

# The Kibbitzer

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## **FROM THE RABBI** - Rabbi Paul Schreiber, Reb Tuviah

### **All Of Us Were There**

A few weeks ago, we read the two combined Torah portions called "Nitzavim" and "Vayelech" (Deuteronomy chapters 29-31). "Nitzavim," a powerful teaching on its own, became even stronger in the time of the year we read it ... immediately preceding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. While in biblical times there may not have been grand gatherings of most of the Israelites, the High Holy Days evolved quickly to be the central time to be together as a community. "Nitzavim" is a small section that contains a mini-teaching, almost a synopsis, or a mini-Torah. Translated simply, it can mean, "We are present (standing) ..." just as we imagine the Jewish community at this auspicious time of year. The universality and power of Nitzavim have even inspired some to read this as an alternative to traditional Torah readings on the High Holy Days, such as Yom Kippur morning or afternoon.

The portion opens with the statement addressed to all of the people. To help us not misinterpret or gloss over this moment, we are presented with a list: "You are all present here today: leaders, tribes, elders, officials, adults, children, spouses, and the resident aliens among you; from the woodchopper to the water hauler." We read a few verses later that this teaching is not only from the past, meaning those in the wilderness, but also with those "not yet here with us today," linking that moment to all future generations, placing each consecutive generation at the moment of being together. Yet in this year of the COVID-19 pandemic, it also highlights the power of community both when we physically gather and when we are unable to gather physically. Just as the blind person often develops heightened senses (of hearing and touch), so too must we awaken to the other senses of spirit that are a challenge to us when we cannot gather and congregate physically. This powerful teaching contains an awareness that the future will not look the same as the present moment nor will we understand the teachings the same way and that being mindful of the central values and teachings is a key to future success.

It is the experience as described in the text, of going from a slave in Egypt to a free person with the deep understanding of Torah, that leads to the covenant of understanding — we were all slaves, we were all outsiders, we were all strangers in a strange land, and that experience and knowledge should drive our actions, ethics, and community. This is why the Jewish community has a heightened sensitivity to the conversation around racism, civil rights, respectful dialogue between those with differing opinions, and the equitable treatment of all people.

As we begin the year 5781, we should be asking questions such as how do we think future Jewish generations will interpret this moment in time? How will it bring a deeper meaning to our lives?

May we all find the path to peace within ourselves, our families, our community, our country, and our planet as we enter 5781.

Shanah Tova,  
Reb Tuviah



## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Steve Slavkin

### **L'shana Tovah (wishing you a good year) and G'mar Chatima Tovah (may you be inscribed for good)**

5780 was a major year of change for Congregation Beth Shalom – some of it negative, some positive. 5781 will also be year of change – positive changes, changes of growth, and changes of shalom (well-being and wholeness) as Reb Tuviah settles in as the religious leader of CBS.

We read on Yom Kippur from Parshah Nitzavim, "You are standing here, all of you, this day – your chiefs, your tribes, your wise ones, your judges ... your little ones, your wives, the stranger ... from the woodcutter to the water bearer," as all stood before God to receive God's judgement.

Whether you are old or young; Democrat or Republican; a teacher, lawyer, lab tech, or unfortunately unemployed; from a background in classical Reform or Hasidic Orthodoxy or somewhere in between; we all have a spiritual and welcoming home at CBS.

We embrace our differences and change to grow as a community. As 5781 is upon us, I am hopeful things are beginning to turn around for Congregation Beth Shalom. For example, this month is the first month I can remember the number of returning members exceeded the number of members that left. I am hopeful we will remain on this trajectory. More importantly, by increasing our membership, we can better fulfill our mission and remain the center of Jewish life in eastern Hillsborough County.

Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already done so, please remember to make some contribution to the High Holiday drive and consider increasing your gift from last year. We greatly need your assistance, this year more than ever.

Lastly, I want to thank Michael Lubin and the entire ritual committee for all the work they did this year for the High Holidays. For example, just undertaking the honors for the High Holidays is time-consuming, attempting to determine who receives which honor, notifying the recipient, confirming the recipient will accept the honor, and then ensuring that all goes well on the day of the service. And this is just

one small piece. While I am writing this column before the High Holiday services take place, I am hopeful they are flawless this year as they have been in the past. On behalf of the congregation, thank you for all your hard work. I wish you all L'shana Tovah (a good year) and G'mar Chatima Tovah (may you be inscribed for good).

"We do things better when we do them together."



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## Upcoming Dates To Remember

- **Sunday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.:** Sukkah building. Details on page 8.
- **Sunday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.:** Sukkot Under the Stars. More information on page 8.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7:** Men's Club (tentative).
- **Saturday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.:** Simchat Torah. More information on page 8.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night In. More information on page 11.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.:** Dinner With The Tribe. Details on page 5.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.:** Ladies Night In. More information on page 11.
- **Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 4.
- **Thursday, Dec. 3:** Woman of Distinction.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.** Ladies Night In. More information on page 11.



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## October Oneg Schedule

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

We hope you and your family are doing well.

The Oneg Committee has not scheduled oneg hosts for the month of October.

Since the temple has been closed for more than three months, we are waiting for our executive board to notify us as soon as they are able to determine at which time they feel it is safe to re-open the synagogue.

We are considering a plan to have "virtual oneg hosts." Please let us know if you are interested in this opportunity to honor a special person or date in your life.

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

*Anna Feldman & Judith Pliner*

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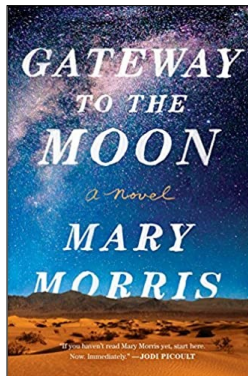
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eBlast deadline is Wednesday at 4 p.m.

## PAGE TURNERS

Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., Page Turners will meet in a Zoom session for a discussion of Mary Morris's book *Gateway to the Moon*. In her book she weaves together the contemporary story of Miguel Torres, a young man desperately trying to escape an impoverished New Mexico town, with the tales of his ancestors' long journey from Spain. Tracing back to the expulsion of Jews and Muslims in 1492, this novel tells the story of the Jews who held on to their heritage despite the family rupture and torture they endured and poses questions about what connects and claims us.



While this is a work of fiction, there is an historical basis for the story. It touches on the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, the Inquisition, and the settlement of Crypto-Jews in New Mexico. There is so much going on in this book besides the historical back story. There is the growth of young Miguel and relationship with his employer, Rachel Rothstein. While reading the book, I actually felt like I was in contemporary New Mexico. This was one of those "I cannot put this book down" books.

The Zoom event details and link will be forthcoming in our congregation eBlast newsletter.

- Anita Clifford

## THE LIBRARY CORNER — Sandy Saviet

Just like many congregations, our Congregation Beth Shalom library has been under "quarantine" for the past several months. It has given me the opportunity to read the monthly bulletins from my hometown synagogue. I am copying their idea and will be suggesting a few books each month from *Moment Magazine's* ongoing recommended list of "Five Must-Read Books to be an Educated Jew." These books have been chosen by a variety of notable Jews who shared their own "Five Must-Read Books." Some of these books are in our temple library.

The first book, *As A Driven Leaf* by Milton Steinberg was recommended by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl.

The next book, *There Shall Be No Needy: Pursuing Social Justice Through Jewish Law and Tradition*, by Jill Jacobs was recommended by Rabbi Danya Ruttenburg.

If any of our members (including Reb Tuviah and Nancy) have any books they would like to recommend, please email Sandy Saviet at [kinda@verizon.net](mailto:kinda@verizon.net). Until



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## Kudos & Mazels

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

### KUDOS

- Kudos to **Michael Lubin, Reb Tuviah, Sandy Santucci**, and the **Ritual Committee** for all their work on our High Holiday schedule and events. See page 8 for Sukkot details.
- Kudos to all our members who have contributed so far to our congregation food and pet food drive, and to our annual High Holiday fund drive. See page 8 for more details on how to support these projects.



*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).*

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership was thrilled to see everyone virtually during our High Holiday services.

But the season isn't over! Please be sure to attend our socially distant, but in-person, Sukkot building and celebration, as well as Simchat Torah. Information about these can be found on page 8.

We encourage you to bring friends who might be interested in our congregation as well. This is a great opportunity for them to learn more about Congregation Beth Shalom!

– Sandee Pelk & Lea Garbett

## DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford



Let's Chat, Wine, or Dine With the Tribe  
Saturday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We'll get together and enjoy our own company in the company of others.

Zoom Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7811942633?pwd=RW9QdGw4UkN4WWJTZGlqaXZ0ZHZHUT09>

Meeting ID 781 194 2633

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The ritual committee meets the last Wednesday every month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Michael Lubin at [mike.8.11.2007@gmail.com](mailto:mike.8.11.2007@gmail.com) for a link or more information.



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## LIFELONG LEARNING — Janice Perelman

### Thoughts About Lifelong Learning



Aren't we constantly learning new things?

This year we learned how to observe and enjoy the High Holidays from a perspective outside our synagogue.

With our new rabbi, Reb Tuviah, we employed the "Zoom" or virtual method of participating in Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Although this is being written prior to those Holy Days, I feel I can predict those observances have been satisfying, even if presented differently.

The word "different" implies neither better nor worse, simply a variety. Very often we become so accustomed to a routine, we take our choices for granted.

When you enter a meeting room, do you choose the same seating section and the same seat at each occasion, or do you try sitting in a different place?

When you attend a group discussion, are you always the one to offer your ideas, or do you try to be quiet for a change and actively decide to listen to others instead? When you shop for clothes, do you always look for the same designer or the same color, or do you scan the racks to find something new? And do you always choose to order the same entree at your favorite restaurant because you liked it the last time, instead of trying something new on the menu? These are all examples of our choices. Sometimes, too many choices can be overwhelming or uncomfortable, so it's easier to repeat old behavior. But by doing so, we don't realize what a new perspective can open to us.

The New Year offers all kinds of opportunities for us to change and improve our behavior, change our choices, and be open to the new outcomes.

Here's hoping the new year will give us wonderful opportunities to learn about ourselves and our world.

L'Shana Tova Tikatayvu

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#### CBS Adult Education

### Are You Smarter Than a Hebrew Schooler Level 1, 2, and 3?

This eight-week course is only \$18!

We will be meeting in person and at the congregation. Day and times will be announced after CBS reopens our doors.

Sign up by contacting Jenny, our CBS administrator. You can reach the temple office at 813-681-6547 or email [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com).

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**TUTORING:** Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring is available. Contact Reb Tuviah to make an appointment and set a date. Michael Lubin is available for all your tutoring requests.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to [thekibbitzer@hotmail.com](mailto:thekibbitzer@hotmail.com) by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.



## EDUCATION

We are so excited to begin another school year at Congregation Beth Shalom and we hope the children are just as excited! Our religious school will meet on Sundays at 10 am.

For now, and in the interest of everyone's safety, we will be meeting virtually via Zoom. Let's get ready for a great year at CBS!

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our religious school program, please contact Reb Tuviah directly at [rebtuviah@gmail.com](mailto:rebtuviah@gmail.com).

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## CONFIRMATION

**Calling all teens who want to continue to explore his/her growth and knowledge of Judaism, Jewish thought, and Jewish life!**

Plans are now under way with Reb Tuviah to meet with our confirmation students, youth group members, and any interested teens ages 13-16 effective with the 2020-21 school year. We are considering meeting monthly, but no specific dates have been identified.



Topics being considered for these meetings could include:

- how to address modern issues within the text of Jewish law,
- ethical practices,
- the place of Israel in our lives,
- anti-Semitism and racism, and
- other religions.

However, we welcome any suggestions from our youth or their parents.

With your help, the curriculum can be exciting and interesting –and we hope to provide further conversations within families about Judaism and Jewish life.

If you have any suggestions for this program, please reach out to Reb Tuviah at [rebtuviah@gmail.com](mailto:rebtuviah@gmail.com) or the temple office.



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## HIGH HOLIDAYS

### Simchat Torah

Saturday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m., please join us to celebrate Simchat Torah.

We will bring the Torah outside on the back lawn so we can celebrate with song and wine. Reb Tuviah will play his guitar and music will also be played on loud speakers. We will also light the bonfire and make s'mores.



Please wear your mask. We will also be creating a special parking area for anyone who wants to come but wants to stay extra socially distant. Weather may affect this celebration.



### Sukkah Building And Celebration

Please join us the morning of Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m., to help us build the Sukkah. All volunteers are welcome to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Helping or not, we need palm fronds to complete this task. You can drop them off near the shed at the back of the property.

Then join is at 6 p.m., the same evening for Sukkot Under the Stars. Please contact Michael Lubin at [mike.8.11.2007@gmail.com](mailto:mike.8.11.2007@gmail.com) for more information.

### High Holiday Appeal Drive Ongoing

Our annual High Holiday pledge drive is ongoing.

Our annual High Holiday appeal is a vital component in supporting Congregation Beth Shalom, and its mission to provide a historic center of Jewish Life serving Eastern Hillsborough County. This past year we have been financially challenged by the cost of our new roof and COVID-19, and we need your help.

A few anonymous donors have already stepped up. They have agreed to match dollar for dollar every amount pledged in this year's Kol Nidre Appeal up to \$15,000. If you have not made a meaningful pledge, please consider making one, and

We are still also accepting donations for our congregation food bank. Please bring your non-perishable items or pet food to Simchat Torah or Sukkot, or call the temple office to arrange a time to drop off your items.

if you have already made your pledge please give some thought to increasing it. Every dollar pledged will raise two dollars toward our \$30,000 goal. You can click here to donate <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4w4Z6D>.

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## HOLIDAY COOKING

### ***Moroccan Sweet Couscous with Mixed Dried Fruits***

From [www.ReformJudaism.org](http://www.ReformJudaism.org)

By Tina Wasserman

This dish is now a staple on my buffet table for all fall Jewish holidays, because I like to incorporate a "new fruit" (pomegranate) or fall fruits (raisins, apples, pears in their dried form) for Rosh HaShanah and Sukkot. Though this traditional Moroccan dish is typically served for Hanukkah, it's too tasty to be relegated it to just that one holiday.

Streamline the preparation time by using dried, already-chopped fruit, and use any combination of dried fruit that you want. This is a very kid-friendly recipe and a great way to get those iron-packed fruits into their diet.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup Israeli couscous  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter or pareve margarine  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon



One 7-ounce package of chopped mixed dried fruit or 1 1/2 cups assorted dried fruits  
1/3 cup whole almonds, roasted and coarsely chopped  
2 tablespoons pine nuts, lightly roasted  
1/3 cup milk with 3 drops of almond extract added  
Cinnamon, pitted Medjool dates, pomegranate seeds, and/or apricot slivers for garnish

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Cook couscous in a large pot of boiling salted water for 7 to 10 minutes or until tender but still firm. Drain, but do not rinse, and place in a large mixing bowl.
- Melt the butter or margarine in a 1-cup bowl in the microwave for 35 seconds. Add the sugar and cinnamon and stir to combine. Pour the mixture over the couscous to coat thoroughly.
- Add the dried fruit and roasted nuts.
- Mix the 3 drops of almond extract into the milk. Add just enough of the milk to the couscous to moisten it. Do not add too much or the mixture will be runny. Reserve excess milk in case the couscous is dry. Remoisten before you garnish.
- Pile the couscous into a mound or pyramid shape on a serving platter. Sprinkle with additional cinnamon and garnish with Medjool date halves, pomegranate seeds, and/or apricot slivers.

#### **Additional Notes**

- Israeli couscous is a large, milled ball of pasta approximately 1/8 inch in diameter.
- Coating couscous with butter or margarine prevents the mixture from clumping. However, it still holds together beautifully when mounded.

## COLLEGE CONNECTION

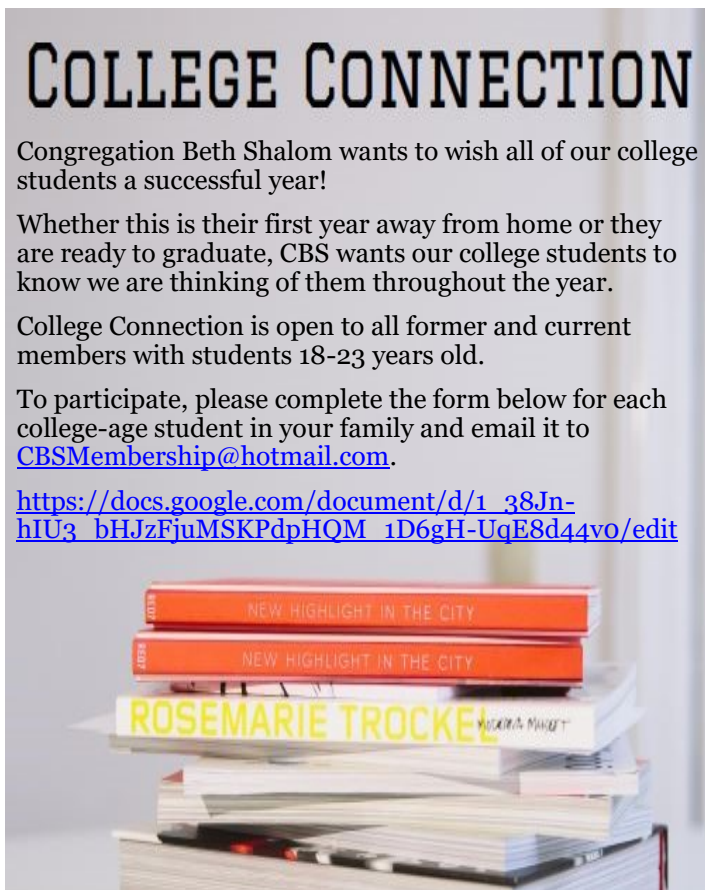
Congregation Beth Shalom wants to wish all of our college students a successful year!

Whether this is their first year away from home or they are ready to graduate, CBS wants our college students to know we are thinking of them throughout the year.

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## WISH LIST

Below are a few of our most frequently requested items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:

While monetary donations are welcomed, encouraged, and needed and can be used where the temple needs it most, we know sometimes people prefer concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. We hope this list is helpful. Before making an in-kind contribution, due to limited storage space, please contact the temple first to be sure the item is still on the list.



### Interior wish list:

- Large-print copies of Mishkan HaNefesh
- two 4-foot tall bookcases for classrooms
- 60 wine glasses and water glasses (plain not decorative)
- 8 white large round tablecloths
- 3 large round tables (to replace the broken ones)
- 10 deadbolt door locks
- School supplies and crafts

### Exterior wish list:

- 40 bags of red mulch
- Pavers for the path to the fire pit
- Awnings for office entrance

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# Ladies Night In

Enjoy a virtual night out with the ladies of CBS!

2nd Tuesday of each month

6:30pm

Join us for a Zoom get-together  
to connect with friends near & far.

Zoom link will be posted on the CBS Facebook page.

October 13

November 10

December 8

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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.
- **Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund are placed in an investment account and temporarily restricted or can be defined/restricted by the donor. This fund ensures the future of our temple.
- **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.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** a fund for assistance to families in need, scholarship assistance, interfaith council, Holocaust museum and other endeavors at the Rabbi's discretion.
- **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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Joan Frankel





## Anniversaries

10/24 Judith & Gerald Pliner



## Birthdays



## Yahrzeits

10/1	Frieda	Schwartz	Mother	of	Sandy	Schwartz
10/12	Albert W.	Besterman	Grandfather	of	Leslie	Boyar
10/13	Dorothy	Zazulia	Grandmother	of	Iylene	Miller
10/13	Rose	Goloskov	Grandmother	of	Sheila	Fishman
10/14	Arnold	Krulish	Father	of	Lee	Schwartz
10/17	Seymour	Deiner	Brother	of	Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
10/18	Malcsi	Reisner Lerman	Aunt	of	Gary	Ronay
10/19	Paul	Buchman	Father	of	Ken	Buchman
10/20	Himy	Joelson	Grandfather	of	Mark	Rabinowitz
10/21	John	Cassidy	Father	of	Jerilyn	Dimant
10/22	Philip	Sklar	Father	of	Carol	Wagner
10/23	Milton Harvey	Rogovin	Father in Law	of	Robin	Rogovin
10/29	Harriet	Lawrence	Wife	of	Gerry	Lawrence
10/29	Irene	Freedman	Aunt	of	Randy	Freedman
10/31	Murray	Goldberg	Father	of	Brenda	Gold

10/1	Mitchell Finke
10/2	Lea Garbett
10/2	Eric Alexander
10/5	Joshua Hayden Weber
10/7	Aaron Weiss
10/7	Nickie Meeks
10/8	Jessica Freedman
10/10	Randall Finke
10/13	Steven Billor
10/16	Myron Feldman
10/18	Paige Dugan
10/20	Sandee Pelk
10/22	Gerald Pliner
10/23	Michael Lubin
10/23	Sheila Slavkin
10/27	Lander Daniel Feldman
10/28	Ira Arman
10/29	Shane Savitt

## 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:

**October 16**

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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**Congregation Beth Shalom**  
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# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 SUKKOT 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	3 SUKKOT
4 SUKKOT -10 AM Religious School, Build the Sukkah -6 PM Sukkot under the stars	5 SUKKOT	6 SUKKOT Board Meeting 7PM	7 SUKKOT Men's Club, Tentative	8 SUKKOT 6:30 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting	9 SUKKOT 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Kibbitzer Deadline	10 6:30 PM Simchat Torah, Havdalah
11 10 AM Religious School	12	13 6:30 PM Ladies Night Out	14	15	16 7:30 PM Simcha Shabbat Service	17
18 10 AM Religious School	19	20	21	22	23 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	24
25 10 AM Religious School	26	27 Rabbi Out	28 -6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. -6:30PM Ritual Mtg	29 Rabbi Out	30 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	31

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