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From the Rabbi

In Memory of Kevin Frye

Congregation Beth Shalom lost a beloved friend and leader with the death of Kevin Frye in late December. We continue to embrace and support his beloved wife Christina, his daughters Kelsey and Kyra, his son-in-law Brandon, and his precious grandson Brantly. As we reached out to comfort and console them at the funeral and shiva, I know we will continue to support and nurture Kevin's grieving family. All of us who knew Kevin as a musician, administrator and CBS leader mourn with the Frye family. I share below a portion of the eulogy I delivered at Kevin's funeral.



The book of Numbers in the Hebrew bible tells us that God spoke to Moses – and commanded him to have trumpets made (Numbers 10:2). These weren't to be ordinary trumpets – but two trumpets crafted from the finest hammered silver. The trumpets served as a way to bring the community together and help them move forward. The Children of Israel were also told to sound these trumpets at joyous occasions, as if to lift themselves into God's presence, the sound of a trumpet like a prayer rising to the Holy One above. In the words of the psalmist (150), "Halleluhu b'teka Shofar– Praise God with blasts of the horn" – words that Kevin sang at Congregation Beth Shalom, words that he lived. No one who heard Kevin play trumpet ever forgot it. From his early years in the Suncoast Sound Drum and Bugle Corp to his most recent work as the Orchestra Director at Madison Middle school, music was Kevin's passion and his gift – a gift he shared richly with others.

And, of course, the Mike Eisenstadt band was central to Kevin's life – as it was to many of us. Everyone in the Jewish community knew Kevin. The joyful celebrations of hundreds of b'nai mitzvah families, brides and grooms were enriched by his skill and his spirit. Jews of all denominations and levels of observance embraced him as a friend, listened to the Sunday Simcha, danced to the Klezmer music he played with the band, looked forward to hearing him play at Israel Independence Day celebrations or Torah dedications. Much of who we have become at Congregation Beth Shalom is due to the gifts that Kevin has shared with us so richly. As our administrative director for many years, Kevin was the first voice that was heard on the phone, the first face that welcomed both members and newcomers through the door, the calm and happy presence that helped guide our community. For 10 years – including just a few months ago – Kevin had also been the soloist at Congregation Beth Shalom on the High Holy Days – the most sacred days of the Jewish year. The depth of his commitment to the ancient traditions and words of prayer, along with the beauty of his voice, have made these sacred days profoundly meaningful for our congregation. Kevin's dedication, his *menschlekit*, his stirring voice will always echo within the walls of our synagogue. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

Zichrono Livrachá – May Kevin's memory be for a blessing.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

I read a short story recently that reminded me of something I once did when I was three, maybe four years old. I told my mother I wanted to run away, so she gave me a suitcase and placed one pair of clean underwear inside. I don't remember why I felt the need to "run away," nor do I recall even leaving the house with the suitcase. But here's the story:

A little boy wanted to meet G-d. He knew it was a long trip to where G-d lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. The old man gratefully accepted some and smiled. His smile was so grand that the boy wanted to see it again. So, he offered the old man a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The young boy was delighted. They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and got up to leave. Before he'd gone only a few steps, he turned around and ran back to the old man and gave him a hug. Then he gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy returned home a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today to make you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with G-d." But before his

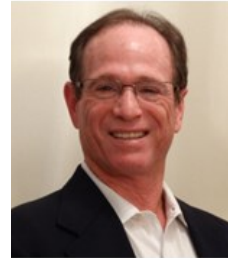
mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked, "Dad what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate potato chips with G-d." Before his son could respond, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often, we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring. All of these things have the potential to turn a life around.

People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally. Have lunch with G-d. Bring chips and beer.

May you always have love to share, health to spare and friends who care.



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.

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- ✧ **Friday worship services at 7:45 PM**
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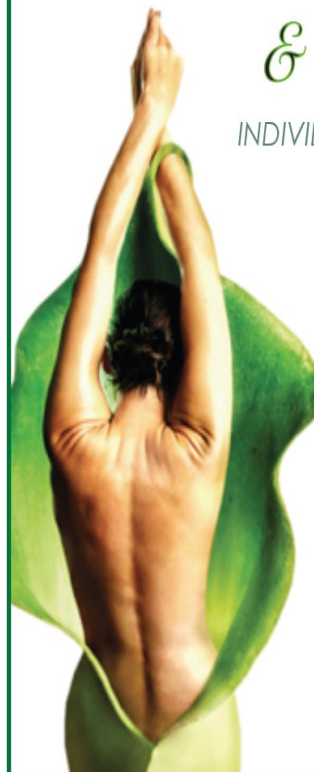
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Friday, Feb. 3:** Tot Shabbat at 5:15 p.m., followed by Potluck Shabbat dinner and services.
- **Sunday, Feb. 5, 9:45 a.m.:** 4th/5th grade religious school family program: *Be a Tree Hugger: A Tu B'shevat*
- **Sunday, Feb. 5, noon:** Inclusion Task Force meeting
- **Friday Feb. 10, 7:45 p.m.:** Cantor Tanya Greenblatt will help lead Shabbat services. More information, page 4.
- **Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.:** Bat mitzvah of Aurora Oldman.
- **Sunday, Feb. 12, 9:45 a.m.:** Torah Tots: *Torah is a Tree of Life*
- **Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.:** *From Scubi Jew to BDS-Engaging the College Students of Today with Rabbi Ed Rosenthal*. The next generation of Jews wrestles with Jewish identity in new and different ways from their parents. Rabbi Rosenthal has years of experience working with college students and will share his insights with the issues confronting our young people. Please RSVP to the temple office.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m.:** iEngage Israel: Self Preservation. We will explore the Jewish discourse around the value of self-preservation. How primary is it, what are its limits and what impact does it have on the way we think about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE.
- **Friday Feb. 24:** Guest Speaker Shana Kirby. As part of the work of the CBS Inclusion Task Force, we are striving ways to ensure that those in our community living with physical disabilities or mental illness are fully acknowledged and included. For more information, see box below.
- **Sunday Feb 26, 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, 4 p.m.:** *An Exploration of Jewish Music with Cantor Tanya Greenblatt*. We will learn about Jewish music through the ages from ancient traditions to contemporary trends. The Feb. 26 session will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe. Please RSVP to the temple office. More information, page 4.
- **Saturday, March 4:** Congregation retreat. More information, page 9.
- **Sunday, April 2, 1 p.m.:** Women's Seder.

Religious Education Calendar, page 7;



Guest Speaker on Anxiety Disorders in Adolescents

**An initiative of the Inclusion Task Force
Friday, Feb. 24, at 7:45 p.m.**

Dr. Shana Kirby manages psychiatric patients of all ages at the University of South Florida as an Assistant Professor. She completed her medical school education and her General Psychiatry Residency in Michigan at Wayne State University. Then she completed her Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship in 2016 at University of South Florida. Dr. Kirby has always had a strong desire to serve, educate and learn which lead her to the field of medicine. She has volunteered as a mentor to youth. Her current interests include patient advocacy and she has volunteered to participate as the Advocacy Liaison for American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

February 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 February.

• **Feb. 3: Jerilyn and Murray Dimant** will host the oneg in honor of their 19th anniversary, and **Isabel and Jon Ellis** will also host the oneg in honor of their 25th anniversary.

• **Feb. 10: Mags and Richard Oldman and the 7th-grade class** will host the oneg in honor of, Aurora, who will be celebrating her bat mitzvah.

• **Feb. 17: CBS friends** will be hosting the oneg in honor of **Judith Pliner's** special birthday.

• **Feb. 24: Bonnie and Jeff Jacob** are hosting the oneg in memory of Bonnie's brother, **Sandy Soffer's**, yahrzeit.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

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

Your Oneg Committee,

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman

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SPECIAL REGOGNITIONS



Aurora Glory Oldman

Mags and Richard Oldman are very proud to announce their daughter, Aurora Glory Oldman, will be called to the Torah Feb.11, as a bat mitzvah. A 7th-grade honor student at Randall Middle School who loves to hang out with her friends, ride roller coasters, and listen to music (she's a huge *Hamilton* fan!), and play the flute, Aurora is also in her 7th year of Girl Scouts and 9th year of dance study. Other extracurricular activities Aurora enjoys are her work helping feed the hungry through Seeds of Hope, and other community service activities through Beta Club, a pre-cursor to the National Junior Honor Society.

Aurora chose her Hebrew name, Kalanit, which means flower - because that was her first word when she was a baby, and she felt that significance should carry over into her Jewish life. As her vocabulary has expanded since then, and now includes Hebrew and her ability to read our sacred texts, her parents are thrilled to see her embrace her commitment to her faith. "The Torah is very complicated, but is also very beautiful," said Aurora when asked about her Torah study. "The miracle represented in my torah portion, Beshalach, shows you how important it is to have faith, even in the darkest of times."

She is looking forward to her second summer at URJ's Camp Coleman and more involvement with the temple's youth group, BESTY. All are invited to join the family at the Saturday morning service to witness this very special event.

An Exploration of Jewish Music

Join Cantor Tanya Greenblatt to learn about Jewish music through the ages - from ancient traditions to contemporary trends.

- **Friday, Feb. 10, 7:45 p.m.**, Cantor Greenblatt will help lead Shabbat services.
 - **Sunday, Feb. 26, 4-5 p.m.**, program begins
 - **Sunday, March 5, 4-5 p.m.**, program continues
- R.S.V.P. required to the temple office

Cantor Tanya Greenblatt is a 2003 graduate of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. She holds a Master of Sacred Music degree and Ordination as a Cantor. She served as a member of the clergy teams in New Rochelle and Merrick, N.Y., Jupiter and Tallahassee, FL. Cantor Greenblatt performs regularly in concerts, specializing in Jewish and Broadway music and is a proud member of BACA, the Bay Area Cantorial Association. She currently serves as a co-chair of the Social Action and Justice Committee of the American Conference of Cantors. Cantor Greenblatt moved to the Tampa area in 2015 to devote her full attention to her three young sons.

Jewish Singles

Who doesn't like good Chinese food?

Tampa Jewish Singles, a group for Jewish single men and women ages 50 - 70, invites you to go out for authentic Chinese dim sum. We'll go to **Hong Kong House**, 1120 East Fowler Ave., Tampa, **Saturday, Feb. 11, at 12 p.m.** for lunch. The carts will go by, and you will be able to select your choices from their extensive offerings of delicious dim sum. You must reserve space to attend. Contact Anita, niewdnarb@yahoo.com for more information.



Fantasy Football

Thank you everyone who played fantasy football, which also helped your temple financially!
Congrats to **Jeff Newman** for winning Super Bowl 5!!!
Congrats to **Natasha Rieger** for being runner-up!
The Besty Bears, managed by **Jim and Sarah Smith**, were the total points champion.

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

MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Garrett Borgen** for being inducted into the National Honor Society (high school.)
- Mazel tov to **Rachel Pitchon** for being inducted into the National Honor Society (high school.)
- Mazel tov to **Lily Criden** into the National Honor Society (high school.)
- Mazel tov to **Hannah Weisman** for being inducted into the National Honor Society (high school.)
- Mazel tov to **Aurora Oldman** for making the Principal's Honor Roll (middle school.)
- Mazel tov to **Landon Holschauer** for making the Principal's Honor Roll (elementary school.)
- Mazel tov to **Brady Garbett** for making the Principal's Honor Roll (elementary school.)
- Mazel tov to **Jacob Garbett** for making the Principal's Honor Roll (middle school.)
- Mazel tov to **Tyler Berman** for making Honor Roll and having perfect attendance (elementary school.)

*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?
If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.*



MEMBERSHIP

We are delighted to welcome a brand new member to our congregation – **Nancy Gordon**! Nancy has attended High Holy Day services at Congregation Beth Shalom in the past and in January decided to join our temple family. Nancy receives *The Kibbitzer* and is interested in Adult Jewish Learning. It was a pleasure finally meeting her at the open house last August. We look forward to seeing her at future CBS services and events.

When you see unfamiliar faces at services or other temple events, please introduce yourself and welcome them to Beth Shalom! It's a great way to meet some very nice people! And what a great way to begin the new year!

*Gail Verlin and Judith Pliner
Membership Co-Chairmen*

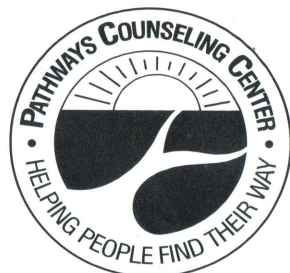
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LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman

A SPECIAL EVENT PRESENTED BY THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Loss

On Sunday, March 26, at 3 pm, the Lifelong Learning Committee is presenting a program entitled Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Loss.

Come to this informative presentation and learn:

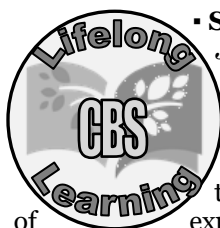
- * What is the difference between normal age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's?
- * What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia?
- * What are the early warning signs for Alzheimer's?
- * What should you do if you or a family member is having memory problems?
- * What lifestyle changes can reduce your risk for Alzheimer's?
- * How do you communicate with someone who has Alzheimer's?

Our presenter is Eileen Poiley. She graduated from the University of Maryland and received her graduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. She has served on the faculty at the University of South Florida for 29 years. She currently serves as the Director of Education of the USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute. The Institute is a multi-disciplinary center at USF and a freestanding diagnostic facility providing comprehensive memory care and services in one location.

This event will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending this informative presentation, please contact the congregation office at 813-681-6547, or Sheila Fishman, Lifelong Learning Chairperson, at 813-833-7843.

The Lifelong Learning Committee Also Offers ...



of experience working with college students and will share his insights with the issues confronting our young people.

• **Sunday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m.:** *From Scubi Jew to BDS—Engaging the College Students of Today* with Rabbi Ed

Rosenthal will explore how the next generation of Jews wrestles with Jewish identity in new and different ways from their parents. Rabbi Rosenthal has years

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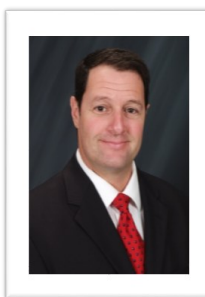
• **Tuesday, Feb. 14 and Tuesday, March 14, 7-8:30 p.m.:** *Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict—A Year Long Conversation.* Through this monthly class and with the use of the iEngage programming, we are stimulating a meaningful dialogue about Israel. Participants are diving deeply into fundamental questions about the Jewish homeland.

• **Sunday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, March 5, 4-5 p.m.:** *During An Exploration of Jewish Music with Cantor Tanya Greenblatt,* we will learn about Jewish music through the ages, from ancient traditions to contemporary trends. This is a two-week class. The initial class will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe.

• **Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m.:** *Branches on the Same Tree: Understanding our Christian Neighbors with Father Kevin Warner of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church of Sun City.* This will be an evening of dialogue and discussion on issues of faith and an exploration of the questions that challenge us as Jews.

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EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.—Bill Beattie

After several weeks of vacation, we returned from winter break and have been busy ever since! Our 6th-graders joined 100 other Jewish 6th-graders for a day of learning at Tampa Hillel. They visited stations centered on Jewish Conservation. The day was called Jewology and was enjoyed by all. In addition, we participated in a family shabbat service. Our students assisted the rabbi beautifully. Thanks to the 6th-grade parents for hosting our themed oneg. I think everyone - football fans or not - enjoyed our Super Bowl oneg.

Our next family shabbat service will be March 31, at 7 p.m. The oneg will also be themed. Hope to see you there!

We are well into our 2nd semester. Our Hebrew classes are focusing on learning prayers and working hard to increase their skills. I challenge you to make it to each class on time and ready to learn.

The Parent Association meets regularly. We have about a dozen parents attend. Please contact Natasha Rieger and/or Lea Garbett to get involved!

Important Dates

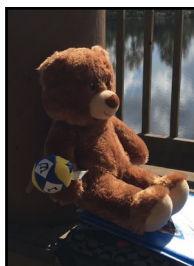
- **Wednesday, Feb. 1:** HC & Confirmation
- **Sunday, Feb. 5:** RS & 4th/5th grade family program
- **Wednesday, Feb. 8:** No HC
- **Sunday, Feb. 12:** RS & Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, Feb. 15:** HC & Confirmation
- **Sunday, Feb. 19:** No RS
- **Wednesday, Feb. 22:** HC



From left, Mags Oldman, Lucas O. Micah D., Sarah S., and Kelsey B. at Winter Kallah in Orlando.

BESTY BEAT

BESTY is breaking records! In December we had the most attendees we've ever had at Winter Kallah in Orlando (a week-long event that combines the fun of youth group with learning experiences and leadership development.) Now we've got the most kids we've ever had registered for our upcoming Hatikvah Kallah this month just for 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-graders - a weekend event designed for expanding our teen's Jewish community and exploring their faith. All our off-site events are chaperoned by our adult youth advisor, Mags Oldman.



This is Benji, the BESTY Bear taking a lunch break.

BESTY had a great time at their post-Chanukah gift exchange in January! Members provided creatively wrapped gifts that made the event even more fun (there was a tie between

Kelsey's unending box brigade, and Sarah's infinity wrap - you just had to be there!) We're also excited to announce that we've got new TYG shirts! Join to get yours! Coming up next for BESTY after Hatikvah is Spring Kallah for high schoolers, and soon we'll be holding elections for next year already! We've got a few more fun events on our calendar for the spring - bowling, Bestaghetti & Jewperdy, LLTI, and our year-end event too. Stay tuned for more!

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4TH ANNUAL CONGREGATION RETREAT

Saturday, March 4; Registration deadline is Feb. 17

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This will be a wonderful Shabbat of community-building, prayer, study, self-restoration, and fun. If you haven't been to a retreat, it is a day of learning and fun and a time to deepen relationships and get to know fellow congregants better. Please join us for a day of learning, fun and togetherness.

Included in the cost of the retreat are all three meals for the day and all programs. PLEASE NOTE: ALL MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE RETREAT.

Registration is on the CBS Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cbsbrandon/>) If you are unable to download it, hard copies are available at the temple. You can also email Christine Stockelman at: cbsretreat@gmail.com.



FEES: For the first 50 registrants, the fees are \$20/adult and \$10/child. For all registrants in excess of the first 50, the fees are \$25/adult and \$15/child.

CHILDCARE: Supervised activities will be available to children ages 4 to 12 years during the adult session times. Families are responsible for securing their own childcare for children ages 3 and under and during adults-only programming.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships are available to CBS members on a limited basis, to active-duty military, full-time students, those on fixed incomes and others in need of assistance. Please contact Rabbi Torop at btorop@verizon.net.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (all subject to minimum amount of people signing up for activity to run)

Initiative Low Ropes Course: 4th grade and up. Offered at 1:30 pm for \$10/person. Lasts 2 hours.

Climbing Wall, Zip Line & Archery: Offered at 1:30 pm for \$5/person. Climbing wall has minimum weight of 40 lbs. Zip-line belt must be able to fit child's waist. Archery is for children 3rd grade and up.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS: These sponsorships are a meaningful way to publicly celebrate joyous occasions, mark remembrances, or just to let a friend know you care. This retreat is made possible by generous sponsorships



INCLUSION TASK FORCE—*Steve Feldman*

Addressing the needs of those with food allergies and sensitivities

In keeping with the mandate of Jewish tradition to recognize and care for all people, the Inclusion Task Force has been working to make sure everyone is able to feel at home at Congregation Beth Shalom. Part of this effort is to address the needs of people in our congregation who have allergies and sensitivities to foods such as gluten, dairy and nuts. Eating certain foods could be life-threatening for some people. While such individuals are usually very careful about what they eat, we still should do our part to prevent any unnecessary problems regarding eating potentially harmful foods and, at the same time, alert those with sensitivities that a food is safe for them to eat. Therefore, we have placed "FOOD ALLERGY/SENSITIVITY INFORMATION" cards (see example) in the large island drawer opposite the fridge, where the wine cups are located. There are an erasable marking pen and several ring display holders for the cards.

If you are hosting an oneg or other event where food is served, please use these cards as needed to alert people of potential dangers or assure individuals the food is safe for them to eat. It is not necessary to use a card for every food item served. Rather, limit its use to those foods which ordinarily contain an ingredient like gluten or milk but in fact do not or foods which may be potentially harmful because their contents are not obvious. For example, you can assume baked goods and crackers contain flour and are not gluten-free unless this information is indicated on the card. However, a food that is flavored with some cinnamon or nuts would not be obvious unless its contents are also marked on the card.

When using these cards, first place the name of the food on the top line and then check whether or not it is purchased or homemade so those who have questions about its contents can ask the provider. If a food would normally be expected to contain gluten, dairy or any nuts but does not, simply indicate the food is free of these products on the second line. Obviously, this tells those sensitive to these products they can safely eat the food.

Name of Food _____ This food is: <input type="checkbox"/> purchased <input type="checkbox"/> homemade <input type="checkbox"/> gluten free <input type="checkbox"/> dairy free <input type="checkbox"/> nut free This food contains: <input type="checkbox"/> dairy <input type="checkbox"/> eggs <input type="checkbox"/> wheat <input type="checkbox"/> cinnamon <input type="checkbox"/> peanuts <input type="checkbox"/> other nuts <input type="checkbox"/> soy <input type="checkbox"/> corn <input type="checkbox"/> fish <input type="checkbox"/> seeds (sesame, sunflower, poppy etc.)

If it would not be obvious the food contains other potentially sensitive ingredients, place a check mark to indicate the product has one or more of the following: dairy, eggs, wheat, cinnamon, peanuts, other nuts, soy, corn, fish and/or seeds. For example, soy usually contains wheat so those with gluten issues usually avoid soy products.

When the event is over simply wipe the markings on the cards with a slightly moist paper towel and place the card back in the drawer so it can be reused. Thank you for your help in providing safe foods for our congregants to enjoy! If you have any questions, please ask Anna or Steve Feldman at sfeldman01@verizon.net, or 707-628-5272 or 5399.


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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

Dec. 25, 2016, is a day we at Congregation Beth Shalom will always remember. That is the day our dear friend and congregant Kevin Frye said farewell to his family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances around the world.

Kevin was and will remain a man larger than life. If you were a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, you were blessed to have been touched by him in his many capacities here as temple administrator, High Holy Days cantorial soloist, song leader, band leader, ritual chair, facilitator, parent and congregant. I was privileged to work closely with Kevin for more than 9 years. He taught me many Jewish cultural aspects that were missing in my life. We collaborated on many things musical and personal. He was always the 'go-to-man' for questions on liturgy, music and Jewish views. He knew how to get things done.

When I think of Kevin, I am grateful to God for lending us this inspiring mensche. I will always remember him as a man of correctness, vision, legacy, chutzpa, talent, compassion, ethics, exploration, loyalty, self and Jewish pride, professionalism, humor, wit and accomplishment, a man driven by perfectionism and love, a giver and trailblazer. And he could cook!

Kevin's work was not finished. I can hear him encouraging us all to keep trying, keep fighting, and, most of all, keep believing.

I know our dear friend remains with us in spirit and memory, especially when we walk through the doors of the sanctuary. He was and will always be a treasure from the Almighty.

We at Kolot Shalom are thankful for the time we sang and performed with Kevin. No doubt his gracious light continues to shine as he now leads the Angel Choir. There couldn't be a better conductor. God bless you always, Kevin.

*With love,
Joan Frankel & Kolot Shalom*

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- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
- **Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund are placed in an investment account and temporarily restricted or can be defined/restricted by the donor. This fund ensures the future of our temple.
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- **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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Anniversaries

2/4	Lauren & Jeffrey Shaw
2/6	Anna Brubaker & Keren Vergon
2/10	Rachel & David Moskowitz
2/26	Jonathan & Jennifer Chasin



Yahrzeits

2/1	Selma	Sperry	Mother	of Bruce	Sperry
2/3	David	Brill	Grandfather	of Myron	Feldman
2/3	Bess	Robin	Mother	of Anita	Hoffman
2/4	Lawrence	Gould	Brother	of Sandra	Saviet
2/5	Samuel	Raiskin	Father	of David	Raiskin
2/5	Meyer	Bloom	Father	of Gail	Verlin
2/6	Costa	Giantsos	Father	of Vickie	Goldberg
2/7	Sol	Zweibach	Father	of Stephen	Zweibach
2/7	Pearl	Brill	Grandmother	of Myron	Feldman
2/7	Jack	Vandeventer	Step-father	of Christina	Frye
2/7	Marshall	Goldberg	Son	of Ruth	Goldberg
2/9	Joe	Newman	Father	of Milton	Newman
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2/20	Kathy	Bensancency	Niece	of Laurie	Edelson
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2/22	Maurice	Goldman	Father	of Sharon	Aronson
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2/23	Leon	Pliner	Father	of Gerald	Pliner
2/24	Gertrude	Silverstein	Friend	of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
2/26	Daniel	Workman	Nephew	of Anna	Feldman
2/28	Joan	Ratner	Sister	of Ira	Ratner



Birthdays

2/2	Larry	Kaler
2/2	Francine	Garcia
2/3	Robert	Karr
2/3	Justine	Lamattina
2/3	Lauri Beth	Plesur-Zuchlewski
2/3	Sheila	Fishman
2/4	Paulette	Schwab-Powell
2/4	Lawrence	Greenfield
2/5	Hayley	Finke
2/7	Michael	Freedman
2/8	Benjamin	Rieger
2/10	Allison	Rapp
2/11	Jerry	Holschauer
2/12	Noah	McCormick
2/13	Zachary	Meyers
2/14	Lauren	Miller
2/15	Micah	Murray
2/16	Julia	Dempsey
2/16	Ron	Leybovich
2/17	Owen	Smith
2/21	Carly	Noyes
2/23	Bruce	Sperry
2/24	Jonathan	Zaifert
2/25	Joseph	Swedlow
2/25	Jason	Finke
2/27	Hannah	Weisman
2/28	Susan	Schwartz
2/28	Joseph	Plesur

Simchat Shabbat!

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:

February 17

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the common date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the common date listed, please contact the temple office.

We encourage you to review our birthday, anniversary and yahrzeit anniversaries each month, and notify the office of any errors.

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