

# The Kibbitzer

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### FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

#### Finding The Wonder In The Ordinary

We just entered the Hebrew month of Heshvan. Some refer to this month as mar-heshvan, bitter heshvan because it is one of the few Hebrew months where there are no holidays other than Shabbat. After the month of Tishrei, filled with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah, it might feel jarring to have no holidays other than our weekly observance of Shabbat.



The fall Jewish holidays offer so much time to connect with family and friends. Rosh Hashanah offers us time for renewal and reflection. Yom Kippur, time to make teshuva. Sukkot, the time of our joy, an opportunity to connect with the natural world around us. Simchat Torah, a celebration of the gift of Torah, endings and beginnings. Some of us may be feeling like we want to keep this joy and celebration going.

Others, especially those involved in planning, coordinating, and leading these holidays might be thinking, "What do you mean Heshvan is bitter?!? It is great that we don't need to do extra planning this month! We can take a breather and relax back into our routines. We can enjoy the ordinary."

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel is well known for cultivating a spiritual practice of radical amazement. Looking at everything in this world and seeing how truly awe inspiring it is, "Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement," Heschel said. "Get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed."

Heschel is not the only Jew who expressed the need for every day wonder. Albert Einstein once said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Holidays can be wonderful for helping to remind us of the importance of family, friends, rituals, and prayer. They can help us break out of our routines and remind us there is something bigger than ourselves. What it would look like, however, the next time you saw a tree, to take a moment in wonder and amazement. That this sturdy tree was once a small, fragile seed. That this tree helps us to breathe. That it provides shade. That despite numerous hurricanes, tropical storms, and other possible destructive acts, it is still here.

This is just one example of how we can cultivate radical amazement and wonder. Others might find looking at the ocean and marveling at its vastness more meaningful, going hiking and gazing from a lookout point as far as the eye can see.

We do not have holidays throughout the month of Heshvan. Some may see that as a reason for wonder and celebration. Others might ask, how do I stay aware and connected to everything holidays connect us to; family, friends, joy, celebration, wonder. For this month of Heshvan, I invite you to do something, even for just a moment, to cultivate wonder and radical amazement.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Jon Ellis

I would like to thank everyone who participated to date in the High Holiday Drive. All donations are not yet in, but I can tell you that we have surpassed last year. Some of you increased your gifts substantially and that made a huge difference. I believe this is the first time in our congregational history, or at least since I have been involved, that we have been able to maximize the amount of the matching gift for all new and increased gifts. For those who gave generously, thank you!

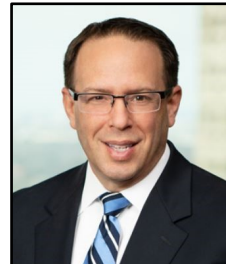
I also want to thank the Rabbi Bryan Mann, our cantorial soloist, Sandy Santucci, our choir leader, Joan Frankel, the members of the choir and all others who participated in the High Holiday services. Thank you. High Holidays time is always a lot of work for all involved and this year the work showed.

For those of you who do not know, we are looking at changing our dues model. Both David Richter and Mitch Bayliss have raised this issue. We are looking at a better model for people to be connected with Congregation Beth Shalom. I

hope to be forming a committee to review and make suggestions. You should be hearing more about this shortly.

Many of you have had questions about the roof. I am pleased to announce that we went out for bids on the roof and are working with some of the bidders to ensure such bids comply with our bid specifications. I hope that work will start in the roof in the next few months.

Lastly, September was the first month in a number of months we had a net gain of members. Hopefully we are turning around. But even with the net gain of members in September, we lost a few members in October. We need to be working to increase the membership where it will be a sustainable level. To the extent you know of individuals in the community who are considering affiliating or have left and would like to affiliate again, please reach out to them.



## MEMBERSHIP

Congregation Beth Shalom would like to welcome our new members:

Lisa Smith  
Rob Northrup  
Neal & Janet Kavesh

Shana Tova to all!

– Judith Pliner and Gail Verlin,  
“The Membership Ladies”



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- ☆ **Community-wide events, including Mitzvah Day**

## Upcoming Dates To Remember

▪ **Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.:** Taste of Tanach. What Does It Mean to Be Righteous? More details on page 6.

▪ **Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m.:** Confirmation class.



▪ **Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.:** Howard Kerner returns by popular demand to engage us further as he reveals "A Celebration of Goodness - Part II." More information on page 6.

▪ **Sunday, Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.:** Kristallnacht.

▪ **Sunday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe. More information on page 8.

▪ **Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night Out at Bonefish Grill. More information on page 9.

▪ **Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m.:** Bobbe Kopay Women of Distinction Program will honor Suzie Baylis. Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa. More information on page 4.

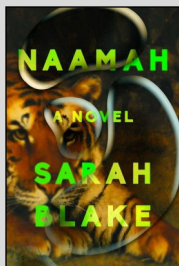


▪ **Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.:** Murder Mystery night. More information on page 10.

▪ **Sunday, Nov. 17, 3 p.m.:** Let's Chat will focus on Jews and non-Jewish holidays. More information on page 6.

▪ **Monday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 8.

▪ **Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.:** Congregation retreat. More details on page 4.



▪ **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night Out at Acropolis Greek Taverna. More information on page 9.

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Full calendar, page 15*

## November Oneg Schedule

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

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

▪ **Nov. 1: Deborah Rachel Miranda** will host the oneg in honor of her son, **Michael**, who will be celebrating his 26th birthday, and she also will be celebrating the first anniversary of her Jewish conversion.

▪ **Nov. 8th: Anna Feldman** will host the oneg in honor of **Anita Hoffman** and **Steve Feldman's** birthday.

▪ **Nov. 15: Ira & Shirley Ratner** will host the oneg in honor of their birthdays.

▪ **Nov. 22:** open

▪ **Nov. 29: Suzie & Mitch Baylis** will host the oneg in honor of Suzie's birthday.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee, I wish to thank our November oneg hosts for being so generous and taking the time to help us out.

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).

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eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 4 p.m.

## **Suzie Baylis — Woman of Distinction**

Congregation Beth Shalom is excited to announce Suzie Baylis will be honored at the 2019 Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program.

The celebration will be Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at Congregation Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa.

This annual event honors women in the Tampa area who have worked diligently, creating a long list of accomplishments. They give of their time, their enthusiasm, and their dollars to help make our community and our world a better place. In addition to being dedicated Jewish leaders, these women are also wives, mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, business owners, professionals, and even volunteers for other organizations. They have a vision for their organizations and kehillah (our community) and work hard to turn these visions into realities.

Buying tickets or placing a congratulatory announcement or an ad is a wonderful way to support the honorees, support the program, and/or promote a business. Proceeds raised will be directed to the Tampa Jewish Federation's 2020 Annual Campaign. These funds support a lifeline of vital programs and services offered by our local Jewish beneficiary agencies, as well as a myriad of social services and community building efforts in Israel and 70 countries around the globe.

If you would like to attend this event, or honor Suzie, please visit <https://www.jewishtampa.com/federation-impact/women-of-distinction-program>.

## **CONGREGATION RETREAT**

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 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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(each committee only gets one vote)*

## **Other Programs**

### **CBS Singles Over 50**

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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 those who came out to watch the installation and ribbon cutting of our congregation's Little Free Library.
- Kudos to **Steve Slavkin** and the **ritual committee** for all their continued hard work in the High Holiday season.
- Kudos to those who helped put up the sukkah: **Mitch Baylis, Jason Baylis, Steve Birnholz, Steve Feldman, Myron Feldman, Dave Friedman, and Marvin Shienbaum** for supplying all of the palm fronds.

### MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Brady Garbett** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

*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](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).*

## GUEST COLUMN - Rudina Richter

### Why Preserve Congregational Judaism?

I admit I missed an opportunity. When asked to share my thoughts on what being Jewish means to me earlier this month, I created a personal statement that mapped my evolving perspective on this question. In retrospect, I wish I had said something about my commitment to congregational Judaism.

Full transparency: I hail from a legacy of committed congregational families. My mother's parents emigrated from Eastern Europe to New York, eventually raising their family in a Jewish Polish/Russian shtetel in the Catskills. They lived across the street from the Orthodox Jewish shul. And, when a rift occurred in the congregation (two Jews, three shuls) they founded a new Orthodox Jewish shul right next door to the old shul. My grandmother ran the Mikvah, where she gave birth to the youngest of her five children. She was always the "go to" pillar of the community upon which everyone could depend. My grandfather was reportedly the wise and benevolent elder many sought out for counsel. Although Urban Renewal emptied and razed the small village of Woodridge in the 1960's, the shul was still standing when I joined my cousins a few years ago to visit the site of our parents' childhood.

My parents raised me and my brothers during the Baby Boom in a rapidly building area of a mostly Catholic part of the New Jersey suburbs. We were only settled in for a year when my parents became founding members of their new conservative Jewish synagogue in Old Bridge. My brothers and I went to classes twice a week. My brothers celebrated being Bar Mitzvah, and we were all confirmed there. We joined the USY youth group and went to conventions to meet other Jewish children. As a congregation, we worshipped together, laughed and cried together, and supported each other through some very trying personal and political times.

When I met David's family, I was introduced to his father, a reform Rabbi, and the congregation he led in Indiana. I heard stories of my father-in-law and the community's ministers who supported each

other through the tumultuous years of the civil rights movement. I witnessed the dedication the members of this congregation devoted to each other through the death of children, the loss of parents, the breakup of marriages, the celebration of marriages, and the birth of children. The temple was the center of social and spiritual life for these congregants. David and I visit the existing congregation whenever we are in the Chicago area, and we know we will be recognized and embraced. That is not nothing.

David and I raised our family in south Tampa in a reform Jewish congregation. Both our children were named on this temple's bima, and attended religious school from preschool through confirmation. They celebrated B'Nei Mitzvot, participated in BBYO and were able to foster a Jewish identity in a predominately Christian community.

Since joining CBS, David and I have never had children living locally, and our grandchildren have never lived in Florida. However, believing as we do in the importance of maintaining a Jewish congregation, David has served as CBS president; we have both served on the board; I was membership chair for six years and now volunteer as B'Nei Mitzvah tutor and religious school teacher. We stay involved because of the value we place on the continued existence of Congregation Beth Shalom.

I believe in the importance of an accessible and viable Jewish congregation for all these reasons. An at-large Jewish community is not adequate, as many unaffiliated Jews cannot be depended on to participate in celebrating births, marriages, B'Nei Mitzvot or supporting other Jews through life losses. Many unaffiliated Jews want an available facility when they have a need for High Holy Day worship or life cycle events. Otherwise, their focus seems to be on other prioritized aspects of their lives.

So, it remains to the rest of us to keep the building (physical and spiritual) standing. Think about what that entails, and how you might help.

## LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman



these debates and talk about what it means to be righteous.

• **Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Howard Kerner** returns by popular demand to engage us further as he reveals “A Celebration of Goodness - Part II.”

Those of you who attended Mr. Kerner's first presentation in May will be pleased to hear more true stories about how Christians, Muslims, and Jews risked their own lives as well as those of their families by their brave actions, saving the lives of Jews who were threatened by extinction during WWII.



Mr. Kerner is a retired English professor who has taught and published extensively on Holocaust Heroism and lectures extensively in Florida to churches, synagogues, and adult education participants.

Although this event is free and open to the public, we will be happy to accept your donations.

• **Sunday, Nov. 17, 3 p.m., “Let’s Chat”** will focus on Jews and non-Jewish holidays. How do we as 21st-Century Jews, Jews with non-Jewish spouses, in-laws, friends/family approach Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Join us as we talk about our own approaches and various options available.

• **Saturday, Dec. 7,** at our congregational retreat, “A Taste of Tanach,” will feature a deep dive into the Shabbat morning service. We will be deconstructing the service, looking at the overarching arc of the service, the different sections and overall themes of those sections. We will look at some of the key prayers of each section. We will then craft our own Shabbat morning service.

• **Sunday, Dec. 28, at 3 p.m., “Let’s Chat”** will discuss “Not Your Religious School’s Hannukkah Story.”

We know the story of the miracle of the oil. Very rarely do we talk about the violent guerilla campaign led by the Maccabees and later violent zealotry recorded in the Book of Maccabees and by the historian Josephus. We will learn about this Hanukkah story and talk about how we feel about and respond to the more violent moments in Jewish history. Was this violence justified? How would we have responded/acted at the time? Should we celebrate violent acts?

### LET'S EAT!!!!

• Life Long Learning is planning to conduct a Jewish cook-

ing class soon. What dishes do you want to learn to make? Let us know your preferences, and learn how to “esse and fress the products of your labors.” You can also let us know what days and times would be best for you. Contact us at [chinadolljp@verizon.net](mailto:chinadolljp@verizon.net).

### COMING IN 2020

• A series entitled “**We’re not getting any Younger!**” is planned after the first of the year. In this five-part series we plan on addressing many of the issues which face us as we age and as other family members become increasingly involved in our decision-making. This series is not just for the “old fogies.” How do those who are approaching middle age continue to parent their children while “being there” for our parents? What kind of legacy do we want to leave our children and grandchildren? What legal issues and documents are necessary for everyone’s welfare? When is it time to move to a home which provides more assistance, and how do we financially afford it? What choices do we have in making plans for end-of-life? We are sure you will want to participate in this important series. More information will be available soon.

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## EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

October was a great month for our religious school. We celebrated the Jewish Holidays together, assisted Brady Garbett with his Bar Mitzvah project, improved our Hebrew skills, and deepened our friendships at religious school.

For the month of November, we have the following classes and activities:

▪ **Nov. 3:** Grades 2 - 7 will meet and study Hebrew prayers and Jewish traditions and historical figures. On this date, our students will be participating in an arts and crafts project as developed by our teacher, Rudina Richter.

▪ **Nov. 10:** All grades (kindergarten - 7th) will be in attendance as they study with their teachers and further enhance their Jewish knowledge. Students will again visit the library to learn about our books. If they borrowed a book last month, please be kind of enough to return that book to the library on this date. Also, at this time, each student will be allowed an opportunity to borrow additional book(s).

▪ **Nov. 17:** All grades (kindergarten - 7th) again meet. On this date, there will be no worship service at 9:30 a.m., and students will immediately go into their Hebrew class. At 10:45 a.m., students will join Rabbi Bryan in the sanctuary for a Thanksgiving program, snacks and music. As is our tradition, families are invited to join their students for

this programming.

▪ As we follow the Hillsborough Schools Calendar, there is no religious school Sunday, Nov. 24, or Sunday, Dec. 1. Please enjoy your holiday time together.

If you are aware of any families in our extended community seeking a Jewish education for their children, please furnish my name and contact information to them.

*Sheila Fishman, administrator*  
813-833-7843 or [gold17@verizon.net](mailto:gold17@verizon.net)

### ***Lilah Tov Overnight Camp Scholarship***

The Tampa Jewish Federation's Lilah Tov Overnight Camp Scholarship Fund will award camp scholarships to children who would like to attend a non-profit Jewish overnight camp in the summer of 2020. These are need-based scholarships for Jewish children residing in Hillsborough County. For eligibility requirements and to download a scholarship application, go to [www.jewishtampa.com/lilahtov](http://www.jewishtampa.com/lilahtov).

The deadline to apply is Nov. 8. Contact Alissa Fischel at 813-769-4726 if you have any questions about this scholarship program.

## BESTY BEAT

Our Congregation Beth Shalom BeSTY group was busy in October.



First, mazel tov to Brady Garbett on his Bar Mitzvah! Joined by family and friends, he did a great job both with the service and his Little Free Library project. BeSTY members

also participated in his service.

Davina Feldman presented Brady with a Bar Mitzvah keepsake on behalf of BeSTY, and Judy Lubin helped greet and usher.



In October, BeSTY members also got together at Dave & Buster's for food and fun. We stuffed ourselves with burgers and wings and then headed off to the game room. A great time was had by all!

BeSTY has plenty of more exciting activities planned for the year.

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.





## KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

A big standing ovation for Kolot Shalom!! They truly inspired our congregation and made our High Holy Days services memorable!

Mazel Tov from the entire CBS congregation to Sandy Santucci, Lauren Fleischman, Cynthia Goldstein, Sarah Koplin, Michael Lubin, Jeff Newman, Steve Slavkin, and Joan Frankel.

L'Shanah Tovah!

*Joan Frankel*

## DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

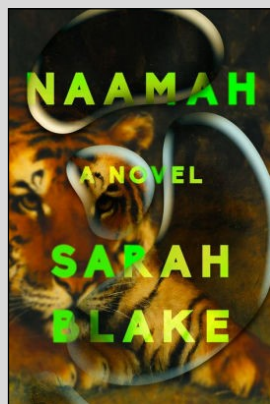


Let's have good Chinese food!

Sunday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m.  
Yummy House China Bistro  
2620 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa

This is Veterans' Day weekend. Members, friends, and family are all welcome, but we require an email to Anita at [niewdnarb@yahoo.com](mailto:niewdnarb@yahoo.com) to save your seats.

## PAGE TURNERS



Monday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet to discuss Sarah Blake's book, *Naamah*. This book is Blake's first novel, which explores her take on how women may have fit into the scheme of life during the time of the Great Flood. The reader may find that this book's undercurrent theme seems to pose the following question: How can God's presence be seen throughout creation? Blake does a marvelous job with the alternative world she creates. She often moves back and forth between reality and the surreal, which can leave the reader a bit confused at times. Blake cre-

ates many earthly situations that are often illuminating, funny and at times queasy, with a bit of erotica thrown in; yet, she somehow makes this sailing journey work!

Just so everyone knows, Hillsborough County Public Library has two copies of *Naamah*. Once I finish the copy I bought, I will lend it to whomever is in need of it.

Please join us for a light dinner which Anna Feldman will provide, and also what will be a lively and interesting discussion.

## 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 just 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](mailto:all4suzie@gmail.com).





## **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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**The Story:** Five years ago, Barry Underwood, owner of the prestigious Underwood Wine Estates mysteriously disappeared during the annual wine festival. A massive search at the time failed to turn up any clues and the case has been in the FBI's unsolved files since then.

**Now five years later,** it is once again the annual wine festival. Last night, family and friends gathered at the stately Underwood mansion to celebrate. At midnight, a minor earthquake shook the mansion, causing an old wooden floor in the wine cellar to buckle. Barry's well preserved body was discovered under the cedar planks. *It is a clear case of murder and YOU must question the suspects, look at the clues and finally you determine Which of the guests is THE MURDERER.*

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Below is a brief description of the suspects and suggested costume.

If you are interested in becoming one of these suspects, send an email to [all4suzie@gmail.com](mailto:all4suzie@gmail.com). Please choose from one of the following suspects:

• **TINY BUBBLES** – Barry's fiancée at the time of his death. Perky and pretty, Tiny has an effervescent personality and a razor-sharp mind. She is now married to the new winery owner, Ralph.

**Costume:** *An innocent girlish appearance. Skirt, polka-dot blouse, bows in hair, neat as a pin.*

• **OTTO VON SCHNAPPS** – A German wine merchant. Boisterous and fun-loving Otto attends wine festivals around the globe, buying the best vintages for distribution in Europe. It is said Otto's preference for red or white can be influenced by green.

**Costume:** *German-styled short pants (Lederhosen) with suspenders, mountain boots, felt hat with feather and carrying lots of cash.*

• **MARILYN MERLOT** – Marilyn was crowned Wine Princess at the festival five years ago, then went on to become a Hollywood movie star. She's returned to Napa Valley for the Wine Festival and to gloat over her success.

**Costume:** *A sexy starlet look. Tight-fitting, sequin-covered dress, high heels, a daring hairstyle and tarnished*

*crown.*

• **RALPH ROTTINGRAPE** – Barry's first cousin and heir-apparent to the Underwood Wine Estates. Long considered the black sheep of the family, Ralph took over as manager after Barry's disappearance and has been running things his way ever since.

**Costume:** *Bad-boy look: black shirt and pants, earring, stubbled beard and dark glasses*

• **HEDY SHABLEE** – The owner of the neighboring vineyard and a fierce competitor of the Underwood's. Barry's disappearance has uncorked a new vintage of troubles for unhappy Hedy.

**Costume:** *Flowered shirt, off-the-shoulder peasant blouse, sandals or bare feet, headband of flowers, carrying a basket of her best vintage.*

• **PAPA VITO** – Brought over from Italy sixty years ago by Barry's grandfather to develop Underwood Wine Estates, Papa Vito has devoted his life to the vineyards. Now he just wants to retire and drink a little vino in the afternoon... salute.

**Costume:** *Baggy workman's pants, checkered flannel shirt, vest, straw hat, old work boots and a bushy mustache.*

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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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- **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.
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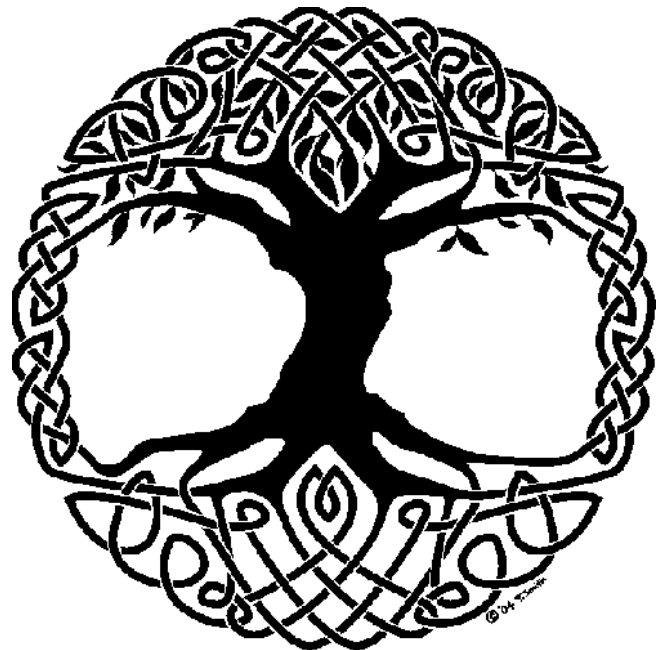
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## Anniversaries

11/12	Jeffrey & Iylene Miller
11/13	Ira & Polly Arman
11/16	Tiffany & Brandon Feldman
11/18	Ben & Deborah Miller
11/28	Cheryl & Michael Lubin



## Yahrzeits

11/1	John	Cassidy	Father	of	Jerilyn	Dimant
11/2	Brenda	Jacob	Mother	of	Jeffrey	Jacob
11/4	Ed	McAuley	Friend	of	Bill	Kalbas
11/5	Robert H.	Gordon	Father	of	Jane	Hertzberg
11/7	Melvin	Rifkin	Husband	of	Eunice	Rifkin
11/8	Doris	Ohman	Mother	of	Cynthia	Goldstein
11/9	Irene	Freedman	Auth	of	Randy	Freedman
11/11	Sharon	Cooper	Sister	of	Susan	Reckner
11/11	Murray	Goldberg	Father	of	Brenda	Gold
11/12	Doris	Arman	Mother	of	Ira	Arman
11/12	David	Cramer	Father	of	Toby	Rhine
11/14	Florence	Finkel	Aunt	of	Steve	Feldman
11/15	Samuel	Richter	Grandfather	of	David	Richter
11/16	Stanley	Weiss	Father	of	Alan	Weiss
11/16	Victor	Goldberg	Father	of	Karen	Goldberg Pitchon
11/16	Elisabeth	Ballou	Mother	of	Christine	Stockelman
11/18	Rose	Bond	Grandmother	of	Joanne	Ronay
11/18	Lawrence	Bernstein	Father	of	Sheila	Slavkin
11/18	Peter	Ronay	Brother	of	Gary	Ronay
11/19	Gertrude	Sklar	Mother	of	Carol	Wagner
11/20	Doris	Raymond	Mother in Law	of	Doris	Raymond
11/23	Evelyn	Sanders	Mother	of	Sheila	Slavkin
11/24	Clara	May	Grandmother	of	David	Richter
11/26	Geroige	Santucci	Husband	of	Sandy	Santucci
11/27	Max	Hershkowitz	Grandfather	of	Jeff	Newman
11/29	Farnk B.	Arman	Father	of	Ira	Arman



## Birthdays

11/1	Stephen Feldman
11/1	Adam Watson II
11/1	Anita Hoffman
11/3	Irving "Gerry" Lawrence
11/4	Howard Saviet
11/5	Jonathan Ellis
11/8	Polly Arman
11/9	Brandon Feldman
11/9	Ira Ratner
11/13	Scott Pitchon
11/15	Rachel Pitchon
11/15	Julie Shienbaum
11/19	William Kalbas
11/20	Ken Buchman
11/25	Carol Anne Friedman
11/26	Karen Goldberg Pitchon
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11/27	Doris Raymond
11/28	Laura Kaler
11/28	Keren Vergon
11/30	Susan Baylis

## 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:

**November 22**

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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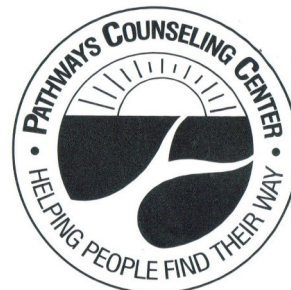
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	2 10AM Taste of Tanach
3 Jewish Book Fest. 9:30 AM Religious School	4	5 Board Mtg	6 6:30 PM Conf. Class	7 Choir Rehearsal	8 Kibbitzer Deadline	9
10 Religious School Krystalnacht Celebration— FHM 5:30 PM	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30PM Ritual Mtg	14 Woman of Distinction-Kol Ami 7 PM	15 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	16
17 9:30 AM Religious School Let's Chat 3 PM	18 Page Turners 6PM	19	20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Rodeph Shalom	21	22 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	23 Hadassah Gala
24 No Religious School TBJEC—Teacher Educator Workshop	25 HCPS Fall Break	26 HCPS Fall Break	27 HCPS Fall Break	28 Thanksgiving Day HCPS Fall Break	29 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service HCPS Fall Break	30

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