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From the Rabbi

So that We Can Truly Say "Rest In Peace"

In early January I attended a rabbinic meeting in Charleston, SC. This was not my first trip to Charleston, but each and every time the beauty and history of the synagogue – the first Reform congregation in the United States – amazes me. The congregation was founded in 1749; 15 years later a cemetery was established. The headstones of notable Jews in American history, and members of the congregation alike are fascinating. The cemetery has been an integral link to generations of Jewish families, to American Jewish history and to the history of the congregation.

In every city across America, synagogues have created cemeteries – places to bury loved ones, where generations of families continue to be bound to each other and to the Jewish community. Beth Shalom has never officially had such a place. Many of our members have been buried in the Jewish section of Hillsboro Memorial Gardens. When we go there every year for our memorial service between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the names of the loved ones of Beth Shalom families that surround us form a sacred link that connects everyone present. Others have been buried in the Jewish cemeteries that exist across Tampa, sometimes next to family going back generations.

We have worked, step by step, to establish the presence of Beth Shalom in the community. Over 25 years ago individuals came together to found the congregation. A rabbi was hired, and eventually a building was built. The building was expanded to include a Jewish library, an upgraded kitchen, better office space. And now, in order to be a 'full-service' synagogue, it's time for a cemetery.

The Board of Directors empowered a small committee to look at the available options for a CBS cemetery. They have come back suggesting we utilize two sites – Hillsboro Memorial Gardens on Brandon Blvd. and the new Tampa Jewish Memorial Gardens on 56th St. near MLK Blvd. Our section in Hillsboro Memorial Gardens will be part of the larger private cemetery. Our other section will be in The Tampa Jewish Memorial Gardens, owned and run by Rodeph Sholom, which seeks to make it place for the entire Jewish community to come together. In both sites, we will be able to establish the rules for burial in keeping with our inclusive Reform ideology. If you are interested in more information, in helping support the cemetery, or in purchasing a plot, please be in touch with our vice-president Gerald Pliner (gp@pliner-inc.com).

Many of you probably think that this is something you do not need to worry about yet. In a time when the demand for our resources is high, and a cemetery plot is hopefully not needed for years to come, this is understandable. And to be honest, speaking about death and burial all too often makes us uncomfortable. But we also know that life does not always go in the directions we expect. At a time of grief and sadness, the need to make the necessary arrangements adds to the burden for family and friends. Our two Beth Shalom cemeteries will be a true and long-awaited blessing – for each of us and for the Beth Shalom community for generations to come.



March 23rd at 7PM

is our amazing Purim Spiel and Service! Ease on down the road to PersOz as we retell the Story of Esther with Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and of course, the Wicked Witch of the West along with a delightful cast of characters. Don't miss this!



PURIM SPIEL 2016

From the President - Jeff Newman

Ones lot in life

This is the time of year when I and my fellow thespians do a show about Mordechai, Esther, Vashti, Ahashveros and the person I can not mention.

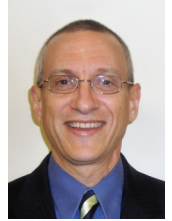
By the time this article comes out, Purim will almost be upon us. Hopefully you will attend our Purim Spiel and eat plenty of hamantaschen.

As you know Purim translated means *lot*. That made me think of one of my least favorite expressions, "That is his lot in life."

We often act as if somebody is stuck in his or her situation. That no matter what a person tries to do, they are always going to be stuck at a certain job, or with a certain person, or at a certain income. We believe that it is a person's destiny to be the way they are. I personally believe that is what is driving so much of today's political landscape. The fact that many of us believe that a person cannot change their stripes – that their lot in life never can change.

We as a charitable organization has to always remember that it is our job to help those in need. It is our obligation to help those who need a break. It is our calling to lend a helping hand. We need to do this without judgment.

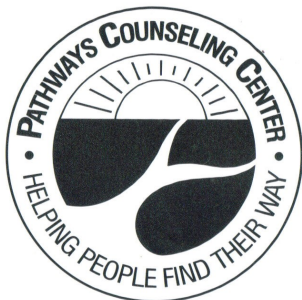
Now that I am in my second year of presidency, I see all the good things that we do as a temple. We really believe in social action and tzedakah and *tikkum olam*. It is truly heartwarming and I always am amazed that for a temple our size we can do so much.



Another side of me is dismayed. We offer many of these services with a passing comment, or a disparaging glance, or gossip. These actions diminish the goodwill that we offer towards fellow congregants and the Brandon community.

If you believe like I do, that someone could change their lot in life, then we should treat all people with kindness and with sincerity. We should leave our judgmental selves and be truly open hearted. If we treat people with respect, they will have every opportunity to change for the better. It is a tough enough job to change one lot, let us make it as easy as possible for them.

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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**



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March Dates to Remember

- **Monday, March 14, 6:00PM—Page Turners.**
Discussion of Eric Goodman's novel, Twelfth and Race.
- **Friday, March 18, 7:45AM—Jewish Genealogy Panel Discussion**
- **Wednesday, March 23, 7:00PM—Purim Spiel & Service**
- **Saturday, April 9, 10:00PM—Bible & Bagels**
Parashat Tazria discussion: "What do Blood and Guts have to Teach Us?"
- **Tuesday Evenings-April 12, 19 and 26, 7:30PM—Adult Learning with Rabbi Torop:** "Heretics, Nonconformists and Dissenters-Role Models or Outcasts?"

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

~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~

The CBS Annual Retreat - April 16

Contact Sheila and Steve Slavkin with questions.
Registration information coming soon!

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 4 Melissa & Eric Villasin in honor of Ian and Melissa's birthday.
- March 11 Andrea Chassen & Sue Reckner as a Temple Mitzvah.
- March 18 Dave & Carol Anne Friedman in honor of Dave's birthday.
- March 25 Toby Koch & Alan Weiss in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

A host is needed for April 1. Contact Judith Pliner at (813) 436-0080 or email her at gp@pliner-inc.com if you are interested in hosting. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the Onegs in March and in the upcoming months.

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



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Kudos n' Mazels

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

KUDOS

- Thank you to **The Katz Family** for the donation of 10 new large print Shabbat prayer books!
- Kudos to **Jill Oppolo, Sarah Meyers, Donna Mart, ,** and everyone who played a part in the coordination, solicitation, decoration, organization and overall participation for **Art After Dark!**
- Kudos to all of our lay leaders, including **Cynthia Goldstein, Anna Brubaker, Sheila Fishman, Karen Blanchard, Amy Weinstein, and Kevin Frye** who provided us with leadership and wonderful D'var Torahs at our services during Rabbi's sabbatical in February
- Kudos to the **Shabbat Alive Band & Singers** for bringing us wonderful music for Shabbat services!.
- Kudos to **Scott Hopkins** for stepping in to teach Confirmation classes during Rabbi's sabbatical.
- Kudos to **Sophie Smoak** and **Sarah Smith** for teaching Torah Tots during Rabbi's sabbatical.
- Kudos to **Beth Kennon** for her delicious and wonderful cake she provided for religious school!
- Kudos to **Tiffany Feldman** for helping Torah Tots learn to bake Challah bread!

MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to **Sydney Weisman** for making Dean's List at University of Florida!
- Mazel Tov to **Leah Villasin** for making Principal's Honor Roll at Terrace Community Middle School!
- Mazel Tove to **Ian Villasin** for being Student of the Month at Chiles Elementary!
- Mazel Tov to **Lucas Oldman** for making High Honor Roll at Newsome High School!
- Mazel Tov to **Aurora Oldman** for making Honor Roll at Randall Middle School
- Mazel Tov to **Davina Feldman** for being Brocno of the Month & earning a spot on the Principal's Honor Roll at Bevis Elementary!
- Mazel Tov to **Becca Smith** for making Principal's Honor Roll at Newsome High School AND for receiving a three-year ROTC Scholarship for college!
- Mazel Tov to **Sarah Smith** for making High Honor Roll at Newsome High School!

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



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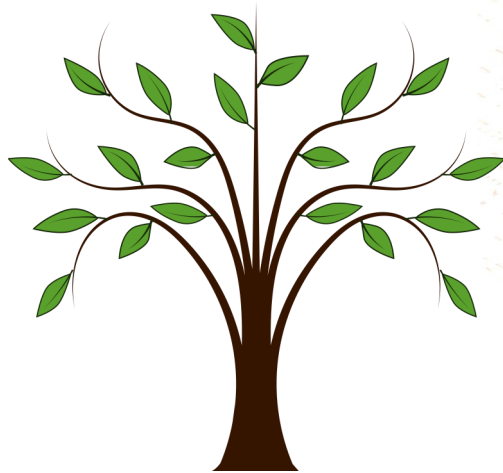
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Third Annual Retreat Schedule of Events The (Reform) Jewish Force Awakens

Camp Cedarkirk

5776

April 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Spend a beautiful day with your congregational family! A day full of learning, laughing, singing, and adventure! Starting with an outdoor Shabbat service, get in touch with nature as we worship together in a chapel in the woods, with a blue sky above and lush greenery around us. Then we'll have indepth learning sessions for adults in a relaxed atmosphere, while children will have their own activities. Teens are welcome to participate in either kind of programming.

What retreat would be complete without time to do just that—and we'll have plenty of options to for you to choose from to spend your free time—from hanging out on the patio in some rocking chairs, to rocking a canoe down the Alafia River, conquer a rock climbing wall, or feel the wind in your face as you zipline through treetops. Breakfast, lunch AND dinner is included with registration, and we'll wind down the day with a campfire, Havdalah, songs, and s'mores. We'll be just a few miles from home in Lithia, FL at Camp Cedarkirk.

- ☆ Reservations are due no later than March 20 along with your payment.
- ☆ Registration forms are available in the synagogue lobby, the CBS website, or the synagogue administrative office.
- ☆ All meals are provided and are vegetarian.
- ☆ Children are encouraged to attend and special programming will be available for them.
- ☆ Children under 4 must be chaperoned by a responsible adult at all times.
- ☆ Limited scholarships and fee assistance are available. Contact Rabbi Torop.
- ☆ Meet new people, enjoy time away with family and friends.

Please contact **Sheila Slavkin (383-7494/323-0563)** for additional information.

Registration forms are available online or at the synagogue!



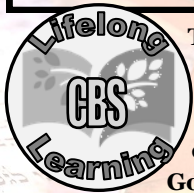
Our Second Night Seder for Passover will be **April 23**. Registration forms are available in the temple, online, and right here in this issue of the Kibbitzer! Rabbi Torop will lead the seder along with Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci.

Enjoy a catered seder, from matzoh ball soup to coffee and kugel!

Seating is limited, so registration is a MUST and needed by April 8.

\$36 per adult (aged 13 and older), \$18 for children (aged 5–12), and free for those under 5 (no food will be provided for those under 5).

Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



The Lifelong Learning Committee offers the following programming:

Page Turners will be meeting on Monday March 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss Eric Goodman's novel: *Twelfth and Race*. Eric

Goodman is a novelist, rock lyricist, travel writer, journalist, and former television writer. He is also Professor of English and former director of the creative writing program at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Goodman's fifth novel, *Twelfth and Race*, is a story of love, race and history set against a backdrop of racial problems in the fictional Midwest metropolis of Calhoun City, Missouri. *Twelfth and Race* was published on March 1, 2012 by the University of Nebraska Press, as part of the prestigious literary series, *Flyover Fiction*. A light snack will be supplied by our moderator, Sheila Fishman.

During the third weekend in March, we will be visiting Jewish Genealogy. More specifically, on Friday, March 18 at 7:45 p.m., the Committee will be presenting a panel discussion relating to the family history of three congregants, the immigration trail of those congregants and how they reconstructed their family history. Our panel participants are Anna Brubaker, Mags Oldman, and Dr. David and Rudina Richter. The evening presentation will be enlightening. Then, on Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m., the committee will be hosting Bill Israel. His presentation will be a basic introduction to Jewish Genealogy. The program will provide an overview of what genealogy is all about and how Jewish genealogy is different

and presents unique challenges in family history research. Jewish immigration to America will be reviewed from colonial times to the present. He will also address European and Holocaust research resources. Some widely held myths about Jewish Genealogy will be dispelled. Easy to use tools, techniques, and resources for research will be identified and demonstrated. Examples of a variety of current and historical genealogical documents will be provided. The program will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe at China Chen.

Bibles and Bagels will be held on April 9, 10 a.m. to noon. Please join the Lifelong Learning Committee for a lively and participatory look with Rabbi Betsy Torop at the weekly Torah portion—along with a delicious nosh, of course! This week's Torah portion is Parashat Tazria. We will be discussing "What do Blood and Guts have to Teach Us?" Please add this event to your calendar!

In April, Rabbi Betsy Torop will be discussing "Heretics, Nonconformists and Dissenters-Role Models or Outcasts?" Rabbi Torop notes that Jewish texts and history is filled with individuals who challenged prevailing norms and refused to always accept the prevailing wisdom. Abandoning God, questioning Torah, challenging authority are all part of our Jewish tradition. We will address "who were these 'subversive people' and what do they teach us?" We hope to see you on the following Tuesday evenings: April 12, 19, and 26 from 7:30-9 p.m.

KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Love

It's Valentine's Day and the language of love is bubbling up in my brain. Naturally, the first kind of love we all think of is the romantic love of hearts, candy, flowers, moonlight romances and all the trappings.

Then there is the love of family; small sweet babies, baseball games, picnics, plays, dance recitals, birthday parties, vacations and family visits.

There is love of our country; our service men and women, parades, fireworks, brass bands, cookouts, reunions and our individual freedoms.

Our world is filled with love. So too is our congregation; unceasing giving of our members serving in committees, at services, religious school and many Beth Shalom events. If it is in our vision, we make it happen. There is always a helping hand at CBS. Love is given in a multitude of ways. Our congregation is a warm and friendly home.

Kolot Shalom and all those who have been singing and playing instruments for our Shabbat Alive Services have enriched our prayer life through music. We've sung the words, "When we sing, we pray twice. When we sing, we are one." Music and love go hand 'n hand.

On May 14, our choir and members of the congregation will celebrate our Jewish heritage of religion, culture and history when they present *An Evening of Jewish Music*.

They'll take us on a musical trip down memory lane and present pieces from our Jewish lives or selections written by Jewish composers.

I hope you will come to share this wonderful evening of Jewish love and delight. Mark your calendars now. Come and bring a guest. As always, we extend the hand to any congregant who would like to perform with us. Please contact Joan Frankel to add your name to the performance roster.

Shalom,
Joan Frankel (813-938-4123)





Education - Amy Weinstein

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month. I was asked to write a D'var Torah for the board meeting. Because this is a subject that I feel so passionately about, I thought I would share my thoughts with the religious school families and temple community as a whole. It is my hope that this month leads to discussions and practices that we can follow all year long.

I have been fortunate during my time at Congregation Beth Shalom. I have had several opportunities to study through adult education classes, becoming a B'nai Mitzvah and most recently attending the URJ Biennial. The Jewish value that really "speaks to me" is B'tzelem Elohim, In God's Image. God now said, "Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness." God then blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and tame it; hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, and over every animal that creeps on the earth." (Genesis)

This is a confusing concept for some. You may ask, if everyone is in the image of God, does that include those that don't follow society's norms? Of course it must be remembered that B'tzelem Elohim does not mean that every human being is automatically good. The words *ki tov* (it was good), is found after every stage of creation, however, it is not recorded after the human being is created. This is because the image of God is about potential. If properly nurtured, it takes us to extreme heights. If abused, it can sink us to the lowest depths. Whether we are *tov* depends on the way we live our lives; it is not endowed at birth. That being said, what does B'tzelem Elohim mean in this day and age?

If we truly believe that each and every human being is created in the image of God, it follows that all people – regardless of race, religion, nationality, age, cognitive, physical or emotions handicaps – are of equal value. This is where my passion lies. I have spent the majority of my adult life working with students from age 3 to 22 that have a significant cognitive, physical or emotional disability. February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month, a time when the entire Jewish community comes together to raise awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion of people with disabilities and their families in Jewish communities worldwide. (How cool is that?) The goal of Jewish Disability Awareness Month is to shift our attitudes to see that having a disability is part of the human condition-and to see that humanity in each person we meet.

During the most recent Biennial, there was a huge focus on inclusion. "The URJ's pledge to 'audacious hospitality' includes a firm commitment to help our congregations become the safe, welcoming and loving spiritual homes they are meant to be so that every individual, regardless of ability, feels that they were created B'tzelem Elohim, in God's image," said URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs. How is this achieved? There are many –low cost-high return ideas to ponder. Services should be accessible for the physically disabled-this might include ramps to the bimah, large print prayer books, assistive listening devices, communicating to our members that it is not necessary to stand. Services should be accessible for the invisibly disabled

including quiet break places for children and adults, allowing for sensory break.

While I will always advocate for inclusion, there are some people who are uncomfortable and feel the need to be a bit more separate for a period of time. Utilizing close circuit televisions in a separate room for all services would be welcomed by some of our families. This is not meant as an "over flow" for those that come late. This is designed for families that want to participate but may have concerns about disrupting the experience for others due to a very young child, a person whose attention span may not be conducive for an hour service or those with that are unable to control verbal outbursts. The congregation should be sensitive to emotional issues that make participation more difficult, for example providing "walk-through's" for those who want to see what will be happening in advance to relieve anxiety concerns. In my opinion, the goals for CBS should be to provide a safe space where Individuals with disabilities have a voice in the congregation. This should be a place where people feel comfortable talking about the challenges that their own disabilities or the disabilities of other family members present. I hope that this will be the time when the audacious hospitality that Rabbi Rick Jacobs, head of the Reform movement, described, will be applied to everyone who walks into the doors of our synagogue.

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

Important March Dates



3/2	Hebrew & Confirmation
3/6	Religious School
3/9	Hebrew
3/13	Religious School & Torah Tots and Purim Celebration
3/16	No Hebrew & Confirmation (Spring Break)
3/20	No Religious School (Spring Break)
3/23	No Hebrew & Confirmation (Purim Spiel)
3/30	Hebrew
3/27	No Religious Religious School (Spring Break)

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RITUAL COMMITTEE—*Cynthia Goldstein*



Calling All Hamantaschen Bakers!

We need your help baking Hamantaschen to be served after the Purim Shpiel on March 23!

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all! Make a dozen or two! Can't bake? Donate pre-made Hamantaschen - we'll take them too!

If you can help, please contact Sandy Santucci at 813-410-9024 or ladycantor54@gmail.com.

Follow the *Yellow Brick Road* to this year's Purim Shpiel!

The cast and crew of our shpiel are hard at work and excited to bring you the *Wizard of PersOZ*, directed by our very own Joel Edelson!

Join your favorite PersOZ characters as they try to outsmart your favorite bad girl - Haman the Wicked Witch!

When: Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m.

Bring your boxed dry goods to use as groggers and donate them afterward to our food bank.

Please feel free to dress as your favorite Wizard of Oz or Purim Character!

There's no place like CBS for Purim!

See you there!



Membership — *Phyllis Newman*

It is my pleasure to announce the introduction of a new family to our congregation.

WELCOME JACQUELINE AND JONATHAN ZAIFEIT AND DAUGHTER, SAMANTHA.

Both Jacqueline and Jonathan are attorneys.



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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Yahrzeits



3/1	Max	Greenfield	father of	of Lawrence	Greenfield
3/2	Jo-Ann	VanDeventer	Mother	of Christina	Frye
3/3	Frank	Newman	Relative	of Leslie	Will
3/6	Rae S.	Sukloff	Grandmother	of Grant	Sukloff
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Birthdays

3/2	Scott	Ellis
3/3	Jerilyn	Dimant
3/3	Megan	Birnholz
3/4	Dale	Wozniak
3/5	Chloe	Brown
3/6	Rob	Northrop
3/7	Jolee	Andrews
3/8	Jeffrey	Borgen
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3/12	Sandy	Schwartz
3/14	Tara	Schwartz
3/14	Jamie	Holschauer
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3/16	David	Goldfarb
3/16	Olivia	Smoak
3/17	Maria	Brubaker
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3/18	Celia	Ellis
3/18	Tovah	Cantrell
3/20	Jill	Oppolo
3/20	Mike	Hebert
3/23	Virginia	Barnett
3/23	Robert	Lamattina
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3/25	Ryan	Tackus
3/25	Jacob	Burkett
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:15P Life. Learn. Comm. 7:30P Board Mtg.	2 TBJFF Kickoff Gala 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	3 TBJFF	4 TBJFF Spring Kallah—NFTY 7:45 P Shabbat Service	5 TBJFF Spring Kallah—NFTY
6 Spring Kallah—NFTY 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 12:30P Purim Rehearsal PJ Library Event	7	8	9 6:15P Hebrew School	10 Women Philanthropists Girls Night Out	11 Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45 P Shabbat Svc Simcha	12
13 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tots Purim Celebration 12:30P Purim Rehearsal & Preview	14 Hills, Co. Spring Break NO School 6:00P PageTurners	15 Hills, Co. Spring Break NO School	16 Hills, Co. Spring Break NO School NO HS	17 Hills, Co. Spring Break NO School	18 Hills, Co. Spring Break NO School 7:45 P Shabbat Service	19
20 NO RS 12:30P Purim Rehearsal 4:00P Genealogy Pgm 4:00P BESTY Board 5:30P Dinner with the Tribe	21 6:30P Purim Rehearsal	22 6:30P Purim Rehearsal	23 EREV PURIM 7:00P Purim Spiel & Service 	24 PURIM	25 Hills, Co. NO School 7:45 P Shabbat Service	26 6:00P Parents Night Out
27 NO RS	28	29 7:30P Exec. Comm. Mtg.	30 6:15P Hebrew School 7:30P Ritual Committee	31		



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