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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Av: The Month of Despair, The Month of Love



The Hebrew month of Av begins Thursday, August 1, at sundown. Av is known as one of the saddest months of the year. Tisha b'Av, the 9th of Av (which this year coincides with Aug. 10th and 11th) is a fast day that commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. The rabbis of the Talmud teach us the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed because of חִנּוּם חִנּוּם sinat hinam baseless hatred (Yoma 9b). We lost our spiritual home, our place of ancient Jewish practice; the place where some felt most connected to the Divine was destroyed because we were so filled with hate.

The ninth of Av is spent fasting, reflecting on the destruction of the Temple by reading *Eicha*, the book of Lamentation, and reflecting on other Jewish tragedies.

A short six days later (Aug. 17th and 18th) is Tu b'Av, the 15th of Av, the Jewish day of love. Mishna Taanit 4:8, the earliest mention of Tu b'Av in our tradition teaches, "Rabbi Shimon ben Gamaliel said: There were no days of joy in Israel greater than the 15th of Av and Yom Kippur. On these days the daughters of Jerusalem would go out in borrowed white garments in order not to shame anyone who had none. All these garments required immersion. The daughters of Jerusalem come out and dance in the vineyards. What would they say? Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself. Do not set your eyes on beauty but set your eyes on the family. "Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:30). And it further says, "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates" (ibid, 31:31).

In Ancient times, Tu b'Av was a day of matchmaking, dancing, joy, and revelry. In modern times, some Jews celebrate this day as a Jewish Valentine's Day of sorts. It is most commonly celebrated in Israel and is slowly getting celebrated by Jews all over the world.

The month of Av begins by inviting us to lean into our despair. Whether it is the sadness and tragedy of losing our first spiritual home or the sadness and tragedy of more modern tragedies we as Jews face: shootings in synagogues, the resurgence of Neo-Nazism and white supremacy, witnessing similar tragedies our ancestors faced happening again to other minority populations... Tisha b'Av tells us to lean into the feelings of fear, grief, despair.

Tu b'Av tells us, "But you cannot stay there. Even in this month of despair and tragedy there is still love." Perhaps even more so in a month where we lean into our grief and despair, a month that reminds us baseless hatred still exists in the world, we need a reminder that love also exists. We need a day to dance and celebrate love.

In this month of Av let us learn from these holidays. Let us recognize the baseless hatred that exists in our world, the baseless hatred we might carry in our hearts knowingly or unknowingly, and begin to productively move through it. Let us recognize our internal and external worlds are not just filled with hate. That there is love, love that deserves to be amplified, celebrated, and danced to. Hodesh Tov (Happy month)!

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

Retreat Takeaways and A Special Thank You

I would like to thank all members who attended the synagogue's first ever membership-wide retreat. We had both members and nonmembers present. We reviewed where we currently are and where we need to move. Over the past two years, we have lost 42 members/families and that has had a significant impact on us. Members present at the retreat and the board recognize certain things need to change. A number of attendees made suggestions and provided input the board will address over the next few months. These items include a review of what membership means, dues, programming, religious school to just name a few of the areas to be addressed.

As for adult education, the rabbi is putting together two separate programs. First, each month the rabbi will have at least one adult education program directed to our texts, the Torah, Talmud, Midrash, Kabbalah and other relevant writings. In addition, each month the rabbi will be offering a lighter and more fundamental program relating the fundamentals of Judaism and how it applies in our current lives. We have yet to name the program, but expect it to cover issues such as interfaith marriage, fundamentals of a Shabbat service, etc. We expect to open both programs to members and nonmembers.

High Holidays are approaching and as they approach, the board has again discussed how to handle services to nonmembers, including family members of members. As a change from the past, this year the board has voted to open services to any Jewish person who would like to attend, at no cost. By offering the services at no cost, the board believes we are working to fulfill our obligation to the broader Jewish community and ensuring that Congregation Beth Shalom remains the center of Jewish life in Brandon. Notwithstanding, we certainly appreciate any donations nonmembers are willing to make.

Many have asked about the roof and the tarp on it. We are working to repair the roof and have a claim with our insurance company as a result of damage caused to the roof as a result of the storm last year. The claim was initially denied

but we are now in the process of negotiating a resolution. Even if we reach a resolution with our insurance company, between the deductible and potential attorney's fees, whatever amount received will not be enough to cover the full amount of replacement. The congregation will have to come out of pocket for a large portion of the expense. We appreciate everyone's patience as we resolve this issue.



Lastly, I want to give special thanks to Shelia Fishman for all she does for Congregation Beth Shalom. Shelia has been involved with the congregation since well before I ever became a member. She ran our religious school years ago and agreed to do it again. She has served on the board for a number of years and even served a term as president. She recently headed up the rabbi search committee, and in the past has served on too many other committees to even list. She has dedicated countless hours to Congregation Beth Shalom. Without Shelia, we would not be who we are today. On behalf of the board and the membership, I want to thank Shelia for all she has done and is currently doing for us.

Thank you Shelia!



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

• **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, Aug. 18, 3 p.m.:** Let's Chat.

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

• **Monday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 8.

• **Saturday, Sept. 28:** Escape room night. More information on page 11.

• **Sunday, Nov. 24:** Holiday vendor fair.

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

August 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 August.

• **Aug. 2: Andrea Chassen** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

• **Aug. 9: Peter & Diane Jacobson** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

• **Aug. 16: Sheila Fishman, Julie Enszer, and Anna Feldman** will host the oneg in celebration of Rabbi Bryan Mann's 1st Anniversary as Congregation Beth Shalom's rabbi.

• **Aug. 23: Cheryl & Michael Lubin** will host the oneg in honor of their daughter, **Judy**, who will be celebrating her 12th birthday, and for Cheryl who will also be celebrating her birthday.

• **Aug. 30: Anna & Steve Feldman, and Judith & Gerald Pliner** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I want to thank everyone who will be hosting our August onegs!

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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Time to play the Jewish Music Match Game

See how Jewish savvy you are! Below, you will find a Jewish Music Match game. Try to match the words to the definitions. The answers will be at the bottom of the page. But see how many you know without looking. Maybe ask others in your household to help you. Good luck!

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| A. Cantillation | E. Klezmer |
| B. Hakafah | F. Niggun |
| C. Hatikvah | G. Shalom Aleichem |
| D. Hora | H. Zemirot |

1. _____ A tradition of secular (non-liturgical) Jewish music developed by Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe, largely dance songs for weddings and other celebrations.
2. _____ A form of vocal music often with repetitive sounds such as ‘Bim-Bim-Bam,’ ‘Lai-Lai-Lai’ etc. instead of formal lyrics, used to reflect the mystical joy of intense prayer.
3. _____ “Peace be upon you.”
4. _____ Procession of worshippers carrying Torah scrolls that circle the sanctuary.
5. _____ Jewish hymns usually sung in Hebrew or Aramaic, sometimes in Yiddish or Ladino.
6. _____ A traditional Romanian circle folk dance where the dancers hold each other’s hands as the circle spins.
7. _____ A 19th C. Jewish poem and national anthem of Israel.
8. _____ Ritual chanting of readings from the Hebrew Bible in synagogue services.

Meanwhile, while you are working at the above puzzle, this article also serves to inform Kolot Shalom members that our first High Holy Days rehearsal will be Monday, Aug. 26th at 7 p.m. Our first choir service for the High Holy Days is on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 29. Time to arise and sing!

***AND REMEMBER, WE ALWAYS HAVE SPACE FOR NEW MEMBERS IN KOLOT SHALOM!** Come join us. You’ll feel a refreshed attitude for the New Year!

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Answers: 1. E 2. F 3. G 4. B 5. H 6. D 7. C 8. A

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Kudos & Mazels

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



MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Jeff Newman** and **Lauren Fleischman** on their engagement.
- Mazel tov to **Michael Barnett** on his new job in Memphis, Tenn. We will miss you, **Virginia, Clara,** and **Ella** at Congregation Beth Shalom.
- Mazel tov to **Steve** and **Mindy Gale** on your new home. Your CBS family wishes you well in your new home.
- Mazel tov to **Elias and Zion Phoenix**, who will travel this month to New York to tape a segment for the TV show *Wonderama*. Check out future editions of *The Kibbitzer* for more details on an air date.

KUDOS

- Kudos to all the members who showed up for our retreat. The board appreciates all the candor and open exchange to make CBS a home for everyone.
- Kudos to all who helped cover services while the rabbi was on vacation, especially **Steve Slavkin, Sheila Fishman,** and **Debora Rachel Miranda**.
- Kudos to all who helped with our temple spruce up day, especially **Suzie and Mitch Baylis** and **Gerry Lawrence** who sent his yard workers to help.

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.

WANTED:

Ideas for making our community better

We are looking to do a project aimed at bringing neighbors together and boosting community pride. Please provide some ideas for the project. We will propose it to Hillsborough County, and, if accepted, we can receive up to \$5,000 to fund it.



Please contact Suzie Baylis at all4suzie@gmail.com with

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LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman



Yes, it's summer time, and many of us are on vacation. Even so, we continue to offer you interesting discussions during the month of August.

• **Saturday, Aug. 10, at 10 a.m.,** Rabbi Bryan Mann will continue to lead an interesting Bible discussion at (formerly Bible and Bagels) A Taste of Tanach. Start Shabbat morning with

coffee, bagels, and camaraderie. Everyone is invited to attend.

• **Sunday, Aug 18, at 3 p.m.,** you're invited to join our monthly "Let's Chat with The Rabbi." Previous attendance is not required, and the public is invited. This month's topic will be an extension of Rabbi Art Green's writing about "the people of the Book." Join in our examination of how we, as Jews, interact with the text and how we interpret the Torah.

Lifelong Learning is currently developing our plans for the 2019-20 calendar. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. You can reach chairperson Janice Perelman at (813) 748-8042, or email her at chinadollip@verizon.net.

Rosh Hodesh, offered by Andrea B. Chassen

Months begin and end. In our calendar each month begins as the moon fades into blackness and begins to reemerge with a sliver of light. Rosh Hodesh, the new month, is a symbol of renewal. Thus, we can also use this time to look at ourselves, embrace a new view and start anew have been interested in joining a group of like-minded women who want to further their understanding of Jewish traditions and practice while continuing to grow and evolve.



So, when one cannot join a group, why not start one? That brings me to 2019. I am planning a monthly program that will be based this year on *Moonbeams: A Hadassah Rosh Hodesh Guide*. Each session will center on a topic and explore it more deeply.

Rosh Hodesh is open to all women in our community and in your lives who have an interest in learning more. We will convene after the new year. Hope to see all there.

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If you hear about a congregant in need, please contact Rabbi Bryan directly at rabbibryannmann@gmail.com and/or 857 728 4792. Do not assume just because you told another congregant, a board member, or even Jenny that Rabbi Bryan knows who is in need of pastoral care.



EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

Religious School Registration

Join us at the Open House on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This will be the time to learn about our evolving religious school. Our 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. We offer classes on:

- The religious holidays with special hands-on programs
- Jewish history from the Biblical period to the present
- Our Great Biblical leaders
- Jewish values allowing them to become righteous adults capable of making good decisions

Our once-a-week program begins Sunday, Aug. 18. For kindergarten and 1st grade, children will be meeting for 18 sessions during the school year. A calendar of classes will be available at the open house. For grades 2 through 7, school hours continue to be 9:30 a.m. until noon. Our day begins with a worship service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a one-hour Hebrew class and one-hour Judaica class.

The religious school fees are as follows:

- For kindergarten and 1st grade, the fee is \$200 for the year with an early bird rate of \$175 if you pay in full by Aug. 4.
- For grades 2-7, the fee is \$325. However, we are offering an early bird price of \$300 if you pay in full no later than Aug. 4.

Special Message for CBS Grandparents

Do you have children in eastern Hillsborough County seeking a religious school program for your grandchildren? Please encourage them to consider our religious school. 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 or gold17@verizon.net.

L'Dor Vador

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 two-year program culminating with the B'Nai Mitzvah. These students will be meeting during regular religious school hours. With the final nine 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 is \$325 annually. There will also be a B'Nai Mitzvah fee prior to beginning the tutoring program. We believe every child should be afforded the Jewish experience despite any circumstances. We look forward in working with you to encourage this significant life goal.

Religious School Incentive Program

We are instituting a religious school incentive program for all

2019-2020 Confirmation Information

Calling all teens who want to continue to explore their growth and knowledge of Judaism, Jewish thought, and Jewish life! Join the Confirmation class this year! It is a vital resource for teens at CBS and a foundation for engaging in Jewish life long into the future.

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Julie Enszer's home at 2333 McIntosh Road, Dover, for an afternoon of pool frolicking, fun with large dogs, and other shenanigans to kick off a great year of learning.

Rabbi Bryan and Julie Enszer have organized the Confirmation curriculum into three parts: Anti-Semitism, the Holocaust (and religious responses to human atrocity in general), and Other Religions. (Next year, that is in 2020-2021, the curriculum will include the three elements from last year's curriculum: G-d, Torah, and Israel (community relations)).

The curriculum will be exciting and interesting –and we hope to provide further conversations within families about Judaism and Jewish life.

Classes will be held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner and conclude at 8:30 p.m. Class dates will be: Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct.30, Nov. 6, Jan. 8, Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 4 and March 11.

For more information, see Sheila Fishman, Julie Enszer, or Rabbi Bryan.

students. We will be recognizing students in three areas.

▪ **Worship service attendance:** A student must attend a minimum of ten services from Aug. 18, through May 3, 2020, to be recognized. That translates to one service per month.

▪ **Religious school attendance:** A student must attend 100% of the religious school classes from Aug. 18, through May 3, 2020, for their grade level.

▪ **Outstanding mitzvah award:** An award will be given to one student in each class who regularly performs a mitzvah for a member of their Jewish or non-Jewish community.

Examples include:

- The student can be visiting an individual in a nursing home on a regular basis.
- The student is helping with a community-wide clean-up program.
- The student is sending cards and pictures to a military person.
- It cannot include performing routine chores assigned by parents or caring for a family pet.
- A parent must submit a letter of recommendation to the religious school by May 3, 2020, describing the student's mitzvah.

BESTY BEAT



Come visit BeSTY Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Congregation Beth Shalom Open House. We'll be registering current and new members and sharing information about events in the upcoming year.

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>.

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.

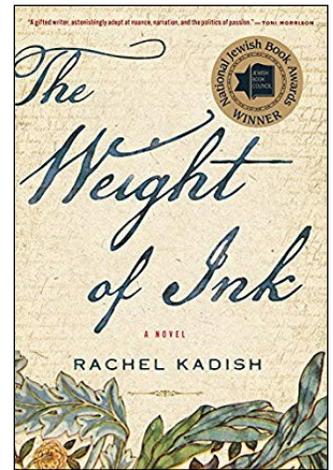
This cookbook will be compiled with pictures and be produced professionally; we are projecting a November deadline. Hopefully it will become a treasured book for everyone.

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

PAGE TURNERS

Monday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will once again meet. We will be discussing *The Weight of Ink*, by Rachel Kadish.

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early 21st century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of



Jewish history. As the novel opens, Helen has been summoned by a former student to view a cache of 17th-century Jewish documents newly discovered in his home during a renovation. Enlisting the help of Aaron Levy, an American graduate student as impatient as he is charming, and in a race with another fast-moving team of historians, Helen embarks on one last project: to determine the identity of the documents' scribe, the elusive "Aleph." Electrifying and ambitious, sweeping in scope and intimate in tone, *The Weight of Ink* is a sophisticated work of historical fiction about women separated by centuries and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order to reconcile the life of the heart and mind.

This book became a *USA Today* Bestseller. It was the winner of a National Jewish Book Award, winner of the Association of Jewish Libraries Jewish Fiction Award, an Amazon Best Book of the Year, one of Ms. Magazine's "Bookmark" titles, and one of The Jewish Exponent's "2017's Top Reads."

Rachel Kadish, is the author, most recently, of the novel *Tolstoy Lied: A Love Story*. Among her many honors are a Koret Award, a Pushcart Prize, and citations in the 1997 and 2003 editions of *The Best American Short Stories*. Her work has been published in *Zoetrope: All-Story*, *Tin House*, *Story*, *Bomb*, *Moment*, *Sh'ma*, *Congress Monthly*, and *Lilith*. Kadish, a graduate of Princeton University, earned her M.A. in fiction writing at New York University. She lives in Newtonville, Massachusetts.

Please RSVP to Sheila Fishman at gold17@verizon.net. A light dinner will be served before the discussion.

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You and your children will also have fun participating in our Carnival of Games.

Our Religious School classes are designed to meet the educational needs of children Kindergarten through Confirmation. Take advantage of reduced tuition by enrolling your children during the Open House. 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.

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Funds:

- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
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- **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.
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- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
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Birthdays

- 8/1 Stacy Serota
- 8/3 Lucas Oldman
- 8/5 Rachele Wetsman
- 8/6 Elisha Hutcheson
- 8/7 Jay Bolnick
- 8/9 Randy Freedman
- 8/13 Sandy Saviet
- 8/13 Judy Lubin
- 8/15 Scott Savitt
- 8/15 Jason Baylis
- 8/20 Phyllis Newman
- 8/21 Cheryl Lubin
- 8/22 Sharon Elazer

Anniversaries



- 8/12 Howard & Sandy Saviet
- 8/20 Sandee & Jim Pelk
- 8/25 Dave & Carol Anne Friedman



Yahrzeits

8/1	Joseph	Gaba	Grandfather	of	Leslie	Boyar
8/2	Sandor	Winter	Grandfather	of	Gary	Ronay
8/4	Lia	Lifchitz	Mother	of	Gabriel	Lifchitz
8/4	Robin	Philip	Father	of	Anita	Hoffman
8/6	Josephine	Richter	Grandmother	of	David	Richter
8/8	Charlotte	Winter	Grandmother	of	Gary	Ronay
8/12	Robert	Miller	Father	of	Eric	Miller
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8/13	Dorothy	Ratner	Mother	of	Ira	Ratner
8/14	Nathan Joseph	Stein	Father	of	Carolyn	Miller
8/14	Albert	Hebert	Father	of	Michael	Hebert
8/17	Cecil	Balot	Mother	of	Keith	Balot
8/17	Sandra	Kluglose	Cousin	of	Carol	Wagner
8/18	Marvin	Zolner	Step Father	of	Carolyn	Miller
8/20	George	Moravnick	Father	of	Eunice	Rifkin
8/22	Ann	Zolner	Step Grandmother	of	Carolyn	Miller
8/24	Gerald	Besterman	Father	of	Leslie	Boyar
8/27	Martin	Fishman	Brother	of	Errol	Fishman
8/30	Henry	Schindler	Father	of	Arlene	Slater
8/31	Richard	Glaser	Husband	of	Barbara	Glaser
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8/31	Alan	Zazulia	Brother	of	Iylene	Miller

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August 16

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	3
4 Open House w/Carnival Games	5	6 Board Mtg	7 Ritual Mtg	8	9 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	10 Erev Tisha B'av 10AM Taste of Tanach
11 Tisha B'av	12 1st Day HCPS	13	14	15	16 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	17
18 1st Day of RS Let's Chat 3 PM	19	20	21 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30PM Ritual Mtg	22	23 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	24 JCC Fundraising Gala
25 Religious School	26 Choir Rehearsal (RH)	27	28	29	30 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	31

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