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From the Rabbi

Popularity Contest

It has always puzzled me why some holidays are more 'popular' than others. We come in droves to Yom Kippur to reflect on our sins but ignore Sukkot, the festival of joy. Many love Passover but are completely unfamiliar with celebrating the giving of Torah on Shavuot (a holiday of equal importance in Jewish tradition). Chanukah and Purim are both considered 'minor' holidays, but they draw vastly different levels of attention. To be sure, some of these choices are influenced by that great Jewish value – tradition! – and some are reflective of broader society. But it is unfortunate that so many of us are set in our ways about the holidays we observe and those we feel comfortable ignoring. Purim clearly falls into the latter category. It is widely viewed as a holiday for kids, although there is no such category in Judaism. I'm not sure why this has become the focus of Purim; the biblical book of Esther contains very adult themes about persecution, survival, risk and determination. Purim combines these sophisticated messages with a mandate to be silly – almost to excess. I suspect this silliness is uncomfortable for many of us and is largely responsible for Purim's 'for the kids' label.

There are two reasons why we should reconsider our casual disregard of Purim. One is the nature of the holiday, as I just described. The second is that it has the potential to bring kids, families and adults together. When we decide against attending an event because we believe it has a special appeal to kids, we contribute to the dividing of our community. There is too little crossover between young families and older adults, between those with children at home and 'empty nesters.' If we choose to exclude ourselves from family celebrations (and if families do not make an effort to join in broader community events), then we drift toward being multiple communities rather than one. This is not inevitable. Fragile strands can be woven together to create a strong rope. It's up to us to do the weaving. See you Sunday, March 5, at 11 am for our annual shpiel – It's an *Annie Purim!*

Mazel Tov

We wish a very hearty mazel tov to our past president, Jon Ellis, for two recent community awards. At the Tampa Federation Annual President's Dinner, in front of more than 500 community members, Jon was given the Tampa Jewish Community Annual Tikkun Olam Award. Tikkun Olam means "repairing the world," and the award goes to an individual who has demonstrated commitment and leadership in making our community and our world a better place. In February, Jon was also honored for his Israel advocacy efforts at the PRIMER (Promoting Responsibility in Middle East Reporting) brunch. While we in Brandon often feel a bit isolated from the broader Jewish community, Jon's efforts – along with our participation in the Tampa Bay Jewish Educators' community programs, membership on the Jewish Community Relations Council and my own work on the Tampa Rabbinical Association - is a reminder that we are very much a part of the broader community. We must continue our efforts to find opportunities for connection. A stronger community, in which everyone participates, benefits us all.



FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

Together We Can Move Mountains

Everything we do here at Congregation Beth Shalom relies on teamwork. As you read this, our major fundraiser, Denim & Pearls is over. As I write this, I know it was a success. I know this because we had a tremendous team! The committee, led by Kate Swedlow and Michelle McCormick, worked extremely hard. The volunteers who contributed their time helped reduce the burden of this very important project.



Denim & Pearls is one example of a multitude of group efforts that take place all year long, by our various committees, to ensure that we continue as a congregation.

I appreciate the dedication and service of all those who selflessly take the time to contribute their ideas and energy to improve our synagogue and enhance the spiritual experience.

Perhaps with all of our collaborative efforts, we do move mountains!

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**



Meet Cari Santana, Our New Administrative Director

Cari and her family moved to Brandon from New York City in July 2010 in hopes of getting a kidney transplant for her father. Her father was fortunate to have had a successful kidney transplant in June of 2011, and the family decided to stay in Florida.



Cari has worked in the administrative field for 19 years. The work experience she brings to us includes such activities as maintaining "heavy" calendars and preparing and submitting reports, along with scheduling and organizing company meetings and events.

She is also a licensed realtor in the state of Florida and runs her own custom cake-decorating business part-time. Please welcome Cari to our home!

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, March 5, 11 a.m.:** *Annie Purim!* For more information, see page 4.
- **Sunday, March 5, 4-5 p.m.:** *An Exploration of Jewish Music*, program continues with Cantor Tanya Greenblatt R.S.V.P. required to the temple office.
- **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. For more information, see page 6.
- **Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.:** The Minyanaires will host their first meeting. For more information, see page 8.
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- **Thursday, March 16, 5-7 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe honors the memory of Kevin Frye at the Stone Soup Company. More details, page 10.
- **Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.:** Bible and Bagels *Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei*, "Biblical HGTV-Designing a New Place of Worship."
- **Sunday, March 26, 9:30 a.m.:** 6th-grade family program.
- **Sunday, March 26, 3 p.m.:** *Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Loss*, followed by Dinner With The Tribe at Acropolis Greek Taverna. For more information, see page 6.
- **Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.:** Family service.
- **Sunday, April 2, 12:30 pm:** Women's Seder. For more information, see page 4.
- **Sunday, April 9, 4-5 p.m.:** Passover-Palooza at the Mira Bay Club House, Apollo Beach. For more information, see page 4.
- **Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m.:** Second night Passover Seder. R.S.V.P. by March 28. More information on page 4.

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Full calendar, page 15*

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March Oneg Schedule

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

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

• **March 3:** Michael and Martie Spaier will host the oneg in honor of their grandchildren, Harlynn and Westen, who will be celebrating their birthdays.

• **March 10:** This date has not been reserved yet. See below to sponsor this oneg.

• **March 17:** Dave and Carol Anne will host the oneg in honor of Dave's birthday.

• **March 24:** Toby Koch and Alan Weiss will host the oneg in honor of their 40th anniversary.

• **March 31:** The parents of the 2nd and 3rd grade religious school class will host the oneg in honor of the family services.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I wish to express our thanks for helping with our March onegs! If you have any questions, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, Anna 707-628-5399).

Your Oneg Committee,

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Passover-Palooza!

Join us for a fun and unique event to get you in the Passover spirit!

When: Sunday, April 9, 4-5 p.m.

Where: Mira Bay Club House, Apollo Beach

-  Matzah ball soup and Charoset tasting
-  Songs from Dayenu to "Take me out to the Seder"
-  Crafts and Passover Magic for kids

Passover like you've never known it before!



Sunday, March 5, 11 a.m., join us for *Annie Purim!*

It's a hard knock Haman, but the sun will come out tomorrow over Shushan!

Join our talented cast - Annie, Daddy Warbucks and the whole Megillah - gang for a fun retelling of the Purim story.

BYO box of pasta for a gragger!

Women's Seder

Wow!! The Woman's Seder will be held Sunday, April 2, at 12:30 p.m. at our temple and will be led by our Rabbi Betsy Torop. We assure you it will be a great event as we sing, dance, and enjoy a pot luck luncheon, crowned by chocolate at our tables. This event is open to all congregants and their family and friends.

Most importantly, it will be a special

time for mothers and daughters to come together and learn about women's role in Jewish history.

We know that you will have a fantastic time if you join with us to celebrate.

For more info, please contact either Phyllis at phylnew1@yahoo.com, or Sheila at gold77@verizon.net.

Second Night Seder

Join us for Passover at Beth Shalom! Second Night Seder Tuesday, April 11, 6 p.m.

Rabbi Torop will lead our 2nd night Seder, with Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci. Dinner will be catered by Puff'n'Stuff Catering and includes: matzah ball soup, chicken marsala, potato kugel, honey-glazed carrots, and fresh baked peach cobbler. Gefilte fish will also be available, as well as a vegetarian plate.

Cost for the Seder is \$36.00 per adult, \$18.00 per child 5 - 12 years old, and children under 5 are free, no meal provided. Grape juice and wine will be pro-

vided, however you may bring your own kosher-for-Passover wine. Please mail your check to the temple to secure your spot, as seats are limited. R.S.V.P.s must be received by March 28.

Mail-in R.S.V.P.s are preferred, but you may also respond by email to cbs-admin@hotmail.com, or by calling the temple at 681-6547.

If you would like to perform a mitzvah and sponsor a person/family, please contact the rabbi or the administrative director. There are people who would like to attend but due to financial constraints are unable.

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

KUDOS

▪ Kudos to the following members who helped make Denim & Pearls a huge success: **Kate Swedlow, Michelle McCormick, Anna and Steve Feldman, Gerry and Judith Pliner, Toby Koch, Randi Lannak, Dave and Carol Anne Friedman, Julie Enzer, Sarah Meyers, Andrea Chassen, Lauren Shaw, Mags Oldman, and Michelle Dempsey.**



MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Talia Acanda** for getting straight As (elementary school.)
- Mazel tov to **Danielle Elazar** for getting all As (middle school.)
- Mazel tov to **Motti Elazar** for making the All-State guitar program (high school.)
- Mazel tov to **Erika Young** for being admitted to the MSW program at USF.
- Mazel tov to **Jon Ellis** for receiving the Tampa Jewish Community Annual Tikkun Olam Award, and for being honored for his Israel advocacy efforts at the PRIMER (Promoting Responsibility in Middle East Reporting) brunch.

*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

Please help us welcome the two newest Beth Shalom families who were proposed at the Feb. 7th board meeting.

Suzie and Mitchell Baylis moved to Tampa Bay from Hawaii. Mitchell is in the Department of Defense at MacDill, and Suzie is a retired accountant. They have attended services and Dinner with the Tribe several times, which is where the Pliners and the Verlins met them. Suzie also makes fantastic cheesecakes and check-marked lots of the activities on their membership application. Sounds like one very energetic lady! We're delighted to have the Baylis family at Congregation Beth Shalom.

The second new family joining us in February are **Laura and Shawn Smith**, who just moved to Tampa Bay from

North Carolina. Laura is a stay-at-home mom at the moment, and Shawn is in the banking field. Second-grader Malaya is excited about being in our religious school, and little sister Aeralee plans to join Torah Tots. Hearing this kind of enthusiasm from our new members reminds us all about the numerous activities CBS offers its members. And enthusiasm is contagious!

Please be on the lookout for lots of new faces at services, temple events and activities. Introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel at home!

See you at Beth Shalom happenings!
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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.

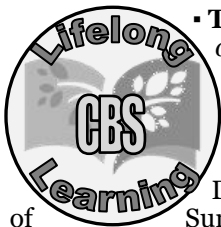
Come to this informative presentation and learn:

- * 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 at Acropolis Greek Taverna, 6108 Winthrop Main St., River-view. 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 ...



• 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



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.

Fast forward to New York City 2010 and rewind to Berlin Germany 1783; their lives and families are connected, the past and present are seamlessly melded. Lauren Belfer's deeply researched, evocative, and compelling narrative resonates with emotion and immediacy.

• **Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.:** Bibles and Bagels. Join us for a discussion of the weekly Torah portion which is Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei. The discussion topic is "Biblical HGTV-Designing a New Place of Worship."

• **Tuesday, March 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m.:** iEngage: 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. (Additional classes will be offered April 18 and May 9.)

• **Monday, March 20, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners will meet to discuss *After the Fire: A Novel* by Lauren Belfer.




This novel, inspired by historical events about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both their lives.

In the ruins of Germany in 1945, at the end of WWII. American soldier Henry Sachs takes a souvenir, an old music manuscript from a seemingly deserted mansion and mistakenly kills the girl who tries to stop him.



Save the Date!

The Social Action Committee reminds you CBS Mitzvah Day is Sunday, Nov. 5!



CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

Calling all bookworms! The CBS Library still needs bookends in the library and any books with any references to Judaism. All donations are appreciated!

Anita Hoffman,
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian



EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

This is a super busy time of the year. Too often we get so caught up in every day moments, we forget to show appreciation. I would like to take this moment (mid-year) to stop, take a deep breath, and say "thanks!" Thanks to our teachers.

Lauren Weisman and Dan Weinstein, thank you for continuing to be a part of our school. Your ongoing commitment allows us to provide a sense of consistency for our students. Stacy Serota, you rearranged your weekend activities to be a part of our program, and I am grateful. Incorporating professional teachers to our staff makes us stronger. Sarah Smith, we all know how much teens have on their plate these days. You are more than just a teacher; you're a wonderful example for our aides and students. Michael Barnett, Seth Dugan and Jeff Newman, when budgets were tight, you stepped up to the plate. You pledged your time and knowledge to our school.

I think everyone knows how much I value our aide program. Thanks to our teens for supporting the teachers and making their jobs a bit easier. Ethan Robinson, Olivia Smoak, Sophie Smoak, Clara Barnett, Micah Dugan, Ari Cantrell and Ben Lannak, you all rock!

A huge shout out to Natasha Rieger, Lea Garbett, and the parent association. I truly feel your support every time I'm at the temple. From fundraising to volunteering at holiday celebrations, your presence is always appreciated. I couldn't ask for a stronger group of advocates for our children's religious education.

Rabbi Torop and Karen Blanchard, it is nice to have people whom you can collaborate with. Thanks for sharing the vision.

I am extremely confident in the staff, curriculum and experiences that we have been offering this year. Our school is certainly the result of hard work provided by many people.

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon at
813-785-6324 or kvergon@verizon.net.



Important Dates

- **Sunday, March 5:** Purim celebration—*Purim Anie*—and Torah Tots
- **Sunday, March 12:** No RS
- **Wednesday, March 15:** No HC or Confirmation
- **Sunday, March 19:** No RS
- **Sunday, March 26:** 6th grade family program
- **Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.:** Family service

BESTY BEAT

March brings Spring Kallah for our high schoolers, and for the first time, our 8th-graders too! We are proud to be sending our largest contingent to a regional Kallah, and this is a big event! Spring hosts almost 400 Jewish teens from all over Florida (and some from points beyond!) BESTY will be taking Miami by storm!

Also, March 25, we'll be hosting Parents Night Out - a great night for kids 12 and under to have some fun at temple while mom and/or dad go and play on their own for a few hours. R.S.V.P. to the temple by March 23.

Coming in April will be our first BESTYghetti Dinner & Jewperdy Tournament - a fundraiser not for the club, but for Camp Jenny - a regional effort to give inner city youth an amazing weekend away at Camp Coleman. Stay tuned for more on that!



Get Involved!

Always wanted to get more involved with religious school but didn't know how? Have an idea of what you want to see from our Parent Association? Now is your chance to make a difference!

We are looking for a president - or co-presidents - for the 2017-18 year. Most duties entail running meetings, sending reminders, attending board meetings, and helping organize holiday activities. But this position can be what you make of it!

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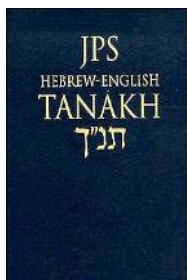
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MINYANAIREs—Richie Bauman

Nosh And Learn At The Same Time! It Says So In The Talmud!

Well, maybe – but come and join the **Minyanaires**, an informal CBS Shabbat Study Group!



Starting Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m., and continuing Shabbat mornings, (unless pre-empted by a B'nai Mitzvah, Bible and Bagels, etc.), we will start exploring some corners of the Tanach (Hebrew Bible) that most people have never read! Our study series starts with the Prophet Michah (Micah), part of the group known as the “*Twelve*” or the *Minor Prophets*. No prior study, no books, and “no experience needed.”

Come kibbitz, argue, discuss and nosh over a challah, a “Chivas Kiddush,” and whatever snacks and goodies you’d like to bring.

At 11:30 a.m., again starting March 11, following the study, we’ll have a **3M – a Mostly Musical Minyan**. This is a very informal musical Shabbat service, led by the famous iCantor (March 25 – 12 noon).



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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

Can you find the connection between the names in this list? Glaser.

Korngold, Cahn, Berlin, Rubinstein, Previn, Hart, Marks, Simon, Lewandowski, Loewe, Diamond, Steinberg, Mendelssohn, Mahler, Gershwin, and Bernstein.

If you said they are all Jewish composers, you're right. Ten points for you.

For another ten points, what is the connection between the following names?

Doug Cotler, Debbie Friedman, Leonard Cohen, Paula Abdul, David Lee Roth, Art Garfunkel, George Gershwin, Barry Manilow, Schlomo Carlebach, Leslie Gore, and Dan Nichols.

Right again. They are all Jewish musicians.

And for your final ten points, how are the following connected?

Judd Hirsch, Judd Nelson, Steven Hill, Adam Sandler, Richard Dreyfus, Bob Dylan, Sarah Bernhardt, Shelley Winters, Sammy Davis Jr., Lauren Bacall, Woody Allen, Joan Collins, Peter Sellers, and Paul Michael

If you said they were all performers with Jewish origins, you're right. Give yourself a big hand and a pat on the back.

Saturday, May 13, at 7 p.m., we will open our own stage with our greatly talented congregants as we present an *Evening Of Jewish Music in a Cabaret Style*. Here are three ways you can take part in this wonderful evening:

1. Be a performer. Bring your own music or schtick. (Must have a Jewish connection.)
2. Be a member of the audience.
3. Help with the cabaret set-up and break-down.

This is going to be an exciting event! The talent in this congregation is limitless. Students are invited to participate as well. So dust off those forgotten tap shoes, encased instruments or joke books and come join the fun.

Contact Joan Frankel or Jeff Newman if you are interested in performing or donating your time to this marvelous evening. See you at the theatre.

Shalom,
Joan Frankel

Congregation Beth Shalom - Donation Form

At times of sorrow & memory, as well as at times of joy, tradition teaches us that we honor others by giving of tzedakah. Please return your completed donation form to the temple office.

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"Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined" - Talmud
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Dinner With The Tribe Honors the Memory of Kevin Frye

We are having a special Dinner With The Tribe at the Stone Soup Company in Ybor City to honor our very own Kevin Frye.



This was one of Kevin's favorite restaurants.

Stephen Criden contacted the owner, who knew Kevin, Christina, and the family. He is very happy that we are doing this for such a deserving person.

When: Thursday, March 16, 5-7 p.m.

Where: The Stone Soup Company,
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3/3	Reuben	Armus	Father	of	Sheila	Fishman
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3/9	Anna	Fleischman	Grandmother	of	Lauren	Weisman
3/11	Frederick	Frankel	Husband	of	Joan	Frankel
3/11	Irwin	Zazulia	Uncle	of	Iylene	Miller
3/11	Meyer	Feldman	Father	of	Stephen	Feldman
3/11	Abraham Isaac	Siegel	Grandfather	of	Eric	Miller
3/11	Victor	Vernick	Brother	of	David	Richter
3/13	Harry	Vogel	Grandfather	of	Bonnie	Jacob
3/13	Leo	Bond	Grandfather	of	Joanne	Ronay
3/14	Lena	Kaplan	Mother	of	Janice	Perelman
3/14	Terry	Magdovitz	Husband	of	Caren	Magdovitz
3/14	Victor	Leybovich	Grandfather	of	Ron	Leybovich
3/15	Marjorie	Will	Relative	of	Leslie	Will
3/15	Harry	Saxe	Relative	of	Leslie	Will
3/15	Sylvia	Levine	Mother	of	Marcia	Weiner
3/15	Sharon	Ellis	Mother	of	Jonathan	Ellis
3/16	Edith	Richter	Aunt	of	David	Richter
3/16	Sophie	Goldman	Mother	of	Sharon	Aronson
3/17	Robert	Rosen	Father	of	Shelley	Leeds
3/17	Lois	Criden	Mother	of	Stephen	Criden
3/18	Jules	Honig	Uncle	of	Rudina	Richter
3/19	Max	Greenfield	Father	of	Lawrence	Greenfield
3/20	Jo-Ann	VanDeventer	Mother	of	Christina	Frye
3/20	Lillian Bellavance	Santucci	Mother-in-Law	of	Sandy	Santucci
3/21	Frank	Newman	Relative	of	Leslie	Will
3/22	Helen	Schwab	Mother	of	Paulette	Schwab-Powell
3/25	Benny	Skop	Grandfather	of	Nancy	Landfish
3/26	Charlie	Reisner	Uncle	of	Gary	Ronay
3/26	Laurel	Cramer	Mother	of	Toby	Rhine
3/27	Arthur	Ratner	Father	of	Ira	Ratner
3/27	Helen	Weinstein	Mother	of	Dan	Weinstein
3/27	Morris	Slater	Father	of	Brian	Slater
3/28	Ruth	Enszer	Mother	of	Julie	Enszer
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3/29	Ely	Sandberg	Father	of	Sandy	Santucci
3/30	Jack	Ber	Father	of	Jill	Oppolo
3/31	Hyman	Aberbach	Father	of	Martie	Spaier
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Anniversaries

3/2	Natasha & Jarett Rieger
3/12	Paulette & Norman Powell
3/20	Jeff & Janice Frieman
3/23	Michael & Sarah Meyers
3/25	Jerry & Jamie Holschauer
3/25	Karen & Jason Blanchard
3/27	Myron & Jackie Feldman
3/27	Toby Koch & Alan Weiss
3/28	Stephen & Anna Feldman



Birthdays

3/2	Scott	Ellis
3/3	Jerilyn	Dimant
3/3	Megan	Birnholtz
3/4	Dale	Wozniak
3/6	Rob	Northrop
3/8	Jeffrey	Borgen
3/8	Ian Michael	Villasin
3/8	Keith	Balot
3/9	Natania	Gerscovich
3/9	David	Richter
3/9	Anna	Feldman
3/9	Melissa	Villasin
3/11	Carole	Plesur
3/12	Sandy	Schwartz
3/14	Jamie	Holschauer
3/16	Olivia	Smoak
3/18	David	Friedman
3/18	Celia Faye	Moskowitz
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3/22	Steven	Gale
3/23	Virginia	Barnett
3/23	Robert	Lamattina
3/24	Craig	Kennon
3/25	Scott	Frieman
3/25	Ryan	Tackus
3/27	Michelle	Dempsey
3/30	Sara	Kennon
3/30	Kyra	Frye
3/31	Ruth	Goldberg
3/31	Jisela	Bolnick

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A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

March 24

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5 NFTY Spring Kallah 9:30A Religious School 9:45A Torah Tots 11:00A Purim Shpiel & Svc 4:00P An Exploration of Jewish Music	6	7 6:30P Lifelong Learning 7:30P Board Meeting	8 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P BESTY	9 7:00P LL: Interfaith Dialogue	10 7:45P Shabbat Service	11 10:00A Shabbat Study 11:00A 3M Svc (Mostly Musical Minyan)
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26 9:30A Religious School 12:00P Inclusion Meeting 3:00P LL: Program on Alzheimers 5:30P Dinner with the Tribe	27 7:30P Choir Rehearsal	28 7:30P Exec. Board Mtg.	29 6:15P Hebrew School 7:30P Ritual Committee	30	31 7:00P Shabbat Family Service at the Park	



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