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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Elul: Start Your Day With Shofar

The month of Elul is upon us. This month is seen as a month of spiritual preparation for the High Holidays. There are many ways one could do this. Tradition invites us to recite Psalm 27 every day of Elul, visit the graves of our ancestors, spend time in self-reflection, and sound the shofar every day of Elul leading up to the High Holidays.

The shofar has many different resonances in Jewish tradition. Saddiah Gaon, an influential Jewish spiritual leader in the Middle Ages, offers ten ways the shofar could be interpreted as:

1. Reminiscent of the Coronation of a King
2. Stirring of Our Conscience
3. The Revelation at Mount Sinai
4. The Exhortations of the Prophets
5. Reminder of the Temple's Destruction
6. Symbolic of the Ram Abraham Sacrificed
7. Summons us to Feel Humility
8. Reminder of Judgment Day
9. Foreshadows Return from Exile
10. Foreshadows Coming of the Messiah

You can read more about the interpretations here: www.myjewishlearning.com/article/decoding-the-shofar/e.

The shofar also represents a wail. A cry. A prayer beyond words. As Rabbi Art Green writes in his book, *Seek My Face*:

The dream of restored wholeness is sounded out dramatically by the shofar blasts, the central symbolic expression of the teshuva season. The shofar represents prayer beyond words, an intensity of longing that can be articulated only in a wordless shout. But the order of the sounds, according to one old interpretation, contains the message in quite explicit terms. Each series of shofar blasts begins with teki'ah, a whole sound. It is followed by shevarim, a tripartite broken sound whose very name means "breakings." "I started off whole," the shofar speech says, "and I became broken." Then follows teru'ah, a staccato series of blast fragments saying: "I was entirely smashed to pieces." But each series has to end with a new tekiah, promising wholeness once more. The shofar cries out a hundred times ... I was whole, I was broken, even smashed to bits, but I shall be whole again!"

Throughout Elul and culminating with Yom Kippur, we are invited to deeply reflect on the past year. How did I do? Where did I fail? Where did I succeed? What do I hope to shift or change for the coming year? Who did I hurt? Who did I love? How can I repair that hurt? How can I love better? This is the process the shofar invites us into with its wail, its promise of wholeness every morning.

(For those who cannot blow shofar, you can always find videos or recordings of shofar blowing to listen to throughout Elul. Another reflective practice is journaling and mediating. Jewels of Elul is an once a day emailed reflection you can sign up for at <http://www.jewelsofelul.com/receive-a-jewel-a-day/>)



FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

L'shana tova

As 5780 approaches, I want to wish you and your family a happy New Year and look forward to having you celebrate the High Holy Days with Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon. On behalf of the congregation, its board of directors and me, personally, I want to recognize that we are far from perfect and we do make mistakes. To the extent that we have wronged you, offended you, slighted you in any way or done something hurtful, please accept my heartfelt apology. If there is something I don't know about that hurt you or something which you think we could do better, please just let me know. I want to hear what you have to say. We, as a congregation, want to and can improve. We need to ensure Congregation Beth Shalom is a place which you enjoy and where you feel at home.

We remain committed to making Congregation Beth Shalom the center of Jewish life in Brandon and eastern Hillsborough County. This has been our mission since the congregation was formed 29 years ago. We are dedicated to providing not only a physical location, but a place for our community to learn (*Torah*), pray (*Avodah*) and serve (*G'milut Chasadim*). We are committed to families in which only one spouse is Jewish to be welcoming and respectful to the non-Jewish spouse. We are committed to teaching our children what it means to be Jewish, our traditions, and to ensure we are doing what is needed so the next generation can carry on the traditions and beliefs that have been established over the past 5,000 years.

We are also committed to standing strong in our community against anti-Semitism and discrimination of any kind. And in these days, we need to stand strong against the increasing attacks against the State of Israel and be sure our community understands the issues, can advocate for Israel when needed, and understands when anti-Israel rhetoric crosses a line and becomes anti-Semitic.

But to do this, we desperately need your assistance. We need help not only maintaining our building, a building

that now needs a new roof, air conditioner repairs, and other maintenance but also for our programming and services we offer our community. This year the congregation is facing greater financial pressure than it has faced since I have been a member. To the extent, you are donating this year, please give some thought to substantially increasing the gift you made last year.



This year we again have an generous anonymous donor who will match new and increased under the same terms as last year.

Please give some thought to what would be meaningful increase of your gift last year and consider making that gift. And, if you are in a position that you are truly unable to give any gift, even \$18, we understand and want to assure you that you remain an important member of our community.

Shofar Sounding Workshop

**Sunday, Sept. 8
9:30 – 10 a.m.**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to sound the shofar? Are you interested in learning more about what each sound of the shofar means? Join us Sunday, Sept. 8, from 9:30 – 10 a.m., for a shofar sounding workshop led by Seth Dugan and Rabbi Bryan Mann. If you have your own shofar/shofarot please bring them.



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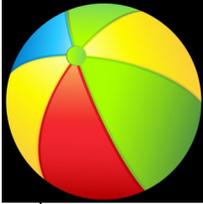
We offer:

- ✧ **Friday worship services at 7:30 p.m.**
- ✧ **Religious school pre-k through 10th grade**
- ✧ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
- ✧ **Youth group programming**
- ✧ **Adult Education classes**
- ✧ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanakh. More information on page 6.
- **Sunday, Sept 8, 9:30–10 a.m.:** Shofar sounding workshop. More information on page 2.
- **Sunday, Sept 8, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.:** Teen mixer. See page 7 for more details.
- **Sunday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m.:** Let's Chat. New beginnings. More information on page 6.
- **Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-4 p.m.:** BeSTY at the Beach. More information on page 10.
- **Monday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 10.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe, Bonefish Grill, Brandon. More information on page 4.
- Full High Holidays calendar and information can be found on pages 8 & 9
- **Sunday, Sept. 22, noon:** Opening the Genizah.
- **Saturday, Sept. 28:** Escape room night. More information on page 11.
- **Sunday, Nov. 10:** BeSTY Lunch and planning meeting, and go-kart outing. More details on page 10.
- **Sunday, Nov. 24:** Holiday vendor fair.
- **Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.:** Congregation retreat. More details on page 4.
- **Saturday, May 23, 7 p.m.:** Cabaret and congregation potluck.

Religious Education Calendar, page 7;



September Oneg Schedule

There can be no joy without food and drink. – Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

THANK YOU! to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in September.

- **Sept. 6: Christine & Fuzz Stockelman** will host the oneg in honor of their 15th anniversary. Yay!
- **Sept. 13: Suzie & Mitch Baylis** will host the oneg in honor of their son **Jared's** birthday.
- **Sept. 20: Jon Ellis & Sheila Fishman** will host the oneg in honor of **Lauren Fleischman's and Jeff Newman's** recent engagement. Mazel tov!
- **Sept. 27: Sheila & Errol Fishman** will host the oneg in honor of their 49th anniversary. Hooray!

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

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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Dinner With The Tribe

Our Jewish family at Congregation Beth Shalom enjoys good food. Many thanks go to Judy Jacobson for her efforts in making our Dinner With The Tribe a success.

I am taking over where Judy has left off. I will be looking for places that are in the Brandon area or nearby, are moderately priced, with good food. I hope to find places we can enjoy and that will contribute to entertainment and bonding between temple members, our Jewish family here. If you have any recommendations on places to go, that would be much appreciated.

In order to get a good handle on events, I ask that you

- Send an email to niewdnarb@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.
- I confirm the reservation with the restaurant two days prior to the event. Should you need to cancel, for any reason, please let me know via email that you will not be there before I confirm. It is courteous and fair to the group and restaurant, so they don't set up for more than they need to or lose business from others they may have turned away to accommodate our group.
- Friends and family are welcome, as long as we know to expect them.

Our next excursion is:

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m.
Bonefish Grill, 1015 Providence Road, Brandon**

They have a three-course meal for a very reasonable price available on their "Hooked on Tuesdays." Or you can always choose from their regular menu. The food is good, healthy, in a nice atmosphere, with good service.

Let's get together, let me know you'll be there.

Anita Clifford



CONGREGATION RETREAT

Save The Date!

Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. until after lunch!

Congregation Beth Shalom's annual retreat helps members of the congregation--and interested community members - explore the nuances of worship in a fun and relaxed environment.



This year, the retreat committee has planned a half-day event on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 9 a.m., and extending through a luncheon at a local restaurant.

During our time together, we will explore the Saturday morning service as conceived by the Union of Reform Judaism.

Then understanding the different elements of the service, we will construct our own Saturday morning Shabbat worship service and share it together as a community. Our explorations will end with a dutch-treat luncheon at a local restaurant.

Mark your calendar today for Saturday, Dec. 7. All are welcome - including children of all ages. Please RSVP to Christine Stockelman or Julie Enszer with your interest.

Please look for more information in subsequent editions of *The Kibbitzer* and online.

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Other Programs

CBS Singles Over 50

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Sheila Fishman

Dinner With the Tribe

Anita Clifford

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Kudos & Mazels

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



KUDOS

- Kudos to **Gabriel Lifshitz** and **Jason Baesell** for all their hard work cleaning up the roof and gutters.
- Kudos to **Judith Pliner** and all who helped make the congregation open house a success.

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.

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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.



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LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman



▪ **Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m., Taste of Tanakh** will focus on (Parshat Shoftim): Pursuing Justice. Parshat Shoftim contains the famous lines צדק תרדך זדק תזדק tzedek tzedk tirdof justice, justice, you must pursue. It also teaches us, “You shall not judge unfairly nor show partiality.” We will explore

how rabbis ancient and modern understand these verses and how they relate to our lives today.

▪ **Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m.,** our Let’s Chat topic will be *New Beginnings*. Elul is the month we prepare for the Rosh Hashanah the New Year and Yom Kippur the Day of Atonement. It is a month for self-reflection on the previous year and look ahead to the year to come. Whether a new year, a new job, a new school, a new love, a new child, a new place, or something else, we deal with newness all of the time. Let’s chat about some of the challenges that come with newness, some of the hopes that come with newness and potentially look at Jewish wisdom on newness.

▪ Lifelong Learning is also developing a winter series of lectures and discussions about the realities of aging entitled **“We’re Not Getting any Younger!”** Topics which this series will address include the following:

- **They’re Aiming at Me!**, the sandwich generation
- **Making Memories**, leaving your legacy, writing memoirs

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.

- **Navigating the Legal Labyrinth**, a detailed examination of elder law issues
- **Where is the best place to live?**, selecting the most appropriate environment
- **Remains of the Day**, options and choices for the end-of-life

This special series will begin in early 2020 and will continue monthly on dates yet to be decided. We will be examining the needs of our aging population, as well as of their adult children, and the resources which may be available to address them. Anyone wishing to share in planning for this series is welcome to drop in at our next Life Long Learning Committee meeting. We welcome new ideas about the content of our presentations, as well as your recommendations regarding talented people who can help lead those discussions.

Please contact Janice Perelman at chinadollip@verizon.net if you have any questions or ideas about any of our Lifelong Learning topics or programs.

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EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

Ongoing Registration

We are still accepting registration for our Sunday school. Please contact Sheila Fishman gold17@verizon.net or 813-833-7843.

We meet Sunday mornings through mid-May 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. During our sessions, we offer our students:

- Weekly worship services with Rabbi Bryan,
- An understanding of our religious holidays with special hands on programs,
- Presentation of our Jewish history dating back to the Biblical period up to the present,
- An introduction to our Great Biblical leaders,
- And learning of our Jewish values allowing them to become righteous adults capable of making good decisions.

Religious School Incentive Program

We have instituted an incentive program for all 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 translate to one service per month.
- **Religious School Attendance:** A student must attend 100% of 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.

At the end of year school program May 17, 2020, awards and gift cards will be given out to students in the above categories.

Chai 2 Program

We have implemented this program for young families with preschool age children (ages 3-5) to maintain a family membership at a savings of 80% of our family dues. This translates to \$360 annually. This amount will stay in place until such time as the family's youngest child reaches school age or approximately 6 years old. We are also offering an incentive to these families for these young students for the next year. Please share this information with family and friends.

L'Dor Vador

In catering to the needs of our diverse community, we introduced a new program we refer to as "L'Dor Vador" for students age 11 - 16 who have not been a 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 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. Please share this information with family and friends.

Religious School Dates In September

- Grades 2-7: Sept. 8, 15, 22
- Pre-K – 1st: Sept. 8, 22

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 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 years 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.



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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Greetings and best wishes to our congregation family as we begin a new school year and a new Temple year. The High Holy Days are right around the corner.

Kolot Shalom will begin rehearsals for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning Thursday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m.

This year's High Holy Days will mark Rabbi Bryan Mann's second year of leading our congregation. Let's make this a wonderful tribute to our faith, our community and our devoted teacher, Rabbi Bryan.

Be sure to check out our choir calendar for the year. All singers from the age of 13 and up are invited to join our rehearsals and to sing out with joy! God bless.

Shalom,
Joan Frankel
941-539-4324

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Rehearsals for Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 5, 9, 16, 23, and 26
- Rehearsals for Yom Kippur: Oct. 3 and 7
- Rehearsals for Shabbat Alive, Nov. 8: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, and 7th
- Rehearsals for Dec. 6, service: Nov. 11, 18, and Dec. 5
- Rehearsals for Jan. 17, service: Jan. 6, 13, and 16,
- Rehearsals for Feb. 7, Shabbat Alive /Blue Jean Shabbat: Jan 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 6
- Rehearsals for March 27, service: March 16, 23, and 26
- Rehearsals for April 24, service: March 16, 20, and 23
- Rehearsals for May 23, Cabaret & Potluck: April 27, 30, May 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, and 21

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~~Selichot~~ - Sat. 9/21/19 at 7 PM
 Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sun. 9/29/19 at 8 PM
 Rosh Hashanah (First Day) - Mon. 9/30/19 at 10 AM
 Rosh Hashanah Family Service - Mon. 9/30/19 at 4 PM
 Rosh Hashanah (Second Day) - Tues. 10/1/19 at 10 AM
Pancake Brunch following Service
 Memorial Service at HMP - Sun. 10/6/19 at 10 AM
 Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) - Tues. 10/8/19 at 8 PM

Yom Kippur Morning Service -Wed. 10/9/19 at 10 AM
 Yom Kippur Family Service - Wed. 10/9/19 at 2:30 PM
 Yom Kippur Afternoon Service - Wed. 10/9/19 at 4 PM
 Yizkor Memorial Service - Wed. 10/9/19 at 5:30 PM
 Ne'ilah - Conclusion - Wed. 10/9/19 at 6:30 PM
 Yom Kippur Break the Fast - Wed. 9/19 at 7:15 PM
 Sukkot Under the Stars - Sun. 10/13/19 at 6 PM
See our website for additional information.

All are welcome to participate in the spiritually meaningful High Holiday services this year at CBS for free. Join our community to celebrate this important time with free tickets for all who request them.

Rabbi Bryan Mann and our Congregational family welcome you!

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HIGH HOLY DAYS— Steve Slavkin

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES HIGH HOLIDAYS 5780

- **Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.:** Selichot
- **Sunday, Sept. 29, 8 p.m.:** Erev Rosh Hashanah
- **Monday, Sept. 30:** Rosh Hashanah 1st day
 - 10 a.m. morning service, followed by Tashlich service at Brandon Parkway Trail, 600 Pauls Drive, Brandon
 - 4 p.m. children's service
- **Tuesday, Oct. 1:** Rosh Hashanah 2nd day
 - 10 a.m. morning service, followed by brunch
- **Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.:** Memorial service at Beth Shalom Cemetery in Hillsborough Memorial Park, 2323 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.:** Erev Yom Kippur, will including a performance of Max Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* by cellist Carlos Audi and pianist Elias Phoenix.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 9:** Yom Kippur
 - 10 a.m. morning service
 - 2:30 p.m. children's service
 - 4 p.m. Yom Kippur afternoon service
 - 5:30 p.m. Yizkor memorial service
 - 6:30 p.m. Ne'ilah – conclusion
 - 7:15 p.m. Break the Fast
- **Sunday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars with wine & cheese for adults, snacks & games for children

All are welcome to participate in the spiritually meaningful High Holiday services this year at CBS for free. Join our community to celebrate this important time with complimentary tickets for all who request them. Please contact our synagogue office at 813-681-6547 for tickets.

Shalom! As we approach the beginning of another Jewish year, we take time to reflect on the past year and how we have lived our lives as Jews. Our congregation continues to be a Jewish home for our community. As we enter 5780, we have the opportunity to consider our past, change our present, and build for the future. May the coming year be lived in a Jewishly meaningful way.

The High Holidays are always a busy time at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Included is our High Holiday schedule. I encourage you to attend the Selichot service and all of our High Holiday services, led by our rabbi, Rabbi Bryan Mann, and Cantorial Soloist Sandy Santucci. We will again offer our full complement of services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, including children's/family services for both holidays. Immediately following Yom Kippur, we celebrate Sukkot under the stars and then close the High Holiday season with our Simchat Torah celebration. Again this year we will be celebrating Sukkot with special activities for our youth who, we hope, will bring a friend with them as a celebration of welcoming ushpizim (guests) as part of Sukkot.

You should be receiving your High Holiday packets in the mail, where you will find schedule/tickets. We will not be distributing lanyards this year and using the tickets as name tags, but we ask that you please bring the tickets to temple during the High Holidays for admission to services as a security measure.

The packet will also include additional information about High Holiday traditions and customs, as well as our usual materials, including information about our Tree of Life and yearzeit plaque opportunities.

Also, for those who observe Yizkor, PLEASE remember to fill out the Book of Remembrance (BOR) form and follow the instructions for returning it. Add any new names you wish to have read as part of the service. If you had names included in the book last year, you should have had those names included with your BOR form in this year's packet. Please take a moment to check the names and spellings to ensure there are no errors (if there are, please correct and return—if there are not, please still return the form!). Copies of this form can be found on the CBS website www.bethshalom-brandon.org, and the High Holiday packet, and can be obtained at the synagogue.

Finally, be sure to look at the upcoming weekly email blasts and our congregational Facebook page for special High Holiday information. If you have High Holiday questions or needs, please feel free to contact me as ritual chair at sslavkin50@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- food for the pancake brunch (To help, contact Karen Weber, Karenweb58@gmail.com or 813-935-3060)
- bring food for Yom Kippur Break the Fast (contact Karen Weber, Karenweb58@gmail.com or 813-935-3060)
- make honey cakes for the Rosh Hashanah oneg (Sandy Santucci, LadyCantor54@gmail.com or 813-672-9080)
- volunteer to greet/usher (Julie Enszer, julierenszer@gmail.com or 301-537-6570)
- help with parking (Seth Dugan, sethdugan@gmail.com or 813 951-0522)
- bring nonperishable food to support the food drive.

No effort is too small and everything is much appreciated!

BESTY BEAT



Thanks to all the BeSTYites who helped out with the congregation open house.

We have several great events planned over the next few months, including BeSTY at the Beach on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 1- 4 p.m. Please come out and join us!

If you haven't completed a 2019-20 registration form and waiver, please do so at <https://bethshalom-brandon.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/173/2019/06/2019-2020-BESTY-Registration-Form.pdf> and mail it to Kelsey Birnholz, 16313 Bridgelawn Ave., Lithia, FL 33547. We will need completed forms for all BeSTYites and guests before BeSTY at the Beach.

Upcoming BeSTY Events

- Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-4 p.m.: BeSTY at the Beach. BeSTY. Nonmembers welcome but you must RSVP to Besty-Board@gmail.com and complete a waiver for each attendee.
- October, date to be determined:



BeSTY members Kelsey Birnholz (from left), Davina Feldman, Zion Phoenix, and Judy Lubin, recruit new members at the congregation open house.

Haunted house/haunted trail outing.
 ▪ Sunday, Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m.: Lunch and a planning meeting, and from 2 – 4 p.m., we will be going to either Grand Prix Tampa and Family Fun Center or Grand Prix Tampa (indoor go-karts).

Upcoming Kallahs

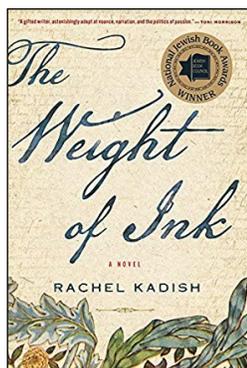
- Fall Kallah (Oct. 25-27). ACA Camp

Geneva, Fruitland Park. Grades 9-12. Registration open now.
 ▪ Hatikvah Kallah (Nov. 8-11). Temple Beth El in Boca Raton. Grades 6-12. Registration opens Sept. 3.
 ▪ Winter Kallah (Dec. 26-30). Orlando Airport Marriott. Grades 9-12. Registration opens Sept. 23.

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 so-



phisticated 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 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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- **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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Opportunities:

- **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.

*Unless otherwise noted by you, your gift will be acknowledged in The Kibbitzer the month following its receipt.
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Anniversaries

- 9/3 Martie & Michael Spaier
- 9/4 Christine & Chris Stockelman
- 9/14 Michael & Tammie Hebert



Yahrzeits

9/2	Martin	Reisner	Uncle	of	Gary	Ronay
9/2	Edna	Jacobson	Mother	of	Peter	Jacobson
9/7	Sheryl	Knight	Sister	of	Bonnie	Jacob
9/8	Sarah	Dash	Grandmother	of	Jan	Golden
9/8	Elisabeth	Beckett	Grandmother	of	Christine	Stockelman
9/8	Nathan	Fishman	Father	of	Errol	Fishman
9/10	Elinor	Smith	Mother	of	Caren	Magdovitz
9/10	Lenore	Berr	Mother	of	Jill	Oppolo
9/11	Jan	Shadowens	Mother	of	Lea	Garbett
9/11	Herman	Finke	Father	of	Mark	Finke
9/12	Seymour	Chassen	Father	of	Andrea	Chassen
9/12	Fay	Greenfield	Mother	of	Lawrence	Greenfield
9/12	Issac	Shienbaum	Father	of	Marvin	Shienbaum
9/13	Julien	Raymond	Father	of	Howard	Raymond
9/14	Ruth	Korman	Aunt	of	Jan	Golden
9/15	Morris	Brandwein	Father	of	Anita	Clifford
9/17	Raymond	Sperry	Father	of	Bruce	Sperry
9/17	Dr. Lewis	Bolnick	Father	of	Jay	Bolnick
9/18	Carl	Miller	Father	of	Scheryl	Finke
9/20	Elwin	Saviet	Father	of	Howard	Saviet
9/25	Rabbi Karl	Richter	Father	of	David	Richter
9/25	Louis	Green	Step Father	of	Carolyn	Miller
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9/27	Rose	Skop	Grandmother	of	Nancy	Landfish
9/28	John	Grimm	Husband	of	Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
9/28	Rose	Glickman	Grandmother	of	Betsy	Glickman
9/30	Dorothy S.	Goldstein	Mother	of	Judith	Pliner



Birthdays

- 9/1 Seth Dugan
- 9/1 Logan Blade Alexander
- 9/1 Doris Goren
- 9/2 Aurora Glory Oldman
- 9/3 Joan Frankel
- 9/6 Brady Garbett
- 9/6 Stephen Zweibach
- 9/13 Howard Raymond
- 9/15 Gabriel Lifschitz
- 9/16 Jared Baesell
- 9/18 Brielle Zweibach
- 9/21 Christine Stockelman
- 9/23 Steve Slavkin
- 9/23 Max Newman
- 9/26 Zachary Hebert
- 9/26 Tammie Hebert
- 9/28 Alan Weiss
- 9/28 Gavin Beckett David Smoak
- 9/29 Janice Perelman

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:

September 20

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

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September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day	7 PM Board Mtg	6:30 PM Fundraising Mtg 7:30 PM Membership Mtg	7 PM Choir Rehearsal (RH)	7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	7 FHM opening reception Hadassah Org pre-sents Comic Bob Alpert 10AM Taste of
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Shofar Workshop 2 PM Teen Mixer	7 PM Choir Rehearsal (RH)		7:30 PM Ritual Mtg		7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 AM Religious School 3 PM Let's Chat	6 PM Page Tuners 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (RH)				7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	Selichot 7PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 AM Religious School 12 Noon Opening the Genizah	7 PM Choir Rehearsal (RH)		25 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30PM Ritual Mtg Federation Campaign kick off	7 PM Choir Rehearsal (RH)	7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	Escape Room 5PM-9PM
29	30					
8 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, Choir Sings	RH Day 1 10 AM - Service, followed by Tashlich Serv. (Brandon Pkwy) 4PM - Family Service					

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