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From the Rabbi



To live in the greater Brandon area is to understand all too well what it is like to be a minority and the challenges that go along with that reality. Many of us work hard to educate others who often ask questions out of ignorance and genuine curiosity. Sometimes the questions are more critical and offensive. The High Holy Days (which begin Oct. 2) present a particularly challenging time, because our major days of celebration occur on seemingly random, ordinary weekdays. We are having serious services and major family gatherings while everyone around us is going about their ordinary lives. This presents unique challenges for school students and parents; the rest of my column is directed at them in particular, although variations on their challenges are faced by many of us.

A Message to Students in Middle and High School

It's not always easy to be Jewish in school. You may be the only Jewish kid in your class or your school or the only Jew your friends and teachers know. Sometimes you may be asked questions about your beliefs or traditions, and it may feel awkward to know what to say. And then come Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – the holiest days of the Jewish year. I know that for many of you it seems very difficult to have to go to a teacher or principal and say you will be missing school for these Holy Days. It's hard to explain to your friends. And – especially in high school, even missing one day can mean a lot of work to make up. But people of all religions make an effort to lift up to their values and celebrate important occasions. We Jews must do so too. For sure it may mean extra effort and extra work – and it may even be a little uncomfortable to have to explain. But, to be a Jew is to make a commitment to certain sacred occasions and to be there for others in the community who come together. Those of you older than 13 are responsible for your Jewish decisions, and they are often not easy. Please plan to join us – I look forward to seeing you in synagogue at the High Holy Days.

A Message to Parents of School-Aged Students

As our kids reach a certain age, we – appropriately – give them a degree of freedom about their Jewish choices. For those older than 13, that is exactly the message of becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. However, as parents, we can influence their decisions. I hope you will urge and expect your children to miss school for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. That includes helping to teach them how to talk to teachers and reassuring them that missing and needing to make up work is a sacrifice worth making in order to join with the community on these Holy Days. To be a Jew in a multi-cultural society like ours requires effort – and sometimes sacrifice. Our kids are not too young to learn this truth. *It is important to know that it is the official policy of Hillsborough County not to schedule major events or testing on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.* The Tampa Rabbinic Association, in coordination with the Jewish Community Relations Council, has worked very hard with the school board to make sure this policy is understood and shared. If your school or an individual teacher acts in violation of this policy, you can gently educate them about the policy, or speak to me, and I will be happy to do so. I also have a letter of explanation that you can take to give to the teachers. When we ignore these policies or shrug our shoulders when they are disregarded, we undermine the message the Jewish community is sending. The best way to help others understand the importance of Judaism is if we act in a way that reflects its importance. Please make it a point to discuss this with your children. I look forward to worshipping with your entire family at the Holy Days.

From the President - David Friedman

The subject of Temple security is very important and timely. It is for this reason that I felt compelled to have reprinted here the recent letter you should have already received.

We live in wonderful times. Technology has made our lives easier in so many ways. With our smartphones, the world is at our fingertips. We're living longer with advancements in medicine. And yet, everything in our state, our country and the world is not so terrific. The reality is, we live in turbulent times.

Since that awful tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001, we have continued to see tremendous violence and senseless killings all over the world. Recently however, violence has shown its face on American soil. To be specific, there was a terrible tragedy last December in San Bernardino, California, and on June 12th, much closer to home, in Orlando.

In the wake of this, the Tampa JCC sponsored a meeting in June that was presented by Critical Intervention Services. Yes, they were there to market themselves, but they also provided good information. From our congregation, Michael Barnett and Michelle McCormick attended this presentation and shared the information with the Executive Committee.

The security firm identified four different security methods used by synagogues and rated each one for its effectiveness, from most to least.

1. The most effective method of prevention is to have an off-duty sheriff, in his marked vehicle, posted outside.
2. Posting a trained/armed individual inside. This means an armed individual with security experience would be posted inside.
3. Posting an armed individual inside, but without experience, which is less effective.
4. The least effective method is our current policy. All doors are locked except one while Religious School is in session. A volunteer is posted by the door to "greet" anyone who enters the building.

As the Executive Committee discussed this issue, we held one common theme in mind: ***The children who attend Religious School at Congregation Beth Shalom are "OUR CHILDREN."***

After some discussion, the Executive Committee brought these recommendations to the Board of Directors at the July 5th Board meeting:

1. That an off-duty Sheriff be hired to be on-site during Religious School hours.
2. Present the Congregation with a one-time \$50.00 assessment this fiscal year to fund it. Those on dues exceptions can pay this over time.



A motion was then made and seconded that, "An off-duty sheriff will be hired for religious school, for this year. And a \$50.00 Security Fee will be assessed per congregational member unit.

The need for the assessment will be readdressed at the end of the fiscal/budget year."

The notion of a security fee is a new concept here at CBS. But in many synagogues, this is a line item on their application, so the concept is not new.

This last paragraph was not part of my letter but I'll disclose this to you. The recent attack, even in "neighboring" Orlando, may seem like "an ocean away" to some, but not to me. My G-d-daughter use to frequent the nightclub where the attack took place. Fortunately, for the Friedman family, she was not in town "that night."

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming High Holidays.

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**

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, Sept. 10:** 10 am; Bible & Bagels. Parashat Shoftim: Law & Order Special Bible Unit
- **Sunday, Sept. 11:** 9:45 am; Adult Hebrew classes begin. Reservations are required. More information available on page 6.
- **Sunday, Sept. 11:** 4 pm – 6 pm; Jewish art presentation. More information available on page 6.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 13:** 6:30 pm; Lifelong Learning committee meeting
- **Tuesday, Sept. 13:** 7:30 pm; Board Meeting
- **Friday, Sept. 16:** 5:15 pm; Tot Shabbat
- **Friday, Sept. 16:** 6 pm; potluck Shabbat dinner before services
- **Sunday, Sept. 18:** 9:30 am; 7th grade Religious School family program
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20:** 7 pm – 8:30 pm; iEngage lecture and study series.
- **Saturday, Sept. 24:** 7 pm; Selichot. More information available on page 8.
- **Sunday, Sept. 25:** 9:45 am; Torah Tots

September 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 September.

Sept. 2nd: Caren and Robert Katz will host the oneg in honor of their son, Ryan, who will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Sept. 9th: Diane and Peter Jacobson will host the oneg as a Temple Mitzvah.

Sept. 16th: Open

Sept. 23rd: Christine and Fuz Stockelman will host the oneg in honor of their anniversary.

Sept. 30th: Sheila and Errol Fishman are oneg hosts in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

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 the upcoming months.

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



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Weekly Email Blast submissions

bethshalominfo@gmail.com
 eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6:00pm

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 if you're interested!

A Successful Open House



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 group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into the Beth El 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 Hartman scholars.

September 20, November 15, December 13
(Tuesdays, 7-8:30)

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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 **Kate Swedlow** for her help with the last Kibbitzer issue!
- Kudos to the **Kibbitzer Krewe** for all their help getting the Kibbitzer ready month after month!
- Kudos to everyone who came out for Clean Up Day - **Seth Dugan, Michael Barnett, Richie Bauman, Dave Friedman, Steve Feldman, and Andrea Chassen.**
- Kudos to **Gail Verlin** for coordinating a terrific open house!
- Kudos to **the Sandee & Jim Pelk** for providing a wonderful place for our Confirmation/TYG Kick Off.
- Kudos to the new Inclusion Task Force - **Karen Goldberg, Richie Bauman, Mike Spaier, Amy Weinstein, Gerry Pliner, Chris Stockelman, and Mags Oldman.**
- Kudos to **Jeff Frieman** for helping Rabbi out with a project.
- Kudos to **Scott Hopkins** for accepting the chairmanship of Social Action.



MAZELS

- Mazel Tov to **Zach Meyers** for becoming Bar Mitzvah on August 13th.
- Mazel Tov to **Ryan Katz** for becoming Bar Mitzvah on September 3rd.
- Mazel Tov to **Betsy Glickman** on the weddings of her son, Danny, and daughter, Kim, this spring! Danny married his bride, Sara, on March 4th, and Kim married her groom, Matt, on May 20th.
- Mazel Tov to **Brandon Feldman** on his new job as the tennis pro at Buckhorn Golf & Tennis Club.
- Mazel Tov to **Dr. Marvin Shienbaum** of Brandon Plastic Surgery for being recognized as a Top Doctor in Tampa by Castle Connolly.

Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?

If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

I am delighted to welcome the newest congregant family to Beth Shalom: **Jonathan and Jennifer Chasin.** Jonathan is a school psychologist intern in the Hillsborough County public schools and served as a teacher in middle and high school for eight years. Jennifer is Child Advocate Manager at Guardian ad Litem and an attorney. The third member of the family is Maxwell, age 5. On behalf of everyone at Congregation Beth Shalom, we welcome and look forward to meeting all the Chasins at open house and at temple.

Gail Verlin, Interim Membership Chairman

Hebrew for Adults

If you want to keep up with what your kids learn in Hebrew School, or be able to follow along in services, this Hebrew class is for you.

No prior knowledge needed.

Registration in advance required:

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LIFELONG LEARNING—Sheila Fishman



Our fall session of classes is almost upon us, and it is going to be an exciting year of learning. Please support these events. Bring a friend. Make it a Chavurah event. You will not be disappointed that you chose to join us.

● **Bible and Bagels – A Morning of Torah Study & a Nosh**

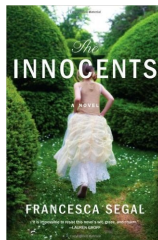
Sept. 10- Parashat Shoftim: Law & Order Special Bible Unit
Nov. 5- Parashat Noach: Did Noah Deserve to Be Saved?

● **Hebrew for Adults**--If you want to keep up with what your children learn in Hebrew School or be able to follow along in services, this Hebrew class is for you. No prior knowledge is needed. To register, call the Temple Office – 813-681-6547
Teacher: Rudina Richter
Five Sundays starting Sept. 11, from 9:45 am to 11:15 am



● **Jewish Art History**--This in-depth presentation will look at Jewish art from its origins to the present time. The presentation will provide an understanding of how Jewish culture and history is expressed through art. Slides will be shown throughout the talk. In lieu of a class fee, we suggest a donation of \$10.
Teacher: Susan Fader, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, is a lifelong professional artist with a degree from Philadelphia College of Art. Before retiring to Florida with her husband, she owned and operated three art-related businesses.
Sunday, Sept. 11, from 4 pm – 6 pm plus Q&A
The presentation will be followed by Dinner with the Tribe; location of the dinner will be announced in another publication.

● **Page Turners: The CBS Book Group**
Sept. 19, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Book selection: *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal
Coordinator: Phyllis Newman
The next meeting of Page Turners will be Monday, Nov. 21.



● **Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**—A Yearlong Conversation in which we will delve deeply into fundamental issues about the Jewish homeland.
Sept. 20-The Current Discourse: Living with Difference examines pluralism, tolerance, and deviance, and their reflection in Jewish sources to gain an understanding of the ways in which Jewish communities can accommodate difference and develop strategies of acceptance and belonging.
Oct. 18-The Israel We Imagine addresses the most essential narratives and assumptions the Jewish community holds about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

CANDIDATES FORUM

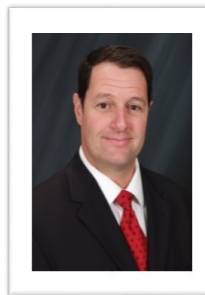
As you know, this is an election year. The Lifelong Learning committee at Beth Shalom invites our community and people outside the community to attend a Candidates Forum to learn about the people who may represent us. Democrats, Republicans, and others running for office are invited to speak. We may ask questions of the candidates during this important event.



When: Sunday, Oct. 30, from 2-4 pm
Where: Congregation Beth Shalom, 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511
Why: Come, see, and learn about our candidates
Have questions: Contact Anita Clifford at niewdnarb@yahoo.com

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EDUCATION - Amy Weinstein

Welcome to a new school year! I am very excited to introduce our dedicated teaching staff.

- K/1- Stacy Serota
- 2/3- Sarah Smith
- 4/5- Seth Dugan, Michael Barnett & Jeff Newman
- 6- Lauren Weisman
- 7- Dan Weinstein

In addition, we have several teens who have committed to work with our students and teachers weekly. We are grateful for the assistance they provide.

This year we will be continuing our multi-grade Family Shabbat Services. Please look at our calendar, and plan to attend these family-friendly services. Each grade level has an opportunity for families to study with the Rabbi. During these programs that run during religious school times, we ask that each child have at least one parent in attendance. Mark your calendars now so you do not miss out on this exciting morning of learning. Along with our weekly classes, we have programming planned that focuses on holidays, Judaic themes and Hebrew acquisition. Some of the programs are developed by Karen Blanchard and others involve planning through The Tampa Jewish Educators Council. This year our 5th and 6th graders will have an opportunity to learn with peers from temples around the Tampa Bay area.

As you may know, class runs Sundays from 9:30-12 for all students. Our 4th, 5th and 6th graders also attend Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm. As we begin this year, please reference our calendar and make every attempt to have your child at school and on time. Our Judaic curriculum builds upon past lessons. If a student has multiple absences, it will result in gaps in their Jewish education. I know the struggle of time constraints as you juggle religious school with school projects, exams, and extracurricular activities. You have made the commitment to religious education as an important part of your child's life. We don't take this for granted. We are thankful for your confidence in our abilities and pledge to make the time they have with us as rewarding and meaningful as possible.

Important September Dates:

- 9/4- no class (Labor Day Weekend)
- 9/14- no Hebrew class
- 9/18 – 7th grade program-Putting the “Mitzvah” in B’nai Mitzvah



Tzedakah

For our first tzedakah project this religious school year, donations will go to Congregation B'nai Israel in Baton Rouge, La., to help their members, along with other Jewish families who have been affected by the recent, devastating flood.

All money donations are welcome, as well as gift cards to stores like Walmart, Target and Home Depot that will help families in their recovery effort.



BeSTY BEAT

BESTY had its first meeting Wednesday, Aug. 24. We'll be working on a couple of social action projects with a little NFTY fun involved too, of course. Regular full club meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of every month from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Our first Parents Night Out/BESTY Hang Out will be Saturday, Sep. 17! We BESTies give some our parents a break for a few hours, taking care of our youngest congregants while moms and dads take some time for themselves. It's a great fundraiser for us, and then we order pizza and hang out afterward. So check your calendars and let us know if you can be there!

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.

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

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



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High Holidays



Schedule of Services

Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 pm

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 Afternoon

Wednesday, Oct 12, 4 pm

Break Fast

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:15 pm

A Sukkot Wine Tasting

Sunday, Oct. 16, time TBD

Sukkot Under the Stars

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:15 pm

Simchat Torah

Sunday, Oct. 23, 7 pm

Shalom! As we approach the beginning of another Jewish year, we take time to reflect on the past year and how we have lived our lives as Jews. Our congregation continues to be a Jewish home for our community. As we enter 5777, we have the opportunity to consider our past, change our present, and build for the future. May the coming year be lived in a Jewishly meaningful way.

The High Holidays are always a busy time at Beth Shalom. Included is our High Holiday schedule. I encourage you to attend the Selichot play the Beth Shalom Players are looking forward to sharing with you. 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 and then close the High Holiday season with our Simchat Torah celebration. Again this year we will be celebrating Sukkot "Under the Stars," with special activities for our youth, whom we hope will bring a friend with them as a celebration of welcoming *ushpizim* (guests) as part of Sukkot.

You should be receiving your High Holiday packets in the mail, where you will find instead of the old schedule/tickets NEW NAME TAGS for you and your family members. Why name tags instead of tickets? Name tags provide so many benefits in a group setting: most important among them a name tag can be an engagement tool and an invitation to friendliness. Those are both some of CBS's best traits! We ask that you please bring the name tags to temple during the High Holidays where our friendly greeters will provide you with lanyards so you may wear the name tags. We ask that you leave the lanyards at temple after the services to save costs. We hope to create a warm, welcoming environment for all and encourage you to wear your name tag to the services you attend!

The packet will also include additional information about High Holiday traditions and customs, as well as our usual materials, including information about our Tree of Life and yearzeit plaque opportunities.

Also, for those who observe Yizkor, PLEASE remember to fill out the Book of

"Mirrors" a reflective work for Selichot

The cast of the CBS Players' production "Mirrors" invites you to join them at 7 pm on Sept. 24 for an evening of theatrical self-reflection on Selichot.

"Mirrors" gives the audience glimpses into the minds and hearts of the regular characters and will showcase the cast members in individual performances. The unique show, written and directed by Anna Brubaker, features a group of fictional friends and relatives who all belong to the same small Reform temple in the Midwest.

Cast members performing solo will be Joan Frankel, Dave Friedman, Vickie Goldberg, Milt Newman, Jeff Newman, Keren Vergon, and Lauren Weisman. Performing in a two-person act are Stephanie Ferry and Gail Verlin. Anna Brubaker will serve as narrator.

The production begins an evening which will include an interactive discussion after the show, a short break with dairy desserts, and the beautiful candlelit Selichot service which ushers in the start of the High Holidays. The show is free and open to the public; one does not have to be Jewish in order to understand and enjoy the performances.

Audience members are asked to bring a dairy dessert to share.

Remembrance (BOR) form and follow the instructions for returning it. Add any new names you wish to have read as part of the service. If you had names included in the book last year, you should have had those names included with your BOR form in this year's packet. Please take a moment to check the names and spellings to ensure there are no errors (if there are, please correct and return — if there are not, please still return the form!). Copies of this form can be found on the CBS website and the High Holiday packet and can be obtained at the synagogue.

Finally, be sure to look at the upcoming weekly email blasts and our congregational Facebook page for special High Holiday information. If you have High Holiday questions or needs, please feel free to contact me as ritual chair at cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com.

KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

The first Kolot Shalom Rehearsal for the High Holy Days is Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. No auditions necessary.

*Shalom,
Joan Frankel, Kolot Shalom Director*

CBS wish list

Interior Wish List:

- ♦ 2 small curtain rods
- ♦ 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

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

Anita Hoffman,
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian

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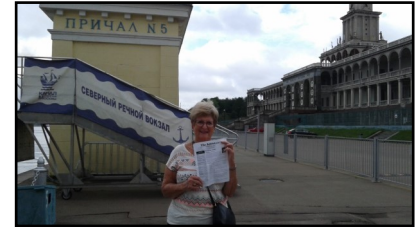
Our congregation has few places to find us on Facebook! All three of the following groups require approval to join:

- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon**
- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon Religious School Parent Association**
- ✓ **Youth Group**

Then there is our page:
Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon
that anyone can follow.

THE FUN STUFF!

Ben Lannak (left), Randi Lannak, Stacy Serota, Ethan Robinson and Maddie Robinson brought their Kibbitzer with them as they vacationed together this summer in the North Carolina mountains.



CBS member Janice Perelman took her Kibbitzer with her on her summer vacation to Moscow. To the left she is seen in at the Karl Marx statue across from Red Square. Above, she is on the docks in Moscow next to her river cruise boat.

Parents Night Out

Saturday, Sep. 17, from 6 pm – 9 pm.

Parents - take some time for yourselves! Go shopping! Have dinner! Catch a flick! And leave your little ones in the capable hands of our BESTY teens!

The cost is \$18 for one child, \$9 for each additional child in a family. Snack provided. Cash or check to CBS Youth Group for payment. Infants ok, diapers too - but please leave diaper/baby bag as we do not keep a stash of supplies. You are welcome to leave particular snacks for your child as well if they have allergies. Adult supervision will be on site.

RSVP to the Temple Office by Sep. 15.

Let's Eat Together!

Who: Everybody!

When: Friday, Sept. 16, at 6:00 pm

Where: CBS

Why: Because we can!



We are having a Shabbat potluck dinner before evening services. Bring the family and enjoy a little fellowship with friends at the temple!

POTLUCK DINNER

Please bring a dish to share! This will be a dairy meal, meaning no meat with the exception of fish (but no shellfish, please). Dessert will be included with the oneg following services. See you there!

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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.
- **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.
- **Religious School Scholarship Fund:** These funds will be made available to Religious School students who are in need of tuition assistance, as determined confidentially by the Treasurer.
- **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.

*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in the Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
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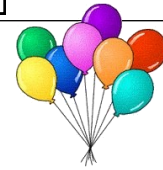
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Anniversaries

9/3	Michael & Martie	Spaier
9/4	Christine & Chris	Stockelman
9/5	Shayna & Jonathan	Singer
9/7	Jeff & Sara	Goodman
9/9	Brian & Arlene	Slater
9/14	Michael & Tammie	Hebert



Birthdays

9/1	Seth	Dugan
9/2	Aurora	Oldman
9/3	Joan	Frankel
9/3	Elise	Berman
9/4	Hank	Mart
9/6	Brady	Garbett
9/6	Stephen	Zweibach
9/6	Landri Raine	Ellis
9/6	Landon	Holschauer
9/9	Tatiana	Gerscovich
9/10	Allyson	Peterson
9/10	Alyssa	Schiller
9/10	Danielle	Miller
9/11	Sherry	Leybovich
9/13	Lisa	Murray
9/14	Marla	Smith
9/15	Gabriel	Lifschitz
9/16	Joel	Magdovitz
9/17	Jack	Dempsey
9/18	Brielle	Zweibach
9/21	Christine	Stockelman
9/22	Adam	Cohen
9/23	Nathan	Powell
9/23	Steve	Slavkin
9/23	Max	Newman
9/25	Eric	Miller
9/26	Zachary	Hebert
9/26	Evan	Hahn
9/26	Tammie	Hebert
9/28	Alan	Weiss
9/28	Donna	Mart
9/28	Gavin David	
9/28	Beckett	Smoak
9/29	Janice	Perelman

Yahrzeits



9/2	Henry	Schindler	Father	of Arlene	Slater
9/3	Richard	Glaser	Husband	of Barbara	Glaser
9/4	Anita	Newman	Relative	of Leslie	Will
9/5	Martin	Reisner	Uncle	of Gary	Ronay
9/5	Greta	Vaughan	Mother	of Harriette	Vaughan-Bauman
9/10	Jack	Singer	Father	of Jonathan	Singer
9/10	Lenore	Ber	Mother	of Jill	Oppolo
9/11	Elisabeth	Beckett	Grandmother	of Christine	Stockelman
9/11	Nathan	Fishman	Father	of Errol	Fishman
9/12	Rhoda	Grieff	Grandmother	of Roberta	Peterson
9/13	Elinor	Smith	Mother	of Caren	Magdovitz
9/13	Sheldon	Surloff	Father	of Gayle	Borgen
9/14	Herman	Finke	Father	of Mark	Finke
9/15	Morris	Brandwein	Father	of Anita	Clifford
9/15	Fay	Greenfield	Mother	of Lawrence	Greenfield
9/15	Issac	Shienbaum	Father	of Marvin	Shienbaum
9/18	Sonia May	Foster	Aunt	of Michelle	Dempsey
9/20	Raymond	Sperry	Father	of Bruce	Sperry
9/20	Dr. Lewis	Bolnick	Father	of Jay	Bolnick
9/21	Heinz	Segall	Grandfather	of Laurie	Noyes
9/21	Carl	Miller	Father	of Sheryl	Finke
9/23	Ben	Lasky	Grandfather	of Michelle	Dempsey
9/25	Ruth	Hans	Grandmother	of Michael	Davis
9/25	Rabbi Karl	Richter	Father	of David	Richter
9/26	Eugene	Zazulia	Grandfather	of Iylene	Miller
9/28	Louis	Green	Stepfather	of Carolyn	Miller
9/28	John	Grimm	Husband	of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
9/28	Rose	Glickman	Grandmother	of Betsy	Glickman
9/30	Rose	Skop	Grandmother	of Nancy	Landfish

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.

Simchat Shabbat!

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For this month it will be:

September 16

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11 8:30A Temple Spruce Up 9:30A RS 9:45A Hebrew for Adults 4:00P LL: Jewish Art Dinner with the Tribe	12 7:30P Choir: Reh: HHD	13 6:30P Lifelong Learning 7:30P Board Meeting	14 NO Hebrew School 6:30 BESTY Board 7:30P Ritual Committee	15 7:30P Choir: Reh: HHD	16 5:15P Tot Shabbat 6:00P Shabbat Potluck 7:45P Shabbat Svc: Simcha	17 6:00 Parents Night Out
18 9:30A RS: 7th Gr Fam Pgm 9:45A Hebrew for Adults 12:00P Inclusion Task Force	19 6:00P PageTurners 7:30P Choir: Reh: HHD	20 7:00P Life Learn Israel iengage	21 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	22 7:30P Choir: Reh: HHD	23 7:45P Shabbat Svc	24 Selichot 7:00P Selichot Play & Service
25 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tot 9:45A RSPA 9:45A Hebrew for Adults	26 7:30P Choir: Reh: HHD	27 6:30P Lifelong Learning 7:30P Board Meeting (Oct)	28 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30 BESTY 7:30P Ritual Committee	29 7:30P Choir: Reh: HHD	30 7:45P Shabbat Svc	

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