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FROM THE PULPIT

Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz



It is scary to admit that you were wrong about something. In fact, most people do not change much in life, because change requires you to admit that you were acting wrong until that point. Making mistakes, even innocent and inconsequential ones, is embarrassing. We like to give off the impression that we are perfect, even if we know quite well that we are not.

To make a change in an area that is much more noticeable requires admitting that we were wrong in a huge way, and it is hard. But it is beautiful, one of the most beautiful things one can do.



Happy
Hanukkah



Hanukkah begins Sunday, November 28 and ends
on the evening of December 6

New time for Friday Services.
In person services begin at 7:00 PM. We will continue to stream services.

The President's Corner



Shalom Beth Shalom!

So happy that we are back with the Kibbitzer, thanks to Lynn Kaler!

With the Jewish New Year and a very successful High Holidays behind us, I am excited for the future of Beth Shalom! We have had to fix a couple of “bumps in the road”, but with the negative situations behind us, I am looking forward to Congregation Beth Shalom being the loving and caring place of worship it was when we opened our doors.

As a small congregation, we all play such an important part in Beth Shalom's life. Be it just coming to temple to worship with our family/congregational family, and/or when time permits, volunteering to keep up with the mandatory chores and tasks that are needed to keep the temple alive and kicking. We have all the “materials and tools” needed to build up our temple to its previous luster. We have a wonderful and caring new Rabbi, a dedicated Board of Directors, energized Board Members and a growing congregation with children starting their Judaism/Hebrew training.

I have stated this previously, but feel it is so important to repeat often. We are the Jewish thread/representation for eastern Hillsborough County and should proudly continue the legacy for future generations. Please join me in contributing to the success of Congregation Beth Shalom by the giving of your valuable personal time and/or a monetary donation which help “keep the lights on”. As a new president, I truly did not realize how important financial donations are to keep our Synagogue up and running.

Please feel free to pass your input and suggestions my way, as myself and the Board are always looking for new and creative ways to make Beth Shalom better.

I humbly want to say “Todah Rabah” thank you very much for being a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.



COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Jewish Family Services is teaming up with CBS to create a food pantry and distribution center. This will be for the greater Brandon area. This is going to be a fabulous way to begin our community outreach. We are in the early planning stages and need to build up our food pantry supplies. You can help by bringing a nonperishable food item to the synagogue. This is our chance to make a difference. If you have any questions, contact Meral Ginsberg at meralgins@gmail.com

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Donations

General Fund

Godfrey, Ashley
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Fundraising

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Friedman, David & Carol Anne
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Gibson, Jadon
Clark, Frank
Weber, Allan & Denise
Reckner, Susan
Ferry, Stephanie
Morgan, Larry
Spaier, Michael & Martie
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Melcer, Marshall & Felicia
Billor, Steven H.
Finke, Mark & Sheryl

High Holiday Tickets

Sanders, Irving & Arleen
Spaier, Michael & Martie
Friedman, David & Carol Anne
Hortelaz, Mercedes
Guincho, Linda
Schwartz, Ilene R.
Wright, Rani
Melcer, Marshall & Felicia
Walker, Dorrance
Morgan, Larry

Book of Remembrance

Pliner, Gerald & Judith
Sperry, Bruce & Janice
Kalbas, William & Jackie
Rosenbaum, Helene
Glickman, Betsy
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Kaler, Larry & Lynn
Zweibach, Stephen
Lifschitz, Gabriel
Schwartz, Sandy & Lee
Walkover, Kevin & Cheryl
Plesur, Carole
Ferry, Stephanie

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Schwartz, Sandy & Lee
Kahn, Margaret



Upcoming Dates To Remember

- **Thursday Evenings, 6:30 PM:**
Hebrew Class with Rabbi Lefkowitz. Torah Study to follow at 7:00 PM.
- **Friday Evenings, 7:00 PM:**
The new time for services will be at 7:00. Services will be held in the Temple.
- **Sunday Mornings, 10:00 AM:**
Religious school is open Sunday mornings.
- **Tuesday, November 2nd, 6:00 PM:**
Executive Board Meeting.
Regular Board Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.
- **Saturday, November 20th, 7:00 PM,**
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- **Sunday, November 21st, 10:00 AM**
Men's Club - Latke Time! Page 10



November Oneg Schedule

There can be no joy without food and drink.

Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

Hosting an Oneg is a great way to honor a special someone or celebrate an occasion. After services we gather to schmooze and we all chip in afterwards to help clean up.

ONEG SPONSORS

- 11/05 - Janice Perelman
- 11/12 - Deborah & Ben Miller
- 11/19 - Open
- 11/25 - Open

If you would like to host the oneg for Friday please reach out to Judith Pliner at 856-816-2174. There are many opportunities to sponsor, so pick a date and sign up!

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MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a partner in our congregation offers an opportunity for enduring friendships and a personal spiritual journey. It is a place in our Jewish community.

Members also have free access to many of our educational and entertainment events.



Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
Thursday, November 25th at 5:30 PM

Kids can't make it home for Thanksgiving? No worries, CBS has you covered. Come join us as we enjoy a potluck Thanksgiving feast in the Temple. Let's gather and enjoy the holiday, the food and each other. The turkey will be provided. Meral Ginsberg will be organizing this event, so please give her a call and let her know what you'd like to bring by the Monday, 11/22/21

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There are opportunities to share your talents and experience in several committees all while doing a Mitzvah!

This is a great way to meet members and become a true partner in building our congregation.

We also have several committee chair openings and if interested please contact President Steve Billor.

Openings in Fundraising, Ritual Committee and Lifelong Learning, Oneg, Religious School and BETSY.

DINNER WITH THE TRIBE — Anita Clifford

Acropolis Greek Taverna



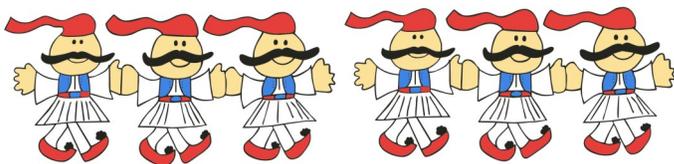
Acropolis Greek Taverna
6108 Winthrop Town Center
Riverview, FL 33578

Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM

GREEK FOOD. GREEK WINE. GREEK FUN!

“Our services offer a fine revival dining in a high energy atmosphere featuring belly dancing, plate breaking, napkin throwing, zorba dancing and live music; all this to recreate the ancient culture of the Greeks delivered to you at a dining experience like no other. “

Come and join us for the friendship as well as the food. Please be sure to be vaccinated for everyone's protection. You must email Anita Clifford at niewdnarb@yahoo.com to reserve your seat with us.



MEN’S CLUB
Time to Make the Latkes!



The Men’s Club will be meeting Sunday, November 21st, 10:00 AM in the kitchen. They will be making the latkes for the Chanukah dinner which is scheduled for December 3rd, following services. All are welcome to join in the fun, please RSVP to Julie Shienbaum at jul78clint@aol.com. or Meral Ginsburg at meralgins@gmail.com.

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Dinner With the Tribe

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Edgar M. Bronfman,
<https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/support>

Sometimes I think I spend more time reading book reviews than I do reading books. Since Page Turners meets every other month, I thought I'd share some of the reading lists I've found online. There's a wonderful website, JewishBookCouncil which has so many lists to choose from, it took so long for me to choose only a select few to share. Hopefully, this list will excite you enough to check out this terrific website. Due to space restraints, I'm only going to select a small sample from different reading lists available.

This was a difficult task, but enjoyable. I stayed up way too late reading reviews. I tried to pick out a variety of topics, and each book's review is fascinating and everyone of these are now on my reading list.



2021—2022 Network Books

Non-Fiction: “From Africa to Zion: The Shepherd Boy Who Became Israel’s First Ethiopian-Born Journalist” by Danny Abebe

Fiction: “Defending Britta Stein: A Novel” by Ronald H. Balson

The Arts: Jews in Show Business & Entertainment

Non-Fiction: From Scratch: Inside the Tumultuous Billion-Dollar World of the Food Network by Allen Salkin.

Visual Arts: “Houdini: Art and Magic” by Brooke Kamin Rapa-port; Alan Brink-ley et.al., contributors

Editors’ Picks:

“Ashkenazi Herbalism: Rediscovering the Herbal Traditions of Eastern European Jews” by Deatra Cohen, Adam Siegel

Essay: “How to Have a Disagreement Without Having a Fight” by S. Bear Bergman, Saul Freedman-Lawson

National Jewish Book Awards: 2020

Book of the Year:

“Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times” by Jonathan Sacks

“The Lost Shtetl” by Max Gross

“Florence Adler Swims Forever” by Rachel Beanland

This list is just a small sampling of recommended books. Check it out and find your favorites to add to your reading list.



CONGREGATION WISH 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 table cloths
- 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

If you can help with our wish list, please contact:

Gabe Lifschitz at (571) 277-1416

Pastoral Care

Please let us know when a congregant is in need of pastoral care.

This includes but is not limited to: when our congregants or their family members are in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or otherwise may need his support.

If you, your family or someone you care about is in need, please contact Rabbi Lefkowitz at rleftkowi@bellsouth.com or call him at 407-222-6393.



Learn with the Rabbi



Rabbi Lefkowitz will be teaching Hebrew and Torah on Thursday evenings beginning Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 PM. Hebrew lessons will begin at 6:30 to be followed by Torah Class. Learning Hebrew will help you when you come to services and read the prayers, or carry on a conversation with your Israeli relatives! Torah study is in itself, a Mitzvah. So come join with the Rabbi on Thursdays to begin or continue your journey with Hebrew and Torah studies.

Rabbi Lefkowitz at rleftkowi@bellsouth.net or 407-222-6393



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Chanukah Dinner

CBS Love A Latke Dinner

Friday, December 3rd, 6:30 PM

Come join us as we celebrate Chanukah with dinner following Shabbat service. It's an exciting menu that you don't want to miss. Julie Shienbaum is in the kitchen with her helpers and this will be a fabulous dinner. If you would like to participate with meal prep, serving or set up, please contact Chef Julie at jul78clint@aol.com or her sous chef, Meral Ginsberg at meralgins@gmail.com. Donations are always appreciated. Latkes courtesy of the Men's Club. Reservations must be in by November 28th.

Adults: \$20
 Children 12 years and younger: \$10
 Children 3 years and younger: Free
 At the door: \$22
 Non-Members: \$25

Save the date for:

Friday, December 24th

BE OUR GUEST DINNER

This will be another event you don't want to miss.



8 Days of Chanukah Wishlist

- Potatoes - 30 Pounds
- Onions - 20 Pounds
- Lettuce - 10 Bags
- Cherry Tomatoes - 5 Boxes
- Lemons - 1 Bag
- Apple Sauce - 5 Large Jars

Please notify Julie Shienbaum at (813) 215-3381 if you are able to contribute to the 8 Days of Chanukah Wishlist.

SOCIAL ACTION — Meral Ginsberg

Our community food pantry is open for all in need. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact Meral at (813)690-5713 or meralgins@gmail.com.



- We are currently seeking donations of the following for our pantry:
- bar soap
 - body wash
 - laundry detergent
 - feminine hygiene products
 - kid's cereals
 - spaghetti sauce
 - toilet paper

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact us. Thank you.

The Social Action Committee



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LIFELONG LEARNING

We are now looking for a volunteer to become chairperson of Lifelong Learning. The Lifelong Learning committee is a creative group of dedicated individuals. Some of the programs they arrange are educational, some are just fun. The committee exists to get the members of Congregation Beth Shalom engaged and involved.

If you are interested in becoming chairperson or even becoming a committee member, please contact Toby Koch at [to-bykoch@hotmail.com](mailto:bykoch@hotmail.com).



Chanukah begins sunset of
Sunday, November 28, 2021

Chanukah Sugar Cookies
Amy Kritzer

For Sugar Cookies:

¾ cup unsalted butter softened (not melted)
¾ cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon lemon zest
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt

For Royal Icing:

2 egg whites at room temperature
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
4 cups confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon or more water room temperature

INSTRUCTIONS

- In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until very smooth, about 3-4 minutes. Beat in egg, and vanilla and lemon zest for another 2 minutes until combined well.
- In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add to the butter mixture a little at a time and mix just until combined. Do not over mix.
- Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight). Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line cookies sheets with parchment paper.
- Roll out dough on lightly floured surface ¼ to ½ inch thick. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters of your choice. Dreidels, menorahs and Texas worked for me! Place cookies 1 inch apart on cookie sheets lined with parchment.
- Bake 7 to 10 minutes until lightly brown on the edges. Cool completely before frosting.

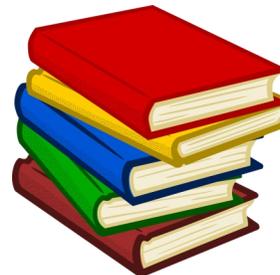
To make royal icing, use an electric mixer to mix egg whites, cream of tartar and confectioners' sugar until stiff peaks form, adding water as needed, about 5 minutes. Color with food coloring if desired, put in piping bags, and use immediately. Cover icing with a damp towel when not using. Icing takes a few hours to dry completely so keep that in mind!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Information



TUTORING: Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutoring is available. Contact the temple office at 813-681-6547.

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 by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.



The Library Corner

L'Shana Tova from the Library Committee. We are still organizing the library from when we were closed for Covid. The Food Bank donations have been cleared out, but there is still much to be done. We're making progress and hopefully the library will be open soon for your viewing pleasure.



Kibbitzer Kudos

Todah Rabbah - Thank you



Carol Anne Friedman - For organizing the Break Fast

Sheryl Finke, Helene Rosenbaum, Anita Clifford, Judith Pliner, Toby Koch, Julie Shienbaum and Dave Friedman - For all of the work you did to make our Break Fast a success

Julie Shienbaum - For organizing our two dinners in December, Love A Latke and our Be Our Guest Dinner

Carol Anne, and Dave Friedman, Sheryl Finke and Julie Shienbaum for making our Temple shining clean!

Meral Ginsberg for coordinating the community food drive project

Linda Guincho, Julie Shienbaum and Meral Ginsberg for organizing and stocking our food bank.

Lynn Kaler - For volunteering to bake challah for when we don't have a sponsor

Carol Plesur - For sending out the thank-you notes to all members and non-members who make donations to the Synagogue.

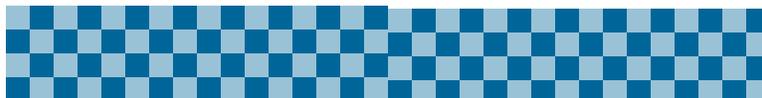
Ira Armin, Myron Feldman, Mark Finke, Dave Friedman, Anthony Newport and Gabe Lipschitz for tree cutting and removal



Mazel Tov!



Lander Feldman was called to Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 30, 2021. What makes this Bar Mitzvah special is for the last year and a half, Lander has been studying with his teacher, Sheila Fishman, via Zoom. Learning via Zoom can be challenging.



DONATIONS

Congregation Beth Shalom accepts donations for many purposes, with a variety of opportunities for donors to support the good works of the Temple. You may contact the office either by phone or email to make a contribution, or head to our website to make a secure online payment through a PayPal account or by using a credit card.

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.

If you wish to designate a gift to a particular purpose, for example, Food Bank, Choir, Oneg, Social Action, etc., you may do so by noting as such on your payment method or with an accompanying note; otherwise, your gift will be used where it is needed most.

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.
If your donation is incorrectly listed or omitted, please notify the temple office immediately.*

Congregation Beth Shalom - Donation Form

At times of sorrow & memory, as well as at times of joy, tradition teaches us that we honor others by giving of tzedakah. Please return your completed donation form to the temple office.

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Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious School Scholarship Fund |

My check is enclosed

Please bill me

"Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined" - Talmud

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Yahrzeits

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11/3	George	Santucci	Husband	Of	Sandy	Santucci
11/5	Robert H	Gordon	Father	Of	Jane	Hertzberg
11/8	Marshall	Silber	Brother	Of	Joanne	Ronay
11/11	Sharon	Cooper	Sister	Of	Sue	Reckner
11/12	Doris	Arman	Mother	Of	Ira	Arman
11/16	Stanley	Weiss	Father	Of	Alan	Weiss
11/19	Douglas	Miller	Brother	Of	Eric	Miller
11/19	Geoffrey	Miller	Brother	Of	Eric	Miller
11/21	Al	Smith	Father	Of	Caren	Magdovitz
11/23	Joan	Sherer	Mother	Of	Carol	Roberts
11/23	Leonard	Edelson	Father	Of	Joel	Edelson
11/26	Lisa	Alpert	Cousin	Of	Carol	Wagner
11/27	Berne	Lubonne	Father	Of	Carole	Plesur
11/28	Elaine	Freedman	Mother	Of	Randy	Freedman
11/28	Dorothy	Rausch	Grandmother	Of	Kelley	Ellis
11/29	Frank	Arman	Father	Of	Ira	Arman
11/29	Jenny	Siegel	Grandmother	Of	Eric	Miller
11/30	Kevin	Frye	Husband	Of	Christina	Frye

Birthdays

11/1	Steve Feldman
11/4	Howard Saviet
11/8	Polly Arman
11/9	Brandon Feldman
11/9	Ira Ratner
11/15	Julie Shienbaum
11/19	Bill Kalbas
11/25	Carol Anne Friedman
11/28	Laura Kaler



Anniversaries

11/12	Iylene and Jeff Miller
11/13	Polly and Ira Arman
11/16	Brandon and Tiffany Feldman
11/18	Ben and Debbie Miller

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Shabbat



Services

Our Shabbat services will take place Friday Nights at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as well as Zoom. If you would like information on how to Zoom the Service, contact the Temple office.

PLEASE NOTE: For outdoor services, streaming is only available on Facebook.

To download a copy of the prayer book, please contact the office and you will be sent the link.

Shabbat



Revisioning Reform
Shabbat Observance

We know that in the absence of Shabbat, Judaism withers. More than ever, in our 24/7 culture, we need to embrace the Torah's mandate to rest. When work expands to fill all of our evenings and weekends, everything suffers, including our health. For stressed-out, sleep-deprived families, the Torah's mandate to rest looks relevant and sensible. During the week we should pursue our goals; on Shabbat we should learn simply to be. Research indicates that there are more closet Shabbat observers than previously thought. The time has come to create alive, tangible and visceral Shabbat experiences, similar to those experienced by our children at our summer camps. We need to approach Shabbat with the creativity that has always distinguished Reform Judaism. A Shabbat in which we emphasize the "Thou shalt's" of Shabbat-candles and Kiddush, rest and study, prayer and community-rather than the "Thou shalt not's."

Union of Reform Judaism, Excerpt from "Revisioning Reform Shabbat Observance. ReformJudaism.org



**Congregation Beth Shalom
of Brandon**

November 2021

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	7 10:00 am Religious School	8 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Board Meeting	9 6:30 PM Hebrew Torah Study	10 7:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service Candle lighting time - 6:24	11 7:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service Candle lighting time - 5:20 PM	12 7:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service Candle lighting time - 5:17
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