

# The Kibbitzer

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At a recent United Together Meeting, I was asked to send out a note to Congregants to encourage them to participate in Congregation Beth Shalom's Twenty-Fifth Birthday Celebration.

Can you believe, Congregation Beth Shalom has been in existence since 1990? Initially, CBS was comprised of ten families seeking a Jewish extended family—no Rabbi, no building—just a small group with a burning desire to start a Jewish Communal Home. And for many years, we were the only Jewish presence in Eastern Hillsborough County.

Now 25 years later, CBS has a newly renovated building, an amazing Rabbi, a vibrant Religious school, and a membership approaching 150 families. We have come a long way.

In celebration of this special silver anniversary, CBS introduced United Together—an opportunity for each family to donate seven hours for the good of our Jewish community. With the completion of your seven hours, you will be awarded a stunning, blue tee shirt. By now, you have each received an online invitation from Carol Anne Friedman to sign up for a hand-on project via "Sign-Up Genius." Just one click can make you part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration. Less computer savvy folks may sign up in the binder maintained at the back of the sanctuary.

Our 25th year will culminate with an amazing gathering on Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m. at our congregational home on Bryan Road. There will be schmoozing, games, celebratory events and of course, food. Our very own celebrity and DJ Kevin Frye will host the evening. Put that date on your calendar. Be there or be square!!!!!! -Jeff Newman

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### What Blue Means to Me

I feel great pride and love when I wear the blue. CBS has become my family. Don't be jealous Jeff! A house is just a shell where people can congregate. It becomes a home when people show a feeling of love and caring. It is my belief that CBS is a place where love radiates among members. I really enjoy myself. Our friends in the temple family are very precious to me. They are so willing to help. Thank you!!

Milt and I have been members for about five years. We found that wonderful caring community within the temple, and I have found a place not only to pray and learn, but to be of service. I am proud to have chaired various committees where the end result of that service has been both important and meaningful. I thank all of you who have allowed me to enter your lives. As a result I have matured to be more loving and caring. My association with the Temple helped me become a better person. The atmosphere that I found here at CBS with its "hamishness" allowed me to so, and I am very grateful. Thank you all. -Phyllis Newman

*Be sure to RSVP to the office for the upcoming Shabbat Dinner on March 20th!*

## From the President - *Jeff Newman*

### Take a Hike

There are some things I love to do—act, sing, converse over a good cup of joe, listen to music, watch sports and hike on a new trail. These activities give me energy and enjoyment; and I find them even more enriching when I do these things with other people. I gravitate to those who have these in common with me, so most friendships over my lifetime have been developed doing these activities.

During our community conversations, many congregants expressed a desire to connect with others in the temple. They recognized that this is something that we are good at, and yet lacking. We tend to stick to our own “ilk”: the familiar. Like most humans, we are not comfortable outside of our box. We do our own “cost-benefit analysis.” The cost of time and energy seems at times not worth the benefit of meeting new people.

In order to form new bonds, we need to link people’s interest together. Increasing the benefit side of the cost-benefit analysis will strengthen the connections that are desired in our temple.

I expend my energy here at CBS with the choir, CBS players, Dinner with the Tribe, pizza with the prez, Shabbat Alive and

Fantasy Football because they are in my “wheelhouse.” The benefit is worth the cost. I get energy from them and look forward to being with other congregants.

*What energizes you, and how can you bring that to the temple?*



In addition to our current offerings, I am thrilled that we have expanding interest groups at our temple to include: a board game group, cooking group, book club and a fitness group. Record crowds at Chavarot gatherings and dinner with the tribe are indicators that we are heading in the correct direction. I encourage all those who have interests to start a group. Open it up to all members, and enjoy while you make new friends along all the spectrums of our temple.

In the near future, I will be asking you to “take a hike” with me.

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



### CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER

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

**Our next Shabbat Dinner will be March 20!**



### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS—ALMOST A WRAP!

The last two CBS community conversation opportunities have been scheduled. They will be held at CBS at 7 PM on March 11 and at 4PM on April 11.

These conversations give us a chance to build relationships with each other resulting in the strengthening our temple community. If you have not already attended this worthwhile event, please plan to join us on either March or April 11. RSVP to Dan Weinstein ASAP. [dwine007@msn.com](mailto:dwine007@msn.com)

**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



### March Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, March 4, 7:00PM—Purim Spiel & Service** (see page 7 for details)
- **Saturday, March 7**
  - 2:00PM Tour of Sunken Gardens
  - 5:00PM Dinner With The Tribe
  - 6:00PM Parents Night Out
- **March 11-16, Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival**
- **Friday March 20**
  - 5:15PM Tot Shabbat
  - 6:00PM Congregational Shabbat Dinner
  - 7:45PM Simcha Shabbat Service
- **Saturday, March 21, 10:00AM—Bible & Bagels**
- **Friday, March 27, 7:45PM—Shabbat Alive**
- **Saturday, March 28—CBS Retreat**
- **Sunday, March 29, 1:00PM—Women’s Seder** (see page 5 for details)

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

### 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 6 Michael & Virginia Barnett celebrate their daughter, Clara, becoming Bat Mitzvah. Clara’s B’nai Mitzvah Class will host the Oneg Shabbat in honor of this special milestone.
- March 13 Myron & Jackie Feldman in honor of their anniversary .
- March 20 Those attending the Shabbat dinner are asked to bring a dessert for the Oneg.
- March 27 Jerilyn & Murray Dimant in honor of Jerilyn’s birthday.

#### 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.

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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*

# Kudos n' Mazels

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

### KUDOS

- Kudos To the Shabbat Alive Band - Motti Elazar, Kevin Frye, Terry Husky, Adam & Julia Matthews Weinstein, Joan Frankel, Sandy Santucci, Jeff Newman, Milt Newman, Joel Edelson, Lauren Weisman, & Cynthia Goldstein.
- Kudos to Toby Koch - for chairing the wonderful To You With Love event! And all those who had a hand in putting together this wonderful program!
- Kudos to Joan Frankel - for sharing her amazing talents with us accompanying Cantor Paul during the Visiting Cantor Weekend!
- Kudos to Kate Swedlow - for her vision and hard work redressing our sanctuary for To You With Love
- Kudos to Anna & Steve Feldman for lending their home for the Cantor-in-Residence weekend.
- Kudos to Natasha Rieger for putting together a great bowling fundraiser for Religious School.
- Kudos to Anna & Steve Feldman for lending their home for the Cantor-in-Residence weekend.
- Kudos to Cynthia Goldstein for stepping in to lead services on February 6th, as well as all of our lay leaders during our rabbi's sabbatical.

### MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to Anna Brubaker & Keren Vergon on their recent wedding!
- Mazel Tov to Clara Barnett on becoming Bat Mitzvah!

*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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## Women's Seder



On **Sunday, March 29, at 1 p.m.**, the Women of CBS will sponsor its annual Women's Seder led by Rabbi Betsy Torop.

**The Seder is open to all women, men and friends of CBS.** Men are invited to experience this unique seder

so that we all can learn about the contributions made by Jewish women. The choir will be at the celebration to help with the music.



The Seder will be held at the Temple. Each attendee is asked to bring one dairy luncheon food item to share with other attendees. There will be a \$15 charge for the haggadot for members of CBS (\$20 for non-members). Children of attendees can share the haggadah. If you have a haggadah from former years, please bring it. Contact Phyllis Newman at [phylnew@verizon.net](mailto:phylnew@verizon.net) to make a reservation.

A good time will be had by all, so please join us as we sing, dance and be merry!! And, of course, enjoy the food. No simcha is possible without food. Look forward to seeing you there!!

*-Phyllis and Sheila*

## PESACH FOOD TASTING



Please join us for a Festive Passover Food Tasting Sunday, March 22nd @ 12:30 pm (Arrival & set up @ noon) Promises to be a fun, participatory event - so we'd love for all our CBS families to come. Share an old recipe, try a new one, bake, cook, experiment in your kitchen ..... then BRING your goodies to share.

Donations needed: 2 to 3 of each type of item listed below (enough for 10-15 small samples of each dish)

1. Match ball soup (in crock pot)
2. Chopped liver
3. Mock chopped liver
4. Charoset - diverse ingredients; get creative!
5. Potato kugel
6. Tsimis
7. Fruit compote
8. Matzoh kugel (any flavor/variety)
9. Desserts (any kind; the more creative the better!)
10. 3 boxes of plain matzoh

Additional items needed 50 of each (to be donated by those who lack culinary expertise): paper plates, napkins, forks & spoons, cups

Let us know you are able to join us for some fun and great tasting Pesach goodies. RSVP by Mon., 3/16 Call/text Lauren Shaw: [lauren.tampa@yahoo.com](mailto:lauren.tampa@yahoo.com) 954-649-0017 or call Mags in the Temple Office. When you respond, please let us know what food item you can bring and how many attendees in your party.

All items should arrive fully cooked, hot/cold as needed and ready to ENJOY!!! Please bring 20 copies of your recipe to share.



### \$chlep, \$ell, \$upport

Got Extra Stuff? Donate it!

Help CBS fill the coffers and get your tax deductible letter for items that you no longer use. For pick up or questions, please email [cbspickup@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cbspickup@tampabay.rr.com) or call Toby Koch at 813-654-0877. Our team is standing by for your contributions and we thank you for your generosity in advance.

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### Membership

Phyllis Newman



Two New Families are Joining our Temple Family!

**Allison and Jared Rapp**  
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Please join us at service on Friday evenings and enjoy the "hamishness" of your temple family.

## KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

### The Gift Of Music

We have been blessed with music these first months of 2015. Let's consider the events that we've sponsored here at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon.

First, we had the newly formed CBS band for our Shabbat Alive on January 30. Instrumentalists and vocalists came together to worship in a contemporary style. This mostly-music format was extremely well received!

Then we turned our synagogue into a cabaret and presented *To You With Love*, a concert of love themes performed by our visiting Cantor, Paul Offenkrantz. What a treat for our loving hearts.

And finally we highlighted the special holiday of Purim with a Spiel version of *Frozen*, led so professionally by Joel Edelson and cast. It was wonderful to see our Temple youth participating as well as our adult community. Music truly is its own language, uniting us all.

We had such fun forming a band in January that we have already planned another Shabbat Alive Band for March 27. Temple instrumentalists should contact Kevin Frye to join the band. And vocalists, please contact Joan Frankel. Performers should be high school age or older. Rehearsals start on March 16 at 7:30 PM. Friday night band groups are the latest trend nationwide. Hope you'll join us.

And finally, members of our choir will perform for the Women's Seder on March 29. Come and sing with us as we prepare to celebrate Passover. Music uplifts the soul. I am confident that you'll find inspiration in the music of the season. We are truly blessed by our music and music makers.

Shalom,

Joan Frankel, Choir Director

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# 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!

*(since last month's Kibbitzer)*

- Bonnie Karr    David Richter
- Caren Katz    Rudina Richter
- Hank Mart    Sandy Santucci
- Garald Pliner    Amy Weinstein

## Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat

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

A beautiful 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.

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

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## Education - Amy Weinstein

February was a great month at our religious school. We had a full month of classes without the interruption of days off. Our students were able to remain focused and learning increased. The highlight of the month was for sure the special program with Cantor Paul. In just over an hour he taught us about prayer, sang, and introduced us to what a cantor is and what he offers a temple. We were all surprised to learn that cantors go through at least 9 years of post-secondary schooling prior to being ordained.

Each month I write about the importance of attendance and reporting to class on time. By now you know our Judaic curriculum builds upon past lessons. If a student has multiple absences, it will result in gaps in their Jewish Education. We, as your religious school leaders, understand and acknowledge the struggle of time constraints as you juggle religious school with school projects, exams, and extra curriculum activities. We will continue to make every session meaningful for your family.

As an incentive for our students, we will be beginning an attendance program—*Sundaes for Sundays!* Our students will have the opportunity to build a sundae during our last session of school. Every day they are in attendance (and on time!), they will earn a portion of the sundae. It may be the bowl/spoon, a brownie, ice cream, sprinkles etc. The student must attend everyday (on time) to be able to complete (and enjoy) the entire sundae. Every time a student is absent or late, they forfeit a portion of the sundae. The students are very excited about this program. Since they are not yet old enough to drive, please help them achieve the goal of a complete sundae by having them arrive on time each week. Every minute. Every Sunday. No excuses!

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.

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## Important March Dates

- 3/1 Purim Celebration
- 3/4 7PM, Hebrew School activity—  
Purim Service and Spiel
- 3/8, 3/11, 3/15- No classes, Spring Break
- 3/29 Passover activity



## B'nai Mitzvah

Clara Barnett - Becomes Bat Mitzvah on March 7!



## CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

Library users: Please use the sign-out/sign-in book when taking or returning books, and put them in the correct marked container. Thank you.

Anita Hoffman,  
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian

# 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.

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# MitzvahDay

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Planning for Mitzvah Day 2015 is underway. My name is Marla Smith, and I have accepted the awesome opportunity to plan this terrific event. This is a new experience for me and would love to put together a committee of temple members wanting to help plan this very worthwhile and fun day. This is a special opportunity for the our temple as we have the chance to put ourselves out there in the community, and in our own way, help to repair a little part of this crazy world. The concept of tikkun olam emphasizes the role of human responsibility and action. Regardless of age, we are all capable of doing something.

Please join with me in helping to make our annual Mitzvah Day a huge success. As the only synagogue in Brandon it is important for us to have a presence and for our families to have a true impact on our community. I can be contacted at [marlasmith914@gmail.com](mailto:marlasmith914@gmail.com) or via cell at 813-546-4018. Once I hear from all of you, I will organize a planning/eating/drinking session. Thanks in advance for helping me out.

-Marla Smith

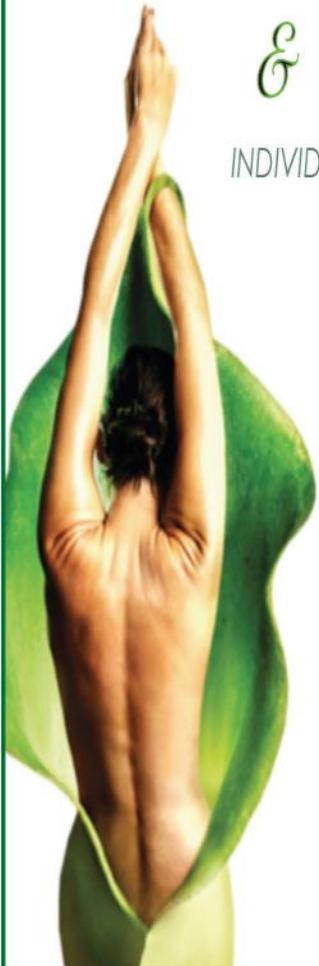
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## Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



“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?”

Rabbi Torop has returned from Sabbatical. Don't forget the unique opportunity to meet with her 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



### Yom HaShoah Preview with Marie Silverman on April 8

Marie and Jeannette, sisters from Antwerp, Belgium, were just five and nine years old when they began a life on the run from the Nazis in 1940. The young girls hid in France until caught by the Nazis and put into a deportation camp. With the help of the underground they were smuggled out of the camp and taken to a safe hiding place. Eventually they escaped, without their mother across the Pyrenees mountains to Barcelona, Spain. In 1944 they journeyed to the United States and were placed in an orphanage until a foster home could be found for them in Rhode Island—becoming the state's first refugee children from the Holocaust. Join us as Marie shares her remarkable story with us.

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First Watch Restaurant  
Fresh Market - Valrico  
Genghis Grill

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## Special Interest Groups – Phyllis Newman

I am very happy to announce the formation of **Special Interest Groups**. These groups can be formed by individuals who share a special interest and will take their place within your temple family. This can include canasta and mah jongplayers, theater goers, vacation lovers, sport enthusiasts, crafts, cooking, movie and going out for dinner etc. I will be adding special interest groups as you tell me you would like them. - Phyllis Newman [phylnew@verizon.net](mailto:phylnew@verizon.net)

A Special Interest Group is forming to **Continue the Traditions of our Heritage and Families Through Food**. Our first challenge will be baking Hamantashen for the Spiel. We will meet at CBS on Sunday Feb. 22 and March 1 at 10 a.m. Call Janice (813-671-6513) who is coordinating what to bring. If you have a good recipe bring it. Fun Times, friends, and wonderful aromas! - *Janice Frie-*



**Dinner with the Tribe**. On March 7 we will have our wonderful young people babysitting at the Temple for a nominal fee. We hope that you will take full advantage of this fact and join other members at **Carne Chop House** in Ybor City from 6 PM on.

From 5PM to 6:30PM ten dollars buys a prime rib dinner with trimmings, and martinis are \$2 before 7PM. Please let me know that you are coming so the restaurant can keep us together. Looking forward to a Great Evening – fun – family – food – friendship!! Contact me at [judy.d.jacobson@oulook.com](mailto:judy.d.jacobson@oulook.com), via fax 813-685-8362, or by phone 562-862-7355. - *Judy Jacobson*

I am very pleased to announce the inclusion of the **CBS Live Theater Group** into the Special Interest Division. Earlier this year I distributed the theater schedules to our members for the following:



- Players in Sarasota (Violet, Catch me If You Can, Love Valor Compassion)- \$25/\$30 pp
- Manatee Playhouse in Bradenton (Into the Woods, Agnes of God, J.C. Superstar, Spamalot) \$27/\$35 pp
- Village Players in Valrico (Noises Off, Auntie Mame, Steel Magnolias, Wizard of Oz, The Diary of Anne Frank, Rent) \$14 pp
- Masque theater in Temple Terrace (Though Modern Millie – The musical. A juvenile production)

As my time allows I shall be updating these theaters and adding new ones. The idea is to keep the price down for good theater below \$35 pp. Phyllis and I will schedule plays (I love musicals, and Phyllis loves dramas). Let me know if you want to join our group so that you can get the future announcements and get to see live theater at agreeable prices. –*Milton Newman*

**Yarn Mavens** will be meeting on Sundays at my home and also during the week at the Temple. It is open to all congregants who have a special interest in needle work of any kind. Times to be announced.

Notice will be emailed to existing members and also posted in the temple lobby. –*Phyllis Newman*



## Visiting Cantor Weekend

### Todah תודה

*Todah*—I learned this Hebrew word when I look my granddaughter to Torah Tots. It is thank you in Hebrew. Cantor Paul, during his program at the religious school, told the children about Yiddish. Thank you in Yiddish it *A Dank*. He also taught them about Ladino. That would be *Grasyas*. Thank you is what I am writing to every one of you that helped me a with the Visiting Cantor weekend. There was a formal committee and sub committees. Everyone on did an outstanding job.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Sheila Fishman, Joan Frankel, Toby Koch, Sheila Slavkin and Rabbi Torop

**CONSULTANTS:** Michael Barnett, Jarett Rieger, Jeff Newman and David Richter.

**PUBLICITY:** Cynthia Goldstein

**FLYER:** Suzanne Jones

**PROGRAM:** Mags Oldman

**DECORATIONS:** Kate Swedlow, with the help of Mags Oldman, Aurora Oldman, Steve Slavkin and Alan Weiss

**ACCOMODATIONS:** Anna and Steve Feldman for lending their home to the cantor.

### VOLUNTEERS THE NIGHT OF THE CONCERT

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Jerilyn Dimant | Judith Pliner     |
| Phyllis Newman | Gerry Pliner      |
| Jeff Newman    | Milt Newman       |
| Sheila Fishman | Sheila Slavkin    |
|                | BESTY Youth Group |

Then there are those people that walked into the kitchen Friday night to help set up for the Oneg. I remember Judy Jacobson, Sandy Santucci and Judith Pliner. I know there were probably others. *Todah* to all of you.

The kitchen is always the center of attention. Saturday evening, when we were putting out the snacks and making punch for the concert, people just walked in and said “what you do need me to do.” *A Dank* to Vickie Goldberg, Alan Weiss, Steve Slavkin and others.

Then there is the messy part of the night. Without being asked, people just started cleaning up: Alan Weiss, Steve Slavkin, Murray Dimant, Renate Greenfield, Gerry Pliner, Judith Pliner, Jerilyn Dimant and Milt Newman. *Grasyas*.

We had a successful Visiting Cantor weekend and an outstanding concert on Saturday night because so many people helped. Remember to record your hours in the UT25 book.

THANK YOU,  
*Toby Koch*

## Donations

Congregation Beth Shalom accepts donations for many purposes, with a variety of opportunities for donors to support the good works of the Temple. You may contact the office either by phone or email to make a contribution, or head to our website to make a secure online payment through a PayPal account or by using a credit card.

### 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.
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### 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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## Our Congregation



### Anniversaries

|      |                   |            |      |                |             |
|------|-------------------|------------|------|----------------|-------------|
| 3/2  | Natasha & Jarett  | Rieger     | 3/25 | Rebecca & Mark | Pendergraft |
| 3/5  | Paulette & Norman | Powell     | 3/25 | Karen & Jason  | Blanchard   |
| 3/13 | Jeff & Janice     | Frieman    | 3/27 | Toby & Alan    | Koch/Weiss  |
| 3/23 | Michael & Sarah   | Meyers     | 3/27 | Myron & Jackie | Feldman     |
| 3/25 | Jerry & Jamie     | Holschauer | 3/28 | Stephen & Anna | Feldman     |

### Yahrzeits



|      |                    |             |                  |              |            |
|------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------|
| 3/1  | Violet             | Leopold     | Grandmother      | of Tami      | Hahn       |
| 3/2  | Herbert            | Sapolsky    | Father           | of Susan     | Burkett    |
| 3/2  | Deborah            | Brill       | Mother           | of Scott     | Savitt     |
| 3/2  | Anna               | Fleischman  | Grandmother      | of Lauren    | Weisman    |
| 3/3  | Mario              | Litovich    | Cousin           | of Fanny     | Litovich   |
| 3/4  | Meyer              | Feldman     | Father           | of Stephen   | Feldman    |
| 3/4  | Abraham Isaac      | Siegel      | Grandfather      | of Eric      | Miller     |
| 3/4  | Frederick          | Frankel     | Husband          | of Joan      | Frankel    |
| 3/6  | Leo                | Bond        | Grandfather      | of Joanne    | Ronay      |
| 3/7  | Terry              | Magdovitz   | Husband          | of Caren     | Magdovitz  |
| 3/7  | Lena               | Kaplan      | Mother           | of Janice    | Perelman   |
| 3/8  | Sharon             | Ellis       | Mother           | of Jonathan  | Ellis      |
| 3/8  | Marjorie           | Will        | Relative         | of Leslie    | Will       |
| 3/8  | Harry              | Saxe        | Relative         | of Leslie    | Will       |
| 3/8  | Sylvia             | Levine      | Mother           | of Marcia    | Weiner     |
| 3/8  | Louis              | Glickman    | Father           | of Betsy     | Glickman   |
| 3/9  | Sophie             | Goldman     | Mother           | of Sharon    | Aronson    |
| 3/10 | Lois               | Criden      | Mother           | of Stephen   | Criden     |
| 3/11 | Irwin              | Zazulia     | Uncle            | of Iylene    | Miller     |
| 3/11 | Victor             | Vernick     | Friend & Brother | of David     | Richter    |
| 3/12 | Max                | Greenfield  | Father           | of Lawrence  | Greenfield |
| 3/13 | Jo-Ann             | VanDeventer | Mother           | of Christina | Frye       |
| 3/14 | Frank              | Newman      | Relative         | of Leslie    | Will       |
| 3/16 | Edith              | Richter     | Aunt             | of David     | Richter    |
| 3/17 | Rae S.             | Sukloff     | Grandmother      | of Grant     | Sukloff    |
| 3/18 | Jules              | Honig       | Uncle            | of Rudina    | Richter    |
| 3/18 | Benny              | Skop        | Grandfather      | of Nancy     | Landfish   |
| 3/18 | Cheryl             | Feinstein   | Daughter         | of Ethel     | Feinstein  |
| 3/19 | Charlie            | Reisner     | Uncle            | of Gary      | Ronay      |
| 3/19 | Lillian Bellavance | Santucci    | Mother-in-law    | of Sandy     | Santucci   |
| 3/20 | Arthur             | Ratner      | Father           | of Ira       | Ratner     |
| 3/20 | Morris             | Slater      | Father           | of Brian     | Slater     |
| 3/20 | Ely                | Sandberg    | Father           | of Sandy     | Santucci   |
| 3/21 | Harry              | Chaiken     | Great Uncle      | of Joanne    | Ronay      |
| 3/22 | Henry              | Naylor      | Great Uncle      | of Jessica   | Berdit     |
| 3/23 | Jack               | Ber         | Father           | of Jill      | Oppolo     |
| 3/23 | Sally              | Morgan      | Wife             | of Gareth    | Morgan     |
| 3/24 | Joseph             | Koch        | Father           | of Toby      | Koch       |
| 3/26 | Pascuala           | Roldan      | Mother           | of Julie     | Shienbaum  |
| 3/28 | Mary               | Goodman     | Wife             | of Rabbi Bob | Goodman    |
| 3/28 | Clara              | Kish        | Mother           | of Anna      | Brubaker   |
| 3/29 | Lea Yakovlevna     | Kreinina    | Grandmother      | of Anna      | Moneymaker |
| 3/31 | Jeffrey S.         | Zazulia     | Brother          | of Iylene    | Miller     |
| 3/31 | Joseph             | Magdovitz   | Father-in-law    | of Caren     | Magdovitz  |



### Birthdays

|      |               |            |
|------|---------------|------------|
| 3/2  | Scott         | Ellis      |
| 3/3  | Gabe          | Tabak      |
| 3/3  | Jerilyn       | Dimant     |
| 3/4  | Dale          | Wozniak    |
| 3/5  | Stephen       | Richner    |
| 3/5  | Chloe         | Brown      |
| 3/6  | Rob           | Northrop   |
| 3/7  | Jolee         | Andrews    |
| 3/8  | Ian Michael   | Villasin   |
| 3/8  | Aaron         | Edelson    |
| 3/8  | Jeffrey       | Borgen     |
| 3/8  | Keith         | Balot      |
| 3/9  | David         | Richter    |
| 3/9  | Natania       | Gerscovich |
| 3/9  | Anna          | Feldman    |
| 3/9  | Sarah Ann     | Raiskin    |
| 3/9  | Melissa       | Villasin   |
| 3/12 | Sandy         | Schwartz   |
| 3/14 | Tara          | Schwartz   |
| 3/14 | Jamie         | Holschauer |
| 3/16 | Jenny Arielle | Smith      |
| 3/16 | David         | Goldfarb   |
| 3/17 | Maria         | Brubaker   |
| 3/18 | Tovah         | Cantrell   |
| 3/18 | David         | Friedman   |
| 3/18 | Celia Faye    | Moskowitz  |
| 3/20 | Jill          | Oppolo     |
| 3/20 | Mike          | Hebert     |
| 3/23 | Robert        | Lamattina  |
| 3/23 | Virginia      | Barnett    |
| 3/24 | Craig         | Kennon     |
| 3/25 | Ryan          | Tackus     |
| 3/25 | Scott         | Frieman    |
| 3/25 | Jacob         | Burkett    |
| 3/27 | Michelle      | Dempsey    |
| 3/29 | Jodi          | Tiberio    |
| 3/30 | Sara          | Kennon     |
| 3/30 | Kyra          | Frye       |
| 3/31 | Ruth          | Goldberg   |
| 3/31 | Jisela        | Bolnick    |
| 3/31 | Barbara       | Kinney     |

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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- Corinne Posner—Age 14, lives in FishHawk, 407-592-9694

*The Babysitter list is open to CBS members and their children. Do you want to be added to the list, or do you have a special accomplishment you would like us to acknowledge? Please e-mail [Kibbitzer706@verizon.net](mailto:Kibbitzer706@verizon.net) with the information, and we will be glad to add you to the list.*



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| 1<br>NFTY Spring Kallah @SZ<br>9:30A RS-Purim w/Torah Tots<br>9:45A Hamantashen<br>1-3 Spiel Set Up | 2 E Hills Co. No School<br>6:30P Spiel Rehearsal | 3<br>6:15P Adult Ed Comm.<br>7:30P Board Meeting      | 4 Erev Purim<br>7:00P Erev Purim Spiel                                                                      | 5 Purim                                                                                                             | 6 Shushan Purim<br>7:45 P Shabbat Service                                       | 7<br>10:00 A Shabbat Service<br>Bat Mitzvah—Barnett<br>2:00P Sunken Gardens Tour<br>5:00P Dinner with the Tribe<br>6:00P New Membership Social<br>6:00P PNO |                                                               |
| 8 Change Clocks!<br>NO RS<br>12:15P BeSTY                                                           | 9 Hills. Co. Spring Break                        | 10 Hills. Co. Spring Break                            | 11 Hills. Co. Spring Break<br>TB.Jewish Film Festival<br>NO Hebrew School<br>7:00PM Community Conversation  | 12 Hills. Co. Spring Break<br>TB.Jewish Film Festival<br>10:00A TJFS Food Bank<br>12:00P TRA<br>7:30 P Healing Hour | 13 Hills. Co. Spring Break<br>TB.Jewish Film Festival<br>7:45P Shabbat Service  | 14<br>TB.Jewish Film Festival<br>6:00PM PNO                                                                                                                 |                                                               |
| 15<br>TB.Jewish Film Festival<br>NO RS                                                              | 16<br>7:30P Choir Reh—3/27                       | 17                                                    | 18<br>6:15P Hebrew School<br>6:30P Confirmation Class                                                       | 19<br>(7:30P Page Turners)<br>7:30P Choir Reh—3/27                                                                  | 20<br>5:15P Torah Tots Shabbat<br>6:00P Shabbat Dinner<br>7:45 P Simcha Shabbat | 21 1st of Nisan<br>10:00A Bible & Bagels<br>(Singles Movie Night)                                                                                           |                                                               |
| 22<br>9:30A RS<br>9:45A RSPA<br>12:00P More Than Matzah                                             | 23<br>7:30P Choir Reh—3/27                       | 24                                                    | 25<br>6:15P Hebrew School<br>7:30P Ritual Committee                                                         | 26<br>7:30P Choir Reh—3/27                                                                                          | 27<br>7:45 P Shabbat Service<br>Choir Sings / Shab. Alive                       | 28<br>Congregational Retreat                                                                                                                                |                                                               |
| 29<br>9:30A RS— Passover w/ Torah Tots<br>JCC Softball Tournament<br>Women's Seder                  | 30<br>7:30P Choir Reh—4/25                       | 31<br>5:15 P   Am Hope Café<br>7:30P Exec. Board Mtg. | Calendar is subject to change. Please check with the Admin. Office if you are planning an event or meeting. |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                             | Grey squares indicate office closure. ( ) indicate Tentative. |



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