

# The Kibbitzer

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## What Blue Means to You

UT25 is going strong. We've awarded numerous congregants for contributing 7 hours or more of service to CBS and look forward to seeing a sea of blue shirts at the program celebration planned for May 17. In lieu of Rabbi's regular column, I have asked some of the early recipients to put in their own words what the blue t-shirt means to them. My thanks to Cynthia and Mags for sharing their perspectives.  
-Jeff Newman



United Together

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*I was honored to receive a UT 25 t-shirt, and even more so to be the first CBS member to receive one. For me, it is easy to volunteer at Beth Shalom because it is a place of meaning and joy. CBS means many things to me - it is my spiritual home, a place of learning, and where I have met wonderful friends. I have learned new skills, found comfort when I needed it most, and really just have fun. I truly believe I get more out of volunteering than I give, and am so happy to call Beth Shalom my spiritual home. - Cynthia Goldstein*

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*Blue, according to Wikipedia, is a color most commonly associated with harmony, faithfulness, confidence, distance, infinity, the imagination, cold, and sometimes with sadness. It's been well used in trademarking; often chosen to represent many a professional and amateur sports team; it's displayed on 105 of the world's nation's flags, and surrounds our very earth, tinting both above (the sky) and below (the waters). Our congregation has incidentally adopted blue as a color of identity, in line with many other congregations around the world as well as Israel, and it's latest incarnation is in the color of the tee-shirts we are bestowing upon our volunteers - those who choose to put service above self, and give of their time, their talent, and their treasure - for their contributions to our congregation. Blue holds many a designation.*

*"Blue" in this sense, is representative of my choices. When our illustrious President, asked me "what does blue mean to you?" he wanted me to give thought as to the why I choose to give my time to our CBS family (in addition to the time I am contracted to be here). The answer really is quite simple. I choose because I care. I care about all of us. I care about the building in which we share our prayers, our hopes, our tears. I care about the programming we offer to our congregational family. I care about the religious and cultural environment I've chosen to raise my children in and want to do what I can to make it the best it can be.*

*Some may argue, being in the position that I am, that, as the Administrative Director of the congregation, all of that is expected of me. That is true. But I too, am a congregant. I have the same stake in the future of this temple, for my own sake as well as my children's as any other congregant should have. A true blue one. One in which I am committed to improving in the here and now as well as the ensuring a thriving future for my immediate family, my congregational family, and for the Jewish community of eastern Hillsborough County. Lofty goals? Pie in the sky? Maybe...but remember what color that sky is too. Be blue.*

- Mags Oldman

## From the President - *Jeff Newman*

### **Back to the Future**

I had the pleasure to speak with Hank Mart's sister a month ago. She is from Maryland and attends a very small temple of 30-40 congregant families. They do not have a Rabbi and all the temple services are led by lay leaders. This intrigued me, especially knowing our Rabbi would be on Sabbatical in January and February. What happens when an organization is challenged by not having their spiritual leader for two months?

I asked her about her experience and she described a warm family temple where everyone shared in the responsibilities of leadership and service. She talked about how lay leaders rotated doing the services and other lifecycle events. She described a one-for-all attitude at her temple—a true extended family that cares, shares and prepares together.

Sounds familiar?

This conversation reminded me of what I have heard about the early days of Congregation Beth Shalom... the concern, the “all in it togetherness,” and the can do attitude. Our early members had to go at it alone—just like the congregation in Maryland.

Let me be clear. We have a terrific Rabbi who I respect tremendously and who is truly a selfless leader of our temple. AND....

The Rabbi does not make a temple; our voice, spirit, fellowship and compassion does. The Rabbi did not create what we have at CBS; our previous members did, and we continue to shape our foundation. The temple family will forge what happens in the next 25 years, and the Rabbi is one important member of the family.

We have a golden opportunity while the Rabbi is away on Sabbatical. We have the opportunity to tap into our community talents and togetherness. We have the opportunity to reconnect with our past, strengthen our present, and forge new bonds for our future. We have the opportunity to stretch our individual and collective selves. We have the opportunity to reconnect on knowing who we are and what is truly important to us. We have the chance to experiment and get our creative juices flowing.

Please take the opportunity in the next two months to be part of this golden opportunity! Get involved, go to services and join committees. As we celebrate our 25 years, what better way than to reaffirm all that we were, are and can be by going back and inventing our future.



### **OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT, and THE FUTURE IS YOU!**

### ***February Dates to Remember***

- **February 13-15, Cantor in Residence Weekend**  
*(see page 3 for details)*
- **Friday, February 20, 7:45PM—Simcha Shabbat & Jews Around the World Speakers Program (II)**
- **March 4, 7:00PM—Purim Spiel & Service**  
*(see page 7 for details)*

#### **SAVE THE DATES—MARCH:**

- March 20—Congregational Shabbat Dinner
- March 28—CBS Retreat
- March 29—Women's Seder

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

**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-kindergarten through tenth grade**
- ✦ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✦ **Youth group programming**
- ✦ **Adult Education classes**
- ✦ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



## LET THERE BE MUSIC



A special treat has been arranged for CBS the weekend of Feb. 13-15. Cantor Paul Offencrantz will be visiting us for the weekend. Cantor Paul started singing professionally at the New York Metropolitan Opera House, when he was nine years old. He became a protégé of the famous Cantor and operatic tenor, Richard Tucker.

Cantor Paul will impress us with his vocal talents while officiating at our Shabbat worship service on **Friday Feb 13 at 7:45PM**. In recognition of Valentine's Day, he and pianist Joan Frankel will present a magnificent evening of love songs. The program will include favorites from the Broadway stage, as well as classics by George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Cole Porter.

**At 7:30 PM on Saturday Feb 14 our sanctuary will be transformed into a cabaret.** Bring your own wine. We will provide soft drinks and light snacks. As a fundraiser, tickets for this special evening are \$10 per person or \$18 for a couple/family. Tickets can be purchased at the door; cash, check or credit card will be accepted. For \$36 you can become a patron and your name will be listed in the program. For \$50 you can purchase business card advertising space. Email Toby Koch for further information: [tobykoch@hotmail.com](mailto:tobykoch@hotmail.com)

On **Sunday, Feb. 15** Cantor Paul will be doing a very special program in the morning for the students in religious school.

This weekend is a rare opportunity to hear an ordained Cantor who is also a professional singer. You will enjoy it. Take advantage of it!

For more information about Cantor Paul refer to his web site: <http://www.cantorpauloncall.com>. You will be able to listen to samples of his singing by hitting the "About Me" tab then musical selections.

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## 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.

- February 6 Sheila & Errol Fishman in honor of their birthdays, and Lauren & Jeff Shaw in honor of their 19th anniversary.
- February 13 Visiting Cantor Search Committee in honor of Cantor Paul Offencrantz.
- February 20 Janice & Jeff Frieman as a Temple Mitzvah.
- February 27 Michelle Dempsey and Lauren Weisman in honor of their daughters' birthdays, (Julie Dempsey & Hannah Weisman).

### SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

Please 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 helping out with a future date.

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

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## Page Turners CBS Page Turners Invites You

March 19, 7:30PM

**THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA by Philip Roth**

Philip Roth is one of my favorite authors. About ten years ago, this book was on the URJ's reading list. I read it then, and am enjoying reading it now.

The novelist depicts an alternative version of American history. In reality, it was in 1940 that Franklin Delano Roosevelt won the presidential election. In this narrative Charles Lindberg, a heroic aviator and isolationist, is elected president. Lindberg is a supporter of Hitler and the Nazi party and negotiates with Hitler that the United States will stay out of any war. When this is happening the government embarks upon a program of anti-Semitism. Do I need to tell you more about this author's imagination and great narration?

This book is bound to stimulate some interesting discussion. Plan to attend our session on March 19 at 7:30 PM. - *Phyllis Newman*

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

### KUDOS

- Kudos to the Fashion show committee - **Jerilyn Dimant, Anna & Steve Feldman, Gerald & Judith Pliner, Phyllis Newman and Janice Perelman** for coordinating a fantastic Fashion Show! And anyone else who lent a hand in making all magic happen!
- Kudos to **Hank Mart** for setting up a wonderful fundraiser with Park Lane Jewelry!
- Kudos to **Judy Jacobson** for continuing to arrange our wonderful Dinners with the Tribe program at eateries around town!
- Kudos to all of our lay leaders who have been providing engaging Shabbat services while our Rabbi is on sabbatical.

### MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to **David Goldfarb** for being elected by the NFTY-STR Region to be the region's Religious & Cultural Vice President!
- Mazel Tov to **Amy Weinstein** on her new position with Hillsborough County School District!
- Mazel Tov to **David Goldfarb** and **Justin Shaw** for being selected as staff for Camp Jenny, a program that provides an extended weekend of the love of "big brothers and sisters", three nutritious meals a day and encouragement for the future for inner-city disadvantaged youth of Atlanta.



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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President—David Goldfarb

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## OTHER PROGRAMS

### Healing Hour

Cynthia Goldstein-Hart

### CBS Players

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### Chavurah

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### Daytimers

[open]

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**Kudos n' Mazels**

## PESACH FOOD TASTING



In preparation for Passover we'll be hosting a Pesach Food Tasting on March 22, noon - 1PM. Join us for a experiential Pesach lunch! We are looking for volunteers to prepare your favorite Passover items in the following categories: dessert, kugel, soup, and charoset. Recipes for the charoset and other suggestions will be provided. We'll be taste testing, blind judging hope to have a matzah ball demo as well! To volunteer or for additional information contact Lauren Shaw.

[lauren.tampa@yahoo.com](mailto:lauren.tampa@yahoo.com).

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat

March 28 (9AM-8PM) at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center.

A "real" Shabbat filled with community, learning and fun activities in the woods. For more details, contact Natasha Rieger at [natashaswr@yahoo.com](mailto:natashaswr@yahoo.com) or 813.507.3433.

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## TO YOU WITH LOVE

**Let's Celebrate Love!** That's what visiting Cantor Offenkrantz said when he realized that his concert at Congregation Beth Shalom was scheduled for Feb 14, Valentine's Day. Over the centuries the early Christian holiday, Feast of St. Valentine morphed into a day of expressing love. Couples declare their love for each other, so do parents and children. What about the love of a good friend? Let's spend the evening together: lovers, friends and members of CBS.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14 our sanctuary will be transformed into a cabaret. Since the theme of the concert was chosen for us by the calendar, Cantor Paul Offenkrantz and pianist Joan Frankel will present a magnificent evening of love songs. The program will include favorites from the Broadway stage, as well as classics by George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Cole Porter.

Celebrating Valentine's Day elsewhere can be expensive; not so if you spend it at CBS. Bring your own wine and enjoy the evening listening to a fabulous concert by an ordained Cantor who is also a professional singer. Soft drinks and light snacks provided by CBS.

As a fundraiser, admission to this special event is \$10 per person or \$18 for a couple. Tickets can be purchased at the door: cash, check or credit card. Half of ticket proceeds will go to BeSTY (our CBS Youth Group).

### Support this Special Event Patron Donations & Advertising

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## KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

### *Something New to Congregation Beth Shalom*

An exciting event is coming up this month for our congregation. By now, I hope everyone has had a moment to go on-line and listen to Paul Offenkrantz's beautiful, stirring voice.

Paul will be our Cantor in Residence over the February 13<sup>th</sup> weekend. He will begin by leading us in song at the Friday night service, a treat for everyone. Then in keeping with the February 14<sup>th</sup> theme, he will present 'with love' a concert of Jewish classic music from sacred to folk. Completing the evening, he will perform fabulous songs of Broadway. Sometimes, we need to be reminded of all the Jewish composers and lyricists that wrote for Broadway and film.

Finally, the weekend finishes on Sunday morning, when Cantor meets with our Temple youth. Their comments and questions will be welcomed.

I truly hope we can all take advantage of this golden opportunity to hear music of our heritage, while showing our support to Cantor Paul Offenkrantz. There is something for everyone.

Bivracha,

Joan Frankel, Choir Director  
(813) 938-4123

P.S. There are no choir rehearsals in February. Purim rehearsals take precedent.

# United Together 25



## Our Mission

Our mission is to celebrate Congregation Beth Shalom's past and build our future by encouraging our members to volunteer gifts of time and talent.

## How Does It Work?

The premise is simple: Do the time (7 hours of service) and then do the crime (eat and enjoy yourself way too much at our celebration in May). There are many, many ways you and your family can contribute your time and talents (see the list at right).

## Look Who's Earned a Shirt!

Jerilyn Dimant  
David Goldfarb  
Renate Greenfield  
Judy Jacobson  
Michaela Meyers  
Milt Newman

Phyllis Newman  
Lucas Oldman  
Natasha Rieger  
Becca Smith  
Sarah Smith  
Lauren Weisman

## CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

**COME EAT AT CBS (Like you don't already!)**

**Our next Shabbat Dinner will be March 20!** Mark the date on your calendars and look for more information in the March Kibbitzer. More information will be coming—look for it in your email blasts and the March Kibbitzer!



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**Education - Amy Weinstein**

As I begin to write this article, I am amazed at how quickly our year progresses. February, really?! Our first semester was built around new initiatives. We celebrated consecration in a new way, we conducted our first 4<sup>th</sup> grade Kabbalat haSiddur Service and updated our Family Shabbat format that resulted in greater participation. We are continuing to provide our students with exciting learning opportunities this spring. Please make sure that your family takes advantage of all we offer.

We have five straight uninterrupted weeks until Spring Break. Attendance is one of my top focuses. We can provide dedicated, knowledgeable teachers, new exciting curriculum and great support. However, if your child isn't participating, it is all for nothing. Our Judaic curriculum builds upon past lessons. If a student has multiple absences, it will result in gaps in their Jewish Education. I know the struggle of time constraints as you juggle religious school with school projects, exams and extra curriculum activities. You have made the commitment to religious education as an important part of your child's life. We don't take this for granted. We are thankful for your confidence in our abilities and pledge to make the time they have with us as rewarding and meaningful as possible.

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 February Dates**



- 2/1- Parent Association Meeting 9:45 a.m.
- 2.8 - Torah Tots
- 2/15- Special Program with Cantor in Residence; & Religious School Bowling

**Trip to Israel for Teens and Adventurous Adults, led by Rabbi Betsy Torop**

Wander through the Old City of Jerusalem, Hike Masada, Sleep in a Bedouin tent, learn about the founding of the Jewish state, visit the mystical city of Tzefat - and much much more.

Tuesday July 19 - Friday July 29

Interested? Speak to Rabbi Torop or Sandee Pelk

**FROZEN**

PURIM SPIEL & SERVICE

MARCH 4 at 7PM

This year's spiel will have you shivering with delight!

Unfamiliar with the Disney blockbuster, Frozen? Here's the lowdown. Anna, a fearless optimist, sets off on an epic journey - teaming up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven - to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Encountering Everest-like conditions, mystical trolls and a hilarious snowman named Olaf, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom. Can you guess who's who for this year's CBS spiel??

- \* Bring your boxed dry goods to use a graggers and donate to the food bank!
- \* Look for raffles (50/50 or others) and donations to be made towards youth group activities. Youth group will be selling graggers as a fundraiser as well.

Please dress as your favorite Frozen or Purim character. Really *Let it Go* this year!

Get ready for loads of fun!

**CBS LIBRARY UPDATE**

**Book Donations Welcome!**

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed books to our CBS Library. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Please leave your name with donated items so that I can say thank you.

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## BeSTY BEAT

### February BESTY:



- Feb. 3rd: LAST DAY to register for Spring Kallah
- Feb. 5th, 7:00PM -Bowling at The Alley
- Feb. 8th, 12:15PM - BESTY Meeting
- Feb. 13th - 17th - NFTY Convention in Atlanta
- Feb. 27 - Mar. 1: Spring Kallah

## CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM WISH LIST

Congregation Beth Shalom exists today because of its congregants and the love and support they provide. In turn, the synagogue provides worship opportunities, holiday celebrations, social activities, life-cycle observances, education for adults and children, and a place one can turn to in a time of need.

Monetary donations are always welcomed, encouraged, and needed. But sometimes people prefer to give concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. Below are a few "wished for" items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:

### Interior Wish List:

- Bookends for library shelves
- Commercial oven
- Free standing literature stand (floor model)
- New 60" round tables for events
- New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in navy blue 1" binders
- Keyboard drawers

### Exterior Wish List:

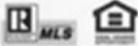
- Flowering plants and soil for 2 large planters
- Planters, soil and vines for pergola
- New outdoor benches
- Wood sealer for picnic table



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**Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman**



*NOTE: "Saturday Night at the Movies" previously planned for February 7 is being postponed until spring. We will keep you advised.*

On January 9, we held our first Speaker Program! Thank you to Fanny Reiss, Lana Goldfarb and Janice Perelman for sharing their experiences regarding Jewish traditions observed in the Soviet Union, the Caribbean, and other exotic locations. We will have our second presentation on **Friday, February 20** during our Shabbat worship service. Mark that night on your calendar and we hope to see you then.

Also, please join us on **Saturday, March 21** for Bibles and Bagels with Rabbi Torop. We will engage in a lively and participatory look at the weekly Torah portion (along with a nosh of course). The topic is "Parashat Vayikra: Is the ancient temple still relevant?"

I know that Rabbi Torop is away on Sabbatical for an additional month, but she will be returning in March 2015. So don't forget the unique opportunity to meet with her, upon her return, to answer a "burning" question that you may have. You, the congregant, have the opportunity to pick the topic, select the location of the discussion, decide the size of the group to meet with the Rabbi, and negotiate the time with the Rabbi. The answers are only a phone call or an e-mail away!!

*For any questions, please contact Sheila Fishman at (813) 833-7843.*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CBS Women's Seder**

**March 29**

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First Watch Restaurant  
Fresh Market - Valrico  
Genghis Grill  
Growing Crafty (Melissa Villasin)

Improv Comedy Theater & Restaurant

Jesse's Restaurant  
Julie's Walk-In Closet  
Little Greek Restaurant - Valrico  
McDonalds - Bloomingdale & Brandon  
Massage Envy  
Next Step Shoes  
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Red Robin  
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Swank Hair Lounge (Melisa Davis/Natalie Kozlowski)  
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Wal-Mart - Bloomingdale & Brandon  
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2/4	Lauren & Jeffrey	Shaw	
2/10	Rachel & David	Moskowitz	
2/13	Joel & Laurie	Edelson	
2/17	Anna & Frank	Moneymaker	

## Yahrzeits



## Birthdays

2/2	Solomon	Gudz	Grandfather	of Lana	Goldfarb	2/1	Leslie	Boyar
2/2	Joe	Newman	Father	of Milton	Newman	2/2	Larry	Kaler
2/3	Irving	Dinnerman	Father	of Tammie	Hebert	2/2	Jillian	Boyar
2/5	Abraham	Levine	father	of Marcia	Weiner	2/3	Robert	Karr
2/5	Sarah	Cohen	Grandmother	of Sandra	Roberts	2/3	Justine	Lamattina
2/6	Vivian	Kay	Grandmother	of Iylene	Miller	2/3	Sheila	Fishman
2/7	Vincent	Garafola	Father	of Christina	Frye	2/4	Paulette	Schwab-Powell
2/7	Mina	Oliveira	Mother	of Marina	Baker	2/4	Lawrence	Greenfield
2/7	Florence	Workman	Mother	of Anna	Feldman	2/5	Hayley	Finke
2/7	Marie J.	Morrison	Great Grandmother	of Jessica	Berdit	2/6	Michael	Davis
2/7	Ann	Rogovin	Mother	of Richard	Rogovin	2/7	Michael	Freedman
2/9	Albert	Jacobson	Father	of Peter	Jacobson	2/8	Benjamin	Rieger
2/11	Nathan	Weisberg	Father	of Barbara	Kinney	2/11	Jerry	Holschauer
2/13	Kathy	Bensanceney	Niece	of Laurie	Edelson	2/12	Noah	McCormick
2/15	Maurice	Goldman	Father	of Sharon	Aronson	2/13	Zachary	Meyers
2/15	Judy	Fishman	Mother	of Errol	Fishman	2/14	Lauren	Miller
2/16	Leon	Pliner	Father	of Gerald	Pliner	2/15	Micah	Murray
2/17	Yakov Samuilovich	Seglevich	Grandfather	of Anna	Moneymaker	2/16	Julia	Dempsey
2/19	Louis	Kay	Grandfather	of Iylene	Miller	2/17	Owen	Smith
2/19	Daniel	Workman	Nephew	of Anna	Feldman	2/18	Abigail	Richner
2/20	Esther	Lieberman	Grandmother	of Rudina	Richter	2/21	Carly	Noyes
2/20	Florence	Cohen	Mother	of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein	2/23	Bruce	Sperry
2/21	Joan	Ratner	Sister	of Ira	Ratner	2/23	Amy	Tabak
2/22	Dr. Dorothy	Strauss	Mother	of J E	MacNaughton	2/25	Joseph	Swedlow
2/22	Molly	Honig	Mother	of Rudina	Richter	2/25	Jason	Finke
2/23	Rose	Sandberg	Mother	of Sandy	Santucci	2/27	Hannah	Weisman
2/23	William David	Dufresne	Father	of Laurie	Edelson	2/28	Cynthia	Posner
2/24	Reuben	Armus	Father	of Sheila	Fishman	2/28	Glennie	Andrews
2/26	Joe	Scheiner	Father	of Susan	Ruiz	2/28	Susan	Schwartz

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the actual date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the actual date listed, please contact the temple office at 681-6547.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Superbowl LXXIX NFTY Haktivah Kallah 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 12:15P BeSTY Board 1-3 Spiel (Rehearsal)	2	3	4 Tu B'shevat 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	5 10:00A TJFS Food Bank	6 W Hills Co No Seh. 7:45 P Shabbat Service	7
8 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tois 12:15P BeSTY 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk. 3 1-3 Spiel (Rehearsal) 6:00P JCC/Federation Presi- dent's Dinner	9	10	11 6:15P Hebrew School	12 7:30 P Cancer Support	13 NFTY Nat'l Conf.—ATL, GA Cantor-in-residence weekend 6:30p A Night of Music with the Cantor	14 NFTY Nat'l Conf.—ATL, GA
15 NFTY Nat'l Conf.—ATL, GA 9:30A RS 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk. 3 1-3 Spiel (Rehearsal) 2:00P RS Bowling	16 NFTY Nat'l Conf.—ATL, GA	17 NFTY Nat'l Conf.—ATL, GA	18 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	19	20 1st of Adar 7:45 P Simcha Shabbat	21 6:00P PNO
22 (MITZVAH DAY) 9:30A RS JCC SuperSunday 1-3 Spiel (Rehearsal)	23	24 7:30P Exec. Board Mtg.	25 TB Jewish Film Festival 6:15P Hebrew School 7:30P Ritual Committee	26 TB Jewish Film Festival	27 TB Jewish Film Festival NFTY Spring Kallah @SZ	28 TB Jewish Film Festival NFTY Spring Kallah @SZ (Singles Movie Night)



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