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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Why Would I Talk to the Rabbi About That?!?



During our Tikkun Leil Shavuot, our late-night learning session last month, Sheila Fishman taught a session on the Niddah, the laws of menstruation. We learned together that for those who observe the laws of Niddah, if they are unsure if their menstrual cycle has ended, they would consult the rabbi.

As you might imagine many in the room balked at the idea that menstruation is something someone would discuss with their rabbi. Some also wondered why one might discuss their sex lives with the rabbi. Why would someone ever want to talk about something so private, so personal, so mundane with the rabbi? Isn't the rabbi busy enough? Don't they have other things they need to focus on? Yet those who observe Niddah, see this as an important spiritual practice. Taking something bodily, ordinary, regular and asking, "What does Judaism say about this? How can this too be holy or spiritual?"

While none of you have come to me to discuss menstruation, at times, I have heard similar comments. "Rabbi, I know you are busy so I didn't want to bother you with ..." Often, these are things I feel as a rabbi I should know. Sometimes it is about a loved one who is sick. Other times it is about financial concerns. Yet, other times it is simply someone needing another person who will sit and listen to what has been going on in their lives.

A Note About Pastoral Care

Rabbi Bryan wants to know when congregants are in need of pastoral care. This includes but is not limited to: when our congregants or their family members are in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or otherwise may need support. If you hear about a congregant in need please contact Rabbi Bryan directly at rabbibryanmann@gmail.com and/or 857-728-4792. Do not assume because you told another congregant, a board member, or even Jenny, that Rabbi Bryan knows who is in need of pastoral care.

Some of you may have had a similar reaction to those when we talked about Niddah, "Why would I talk to the rabbi about that?" It is possible you feel well supported by friends, other professionals, and feel like, "I have someone to talk to already." If so, that is great. You are in no way obligated to come to me, but I want to remind you that my role is more than just a Shabbat service leader and educator. I am here to support you through the rough times, celebrate with you in joyous occasions, hear about how current events are affecting you, and everything in between.

In my mind, what makes a rabbi different than a therapist or friend is that we can bring Jewish tradition into what you are dealing with. Sometimes this looks like singing together Jewish songs of comfort. Sometimes this looks like thinking about a family conflict through the lens of Musar, Jewish character development (for lack of a better term). Sometimes it is using Biblical, Talmudic, Hasidic, and other Jewish stories to reflect on whatever you are dealing with.

Often pastoral care is getting emotional and spiritual support from a rabbi when someone is sick or dying. This can be support for the person themselves and/or their loved ones and care givers. Pastoral care can also simply be a one-on-one conversation with a rabbi to talk about what is on your hearts and minds. If you ever want to meet with me, my door is open.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

Thoughts As My Term Begins

The Retreat

The synagogue's first congregational-wide retreat is to take place Sunday, July 14, at 10 a.m. I encourage each of you to attend. We will be focusing on whether we are fulfilling our mission statement. I and the board want to know what is working and what needs improvement. Are we meeting your needs? What can we do better? This retreat is designed to hear you, your comments and what we as a synagogue can do to better meeting your needs. Please try to attend. More information is on page 5 about this event.

The Rabbi

Rabbi Bryan Mann has been here for a year. How well do you know him? If you have not already, please think about inviting Rabbi Bryan to your house for a meal, out to eat or even just out for coffee. The relationship between a rabbi and a congregational member is an important one. And it is important our membership make a special effort to get to know Rabbi Bryan. We are hoping that each member or family unit will reach out to the rabbi over the next few months and schedule some time personal time with him. We hope these relationships with the rabbi develop before a time of crises, need or lifecycle event. Knowing your rabbi makes a life cycle event over which the rabbi is officiating that much more meaningful. At times of crises need, it helps to know the rabbi before you have to seek his assistance. And for those families with children in the religious school, it would be nice to know the rabbi in a more casual setting before b'nai mitzvah. Just as importantly your friendship with Rabbi Bryan will go a long way to help him adjust to his first congregational position as a rabbi, to feel at home in Brandon.

Transparency

A few members have mentioned to me they would like to see greater openness and transparency regarding Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon. As a result of these request and barring sensitive matters for which confidentiality is paramount, I would like to open the board meetings to all members who would like to observe. This is your congregation and you should be able to see your board at board meetings. Board meetings are usually at the synagogue on the first Tuesday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. (except for the July 2019 meeting which will take place Monday, July 8, due to the July 4th holiday. If you are attending, please make sure you confirm the date, to the extent the date of a board meetings changes.

The Third Opinion

There is a new Jewish/pro Israel show airing on WMNF, hosted by Laureen Jaffe and Mike Deeson. It was a painful journey for our community to obtain a 1- hour show on WMNF Sundays from noon to 1 p.m. While people are busy, *The Third Opinion* spotlights one of the very few times WMNF actually airs a pro-Israel position. It and the Sunday Simcha, which immediately follows, provide our community with both a Jewish voice and Jewish entertain-

ment over the airwaves in the Tampa Bay area. If you have the time, please listen. If you would like to donate to WMNF, please consider doing so when these shows are on the air and mention these shows in your donation. It is important to our community that both these shows not only survive, but thrive.



Thank You

Lastly, I want to give a special shout out to Mitch and Suzie Baylis. There are a number of individuals and families that do a lot for the synagogue. Few of our single-family units do more than the Baylises. I have yet to be at a synagogue event at which one of the Baylises is not assisting with the event, volunteering at the event or lending a helping hand to those who are. Our synagogue relies heavily on volunteers and Mitch and Suzie Baylis have raised the bar high for everyone else. If no one tells you thank you, on behalf of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon, I want to say thank you Suzie and Mitch for all you do! Thank you. Both of you have helped make us a better place.



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- ✧ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✧ **Youth group programming**
- ✧ **Adult Education classes**
- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**

Upcoming Dates to Remember



• **Saturday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.:** Mahjong and poker night. More information on page 11.

• **Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m.:** Congregation-wide retreat. More information on page 5.

• **Monday, July 15, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information can be found on page 10.

• **Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanach.

• **Saturday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.:** Mahjong and poker night. More information on page 11.



• **Sunday, July 28, noon- 1:30 p.m.:** BeSTY ice cream and pizza social. See page 10 for more information.

• **Sunday, Aug. 4, 9:30 a.m. - noon:** Congregation Open House.

• **Saturday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanach.

• **Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m.:** First day of religious school. See page 7 for more information.

• **Sunday, Sept 8, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Teen mixer. See page 7 for more details.

*Religious Education Calendar, page 7;
Full calendar, page 15*



July 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 July.

• **July 5: Suzie & Mitch Baylis** will be hosting the oneg as a "Welcome Back Home Greeting" for their son, **Jared**.

• **July 12: David Richter** will be hosting the oneg in honor of **Rudina's** 70th birthday. Yay Rudina!

• **July 19: Anita Clifford** will host the oneg in honor of her birthday! Hooray Anita!

• **July 26: Janice Perelman** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, we want give a big shout out to our July oneg hosts!

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

*Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, Sue Reckner,
and Anita Hoffman*

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TAMPA JEWISH SINGLES

Tampa Jewish Singles invites everyone at Congregation Beth Shalom, single or not, to join us for a free film event.

We will see an original documentary, *Seders and Cigars*.

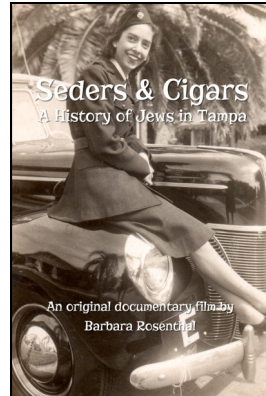
WHEN: Saturday, July 6, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(doors open at 1:30 p.m.)

WHERE: The Tampa Theatre, 711 North Franklin St.

This is a free film event, originally shown at The Jewish Film Festival this year. It's a history of Jews in Tampa. They came in the early 1900's and many of the buildings in Ybor City have their names. Learn the history of Jews in Tampa. Come see the newly refurbished Tampa Theatre, enjoy the free film, and stay cool in our film palace.

Following the screening, there will be a short discussion and audience Q&A session with the filmmaker, Barbara Rosenthal, who will provide a look into the intrepid world of independent documentary filmmaking.

Watch the trailer at <http://tampatheatre.org/movie/seders-cigars/>.



CBS Cookbook Coming Soon!

Congregation Beth Shalom is putting together something special, and which everyone can contribute to. We are going to create a CBS Cookbook.

More than a cookbook, we want to make it special and personal. We are looking for your Jewish recipes or related recipes. But more than a list of ingredients and directions, we want the story behind the recipe. We want this to be a book of memories as well as food.

If you have a favorite recipe that was given to you from a friend or a relative, we would like you to provide a short story on who that person was or how you got the recipe or what memories that recipe brings you.

We want to compile as many of these recipes or stories you have from all our members.

Don't have a recipe? Reach out to friends and relatives and ask them, then write a short intro on which you got this from. Have a great story but don't have the recipe, perhaps we can find it.

This cookbook will be compiled with pictures and be produced professionally; we are projecting a November deadline. Hopefully it will become a treasured book for everyone.

For more information or to email your recipe and story, contact all4suzie@gmail.com.

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Other Programs

CBS Singles Over 50

Anita Clifford

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Dinner With the Tribe

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

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Suzie and Mitch Baylis** and all those who helped organize and participated in the cruise show.
- Kudos to **Rabbi Bryan** for being the featured speaker at the Pride Shabbat at Congregation B'nai Israel.



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

MEMBERSHIP

Judith and Gail are always looking for new faces to join Congregation Beth Shalom. If you know anyone interested in joining our temple family, please send us their names and we'll be happy to contact them.

And don't forget about sharing our open house information with your friends and on your neighborhood websites and/or Facebook pages!

The membership ladies of Beth Shalom - Judith and Gail

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Temple-Wide Retreat

WHEN: Sunday July 14, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Congregation Beth Shalom

As we begin our new year, I believe it is time that we have a synagogue-wide retreat. The retreat will take place at the synagogue at the time set forth above. The entire congregation is invited, as well as former members.

Our Mission Statement is as follows:

The mission of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon is to help and encourage each member of the Congregation to participate in our synagogue, thus enhancing their own lives through Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of love and kindness).

I and the entire board of directors want to evaluate where we currently are and if we are fulfilling our mission. Over the past few years we have lost our former rabbi. We have lost a number of families from membership and our religious school. We have also hired Rabbi Bryan Mann and gained new members.

Notwithstanding, we believe it is important to reevaluate what we are doing and how we are doing it. We need to know what is working and what is not. Are we meeting the needs of our members? Do you consider Congregation Beth Shalom your religious and Jewish home? If not, why not? Are we treating people with respect? What are our shortcomings and how can we improve? Where do we excel and what do we need to do to ensure those areas do not change? What should we be doing that we are not? And what are we doing well that can be expanded? We want to evaluate our strengths and our weaknesses. It is important to me as your president and each of the members of the board of directors to hear your thoughts on these issues along with anything else you believe is important.

If you are unable to attend the retreat or do not want to address these or other issues at the retreat, please contact me directly at jellis@shumaker.com or 813-240-4078.

Jonathan Ellis, President

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 thekibbitzer@hotmail.com by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Janice Perelman



Saturday, May 4, we had a presentation by Howard Kerner, a former professor with expertise in the area of “good deeds” people did during the Holocaust, and it was very well received. We expect to do a “Part II” in the fall. Keep an eye on this space for more details and information.

▪ Every year we have been holding several events which are part of a continuing series. The next Taste of Tanach (formerly Bible and Bagels), led by Rabbi Bryan will be Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m. After that, we will meet Saturday, Aug. 10. We also continue planning for a “Dealing with an Aging Relative” series starting in the winter of 2020.

▪ Don’t forget about “LET’S CHAT.” Join us for our monthly discussion-based class with Rabbi Bryan. Previous attendance not required. This month we will continue our discussion of Judaism’s 10 Best Ideas by Rabbi Arthur Green focusing on Teshuvah: Returning, Faith in Human Change.

We have ideas for many other events, but before planning, we want to include YOUR tastes and preferences. In programming for the coming year of 2019-20, we would like to

know what YOU would like. What topics, events, discussions, or presentations would be of sufficient interest for you to leave the comfort of your home to join us in a learning experience? We know many of you are working during the day and most of you also have family and errands which absorb your time and energies. So, what can we present to you that will entice you to partake of something additional?

Life Long Learning (formerly Adult Education) is just that-- a way for us to continue to learn and grow, to enrich our sensibilities and knowledge. Life Long Learning has always been a part of the Jewish community, and Congregation Beth Shalom is happy to be following in this worthwhile tradition. Can you assist us by letting us know what you want? We will do our best to produce it. Please contact Janice Perelman at Chinadollip@verizon.net or 813-748-8042; or any other committee member (Sheila Fishman, Steve Feldman, Gerald and Judith Pliner, Anita Clifford, Andrea Chassen, and Julie Enzer) with Rabbi Bryan and Toby Koch Ex-Officio Thanks for your help!

A Note About Pastoral Care

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EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

Register for Religious School at Open House

You are invited to the Congregation Beth Shalom Open House on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Let your family get to know our family over a bagel brunch while listening to some music. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to acquaint yourself with our dynamic and varied educational and spiritual programming which is designed to address the wants and needs of the wide demographic that is representative of our family.

And, is our custom, this will be the time to learn about the religious school. Our religious school classes are designed to meet the educational needs of children kindergarten through confirmation. We are continuing our cutting-edge religious school curriculum, which has been specifically developed for Congregation Beth Shalom. During the open house, you will have an opportunity to preview the curriculum, review the text books, meet this year's teachers, and enroll your child(ren) in classes.

We are continuing with a once a week program beginning with Sunday Aug. 18. For grades 2 through 7, school hours will be 9:30a.m. - noon, but our day begins with our worship service at 9:30a.m. The service is followed by a 1-hour Hebrew class and 1-hour Judaica class. For kindergarten and 1st-graders, school begins Aug. 18, as well, and children will be meet for 18 sessions during the next school year. A calendar of classes will be available at the open house.

The religious school fees are as follows:

- For grades 2-7, the fee is \$325.00. However, we are offering an early bird price of \$300 if you pay the fee in full no later than Aug. 4.
- For kindergarten and 1st grade, the fee is \$200 for the year, with an early bird rate of \$175 if you pay the fee in full no later than Aug. 4.

In catering to the needs of our diverse community we are introducing a new program we refer to as "L'Dor Vador" for students age 11 - 16 who have not been Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It is our goal to pass on our traditions from generation to generation. This will be a special 2-year program culminating with the B'nai Mitzvah. These students will be meeting

Save the Date!

Confirmation Class for 2019-20

Congregation Beth Shalom is excited to have plans in place for confirmation class for 2019-20. More information will be in the September and October editions of *The Kibbitzer*, but for now families with post-B'nai Mitzvah students should save the dates for young people interested in participating in the CBS confirmation program.

First, and most importantly, we will be having a mixer for all teens at CBS on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Julie Enszer's home at 2333 McIntosh Road, Dover. The pool will be open; the dogs will be present for dog loving; and all teens and their parents are invited to come nosh and enjoy an afternoon learning a bit more about confirmation.

The dates for the Confirmation Class for 2019-20 are:

October 16; October 23; October 30; November 6; January 8; January 15; January 22; January 29; February 19; February 26; March 4; March 11. Each class will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

Topics will be revealed in the next *Kibbitzer*!

during regular religious school hours. With the final 9 months of the program, the students will also be attending private tutoring to specifically prepare for their B'nai Mitzvah. Attendance in this program requires membership at Congregation Beth Shalom. The cost of this program is \$325 annually. There will also be a B'nai Mitzvah fee prior to beginning the 9-month tutoring program. We believe every child should be afforded the Jewish experience despite any circumstances. We look forward to working with the family to encourage this significant life goal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Sheila Fishman, Religious School Administrator, at gold17@verizon.net or call at 813-833-7843. We are looking forward to seeing you at our open house Aug. 4, and having a fun-filled school year at Congregation Beth Shalom.

To the Grandparents at CBS

Do you have children in eastern Hillsborough County seeking a religious school program for your grandchildren? Please encourage them to consider our religious school. We offer classes on:

- The religious holidays with special hands on programs,
- Jewish history dating back to the Biblical period up to the present,
- Our Great Biblical leaders,

▪ Jewish values allowing them to become righteous adults capable of making good decisions.

Additionally, we provide our students with a strong Hebrew education leading to Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We are continuing with a once a week program beginning with Sunday, Aug. 18. For grades 2 through 7, school hours continue to be 9:30a.m. - noon, but our day begins with our worship service at 9:30a.m. The service is followed by a 1-

hour Hebrew class and 1-hour Judaica class. For pre-kindergarten through 1st grade, school begins Aug. 18, as well, and children will meet for 18 sessions over the next school year. A calendar of classes will be available at the open house.

If you require additional information about membership and religious school program for your children and grandchildren, please reach out to Sheila Fishman at 813-833-7843.

KOLOT SHALOM NOTES / CABARET

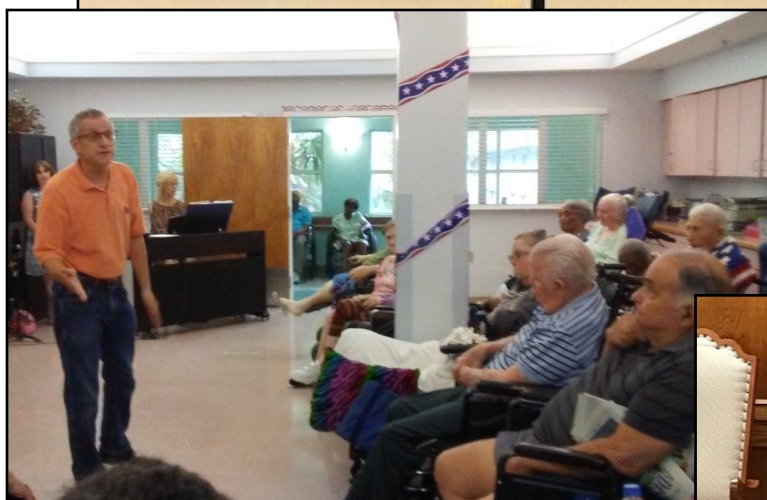
Thank you to the following people for making our May 25, cabaret a truly memorable evening event.

Performers of ***The Beat Goes On***: Lauren Fleischman, Jeff Newman, Milt Newman, Joan Frankel, Jodi Olshina, Steve Feldman, Judy Lubin, Sandy Santucci, Cynthia Goldstein and Jon, the Guitar man.

Directors: Lauren Fleischman and Jeff Newman.

Joan Frankel, accompanist; Jenny Allen - program design and printing; Steve Feldman – set up; Phyllis Newman and Jeff Newman - pizza dinner

Blessings, Joan



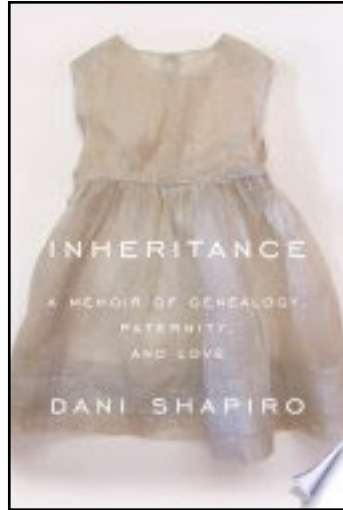
Above, the Kolot Shalom Choir performed their cabaret - A 70's musical revue, for residents at Central Park Rehab (including Anita Hoffman) on June 16.

PAGE TURNERS

Monday, July 15, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet to discuss *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*, by Dani Shapiro.

In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, Dani Shapiro received the stunning news her father was not her biological father. She woke up one morning and her entire history—the life she had lived—crumbled beneath her.

Inheritance is a book about secrets—secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love. It is the story of a woman's urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that has been scrupulously hidden from



her for more than 50 years, years she had spent writing brilliantly, and compulsively, on themes of identity and family history. It is a book about the extraordinary moment we live in—a moment in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics but also the capacities of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover.

Dani Shapiro is the author of the memoirs *Hourglass*, *Still Writing*, *Devotion*, and *Slow Motion* and five novels including *Black & White* and *Family History*. Also an essayist and a journalist, Shapiro's short fiction, essays, and journalistic pieces have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Granta*, *Tin House*, *One Story*, *Elle*, *Vogue*, *O*, *The Oprah Magazine*, *The New York Times Book Review*, the op-ed pages of the *New York Times*, and many other publications. She has taught in the writing programs at Columbia, NYU, the New School, and Wesleyan University; she is cofounder of the Sirenland Writers Conference in Positano, Italy. She lives with her family in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

Sheila Fishman will be providing a light dinner that evening. If you plan to attend, please contact her at 813-833-7843 or gold17@verizon.net.

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BESTY BEAT



Come check us out! A reinvigorated BeSTY will be kicking off the 2019-20 year with a pizza and ice cream meeting Sunday, July 28, from noon-1:30 pm.

We will start planning events for the next few months and make sure we're ready to host a BeSTY table at the Aug. 4, Congregation Beth Shalom Open House. Please

R.S.V.P. for our July 28, event by emailing BestyBoard@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 28th.

Registration for the upcoming BeSTY year can be found at <https://bethshalom-brandon.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/173/2019/06/2019-2020-BESTY-Registration-Form.pdf>.



Shavuot Sunrise Celebration Service

Congregation members gathered at Apollo Beach Preserve to celebrate Shavuot on Sunday, June 9.



CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

Calling all bookworms! The CBS Library still needs bookends in the library and any books with any references to Judaism. All donations are appreciated! We also are in need of a volunteer to help organize our library. If you are interested, please let a board member or Jenny in the office know!



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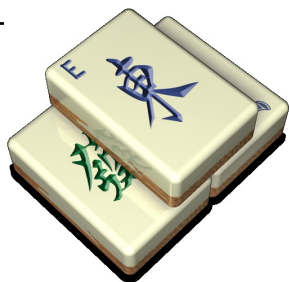


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- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
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- **Youth Group Fund:** a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

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- **Adopt-A-Book:** A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life:** The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- **Yahrzeit Plaque:** To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$350. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

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July 14, 2019





Birthdays

7/3	Rebekah Dugan
7/3	Murray Dimant
7/5	Bree Phoenix
7/10	Lauren Weisman
7/11	Toby Koch
7/12	Natalia Carmona
7/12	Anita Clifford
7/14	Rudina Richter
7/17	Natalie Carmona
7/19	Michael Barnett
7/20	Lynn Kaler
7/20	Jancie Sperry
7/23	Jan Golden
7/24	Jeffrey Jacob
7/24	Bill Golden
7/27	David Ellis

Simchat Shabbat!

Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

July 19

Anniversaries



7/2	Michael & Virginia Barnett
7/4	Seth & Paige Dugan
7/10	Mark & Sheryl Finke
7/16	Paul & Lisa Cantrell
7/16	Steven & Kristan Birnholz



Yahrzeits

7/1	Chaya	Pliner	Grandmother	of	Gerald	Pliner
7/2	Michael	Plesur	Father	of	Joe	Plesur
7/2	Ruth	Goldstein-Kent	Aunt	of	Cynthia	Goldstein
7/4	Beth	Clare	Friend	of	Gail	Verlin
7/4	Betty	Hunt	Mother	of	Joan	Frankel
7/5	Agnes	Antonak	Grandmother	of	Lee	Schwartz
7/9	Lillian	Chassen	Mother	of	Andrea	Chassen
7/10	Deborah	Glickman	Mother	of	Betsy	Glickman
7/10	Joseph	Taratoot	Grandfather	of	Sandra	Roberts
7/10	Earl M.	Zander	Father	of	Diane	Jacobson
7/11	Minnie	Spaier	Mother	of	Michael	Spaier
7/11	Kalman	Feinstein	Husband	of	Ethel	Feinstein
7/14	Rose	Billet	Grandmother	of	Nancy	Landfish
7/14	Jack	Spaier	Father	of	Michael	Spaier
7/14	Rosalie	Goldstein	Mother	of	Cynthia	Goldstein
7/17	Gertrude	Siegel	Grandmother	of	Eric	Miller
7/18	Iris	Prager	Sister	of	Marcia	Weiner
7/18	Mary	Glover	Mother	of	Rob	Northrup
7/18	Sigmund	Boraks	Father	of	Renate	Greenfield
7/18	Mimi	Evans	Aunt	of	Alan	Weiss
7/19	Esther	Lubonne	Mother	of	Carole	Plesur
7/21	Phyllis	Linden	Mother	of	Ron	Boyar
7/22	Harry	Goldstein	Father	of	Cynthia	Goldstein
7/25	Phil	Brenner	Husband	of	Sophia	Brenner
7/29	Sandra	Furman Goldberg	Mother	of	Karen	Goldberg Pitchon
7/30	Sally	Rubin	Mother	of	Stan	Rubin

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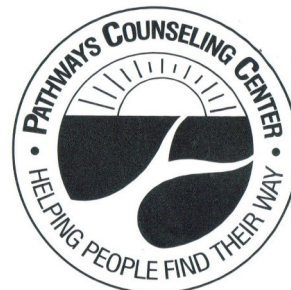
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	6 Rabbi Out
7 Rabbi Out	8 Board Mtg	9	10 Ritual Mtg	11 Fundraising Mtg Membership Mtg	12 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	13 Poker & Mahjong Night
14 CBS Temple Wide Retreat 10 AM	15 Page Turners 6PM	16	17	18	19 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	20 10AM Taste of Tanach
21 Rabbi Training Camp	22 Rabbi Training Camp	23 Rabbi Training Camp	24 LLL Ritual Mtg.	25 Rabbi Training Camp	26 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Rabbi Training Camp	27 Poker & Mahjong Night Rabbi Training Camp
28 Rabbi Training Camp	29	30	31			

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