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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

Learning in the Woods

As is often the case for the July Kibbitzer, I am writing my article from Camp Coleman, where I spend two weeks every year as rabbinic faculty (along with several staff members and campers from CBS). Jewish summer camp was formative in my personal Jewish journey, and all of the current research suggests that Jewish summer camp has a profound impact on the Jewish identity of today's kids. It is truly a blessing for me to contribute to the camp community – to help young people create meaningful and innovative worship experiences; to begin every meal with *hamotzi* and end every meal with *birkat hamazon*; to discuss Jewish identity with teenagers; and to create personal 'sacred space' boxes with middle schoolers. On Shabbat, all 600+ members of camp will be dressed in white; we'll say the blessings, counselors will bless their campers, and we'll sing and dance. It is – for many of the kids – the only time they know the joy of living a 24/7 Jewish life, and, for the counselors, it is an amazing chance to become Jewish role models and teachers. For all of these reasons – and many more – I love Jewish summer camp and believe in it passionately.

Coleman works very hard to create a sense of community – in each bunk, in each unit and with the camp as a whole. Being here at camp is also an opportunity to reflect and ask questions that pertain to our community and Beth Shalom. Coleman articulates four essential Jewish values that are woven into every part of camp. These values are displayed visually, emphasized in dialogue and programs, and modeled in behavior. The values are:

- *Kehillah*/community. Every activity and interaction is an opportunity to turn a group of individuals into a tightly knit community.
- *Kavod*/respect. All of our actions and words must model respect for others, no matter how different from us they appear, as creatures of God.
- *Chesed*/kindness. Above all else, in our actions with one and other, we must be kind. A simple, but all-too-often absent, guiding principle.
- *Shalom*/peace. In many ways, this is the end result of the other three values. In a place that tries to create a sense of community, where everyone and everything is treated with respect and kindness, peace and wholeness will replace conflict and criticism.

If we were to pick three or four core values for Beth Shalom, what would they be? Our mission and vision statement include words like "welcoming," "caring," and "inclusive." Are these some of our core values? What are others? And once we identify those core values, how could we use them to shape and guide our collective behavior, choices and words? If you haven't been to our website (www.bethshalom-brandon.org) in a while, I invite you to take a look and read our mission statement and vision statement. Think about our core values – what they are, what they should be, what you'd like them to be. Share them with me. Let's learn from the magic of summer camp.



CBS Summer Temple Office Hours

June 16-August 15 * 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

From the President - Jeff Newman

When I was growing up, my dad had his dental office adjacent to our house. Besides the constant “snow” on our TV set when my dad was using the drill and the constant calls at all times of day (it is amazing how people thought I knew about dentistry because I was his son), there was a quote on the wall of his office that I will always remember:

“Do not criticize a man unless you have walked a mile in his moccasins” – Old Indian Proverb

That expression was very influential in shaping my thoughts and the way I approach understanding people. Preconceived ideas are in our minds, and it is our responsibility to combat the tendency to categorize others. We must engage other people in open dialect without bias. You never know about a person’s situation unless you have lived his/her life. Until you have struggled their struggles, experienced their upbringings, and lived their day to day lives, we have no right to judge others.

Hank talked about changing the culture of our temple community. Rabbi teaches us that talking about a person is gossiping. I have had a unique perspective as past Treasurer on how people make assumptions about people’s finances, work ethic, family situation, etc. I have seen well-intentioned individuals talk about scenarios in a group setting, unaware that they are demeaning people in that very group. I witnessed people becoming disenfranchised because of unintentional, hurtful words.

As Treasurer, I learned that the more I listened to congregants, the more I could help them.. and the more they could help our temple.

To change the financial culture of our temple, we must first understand individual situations without judgment. To change the social culture, we must first understand congregant needs and not assume we know what is wanted. To be a caring culture, we need to first listen with empathy and compassion to congregant concerns.

As President, I am convinced that the more I (and the board) listen and understand the true issues, the more we will be able to help the temple. You have my

commitment that we will respect your perspective and appreciate your commitment to helping the temple.



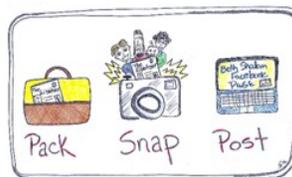
Your board needs to understand what our community wants – to walk a mile in your moccasins. We need to listen actively, hear your voice and understand we have an opportunity to learn from what you say. It starts with honest, open, respectful dialogue. It fosters trust and involvement. These are the building blocks of a strong temple foundation. Ultimately, it will enhance your temple experience and will enhance our experience also.

All of us have something in common – a commitment to our unique Jewish experience. This commonality fuses us together no matter the road we have walked. When we respect the different journeys travelled, we can enjoy the next road together, with all the twists and turns of CBS life.

Just don’t ask me any dental advice...

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

Where in the World is the Kibbitzer?



Stay connected to CBS over the summer - and share in the adventures of other congregation members!

Slip a copy of the Kibbitzer into your bag and then take a photo of yourself holding the Kibbitzer at your vacation destination!! Post to our CBS Facebook page when you return.

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, Saturday worship services at 10:00 AM**
- ✦ **Religious school pre-kindergarten through tenth grade**
- ✦ **Complete B’nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✦ **Youth group programming**
- ✦ **Adult Education classes**
- ✦ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**



July Dates to Remember!!!!

- Thursday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.—Cancer Support Group
- Thursday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. — Page Turners
- Friday, July 25, 7:45 p.m.—Simcha Shabbat
- Sunday, July 27—BeSTY Beach Day
- Tuesday, July 29, 5:30 p.m. —I Am Hope Cafe
- Monday, August 18, 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsals for High Holy Days begin

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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS/OBSERVANCES

Rosh Hashanah

Begins sunset of Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Ends nightfall of Friday, September 26, 2014

Yom Kippur

Begins sunset of Friday, October 3, 2014
Ends nightfall of Saturday, October 4, 2014

Sukkot

Begins sunset of Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Ends nightfall of Wednesday, October 15, 2014

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July Oneg Schedule

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

- July 4: Anita Clifford, Judy Jacobson and Sophia Brenner as a Temple Mitzvah.
- July 11: David Richter in honor of Rudina's 65th birthday.
- July 18: Karen and Stephen Richner in honor of their daughter Becky's birthday.
- July 25: Michael and Virginia Barnett in honor of their anniversary and his birthday.

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Please contact Judith Pliner at 813-436-0080 or email her at gp@pliner-inc.com if you are interested in helping out with a future date.

Thank you from your Oneg Committee,
Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner and Anita Hoffman

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Kudos n' Mazels

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

MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to Tampa Jewish Family Services for being named non-profit of the year in family services category by Tampa Bay Business Journal.
- Mazel Tov to Steve & Sheila Slavkin on the birth of their new grandson, Theodore Robin Slavkin, born May 21, 2014 to son David Slavkin and his wife, Mary.

KUDOS

- Kudos to Michael Barnett, Seth Dugan, Lauren Shaw, Carolyn Miller, Mags Oldman, Jill Oppolo, Jim Pelk, Lisa Smith for their help with BeSTY's School's Out Party on June 7!
- Caren Katz for taking over the Religious School eNews!
- Elise Berman for taking on Torah Tots Coordination!

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.



Dear Congregant:

The Chavurah Program at Congregation Beth Shalom provides a wonderful shared Jewish experience for everyone who participates. It is one of the many ways to enhance your experience as a Temple member. When you belong to a chavurah, the circle of friends becomes your “extended family.”

What is a Chavurah?

Chavurah (plural is “Chavurot”) comes from the Hebrew word, *chaver*, meaning friend, or fellowship. Each Chavurah is a small group of Temple members who come together as an extended family. As a member of the chavurah family, each person has the option to participate in whatever activities the Chavurah as a group has decided upon.

What Does a Chavurah do?

The Chavurah celebrates Jewish life. Through programs of study, observances of holidays and festivals, socializing and sharing of simchas, members personalize and vitalize their Jewish experience. They also participate together in Temple life and in community concerns.

How Do I Join a Chavurah?

Call Phyllis at 813-671-1707



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PAGE TURNERS

SUMMER READING "LITE"



"Eating My Words: An Appetite for life"

By Mimi Sheraton
Thursday, July 17, 7:30

CBS Page Turners are doing some "lite" reading this summer! Join us as we discuss Mimi Sheraton's hilarious memoir about the life of a food critic.

Mimi Sheraton was born into a food-loving Jewish family in Brooklyn. Her mother was an excellent cook, and her father was a commission merchant of a wholesale produce market. Growing up, she was surrounded by talk of good food and cooking, where to find the best fruits and vegetables and how to recognize them. Though food was always her love and her hobby, it did not immediately become her vocation. Find out with us how she became the most revered and feared customer of New York's finest restaurants.

Join Page Turners for some fun summer reading as we examine this entertaining and candid memoir of the doyenne of food critics who provides a heartfelt and poignant look at the events of her extraordinary life.



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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Kolot Shalom is the name for Congregation Beth Shalom's choir – translation: "Voices of Peace." It is our goal to enhance the Shabbat and High Holy Day services, to lead the congregation in new and traditional music, and to sing a range of sacred and secular Jewish music.

The group plays an integral role in leading worship and singing at other Temple functions including Open House, Chanukah celebrations and our annual Evening of Jewish Music Festival.

Our members have opportunities to sing solos, harmonize and to hone their performance skills. There are no auditions. If you enjoy choral singing, then consider joining this very involved and community-minded organization.

Rehearsals for the High Holy Days will begin on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

This year, the choir will sing on Wednesday evening, September 24, 2014 – Erev Rosh Hashanah and Saturday morning, October 4, 2014 – Yom Kippur morning.

There are some other exciting events planned for this coming year. If you have a love of choral singing, we hope you will join us.

Wishing you all the best for a very happy and safe summer.

Shalom,
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University of South Florida Parkinson's Disease Center teams with Michael J. Fox Foundation to study major genetic cause of Parkinson's Disease in Jewish individuals: How you can help

LRRK2 mutations

Identifying and understanding the causes of Parkinson's disease is a critical step along the path to a cure. There are now over a dozen genetic mutations that have been found to cause or increase the risk of Parkinson's disease, but these mutations only account for about 10% of all cases of Parkinson's disease in the general population. Thus, for many individuals the cause remains unknown. Nonetheless, one genetic mutation, known as LRRK2, appears to be fairly common, especially in the Jewish population.

It has been discovered that individuals with a genetic mutation in one copy of their LRRK2 gene are at increased risk to develop Parkinson disease. In the general population, only 1-2% of individuals with Parkinson disease have a LRRK2 mutation. However, among individuals who are of Ashkenazi Jewish descent, approximately 15% of individuals with Parkinson disease have a LRRK2 mutation. Thus, in individuals of Ashkenazi Jewish descent who have Parkinson's disease, a LRRK2 genetic mutation appears to be the cause in approximately 15% of individuals.

This risk to develop Parkinson disease increases with age. At age 50, the risk to develop Parkinson's disease in an individual with a LRRK2 mutation is around 10-20%; this risk increases to 50-80% by age 80. Some people with a LRRK2 mutation may never develop Parkinson disease. It is likely other risk factors are needed for an individual to develop Parkinson disease in addition to the LRRK2 mutation.

LRRK2 mutations are inherited in an autosomal dominant fashion. This means that both males and females can pass on and inherit the mutation. Each child of a person with a LRRK2 mutation has a 50% or 1 in 2 chance to inherit the mutation. Similarly, this individual has a 50% or 1 in 2 chance to not inherit the mutation from their parent.

The PPMI study

The University of South Florida Health Byrd Parkinson's Disease Center is a clinical site for the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI), a large-scale study exclusively focused on identifying and validating Parkinson's disease biomarkers. Following the successful completion of recruitment for the original study and launch of a pre-motor arm in 2013, PPMI has expanded to study certain Parkinson's-related genes.

Over the past decade, studies of the genetics of Parkinson's disease (PD) have revolutionized the pursuit of a "disease-modifying" treatment – a therapy that can slow or stop the progression of PD. Therefore, studying people with Parkinson's and their families is essential to help researchers identify genetic traits that may contribute to the onset and progression of PD.

Today, PPMI (www.michaeljfox.org/ppmi) is seeking people with Parkinson's and their family members to help researchers identify genetic traits that may contribute to the onset and progression of PD. Specifically, PPMI is currently studying the connection between PD and having a mutation in the LRRK2 gene – the single most common genetic contributor to PD.

How you can participate:

People with and without PD who meet the following criteria may be eligible for genetic counseling and testing at no cost to determine if they may qualify for this study.

People with Parkinson's disease who are of Eastern European (Ashkenazi) Jewish, North African Berber, or Basque ancestry. Please call Kelly at 813-396-0755.

Individuals without PD who are related to someone with PD AND who are of Eastern European (Ashkenazi) Jewish, North African Berber, or Basque ancestry. Please fill out a brief online questionnaire at www.michaeljfox.org/genetics.

If you have been tested and know that you have a LRRK2 mutation, contact Kelly Tehan, PA-C at 813-396-0755. You can also learn more about genetics and PPMI by calling (888) 830-6299.

Genetic Testing: What's Involved?

Genetic testing is a process of examining a person's DNA. Among other things, genetic testing can reveal changes in your genes that may cause illness or disease. PPMI will provide free genetic counseling and testing for a LRRK2 mutation free of charge to people who qualify to participate. Here is a summary of the genetic testing process in PPMI.

Preparation: Talking to a genetic counselor about the process is an important first step. Together, you'll discuss family history, motivations for getting tested, possible outcomes, and whether you'll decide to know the results of your test.

The Test: The test simply requires a single blood draw to determine whether or not there is a mutation in your LRRK2 gene. Your blood sample is sent to a central laboratory for testing.

Receiving Your Results: You will be contacted by a PPMI representative once your results are in. All volunteers will be invited for further genetic counseling free of charge and some may be invited to participate in additional tests and evaluations.

If you are interested in receiving free genetic counseling and testing for a LRRK2 mutation for the purposes of participating in PPMI, call Kelly at the USF Parkinson's Disease Center (813-396-0755), fill out our questionnaire at www.michaeljfox.org/genetics or call (888) 830-6299.

A decision to play a part in PPMI is an opportunity to join forces with thousands of families worldwide committed to speeding scientific progress toward a cure for Parkinson's disease. PPMI is a \$60 million study and is sponsored by The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF).

Robert A. Hauser, MD

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Education - Amy Weinstein

The religious school staff and teachers wish you a very happy summer! We hope you are enjoying time with family and friends. I also hope that every student is finding some time to practice Hebrew, attend Shabbat Services and practice mitzvot during the summer months. Please feel free to contact Karen Blanchard or me if you need any resources or ideas.

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 (813)685-7064



BeSTY SUMMER DATES

July 27—Beach Day & Drum Circle at Siesta Key

August 10—Group Meeting at 12:15 p.m. (location TBD)

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's only the beginning of July, but at Tampa Jewish Family Services we are already planning the 2014-15 school supply drive for families in need throughout the Tampa area. This year, our school supply distribution will extend into Pasco County to approximately 250 children – these new families will double our distribution from last year.

Our agency needs help with donations of essential supplies: wide-ruled and medium-ruled paper, #2 pencils, crayons, washable markers, glue sticks and large red erasers – even backpack donations are needed. We will distribute these items to our Food Bank families with young children in early August, so our time frame is limited and our need is great. If you would like to make a donation, items may be dropped off at our offices located at the Tampa Jewish Community Center in Citrus Park or right here at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon. Monetary donations to purchase supplies may be made online at tjfs.org or by calling 813-960-1848. One-hundred percent of your donation will be used to purchase school supplies. Thank you for your help!

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 by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

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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. It is a beacon of hope for those searching out a spiritual home and a part of the fabric of life for those who frequently attend services and activities. Congregation Beth Shalom congregants are there to celebrate the happy times and provide support and caring during the sad times for all of our CBS family.

Financially supporting the synagogue is the responsibility of the entire Jewish community so that it can continue to exist and grow for everyone, both now and in the future. We strive to keep our expenses frugal and necessary, but as we grow in numbers, the numbers of dollars do not necessarily grow congruently, and additional items are often "wished" for to add to our spiritual home. Below are a few of our most frequently requested items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:

Interior Wish List:

- Bookends for library shelves
- 6-foot ladder
- Water cooler and water supply for Cafe Shalom
- 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:

- Cypress mulch (to refresh)
- Flowering plants and soil for 2 large planters
- Planters, soil and vines for pergola
- New outdoor benches
- Wood sealer for picnic table
- Outdoor barbecue grill

Making donations of these items or similar (referred to as in-kind) has been a regular practice of our temple family, and it is because of the past and continued generosity of our congregants that we are able to continue to thrive. While monetary donations are always welcome, encouraged, and needed and can be used where the temple needs it most, we know that sometimes people prefer concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. We hope that this list is helpful for you. Before making an in-kind contribution, due to very limited space for storage, please contact the temple first to be sure that the item is still on the list, or, if it is not, if the temple has room or need of the item.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE!



Tickets to the exclusive savings shopping event are available at the temple for only \$5 each! The shopping event is August 23rd, and the ticket entitles you to save 25% all day at any Macy's on regular, sale & clearance items, including home, and 10% on electrics/electronics, watches, furniture, mattresses, and rugs/floor coverings. Some exclusions apply.

The temple receives 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets. Tickets ARE transferable, so you may buy them and pass them on to a friend. Tickets are available from the Temple Office.

Questions? Contact Judy Jacobson: (562) 862-7355 or judy.d.jacobson@outlook.com.

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We Have a Youth Group?



Yes, indeed we do! Congregation Beth Shalom hosts BeSTY – Beth Shalom Temple Youth – which is a chapter of the national organization called NFTY.

NFTY stands for the North American Federation of Temple Youth, which was established just over 70 years ago with the mission of engaging our Jewish youth during a critical time in their development as individuals, as community members, and as Jews.

BeSTY is just one of over 750 Reform congregations reaching out to over 10,000 high school age young people across the continent, which is divided into 19 regions. We are part of NFTY-STR, or Southern Tropical Region, which encompasses most of the state of Florida, with the exception of the panhandle and it also includes the Bahamas.

Four times each year, the region hosts Kallot for rising 9th through 12th graders – fall, winter, spring and a leadership training. The Fall, Spring and Leadership Training kallot are hosted by synagogues throughout the region and students are home housed by host congregation families. This type of experience provides opportunities for bonding and fellowship at the family level, and many times it establishes lifelong relationships outside of our youth's local community. Each of these events is held over a weekend, Friday to Sunday, and includes Shabbat worship designed with youth in mind. Other activities over the course of the weekend are designed by the hosting temple and include teambuilding, problem-solving, self-reflection and development exercises as well as fun! Winter Kallah is an extended event during winter break, and is held at a hotel in Orlando.

During the rest of the year, each chapter sets its own calendar with activities to include (in no particular order) service to the synagogue, service to the community, self-development, Jewish education and exploration, and of course, a selection of activities just designed to have fun. Every year each chapter elects a board of officers who lay the path for the chapter to take, and an advisor plays and active role in the development of the leadership of the group, and a supervisory role to its activities. This year's board includes President David Goldfarb, Programming Vice President Andrew Pelk, Social Action Vice President Jamie Karr, Religious & Cultural Vice President Justin Shaw, Membership Vice President Madi Oppolo, and Communications Vice President Cori Posner under the advisement of Mags Oldman. The Board meets monthly to plan and evaluate the course of the group and will be announcing the fall line up and dues structure by the end of summer.

More information about NFTY can be found at www.nfty.org and we are currently developing the BeSTY webpage, which is part of our congregational website. Information about BeSTY's activities is included in the Kibbitzer as well as in the monthly eNews.

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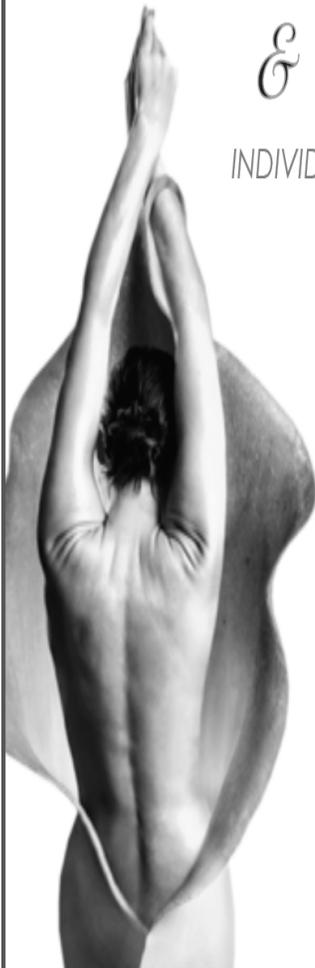
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YAD Third Thursday Happy Hour July 17 - 7-9 p.m.

Join us for happy hour at Grimaldi's Westshore, known for tasty coal, brick-oven pizza. Grimaldi's serves beer, wine and sangria in addition to delicious pizza. Held the third Thursday of every month, YAD Happy Hours are a great opportunity for socializing and meeting new people. The Young Adult Divisions of the Tampa JCC & Federation & Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties join forces to bring you these happy hours on the third Thursday of every month in fun locales around Tampa.

For more information, please contact Lisa at yad@jewishtampa.com or Elana at egootson@jewishpinellas.org

Nominate a Mensch Today!



We name a "Mensch of the Week" each Friday in our weekly e-newsletter. Please help us recognize someone who you feel is a mensch, a person to admire and emulate, someone of noble character, who has a sense of what is right, and does good to help others. We want to express the value of our community's heretofore unsung heroes for all they do. You can nominate as many individuals as you would like. The "Mensch of the Week" is an ongoing segment, so you can nominate now or any time in the future. Nominate a mensch today.

<http://tampa.fedweb.jewishfederations.org/page/s/mensch-of-the-week>

Hebrew Classes Offered this Fall at USF

This coming Fall semester, Professor Rina Donchin will teach "Beginners' Hebrew" on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:45 pm. It is a 4-credit class open to students of USF from both Tampa and St Pete and University of Tampa students. Also, high school students with good standing are welcome. For more information, please email rdonchin@mail.usf.edu or call 813-903-9610.



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Help Hillel Reach Every Jewish Student in America

Most people think the biggest challenges for Jewish life on campus are anti-Israel attitudes, anti-Semitism, and missionaries. In fact, the biggest challenge Hillel faces is how to find the Jewish students in the first place.

In an effort to address this challenge, the Suncoast Hillels in partnership with Hillel International have taken its Florida program to a national level, creating a website to help engage every Jewish student at every college and university in the country before they arrive on campus.

Help Hillel reach every Jewish student in America here: www.hillel.org/college-guide/jewish-college-bound?

TampaBay-Job-Links:

Mondays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
(Check TJCCF website to confirm dates and times)

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TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Join us for an informative and motivational program designed to help job-seeking candidates prepare for the week ahead and to share conversation, contacts, and job search information in a relaxed, friendly environment.

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Location:

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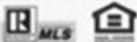
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Funds:

- **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.
- **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.

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.

*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in the Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
If your donation is incorrectly listed or omitted, please notify the temple office immediately.*

Donations listed below were received between May 16 and June 15.

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Anita Hoffman	Bricklet	Get Well to Sheryl Finke
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Dave & Carole Anne Friedman	Yahrzeit	In Memory of Bernie Friedman





Anniversaries

7/2	Michael & Virginia	Barnett
7/3	Jay & Jisela	Bolnick
7/4	Seth & Paige	Dugan
7/7	Mark & Michelle	Dempsey
7/10	Mark & Sheryl	Finke
7/26	Cesar & Heidi	Rojas



Birthdays

7/1	Jeffrey	Shaw
7/2	Bonny	Karr
7/3	Rebekah Anne	Dugan
7/3	Murray	Dimant
7/4	Benjamin	Miller
7/4	Isabele Rose	Osborn
7/4	Grant	Sukloff
7/4	Benjamin	Sperry
7/6	Seth Aaron	Rieger
7/7	Joshua	Singer
7/9	Joshua	Lamattina
7/9	Leslie	Will
7/10	Lauren	Weisman
7/11	Toby	Koch
7/12	Rebecca Ann	Richner
7/12	Anita	Clifford
7/12	David	Young
7/14	Rudina	Richter
7/15	Joel	Edelson
7/19	Michael	Barnett
7/19	Brian	Zuckerman
7/20	Lynn	Kaler
7/20	Janice	Sperry
7/23	Alicia	Jacobson
7/24	Brittany	Magdovitz
7/27	Corinne	Posner
7/27	David	Ellis
7/27	Jessica	Balot
7/28	Carolyn	Miller
7/31	Mark	Elkin

Yahrzeits



7/3	German	Hevia	Father in Law	of	Fanny	Litovich
7/5	Joseph	Taratoot	Grandfather	of	Sandra	Roberts
7/6	Kalman	Feinstein	Husband	of	Ethel	Feinstein
7/8	Earl M.	Zander	Father	of	Diane	Jacobson
7/9	Rose	Billet	Grandmother	of	Nancy	Landfish
7/10	Berenyce	Freinckle	Grandmother	of	Michael	Freinckle
7/12	Gertrude	Siegel	Grandmother	of	Eric	Miller
7/13	Mary	Glover	Mother	of	Rob	Northrop
7/13	Iris	Prager	Sister	of	Marcia	Weiner
7/13	Mimi	Evans	Aunt	of	Alan	Weiss
7/16	Phyllis	Linden	Mother	of	Ron	Boyar
7/17	Harry	Goldstein	Father	of	Cynthia	Goldstein-Hart
7/20	Irving	Weiner	husband	of	Marcia	Weiner
7/20	Phil	Brenner	Husband	of	Sophia	Brenner
7/21	Tommy	Borrell	Step-Father	of	Natasha	Rieger
7/24	Bernard	Goldberg	Uncle	of	David	Goldberg
7/24	Sandra Furman	Goldberg	Mother	of	Karen Goldberg	Pitchon
7/24	Deborah	Glickman	Mother	of	Betsy	Nixon
7/25	Sally	Rubin	Mother	of	Stan	Rubin
7/27	Joseph	Gaba	Grandfather	of	Leslie	Boyar
7/28	Sandor	Winter	Grandfather	of	Gary	Ronay
7/29	Sigmund	Boraks	Father	of	Renate	Greenfield
7/29	Lana Girshevna	Freydina	Grandmother	of	Anna	Moneymaker
7/29	Merrill	Barber	Husband	of	Barbara	Barber
7/30	Philip	Robin	Father	of	Anita	Hoffman
7/31	Sherry	Costello	Sister	of	Amy	Weinstein

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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12:15P BeSTY Board				10:00A TJFS Food Bank 7:30P Cancer Support	7:45P Shabbat Service	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				7:30P PageTurners	7:45P Shabbat Service	6:00P PNO
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11:30A Adult Hebrew Bk 2			7:30P Ritual Committee		7:45P Simcha Shabbat	
27	28 1st of Av	29	30	31		
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