

# The Kibbitzer

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## From the Rabbi

### *Do You Know Your Fellow Members?*

This is one of the busiest months of the Jewish year, with four major holidays, several of which extend over more than one day. The intensity is often overwhelming – both because of the significance of the themes and the sheer quantity of celebrations! But this year at Beth Shalom, all of our Holy Days share a common theme. They will each, in different ways, help you better know the members of our community. It is tempting to think that as a small congregation we should all (mostly) know each other. But that's not the case. We tend to know the people in our particular congregational silo – those families we see on Sunday morning, the people who come regularly on Friday night, those who eagerly anticipate Dinner with the Tribe. Those outside of our area of involvement are often strangers to us. Over this Holy Day period, in ways that will be familiar and ways that are new, we want to take steps to remove those barriers.

How will we do that? For the first time, everyone has been sent a name tag (with the schedule of services on the back) in your High Holy Days packet. For security reasons, you need to bring it – but we hope you will also chose to wear it! It is a gateway, an opportunity to form a connection. Knowing someone's name is a first small step toward getting to know who he or she really is – an essential element of a community.

On Shabbat Shuvah (Oct. 7) our annual "I am Jewish" panel will allow us to get to know three congregants in a more in-depth fashion. Taken from the last words spoken by *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl before he was killed in Pakistan in 2002, this panel allows three members to share what is important and meaningful to them about their Jewish lives and identities. Dan Miller, Jan Golden and Sheryl Finke are our panelists this year, representing many different aspects of our congregation. Please join us to hear their stories.

In addition to our wonderful Sukkot celebrations such as Sukkah Under the Stars, two new celebrations will provide an opportunity to mingle in a casual way thanks to efforts of our members. Steve Slavkin will lead a wine-tasting of Israeli wines on first night of Sukkot (Oct. 16), and Jay Bolnick will welcome us to his 80-acre ranch in Seffner for Shabbat @ the Ranch (Oct. 21). We'll have Shabbat outside, after watching the sun go down. Dress casually, have a nosh – meet a fellow congregant while petting an alpaca!

And finally, on Simchat Torah we celebrate the joyousness of Torah by singing and dancing, unrolling the entire scroll. This year, we are also doing a "guess the member" contest. Send in a photo of yourself when you were 13 and we'll have a contest to guess who's who. Get to know our congregants as they were "way back when." And – for added fun – wear an item of clothing from the decade in which you turned 13!

From the beginning of Tishrei (October) until the end, learn names, faces and stories, experience our members leading, teaching and opening their homes, laugh together in casual indoor and outdoor settings, and look for familiar faces in old photos. Oh – and celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Shabbat, Sukkot and Simchat Torah too!



## From the President - David Friedman

Though I am still in the early stages of my presidency as we enter the New Year, I would like to say "thank you" to those of you who have helped me to ensure the ongoing well-being and vitality of our temple.

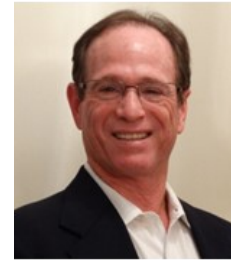
Carol Anne joins me in wishing you and your loved ones a sweet New Year. May it be a year of health and joy. May it be filled with happiness. May you find inspiration. You never know where inspiration will come from.

This past Labor Day weekend, Carol Anne and I spent a few days in Blairsville, a small town in the mountains of north Georgia. The "artwork" in the cabin we rented consisted of Elvis Presley and Coca Cola paraphernalia! Fortunately, it wasn't overwhelming.

On the wall in one bedroom were these framed words: "I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I cannot feel it. I believe in G-d even when He is silent." Below those words, were these: "Written on Cellar Wall During Holocaust." Sometimes, when we least expect it, something, someone, or some words written on a wall will inspire us!

From erev Rosh Hashanah, through Ne'ilah on Yom Kippur, you will hear words about our visions for future

generations, G-d and prayer, and community. We should remember the High Holidays are fundamentally a time of introspection, hope and renewal. But they can also be a time of inspiration. Though we might, as a family, share or partake in the same service, perhaps each of us will be moved or find inspiration from a different passage, or even a different verse, from the same prayer!



*Shanah Tovah*

### Volunteers Needed

Help is needed for the High Holy Days events.

- Parking: contact Gerald Pliner at [gp@pliner-inc.com](mailto:gp@pliner-inc.com)
- Greeters: contact is Gayle Borgen. Sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fod4ca9a729a7f49-greeters>
- Help with the Pancake Brunch: contact Steve Slavkin [sslavkin50@gmail.com](mailto:sslavkin50@gmail.com)

### Homemade Challah For Sale



We are making homemade challah for the High Holy Days this year, \$6 per loaf. Checks can be dropped off at the office by Sept. 28, or you can pay online at [www.bethshalom-brandon.org](http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org). Challahs will be ready for pickup Oct. 3, after

Rosh Hashanah service. If you are able to help with the baking, please let us know! Email [kaswedlow@gmail.com](mailto:kaswedlow@gmail.com) to order!



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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Sunday Oct 16:** 9:45 am, Torah Tots in the Sukkah

**Sunday, Oct. 16:** 6 pm, A Taste of Sukkot wine-tasting and a brief service.

**Tuesday, Oct. 18:** 7 pm, iEngage Israel program

**Wednesday, Oct. 19:** 6:15 pm, Sukkot Under the Stars

**Friday, Oct. 21:** 6 pm Snacks at Sunset and family service at the Bolnick Ranch in Seffner at 7 pm. Bring your own seating!

**Sunday, Oct 23:** 7 pm Simchat Torah

**Friday, Oct. 28:** Celebration of the conversion of Stephanie Ferry

**Sunday, Oct. 30:** 9:30 am, K/1 grade family program

**Sunday, Oct. 30:** 2 pm, Candidate forum

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

## October 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 October.

**Oct. 7:** Andrea Chassen will host the oneg in celebration of receiving her first Social Security monthly payment.

**Oct. 14:** The parents of the 7th grade class will host the Oneg in honor of their children who will participate in the family service.

**Oct. 21:** For our Shabbat @ The Ranch, bring something to share for the oneg.

**Oct 28:** Sharon and Zohar Elazar will host the oneg in honor of their daughter Danielle's bat mitzvah.

### SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

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 hosting. Thanks to everyone who is helping out with the onegs in the upcoming months.

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

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eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6 pm

## MEMBERSHIP

This month's article is larger than usual because we have eight new member households to welcome this month. Please help us welcome the following people to our Beth Shalom family:

**Elyse Acanda, Elyse's parents, Shelley and Larry Leeds, and Elyse's children, Talia and Joaquin** are part of a multi-generational family in Lithia, and we look forward to getting to know everyone in this household. Elyse works in Technomedia and has two children – son Joaquin, 8, and daughter Talia, 10, who sings and chants Torah. Elyse's parents are retired.

**Rose and Eric Alexander** live in Apollo Beach with **Leah**, 10, and brand new baby brother, **Logan**, who was born a few days after our open house. Rose works in sales, and Eric is a Hillsborough County sheriff's deputy.

**Stephanie Ferry** lives in Riverview with spouse Robert. Stephanie just finished her conversion to Judaism in August and works as a case manager for ACTS.

**Steven and Mindy Gale** live in Brandon and are both in the medical field – Steve is a pharmacist and Mindy is a renal dietician.

**Bonnie and Jeff Jacob** live in New Tampa and came to Tampa Bay from Las Vegas. Jeff works at the Hard Rock Café.

**Matthew and Heather Kramer** live in Valrico with son **Ari** and daughter **Tavia**. Matthew is pharmacy manager of a Publix, and Heather is an RN.

**Irving Lawrence** (Gerry) lives in Brandon, is retired attorney and “lives practically around the corner from the Pliners.”

**Howard and Sandra (Sandy) Saviet** live in Brandon and both work in the school district of Hillsborough County – Howard is a teacher, and Sandy is an IEP Assistant.

There wasn't enough room to list all the different interests our new members checked on their membership applications, but it looks like this is a very energetic group of people who are joining our Beth Shalom family! Look for these smiling faces at services and at other temple events – Shabbat dinners, new member onegs and more – and please welcome them to our congregation.

May you have a healthy and happy New Year!

*Gail Verlin and Judith Pliner,  
Membership Committee Co-Chairmen*

## Engaging Israel: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

A Hartman Institute Lecture & Study Series Led by Rabbi Betsy Torop

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Beth Shalom community this fall.

iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict explores one of the most divisive issues affecting the Jewish people today: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a shared political platform may not

be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Together we will engage in a new values-based discourse about Israel, including topics such as: Living with Difference, the Israel We Imagine, Jewish Narratives of Peace, Attitudes Towards the Land, Justice, Self-Preservation, Compromise, and the Idea of Jewish Exceptionalism.

Each session includes text study and discussion led by Rabbi Torop and video lecture and interviews with leading Hartman scholars.

October 18, November 15, December 13  
(Tuesdays, 7 pm -8:30 pm)

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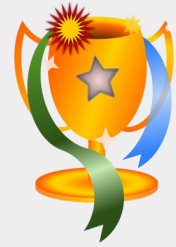
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**Kudos n' Mazels**

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



**KUDOS**

- Kudos to **Andy Swedlow, Lea Garbett, Seth Dugan, Michael Barnett, Mags Oldman, Clara Barnett and Micah Dugan** for their help on Temple Spruce-Up Day!
- Kudos to **Kate Swedlow** for coordinating our first Shabbat potluck this year!
- Kudos to **Brian Slater** for his help with all the High Holy Day stuff!
- Kudos to the Selichot players for another wonderful production: **Anna Brubaker., Stephanie Ferry, Joan Frankel, Dave Friedman, Vickie Goldberg, Jeff Newman, Gail Verlin, Lauren Weisman,**

**MAZELS**

- Mazel Tov to new members **Rose and Eric Alexander** and their entire family on the birth of their new baby boy, **Logan Blade Alexander!** Welcome, Logan!
- Mazel Tov to all our new members!
- Mazel Tov and Kudos to **Kate Swedlow and Michelle McCormick** for taking on the roles of Fundraising Co-Chairs!
- Mazel Tov to **Clara Barnett** for being elected class Vice President at Bell Creek Academy!
- Mazel Tov to **Aurora Oldman** for being inducted into the National Beta Club at Randall Middle 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](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).*

**CBS** wish list

Financially supporting the synagogue is the responsibility of the entire Jewish community so that it can continue to exist and grow for everyone, both now and in the future. Items are often "wished" for to add to our spiritual home.

Below are a few of our most frequently requested items that, while not deemed necessary, would enhance our environment. Before making an in-kind contribution, due to limited space, please contact the temple first to be sure the item is still on the list.

**Interior Wish List:**

- Large coolers
- Water supply for Cafe Shalom
- Commercial oven

- Free-standing literature stand (floor model)
- 8—New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in navy blue
- 8—New 90" (floor length) round tablecloths in white
- 1" binders
- Keyboard drawers
- Bookends for the library

**Exterior Wish List:**

- Cypress mulch (to refresh)
- Planters, soil and vines for pergola
- Wood sealer for outdoor elements
- Awnings for entries

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## LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman



The Lifelong Learning Committee continues to serve the members of Congregation Beth Shalom with engaging and topical conversations, speakers and programs. Below are just a few of our upcoming events.

- Using iEngage, an exciting program designed by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, we are having a year-long conversation in which we will dive deeply into fundamental issues about the Jewish homeland, Jewish values, and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. On **Tuesday, Oct. 18**, the topic is The Israel We Imagine, and we will be addressing the most essential narratives and assumptions the Jewish community holds about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Mark **Sunday, Oct. 30, at 2 pm** on your calendar for a Candidate Forum. With this major election year, we have invited candidates from both parties to present their positions on very important issues. Each candidate will be afforded five minutes to present his or her views. These presentations this will be followed by the candidates answering questions posed by the audience.
- Please join us on an occasional Shabbat morning for Bibles and Bagels—a lively and participatory look at the weekly Torah portion—along with a nosh, of course. On **Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10 am**, we will be looking at Parashat Noach. The question we are addressing is: “Did Noah Deserve to Be Saved?”
- We truly look forward to the presentation **Thursday, Nov. 10**, with Michael Gizzi, a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), an active member of Presbyterians for Middle East Peace, a political scientist and a professor of criminal justice at Illinois State University. He is actively involved in research on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and will be addressing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction Movement.
- Over the next few months, we will be exploring the customs of death and mourning. With Session 1, on **Sunday, Nov. 13, at 10 am**, we will be holding a conversation at Segal Funeral Home in Tampa on the topic “What to Do When a Loved One Dies?”

Please support these events. You will not be disappointed that you chose to join us.



## CANDIDATE FORUM

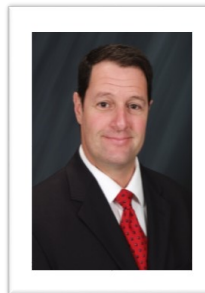
**When:** Sunday, Oct. 30, from 2 p.m. -4 p.m.  
**Where:** Congregation Beth Shalom, 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511

As we well know, this is a major election year. Congregation Beth Shalom is having a Candidate Forum sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Committee. Candidates from both parties are welcome to let the public know where they stand and what they think. We expect many candidates will attend. Each candidate will get five minutes to present. After all candidates have spoken, candidates will answer questions from the audience.

This event is free and open to the public. We hope this will be informative and will give temple members, as well as the public, the opportunity to see, side-by-side, who their representatives might be. It will give candidates the opportunity to meet many voters. Candidates will mainly come from Hillsborough County. Participate in the Democratic process, and learn why you may choose to vote for one candidate over another.

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**EDUCATION** - Amy Weinstein

Religious school is in full swing! We currently have 69 students enrolled in our youth education programs. Our attendance is great and students are arriving on time. Thanks for making the effort to have your students here ready to learn!

October is a busy time around CBS. Religious school is no exception. We will continue to learn about and celebrate the upcoming holidays. Our schedule will be a bit choppy this month due to holiday dates, so please check your calendar, eblasts, Facebook page and Kibbitzer for up-to-date information.

This year our Tzedakah efforts will be focused on assisting a temple in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. B'nai Israel and the surrounding town were significantly impacted by the flooding over the summer.

There are approximately 40 temple families that lost everything in the flood. Our "Tzedakah Tube" will be out for collections Sundays as well as Wednesday evenings. We are encouraging all members to participate. After witnessing the flooding effects some folks experienced with Hurricane Hermine, we realize how devastating a direct hit from a tropical storm or hurricane can be to a community. So far we have collected \$125 in cash and gift cards.

**Reminder!**

**Important October Dates:**

- Sunday, Oct 2:** No Religious School- Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Wednesday, Oct. 12:** No Hebrew Class- Yom Kippur
- Friday, Oct. 14:** 7th Grade Family Service
- Sunday, Oct. 16:** Sukkot Activities
- Wednesday, Oct. 19:** Sukkot Under the Stars
- Sunday, Oct. 30:** Family Program w/Rabbi: Grades K & 1



**BeSTY BEAT**

Our first Parents' Night Out was a huge success! Our next one is Dec. 10. Afterward, teens had the chance to just hang out and get to know each other better over pizza and a movie.

We also worked on one of our gifts for our social action project - birthday gift boxes for kids in the pediatric wing of Brandon Regional Hospital. We'll be delivering our school supply collection to a local Title I school in October - and thank you to all who contributed! BESTY meets once a month - on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 pm, and has at least one event a month off site - things like ice skating and corn mazes.

If you're a teen, in 8th - 12th grade, you should totally be a BESTY. Email us at [wannabemybesty@gmail.com](mailto:wannabemybesty@gmail.com) or contact the temple office.

**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](mailto:kibbitzer706@verizon.net) by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

**CBS Softball Needs You!**

Did you play first base in high school? Pitch? Even play right field? We need you! No prerequisite of past play; we're just in it for fun and camaraderie.



We're recruiting our first (in-a-long-time) team to compete in the JCC Softball Tourney this spring! The co-ed team won't meet until after the first of the year, but now is the time to put the team together!

Contact Dave Friedman at [cbs-president@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-president@hotmail.com) if you're interested!

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## High Holidays - Cynthia Goldstein



### Schedule of Services

- Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Sunday, Oct. 2, 8 pm
- Rosh Hashanah (1st Day)  
Monday, Oct. 3, 10 am
- Rosh Hashanah Family Service  
Monday, Oct. 3, 4 pm
- Rosh Hashanah (2nd Day)  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 am
- Shabbat Shuvah  
Friday, Oct 7, 7:45 pm
- Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)  
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 8 pm
- Yom Kippur Morning and Study Session  
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10 am
- Yom Kippur Family Service  
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2:30 pm
- Yom Kippur Afternoon  
Wednesday, Oct 12, 4 pm
- Break Fast  
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:15 pm
- Sukkot Wine Tasting  
Sunday, Oct. 16, time TBD
- Sukkot Under the Stars  
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:15 pm
- Shabbat @ The Ranch,  
Friday, Oct. 21, 7 pm. Bring your own seating.
- Simchat Torah  
Sunday, Oct. 23, 7 pm

This month brings us to the High Holy Days, which are filled with activities and services to help you observe the season. Please check the weekly email blasts, the CBS Facebook page, and our website for timely information. Also, if you can, please volunteer to help out with aspects of the events — bring food for the Pancake Brunch or Break the Fast, make honey cakes for the Rosh Hashanah oneg, volunteer to greet/usher or help with parking, bring nonperishable food to support the food drive; no effort is too small and is much appreciated!

We will again offer our full complement of services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, including children's/family services for both holidays. Immediately following Yom Kippur we celebrate Sukkot. Again this year we will be celebrating Sukkot "Under the Stars," with special activities for our youth, who, we hope, will bring a friend with them in celebration of welcoming ushpizim (guests) as part of Sukkot. We are observing the beginning of Sukkot with "Taste of Sukkot," which will feature Israeli wine tasting and light snacks in the sukkah, as well as a brief service. And for a special treat, we will be celebrating Simchat Torah with a "Twist Back in Time." Remember to submit photos of yourself at 13 years old; we can't

### Shabbat Shuvah

For many years, on Shabbat Shuvah, (the special Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) we have invited several congregants to participate in our "I am Jewish" panel. These were the last words of Wall Street Journalist Daniel Pearl, who was brutally murdered in Pakistan in 2002. His parents have edited a collection of essays on Jewish identity, entitled *I am Jewish*. This year, Dan Miller, Jan Golden and Sheryl Finke will be the three panelists who will reflect on what the words "I am Jewish" mean to them as part of our service on this special Shabbat on Friday, Oct. 7.

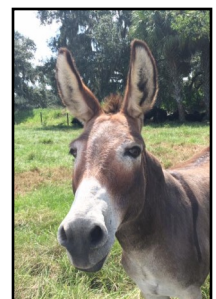
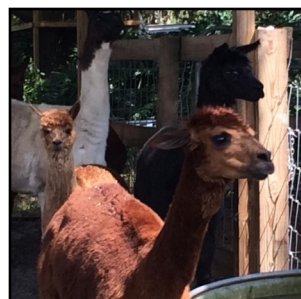
wait to "guess who" you are!

**\*\*REMINDER:** please remember to bring your name tag to temple for all services!\*\*

If you have High Holy Day questions or needs, please feel free to contact me as ritual chair at [cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com](mailto:cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com). The Ritual Committee wishes you a wonderful and meaningful holiday and L'shanah Tovah!

### Shabbat @ the Ranch

The Bolnicks have graciously invited us to their house Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 pm for Shabbat @ the Ranch. The address is 6606 Flicker Court, Seffner. Bring your own seating and a snack to share for oneg.



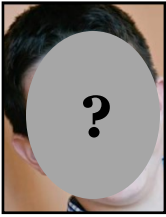
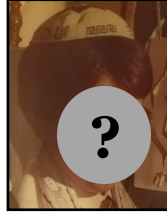


## High Holidays

### Guess Who?



Send in a photo by Oct. 12 of your 13 year-old self. (Photos can be dropped off at the temple. Please identify the name on the back of the photo.) On Simchat Torah, Sunday, Oct. 23, at 7 pm, we will guess the identity of each picture. Prizes awarded to the person with the most correct answers. And don't forget to wear an item of clothing from the decade when you were 13!



## Children's Services

Join us for our interactive children's and family services. While children are always welcome at Congregation Beth Shalom, these services led by Rabbi Torop are geared toward families with children age 8 and under.

### Rosh Hashanah Family Service, Monday, Oct. 3, 4 pm

\* Program includes shofar sounding, Torah touching, songs and prayers, a special story, and apples and honey tasting.



### Yom Kippur Family Service Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2:30 pm

\* Program includes Torah touching, songs and prayers, and a new version of a beloved children's story.

## Upcoming CBS Events

### Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

Brace yourselves for an evening of fun, dancing, delicious food and some amazing auction baskets! We will also have some fantastic live auction items. It's going to be a wonderful night - don't miss it!

### Saturday, March 4, 2017

Our annual retreat is once again planned for Cedarkirk Camp in Lithia. This daylong family program will have adult learning programs led by Rabbi Torop and an exciting children's program to include crafts, learning and lots of outdoor fun.

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- ✓ **Youth Group**

Then there is our page:  
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that anyone can follow.

## KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

“What’s happening with music in the month of November?” you say.

“Glad you asked,” I reply. “After all the festivities of the High Holy Days and the beautiful traditional melodies still ringing in our ears, we turn to something a little different.”

“Different? I don’t think I like different. I don’t think I like change,” you may say.

“But wait till you try our Shabbat Alive Service,” I insist. “You’ll go home with a light, bouncy step and new tunes flowing through your head. Our band of guitar, drums, keyboards and other accompanying instruments will pour enthusiasm into your heart.”

“I’m not a singer, so I probably won’t join in on these new melodies,” you say.

“That’s okay,” I answer. “You don’t have to sing to appreciate these arrangements, and we aren’t dropping any of the service prayers. So how about giving it a try?”

“Well, maybe. When is it?”

“Friday, Nov. 11. Come, worship and enjoy the wonderful fellowship of our congregation. You’ll be surprised how uplifted you’ll feel. In fact, you may already know some of the tunes. Just come with an open heart and a joyful voice. You’re gonna love it.”

“Well, I usually come to Friday night services, because I need a stress reliever from my busy week. I guess I could try Shabbat Alive this month. You’re sure I’m going to like this?”

“Do you like inspiring melodies?”

“Yes, of course.”

“Then you’ll love Shabbat Alive. Come early so you can get a good seat!”

“Okay, you’ve convinced me. This month a change is coming. A good change you say. I’ll give it a test. See you on Nov. 11.”

“You sure will. I’ll be the one with a Cheshire cat smile on my face. See you soon.”

*Blessings,*

*Joan Frankel, Kolot Shalom Director*

### Many Hands Make Light Work

In order to get the sanctuary ready for High Holy Days services, we need assistance in moving furniture and prayer books on four separate occasions.

**Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 am:** Set up sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah, change out prayer books, bagels and coffee provided!

**Tuesday, Oct. 4:** After pancake breakfast, set up for religious school Wednesday evening, services Friday, and religious school Sunday morning; change out prayer books

**Sunday, Oct. 9, 12 pm:** After religious school, set up sanctuary for Yom Kippur, change out prayer books, pizza provided!

### TJFS Family & Friends Field Day

Sunday, Oct. 9 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

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### Funds:

- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
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- **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.
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- **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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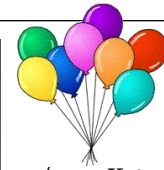


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## Anniversaries

10/3	Hank & Donna	Mart
10/6	David & Vickie	Goldberg
10/7	Jared & Allison	Rapp
10/11	Sherry & Ron	Leybovich
10/13	Jason & Lizette	Howard
10/16	Joseph & Katie	Best
10/19	James & Lisa	Smith
10/22	Andrew & Kate	Swedlow
10/24	Gerald & Judith	Pliner
10/31	Errol & Shelia	Fishman
10/31	Bruce & Janice	Sperry



## Birthdays

10/1	Kate	Swedlow
10/1	Jim	Smith
10/1	Gillian Reese	Moskowitz
10/1	Mitchell	Finke
10/2	Eric	Alexander
10/2	Serena	Cohen
10/2	Lea	Garbett
10/3	Rebecca	Sperry
10/3	Elyse	Leeds-Acanda
10/4	Suzanne	Jones
10/4	Rebecca	Smith
10/4	Jacob	Balot
10/5	Andrea	Chassen
10/6	Jeffrey	Frieman
10/7	Cesar	Rojas
10/7	Aaron	Weiss
10/8	Renate	Greenfield
10/8	Jessica	Freedman
10/10	Beth	Frieman
10/10	Randall	Finke
10/12	Marcia	Weiner
10/12	Benjamin	Lannak
10/12	Amy	Weinstein
10/12	Jacqueline	Zaifert
10/13	Zachary	Singer
10/13	Steven	Billor
10/13	Laura	Sehres
10/16	Myron	Feldman
10/18	Paige	Dugan
10/20	Sandee	Pelk
10/21	Aaron	Torop
10/22	Gerald	Pliner
10/23	Michael	Lubin
10/23	Sheila	Slavkin
10/23	Michael	Yaravitz
10/26	Jayne	Best
10/26	Amanda	Yaravitz
10/27	Lander	Feldman
10/27	Roberta	Peterson
10/28	Shea	Glassman
10/28	Danielle	Elazar
10/28	Scott	Sehres
10/29	Jarett	Rieger
10/31	Jordan	Shaw

## Yahrzeits



10/1	Leslie	Lasky	Friend (Male)	of Beth	Kennon
10/3	Dorothy S.	Goldstein	Mother	of Judith	Pliner
10/3	Aaron	Mart	Son	of Donna & Hank	Mart
10/4	Pauline	Magdovitz	Mother-in-Law	of Caren	Magdovitz
10/4	Ira	Fleischman	Father	of Lauren	Weisman
10/5	Sally	Gaba	Grandmother	of Leslie	Boyar
10/5	Becky	Smith	Grandmother	of Lynn	Kaler
10/5	Louis	Kaplan	Father	of Janice	Perelman
10/6	Renee	Furman	Sister-in-Law	of Eunice	Rifkin
10/6	Murray	Siegel	Grandfather	of Eric	Miller
10/7	Herb	Goldberg	Husband	of Ruth	Goldberg
10/7	Sharon	Leibowitz	Sister	of Gail	Verlin
10/7	Dorothy	Brown	Mother	of Stephen	Zweibach
10/12	Charles	Moss	Grandfather	of Hank	Mart
10/12	Adolph	Reisner	Uncle	of Gary	Ronay
10/12	Helen	Reisner	Aunt	of Gary	Ronay
10/12	Antal	Reisner	Uncle	of Gary	Ronay
10/13	Jack	Kaler	Father	of Larry	Kaler
10/13	Regina	Metzl	Grandmother	of Bill	Kalbas
10/13	Frieda	Moravnick	Mother	of Eunice	Rifkin
10/13	Dorothy	Zazulia	Grandmother	of Iylene	Miller
10/13	Michael	Ronay Reisner	Father	of Gary	Ronay
10/18	Ruth	Newman	Mother	of Milton	Newman
10/21	William	Newman	Relative	of Leslie	Will
10/22	Mary	Burton	Grandmother	of Keren	Vergon
10/23	Richard	May	Grandfather	of David	Richter
10/23	Chaim	Andrievsky	Grandfather	of Tanya	Hernandez
10/23	Milton Harvey	Rogovin	Father-in-law	of Robin	Rogovin
10/25	Arlene	Davis	Mother	of Michael	Davis
10/26	Albert W.	Besterman	Grandfather	of Leslie	Boyar
10/27	Rose	Goloskov	Grandmother	of Sheila	Fishman
10/28	Arnold	Krulish	Father	of Lee	Schwartz
10/29	Harriet	Lawrence	Wife	of Gerry	Lawrence
10/31	Seymour	Deiner	Brother	of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein

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Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

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

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS



# October 2016

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<p>2 Erev RH NO RS</p> <p>8P Erev RH Svc/Choir</p>	<p>3 Rosh Hashanah 1 10A RH I Svc followed by Tashlich 4P Family RH Service</p>	<p>4 Rosh Hashanah 2 10A RH II Svc followed by Pancake Brunch</p>	<p>5 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6 7:30P Choir: Reh: YK</p>	<p>7 7:45P Shabbat Shuvah : I Am Jewish Panel</p>	<p>8 15 Fall Kallah</p>
<p>9 9:30A RS 9:45A Hebrew for Adults 10 A Cemetery Svc.</p>	<p>10 HCSD No School 7:30P Choir: Reh: YK</p>	<p>11 Kol Nidre 8P Kol Nidrei Svc.</p>	<p>12 Yom Kippur 10:00A Yom Kippur Svc/Choir 2:30P Children's Service 4:00P Afternoon Service 5:30P Yizkor 6:30P Nefilah 7:30P Break the Fast NO Hebrew School</p>	<p>13 14 Fall Kallah Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45P Shabbat Svc: 7th Gr. Shabbat: Simcha</p>	<p>14 Fall Kallah Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45P Shabbat Svc: 7th Gr. Shabbat: Simcha</p>	<p>15 Fall Kallah</p>
<p>16 Erev Sukkot Fall Kallah 10:00A Put up the Sukkah 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tots 9:45A Hebrew for Adult 7P Erev Sukkot Service</p>	<p>17 Sukkot 7P Life Learn Israel iengage</p>	<p>18 Sukkot 7P Life Learn Israel iengage</p>	<p>19 Sukkot 6:15P Sukkah Under the Stars w/Torah Tots too</p>	<p>20 Sukkot 7:30P Shabbat Alive Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 Sukkot No Service at Temple 6P Snacks @ Sunset 7P Shabbat Svc @ Bolnick Ranch</p>	<p>Sukkot</p>
<p>23 Sukkot 9:30A RS: In the Sukkah 7P Simchat Torah Svc</p>	<p>24 Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzaret 7:30P Shabbat Alive Reh</p>	<p>25 7:30P Executive Comm.</p>	<p>26 Take Down the Sukkah 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30 BESTY 7:30P Ritual Committee</p>	<p>27 JCC Cmpgn KickOff</p>	<p>28 7:45P Shabbat Svc</p>	<p>29 Danielle Elazar Bat Mitzvah</p>
<p>30 9:30A RS: K-1Gr Fam Pgm 2P Candidates Forum</p>	<p>31</p>					<p>Shaded days indicate office closure.</p>

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