegetable garden, and another could be used for camping. If you have an idea with merit then it may be worth looking into it.

2. Second and last point. CBS exists due to:

- Our identity
- We have a need to belong
- Be part of the community.

Work to keep the temple in shape is done one of two ways.

- Volunteers, donations of supplies, materials, and equipment
- Contracts that require skilled services like repair and maintenance of air conditioning equipment, large tree cutting, and electrical work

Although anyone who wants to know about CBS can just google Jewish temples in Tampa, the only way the community knows we exist is because when they drive by the temple, they realize there is a synagogue. I feel it is necessary to keep CBS alive for the growing population of East Hillsborough County. If you can help CBS as a volunteer, by donating to the building, or with a skill, each little project we accomplish makes the temple viable for the future. I can make you aware of what the temple requires in two ways.

- a. Review the monthly report I submit to the Board
- b. You can write me at: cbs-building@outlook.com, or call me: (571) 277-1416

Shalom,

Gabriel Lifschitz



Caring Committee

Caring Committee – Judith Pliner, Chair

Phone: 856-816-2178, Email: bunnies94@icloud.com



The Caring Committee helped meet the needs of our temple members this past year in several respects. Many people, including Rabbi Lefkowitz, Anna Feldman, Julie Shienbaum and Toby Koch contributed their time and effort so that, working together, we were able to accomplish a great deal to help fulfill our CBS mission of being a “... warm, *caring*, inclusive Reform Jewish community...”

Judith Pliner Our Caring Committee assisted in many ways, such as:

- Supporting families who were grieving the loss of a loved one
- Supplying and delivering meals to members who were ill
- Assisting members with various transportation issues
- Visiting the elderly and ailing
- Responding to the needs of our members

Please inform the Rabbi (407-222-6393) if you know of an individual who is in the hospital or in need of assistance or contact me.

There is still something every individual and family can do for our committee. If you have a little time to give and want to do something caring, even just one time, then we invite you to join us.

What can Caring Committee volunteers do?

- Visit people, when possible, in hospitals, nursing homes, or in their homes.
- Shop, prepare, and deliver meals.
- Provide transportation for doctor appointments, services, and synagogue events.
- Comfort the bereaved.

Join the Caring Committee to visit or contact the sick, support the bereaved and lend a hand to those in need in our community. We still need volunteers to help with food preparation for those in mourning and those recovering from an illness. We seek assistance for those who need help with transportation, visiting and more.

Please contact me if you would like to help the Caring Committee. Thank you!

Gut Yontiff (Happy Holidays)



Candle Lighting Times

Friday, Sept 2	7:31 PM
Friday, Sept 9	7:23 PM
Friday, Sept 16	7:14 PM
Friday, Sept 23	7:06 PM
Friday, Sept 30	6:58 PM



Oneg Schedule

September Sponsors

There can be no joy without food and drink.

Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

September 2	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share
September 9	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share
September 16	Selichot Potluck	Please bring a dish to share
September 23	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share
September 30	Helene Rosenbaum and Sandy Santuccis	Mitzvah

*These dates are open to sponsor an oneg. If you'd like to do so, please let Judith know.

**If you'd like to sponsor an oneg, please call
Judith Pliner at (856)816-2174**



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – 2022 (5783)

This is the time of year that we remember our loved ones. Please take a moment and complete the attached form. Please include the names of all the individuals you wish to have included and read aloud during our *Yizkor* service on *Yom Kippur*. We respectfully request a donation of *chai* (\$18.00) for each name.

This year we are remembering pets. We respectfully request a donation of \$5.00 per name. Those names will not be read aloud.

Yizkor will be at approximately 11:00 am on October 5, 2022.

The Book of Remembrance will be distributed during *Yizkor* services. Please return this form with your donation to the temple no later than September 29, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Toby Koch at cbs-brandon@outlook.com or 813 654-0877.

You do not have to be a member of Congregation Beth Shalom to have your loved one's name added to the Book of Remembrance.

Donor Name (print) _____ Phone number _____

Email _____

My donation for individuals will be in the amount of (circle one) \$18 \$36 \$54 \$_____ other

My donation for pets will be in the amount of (circle one) \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 \$_____ other

We encourage you to pay by check.

Credit cards will be accepted. Please add 2% to cover the credit card processing fee. You are welcome to round up if you would like.

Type of Credit Card _____ Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date ___/___/___ Security Code _____

Billing Address: Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

If you would like to have a permanent memorial to your loved one, please contact the temple office about the purchase of a *yahrzeit* plaque.

**** If the name has a difficult pronunciation,
please also provide a phonetic spelling. ****

Due September 29, 2022

In loving memory of our dearly departed, please include the names below in the congregational Book of Remembrance:

Please Print

Relationship

1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
9	_____	_____
10	_____	_____

Pet Names

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

Zichronam Livracha
May their memory be for a blessing.

Rosh Hashanah



Rosh Hashanah Light holiday candles

Sunday, September 25 at 7:04 PM

Monday, September 26 after 7:55 PM



It is traditional to eat apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah. The apples symbolize the constant cycle of life and the honey symbolizes the sweetness that we hope will characterize the year to come. The apple is dipped in honey, the blessing for eating tree fruits is recited, the apple is tasted, and then the apples and honey prayer is recited.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

*Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam
Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe*

בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ

*borei p'riy ha-eitz. (Amen)
who creates the fruit of the tree. (Amen)*

Take a bite from the apple dipped in honey, then continue with the following:

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ

*y'hi ratzon mil'fanekha Adonai eloheinu vei'lohei avoteinu
May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our forefathers*

שְׁתַּחֲדֵשׁ עֲלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוֹקָה

*sh't'chadeish aleinu shanah tovah um'tukah.
that you renew for us a good and sweet year.*

G-d's Call to Us

Rosh Hashanah Message

By Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

Published October 1, 2016

I want to wish you my heartfelt blessings for a Shana Tova, a good year, a year of happiness and health, and above all peace.

But what is Rosh Hashanah? If you look in the Torah you will find that the day is never called Rosh Hashanah. Instead it is called *Yom Teruah* or *Zichron Teruah*, the day of blowing the shofar or the day of remembering the blowing of the shofar. The shofar is the key *mitzvah* and symbol of the day. But what does it symbolise? What does it represent? Clearly it's a call, but who is calling whom and what are they trying to say?

Moses Maimonides, the greatest Rabbi of the Middle Ages, said the following: "Even though the blowing of shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a scriptural decree, nonetheless it contains a hint, a symbolism, namely "Wake up, you sleepers from your sleep and you slumberers from your slumber". According to Maimonides, the shofar is God's wake up call to us. But what does it mean to say that we are sleepwalking through life? And why do we need to wake up? How does that change our lives? Maimonides continues with a remarkable statement that explains it all. He says, in effect, that we are judged by the balance of our lives. If most of our acts are good, then we are judged for good; if most are bad, we are judged for bad. And so the whole world; if its acts are, on balance, good then the world is judged for good, and vice versa. Then, says Maimonides, the shofar is telling us to regard our lives and the state of the world as if they were evenly poised between good and bad, and as if our next act could tilt the balance of our lives and of the world.

What a remarkable statement. It is so easy to think that we can't really affect anything much in the world. After all, there is only one of us and there are 7 billion people on the face of the planet. What are we but a wave in the ocean, a grain of sand on the seashore, dust on the surface of infinity? But the Rambam says no. The shofar is telling us to wake up to the possibilities each of us has to change the world for the better. Because the truth is a single act of kindness, hospitality to the lonely, help to those in need, listening to someone who is close to despair, even a single smile, can bring healing to a life.

We never fully realize how much difference we can make. And if the Mishnah is correct when it says: "*Nefesh achat ke'olam malei*", "One soul is like an entire universe", then all we have to do is change one life to begin to change the universe, the only way we actually can, one life at a time, one day at a time, one act at a time.

The shofar is God's call to us. Think of the possibilities that lie all around you to change someone's life for the better. If you do that, you help write them in the Book of Life, and God then writes you in the Book of Life. That is the challenge to us all. In the enveloping darkness of a troubled and turbulent world, God's call comes to us and says don't think that you have no power to change the state of the world, you really do.

God is calling to us to heal some of the injuries of our fractured world. May He give us the opportunity to change someone's life for the better, and may we be challenged by the call of the shofar to do just that in the days and years that lie ahead.

Shana Tova to you all.



How to Prepare to Fast on Yom Kippur

From ReformJudaism.org

On [Yom Kippur](#), we put aside our physical needs to concentrate on our spiritual needs through prayer, repentance, and self-improvement. To do so, there are [five categories of physical needs from which we customarily abstain](#); fasting (not eating or drinking) is the most familiar. Although everyone responds differently to fasting, these suggestions may help ensure that even as you focus on your spiritual needs during Yom Kippur, you do so in a way that is safe for your body.

1. HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE.

Experienced fasters agree that hydrating as much as possible before a fast is vitally important. If you can, start to drink extra water at least two days before the fast begins.

2. CUT BACK ON CAFFEINE.

Many people also find the lack of caffeine to be a problem while fasting. If you consume caffeine regularly, try to decrease your caffeine intake in the days leading up to Yom Kippur – perhaps beginning on [Rosh HaShana](#) – so the lack of caffeine will have as little effect as possible on your body during the fast. With enough lead time, some people wean themselves off caffeine completely before Yom Kippur.

3. EAT THOUGHTFULLY BEFORE YOUR FAST BEGINS.

On *Erev* Yom Kippur (during the day before the holiday begins) try to eat balanced meals – and continue to drink lots of water. Choose foods high in protein and complex carbohydrates; simple carbs and carb-loading will result in blood sugar spikes and drops. Be aware of the salt content in the foods you choose; consuming a lot of salt means you'll be thirsty later. Lastly, don't overeat – it's not healthy and it won't help to ward off hunger pangs on Yom Kippur.

4. WHILE FASTING, PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR BODY'S NEEDS.

During the fast, if you feel dizzy or lightheaded, try sitting down for a little while. If the feeling persists, or if you have other symptoms that concern you, it's important to drink some water immediately and eat a small amount of food. Judaism does not condone endangering your life to fast, even on Yom Kippur.

5. DO NOT FAST IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO DO SO.

If you are ill or have a chronic medical condition, you might want to talk to your doctor before fasting to make sure it is safe. People who are pregnant or nursing are explicitly exempted from fasting, lest it harm them or the fetus/baby. Any medications you take daily should also be taken on Yom Kippur. Again, fasting is not supposed to endanger your life or your health.

For a meaningful alternative, see this ["Meditation Before Yom Kippur for One Who Cannot Fast."](#)

6. BREAK YOUR FAST SLOWLY.

When you break your fast, drink first and then eat, starting slowly. Here, again, it's important not to overeat. As before the fast, it's not healthy, and it won't compensate for the meals you skipped during the day.

Everyone's experience of fasting is different. The first time can be the most difficult, so if you don't make it all the way through the day before you have to eat something, it's fine. You will learn over time what your body needs.



Sukkot

On the holiday of Sukkot (plural for “Sukkah”), we remember the huts in which the Israelites dwelled during their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness from when they left Egypt until they entered the Promised Land.

Sukkot always takes place 5 days after Yom Kippur and lasts 7 days. Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are synagogue-based holidays that fall on day 8 in the Reform and Reconstructionist movements and in Israel, or day 8 and 9 in other movements.



Harvest

Sukkot is one of three pilgrimage festivals, when ancient Israelites gathered to bring their first fruit harvests. This holiday reminds us to slow down and reconnect to the natural world. Find Sukkot harvest [recipes here](#).

Hospitality

It's traditional to invite people to join you in your sukkah for meals. In the 16th Century, the Kabbalists (mystics) created a wonderful custom of inviting “ushpizin” (Aramaic for “guests”), seven famous men from the Bible, into the sukkah, one each night. A list of seven “ushpizot” (female Biblical guests) has more recently been created to invite into the sukkah. Whether you're inviting real guests or symbolic guests, Sukkot is a great time to reflect on the importance of hospitality and including others, especially those who are new to celebrating Sukkot.



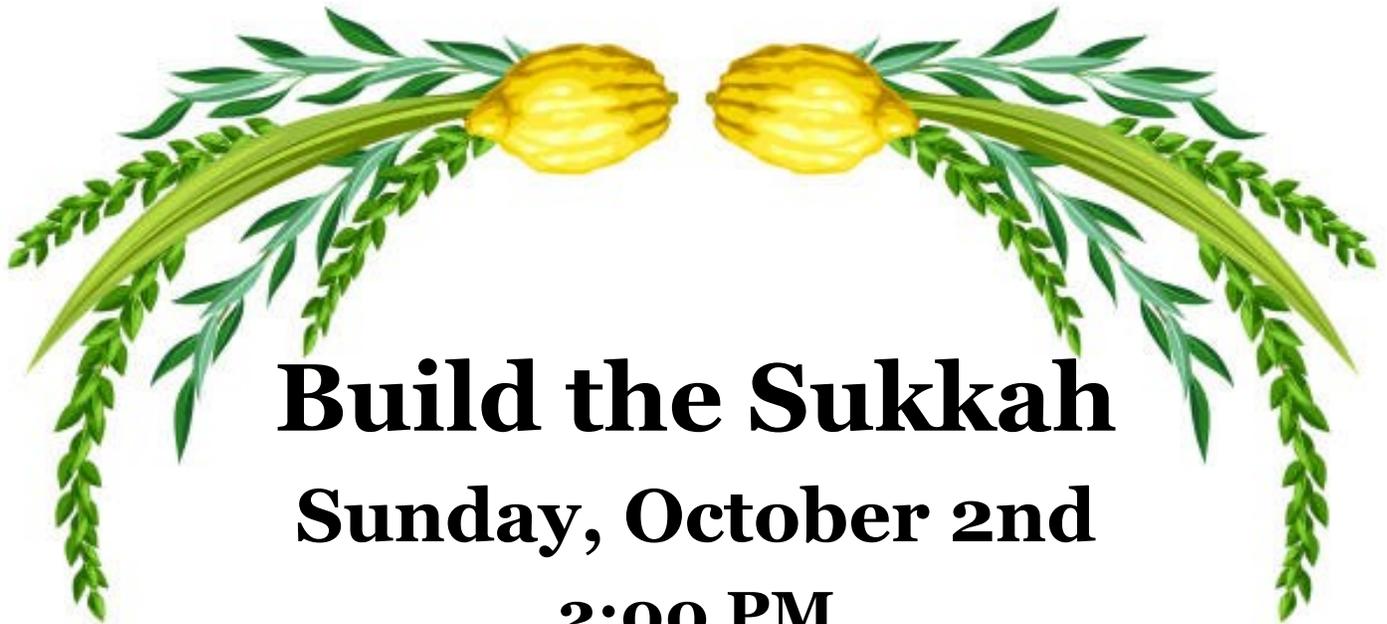
Feeding/Helping the Needy

Important rabbis over the years have taught that we are supposed to extend our hospitality on Sukkot not just to our friends and family, but also to those who could use a warm meal. If you can't perform the actual act of inviting others to eat in your sukkah, you can instead use this time to otherwise help out by volunteering or making donations.



VOLUNTEER



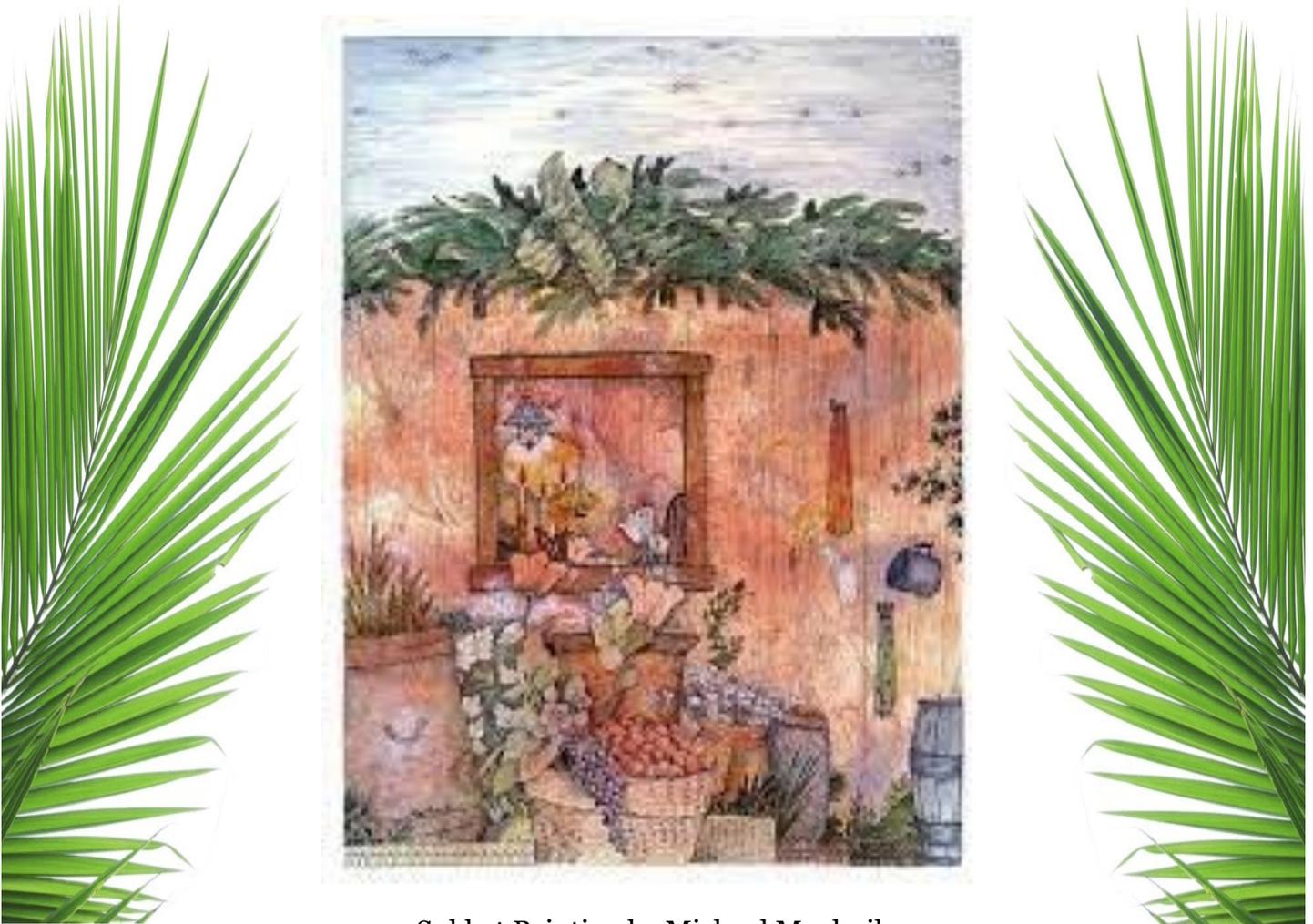


Build the Sukkah

Sunday, October 2nd

2:00 PM

Everyone is invited to come and build the Sukkah on Sunday, October 2nd at 11:00 AM. It would be great if you could bring palm fronds now and drop them off near the shed in the back. Be sure to bring your gloves on Sunday. We will be building the Sukkah before Yom Kippur.



Sukkot Painting by Michael Muchnik

Religious School

By Christine Stockelman



Chris Stockelman

Hello, my name is Christine Stockelman. I joined CBS of Brandon in 2004. I have taught the pre-K through kindergarten grades for three years. I also taught the Torah Tots for six months. I am a retired public-school teacher with over 24 years of experience. I taught grades pre-K through high school. Mostly I worked with children with special needs. It is a pleasure for me to watch the children grow and learn. I believe in using different modalities to assist children learn and reach their fullest potential.

I want to thank the families that came out to the Meet and Greet in August. Three children were registered for religious education. I am looking forward to collaborating with you and your children this year. Our first class session will be September 18th at 10:00. We will be focusing on the High Holy Days. I will be providing bagels and cream cheese as well as coffee for parents. We do have a snack time so healthy snack and drink donations are welcomed. Please alert me of any food allergies that the Religious School should be aware. I can be reached by email cbsretreat@gmail.com and by phone (813)713-1542. Please leave a voicemail and I will return your call within 48 hours or less. Again, I am looking forward to a year of learning and growth as well as fun. I am very excited and looking forward to getting to know you and your family. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child(ren)'s Judaica experience.

L'Shanah Tova,

Christine Stockelman



“Welcome Back to CBS”

By Stephen Feldman

About fifty people, including many children, crowded into our sanctuary August 14th for our annual Open House, officially called “Welcome back to CBS” because we encouraged previous members to come, and come they did! Everyone enjoyed schmoozing with previous, present, and prospective members while chowing down on good food and getting to know more about CBS.

Julie Sheinbaum prepared and arranged a delicious Italian lunch complete with appetizers, yummy desserts and a bevy of beverages. Others also brought in goodies including Jackie and Myron Feldman, Alan Weiss, Linda Guincho and Anna Feldman. Jackie and Myron also set up a scavenger hunt for the younger folks and a photography station for taking framed pictures.

Most importantly, several people signed up their children for religious school and completed membership applications. Religious School Coordinator Christine Stockelman was on hand to answer questions and Treasurer Sandy Schwartz was present to discuss dues and accept payments. President Steve Billor did his best to say “hello” to everyone attending.

Many thanks to Judith Pliner for organizing the day and making sure everything flowed without a hitch. She, Steve Billor, Gerry Pliner and Sheryl and Mark Finke saw to it that everything was set up properly and that the whole shebang was saved for next year. Our displays were left set-up for the next Shabbat so congregants who could not attend could see them. Many thanks to everyone who came and helped make this Open House one of the best ever!



Welcome



Dinner with the Tribe



Anita Clifford



Must RSVP to Anita,
niewdnarb@yahoo.com
 to reserve your seat at the table.

Jesse's Seafood & Steak
524 West Brandon Blvd
Brandon, FL 33510

Sunday, Sept 18
at 6:00 PM

Dinner With the Tribe is a social outlet for temple members and others. We can interact with some people we don't usually schmooze with. We can go to places we might not usually go to. We will get out with nice people, have a good dinner, and enjoy ourselves.

For September, we're going to an institution in Brandon. They are a long time chophouse serving steaks and seafood in unfussy surrounds with a laid-back atmosphere. Jesse's was established in 1980 on Highway 60 in Brandon, Florida. Over the years, Jesse's has established a solid reputation for its outstanding charbroiled steaks, choice prime rib and Bay Area's best charbroiled burgers. At Jesse's fresh is the main ingredient: fresh caught seafood, fresh vegetables, salads and breads. Soups, sauces and chili are original recipes, fresh made in their own kitchen.

Mazel Tov!!

Lee & Sandy Schwartz

New grandson, Noah

Daughter Susan's dental graduation



Sandy and Harold Saviet

38th Wedding Anniversary 08/12



Sandy Saviet

Happy Belated Birthday, 08/13

Men's Club



Myron Feldman

Men's Club is Back!



Please join us for our kick-off event, dinner and Ray's Baseball.

Wednesday, September 28th @ 7:00 PM



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Our kickoff event for the Men's Club is going to be great! Join us for friendship, dinner, and drinks, and then we'll cheer on the Tampa Bay Rays. This event is open to the entire membership, so be sure to bring the family. We'll be gathering at the Talking Pint Beer and Bistro located at 13418 Boyette Road, Riverview, FL 33569. If you'd like to join us, please let me know by calling Myron Feldman (813)361-9590 or sending an email to feldmanmyron@hotmail.com. Hope to see you all there!



"Friendship" Painting
by Corinne Hartley

Page Turners



Mr. Perfect on Paper

by Jean Meltzer

Monday, October 17th at 7:00 PM

Zoom link will be emailed at a later date



“From the author of *The Matzah Ball* comes a pitch-perfect romcom following a third-generation Jewish matchmaker who unwittingly finds her own search for love thrust into the spotlight...

As the creator and CEO of the popular Jewish dating app J-Mate, matchmaker Dara Rabinowitz knows the formula for lasting love—at least, for everyone else. When it comes to her own love life, she’s been idling indefinitely. Until her beloved bubbe shares Dara’s checklist for “The Perfect Jewish Husband” on national television and charming news anchor Chris Steadfast proposes they turn Dara’s search into must-see TV.” From Amazon

Library Committee

Currently, the Library Committee is a committee of one, but I am always looking for volunteers to help stamp library book donations and help me re-organize the shelves. We were very fortunate to receive many book donations while the library was closed due to Covid restrictions. Now we need to find room for all the donations. In the past, the library has been open once a month on Sundays to allow the Religious School students accessibility to the library and to check out books. Visitors are welcome to visit the library anytime the temple is open and to sign out books in the red notebook. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sandy Saviet, Library Chairperson email: kinda@verizon.net



Woman Reading in the Grass, 1876

by Claude Monet

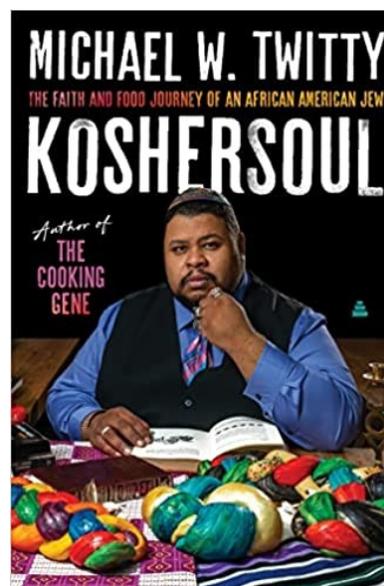
**The only thing you have
to know is the location
of the library.**

Albert Einstein

“Koshersoul”

Koshersoul: A Conversation with Michael W. Twitty and Adeena Sussman

Thursday, September 15, 2022
12:30–1:30pm
Zoom



The James Beard award-winning author of the acclaimed *The Cooking Gene* explores the cultural crossroads of Jewish and African diaspora cuisine and issues of memory, identity, and food.

In Koshersoul, Michael W. Twitty considers the marriage of two of the most distinctive culinary cultures in the world today: the foods and traditions of the African Atlantic and the global Jewish diaspora. To Twitty, the creation of African-Jewish cooking is a conversation of migrations and a dialogue of diasporas offering a rich background for inventive recipes and the people who create them.

The question that most intrigues him is not just who makes the food, but how the food makes the people. Jews of Color are not outliers, Twitty contends, but significant and meaningful cultural creators in both Black and Jewish civilizations. *Koshersoul* also explores how food has shaped the journeys of numerous cooks, including Twitty's own passage to and within Judaism.

As intimate, thought-provoking, and profound as *The Cooking Gene*, this remarkable book teases the senses as it offers sustenance for the soul.

Donations

In Loving Memory:

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The Keepers of Light by Elena Kotliarker

Our Congregation

Yahrzeits

9/8	Isaac	Shienbaum	Father	Of	Marvin	Sheinbaum
9/13	Raymond	Sperry	Father	Of	Bruce	Sperry
9/14	Carl	Miller	Father	Of	Sheryl	Finke
9/15	Morris	Brandwein	Father	Of	Anita	Clifford
9/23	Rose	Skop	Grandmother	Of	Nancy	Landfish
9/24	John	Grimm	Husband	Of	Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
9/26	Eugene	Zazulia	Grandfather	Of	Iylene	Miller
9/26	Dorothy S.	Goldstein	Mother	Of	Judith	Pliner
9/27	Pauline	Magdovitz	Mother In Law	Of	Caren	Magdovitz
9/28	Becky	Smith	Grandmother	Of	Lynn	Kaler
9/28	Sally	Gaba	Grandmother	Of	Leslie	Boyar
9/28	Louis	Kaplan	Father	Of	Janice	Perelman
9/29	Murray	Siegel	Grandfather	Of	Eric	Miller
9/30	Sharon	Leibowitz	Sister	Of	Gail	Verlin
9/30	Dorothy	Brown	Mother	Of	Stephen	Zweibach

Birthdays

9/1	Seth	Dugan
9/6	Stephen	Zweibach
9/15	Gabriel	Lifschitz
9/21	Christine	Stockelman
9/28	Alan	Weiss
9/29	Janice	Perelman

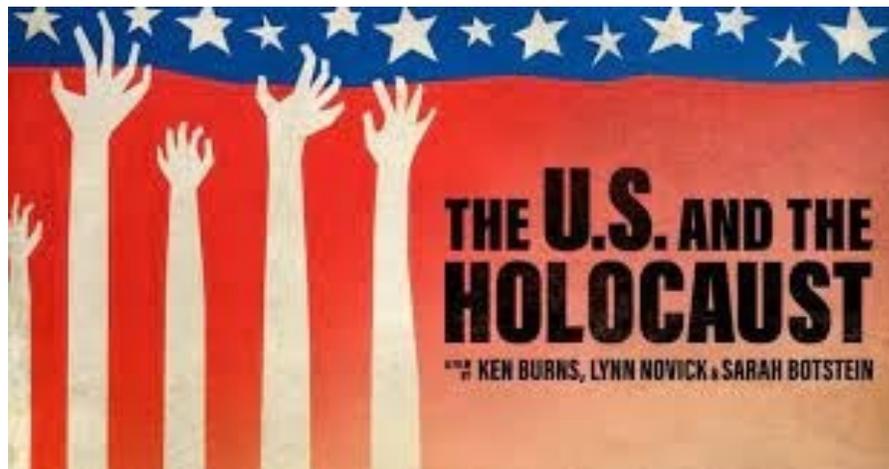


Ken Burns PBS documentary examines America's response to the Holocaust

September 18—20

8 PM - 10 PM

Local PBS Station WEDU



The Jewish Press reported that award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns will explore America's relationship to the Holocaust in a new three-part miniseries "The U.S. and the Holocaust." It airs Sept. 18-20 from 8-10 p.m. and again from 10-12 a.m. on local PBS station WEDU (Channel 3 on Spectrum). Inspired by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibition, the film examines the rise of Hitler and Nazism in Germany and sheds light on what the U.S. knew and did as the catastrophe unfolded in Europe.

The documentary dispels competing myths that Americans either were ignorant of the unspeakable persecution that Jews faced in Europe or that they looked on with callous indifference. America could have done so much more to help the millions of desperate people fleeing Nazi persecution, Burns said. This story has enormous relevance today as we are still dealing with questions about immigration, refugees and who should be welcomed into the United States.

The film features an array of historical figures including Anne Frank and her family, who applied for but failed to obtain visas to the U.S. before they went into hiding. This unexpected aspect of the Franks' story underscores an American connection to the Holocaust that may be new to many viewers.

Some 200,000 Jews eventually found refuge in the U.S., but many more were denied entry. Surprisingly, as the Nazi terror escalated, the U.S. responded by tightening, not opening, its borders to refugees. Such was the state of antisemitism existing in the U.S. at the time.

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Time for a Nosh



FRESH APPLE CAKE

Honey Cake is the usual go to dessert for Rosh Hashanah, but I'm going to veer off into another direction. I'm going to post a recipe for Fresh Apple Cake. I've made this recipe many times and it has been a family favorite. It comes from the Detroit Free Press and I first made it while in college.

Ingredients:

Oil (Canola or Vegetable)	1 1/2 Cups
Sugar	2 cups
Eggs - Large	3
All-Purpose Flour	3 cups
Baking Soda	1 teaspoon
Cinnamon	2 teaspoons
Nutmeg	1/2 teaspoon
Mace	1/2 teaspoon
Salt	1/2 teaspoon
Vanilla	2 teaspoons
Apples - Peeled & Chopped into small chunks	3 cups
Walnuts - Chopped	1 cup



Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 °. Spray a 10-12 cup Bundt pan with non-stick spray. Set aside.

Whisk the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, mace and salt into a large bowl until combined. Set aside.

Combine the oil, sugar, eggs, and vanilla and mix until well combined. Pour this into the flour mixture and stir until no flour remains but avoid over-mixing. Carefully fold in the apple chunks. If you feel 3 cups of apples is too much, feel free to cut down to two apples.

Spoon the batter into the prepared Bundt pan. Bake for 55-75 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the cake comes out clean. The baking times may vary depending on your oven, if you used a 10 cup bundt pan or 12 cup, or if you used less apple chunks. Keep your eye on the cake after 55 minutes. Feel free to cover the cake loosely with aluminum foil about halfway through to prevent heavy browning on top. Allow the cake to cool in the pan set on a wire rack, then invert onto a serving plate once cooled and ready to serve.

This cake is good warm, at room temperature, and even cold. Cover leftovers and store at room temperature for 3 days or in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.



Rosh Hashanah Painting
By Oxana Zaika

High Holy Days Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Begins sunset of
Services

Sunday, September 25, 2022
7:00 PM



Rosh Hashanah

First Day
Services

Monday, September 26
10:00 AM

Tashlich

Location

To follow
Brandon Parkway



Rosh Hashanah

Second Day
Services

Tuesday, September 27
10:00 AM

Memorial Service

Hillsborough Memorial Gardens

Sunday, October 2
10:00 AM



Kol Nidre

Begins sunset of
Services

Tuesday, October 4
7:00 PM



Yom Kippur

Services

Wednesday, October 5
10:00 AM

Yizkor Memorial Service

Services

Wednesday, October 5
11:00 AM

Yom Kippur Afternoon

Ne'ilah Services

Wednesday, October 5
4:00 PM



Break the Fast

Wednesday, October 5
After Ne'ilah

Sukkot

Begins sunset of
Services

Sunday, October 9, 2022
7:00 PM

Simchat Torah

Begins sunset of
Services

Sunday, October 16, 2022
10:00 AM



September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6 6:30 PM Executive Board Mtg 7:00 PM Board Meeting	7	8 6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi 	9 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 	10 SHOFTIM
11	12	13	14	15 6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi 	16 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service Selichot Potluck 	17 SELICHOT KITAVO
18 Food Bank 	19	20	21	22 6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi 	23 C 	24 NITZAVIM
25 ROSH HASHANAH EVE 7:00 PM 	26 ROSH HASHANAH Service 10:00 AM	27 ROSH HASHANAH Service 10:00 AM	28	29 6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi 	30 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service SHABBAT SHUVAH 	