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From the Rabbi *By: Rabbi Betsy Torop*

Thanksgiving – Have you Gotten your Menurkey?

By now, most of you are aware that we will face a most unusual convergence of holidays this month. For virtually the first time, the first day of Chanukah will coincide with Thanksgiving. (The first candle is lit Wednesday night, making Thursday the actual first day of Chanukah.) The next time anything even close to this will occur is in 2070, when Thursday night will be the first night

of Chanukah. Over 79,000 years will pass until the night before Thanksgiving again coincides with the first candle. The Jewish calendar is a complicated balance between the lunar and solar calendars, mainly lunar. There are adjustments made (such as adding in certain years of a second month of Adar) so that the holidays remain seasonally appropriate. But, at a rate of four days per 1000 years, the Jewish calendar is gradually getting out of sync with the solar calendar, thus causing the Jewish calendar to slowly drift forward. (Confused? I don't blame you! Suffice it to say that this is a once-in-a-lifetime event.)

On the one hand, it's incredibly strange. We are used to talking about the "winter" holidays, making sure that holiday concerts include a Chanukah song and that office decorations include Chanukah symbols, too. But by the time all of this roles around, Chanukah will be long gone. The idea of intertwining a Jewish holiday such as Chanukah, with the most American of holidays – a holiday that unites us largely because it has a spiritual connection without being connected to any one religion – just seems strange.

But Chanukah and Thanksgiving complement each other beautifully. In actuality, they share much more in common than Chanukah and Christmas, which really have fewer shared spiritual themes. (The giving of presents, which we associate with Chanukah, is in fact an influence from Christmas and not intrinsic to the Jewish celebration of Chanukah.) But Chanukah and Thanksgiving? Now that's a pair. Both recall the fight for religious liberty. The pilgrims wanted to worship in their own way, free from persecution by the Church of England. The Maccabees rose up against the Syrian-Greeks who had forbidden the practice of Judaism. Both the pilgrims and the Maccabees speak to us of the qualities of courage, persistence and hope. The elements of gratitude – for the oil that miraculously lasted longer, for the harvest that succeeded against all odds – are integral to both Thanksgiving and Chanukah. Of course, both holidays are more complicated (and more problematic) than this simplest of descriptions. But at the most basic level, Chanukah on Thanksgiving makes perfect sense. Rather than being odd or strange, each holiday should be enriched and its meaning deepened by being celebrated in partnership with the other.

There is, of course, a thriving online dialogue about how to mark this unique event, which has come to be known as "Thanksgivingukah." Turkey brined in Manischewitz, cranberry-flavored applesauce for your latkes, and pumpkin-filled donuts are but a few possibilities. As for me, I plan to make my new menorah, a menurkey (designed by an entrepreneurial 9-year-old), the centerpiece of my holiday table. □



From the President - Hank Mart

This month's big THANK YOU goes out to Janice Perelman for organizing the Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Mark Glickman. All this was also made possible with the help of Michael Barnett, Anita Clifford, Yuval Freinle, Steve and Anna Feldman, Sheryl Finke, Judy Jacobson, Sandi Santucci, Steve and Sheila Slavkin, the youth group, and all the generous sponsors. Thank you all so much for providing an uplifting experience! Again, THANK YOU!

Moving on to this month's piece, Part Nine 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.

IX. You Shall Remember You Are a Non-Profit

Love labor, hate [the abuse of] power, and don't try to become the familiar friend of government. Pirke Avot 1:10

Non-profit status is a very important part of a healthy synagogue. As a non-profit, our synagogue is not required to pay taxes on the revenue we receive. We are automatically exempt because CBS is a house of worship. One way to show members, as well as vendors who do business with us, that the synagogue is truly a non-profit is by obtaining 501C3 non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service, which we obtained many years ago. This is not a requirement; however, it gives confidence to synagogue members that their contributions are tax-deductible.

In addition, the Board of Directors is charged with the fiduciary duty of responsible fiscal management. In order to fulfill this obligation, someone must review the books from time to time. We accomplished this last year with an official audit from the accounting firm of Hamilton and Phillips P.A. I am extremely pleased to say we only had a few minor areas to shore up, which

we are working on each and every month. Furthermore, this year we hired a part-time bookkeeper to pay the bills and salaries, manage the checking and savings accounts, keep track of the contributions and donations, and manage other day-to-day affairs. By the way, our bookkeeper's name is Ann Stuck, who has earned the professional designation as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).



Nevertheless, as a non-profit organization, I wanted to let you know the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee, headed by Jon Ellis, is working extremely hard to ensure the Temple's funds are managed in the most judicious way possible.

In closing, I wanted to give an update to you on the status for the High Holy Day Campaign. As of Oct 13, a total of 51 congregants and 23 non-members have generously given over \$25,000 towards the betterment of the Congregation Beth Shalom. Remember our **GOAL** is to have all 155 families put forth a **significant and meaningful donation**. We still have a ways to go until we have 100 percent participation; however, I know we will exceed this year's goals!

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

— Winston Churchill

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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, Saturday worship services at 10:00 AM**
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November Dates to Remember!!!!

- **Sunday, Nov. 3, 11:15 a.m.** — Camp Coleman presentation
- **Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.** — Cancer Support Group Meeting
- **Friday, Nov. 15, 7:45 p.m.** — Shabbat service led by the 7th grade.
- **Sunday, Nov. 17** — 2nd/3rd Grade Religious School Program: My Room is a Holy Place
- **Sunday, Nov. 24** — Religious School Chanukah Program.
- **Friday, Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m.** — **Shabbat and Chanukah Celebration. (BYO menorah and 4 candles)**
- **Thursday, Dec. 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** — **Women of Distinction Program.** CBS Honoree: Joan Frankel. See page 11 for details.
- **Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.** — **Israel Bonds Dinner.** CBS Honorees: Hank and Donna Mart. See page 6 for details.

Religious Education & Youth activities on page 7.

Full calendar on page 15 .

November 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

- Nov. 1 Sue Burkett's daughter, Becca, will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah, and her class will host the Oneg in her honor.
- Nov. 8 Lauren & Jeff Shaw's son, Jordan, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah, and his class will host the Oneg in his honor.
- Nov. 15 Diane & Peter Jacobson as a Temple Mitzvah.
- Nov. 22 Sheila & Errol Fishman in honor of their 43rd anniversary.
- Nov. 29 Ira Ratner as a Temple Mitzvah. (Ira is also providing an appetizer nosh at 6 p.m., prior to services.)

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN ONEG!

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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bethshalominfo@gmail.com

eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 6:00pm



Join The Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases at Miami Children's Hospital in collaboration with Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon for an educational evening about Jewish Genetic Diseases

Date: November 21, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon
706 Bryan Road
Brandon, FL 33511

Dr. Parul Jayakar: What's in Your Genes?
What We Need to Know About Jewish Genetic Diseases

To RSVP and for more information, please email
 Anita Clifford at niewdnarb@yahoo.com



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Make check payable to "Congregation Beth Shalom", contact the synagogue to charge your CBS account or purchase tickets each Sunday morning 10 a.m.– noon at the synagogue. Cash, check and charge accepted. You may also purchase tickets from any AJU Committee member. Tickets will only be available at the door the night of the event if there are any left at that time.

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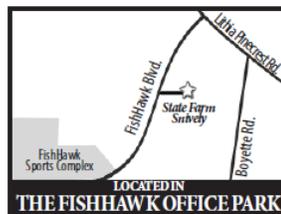
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Book Discussion Group 2013 – 2014 Reading List and Schedule

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 *The 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



Sunday Nov. 3 at 11:15 a.m.

Do you have plans for summer 2014? Do you want the experience of a lifetime? Then URJ Camp Coleman is for you!

Join us for a special presentation from Diana Bloom, Head Counselor at Camp Coleman! Learn about all that Camp Coleman has to offer — zip line, archery, music, pottery, metal working, Israeli culture, music, creative prayer... and more!

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group will hold its Chanukah Party on Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. Come celebrate the joy of the upcoming "Thanksgivinukkah" with us and enjoy a nosh! For more information contact Rudina Richter at rudinarichter@gmail.com or Cynthia Goldstein-Hart at cgoldsteinhart@gmail.com.

Kudos n' Mazels

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

- Janice Perelman and the Adult Ed committee for their work on arranging our upcoming Scholar-in-Residence program.
- Seth Dugan & Melissa Villasin for putting on the (what we hope to be "first") RS Wii Fest!
- Mags Oldman for volunteering for the role of Youth Group Advisor.
- Lis Cohen for chaperoning the CBS BESTY (Youth Group) contingency to the Fall Kallah!

Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment? If so, email the name and accomplishment to cb-admin@hotmail.com.



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Cocktail Supper and Dessert

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

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**CBS Honorees:
Donna and Hank Mart**

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



Education - Amy Weinstein

Religious School is off to a great start. I invite everyone to come by the temple on any Sunday morning to see all the excitement!

October was a busy month for us. We held our first ever “Wii Day!” It was a huge success. Wii tournaments were played with enthusiasm. There was a giant Twister-like board and even a dance club. Please check out the pictures on our Facebook page. We will be hosting another Wii day in the spring. I hope even more students will take the opportunity to come and play with their religious-school friends.

Our 4th-graders led Shabbat services last month. Thanks to Marcia Loam for her dedication as the 4th-grade teacher along with Rebecca Smith as our aide. The students did a nice job leading prayer and sharing their thoughts regarding being asked to move to an unknown destination. Thanks also go out to our families for sponsoring the Oneg.

I am very excited to receive my Beth Shalom Religious School T-shirt. I cannot wait to see Landon Holschauer’s award winning-design come to life on a shirt. I hope you remembered to order yours. If not, please see Natasha Reiger to order one.

As you can see, we have a lot going on each week. Please make Sunday School a priority in your weekly schedule. There’s just too much happening to miss out.

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



Religious School students compete in first Wii Fest on Oct. 6. The Wii Fest/Pizza Party raised funds to benefit the Religious School.

Important November Dates:

- 11/3 Religious School & Parent Association Meeting (9:45 a.m.)
- 11/6 Hebrew School & Confirmation
- 11/10 No Religious School (TBJEC annual teacher in-service)
- 11/13 Hebrew School
- 11/15 Family Shabbat Service- led by 5th & 6th grade (7:00 p.m.)
- 11/17 Religious School 2/3 Family Program & Pizza Fundraiser
- 11/20 Hebrew School & Confirmation
- 11/24 Religious School – Chanukah Celebration Torah Tots (9:45 a.m.)
- 11/27 No Hebrew (Thanksgiving Holiday)



Hanukkah Story Art - November 10

This special event is ideal for ages preschool through second grade, but all children are welcome with an adult. We need a minimum of eight children to participate.

Sunday, November 10 at 10:00am

\$12 per child (includes a dreidel to paint)

Kiddie cups of ice cream an additional \$1

Other Judaic pottery is available to paint and/or you can make a hand print menorah on a plate for an additional charge.

RSVP to Elise Berman at elise_berman@yahoo.com
by November 5.

B’nai Mitzvah Tutoring

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



B’nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to the following students for becoming B’Nai Mitzvah in November.

November 2—Becca Burkett

November 9 - Jordan Shaw

KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

The concurrence of Thanksgiving and the Jewish holiday of Chanukah this year aroused a moment of reflection for me. I thought about the musical selection, *Modim Anachnu Lach* by Rachel Nelson, that Kolot Shalom has sung a number of times in commemoration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Modim anachnu lach, shaatah hu Adonai Eloheinu
v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu l'olam va-ed.

(We acknowledge with thanks that You are Adonai,
our God and the God of our ancestors, forever.)

This has always been one of our favorite selections of music, so I began researching the prayer. Rabbi Richard Sarason writes: "The two words in the English language that cannot be spoken enough are Thank you. That pertains as well to our stance vis-à-vis God. The rabbinic tradition that we cite ...likenes the person who concludes his or her prayer to a servant who has received from his master the gift that he has requested and now departs with an expression of gratitude. In fact, the gifts that are enumerated in this blessing are the ones that we often take most for granted — until we lose them: our lives which are in Your hand, our souls which are in Your care, Your miracles that we experience every day, and Your wondrous deeds and favors at every time of day: evening, morning, and noon. These daily miracles —t he so-called little things — in reality are the big things."

Rabbi Moshe Goldberger suggests that, "the Hebrew word *modim* has a gematria of 100. This is an indication of our obligation to give thanks at least one hundred times every day. We thank You for everything because it is all from You. One who says *Modim* properly is

considered to have fulfilled all 100 brachos!" Now I was really getting hooked on this prayer. I wondered if this advice included the gratitude list I make each night?

Reading on, I found the work of Rabbi Shalom Arush, which says the translation of *modim anachnu lach* "is not just 'we thank You,' but rather 'we admit to You,' because a person's ability to give thanks is based on his ability to admit that he/she is incomplete... and that he/she needed the favors and kindnesses of someone else," in this case, God. "The greater the gifts that we receive from someone, the more difficult it is to say 'thank you,' because a greater gift indicates our greater need."

Wow. This is heady stuff, right? At any rate, to continue on this line, I remember that in the Shabbat morning service in the *Mishkan T'filah*, there is also a poetic version of *Modim* that lists the many things we are grateful for.

Now for the connection to Chanukah. Remember those miracles? Well, at Chanukah we insert in *Modim* an expression of gratitude 'for the miracles, and for the redemption for the mighty deeds and saving acts, brought about by our God.'

This quick Torah study has given new life to the prayer of *Modim anachnu lach* for me, and I am exhilarated by the overlap of Thanksgiving and Chanukah, not because the Roman and Jewish calendars collide, but because liturgically they both offer hope, gratitude and *chassidim* (acts of loving kindness.) I invite you all to hear the choir sing *Modim* once more on November 8th.

Wishing you all a peaceful holiday season.

Joan Frankel

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BeSTY—CBS Youth Group

BeSTY Youth Group Meeting—November 13th 6:30 pm

BeSTY Bonfire—November 16th 7:00 pm

Parents Night Out—Sunday, Nov. 24th 6—9 PM Take some time for yourselves, before Chanukah and Thanksgiving and spend the evening however you choose. We'll take care of the kids for you! Check the weekly e-blasts for more information.

BeSTY Youth Group Meeting—December 11th 6:30 pm

BeSTY Bowling—December 21st

BeSTY is open to CBS youth in 8th grade and up! Details about the particular events are communicated with BeSTY Members only. Contact the Temple office for more info.

TempleKeeping Tips: The Kitchen

At such an active synagogue, our beautiful kitchen gets a lot of use. From class projects to B'nai Mitzvah celebrations, the new facility (it was renovated in 2012) has been a wonderful enhancement to our temple life.



TempleKeeping Tips

While we do have an Oneg Committee that takes the time to contact our members and coordinate Oneg hosting throughout the year, they are not responsible for the upkeep of the kitchen and its contents (for either special occasions or our weekly Shabbat Onegs). This falls to all of use who use it, similar to your kitchen at home. So when you have an event that uses the kitchen, or you are our Oneg host (or part of a larger group sharing the hosting), please take the time to read the instruction sheet that's typically provided to you and is conveniently mounted on the wall of the kitchen. Following is a simplified list of things to keep in mind:

- ◆ If you use towels or tablecloths, it is your responsibility to take them home and launder them.
- ◆ Dishes should be washed in the three-tub sink, dried, and placed back in their respective cabinets.
- ◆ Hand-washing should only be done in the small hand-washing sink that is next to the refrigerator.
- ◆ Please be sure to wipe down all the counters and sweep the floors.
- ◆ If the trash can is full, that trash should be removed and taken to the dumpster.
- ◆ Replacement bags can be found in the cabinet aptly marked Trash Bags.

What folks may not realize is that if everyone leaves before the kitchen is cleaned, there is not a staff who comes in to clean up afterward. Ideally, one should leave the kitchen in better condition than you found it — a golden rule for any shared facility. Together we can keep our kitchen pristine and ready for use at any time.

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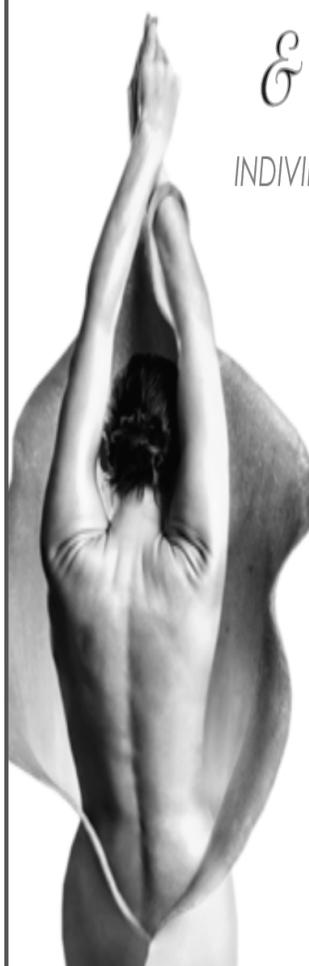
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Mark & Sheryl	Finke	Chai	Marcia	Weiner	Chaverim
Barbara	Glaser	Chai	Amy & Dan	Weinstein	Chaverim
Renate	Greenfield	Chai	Toby Koch & Alan	Weiss	Chaverim
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The Social Action Committee will be adopting our own congregant families who need our help during this Chanukah season. **We will begin to collect gift cards now and continue until the end of November.**

We will be collecting gift cards from stores such as Target, Wal-Mart and your favorite food stores. Please deposit the cards in the social action box or give them to Mags in the Temple office. If the cost of a card is too great, please partner with a friend or give the money to Mags, and a member of the Committee will purchase the card for you.

Thank you for your help. Have a wonderful holiday!!!!

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This year's CBS honoree is Joan Frankel.

Don't miss the opportunity to support Joan as she receives this much-deserved award!

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.

Donations

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	Steve & Sheila Slavkin	In Memory of Sharon Leibowitz
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Bricklet	Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker	In Memory of Sharon Leibowitz
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Bricklet	Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker	In Memory of Mary Burton
Bricklet	Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker	In Gratitude to Ann Stuck
Bricklet	Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker	In Honor of Hank Mart
Bricklet	Peter & Diane Jacobson	In Memory of Marilyn Winters
Bricklet	Arline Shapiro	In Honor of Joan Frankel
Bricklet	Arline Shapiro	In honor of Gerald & Judith Pliner
Bricklet	Arline Shapiro	In Honor of Mike Lubin
Adopt a Book	Anita Clifford	
Food Bank	Steve & Sheila Slavkin	
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Steve & Sheila Slavkin	
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Ruth Goldberg	In memory of Herb Goldberg
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Murray & Jerilyn Dimant	In Memory of Jerilyn's father, John Cassidy
Religious School Scholarship Fund	Murray & Jerilyn Dimant	In Memory of Jerilyn's father, John Cassidy
Retreat Sponsorship	Keith & Debra Balot	
Scholar in Residence	Renate Greenfield	
Scholar in Residence	David & Rudina Richter	
Scholar in Residence	Milt & Phyllis Newman	
Scholar in Residence	Steve & Anna Feldman	
Scholar in Residence	Joan Frankel	
Scholar in Residence	Janice Perelman	
Yahrzeit Donation	Eunice Rifkin	In Memory of Frieda & George Moravnick
Yahrzeit Donation	Eunice Rifkin	In Memory of Melvin Rifkin
Yahrzeit Donation	Steve & Anna Feldman	In Memory of Florence Finkel

If your donation is incorrectly listed or omitted, please notify the temple office immediately. We strive to provide the most accurate information we have on record at the time of publication. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Our Congregation



Anniversaries

11/14	Byron & Marina	Baker
11/7	Scott & Kelley	Ellis
11/16	Brandon & Tiffany	Feldman
11/13	Jane & Howard	Fournier
11/1	Tami & Robert	Hahn
11/2	Randi & Daniel	Lannak
11/28	Michael & Cheryl	Lubin
11/12	Iylene & Jeffrey	Miller
11/2	David & Linda	Young



Birthdays

11/1	Stephen	Feldman
11/1	Anita	Hoffman
11/1	Leah Morgan	Villasin
11/2	Olivia	Murray
11/4	Elissa	Saavedra
11/5	Jonathan	Ellis
11/5	Jacob	Epstein
11/5	Heidi	Rojas
11/6	Abigail	Hernandez
11/6	Laura	Kaler
11/6	Michael	Meyers
11/8	David	Goldberg
11/9	Brandon	Feldman
11/9	Ira	Ratner
11/10	Aidan	Collack
11/11	Debra	Davis
11/13	Emma Marie	Osborn
11/13	Scott	Pitchon
11/13	Clifford	Will
11/15	Rachel	Pitchon
11/15	Julie	Shienbaum
11/16	Isabel	Hernandez
11/16	Rabbi Michael	Torop
11/17	Anna	Brubaker
11/17	Erica	Flaks
11/18	Jordan	Oppolo
11/18	Madison	Oppolo
11/18	Kayce	Powell
11/19	Cassandra	Cohen
11/19	William	Kalbas
11/19	Laurie	Noyes
11/19	Linda	Young
11/20	Ken	Buchman
11/22	Sarah	Baker
11/23	Sara	Goodman
11/25	Carol Anne	Friedman
11/26	Rachel	Freedman
11/26	Elizabeth	Pelk
11/26	Karen Goldberg	Pitchon
11/28	Keren	Vergon

Yahrzeits



11/1	George	Santucci	Husband of	Sandy	Santucci
11/2	Christa	Dempsey	Mother of	Mark	Dempsey
11/2	Max	Hershkowitz	Father of	Phyllis	Newman
11/2	Mark	Kramer	Friend of	Zsa	Lobel
11/6	David	Cramer	Husband of	Laurel	Cramer
11/6	Gloria	Goldberg	Mother of	Brenda	Gold
11/7	Marshall	Silber	Brother of	Joanne	Ronay
11/11	Irene	Fagan	Great-grandmother of	Jessica	Beredit
11/15	Celia	Faber	Grandmother of	Dale	Wozniak
11/15	Eleanor	Fagan-Blake	Grandmother of	Jessica	Beredit
11/15	Minnie	Feinberg	Cousin of	Sophia	Brenner
11/15	Anette	Feldman	Mother of	Stephen	Feldman
11/15	Samuel	Richter	Grandfather of	David	Richter
11/18	Sandy	Kurtz	Mother of	Pam	Provenzano
11/18	Pearl	Lasky	Grandmother of	Michelle	Dempsey
11/18	Douglas	Miller	Brother of	Eric	Miller
11/18	Geoffrey	Miller	Brother of	Eric	Miller
11/21	Irving	Balot	Father of	Keith	Balot
11/21	Phyllis	Jordan	Mother of	Cynthia	Posner
11/21	Loretta	Levinton	Mother of	Carol	Collack
11/22	Leonard	Edelson	Father of	Joel	Edelson
11/22	Joan	Sherer	Mother of	Carol	Roberts
11/23	Alice	Herzberg	Mother-in-law of	Gareth	Morgan
11/24	Clara	May	Grandmother of	David	Richter
11/24	Dorothy	Rausch	Grandmother of	Kelley	Ellis
11/25	Harold	Landfish	Father of	Nancy	Landfish
11/27	Elaine	Freedman	Mother of	Randy	Freedman
11/28	Jenny	Siegel	Grandmother of	Eric	Miller
11/29	Stephen	Meyers	Father of	Michael	Meyers
11/30	Rose	Levine	Mother of	Sara	Goodman
11/30	Ron	Miller	Uncle of	Russell	Berman
11/30	Seymour	Ponemon	Father of	Arthur	Ponemon

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Calendar is subject to change. Please check with the Admin. Office if you are planning an event or meeting.</p>						
<p>Grey squares indicate office closure.</p>						
3 <i>Kislev</i> 9:30A Religious School 9:45A RSPA 10:00A AJU 11:15A Camp Coleman Presentation	4 (1 <i>Kislev</i>) 7:30P Choir—SSvii/8	5 6:30P Adult Ed Committee 7:30P Board Meeting	6 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	7 7:30P Choir—SSvii/8	8 Kibbitzer Deadline 7:45P Shabbat Service <i>Choir Sings</i>	9 10:00A Shabbat Service Shaw Bar Mitzvah
10 NO Religious School 10:00A Hanukkah 10:00A AJU 2:00P Kristallnacht @ Holocaust Museum	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>No Public School</i> <i>No Choir</i>	12	13 6:15P Hebrew School 7:30P Youth Group 7:30P Ritual Committee	14 7:30P Cancer Support TBD JCC Campaign Opening Event	15 7:00P Shabbat Service 5th/6th Gr. Fam. Shabbat	16 10:00A Shabbat Service BeSTY Bonfire 7:00 pm (offsite)
17 9:30A Religious School 2nd/3rd Gr. Fam. Pgm Noon RS Pizza Fundraiser	18 7:30P Choir	19 7:30P Choir	20 6:15P Hebrew School 6:30P Confirmation	21 7:30P Adult Ed Guest Speaker: Genetic Diseases	22 7:45P Shabbat Service	23 10:00A Shabbat Service
24 9:30A Religious School Chanukah Celebration 9:45A Torah Tots 10:00A AJU Off Site Parents Night Out 6:00 pm	25 <i>No Choir</i>	26 7:30P Exec. Comm.	27 <i>Chanukah Night 1</i>	28 <i>Chanukah Night 2</i> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29 <i>Chanukah Night 3</i>	30 <i>Chanukah Night 4</i> 10:00A Shabbat Service TBD PJ Library Chanukah Play



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