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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

The Days of Awe - Why Do You Come?

People often ask me why it is that so many Jews who do not actively participate or come to Shabbat services during the year come on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Some suggest a cynical answer: people come out of guilt, out of a feeling of obligation to tradition, their parents or God. There may of course be an element of truth to these, but I think there are deeper reasons. The Days of Awe carry powerful messages – about the possibility of change, about responsibility, about living lives of meaning and purpose. In ways that we may find hard to articulate (and whether or not we are even consciously aware of it), these messages resonate in a deeply powerful manner. But, of course, we could, in theory, sit at home on Rosh Hashanah and meditate on these prayers, read poetry, reflect on the ways we want to change. There is even an iPhone app to listen to the shofar! We instinctively know, however, that this would be an immensely unsatisfying experience. Why? Because a large part of the meaning of the Days of Awe is being together with a community: standing together, hearing the words together, singing the special melodies together, seeing the people we haven't seen in a year. The opportunity to come together, to feel the bonds with those we know and those we haven't yet met, to confess our sins together ("we have sinned," says our confessional prayer), to experience the opening of the new year with our people – this is the power of the new year. Why *do* you come? You can answer this question better than I, but your presence helps to make us a community, and we need you.



The Days of Awe – What is special about 5775?

What were you doing 25 years ago? I was being ordained as a rabbi, and Congregation Beth Shalom was founded. As this year gets underway, we begin to celebrate a remarkable milestone for our congregation – a quarter of a century of growth, years filled with Torah and learning, *simchas* and worship, challenge and opportunity. On the High Holydays we will begin to mark this wonderful event, honoring those who have been part of our own chain of tradition, celebrating those whose volunteer work continues to enrich and strengthen our community. We will emphasize the role that so many have played over the years – and continue to play – in making CBS so special. As always, our services will feature Torah readers and teachers from our youth and our membership and a renewed emphasis on welcoming and creating bonds of friendship and connection.

As always, we will provide you materials and opportunities to help you prepare for these Days of Awe. Beginning at the end of August, there will be CDs available with the unique seasonal melodies. A special book, *Preparing your Heart for the High Holy Days* by Dr. Kerry Olitzky, will be available with daily reflections for the month of spiritual preparation that is traditional for Rosh Hashanah. Our Selichot service and play by our CBS Players will set the mood and the tone for the Days of Awe in a deeply thoughtful manner.

Prepare, be part of the community, celebrate 25 years of Jewish life. What better steps can you take toward a year of meaning and joy? Michael, Gideon, Aaron and Hannah join me in wishing all of you a *l'shanah tovah u'metukah* – a year of sweetness, blessing and peace.

From the President - Jeff Newman

Feeling a Connection

Over the next few Kibbitzer issues, I will be reminding you of the value of CBS membership. But first, a reminder of my principles concerning parting with my hard-earned cash:

1. I want to know that the organization does not waste the money and is as frugal as I am.
2. I need to feel a connection to the organization.

Feeling connected to someone, something or a greater cause is one of the warmest, most enriching feelings in life. It is the difference between being a passive participant and an active one. It is what I hope we all feel walking through the doors of our sanctuary and when we think of our temple.

Time is my most coveted asset.

Here is a little known fact about Jeff Newman – I am an introvert and always have been. I get my energy from being at home and have always forced myself to get out and participate in activities. Going out to parties and friends has never been easy for me. I would rather watch “Big Brother” or a Rays game. I used to be the first out after Friday services or a CBS Players rehearsal. I constantly need to force myself to stay the extra ten minutes... and that is what I am asking of you.

Allocating your time to CBS is a good sound strategy.

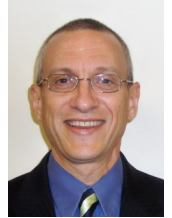
If you take an additional ten minutes of your time to talk to someone new or renew an old temple friendship, your connection(s) to the temple will multiply. You will want to get involved in other temple events at CBS and, before you know it, you will be president of CBS!! Seriously, you will find out that the rewards are endless, and the meaning you get from our temple will be strengthened. Invest ten minutes next time you are in temple. Like all good investments, it will bear dividends, and you will grow exponentially.

I intend to use my ten minutes to engage with all of our congregational family. I hope you do the same and find your connections.

Only time will tell...

Here are the heroes allowing us ten minutes...

The ONEG committee allows us to celebrate Shabbat and take the extra minutes to connect with fellow Temple members. The committee is comprised of hard-working ladies who selflessly keep things running smoothly. But they need your support sponsoring Onegs and helping them out after the service. Why not take your ten minutes, socialize and help clean at the same time? This is a small committee who can always use more members. Contact Anna Feldman, or Judith Pliner, or let me know if you can help.



OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT,

and

THE FUTURE IS YOU!

September Dates to Remember!!!!

- **Saturday, September 13, 6-10PM—Parents Night Out (p.6)**
- **Thursday, September 18, 7:30PM—Page Turners**
- **Saturday, September 20, 7:00 PM
Selichot Play & Service**
- **Sunday, September 21, 9:45AM—Torah Tots**
- **Sunday, September 28, 7:45PM
Shabbat Shuvah - I Am Jewish Panel**

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Note: The Temple office will be closed on Sept. September 25-26 for Rosh Hashana.

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**



Ritual Committee – Keren Vergon

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 Fast, volunteer to greet/usher or help with parking, bring nonperishable food to support the food drive, etc.

I encourage you to attend the Selichot play, which will provide insight into the lives of the characters from previous plays. 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, bring a friend with them in celebration of welcoming *ushpizim* (guests) as part of Sukkot. We are observing the end of Sukkot with a new event, Havdalah in the Hut, which will feature a drum circle.

Also, you should have received a flyer in your High Holy Day packet that highlights our special Congregation Beth Shalom 25th anniversary celebration tied to Simchat Torah. Please plan on participating and sharing in creating our special CBS Torah reading!

If you have High Holiday questions or needs, please feel free to contact me as ritual chair at kvergon@verizon.net.

High Holy Days Programming

Selichot

Selichot Service: Sat. Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wed. Sept. 24, 8 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service: Thu. Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

Tashlich Service: Thu. Sept. 25 following morning service

Children's Service: Thu. Sept. 25, 4 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day: Fri. Sept. 26, 10 a.m.
(Followed by Pancake Breakfast)

Memorial Service, Sun. Sept 28, 10 a.m.
(Hillsboro Memorial Gardens)

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre: Fri. Oct. 3, 8 p.m.

Yom Kippur Morning: Sat. Oct. 4, 10 a.m.

Study Session: Sat. Oct. 4 Following morning service

Children's Service: Sat. Oct. 4, 2:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Afternoon: Sat. Oct. 4, 4 p.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service: Sat. Oct. 4, 5:45 p.m.*

Ne'ilah Conclusion: Sat. Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.*

Break the Fast: Sat. Oct. 4, 7:15 p.m.*

* Start times are approximate.



Shabbat Shuvah

"I am Jewish" Panel

Sunday, September 26, 7:45 p.m.

"I am Jewish"—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."



For many years, on Shabbat Shuvah (the special Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), CBS has invited several congregants to reflect on what the words "I am Jewish" mean to them. This year's panelists will be Elise Berman, Marina Baker and Larry Kaler.



Elul—A Time for Spiritual Preparation

The month of Elul (which began on August 27) is a traditional month of introspection prior to the High Holy Days. There are new materials available at the Temple that can help guide you in daily introspection and thought. In addition, there will be a daily posting on our Facebook page for your reflection. We will also provide CD's with the unique melodies of the High Holy Days. Take advantage of all these paths to prepare your spirits and souls for the Days of Awe.

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Membership -Rudina Richter

First of all, I want to wish everyone the happiest of New Years. I hope you and your loved ones are blessed with a year full of health and happiness and that Congregation Beth Shalom factors prominently into your plans during the upcoming year.

Please note a correction in my listing of our CBS sponsors and advertisers last month. The correction contact information for Renate B. Greenfield, Broker/Owner Realtor is: Greenfield Homes and Investments (813-431-8257, RenateGreenfield@yahoo.com). I apologize for the inaccuracy in my last column and want to thank Renate for being an important supporter of Congregation Beth Shalom.

I hope you all had an opportunity to attend the Annual Open House and Bagel Breakfast in August. If you came, you saw the showcase of all the amazing activities, committees and groups that our congregation sponsors. Please make a point of branching out this year and getting involved with something new to you. We have wonderfully divergent options to choose from, so pick something and try it out. Membership confers free access to all our offerings, so make sure you get the most out of your CBS affiliation. Whether your preferences lean toward music, literature, acting, Jewish studies, social action, singles activities, activities for your children or Temple leadership, there is something waiting for you. Just jump in and enjoy!

Thank you to the myriad of people who leant helping hands in making this year's Open House so successful. I so appreciate the team effort that created this wonderful event!

Peace — Rudina

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

MAZELS

- Steve Slavkin awarded Best Dentist in Plant City by the Tampa Tribune!

KUDOS

- The ritual committee and Keren Vergon (chairperson) would like to thank all of those persons who led a Shabbat morning service, chanted Torah or Haftarah, delivered a D'var Torah, or in some other way helped lead Shabbat morning services: Cynthia Goldstein, Joan Frankel, Kevin Frye, Keren Vergon, Anna Brubaker, Gail Verlin, Mike Verlin, Dave Friedman, Zsa Lobel, Amy Weinstein, Marina Baker, Michael Lubin, Christine Stockelman, Larry Greenfield and the Chavurah to which he belonged, the Youth Group, and the previous Adult B'nai Mitzvah group. We hope to remember everyone, but if your name was left out, please accept our thanks.
- Sandee Pelk & Mags Oldman representing the synagogue at the URJ Youth Engagement Conference at Camp Coleman in Helen, GA.
- The Dugans, the Friedmans, the Oldmans, the Tabaks, and the Goldfarb/Oertel family for sponsoring an Oneg in August.
- David & Rudina Richter for their donation of bookends for the Library.
- Katy & Andy Swedlow for their donation of the water cooler for the Administrative Lobby.
- Cliff Reiss & Fanny Litovich for their donation of a six-foot ladder to the Temple.
- To Rudina Richter for her coordination of our Annual Open House event.
- To Joan Frankel for representing the synagogue at Mifgash Musicale, the Guild of Temple Musicians Conference.
- To Hadassah for their donation of matzah for the congregation.

Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment? If so, email the name and accomplishment to



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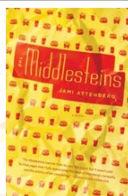
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Page Turners September Read: *The Middlesteins*

Join Page Turners on
September 18 at 7:30 PM.



The book we will be discussing is *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg. There are 11 copies available through the library system, and it is available for Kindle. "With pitch-perfect prose, huge compassion, and sly humor, Jami Attenberg has given us an epic story of marriage, family, and obsession."

"For more than thirty years, Edie and Richard Middlestein shared a solid family life together in the suburbs of Chicago. But now things are splintering apart, for one reason, it seems: Edie's enormous girth. She's obsessed with food — thinking about it, eating it — and if she doesn't stop, she won't have much longer to live. When Richard abandons his wife, it is up to the next generation to take control. Robin, their schoolteacher daughter, is determined that her father pay for leaving Edie. Benny, an easy-going, pot-smoking family man, just wants to smooth things over. And Rachelle, a whippet thin perfectionist, is intent on saving her mother-in-law's life, but this task proves even bigger than planning her twin children's spectacular b'nai mitzvah party. Through it all, they wonder: do Edie's devastating choices rest on her shoulders alone, or are others at fault, too?"

The Middlesteins explores the hopes and heartbreaks of new and old love, the yearnings of Midwestern America, and our devastating, fascinating preoccupation with food."

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.

- September 5 Kalista Rojas' religious school class in celebration with Cesar & Heidi Rojas in honor of Kalista becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- September 12 Mark & Natania Gerscovich Oneg in honor of their daughter, Tatiana, who will be celebrating her 13th birthday.
- September 19 Sheila & Errol Fishman in honor of their anniversary.
- September 26 Fanny Litovich & Cliff Reiss in honor of their engagement.

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our September Oneg hosts!

Please contact Judith Pliner at 813-436-0080 or email her at gp@pliner-inc.com if you are interested in helping out with a future date.

Your Oneg Committee,

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, Anita Hoffman and Melissa Villasin

Lay-lead Shabbat Morning Services Discontinued

The ritual committee has led formally scheduled Shabbat morning services since the fall of 2010 but, due to lack of attendance, has decided to suspend leading these services on a regular basis. Bar and Bat Mitzvah services are unaffected, and Rabbi Torop may choose to lead occasional Shabbat morning services in conjunction with Torah Study or other events. Also, ritual committee members may decide to lead a Shabbat morning service occasionally, and these services will be advertised in the weekly email blast and/or on the Facebook page. If you are someone who wants to chant Torah for fulfillment of the Yad award and are looking for opportunities to chant, please contact Rabbi Torop or Keren Vergon as ritual chair, and arrangements will be made to find those opportunities for you.



B'nai Mitzvah

Kalista Rojas - Becomes Bat Mitzvah on September 6



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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

What Did You Do On Your Summer Vacation?

Part I

This question is a blast from my past, both as a student and a teacher. Summer is the time of relaxation, visiting grandparents, vacationing on foreign soil or taking those local day-trips we put off. Or is it?

This summer, like many former teacher summers, I decided to use the period of time for study and enrichment in my field of music. Through the Rabbi, I learned about Mifgash Musicale, the Guild of Temple Musicians Conference at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. It sounded like a place to learn new music and techniques for leading our choir. A rigorous week for sure. But I liked the challenge, so I took off, determined to bring back enriching materials for our congregation. What I gained was that and so much more. I found nourishment for my Jewish soul.

The first thing I did before the conference actually opened was to visit the Skirball Museum, one of the oldest repositories of Jewish cultural artifacts in America, founded in 1875. As I browsed through the many artifacts that were preserved, I thought about the people they represented, people like us. They knew love and faced hardships like we do today. They tried to find peace in an often hostile world. But the prejudices of others caused

them to constantly feel unsettled. I asked myself, "What was God's purpose for them? How can we find peace? How can we pass on our values of love and peace?"

I had a similar feeling when visiting the Isaac M. Wise Temple on Plum Street. The building itself and its interior were breathtaking. The striking décor was lit by hundreds and hundreds of light bulbs. And I was overjoyed in getting to see first-hand the Tracker Organ that was in perfect condition and in continued use.

Cantor Katzew sang High Holy Days music from the Bima with the organ accompanying from the loft above. The music gave me goose bumps. Again, I felt the dreams of people in the past. But the difference here was that the Temple lives on and is still in use today.

Look for Part II next month. Meanwhile, just a reminder that High Holy Days rehearsals begin on August 25. Anyone interested in singing with the choir, please feel free to contact me. The choir sings on Erev Rosh Hashanah on September 24 and on Yom Kippur morning. All our music is written with Hebrew transliteration.

Shalom,
Joan Frankel, Choir Director
(813) 938-4123



The success of the August 2014 CBS Open House was the result of wonderful collaboration by all involved. A special thanks to Rudina Richter for organizing the event. The Open House was host to new faces and families, and was a great opportunity for current members to touch base after the summer.

Pictured: Stephanie Ferry and Rudina Richter.



Parents Night Out Schedule

CBS' very own youth group, BESTY (Beth Shalom Temple Youth) is excited to announce its Parents Nights Out calendar for the fall!

Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 22 & Dec. 30

Drop off your children at 6 p.m. and head out for dinner, or shopping, a movie, read a book... and give your kids a great time at the temple on a Saturday night! Pick-up is 10 p.m. Activities and a snack/drink are provided. An adult is also onsite for supervision.

Costs for each PNO: \$18 for one child, \$6 each additional child.

Infants are okay, too, but please leave appropriate supplies (diapers, formula, etc.), and toddlers do not need to be potty trained (but we request that you leave additional diapers and a extra change of clothes just in case!). Contact the Temple Office to reserve space for your child!



Education - Amy Weinstein

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I am very happy to introduce our teaching staff:

k/1- Melissa Villasin	5- Rachel Smith
2/3- Pam Provenzano	6- Lauren Weisman
4- Sheila Fishman	7- Dan Weinstein

We have a new Hebrew curriculum, music program and family Shabbat services planned for this year. Karen Blanchard and I have met and planned this summer to provide a meaningful experience for our students. I am really excited to incorporate new ideas into our already successful program.

This year we have changed the format for our family Shabbat services. For grades K-6 we will be replacing the grade-level services with four school-wide family services with specially-themed Onegs. All students will participate in the opening and closing prayer at each service, and then the students will be assigned prayers or readings individually at one specific service. All families are encouraged to attend all four services, and the Oneg will still be sponsored by one specific grade level. However, we are asking that you sign up for *one* multi-grade-level service in which you would like your child to participate.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding your child's religious education at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Amy Weinstein- awine007@msn.com (813)685-7064

Important September Dates

9/14- Parent Association Meeting 9:45AM
 9/21- Torah Tots 9:45AM
 9/24- No-Hebrew School- Erev Rosh Hashanah



CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

The CBS library is open!

All books are arranged according to the author's last name. They are also broken down into categories: young children, older children and adults. We are in the process of finding bookends so that they can be separated by their categories. Please donate your unused bookends.

I am in the process of getting every item entered into the library computer. If you have any books with a Jewish theme or subject that you no longer need please donate to the temple library. Donated books should be placed in the marked box on the library table.

Please feel free to check out a book for your and your child's enjoyment. We only ask that returned books are left on the library table in the marked boxes so that they can be returned to their proper places. Thank you.

Anita Hoffman,

Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian



Torah Tots

Sunday, Sept. 21
 9:45-11:30am

Happy Birthday World!

A special service with songs, instruments, story and our preschool Torah parade, led by Rabbi Torop.



BESTY KICKS OFF—September 14

Are you my BESTY? You should be! BESTY is our very own temple youth group (Beth Shalom Temple Youth), for teens in 8th through 12th grade. It's an opportunity for them to connect with their peers, stay connected to their temple, and find further connections with their faith, in a fun environment designed for them. The group meets monthly for personal and leadership development and will also have other activities off site throughout the year.

We are an chapter of a national organization called NFTY - National Federation of Temple Youth, which is comprised of chapters all over the United States and Canada. Coming in February is the national convention of NFTY - which will be held in Atlanta! We do hope to send a contingency to represent Beth Shalom. Our Regional affiliation is called NFTY-STR (Southern Tropical Region) and there are 5 regional weekend events that occur every year - 3 for grades 9 - 12 and one for 8th

graders, - a fall kallah (this year Oct. 24 -26th in Plantation, FL), a winter kallah (Dec. 26 - 30th in Orlando, FL), a Haktivah kallah for 8th graders only (still TBD), a spring kallah (Feb. 27 - 29th right here in Tampa!) and a leadership training weekend for teens who become Board members. Throughout the year there are additional opportunities for local youth groups to collaborate and get to know each other, which most of our teens really enjoy.

The kick off meeting will be September 14th at 12:15 - 2:00 pm at the temple. There is a fee to join of \$66 (\$36 BESTY/ \$30 NFTY) and an application for both youth and parents to review, fill out and agree upon. Parents will be called upon from time to time for assistance with supervision of events, transportation, and chaperoning trips. A parent meeting will be held also on Sept. 14th also at 12:15. The parent meeting should only run about 30 - 45 minutes and will cover questions about kallot, parent participation and leadership opportunities for youth.



SELICHOT PLAY & SERVICE—September 20 at 7 PM

The CBS Players will once again bring slice-of-life drama to the stage on Selichot with a series of five vignettes collectively titled “The Waiting Room.”

The original work, written and directed by Anna Brubaker (with help from assistant director Milt Newman), will be presented on Saturday, September 20, at 7 pm at the synagogue. The vignettes, all set in a local hospital’s ICU waiting room, spotlight characters already familiar to those who have seen previous productions like “Dedication,” “Windows,” and “Cleaning House,” but they will be relevant and engaging even to those who have never seen any of the shows in this series.

The characters related by marriage, Audrey (Vickie Goldberg) and Jennifer (Stephanie Ferry) star in the first vignette, “Light and Dark,” which demonstrates how two people can have markedly different views about the same person – and how those differences can come between them.

Commitment-shy Lyle (Jeff Newman) is put on the spot by the woman he’s been seeing long-distance, Maggie (Lauren Weisman) in Vignette # 2, “Here and There.” Their interaction spotlights how two people can have completely different expectations of the same relationship – but avoid voicing those expectations until it may be too late.

Serial online dater Dr. Mensche Goldblatt (Milt Newman) and his often child-like daughter Ellen (Keren Vergon) are featured in the third vignette, “Near and Far.” Their humorous yet poignant conversation is both unsettling and reassuring about a subject that people see – and fear – in very different, individual ways.



Sisters Alice (Gail Verlin) and Naomi (Joan Frankel) approach a serious situation in Alice’s life in the fourth vignette, “In and Out,” one that is becoming increasingly common in today’s society – helping adult children. The sisters’ different viewpoints echo the dynamics they themselves had between them growing up and show that two people can try to solve problems in strongly opposing – but well-meaning – ways.

The last vignette, “Around and Around,” highlights teshuvah – repentance – as Josh (Joel Edelson) and Gila (Anna Brubaker) struggle with resolving a clandestine relationship each sees – and repents for – very differently.

The show is free and open to the public; one does not have to be Jewish to attend or to understand the themes of the presentation. Rabbi Torop will lead an interactive discussion of the situations presented in the show immediately afterwards. Congregants are encouraged to bring dairy desserts for all to share after the discussion. The evening will conclude with an intimate Selichot service.

“Selichot” refers to two related types of penitential prayers. The first are the prayers that are customarily recited daily at early morning services during the month of Elul. This is also the name of the service that takes place late at night on the Saturday preceding Rosh Hashanah and consists of a longer series of these penitential prayers. The play uses drama and humor to help foster the healthy self-reflection and contemplation encouraged at this time of year.



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Please start collecting non-perishable food items for the High Holy Days.



Dear fellow congregant,

The High Holydays are soon here. Rosh Hashanah will be upon us on September 24th. Please start saving your staples for the Yom Kippur drive to help needy families. Bags will be distributed on Rosh Hashana after the service. Last year's drive was very successful. Thanks to all of you who participated. Let's make this year the best ever.

I thank you and a very Happy New Year to all !

Phyllis Newman, Social Action, Chair

CBS/Tampa Jewish Singles is going to the Theater

The Chosen (adapted from the book by Chaim Potok)

A standing-room-only hit wherever it has played, this award-winning adaptation (from the award-winning novel) is by the same creators of last year's hit MY NAME IS ASHER LEV. It is 1944 Brooklyn, and two Jewish boys grow up five blocks and a world apart. The play begins when Reuven and Danny play a heated game of baseball between rival yeshivas... until one is badly hurt. As their unique friendship grows, they learn important lessons about their fathers, their community, and themselves.

<https://www.americanstage.org/14-15-season.php>

CBS/Tampa Jewish Singles has seats on hold at the discounted price of \$31.20 each for the

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 3PM matinee performance of :
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October 12

I know from experience that baking a cake takes not only the flour, sugar, cake mix, eggs, chocolate, etc., etc., it also uses electricity or gas from the oven — **not counting the washing of all those dirty pots** and getting the house hot during the steamy summer days here in Florida. Wouldn't it be fantastic not to have to do that?? You can certainly use this time for something more productive than making a cake that you will not be eating.



Now you can indeed use your time much more productively. It makes sense to make sure that the total amount of what you spend in the making of a cake (make sure to count the amount spent for the utilities such as electricity used while you are making the cake) can be utilized in a more fruitful manner.

We of Social Action will be eliminating this problem very simply. Come to join us on Sunday, October 12, and contribute the money you would have spent for the preparation or purchase of this cake to your temple. Not only will you be saving time and energy, but you will be getting a deduction for the entire amount in your taxes. You will be doing a fantastic mitzvah, and you will feel great about yourself!!!!

Join us for coffee, nosh and kibbitzing so that you can enjoy your temple family. If you are not able to come on that date, please put your contributions in the Social Action box in the office. Thank you, Phyllis (phylnew@verizon.net)

Memorial Service

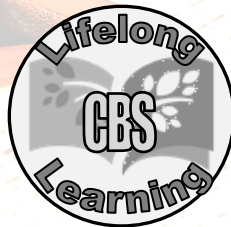
Hillsboro Memorial Gardens

**Sunday,
September 28, 10AM**

During this holy period it is traditional to remember our loved ones who have died. If you have a loved one buried in Hillsborough Memorial Gardens or if you would like to remember someone who has died but is buried elsewhere, join us for this brief memorial service.



Lifelong Learning—Sheila Fishman



The goal of the Lifelong Learning Committee is to provide programming that inspires and nurtures the human spirit. As Rabbi and I both stated in our August Kibbitzer articles, we will be affording each temple member the opportunity to design a personal learning experience or program of education for a group of friends. So now the time is here for YOU to identify a topic of discussion, with whom you wish to share this experience, and then set a time and place for this educational experience with Rabbi Torop.

Some suggested topics include but certainly are not limited to:

- What is the Message of Shabbat in the Modern World?
- Who Wrote the Torah?
- How to Make a Tallit
- Judaism in Shakespearean literature

Additionally, I want to remind you of upcoming Lifelong Learning events for 2014, **which need to be added to your calendar**. These events include:

- September 18 7:30PM, Book Club
- November 1 Bibles and Bagels "Jealousy, Anger, Desire—A Typical Jewish Family?"
- November 14 7:00PM, Saturday Night at the Movies
- November 20 7:30PM, Book Club
- December 6 Bibles and Bagels "Wrestling: With God, Tradition and Difficult Stories"

Finally, our first program for 2015 will be our Shabbat Evening Speaker Series on January 9. During this service, members of the Beth Shalom community will present customs and traditions of Jews around the world. Come pray with us and learn about our differences and similarities world-wide.

As always, the Committee hopes to see you soon!

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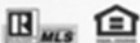
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- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
- **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.
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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.

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Opportunities:

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- **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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Yahrzeits



9/2	Jack	Singer	Father	of Jonathan	Singer
9/3	Elisabeth	Beckett	Grandmother	of Christine	Stockelman
9/3	Nathan	Fishman	Father	of Errol	Fishman
9/4	Rhoda	Grieff	Grandmother	of Roberta	Peterson
9/5	Elinor	Smith	mother of	of Caren	Magdovitz
9/6	Jane	Shadowens	Mother	of Lea	Garbett
9/6	Herman	Finke	Father	of Mark	Finke
9/7	Fay	Greenfield	mother	of Lawrence	Greenfield
9/10	Sonia May	Foster	Aunt of	of Michelle	Dempsey
9/12	Dr. Lewis	Bolnick	Father	of Jay	Bolnick
9/12	Raymond	Sperry	Father	of Bruce	Sperry
9/13	Heinz	Segall	Grandfather	of Laurie	Noyes
9/13	Carl	Miller	Father	of Sheryl	Finke
9/15	Ben	Lasky	Grandfather	of Michelle	Dempsey
9/15	Morris	Brandwein	father	of Anita	Clifford
9/17	Ruth	Hans	Grandmother	of Michael	Davis
9/19	Goldie	Task	Mother	of Ethel	Feinstein
9/20	Louis	Green	Step Father	of Carolyn	Miller
9/22	Rose	Skop	Grandmother	of Nancy	Landfish
9/23	John	Grimm	Husband	of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
9/23	Jamie	Flaks	Father	of Aaron	Flaks
9/25	Michail Borisovich	Freydin	Grandfather	of Anna	Moneymaker
9/25	Rabbi Karl	Richter	Father	of David	Richter
9/25	Dorothy S.	Goldstein	Mother	of Judith	Pliner
9/25	Aaron	Mart	Son	of Donna and Hank	Mart
9/26	Pauline	Magdovitz	Mother in Law	of Caren	Magdovitz
9/26	Lenore	Ber	Mother	of Jill	Oppolo
9/27	Becky	Smith	Grandmother	of Lynn	Kaler
9/27	Sally	Gaba	Grandmother	of Leslie	Boyar
9/27	Louis	Kaplan	father	of Janice	Perelman
9/28	Murray	Siegel	Grandfather	of Eric	Miller
9/28	Renee	Furman	Sister-in-Law	of Eunice	Rifkin
9/29	Herb	Goldberg	Husband	of Ruth	Goldberg
9/29	Sharon	Leibowitz	Sister	of Gail	Verlin
9/29	Dorothy	Brown	Mother	of Stephen	Zweibach

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the actual date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the actual date listed, please contact the temple office at 681-6547.



Anniversaries

9/5	Shayna & Jonathan	Singer
9/7	Jeff & Sara	Goodman
9/9	Brian & Arlene	Slater
9/14	Michael & Tammie	Hebert
9/25	Bob & Debby	Davis



Birthdays

9/1	Seth	Dugan
9/2	Aurora Glory	Oldman
9/3	Elise	Berman
9/3	Joan	Frankel
9/4	Hank	Mart
9/6	Landri Raine	Ellis
9/6	Zsa	Lobel
9/6	Stephen	Zweibach
9/6	Landon	Holschauer
9/8	Kari	Brown
9/9	Tatiana Leah	Gerscovich
9/10	Allyson	Peterson
9/10	Alyssa	Schiller
9/10	Truman	Sukloff
9/10	Emily	Morgan
9/10	Danielle	Miller
9/12	Jordan	Mazen
9/13	Kenneth	Posner
9/13	Lisa	Murray
9/13	Jacob	Neuman
9/14	Marla	Smith
9/14	Lillian Rachel	Moneymaker
9/16	Emily	Sukloff
9/16	Joel	Magdovitz
9/16	Abby	Provenzano
9/17	Anna	Moneymaker
9/17	Jack	Dempsey
9/18	Brielle	Zweibach
9/21	Christine	Stockelman
9/22	Jane	Gamse-Fournier
9/22	Adam	Cohen
9/23	Max	Newman
9/23	Matthew	Halperin
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7 9:30A RS 9:30A Coffee Klatch 12:15P BeSTY Board 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk.3(R)	8 7:30P Choir Reh—HHD	9	10 6:15P Hebrew School 7:30P Ritual Committee	11 US Patriot Day 7:30 P Cancer Support	12 7:45 P Shabbat Service	13 6:00 P PNO
14 9:30A RS 9:45A RSPA 12:15P BeSTY	15 7:30P Choir Reh—HHD	16	17 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation Class	18 7:30P Choir Reh—HHD 7:30P PageTurners	19 7:45 P Shabbat Service	20 7:00P Selichot Play & Service
21 9:30A RS 9:45A Torah Tots	22 7:30P Choir Reh—HHD	23	24 Erev Rosh Hashanah No Hebrew School 8:00P Erev RH Service Choir Sings	25 1st of Tishrei Rosh Hashanah 10:00A RH I Service & Tashlich 4:00P Family RH Service	26 Rosh Hashanah 10:00A RH I I Service & Pancake Brunch 7:45 P Shabbat Shuvah Service	27
28 9:30A RS 10:00A Hillsboro Mem.Svc. 12:15P Adult Heb. Bk.3(R)	29 7:30P Choir Reh—HHD	30 5:15 P I Am Hope Café 7:30P Exec. Board Mtg.				
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