

# The Kibbitzer

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## Passover Perspectives

*Passover begins the evening of April 22nd. We will be holding services that evening, **beginning at 5:30pm**, led by Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci. Reservations are filling up for our Second Night Seder on April 23rd. See the insert or our website for more information.*

As we prepare for Passover, congregants share some of their Passover memories...

I remember getting together with my extended family and making the trip from Brooklyn to the Bronx to celebrate at my grandparent's home. It was small and cozy but we made big memories nonetheless. As soon as the door was opened, the familiar smells wafted in the air; matzoh ball soup, tsimmes, chicken and brisket. I remember pajamas being packed as the Seders often lasted well into the night. Since I was the oldest of the cousins I asked the four questions until the next one in line was old enough to read. I am proud to say the traditions of searching for the afikomen, opening the door for Elijah and watching his cup of wine still holds true today with my children and look forward to this holiday more than any other each and every year.

✍ Lauren Weisman

Several years ago we bought new family haggadahs. Since then we have asked everyone at the Seder to sign and date their haggadah. We now have a record of who was at our Seder each year. I wish we would have thought of this earlier when our boys were young. It would've been fun to see the changes in handwriting as they grew. Now when I take out our haggadahs each year, I reflect on our past Seders. It is meaningful to me to have my father's signature and date on our haggadahs now that he isn't here. Some years we've had friends and/or other family members join our core group. This has become an additional Passover tradition in the Weinstein house.

✍ Amy Weinstein

The Passover Seders of my youth was always my favorite holiday. We'd gather at my Great-Aunt & Uncle's house every year for the resplendent meal and much laughter. Aunt Harriett and Aunt Linda always had a friendly competition over who made the best matzoh ball soup. All the children would pretend we couldn't possibly imagine where Uncle Lowell hid the afikomen (though we always knew it was in the piano bench). Great Grandpa Leon always distributed bright, shiny silver dollars to all the children—and since we had so many generations that pretty much included everyone under the age of 40. Every year there were new faces at our table, whether it be a new fiancé or spouse, some distant cousins visiting from out of town, or various people from my aunt and uncles large scope of colorful and interesting friends. I loved to hear the table sing together, another rousing round of Dayenu, and as each of us took turns reading from the haggadahs. Perhaps there wasn't anything particularly unique about our seders, but they were nonetheless special. All priceless memories I will have with me always.

✍ Mags Oldman

## From the President - Jeff Newman

### Problem Solvers

I am writing this kibitzer article on election day here in Florida. It's time for us to decide who will be our next U.S. President. It's time for us to decide if we want four years of nothingness or four years of productive cooperation.

We as Floridians have to decide, and we as temple members have to decide, how we are going to go forward for the next two years.

I have always believed that in order to get great decisions you must have three factions: liberals, conservatives, and moderates. The whole key to making any decision is to hear all viewpoints, as all different viewpoints are appreciated and valid. You need to look at all the angles of a problem before you can come up with the solution. I have found out that most of the time the solution is somewhere between the harder positions of conservatives and liberals. That is where moderates come in.

Moderates look at things from a different lens. They are not so staked in an opinion, as much as staked in finding a solution. They can look at all angles and find the compromise, cooperation, and answer to most issues. In finding the answer, the moderate can make all sides feel appreciated and motivated.

In other words, our country needs more moderates—the quiet maturity that sees both sides of the picture. The same is true of our temple.

Over the past two years, our board has functioned very well. We have had a good mix of liberals and conservatives who have respect each other's opinions. That respect for others is what makes it work. We have also had enough moderates who have taken those broad view points and made them into sound Temple policy.

As a moderate leaving the presidency in two months, I look

forward to working with the next board. My only hope and wish is that we have moderates step up and take the mantle – we need the calming, thoughtful, bridge building members to be part of our board.

We need our problem solvers!



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## April Dates to Remember

- **Friday, April 8—services begin at 7:00PM**—Service will be led by our Religious School and Simcha Shabbat!
- **Saturday, April 9, 10:00AM—Bible & Bagels**  
Discussion related to Torah portion, Tazria: “What do Blood and Guts have to Teach Us?”
- **Wednesday, April 13, 7:00PM—Yom Hashoah**  
*Special speaker, Art Maier.*
- **Saturday, April 16—CBS Retreat**
- **Wednesday, April 20—Dinner with the Tribe**
- **Friday, April 22—Services begin at 5:30pm**
- **Saturday, April 23, 6:00PM—Second Night Seder at CBS.** *RSVP April 8.*
- **Saturday, April 30, 10:00AM—Adult B’not Mitzvah**

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

## April Oneg Schedule

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



**THANK YOU!** to the following people who will host an Oneg Shabbat in March.

- April 1 Bonnie & Rob Karr in honor of their anniversary
- April 8 Religious School Families in honor of the Shabbat Family Service
- April 15 Carol Wagner in honor of her grandson, James Parnell, who will be graduating from high school
- April 22 No Oneg—Passover begins at sundown
- April 29 Chavurah Haymishie in honor of Rudina Richter and Karen Pitchon’s B’Not Mitzvah

### SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Contact Judith Pliner at (813) 436-0080 or email her at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com) if you are interested in hosting. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the Onegs in April and in the upcoming months.

Your Oneg Committee,  
*Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, Anita Hoffman  
and Melissa Villasin*

~ SAVE THE DATE ~MAY 6

Israel through the Decades

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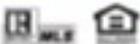
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**Kudos n' Mazels**

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

**MAZELS**

- Mazel Tov to **Peter & Diane Jacobson** on the birth of their new grandson, Mario Albert Garcia!
- Mazel Tov to **Lizette & Jason Howard** on the birth of their new baby girl, **Hannah**—born March 9, 2016!
- Mazel Tov to **Kelsey Birnholz** for earning 2nd place in her division of FBLA at the Florida State Competition!
- Mazel Tov to **Megan Birnholz** for being accepted to the University of Florida!
- Mazel Tov to **Lily Criden** - High Honor Roll at Bloomingdale High School, Ava Criden & Zac Criden - High Honor Roll at Burns Middle School!
- Mazel Tov to the new BESTY Board!

**KUDOS**

- Kudos to **Gail Verlin & Sheila Slavkin** who took on the bulk of the Kibbitzer preparations! And to Wendy Bonaddio and Lucas Oldman for the wrap up.
- Kudos to all of our lay leaders, including **Joan Frankel, Dave Friedman, Keren Vergon, Cynthia Goldstein, Scott Hopkins, Sheila Fishman, Mags Oldman, David & Rudina Richter, Justin Shaw, Becca Smith, & Andrew Pelk** who provided us with leadership and wonderful D'var Torahs at our services during Rabbi's sabbatical in March.
- Kudos to **Michelle McCormick** and the **RSPA** for a terrific Purim celebration for the Religious School!
- Kudos to **Joel Edelson** and the entire cast and crew of the Purim Spiel for bringing us another rousing rendition of the Story of Esther.

*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).*



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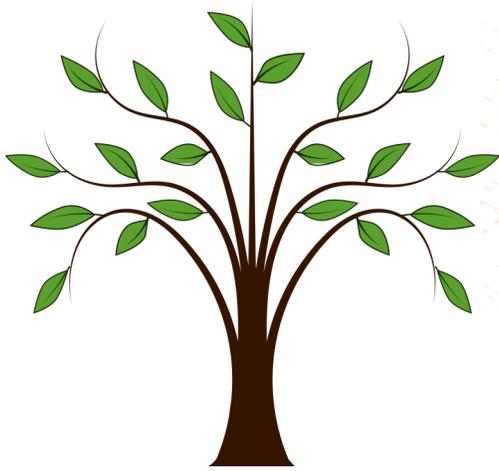
**KOLOT SHALOM NOTES**

Kolot Shalom will begin preparing for *An Evening of Jewish Music* starting on March 28 at 7:30PM. Rehearsals will be held each Monday through May 9, with the exception of April 4. There will be no rehearsal on that date.

Any congregant who would like to sing with the choir or perform a solo, duet, or ensemble number may call Joan Frankel at 813-938-4123 or email her at [the\\_frankels@verizon.net](mailto:the_frankels@verizon.net).

This is a fun-filled evening and we honor the music of our people, performers and composers. The only requirement for a selection is that it has a Jewish connection. We have some marvelous talent in our congregation, so I hope all those who enjoy singing or performing will step forward and find their spot in the limelight.

Shalom,  
Joan Frankel



## Third Annual Retreat Schedule of Events The (Reform) Jewish Force Awakens

**Camp Cedarkirk**

**5776**

**April 16, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Spend a beautiful day with your congregational family! A day full of learning, laughing, singing, and adventure! Starting with an outdoor Shabbat service, get in touch with nature as we worship together in a chapel in the woods, with a blue sky above and lush greenery around us. Then we'll have in-depth learning sessions for adults in a relaxed atmosphere, while children will have their own activities. Teens are welcome to participate in either kind of programming.

What retreat would be complete without time to do just that—and we'll have plenty of options for you to choose from to spend your free time—from hanging out on the patio in some rocking chairs, to rocking a canoe down the Alafia River, conquer a rock climbing wall, or feel the wind in your face as you zipline through treetops. Breakfast, lunch AND dinner is included with registration, and we'll wind down the day with a campfire, Havdalah, songs, and s'mores. We'll be just a few miles from home in Lithia, FL at Camp Cedarkirk.

- ✧ Reservations are due no later than March 20 along with your payment.
- ✧ Registration forms are available in the synagogue lobby, the CBS website, or the synagogue administrative office.
- ✧ All meals are provided and are vegetarian.
- ✧ Children are encouraged to attend and special programming will be available for them.
- ✧ Children under 4 must be chaperoned by a responsible adult at all times.
- ✧ Limited scholarships and fee assistance are available. Contact Rabbi Torop.
- ✧ Meet new people, enjoy time away with family and friends.

Please contact **Sheila Slavkin (383-7494/323-0563)** for additional information.

Registration forms are available online or at the synagogue!



Our Second Night Seder for Passover will be **April 23**. Registration forms are available in the temple, online, and right here in this issue of the Kibbitzer!  
Rabbi Torop will lead the seder along with Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci.

Enjoy a catered seder, from matzoh ball soup to coffee and kugel!  
**Seating is limited, so registration is a MUST and needed by April 8.**

\$36 per adult (aged 13 and older), \$18 for children (aged 5–12),  
and free for those under 5 (no food will be provided for those under 5).

**RITUAL COMMITTEE—*Cynthia Goldstein***

**Join us for Passover at Beth Shalom!  
Second Night Seder**

**Saturday, April 23 at 6PM**

Rabbi Torop will lead our 2nd night Seder  
with Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci.



Dinner will be catered by Puff'n'Stuff Catering and includes:  
Matzoh Ball Soup, Chicken Marsala, Potato Kugel, Honey Glazed Carrots, and Fresh Baked Peach Cobbler.  
Gefilte Fish will be available, as well as a vegetarian plate.

Cost for the Seder is \$36 per adult, \$18 per child 5-12 years old, and children under 5 are free (no meal provided). Grape juice and wine will be provided; however you may bring your own kosher-for-Passover wine. Please complete the form below and mail it with your check to the Temple to secure your spot, as seats are limited and will be on a first-come first-served basis.

**RSVPs must be received by April 8.**

Mail-in RSVPs are preferred, but you may also RSVP by email to [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com) or by calling the Temple at 681-6547.

If you would like to perform a Mitzvah and sponsor a person/family, please contact the Rabbi or the Administrative Director. There are people who would like to attend but due to financial constraints are unable.

**YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM**

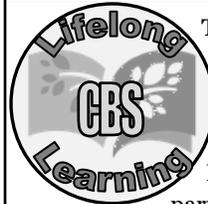
Plan to join us on **April 13th at 7:00pm** to hear recollections from Art Meier. Hebrew School students will be attending, and parents are strongly encouraged to join.

Art Meier spent the first 14 years of his life in Germany. As a child, he saw the change when Adolf Hitler seized control of the country. Change was in his face at school. His principal and a teacher would search out Jewish kids and assault them.

His family escaped further persecution by boat, arriving in New York on Nov. 15, 1939. "I'll never forget seeing the Statue of Liberty as we were sailing into the harbor," he said. "It was 14 years of my life, but finally, I was free."



**Lifelong Learning—*Sheila Fishman***



The Lifelong Learning Committee offers the following programming:

- **Bibles and Bagels: On April 9, 10 a.m. to noon**, please join the Lifelong Learning Committee for a lively and participatory look with Rabbi Betsy Torop at the weekly Torah portion—along with a delicious nosh, of course! This week's Torah portion is *Parashat Tazria*. We will be discussing "What do Blood and Guts have
- to Teach Us?" Please add this event to your calendar!
- In April, Rabbi Betsy Torop will be discussing "Heretics, Nonconformists and Dissenters-Role Models or Outcasts?" Rabbi Torop notes that Jewish texts and history is filled with individuals who challenged prevailing norms and refused to always accept the prevailing wisdom. Abandoning God, questioning Torah, challenging authority are all part of our Jewish tradition. We will address, "Who were these



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## Education - Amy Weinstein

We will have a change in our dismissal procedures beginning April 3. We are implementing this change as a precaution. There are many cars in the parking lot pulling in and out as our students are leaving the building. Simply, this is a lot of traffic in a small space.

Students currently participate in a school-wide service led by the Rabbi from 11:30-noon each Sunday. **Beginning in April, students will remain in their seats in the sanctuary and parents will need to come into the sanctuary and pick up their children.** Religious school staff will be at the sanctuary doors to ensure that NO student leaves the room without an adult escort. On Wednesday evenings students will remain in their classroom until a parent picks them up at the classroom door. Confirmation students will need to be picked up as well. Please be advised that NO student will be allowed to exit the sanctuary without being released to the adult responsible for their ride home.

We really appreciate your support and patience as we begin this new transition. Please be advised that dismissal might take a few minutes longer as we learn this new system.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding your child's religious education at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Amy Weinstein- [awine007@msn.com](mailto:awine007@msn.com) (813)685-7064

### Important April Dates

- 4/3 Religious School & RS Parent Assoc
- 4/6 Hebrew & Confirmation
- 4/10 Religious School 7th Grade Family Program
- 4/13 Hebrew
- 4/17 Religious School Seder, & Torah Tots
- 4/20 Hebrew & Confirmation
- 4/24 Religious School



### 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 [kibbitzer706@verizon.net](mailto:kibbitzer706@verizon.net) by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

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### Diabetes Management Lecture at CBS

**May 10, 7PM**

An exciting event on diabetes is being offered by the Lifelong Learning Committee in May on a topic important to many of us. Whether you are someone who is a diabetic, a borderline diabetic, or if you are a partner or caregiver of a diabetic, this lecture should be on your calendar.

One out of ten Americans have diabetes which is expected to increase to one out of three if present trends continue. In Florida, diabetes affects 11% of the population, ranking 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation. On May 10 7 p.m. at the Temple, Sharon Elazar will be presenting an informative program on diabetes management for people affected by diabetes or for anyone that is interested in learning something new.

Sharon Elazar is a registered nurse who is also a Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) since 1994. A CDE is a health professional who has advanced training, comprehensive knowledge of and experience in teaching about diabetes and how to manage the disease. Sharon currently works at Tampa General Hospital in their diabetes education department as well as a consultant providing classes in doctors' offices around the Tampa area.

Please mark this event on your calendar and come learn about diabetes! Diabetes is something we can control if we are educated about it. Here is a great opportunity!

### Membership — Phyllis Newman

Dear Temple Family,

You were wonderful and most gracious. Thank you for your help and cooperation with the party for new and prospective members. And, thank you to all those people who attended the event.

Much thanks go to the Pliners for the use of their beautiful home and the energy to host the wine and cheese party. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!!

Phyllis



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### CBS LIBRARY UPDATE



I'd like to thank everyone who has donated books to the CBS library. I don't know who you are. Please, if you donate books let me know who you are so I can thank you individually.

A special thank you to Sheryl and Mark Finke for their donation of bookends, to the Edelsons for your contribution, and to whomever left a bag of books without telling us who you are.

Bookends are still sorely needed. (flat style is ideal)

*Anita Hoffman,*  
 Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian



## PAGE TURNERS PRESENTS...

The book choice for our **May 16** discussion is the award winning book, **"The Wanting,"** by **Michael Lavigne**. There are copies available from the public library system. Toby Koch will be facilitating the discussion starting at 6 p.m. New book club members are always welcome. Below is a brief description of the novel.

Terrorism can come in many forms. Is state-sponsored persecution and injustice any less painful for families and loved ones of the victims? Or the survivors? Michael Lavigne scrutinizes the minds and souls not only of victims but of perpetrators as well. What do they want?

In the captivating opening of "The Wanting," the celebrated Russian-born postmodern architect Roman Guttman is injured in a bus bombing; his life and perceptions become heightened

and disturbed, leading him on an ill-advised journey into Palestinian territory. Roman's desert odyssey alternates with the vivacious, bittersweet diary of his 13-year-old daughter Anyusha (on her own perilous path, of which Roman is ignorant) and the startlingly alive witnessing of Amir, the young Palestinian who pushed the button and is now damned to observe the havoc he has wrought from a shaky beyond.

Enriched also by flashbacks to the alluring sad tale of Anyusha's mother, a famous Russian Zionist who died for her beliefs, this novel becomes a poignant study of the costs of extremism, but is most satisfying as a story of characters enmeshed in their imperfect love for one another, and for the heartbreakingly complex world in which all such love is wrought.

*We look forward to discussing with you on May 16th!*

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4/5	Robert & Bonny	Karr
4/8	Eric & Carolyn	Miller
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4/17	Gabriel & Ruth	Lifschitz
4/29	Michael & Lea	Garbett
4/30	Scott & Karen	Pitchon
4/30	Dave & Dale	Wozniak



## Birthdays

4/1	Lizette	Howard
4/1	Mags	Oldman
4/2	Felicia	Wetsman
4/2	Drew	Frost
4/3	Joel	Weiss
4/4	Jared	Blanchard
4/5	Tatiana (Tanya)	Hernandez
4/5	Leonard	Jacobson
4/5	Tyler	Berman
4/10	MarDee	Buchman
4/11	Nick	Hernandez
4/11	Melissa	Slater
4/12	Jeffrey	Miller
4/12	Shayna	Singer
4/12	Anthony	Lamattina
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4/13	Matthew	Miller
4/16	Emily	Yaravitz
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4/20	Robert	Hahn
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4/28	Michelle	Yavelow
4/29	Lauren	Brown
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## Yahrzeits



4/3	Allen	Workman	Brother	of	Anna	Feldman
4/8	Morris	Slater	Father	of	Brian	Slater
4/9	Harry	Chaiken	Great Uncle	of	Joanne	Ronay
4/10	Henry	Naylor	Great Uncle	of	Jessica	Berdit
4/11	Jack	Ber	Father	of	Jill	Oppolo
4/12	Joseph	Koch	Father	of	Toby	Koch
4/14	Marguerite	Rood Kepes	Mother	of	Kathryn	Kepes
4/14	Pascuala	Roldan	Mother	of	Julie	Shienbaum
4/14	Laurel	Cramer	Mother	of	Toby	Rhine
4/16	Mary	Goodman	Wife	of	Rabbi Bob	Goodman
4/16	Clara	Kish	Mother	of	Anna	Brubaker
4/19	Joseph	Magdovitz	Father-in-law	of	Caren	Magdovitz
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4/23	Samuel	Lifschitz	Father	of	Gabriel	Lifschitz
4/24	Sydell	Musikar	Sister	of	Phyllis	Newman
4/24	Elijah	Weiner	Grandson	of	Marcia	Weiner
4/25	Helene T.	Ponemon	Mother	of	Arthur	Ponemon
4/26	Akiva	Dimant	Father	of	Murray	Dimant
4/26	Jay Marvin	Goodman	Father	of	Jeff	Goodman
4/27	Julius	Pearlstein	Grandfather	of	Kevin	Frye
4/30	Muriel B.	Himmel				
4/30	Sylvia	Pliner	Mother	of	Gerald	Pliner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 11A JCC Softball Tourn	4 7:30P Choir 5/14	5 6:15P Life. Learn. Comm. 7:30P Board Mtg.	6 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	7 7:30P Choir 5/14	8 NIFTY LLTI (B'nai Israel—Clearwater) Kibbitzer Deadline 7:00 P Family Shabbat Svc Simcha	9 NIFTY LLTI 10:00AM Bible & Bagels
10 NIFTY LLTI TB/JEC 5th Gr. Prog 9:30 RS: 7th Gr. Fam Pgm 4pm BESTY Board (15-16)	11 7:30P Choir 5/14	12 7:30P Lifelong Learning	13 6:15P Hebrew School 7:00P Yom Hashoah Speaker 7:30P Ritual Committee	14 7:30P Choir 5/14	15 7:45 P Shabbat Service	16 CBS RETREAT ALL DAY 9AM—9PM
17 Blood Drive 9:30A RS: Seder 9:45A Torah Tots PJ Library Puppet Show TJFS Tampa Trifecta	18 7:30P Choir 5/14	19 7:30P Lifelong Learning	20 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class Dinner with the Tribe	21 7:30P Choir 5/14	22 EREV PASSOVER 5:30 P Shabbat Service	23 PASSOVER I 6:00P 2nd Night Seder
24 PASSOVER II 9:30A RS	25 PASSOVER III	26 PASSOVER IV 7:30P Exec. Comm. Mtg. 7:30P Lifelong Learning	27 PASSOVER V 6:15P Hebrew School 7:00P Yom HaShoah Guest Speaker	28 PASSOVER VI 7:30P Choir 5/14	29 PASSOVER VII 7:45 P Shabbat Service	30 10:00AM Adult B'not Mitzvah



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