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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

Three Reflections from Events of Last Year – And The Questions We Ought to Still Be Asking About Them

When looking back at the past year, certain events surely stand out more than others. While the Jewish New Year turns our attention to the deep interpersonal questions that we wrestle with, the approach of a new secular year invites us to reflect on developments in America and the world at large and how we as Jews might respond. Here are three areas from the past year we might consider:

All People Can Love Equally

2013 was a landmark year for gay rights. Fourteen states now recognize same-sex marriage as legal, and the Supreme Court struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act, paving the way for married, same-sex couples to receive the same federal benefits that heterosexual couples receive. There is unfortunately no indication that Florida will reverse the state's definition of marriage as between a man and a woman. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be speaking out against the ongoing discrimination that gays and lesbians face and trying to make change in Florida. We can start at home. *How well do we at Beth Shalom make sure that the definition of 'family' includes all kinds of families – single, married, same-sex, interfaith, interracial? How do the pictures we show and the language we use in private and public signal to same-sex couples in particular that we are a welcoming home?*

The First Yahrzeit for 20 Children and Six Adults Massacred at Newtown

December 14 will mark one year since Adam Lanza opened fire in a school in Newtown, CT, taking the lives of 26 adults and children. Despite the horror and the outcry that emerged following the horrific shooting, very little has actually changed in the year. There has been no meaningful national legislative response. The debate about guns continues as hotly as ever, pitting those who advocate more responsible background checks and limitations on the kinds of gun sold against those who believe that any such restrictions violate their Second Amendment rights and actually put the public more at risk. Stigma around those who suffer from mental illness and lack of access to reliable and effective mental health services remains shockingly poor. As we mark this first yahrzeit, how have we honored those lives lost? *What should we as a faith community be doing to increase the safety of others – in the broadest sense of the word? How can we ensure that people are safe from hunger and disease, from discrimination, bullying and bodily harm? What partnerships should we form and what actions should we undertake to live up to our obligation to save life?*

Bringing out the Best in People

None of us will forget the terrorist attack that left three dead and at least 100 wounded during the running of the Boston Marathon – a day that should have been marked only by achievement and celebration. Amongst the terrible stories of death and destruction, fear and manhunts, there were also stories of innumerable acts of kindness, strangers reaching out to strangers, Bostonians opening their homes to runners and more. These stories remind us of the goodness of humanity in the face of evil and are as much a part of the story as the death and destruction. But why does it seem that the essential goodness of human nature is most clearly demonstrated in the face of tragedy? *How can we break down barriers and divisions, reach out to others, be less suspicious of the person in need on an everyday basis? Why does it take a tragedy to unite us as Americans and as a community?*

As we turn the page on another year, we pray that we find paths to make 2014 a year of increased equality, safety and unity. □



From the President - Hank Mart

This month's big THANK YOU goes out to the entire team of volunteers and paid staff of CBS who enhance the day-to-day operations of the synagogue. Our Temple is bustling with people of all ages nearly every day of the week, and those people give very generously of their time and of their money. It is truly a partnership between the staff and the many volunteers that make CBS such a wonderful place to worship, to play, and to enjoy the companionship of other congregants. For this and much more, thank you to the CBS family!

Now we have come to the last article in a series of ten communicating the Ten Financial Commandments. These Commandments provide guidance to allow all of us to celebrate *simchahs* and all of our life-cycle events and from which we can receive support when needed.

X. You Shall Consider the Future of the Synagogue

If people do not plow in the summer, what will they eat in the winter? Midrash Mishle 6

It is often difficult to look ahead to the future. We all have so many tasks that consume the present we often say to ourselves that the future can wait. However, we must consider the future and the importance of maintaining financial health not only now but in the future. Congregation Beth Shalom is an important part of our lives — we feel a sense of community to each other. Many friendships have developed through congregational life. The synagogue is where our children and grandchildren have been taught to carry on the tradition of the Jewish religion. Finance Committee members are urged to think about the future and what the synagogue will look like many generations from now.

Continue to build upon the strong foundation that has already been set by previous generations. Perhaps it is the founders of the congregation who are setting the foundation by starting a new synagogue in the community. Planning for the future ensures that the foundation remains strong and steadfast both in a physical and spiritual sense.

The Union of Reform Judaism publication *Cultivating the Future: Long-Range Planning for Congregations* discusses all the aspects and importance of long-range planning. To download this informative publication, please visit the www.urj.org.



Lastly, I wanted to give an update to you on the status for the High Holy Day Campaign. As of Nov 13, a total of 52 congregants and 26 non-members have generously given over \$25,744 towards the betterment of the Congregation Beth Shalom. Remember: our **GOAL** is to have all 155 families put forth a **significant and meaningful donation**, not the amount given. We still have a ways to go until we have 100 percent participation; however, I know we will exceed this year's goals!

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. Robert Frost

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- ✧ Friday worship services at 7:45 PM, Saturday worship services at 10:00 AM
- ✧ Religious school pre-kindergarten through tenth grade
- ✧ Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation
- ✧ Youth group programming
- ✧ Adult Education classes
- ✧ Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day
- ✧ Special social activities including our Daytimers program for seniors



December Dates to Remember!!!!

- **Thursday, Dec. 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m. — Women of Distinction Program.** CBS Honoree: Joan Frankel. See page 11 for details.
- **Friday, Dec. 6, 7:45 p.m. — Simcha Shabbat!** We will celebrate December birthdays during Shabbat services.
- **Sunday, Dec. 8, 2:00-5:00 p.m. — Camp Coleman Tampa Bay Area Reunion and Information Session** (Airheads Trampoline Arena, Largo, FL)
- **Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m. — Israel Bonds Dinner.** CBS Honorees: Hank and Donna Mart. See page 6 for details.
- **Thursday, Dec. 19, 7:30-8:15 p.m. — Torah Tots Teleconference Learning: “How to Raise Jewish Kids in a Non-Jewish Environment.”**

Religious Education & Youth activities on page 7.
Full calendar on page 15 .



December 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

- Dec.6 Linda & David Young as a temple mitzvah.
- Dec. 13 Anita Hoffman & Steve Feldman in honor of their November 1st birthdays.
- Dec. 20 Lynn & Larry Kaler in honor of their 27th anniversary
- Dec. 27 Gail & Michael Verlin in honor of their 49th anniversary, and Phyllis & Milt Newman in honor of their 61st anniversary.

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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.

Thank you from your Oneg Committee,
Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner and Anita Hoffman

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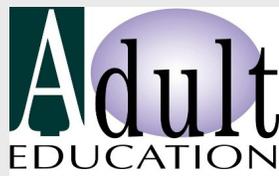
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YOUR HEALTH: Prevention, Protection, and Preparation for the Future

On November 21, Congregation Beth Shalom kicked off a four-part series designed to provide relevant information about important health-related issues particularly pertinent to members of the Jewish community.

The first program in the series, "What's in Your Genes?" provided an overview of Jewish genetic diseases. The program was presented by Dr. Parul Jayakar, a specialist from The Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases of Miami Children's Hospital.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN THE SERIES!

Part II: "Affordable Health Care Act"

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lawrence Floriani, Board Certified orthopedic surgeon and Specialist in Medical Insurance, will be our guest speaker and will address the controversial new federally mandated medical insurance now in effect.

Part III: "Lifepath Hospice—a holistic approach to end-of-life care"

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Our presenter will be Sue Pagano, Community Representative in Professional Relations with Lifepath Hospice, who will address palliative care for chronic diseases.

Part IV: "A Genetic Approach to Cancers"

Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Meghan Sherman Caldwell, MS, CGC, a Certified Genetic Counselor at the Moffitt Cancer Center, will address genetic predispositions to certain types of cancer, especially breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and colon cancer.

All programs will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom and are free and open to the public. For more information contact Adult Education Chairperson Janice Perelman at (813) 571-2029 or by e-mailing chinadollj@verizon.net.

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Phyllis Newman (Social Action Chairperson) —
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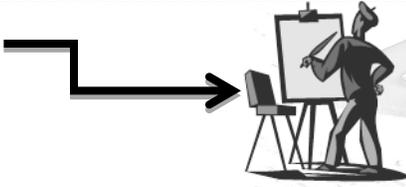


I AM HOPE

The CBS Mitzvah Crew served dinner at I am Hope Cafe on October 29 to 57 needy people, including families with small children. Thank you for all you do to help the needy in Brandon!

Contact Cynthia Goldstein-Hart at cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com if you wish to participate in the future.





All Jazzed Up Invites You to Meet the Artists

All Jazzed Up Art Festival is just around the corner on Saturday, Dec. 7, at The Regent, and we have a full complement of artists in every media waiting for you to view their work, enjoy wonderful food and libations, listen to great jazz and buy that perfect artistic gift. Donna Mart, Jill Oppolo and Melissa Villasin, our artist coordinators, have outdone themselves this year to find the very best emerging and mid-career artists from our region for this event. Come join us and meet the Fine Artists:

- Jack Beverland – Folk Art
- Wendy Durand - Clay
- Pat Falk - Glass
- Michelle Hinz – Painting
- Brien Hockman – Painting
- Arthur Lee – Ceramics

- Susan Livingston – Clay
- Ynon Mabat – Mixed Media
- James McCarthy – Painting
- Robert Purcell – Metal Sculpture
- Mark Williams – Mixed Media
- 1Voice Children – Glass and Painting

In addition, we have a whole array of Artisans who will present their work ready for seasonal gift giving:

- Cynthia Adams – Stained Glass Mosaics
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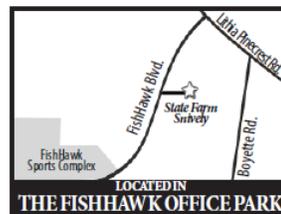
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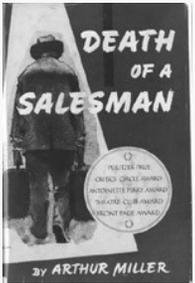


Book Discussion Group 2013 – 2014 Reading List and Schedule

Come join our vibrant reading group in diverse and interesting discussions about books with Jewish themes as we explore our past and our future in light of our faith and beliefs. We look forward to a year of good reads, and we especially look forward to you joining us for these interesting dialogues.

Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
in the CBS Library

*Please Note Change of
Meeting Date!*



We will be discussing *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller. This is our year to read classics, read in our youth and perhaps forgotten in the mists of time. This year's selections are taken from "The Best Jewish-Themed Books of the Last 100 Years."

Written in 1949, *Death of a Salesman* has become a classic play. We will be discussing the issue of the parable of death of the American (and Jewish?) Dream in America.

For the remainder of the year, we will be reading:

January 16: *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume

March 20: *Goodbye, Columbus* by Philip Roth

Summer Reading: *The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer* and *Homeland* by Sam Lipsyte.

For further information on Page Turners,
please contact Zsa Lobel at zsa@tampabay.rr.com



TAMPA COMMUNITY GALA CELEBRATION

Cocktail Supper and Dessert

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, 6 p.m.

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

**CBS Honorees:
Donna and Hank Mart**

Contact (727) 282-1125 to learn more, or
go to tampa@israelbonds.com.



Fantasy Football Update:



Here is a mid-season update from the
Congregation Beth Shalom Fantasy Football
League:

Dan Weinstein (Easy Gelt) is in 1st place!
Coming up in 2nd is Jeff Newman (Royal Chai-
ness) and Rabbi Betsy Torop (The Chosen
People) is a close 3rd. There is still a lot of
football left to play.

Plans for a December "Football Watch Party"
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Education - Amy Weinstein

Our teachers had the opportunity last month to participate in the annual teacher in-service training day sponsored by the Tampa Bay Jewish Educators Council. We joined other religious school teachers and administrators throughout Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk and Pinellas Counties. That morning of learning gave us the chance to collaborate with other religious school personnel and represent our temple to the Jewish Community. This year there was a presentation from an organization called Frameworks. They promote and teach a program that fosters Emotional, Social Learning. This concept embeds social skills into our curriculum as a form of behavior management. I am thrilled that our teachers left with additional strategies to assist our students in the classroom setting.

Our 5th and 6th grade students led the Family Shabbat Service in November. Thanks to their hardworking teachers, Erika Young and Lauren Weisman. Shout out to the wonderfully dedicated aides, Aaron Weinstein and Airelle Weisman. The students were confident service leaders and a source of pride to the school. Thanks parents (led by Randi Lannak) for sponsoring a very nice Oneg.

As always, feel free to contact me at awine007@msn.com or 813-685-7064 for any of your religious school concerns.

Important December Dates:

12/15 Noon—Pizza Fundraiser

12/22—1/1 Winter Break: No Religious School, Hebrew School or Confirmation



B'nai Mitzvah

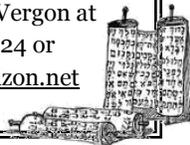
Mazel Tov to the following students for becoming B'Nai Mitzvah in January.

January 18, 2014 - Garrett Borgen

January 25, 2014 - Elizabeth Pelk

B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring

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



Torah Tots

Thursday, Dec. 19
7:30-8:15 p.m.

Torah Tots Teleconference Learning:
"How to Raise Jewish Kids in a Non-Jewish Environment."

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Listings

If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to kibbitzer706@verizon.net by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.



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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

This month we take a look at the selection process of service music. I call it the balancing act. Although we like to choose pieces that everyone knows and enjoys for their familiarity, we also like to work on new repertoire that brings another dimension to the service.

This being said, there are limitations of tunes by range, popularity and age-appropriateness. I am encouraged by those who hear a new melody and try it a number of times before judging it. I also understand that when we come to a worship service we expect to hear some of our favorite selections.

It is ironic that some of the pieces we took as the 'good old standbys' dim as we learn new and more modern versions. And when we return to them, they do not hold the same importance for us. Or maybe they do, and we give a sigh of

'ah, that feels good.'

Either way, it is an awakening for us, a time of appreciation for the new and the not so new. I wonder if our grandparents would have considered some of our 'traditional' melodies traditional to their time.

I hope as we go forward singing new inspiring hymns of worship, we can look forward to that bit of excitement in knowing that each choir Shabbat will be a little different.

I invite you to take part in our selection process. If you have suggestions for Jewish service music, you are very welcome to drop me a line, or recommend it to the Rabbi. We are thankful for the gift of melody.

"Sing unto God, all the earth, a new song."

Shalom,

Want to dust off your Yiddish?

At its height, Yiddish was understood and spoken by most Ashkenazi Jews. Yiddish was based on German, Hebrew and other languages. Since those heights less than 100 years ago, Yiddish has fallen on hard times, with fewer people using it.

I am looking to see whether there is interest at Congregation Beth Shalom in a forming a group that wants to meet to use the language, sing songs and hear music, hear tales and do other things that promote Yiddish and the culture that surrounds the language.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in a Yiddish Group. If there is someone who speaks Yiddish well that would be a big plus — please let me know if you have that ability.

Anita Clifford (662-2130, niewdnarb@yahoo.com)



Kudos n' Mazels

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

- **Eric Miller**, for his recently published letter in the Nov. 11th TBT on hiring veterans.
- **Janice Perelman & Anita Clifford** and the Adult Ed committee for their continuing work on bringing high quality programming to CBS.
- **Lauren Weisman** for hosting the first BESTY Bonfire—the Youth Group's first social event of the year.
- **Jim Pelk** for mounting the RS tiles display in the back courtyard—they look wonderful!
- **Toby Koch**, for filling in and keeping the office running in Mags' unexpected absence.



Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment or who has gone above and beyond, whether here at the temple or in their every day lives? If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.



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TempleKeeping Tips: Shared Resources

“Sharing is Caring” was what many of us were taught as early as we can remember; and we continue to set that example and teach those same lessons to our children. Here at CBS, we share a lot of our time and our resources to make our temple a warm, inviting, and exciting place to be!



TempleKeeping Tips

As we continue to share what the temple has to offer, it's important to care about all of the other activities and groups that may be using those same resources, and care about the items we use so they can last a long time and be available to everyone when needed.

The Buildings & Grounds committee will be developing a Storage Area plan so that everyone will have a clear understanding of where things belong, but until then, an easy rule of thumb would be to simply put things back in the same place as they were found. Our new storage room is a great space, and can fit everything that's in there....when it's placed back correctly.

Here's a quick list on how some of our most shared items should be stored if you need to use them:

Tables: The long, 8 foot tables should be placed upright on their short end just to right of the entrance to the storage room.

Tables: Our 6 foot banquet style tables (both wide and narrow widths) should be stored on their long side on the cart directly in front of you when entering the storage room.

Tables: Our 4 large rounds and 1 small round should be stored on the diagonally placed cart in the right corner of the area. Please do not roll these tables, as tempting as it is. They are not built to withstand that pressure, and we've had to dispose of a few of them that have buckled from that type of handling. The entire cart can be rolled to place the tables.

Chairs: The temple has 72 folding chairs. Our chair rack holds 50 when stacked appropriately. Chairs should be stacked no more than 10 high for safety reasons, and 2 sit adjacent to the rack.

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PLEASE BRING EMPTY PRINTER CARTRIDGES TO THE SYNAGOGUE AND PLACE THEM IN THE LARGE BOX AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE

If you have a business (or work with one), you can still order boxes for the business and recycle empty print cartridges directly at the business without bringing them to the synagogue.

To order free boxes for business recycling:

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On the **log in** page, skip down and click on **"Create Account."**

Fill out the registration form for the business. Pick "charity." Then pick CBS.



After you register, log in to your account to order boxes to collect your empties.

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Cancer Support Group



The CBS Cancer Support Group is pleased to announce Rabbi Torop will be our guest speaker on Thursday, December 12. Rabbi Torop will discuss "The Things People Say – and Shouldn't Say – to Friends with Cancer: What We Have Learned, What We Want Others to Know, and What Jewish Tradition Teaches."

Please join us at 7:30 pm for this wonderful talk; all cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and those affected by cancer in any way are welcome to attend. Snacks will be served! For more information contact Rudina Richter at rudinarichter@gmail.com or Cynthia Goldstein-Hart at cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com.

PURIM SPIEL 2014 – BE A PART OF IT!

It may seem far away, but it's time to start thinking about the Purim spiel (oy, already)! This year's show will be presented on **Saturday, March 15.**



This year Anna Brubaker and her writing team (and if you'd like to be a member of that team, wonderful!) will create the show. In Anna's shows, everyone who wants a role gets one – potential cast members will have the opportunity to talk with Anna about what kind of role they

want in the show. There will be singing/speaking, speaking only, singing only, and non-speaking roles. Minimal choreography will be involved. There will also be ways for people who don't want to be onstage to participate, like helping with costuming, set design, etc.

The Purim spiel is a fun way to celebrate a traditionally "fun" holiday. Anyone, regardless of acting or singing experience, is welcome to participate. People of all ages are encouraged to join in the production. Performers will be able to use cards on stage to help them with their lines – memorization is not required.

Watch the CBS E-blast in the coming weeks, as well as the CBS Facebook page, for more specific information. The first organizational meeting will most likely be held **Sunday, January 5. Rehearsals will begin the week after that.**

If you'd like to be a part of this production, please contact Gail Verlin at 988-8193 or at gverlin@verlingroup.com and let her know of your interest and any questions you may have. Script-writing meetings will begin in late November, and creative team members will likely need to attend 1-2 more weeknight meetings in December to iron out the script in time for January rehearsals.



Together, we can make birthday wishes come true!

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am creating **Birthday Boxes** for families that benefit from the food pantry at Tampa Jewish Family Services. Families will be provided an age-appropriate birthday box so their child can have a party... just like their friends!

What is a **BIRTHDAY BOX?** A Birthday Box includes items needed for a party of 8 friends: Invitations, Plates, Cups, Napkins, Tablecloth, Silverware, Balloons, Streamers, Birthday Candles, Cake Mix & Frosting.

Please contact Liz Pelk, pelk@verizon.net, if you would like to help support my project! Please visit my Facebook Page at Liz's Birthday Box Project. Thank you!



**2013 Women of Distinction
Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013 7PM**

Tampa Jewish Federations Women's Philanthropy invites you to celebrate with us as we honor the dedicated women leaders of our Jewish community organizations at The Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program followed by a dessert reception. For more information on ticket prices and location, contact Alissa Fischel at 813-769-4726 .

This year's CBS honoree is Joan Frankel.
Don't miss the opportunity to support Joan as she receives this much-deserved award!

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Congregational Funds

Please call the temple to make a donation to any of the following funds. Donations are traditionally multiples of \$18 but can be any amount you wish.

Building Fund — A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements as well as major building repairs.

Beth Shalom's Endowment Fund — This fund ensures Beth Shalom's presence in the future.

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, anniversary, births, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund — A fund for assistance to needy families, scholarship assistance, interfaith council, Holocaust Museum, and other endeavors.

Adopt a Book — A \$54 donation in memory of a loved one, or can mark a simcha. Dedication marked on the inside cover of the book.

Yahrzeit — to commemorate the anniversary of the death of a loved one.

Bricklet Card — For as little as \$9.00 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.

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.

Donations listed below were received between October 16 and November 15.

Bricklet	Joan Frankel	In Memory of Sharon Leibowitz
Bricklet	Laurie & Joel Edelson	In Honor of Mark & Donna Mart as Israel Bonds Honorees
Bricklet	Laurie & Joel Edelson	In Honor of Joan Frankel as a 2013 Woman of Distinction
Yahrzeit Donation	Laurie & Joel Edelson	In Memory of Rita Dufresne
Yahrzeit Donation	Mark, Dorothy, & Sean Berdit	In Memory of Michael P. Gunn
Yahrzeit Donation	Mark, Dorothy, & Sean Berdit	In Memory of Eleanor Blake
Yahrzeit Donation	Mark, Dorothy, & Sean Berdit	In Memory of James Gunn
Yahrzeit Donation	Mark, Dorothy, & Sean Berdit	In Memory of Dorothy M. Gunn
Yahrzeit Donation	Mark, Dorothy, & Sean Berdit	In Memory of Irene B. Fagan
*Adopt-a-Book	Anita Clifford	In Memory of Morris Brandwein

*In last month's Kibbitzer, we unintentionally omitted the honoree information for a donation. This is a correction.





Anniversaries

12/6	Russell & Elise	Berman
12/21	Donny & Kimberly	Smoak
12/21	Larry & Lynn	Kaler
12/27	Michael & Gail	Verlin
12/28	Milton & Phyllis	Newman
12/31	Randy & Danita	Freedman

Yahrzeits



12/2	Abraham	Kaplan	Father	of Elisa	Criden
12/3	Stanley	Debois	Father	of Mary Ellen	Flaks
12/4	Robert Stanley	Greenfield	Father	of Andrew	Greenfield
12/6	Charles Arnold	Hoffman	Husband	of Anita	Hoffman
12/8	Gene	VanDevender	Father	of Hank	Mart
12/8	Eleanor	Kaplan	Grandmother	of Lauren	Davis
12/9	David	Gamse	Father	of Jane	Gamse-Fournier
12/10	Gloria	Bolnick	Mother	of Jay	Bolnick
12/11	Rose	Frye	Grandmother	of Kevin	Frye
12/11	Ann	Edelson	Grandmother	of Joel	Edelson
12/12	Harry	May	Uncle	of David	Richter
12/13	Martin	Tabak	Father	of Gabe	Tabak
12/13	Ben	Hyman	Grandfather	of Jane	Gamse-Fournier
12/13	Anita	Collack	Mother	of Randy	Collack
12/14	Morton	Rabinowitz	Father	of Mark	Rabinowitz
12/15	Gus	Braunstein	Grandfather	of Hank	Mart
12/16	Esther	Fox	Grandmother	of Jill	Tyree
12/17	Lillian	Shames	Sister	of Evelyn	Sanders &
			Aunt	of Sheila	Slavkin
12/17	Schura	Dimant	Mother	of Murray	Dimant
12/17	Pat	Bricklin	Cousin	of Steve	Feldman
12/17	Rebecca	Wolfe	Grandmother	of Natasha	Rieger
12/19	Craig Morris	Neuman	Husband	of Collette	Neumann
12/19	Dorothy	Saxe	Relative	of Leslie	Will
12/19	Robert	Jordan	Father	of Cynthia	Posner
12/20	Anna Stepanovna	Simashkova	Stepgrandmother	of Anna	Money maker
12/20	Harold	Ohman	Uncle	of Cynthia	Goldstein-Hart
12/22	Lina Ruth	Richter	Mother	of David	Richter
12/22	Anna	Pearlstein	Grandmother	of Kevin	Frye
12/23	David	Sanders	Husband	of Evelyn	Sanders &
			Stepfather	of Sheila	Slavkin
12/24	Alyssa Madison	Schwab-Powell	Daughter	of Paulette	Schwab-Powell
12/25	Seth	Weiner	Friend	of Errol	Fishman
12/26	Margot	Boraks	Mother	of Renate	Greenfield
12/26	Marilyn	Stockelman	Mother-in-Law	of Christine	Stockelman
12/26	Virginia	Finke	Mother	of Mark	Finke
12/28	Sally	Bloom	Mother	of Gail	Verlin
12/28	Lazar	Gold	Father	of Marty	Gold
12/30	Louis	Verlin	Father	of Michael	Verlin
12/31	Bob	Finkel	Cousin	of Steve	Feldman
12/31	Aaron	Ferman	Grandfather	of Joel	Edelson



Birthdays

12/2	Jackson	McCormick
12/3	Samantha	Frost
12/3	Ben	Santucci
12/5	Rachelle	Schiller
12/5	William	Tyree
12/5	Joshua	Freedman
12/7	Susan	Burkett
12/10	Danny	Nixon
12/11	Amy	Hertzberg
12/11	Judith	Pliner
12/14	Joshua	Katz
12/14	Jordan	Davis
12/14	Adam	Brubaker
12/15	Shane	Zweibach
12/17	Norman	Powell
12/17	Alexa	Cohen
12/18	Mordecai	Elazar
12/19	James	Pelk
12/21	Matt	Hebert
12/21	Russell	Berman
12/22	Raymond	Carapella
12/24	Jason	Miller
12/26	Daniel	Mart
12/27	Sheila	Cohen
12/29	Milton	Newman
12/29	Mark	Finke
12/30	Peter	Jacobson
12/31	Jonathan	Singer
12/31	Frank	Money maker

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.

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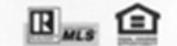
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chanukah Night 5 NO RS 10:00A AJU	2 Chanukah Night 6 7:30P Choir -SSv12/13	3 Chanukah Night 7 Tevet 6:30P Adult Ed Comm 7:30P Board Mtg	4 Chanukah Night 8 1 Tevet 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation 7:00P AJU	5 TBD Women of Distinction	6 7:45P Shabbat Svc.	7 10:00A Shabbat Svc 7:00P All Jazzed Up
8 9:30A RS 11:30A RS Fam. Svc. 6:00P Israel Bonds Dinner	9 7:30P Choir -SSv12/13	10 7:30P Adult Ed : Guest speaker, Affordable Health Care Act	11 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P BeSTY Mtg 7:30P Ritual Comm.	12 7:30P Choir -SSv12/13 7:30P Cancer Support	13 Kibbitzer Deadline Choir Sings 7:45P Shabbat Svc.	14 10:00A Shabbat Svc
15 9:30A RS 12:00P Pizza Fundraiser	16	17	18 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	19 7:30P Page Turners Preschool Teleconference Learning	20 7:45P Shabbat Svc.	21 10:00A Shabbat Svc BeSTY Bowling 5:30P(off site)
22 NO RS	23	24 Winter Break for Hillsborough County Public Schools	25 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	26	27 7:45P Shabbat Svc.	28 10:00A Shabbat Svc
29 NO RS	30 7:30P Exec. Comm.	31 New Year's Eve Winter Break for Hillsborough County Public Schools 5:15P I Am Hope Cafe	JAN 1 JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4	JAN 5
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