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When Do You Say Something? How Do You Say Something?

I was on the light rail heading to the Baltimore/Washington airport recently. The cars were filling up, primarily with minorities as we passed through downtown Baltimore. Eventually, a Caucasian man entered our car, surveyed the available seats, and plopped himself down next to me. He looked pretty scruffy, perhaps mid-30s. He struck up a broken conversation which rambled, asking me where I was going and that sort of thing. Somehow, the conversation turned to the deterioration of Baltimore, and he was looking for targets to blame. He mentioned some ranking official, "a Jew," who did something or other. That came up again, and then the topic turned to people dragging the city down, and he said, "Because you know there is only one race." And he didn't mean human.

And I didn't say anything. Those who know me know I have plenty to say, but in this situation, in this confined space, with a man I surmised was of marginal thinking ability, I said nothing. In that moment, I could not imagine any positive outcome from speaking out. Perhaps you've been in that situation, too.

Now I'm not sure I made the correct decision.

When do you say something? How do you say something, something that will be meaningful, impactful? How do you confront deep-seated ignorance in a manner as non-confrontational as possible? I have fought for equality on all fronts ever since I got 'woke' at college. Equality with regard to race, religion, gender, physical ability, and mental ability. I'm not interested in fisticuffs, but verbal engagement is important. I will likely not change the other person's mind, but he or she will know that I do not agree and do take offense.

We are all familiar with Martin Niemöller's famous quotation:

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.*

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

This is a difficult time for all of us. Everyone of us has friends, maybe even family, who at some point have spoken out or dog-whistled about minorities and members of other religions, especially those of the Muslim faith. Do we confront them? Ignore them? Laugh it off? The questions are important, because many of those attacks have turned to us, to the Jews. And these attacks are coming from national leaders, state leaders, local leaders, news outlets, online acquaintances, family members, and friends.

Hillel the Elder said: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" I proudly wear a shirt that says: "We the People... means ALL of us." So my question is: "If I am not for ALL of us, then whom am I NOT for?"

I pray we all find the courage to examine our own prejudices and prepare ourselves to speak up ... while we still can. We should never take our liberties for granted.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - *Dave Friedman*

At Home & At College - Anti-Semitism and Anti-Israel Sentiment is Alive and Well

Recently, I made a routine visit to one of the furniture stores I sell to. While in the store, in the gallery of the manufacturer I represent, an older gentleman started asking questions about the product line he and his wife were interested in. I was giving them the quality story when their designer, who had left them for a few minutes, walked over. He said, "I see you've met the rep for this dining company." This is how the consumer responded, "Dave and I are now good friends. In fact, we're going for lunch afterwards, but we know who won't be paying, based on his last name."

How do you respond to that? I pictured this guy wearing a white sheet. And since he obviously had money, his would have been a fitted sheet.

On another serious note, Carol Anne and I attended the recent Annual President's Dinner at the Tampa Jewish Federation. The guest speaker was Frank Luntz, PhD. He was named one of the four "Top Research Minds" in Business Week and "the hottest pollster" by The Boston *Globe*. He's been profiled on *60 Minutes* and *Good Morning America*. He has appeared on *Meet the Press*, *Nightline*, and *Face the Nation*. He is the three-time best-selling author of *Words That Work*, *What Americans Really Want... Really* and *Win*. He received his doctorate in politics at the age of 25 from Oxford University and was named a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics in 1993. This guy is an expert, and he's a Jew.

To keep this as short as possible, I'm only sharing some of the stats he showed us. If interested, I will make all the slides, with his additional commentary, available to you. I've explain how at the end. Dr. Luntz began, "The problem is anti-semitism, and the problem is happening across America, and it truly is significant." Over a period of years, we conducted interviews of college students all across America - Kent State, Berkeley, USC, James Madison, FSU, University of Oregon, etc. Student after student saw examples of anti-semitism on their campuses."

The first slide he shared was that of a generic 21-year-old female.

"She is the focus. The issue with Israel is not with most young men. It is with most young women. And the greater the anger, the more likely they are to be on the left, rather than on the right. Israel has lost its support on the left because of politics and because we weren't careful about how we communicate. For those of you who don't think this is an issue, all I have to say is one word to you, which is 'settlements.' Someone in Israel came up with the word settlements. If they had been called 'suburbs,' Americans wouldn't have freaked out. It was called a 'wall' rather than a 'barrier.' If they thought about what they were saying, it would not have been an issue, but it has become one. I take no side on policy, I take no side on politics. When it comes to Israel, there are no Republicans. There are no Democrats.

There are only Jews. There are only Americans, and we have to stand together."

It doesn't mean we don't disagree. But we have to be careful about the words that we use and how we communicate. And if you want to know how bad it is, only 28% of college students are now specifically on the side of Israel.

It's not that the rest of them are pro-Palestinian; it's that they have become neutral. They have decided not to make a decision.



When I was a student at the University of Pennsylvania, everybody was pro-Israel. You couldn't find people who were opposed to it. That's the way it was on most college campuses. Today, pro-Israel is the minority point of view. Students have decided they don't want to be involved in the conflict anymore. That they don't want to take sides, and mark my words, if they don't take sides, that's hostile to the Jewish State, and we cannot let that happen.

What American College Students Believe

- 22% are more pro-Palestinian than pro-Israeli. These are 2018 numbers.
- 34% - one third, who won't validate Israel's right to exist!
- 43% would boycott Israel to curb mistreatment of Palestinians. That's the number you have to follow in terms of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions.)

Please see DAVE, continued on page 10

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 7:45 PM**
- ✧ **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

- **Friday, April 6, 7:45 p.m.:** Service of strength, comfort, and healing. Details on page 5.
- **Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.:** Community-wide, interfaith Yom HaShoah service. Sun City Center United Methodist Church, 1201 Del Webb Blvd. West. More information on page 8.
- **Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.:** The Bat Mitzvah of Tovah Cantrell.
- **Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m.:** Havdallah service and diversity panel. Details on page 8.
- **Sunday, April 15, 11:30 a.m.:** Yom Ha'Atzmaut festival. More information on page 8.
- **Sunday, April 22, 9:45 a.m.:** Torah Tots.
- **Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.:** The Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Robinson.
- **Saturday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.:** Cabaret Night. More information on page 8.
- **Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.:** Annual meeting. More information on page 11.
- **Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.:** Mother's Day vendor fair. Please see ad on page 10.

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 April.

- **April 6: Lauren Weisman & Jeff Newman** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **April 13: Paul & Lisa Cantrell** will host the oneg in honor of their daughter, Tovah, who will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah.
- **April 20: Julie & Marvin Shienbaum** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.
- **April 27: Stacy Serota** will host the oneg in honor of her daughter, Madelyn, who will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee we want to express our sincere thanks for the generosity of our April hosts!

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



Tovah Cantrell

Tovah Cantrell, daughter of Paul and Lisa Cantrell, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 14, at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon.

Tovah is excited to be working on her mitzvah project to help the homeless in her community. She was inspired by Feeding Tampa Bay community food pantries. She has made an assortment of “Hope” bags that she gives out to homeless families. She even has encouraged her family and friends to make their own “Hope bags” for the homeless.

Her family is so proud of her for working so hard toward her special day.

Madelyn Paige Robinson

Madelyn Paige Robinson, daughter of Stacy Serota, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 28, at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon.

Maddie, a 7th-grade honor student at Randall Middle School, loves gymnastics and creating slime. She can't wait to celebrate with friends and family.



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Kudos & Mazels

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Brian Slater** for winning the Purim 50/50 and then donating his portion back to the CBS Youth Group.
- Kudos to the **Men's Club** for hot dog lunch for Religious School.
- Kudos to **Tiffany Feldman** for making hamentashen for the Religious School.
- Kudos to **Michael Lubin** for writing and directing the fabulous Purim play.
- Kudos to all the **Purim Players** and **all those who made hamentashen** and helped make our Purim event so special.



*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.*

SPECIAL SERVICE OF HEALING

Friday, April 6 at 7:45 p.m. our regular service will include a special service of strength, comfort and healing. We invite all who are in need of comfort from illness, stress, or mourning - or could just use a blessing in your lives to please come!



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

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- Planters, soil and vines for pergola
- Wood sealer for outdoor elements
- Awnings for entries



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A MITZVAH TO READ A MISHNAH?

Pirkei Avot is a collection of ethical writings and maxims from the rabbis. Pirkei Avot loosely translates as “Chapters of the Fathers,” though I think of it as “Chapters (or Ethics) of the People.” (This gender-neutral twist on the title will surprise no one who knows me.)

Pirkei Avot is six short chapters that are easy to read and filled with ethical degrees worth grappling with in our contemporary lives. As one example, the words, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And when I am for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?” are found in the first chapter of the Pirkei Avot. and in the second chapters readers will find, “It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it.” One tradition is to read

the Pirkei Avot in the weeks between Pesach and Shavuot. This year at Congregation Beth Shalom, people interested in reading Pirkei Avot together between Pesach and Shavuot will gather Sunday mornings from 9:30 am until 10:30 am to discuss a chapter of the book. All are invited to join in these lively and reflective discussions about Jewish ethics inspired by reading Pirkei Avot.

Here is the schedule:

- Sunday April 8: Chapter 1
- Sunday April 15: Chapter 2
- Sunday April 22: Chapter 3
- Sunday April 29: Chapter 4
- Sunday May 6: Chapter 5 & 6

(We will combine the last two chapters to avoid Mother’s Day.) Join any or all of the meetings. No commitment re-

quired, no prerequisites to enter. Come if you have read the chapter—and come if you haven’t. Jewish ethics are for everyone. We will examine these ethics together and consider how they relate to our lives today.

Pirkei Avot is available for free online here: https://www.sefaria.org/Pirkei_Avot.1?lang=bi and here: http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/680274/jewish/Ethics-of-the-Fathers-Pirkei-Avot.htm. Free translations can be downloaded for all e-readers. Join friends at CBS for a few hours to read, study, discuss, and to reflect on this wonderful text.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Julie Enszer at 813-502-5549 or JulieREnszer@gmail.com.

LIFELONG LEARNING—*Richie Bauman*



We've got some good things going!

We've continued our Bible and Bagels with Rabbi Richard Address on certain Saturday mornings and we have occasional Friday night Torah readings.

For something new, Julie Enszer is hosting a series on Pirke Avot (loosely translated as Wisdom of the Fathers) on Sunday mornings leading up to Shavuot, starting April 8.

Also in April, Rudina Richter heads up Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAzmaut events; the first in conjunction with our sister congregation in Sun City Center.

Here's the question - is anyone ready to welcome Erev Shavuot on Saturday, May 19, with either evening study or, as is traditional, an all-nighter?

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EDUCATION—Amy Weinstein

As I write this article, we are gearing up for daylight saving time. I am, once again, left with a feeling that this year is simply flying by! With our earlier start to the school year, we are truly reaching the end of our academic year. With spring break completed, we have a very short time left to ensure students meet our curriculum goals. Please attempt to have your child attend each and every session throughout April. Our final Wednesday class will be held Wednesday, May 2, and our final religious school class along with closing ceremony will be Sunday, May 6.

March was a busy month despite the fact that we did not have classes during spring break. We celebrated Passover with a lesson in class, holiday-themed crafts, model Seders and practicing the Four Questions. As we look toward the final month of school, I ask you to take a moment and reflect of the past year. What aspects of our school met the needs of your child? Is there something we could do to enrich your child's Jewish education? Please feel free to share your thoughts with me.

Important Dates

- **Sunday, April 1:** No RS
- **Wednesday, April 4:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, April 8:** RS
- **Wednesday, April 11:** Hebrew
- **Sunday, April 15:** RS
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, April 22:** RS & Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, April 25:** Hebrew

BESTY BEAT



BESTY represented at the 2018 Spring Kallah held at Temple Kol Ami Emanu-el in Maitland, Fla. , where 300 teens from 29 congregations throughout Florida came together for the annual event, where they said good-bye to all participating high school seniors, including our very own, Sarah Smith. Pictured left to right, Lucas Oldman, Sarah Smith, Danielle Elazar, Mags Oldman, and Aurora Oldman.

BESTY recently got back from a great Spring Kallah. It was a wonderful event filled with our Kehillah Kedosha (holy community) and the end of a chapter for the seniors. We had two of our 8th graders go with us and we couldn't be happier.

We have a family friendly movie night coming up on Saturday, May 5! Keep a look out for more information!

As a senior I thought to share my first NFTY experience. It was LLTI (Liz Leadership Training Institute) of 2016. I remember David Goldfarb telling me that because I was president I didn't have a choice, I had to go. I went and I can't say that I had the best time. I really only talked to four people. But the impact those four people had on my life were unbelievable. Because of those four people I went back again and again.

As sad as it is for me to be leaving my Kehillah Kedosha I am grateful for how much this community has shaped me into the person I am today. I have to thank all of you, members and leaders of CBS, without you all supporting the youth group I wouldn't have been able to find this community.

Sarah Smith
BESTY President 2016-2018



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This year, our east Hillsborough Reform congregations will offer the following free events:

- Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m., there will be an interfaith, community wide Yom HaShoah service at Sun City Center United Methodist Church, 1201 Del Webb Blvd., West. The service will include prayers, memorial candle lighting and readings, and there will be an interfaith community choir, led by Jeff Jordon. As a community, we will come together to remember what happened to the victims of Hitler and to remember the heroes who did not live to tell their stories. A carpool will be arranged from CBS to SCC. Please meet at Beth Shalom at 6 p.m. April 11, if interested.



- Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon will host a Havdallah service and diversity panel at 706 Bryan Road, Brandon. Remembering the Holocaust was fueled by the dynamics of discrimination, demonization and marginalization, there will be panel members representing some of our diverse and marginalized community groups. Panel members will share ways in which our community could be more aware of their group's issues and sensitive to their needs. Presentations will be followed by an opportunity for Q&A and general discussion.



- Sunday, April 15, from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom will host a celebratory Yom Ha'Atzmaut festival honoring Israel's 70th birthday. There will be food, music, crafts, games, etc, with something for all ages.



Please join us for an evening of fun and relaxation

All temple members and friends are invited to join us for our annual **CABARET NIGHT** AN EVENING OF MUSIC performed or written by Jewish authors

When: April 28, 5:30p.m.

Where: Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon

Schedule:

- **5:30 p.m.:** Enjoy the culinary talents prepared by our temple family with a pot luck dinner. BYOB.
- **7 p.m.:** Sit back and enjoy your friends' musical delights as they sing familiar melodies of Broadway.

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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

A big shout-out to the members of Kolot Shalom who have been introducing the latest song selections from the URJ Biennial. They've put a new spin on our Choir Shabbats, particularly Shabbat Alive. I hope you've all attended a Choir Shabbat or Shabbat Alive service recently. Thank you, thank you to the following members: Steve Feldman, Cynthia Goldstein, Jeff Newman, Milt Newman, Janice Perelman, Sandy Santucci, Brian Slater, Christine Stockelman, Gail Verlin, and Lauren Weisman.

Another round of applause to Motti Elazar who played guitar for our Shabbat Alive service. What a fabulous musician! We are so pleased to have him with us.

And another ovation goes to Brian Slater for all his work in organizing our choir files. What an enormous job this has been. Thank you so much, Brian. We owe you a debt of gratitude.

And finally, we are inviting the congregation, friends and local folks to join us at the Potluck/Cabaret that we will be hosting Saturday, April 28. Admission is FREE! Please take the time to come and enjoy some social time with our congregation members and to support all our performers.

Take care and G-d bless you all.

*Shalom,
Joan E. Frankel*

CBS ON FACEBOOK



Our congregation has a few places to find us on Facebook! All three of the following groups require approval to join:

- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon**
- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon Religious School Parent Association**
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When I listen to a room come apart or a group come apart because we start to argue over politics, it breaks my heart. Because if we become divided, if Tampa becomes divided, these numbers I've just shared are going to get even worse. We have to stick together. My job is not to frighten you or upset you. My job is to give you answers. To be able to fix this.

What Millennials Want to Hear

- Working together is the most essential principle.
- The conflict is complex, but we will find a solution.
- A genuine commitment to human rights, social justice, equality and fairness

What Your Audience Needs to Hear, To Get Your Point Across

- Know your audience. Know whom you are speaking to.
- Be the smartest voice in the room, not the loudest. You do not win by shouting.
- Address problems. Propose solutions.

Promote peace.

Ten Essential Language Themes
Use language that actually inspires people.

- No child deserves to live like this. Is there anyone who would disagree with that?
- Empathy for all sides. "I hear you." "I get it."

"Say This"

Dialogue/Discussion
Anti-Israel

"Not That"

Not Debate
Not Anti-Semitic

Four Sentences That Defeat BDS

"This is the most important slide you'll see in the entire presentation, because these are the four sentences that actually change the minds of young people."

Teaching hate will never lead to peace.

All the BDS people do is yell and scream and you hear the vitriol. You see the anger. They're seething. And the single best response to changing the mood at that moment are those seven simple words. When you are communicating that they are teaching

hate, everyone will listen to you.

Problem-solving phrases for 2018

- Boycotting Israel will do nothing to help the Palestinians.
- All lives matter. Palestinian Lives. Israeli lives. Every life matters.

He ended with this: Empathy at Its Best

"Acknowledge the Palestinian plight. Hold the government responsible. Don't blame the Palestinian people. It's not their fault, if everything they see is ugly and hateful. How do you expect them to know the difference if this is how they've been raised? Blame the leadership who sow the seeds of hate."

This was an incredible, eye-opening presentation. I hope you are as impressed with this information as I was. If you want to see the presentation in more detail, simply email me at CBS-president@hotmail.com. I'll send it to you in PDF format.

See you at temple!

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The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 6 at 10 a.m. The Membership Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is a list of the slate of leadership.

Executive Board

President	Richie Bauman
1 st Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 nd Vice President	Toby Koch
3 rd Vice President	Lauren Weisman

Members at Large

Steve Slavkin
Christine Stockleman
Michael Barnett

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

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

Save The Date For The Annual CBS Retreat



The 2018 Congregation Beth Shalom
Annual Retreat is
Saturday, Oct 27, at Cedarkirk Camp &
Conference Center

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Please contact Christine Stockelman at
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- **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 \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

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Yahrzeits

4/1	Sydell Muskiar	Sister	of	Phyllis Newman
4/1	Elijah Weiner	Grandson	of	Marcia Weiner
4/2	Ruth Enszer	Mother	of	Julie Enszer
4/2	Helene T. Ponemon	Mother	of	Arthur Ponemon
4/3	Akiva Dimant	Father	of	Murray Dimant
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4/7	Muriel B. Himmel	Wife	of	Gerard P. Himmel
4/7	Sylvia Pliner	Mother	of	Gerald Pliner
4/8	Ruth Lubin	Mother	of	Mike Lubin
4/10	Rosa Besterman	Grandmother	of	Leslie Boyar
4/11	Rose Gold	Mother	of	Carol Balent
4/11	Gerard P. Himmel	Husband	of	Muriel Himmel
4/14	Marguerite Rood Kepes	Mother	of	Kathryn Kepes
4/15	Barbara Greiff	Aunt	of	Roberta Peterson
4/15	Arthur Abramson	Father	of	Robin Rogovin
4/16	Frances Aberbach	Mother	of	Martie Spaier
4/17	Barbara Berkley Shapiro	Mother	of	Jan Sperry
4/17	William Statter	Father	of	Brad Statter
4/18	Dora Macaluso	Mother	of	Sophia Brenner
4/19	Mariah Hope Braverman	Granddaughter	of	Errol & Sheila Fishman
4/22	Shirley Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sheryl Finke
4/23	Rose Reisner	Grandmother	of	Gary Ronay
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4/27	Marilyn G. Rowen	Sister	of	Judith Pliner
4/28	Fanny Bollinger Zalka	Grandmother	of	Robin Rogovin
4/28	Katherine Verlin	Mother	of	Michael Verlin



Birthdays

- 4/1 Lizette Howard
- 4/1 Mags Oldman
- 4/2 Felicia Wetsman
- 4/3 Ari Kramer
- 4/4 Jared Blanchard
- 4/4 Jonathan Chasin
- 4/5 Tyler Berman
- 4/6 Leah Fischer
- 4/8 Rose Fischer Alexander
- 4/10 Mardee Buchman
- 4/12 Kelsey Birnholz
- 4/12 Jeffrey Miller
- 4/12 Anthony Lamattina
- 4/13 Iylene Miller
- 4/16 Jaren Rapp
- 4/17 Nathan Best
- 4/21 Marvin Shienbaum
- 4/23 Ari Cantrell
- 4/23 Rita Tiller
- 4/23 Barbar Glaser
- 4/24 David Moskowitz
- 4/25 Madelyn Robinson
- 4/25 Rachel Moskowitz
- 4/30 Ethan Robinson
- 4/30 Michael Spaier

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Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

April 27

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