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From the Rabbi

Who Are We?

A Jewish community is many things. It is, first and foremost, made up of people. Each individual, with her unique personality, his unique perspective, is a precious and important part of any community, including ours. A Jewish community, especially a synagogue, is also based on Torah. Not the physical object – although the scroll is holy to us – but the stories, values and observances that Torah teaches us. A community that is based on Torah embraces tzedakah and Shabbat, loving the stranger, caring for the environment, and so much more.

In the unique observance of Simchat Torah that we will have at Congregation Beth Shalom this year (Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm) we will celebrate these two essential parts of community: we will celebrate Torah, and we will celebrate YOU. As always, we will read the final words of the Torah and then turn to the first words in our unending cycle of learning; we will sing and dance with the scrolls. But we need you to help us tell the story of Torah. Each of you was sent a limerick (from *There Once Was a Man from Canaan* by Rabbi Joe Black). We need each individual to come and share his or her limerick – one from each portion so that we tell the story of the whole Torah with our whole community, each individual woven into the story of our sacred text. It will be a wonderful end to our High Holy Day season.

And What Is Our History?

There are many ways to understand Jewish history – through artifacts, ritual objects, pictures. Another way to understand history is through books. Many of you may remember back to 2013 when Rabbi Mark Glickman was our visiting scholar in residence and spoke about his book on the Cairo Genizah – the most famous repository for sacred texts in Jewish history. Those thousands of texts give a detailed look into the lives of Jews who lived hundreds of years ago. We have our own genizah at CBS as well, dedicated in 2009. We gathered together all of those books and materials that contained G-d's sacred name and that were no longer in use or had fallen into disrepair, and we buried them with reverence in accordance with Jewish traditions. Over the years, we have collected boxes and boxes of additional material, and on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 11:30 am we will again open the genizah and bury these texts.

What texts do we have? We have copies of b'nai mitzvah portions from eight years of students. We have prayer books of grandparents and great-grandparents that have fallen into disrepair and been given to us by members. We have our old Passover haggadot, now replaced by a beautiful new haggadah. We have sheets of text from Torah study and adult education. Taken together, this material represents the history of Beth Shalom – the people who came before us, the children who have grown up, the learning we have done, the holidays we celebrate. That is our history, and we will honor it at our genizah ceremony.

From the beginning of the month when you help us celebrate Torah, to the end of the month, when you help us bury the sacred texts that connect you to Beth Shalom, this month brings us together in ways that reveal the essence of who we are as a community, as a people. See you at temple.



FROM THE PRESIDENT - *David Friedman*

Random Thoughts

It's Friday afternoon as I write. The High Holidays haven't come yet, but to wish you L'Shana Tova again would be moot, since, as you read this, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and perhaps Sukkot have all passed. Sometimes I wrestle with a topic to write about, but not tonight.



This afternoon when I left CBS, I left the Torahs wrapped in plastic bags and used my key to lock the doors. Why? Because one other event will also have passed by the time you read this, and that's Hurricane Irma.

We watched on TV the effects Hurricane Harvey had on Houston. The parents of our very own Seth Dugan, along with Seth's aunt and uncle, had to be rescued. All eyes were first focused on the rescues in Texas. The focus would then be turned toward us.

I'm hoping we only had to deal with manageable wind and rain, and that no one else in our CBS family will have needed to be rescued.

The silver lining behind these catastrophes is that we, if even for a short time, forgot our differences. We saw hundreds of people who used their own small boats, who sacrificed their own time, spent their own money, and risked their own lives for one reason – to help total strangers in desperate need. There was nothing political about it. No rudeness, no one marching, nor demonstrating. One cause, to save their fellow man. How refreshing.

Who were these people? Most were dressed like "hunters and fisherman." Jeans and t-shirts. They didn't wear masks. They didn't tear down statues. They chose to spend many days

wading in dirty water, possibly dodging snakes and fire ants. Ate what they could, and slept wherever they could, in dirty, damp clothes. These people delivered one boatload after another. Their reward? The tears and the hugs and the smiles from the terrified people they helped. I'll say it again: how refreshing!

Recently, Carol Anne and I went to an exhibit called "Art of the Brick." The exhibit featured the works of Nathan Sawaya. All of his art pieces are made from Lego bricks.

This was one of my favorites: "Celebrate Difference." If everybody looked and was the same, it wouldn't be a



very interesting world, would it? So which shape are you? And which color? The circle, the square, and triangle are the fundamental building blocks of all things. And the colors red, blue and yellow are

the primary colors of our world."

I'll leave you with this. Love lives forever. It outlives youth and a flat stomach and a full head of hair. And that's what makes it beautiful.

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-k through 10th grade
- ✧ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ✧ Youth group programming
- ✧ Adult Education classes
- ✧ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day



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Upcoming Dates to Remember



- **Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:15 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars .
- **Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.:** Shabbat at the Ranch. More details on page 8.
- **Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.:** The Bat Mitzvah of Rebekah Dugan.
- **Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.:** Sukkot Drum Circle.
- **Sunday, Oct. 8, 9:45 a.m.:** Torah Tots "In the Sukkah."
- **Tuesday, Oct. 10 7:30 – 9 p.m.:** *One Family—Different Customs: An Exploration of Sephardic Jewry*. More information on page 6.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.:** Simchat Torah.
- **Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.:** The Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Lamattina.
- **Friday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.:** Services will be led by the 7th-grade class.
- **Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - noon:** Bible and Bagels "Parashat Noach: The Price of Fame."
- **Sunday, Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m.:** 6th grade family program "B'nai Mitzvah Orientation."
- **Sunday, Oct. 22: 11:30 a.m.:** *Burying our Sacred Texts: Our Genizah*. More information on page 6.
- **Sunday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.:** In the Kitchen with Sheila. More details, page 6.
- **Friday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.:** Tot Shabbat and pizza dinner.
- **Friday, Oct. 27, 7:45 p.m.:** Simcha Shabbat and Shabbat Alive.
- **Sunday, Oct. 29, 9:30 a.m.:** 5th/6th-grade family program: "You be the Judge: Jewish Ethical Dilemmas."

*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. 6:** Shabbat Services will be held at Jay Bolnick's Ranch. Our temple members who plan to attend this outdoor service are requested to bring a plated light snack.
- **Oct. 13: Justine and Anthony Lamattina and the 8th grade class** will host the oneg in honor of their son, Josh, who will be celebrating his bar mitzvah.
- **Oct. 20:** The religious school 7th-grade parents will host the oneg in honor of their children who will assist Rabbi Betsy with the Family Shabbat Service.
- **Oct. 27: Gerry Lawrence** will host the oneg in memory of his wife, Harriet.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to express a big thanks to our October oneg hosts!

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

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

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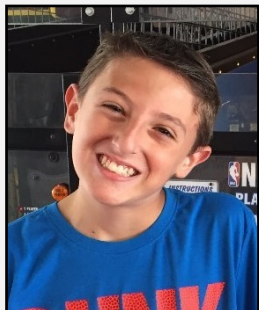
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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Joshua Craig Lamattina



Joshua Craig Lamattina, son of Anthony and Justine Lamattina, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.

An 8th-grade student at Randall School, Joshua loves to play guitar and is a huge gamer. He hopes someday to become a computer programmer.

For his bar mitzvah project, Joshua collected donated gaming systems, games, controllers and headsets that were given to A Kid's Place for children in need.

RABBI SEARCH - Sheila Fishman

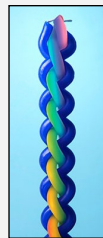
Your Rabbi Search Committee continues to meet on a frequent basis, ensuring the spiritual needs of Congregation Beth Shalom are met effectively beginning with January 8th. I am now reporting we are moving smoothly along two tracks. First, we are working diligently to ascertain rabbinic coverage for the period from January 8th through June 30, 2018. We have identified several individuals who may be available to serve during the initial period and are researching those possibilities. We do hope to make an announcement in the very near future.

Second, we need to identify and place a permanent rabbi effective by July 1, 2018. As you know, last month, we took steps to identify our congregational strengths and weaknesses and your vision for Congregation Beth Shalom. We asked you to identify the qualities, experiences and skill set you deem necessary in our next rabbi. With this information, we have advanced to the application process. This application is the tool prospective rabbis will use to see if they are interested in learning more about Congregation Beth Shalom. We expect to submit our application for posting by the Central Conference of American Rabbis this month. Shortly thereafter, we expect to receive applicant resumes and can progress to the next phase of the search.

As always, we will keep you apprised of our progress.

Special Havdalah

As a grand send-off to our beloved rabbi, we are planning a Havdalah for her to preside over. To celebrate this event as one of her final official duties, we are going to send out invitations to former members and those she has presided over for weddings, bar mitzvahs or bat mitzvahs. All congregants will be invited to make a donation to the congregation in Rabbi Torop's name in appreciation of her many years of service. The Saturday in December will be determined soon.



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

KUDOS

▪ Kudos to **Suzie, Mitch, and Jason Baylis; Kristan, Steve and Kelsey Birnholz; Jay Santana; Gayle, Jada, and Garrett Borgen; Christine Stockelman; Carol Anne Friedman; and Melissa, Leah and Ian Villasin**, who all helped clean the congregation grounds after Hurricane Irma.

▪ Kudos to all who helped on our regular temple cleanup day.

▪ Kudos to **Andrea Chassen** and **Toby Koch** for baking challah for a very successful fundraiser.



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- **Natalie Carmona, Adam Watson and family**
- **Paola Olivares and family**
- **Allan and Denise Weber and family**

We look forward to all of you meeting one another at temple as we welcome a joyous and healthy New Year together. L'Shana Tova!

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LIFELONG LEARNING—Richie Bauman



• **Tuesday, Oct. 10**, at 7:30 p.m., join us for One Family—Different Customs: An Exploration of Sephardic Jewry: As Jews spread out across the world, we developed different customs about food, music, life cycle observances and Jewish holidays. We'll explore how Sephardic Jews – from Spanish and Middle Eastern countries - have a rich and varied set of traditions that influence Jewish life today. This program con-

tinues Oct. 17 and 24.

• **Sunday Oct. 22**, 11:30 am, there will be a special program, "Burying our Sacred Texts: Our Genizah." In Jewish tradition, we bury with reverence sacred texts that contain G-d's name. In 2009 we created the CBS Genizah. Join us as we once again open the Genizah and lovingly deposit old prayer books, haggadot, study sheets, b'nai mitzvah Torah portions and more.

IN THE KITCHEN

Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2 pm Rabbi Torop will be presenting a three-week program on the Exploration of Sephardic Jewry. In conjunction with this programming, we will offer a new adventure at Congregation Beth Shalom.



Join Sheila Fishman in the temple kitchen to discuss the history of Sephardic cooking, to look at recipes, and to share some insights into this exotic way of preparing foods.

Most importantly, we will be preparing two dishes—Khoresht-E Hulu (Persian Peach Stew) and Sabzi Polo (Herb and Rice Pilou.) All ingredients being used in this class are readily available in our local markets.

The cooking portion of this class will be followed by tasting, of course. And what goes well with any meal? A glass of wine!!

So, put on your apron and join us Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Sheila Fishman at 813-833-7843 or at gold17@verizon.net and are essential. Anyone interested

TAMPA JEWISH SINGLES

Tampa Jewish Singles Group is going to see *Bell, Book, and Candle*.

When: Sunday, Oct. 8, 3 pm

Where: James McCabe Theatre, 506 5th Street, Valrico <https://www.thevillageplayersvalrico.com/>

Bell, Book, and Candle is a romantic comedy. Tickets will cost around \$15, with free parking. It's community theater they cast auditions for. They will put on a good show. We've seen *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Diary of Anne Frank* there. The James McCabe Theater is a registered historic site that's been partly restored. Let's go to the show and have dinner out afterwards at Bonefish Grill in Brandon. You don't have to go for dinner afterward, just throwing out the possibility.

Please R.S.V.P. Anita Clifford, niewdnarb@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.

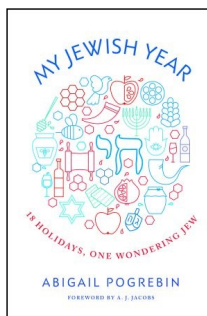


PAGE TURNERS

On **January 15**, Page Turners will discuss Abigail Pogrebin's *My Jewish Year*—and the author will join us for our discussion via Skype! We are announcing the book early so that everyone who wants to join this lively discussion can plan to read the book and join in.

About *My Jewish Year*: Although she grew up following some holiday rituals, Pogrebin realized how little she knew about their foundational purpose and current relevance. She wanted to understand what kept these holidays alive and vibrant, in some cases for thousands of years. Her curiosity led her to embark on an entire year of intensive research, observation, and writing about the milestones on the Jewish calendar.

My Jewish Year travels through this calendar's signposts with candor, humor, and a trove of information, capturing



the arc of Jewish observance through the eyes of a relatable, wandering—and wondering—Jew. The chapters are interspersed with brief reflections from prominent rabbis and Jewish thinkers.

Maybe you're seeking an accessible, digestible roadmap for Jewish life. Maybe you'd appreciate a fresh exploration of what you've mastered. Whatever your motivation, you'll be educated, entertained, and inspired by Pogrebin's unusual journey—and by *My Jewish Year*.

Copies of *My Jewish Year* are available from commercial booksellers, directly from the publisher, <https://figtreebooks.net/books/jewish-year/>, and in the library at CBS.



EDUCATION—Amy Weinstein

Religious school is in full swing! Our attendance is great, and students are arriving on time. Thanks for making the effort to have your students here ready to learn!

This year our RS opened with a steady flow of instruction. We began earlier to accommodate the public school calendar, and The High Holidays were early as well. We are fortunate now to have such a large block of uninterrupted weeks of class. I hope you were able to take advantage of this time to develop a routine for your family. Please help us make the most of our time by having your child attend each week. Remember, class begins at 9:30 Sunday mornings and 6:15 Wednesday nights.

We are looking for parent volunteers who are interested in joining our Parent Association. Religious School Parent Association assists us in holiday programming, fundraising and planning activities that build community with our students. Please contact Amy Weinstein @awine007@msn.com or 813-285-9251 if you are interested.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns regarding your child's religious education.

Amy Weinstein, Religious School Administrator

Important Dates

- **Sunday, Oct. 1:** Religious school
- **Wednesday, Oct. 4:** Hebrew and Confirmation (Sukkot activity)
- **Sunday, Oct. 8:** Religious school (Sukkah activities) and Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, Oct. 11:** Hebrew
- **Sunday, Oct. 15:** Religious school
- **Wednesday, Oct. 18:** Hebrew and Confirmation
- **Friday, Oct. 20:** Family Shabbat Service led by the 7th grade class
- **Sunday, Oct. 22:** Religious school with opening the genizah and 6th grade B'nai Mitzvah orientation at 12 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25:** Hebrew
- **Sunday, Oct. 29:** Religious school and grades 5 and 6 Family Program: *You be the Judge- Jewish Ethical Dilemmas*

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

Contact Keren Vergon
at 813-785-6324 or
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BESTY BEAT

Our first PNO was a resounding success! We hosted 9 littles, and played games, built a "fort", did crafts, watched a movie and had a snack! Good time was had by all! Register your tot (ages 12 and under) for our next fun night on Saturday, Nov. 5!

Teens are preparing to head to Fall Kallah this month - a great weekend full of fun, making new friends, seeing old ones, and faith exploration with hundreds of Jewish teens from across our NFTY-STR region. Registration is closed, but Winter Kallah registration will be open soon! Winter is a 4-day event for 9th - 12th graders, held in Orlando annually held during the second week of winter break.

BESTY will be doing some double-duty fundraising this year - for the club itself, which supports our Jewish youth who are post b'nai mitzvah, and keeps them connected to the synagogue, and for Camp Jenny, a weekend-long event that gives inner city youth of Atlanta a chance to experience camp life! More info will be coming on events to support both endeavors soon!

Hatikvah Kallah for 6th - 8th graders is coming up in November, and registration will be open for that event soon! Check out our BESTY page on our website for more info for that as well as how to join BESTY and a schedule of events! You can also email wannabemybesty@gmail.com and one of our officers will reach out!




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RITUAL COMMITTEE / HIGH HOLY DAYS—*Steve Slavkin*



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<http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org/images/2017-HHD-Guide.pdf>

S'mores and Star Gazing in the Sukkah

Make s'mores at our new fire pit!
Build a sukkah from mystery materials!
Use a telescope to see the Sukkot full moon up close and learn about the stars.
Sukkot Games

When: Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.
All ages welcome



Shabbat at The Ranch

When: Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

Where: The Bolnicks' ranch, 6606 Flicker Court, Seffner

What to Bring: Your own seating and a snack



Sukkot Drum Circle

When: Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.



If you have a beating heart, you have a rhythm to share! We'll provide the sangria, soda and drums. You bring a snack to share.

Simchat Torah

When: Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

We read through the Torah each year
We sing and we clap with good cheer
We'll dance and we'll rhyme
On Simchat Torah this time
Save the date and make sure you are here!

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Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 21, Congregation Beth Shalom will be transformed into "La Sperenza Restaurant" in New York's little Italy circa 1995. Join us for a night of Italian food and entertainment during this fun interactive murder mystery dinner.

Tickets are on sale now, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for children 10 and under. It's interactive, so while you enjoy your delicious Italian dinner (wine and beer available), you will have an opportunity to question the suspects, take notes, and guess the murderer to win prizes. Door opens at 6 pm; this promises to be a "killer" evening.

To purchase tickets at the temple or via the website <http://www.bethshalom-brandon.org/>. If ordering online, please go to donation link and note it is for murder mystery dinner tickets and how many tickets. Tickets can then be picked up prior to the dinner or the evening of the dinner.

We also have a couple roles open for "suspects." If you are interested in being one, send an email to Suzie Baylis at all4suzie@gmail.com. Hurry, ticket sales end Friday, Oct 13.

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Murder Mystery Dinner

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On October 21, 2017 Beth Shalom will Be transformed into La Sperenza Restaurant In New York's Little Italy circa 1995.

On this night, we will be gathering with friends and family to feast on Italian food, and pay our respects to the restaurant's proprietor, who was killed four days earlier.

One of the guests in attendance is the

murderer!

Join us for dinner and interactive murder mystery. Become a suspect or uncover the clues. Watch, Nosh & Vote. - Prizes

This is a fun event for the entire family. Just \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members. Children 13 & under \$10.

Doors open 6PM. Full dinner with wine and beer available

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MITZVAH DAY—*Scott Hopkins*

Mitzvah Day is Sunday, Nov. 5

Hello, CBS! Please mark the date on your calendar! Mitzvah Day is an opportunity for us, the members of Congregation Beth Shalom, to go out into the wider community and share our resources and good will with those who will benefit from them. We have arranged a number of opportunities to get involved, and we will announce via blast and Facebook ways to sign up.



Several of the activities may involve much-needed outside or inside cleanup and work at several facilities such as:

- ECHO (Emergency Care Help Organization)
- Everyday Blessings
- Tampa Jewish Family Services

In addition to those main activities, the choir will be visiting one or more nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Cynthia Goldstein is organizing a Dress for Success program for women. In future, we may also look to include the counterpart for men.

Richie Bauman has already set up the Bloodmobile for that morning. Signup information will be available for that as well.

We will also have projects for younger children to do at temple, including making cards for vets, seniors, Moffitt and other hospitals, and Houston and Florida synagogues affected by the hurricanes; making blessing bags (bags of food and sundries to hand out to homeless and those begging on street corners); and other art projects.

Judith Pliner has kindly agreed to handle the breakfast (bagels, coffee, and water) available that morning. We will gladly accept donations

We will need to have captains for each of the activities that day. Please let me know if you would be interested or know somebody who would.

Parents are reminded that this is NOT a drop-off day. We would like you to participate with your children. We look forward to seeing you Sunday Nov. 5! Much more information to come!

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- **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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- **Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund are placed in an investment account and temporarily restricted or can be defined/restricted by the donor. This fund ensures the future of our temple.
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- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** a fund for assistance to families in need, scholarship assistance, interfaith council, Holocaust museum and other endeavors at the Rabbi's discretion.
- **Youth Group Fund:** a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

If you wish to designate a gift to a particular purpose, for example, Food Bank, Choir, Oneg, Social Action, etc., you may do so by noting as such on your payment method or with an accompanying note; otherwise, your gift will be used where it is needed most.

Opportunities:

- **Adopt-A-Book:** A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life:** The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- **Yahrzeit Plaque:** To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

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**In celebration of the Marriage of Ari Richter &
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BRICKLET

**Jerilyn Dimant - You're in our thoughts
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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 & Katie Swedlow
10/24	Gerald & Judith Pliner
10/31	Errol & Sheila Fishman
10/31	Bruce & Janice Sperry



Yahrzeits

10/1	Michael Ronay Reisner	Father	of	Gary Ronay
10/1	Frieda Moravnick	Mother	of	Eunice Rifkin
10/1	Leslie Lasky	Friend	of	Beth Kennon
10/1	Jack Kaler	Father	of	Larry Kaler
10/1	Regina Metzl	Grandmother	of	Bill Kalbas
10/4	Ira Fleischman	Father	of	Lauren Weisman
10/6	Ruth Newman	Mother	of	Milt Newman
10/9	William Newman	Relative	of	Leslie Will
10/10	Morton Wasserman	Late Husband	of	Doris Raymond
10/11	Chaim Andrievsky	Grandfather	of	Tanya Hernandez
10/11	Frank Rosen	Brother	of	Shelly Leeds
10/13	Carl Glauberman	Father	of	Joan Cohen
10/13	Dorothy Zazulia	Grandmother	of	Iylene Miller
10/14	Albert W. Besterman	Grandfather	of	Leslie Boyar
10/15	Rose Goloskov	Grandmother	of	Sheila Fishman
10/16	Arnold Krulish	Father	of	Lee Schwartz
10/19	Seymour Deiner	Brother	of	Blossom Grimm Silverstein
10/20	Malcsi Reisner Lerman	Aunt	of	Gary Ronay
10/21	Alvin Leeds	Father	of	Larry Leeds
10/21	Paul Buchman	Father	of	Ken Buchman
10/22	Mary Burton	Grandmother	of	Keren Vergon
10/22	Himy Joelson	Grandfather	of	Mark Rabinowitz
10/23	Richard May	Grandfather	of	David Richter
10/23	Harvey Milton Rogovin	Father in Law	of	Robin Rogovin
10/23	John Cassidy	Father	of	Jerilyn Dimant
10/24	Brenda Jacob	Mother	of	Jeffrey Jacob
10/26	Eleanor Sehall	Grandmother	of	Laurie Noyes
10/27	Robetr H. Gordan	Father	of	Jane Hertzberg
10/29	Melvin Rifkin	Husband	of	Eunice Rifkin
10/29	Harriet Lawrence	Wife	of	Gerry Lawrence
10/30	Doris Ohman	Mother	of	Cynthia Goldstein
10/31	Irene Freedman	Aunt	of	Randy Freedman



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	Elyse Leeds-Acanda
10/3	Rebecca Sperry
10/4	Suzanne Jones
10/4	Rebecca Smith
10/5	Andrea Chassen
10/7	Aaron Weiss
10/8	Renate Greenfield
10/8	Jessica Freedman
10/10	Randall Finke
10/12	Marcia Weiner
10/12	Amy Weinstein
10/12	Benjamin Lannak
10/13	Steven Billor
10/13	Laura Sehres
10/16	Myron Feldman
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10/21	Aaron Torop
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10/23	Michael Lubin
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10/26	Jayne Best
10/26	Amanda Yaravitz
10/27	Danile Lander Feldman
10/27	Roberta Peterson
10/28	Scott Sehres
10/28	Shea Ethan Glassman
10/28	Ira Arman
10/28	Debra Silberstein
10/28	Danielle Elazer
10/31	Jordan Shaw

Simchat Shabbat!

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:

Oct. 27

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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1 9:30AM -Religious School 10AM - Put up the Sukkah	2	3 6:30pm - Executive Committee Meeting 7:30PM - Board Meeting	4 6:15PM - Hebrew School 6:30PM - Confirmation Class	5 Sukkot Office Closed	6 Sukkot 6PM - Shabbat at the Ranch	7 10AM - Bat Mitzvah of Re- becca Dugan 7PM - Drum Circle in the Sukkah
8 Sukkot 9:30AM -Religious School 9:45AM - Torah Tots	9 Sukkot Hillsborough County Schools closed	10 7:30pm - Life Long Learning	11 6:15PM - Hebrew School 7PM Erev Simchat Torah	12 Shemini Atzeret Office Closed	13 NFTY Fall Kallah Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45PM - Erev Shabbat Service	14 10AM - Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Lamattina
15 NFTY Fall Kallah 9:30AM -Religious School 10AM - Take Down the Sukkah	16 7:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	17 7:30PM - Life Long Learning	18 6:15PM - Hebrew School 6:30PM - Confirmation Class 7:30PM Membership Meeting	19	20 7:45PM - 7th Grade Family Shabbat	21 10AM - Bible & Bagels 6PM - Pasta, passion and pistols Fundraising Event
22 9:30AM - Religious School 12PM - 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation 2Pm - Sephardic Cooking	23 7:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	24 7:30PM - Life Long Learning	25 6:15PM - Hebrew School 6:30PM - Life Long Learning, Safety & Security, TYG Meetings 7:30PM Ritual Committee Meeting	26 7:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	27 6PM - Tot Shabbat (Pizza) 6:30PM Service, 7:45PM Erev Shabbat Service (Simcha) Shabbat ALIVE	28
29 9:30AM -Religious School	30	31				



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