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Shabbat Service

Friday evenings 7:00 PM

Zoom available



Oneg

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Education

Classes with the Rabbi
Hebrew and Torah Study
Every Thursday at 6:30

Board Meetings

Tuesday, July 5th
6:30 Executive Board
7:00 Entire Board

Dinner with the Tribe

Sunday, July 24th
5:30 PM

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People Love Dead Jews
By Dara Horn
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Food Bank

Sunday, July 17th
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

From the Rabbi's desk...



Most holidays come once each year, repeating year after year. But the most important holiday except for Yom Kippur, is Shabbat, which comes each week. The Shabbat celebrates the tie between G-d and the Jewish people. It is The Sabbath that has bound the Jewish people together through the centuries. The Shabbat gives us rest, cheer and strength.

In the Book of Exodus, we are told to remember the Sabbath because "in six days G-d made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day. G-d created rest and holiness. In Deuteronomy, we are told to observe the Shabbat because "you were slaves in the land of Egypt and G-d brought you out, therefore the lord your G-d commanded you to keep the Sabbath day." This is G-d's gift of freedom.

The Sabbath gives a person a chance to stand aside from their work and their everyday concerns. This is a time of peace and justice. There was a great Jewish writer who wrote that, "more than Israel, the Jewish people kept the Shabbat and the Shabbat kept Israel."

The word Shabbat probably comes to us from the ancient Babylonians. They had a day for the full moon, called Shabbatum. On Shabbatum, the Babylonians stayed home because they believed the streets were filled with goblins, devils, and other evil spirits. Even the king was not permitted to leave the palace on that day. The Jewish people changed this day from a day of fear to a day of gladness. From a day of terror, they made a day of joy.

For most Jews, the Shabbat is celebrated at home, as a day of complete rest from work and from every day cares. The Shabbat can be celebrated anywhere, in small gatherings, and especially in the home. The Synagogue probably got started so every Jew could regularly take part in observance of Shabbat. We are bound together in love for each other and for G-d. This is the time for families to be together: to go for walks, read, study or rest. We say Shabbat Shalom or have a peaceful Shabbat. Let us continue to share the joy with Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon.

B'ahava,
Rabbi Lefkowitz

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The President's Corner



Steve Billor

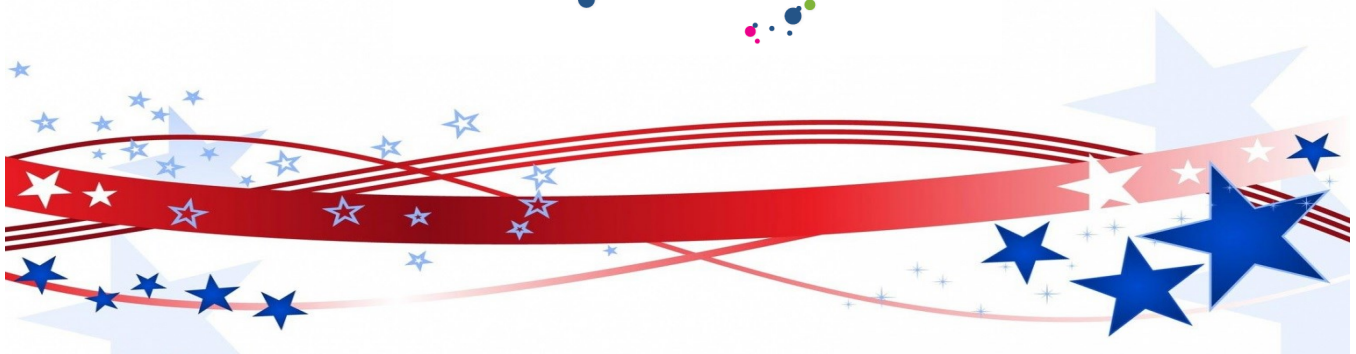
Shalom Everybody,

This month I would like to talk about the High Holidays. We are trying to get prepared for the High Holidays now. To make our High Holidays a success, we need as many people as possible that can offer their assistance. One very important job that we need to fill, is the coordinator for the High Holiday Honors. This position is critical to the operation of our service. You don't have to have experience; we have members that can help you to navigate this task. There are other positions that Congregation Beth Shalom needs help filling as well. Please come join us and help bring our Temple back to its original luster.

For the absentee members, come sit in on a Friday night service to re-acquaint yourselves to your long-lost family. We welcome you with open arms. I know that many of you have not been to the Beth Shalom since Covid hit, but we are up and running, full speed ahead and would love to have you back with us. We would love for you to come back and get involved with some Temple Mitzvot during the High Holidays and throughout the year.

Until we see you all again.

Steve Billor.



Help Wanted



WE WANT YOU!

Ritual Committee Chairperson needed:

CBS is looking for a committed person to join our team and chair the ritual committee. If you enjoy the religious aspects of CBS, being part of a welcoming and inclusive congregation, you will be a perfect fit. Knowledge of Hebrew, Judaic rituals, or holiday celebrations is not required. We welcome new ideas and suggestions as our temple community continues to grow. If interested, please contact Steve Billor at (813)267-6585.



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MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Call Judith Pliner (856) 816-2174

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, July 1st	8:12 PM
Friday, July 8th	8:12 PM
Friday, July 15th	8:10 PM
Friday, July 22nd	8:07 PM
Friday, July 29th	8:03 PM



Oneg Sponsors

July Sponsors

There can be no joy without food and drink.

Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

July 1st	Debbi & Ben Miller	In honor of Ben's retirement
July 8th	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share
July 15th	Anita Clifford	In honor of her birthday
July 23rd	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share
July 29th	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share

These dates are open to sponsor an oneg. If you'd like to do so, please let Judith know.

If you'd like to sponsor an oneg, please call

Judith Pliner at (856)816-2174

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Sponsoring an Oneg



WHAT IS AN ONEG?

“Oneg” means “delight.” According to the prophet Isaiah, Shabbat shall be a delight. By having something sweet to nosh on (especially in times when food was scarce), delight was added to Shabbat. That is the origin of the Oneg Shabbat on Friday nights. Linger, talking, and eating after the service adds to the feeling of Shabbat being different from other days of the week, when we rush from place to place. It also lets us meet, learn about, and interact with other members of the CBS community.

Providing an Oneg is performing a Mitzvah (good deed) for our community. And hosting an Oneg is not only a Mitzvah, but can be a way to celebrate a family event, sharing the good news with the congregation. Think of hosting to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, awards, graduations, B’nai Mitzvah and other happy occasions. You may also wish to remember someone you have lost by hosting an Oneg on their yahrtzeit (anniversary of passing). What a nice way to honor those individuals who are important in your life!

WHAT DOES SPONSORING AN ONEG INVOLVE?

Upon signing up for an Oneg, a detailed instruction sheet will be available to you upon request. Here are the highlights:

Supplies provided by CBS: Paper goods (cups, plates, napkins, Kiddush cups, forks, spoons, and knives), tablecloths, challah tray and cover.

Supplies provided by the Oneg Host: Challah, brownies/cookies/cakes, fruit/veggies/dip, and drinks.

The Oneg host is responsible for the clean-up after the Oneg, along with help from those attending the Shabbat Service.

Shabbat 101

The Sabbath (in Hebrew, *Shabbat*, pronounced shah-BAHT—or in some communities, *Shabbos*, “SHAH-bis”) may be Judaism’s most distinctive and characteristic practice, as well as one of its most pervasive and long-lasting gifts to Western civilization.

A weekly 25-hour observance, from just before sundown each Friday through the completion of nightfall on Saturday, Shabbat is more than just a day off from labor. It is a day of physical and spiritual delights that is meant to illuminate certain key concepts in the traditional Jewish perception of the world.



Shabbat Themes and Theology

Shabbat is portrayed in the Bible as the pinnacle of the creation of the universe, and its observance can be seen as a reminder of the purposefulness of the world and the role of human beings in it. Shabbat also serves as a memorial to G-d’s act of rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt by setting aside a day for personal autonomy and freedom from the harsh demands of labor. The traditional Shabbat is portrayed in Jewish liturgy, song, and story as a day of joy, a sanctuary from travails, and even a foretaste of the perfected world that will someday be attained.

Shabbat History and Development

Shabbat, like many important facets of Judaism, has its origins in the Torah, where it is most notable as a day of complete cessation of labor. The prophetic tradition portrays it as a day of pleasures as well. The Rabbis spelled out their understanding of forbidden “labor” in a complex series of restrictions on productive activities of many sorts. They also prescribed festive meals and ceremonies for every part of the day. The varieties of Shabbat observances and customs over the ages and around the world illustrate the adaptation of Jews in many societies to new realities and modern ideas.

Celebrating Shabbat at Home

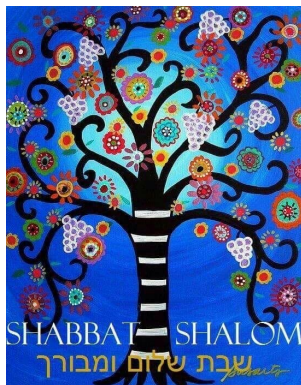
One constant theme in Shabbat observance across time and territory is the centrality of home life with family members and guests. Preparation for Shabbat begins as early as mid-week in some households, and its arrival is marked by the spiritual illumination of a candle-lighting ceremony. Rabbinic tradition mandates three Shabbat meals, two begun with a special *kiddush* (“sanctification”) recited over wine. Family meals are occasions for singing, studying, and celebrating together, as well as for consuming distinctive Shabbat foods.

Shabbat at Synagogue

Shabbat observance in the public sphere is focused on the synagogue, from the lively welcoming service, *Kabbalat Shabbat*, to the pensive farewell ceremony, *Havdalah*. The daily round of prayer services is augmented and endowed with a unique atmosphere. Special melodies and liturgy are used, and the familiar prayers are supplemented with passages in prose and poetry extolling G-d for the divine gift of the Shabbat and its delights. At the major worship service on Saturday morning, a portion of the Torah is read aloud as part of a year-long cycle, supplemented by a passage from one of the prophetic books (called a *haftarah*).

25 Things to Do on Shabbat

- Turn off your electronics, computers, video games, etc.
- Go to Shabbat services
- Linger at the oneg Shabbat after services and make new friends
- Study Torah with a friend
- Sign up to read Torah or haftarah at services
- Volunteer
- Hold a Havdalah service
- Take a nature walk in the park/woods
- Save the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle and work it on Shabbat
- Read a good book
- Go to a dog park with your pooch(es)
- Soak in a hot bath
- Read a little Torah
- Visit elderly friends or relatives in their nursing home or assisted living
- Work on your hobby
- Make a wish list of things you want to do when you go to Israel
- Organize your boxes of family pictures
- Revel in fond memories when sorting the photographs
- Embroider or cross-stitch a plan tablecloth for Shabbat dinners
- Read a few chapters of Jewish Literacy by Joseph Telushkin -
Copies available in our CBS library
- Work on recording your family tree
- Have friends over for tea/coffee
- Go for a swim, or visit a nearby lake or river
- Plant some flowers



Religious School

We are accepting applications for our religious school for the 2022-2023 school year. The mission of our religious school is to provide both an educational and enriching learning environment for all religious school attendees. We strive to nurture the child's Jewish identity while simultaneously providing an atmosphere that is welcoming and comfortable. A primary benefit to our Religious School is the exposure to other Jewish children which can stimulate personal growth for each child and provide a long-lasting bond to the Jewish traditions. We encompass a wide range of learning opportunities that range from Hebrew, Torah studies and Jewish customs to educational games, stories, and art. This broad educational approach is designed to help all children learn when at Religious School as each child learns differently from the other.

You can register your child/children for religious school at our Open House event on August 14, 2022, between 11am and 2pm. We will be serving hot dogs, sides, and snacks. Come and kibbitz with Rabbi Lefkowitz and the CBS family. You can visit our website <https://bethshalom-brandon.org> to obtain a membership application and applications for religious school.

Open House



Sunday, August 14th
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) of Brandon is holding its first "Welcome back to CBS," aka "Open House." All current and former members are cordially invited to attend, along with the public-at-large, on Sunday, August 14 between the hours of 11am to 2pm. A delicious home-made Italian lunch will be served.

This will be the perfect time to sign up youngsters for religious school, (which begins on September 11, 2022). You can meet our wonderful spiritual leader, Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz and our school coordinator, Christine Stockelman. Enjoy listening to Jewish music while schmoozing with current and former CBS members and learning about what CBS has to offer. In addition, there will be games and crafts for the children.

Come on out and have some fun! Questions? Email cbs-brandon@outlook.com or call (813)681-6547.



Dinner with the Tribe



Myron Feldman



Anita Clifford

Acropolis Greek Taverna
6108 Winthrop Town Center Ave
Riverview, FL 33578
813/654-2255

Sunday, July 24th
at 5:30 PM

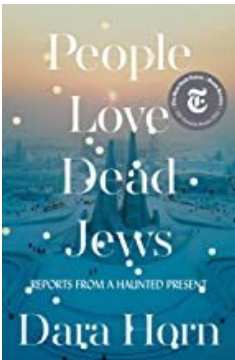
Let's get together at a local place, easy to get to and well-loved. In July we'll go to Acropolis Greek Taverna in Brandon/Riverview. They have recently been remodeled and are now open again. There's plenty of easy parking and I've read they have BOGO margaritas/sangrias.

The menu has a Greek flavor, and it has so many choices it's difficult to decide. They will be able to accommodate your tastes. Priced reasonably, good food, good company. Let's do it! Write to Anita - niewdnarb@yahoo.com to reserve your spot.

<https://www.acropolisriverview.com/>



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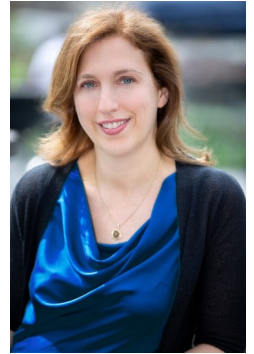
People Love Dead Jews

by Dara Horn

Monday, August 15th at 7:00 PM

Zoom

Zoom link will be emailed at a later date



Our next meeting will be Monday, August 15th at 7:00 PM. This will give everyone more than enough time to read this month's pick.

Here is the description of the book on Amazon.

“Renowned and beloved as a prizewinning novelist, Dara Horn has also been publishing penetrating essays since she was a teenager. Often asked by major publications to write on subjects related to Jewish culture—and increasingly in response to a recent wave of deadly antisemitic attacks—Horn was troubled to realize what all of these assignments had in common: she was being asked to write about dead Jews, never about living ones. In these essays, Horn reflects on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the mythology that Jewish family names were changed at Ellis Island, the blockbuster traveling exhibition *Auschwitz, the marketing of the Jewish history of Harbin, China, and the little-known life of the "righteous Gentile" Varian Fry*. Throughout, she challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present.

Horn draws upon her travels, her research, and also her own family life—trying to explain Shakespeare's Shylock to a curious ten-year-old, her anger when swastikas are drawn on desks in her children's school, the profound perspective offered by traditional religious practice and study—to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of Jewish life against an antisemitism that, far from being disarmed by the mantra of "Never forget," is on the rise. As Horn explores the (not so) shocking attacks on the American Jewish community in recent years, she reveals the subtler dehumanization built into the public piety that surrounds the Jewish past—making the radical argument that the benign reverence we give to past horrors is itself a profound affront to human dignity.”



Building & Grounds



We need to update the list of skilled workers in building trades and computer/communications equipment.

We're asking for you to provide us with names. These workers:

- 1) have done work for you
- 2) must be licensed in the State of Florida
- 3) can provide us with a discounted cost for the service

We need the skills below.

1. Computer/communications systems tech
2. Fire protection systems tech
3. Security Systems tech
4. HVAC Tech
5. Electrician
6. Carpenter/drywall hanger and mud worker
7. Handyman



Send your recommended skilled worker list with:

1. Name
2. Trade (electrician, computer skills, etc.)
3. Phone Number
4. Florida license number as required to do trade or skilled work
5. Email and preferably current website

These are the projects in which we need help from the congregation.

Fire protection system

The system has some deficiencies from the recent fire inspection, which require replacement or correction of red tag items like pressure gauges, hydrant covers, and other items. We provide you the items that need to be fixed based on the fire inspection report.

West side retention pond

CBS has a large retention pond on the west side and is in dire need of clearing the debris before the next inspection. **THIS IS A HUGE PROJECT AND REQUIRES LONG TERM ATTENTION.** The priority is to remove fallen trees from the pond. At a minimum, we need to have a flat trailer on hand to load a minimum of three yards of tree debris and haul off to the dump site. We will need help to haul the debris to the dump site too.

Kitchen needs a new wash area cabinet

This will be a triple sink. The current cabinet is made of materials that are affected by water and degrade over time. The project will require to redo drain plumbing for the open drain.



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.*



Caring Committee

The Caring Community of Congregation Beth Shalom reaches out in times of need and special challenges. Members of the committee extend support through calls, visits, meals or transportation. Unique challenges, such as during hurricane season and the COVID-19 pandemic are always addressed as needed. We strive to honor our mission statement to **offer a warm and welcoming presence and a nurturing environment**. This not only helps foster the wonderful feelings of connection and support, but those who assist another experiences the opportunity of fulfilling *mitzvot* by helping another person.

If each of us contributes just a little, we can do a great deal, do a great deed, and truly be a caring congregation.

Our Caring Community helps in many ways, such as:

- ◆ Providing support to families who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- ◆ Supply and deliver cooked meals to members who are ill
- ◆ Assist members with various transportation issues
- ◆ Visiting the elderly and ailing
- ◆ Responds to the needs of our members

Please inform Rabbi Lefkowitz at 407-222-6393 or Judith Pliner at 856-816-2174 if you know of an individual who is in the hospital or in need of some type of assistance.

We need your support and help. The Caring Community needs to be comprised of every member of our wonderful Congregation Beth Shalom family who unite through volunteering their time and support. Join the Caring Committee to support the bereaved, to visit the sick, to lend a hand to those in need in our community. We have no committee meetings. If we all pitch in and work together to support one another, we surely will live up to our mission statement to be a warm, welcoming presence and engage in the mitzvot of helping our community.



“Kindness I’ve discovered, is everything in life.” Isaac Bashevis Singer



Our Congregation

Yahrzeits

7/6	Kenneth	Rosenbaum	Husband	Of	Helene	Rosenbaum
7/9	Joseph	Gaba	Grandfather	Of	Leslie	Boyar
7/10	Sandor	Winter	Grandfather	Of	Gary	Ronay
7/10	Deborah	Glickman	Mother	Of	Betsy	Glickman
7/12	Lia	Lifschitz	Mother	Of	Gabriel	Lifschitz
7/16	Charlotte	Winter	Grandmother	Of	Gary	Ronay
7/20	Harry	Feldman	Father	Of	Myron	Feldman
7/20	Robert	Miller	Father	Of	Eric	Miller
7/21	Lilyan	Gould	Mother	Of	Sandra	Saviet
7/21	Dorothy	Ratner	Mother	Of	Ira	Ratner
7/23	Chris	Shadowens	Brother	Of	Lea	Garbett

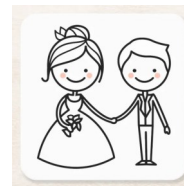
Birthdays

7/11	Toby	Koch
7/12	Anita	Clifford
7/20	Lynn	Kaler
7/20	Janice	Sperry



Anniversaries

7/4	Seth & Paige Dugan
7/10	Sheryl & Mark Finke
7/24	Carol & Steven Hindin



Shabbat Services

Meeting ID: 897 3400 8923
Password: 770549

Our Shabbat services will take place Friday Nights at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as well as online. Our livestream feed is available on Zoom and Facebook. For outdoor services, the Zoom link will not work, so please sign in to Facebook. Join us in the celebration of Shabbat and you are welcome to like, comment, and share.

We established a new Zoom link. You will be able to login from our weekly eNews. The process has not changed, just the link. For your information here is the new link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89734008923?pwd=WEtGZXN1UVVNM0lCa3BoTzJyZUc0UT09>

We are glad that you enjoy our shabbat services and hope to see you on the Zoom screen this Friday.

Facebook Information for Shabbat Service:
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CBS Office Hours

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Although our hours are limited, we are
always here for you. Do not hesitate to
reach out with any needs, concerns or
questions.



SHARE A MAZEL TOV!

Do you have a family member, friend, spouse or congregant you would like to wish Mazel Tov to in our Kibbitzer? You can send an email to thekibbitzer@hotmail.com with their name and accomplishment, engagement or birth. It's important during these times to see the good in our community.



Bricklets are Back!

Question: What is a bricklet?

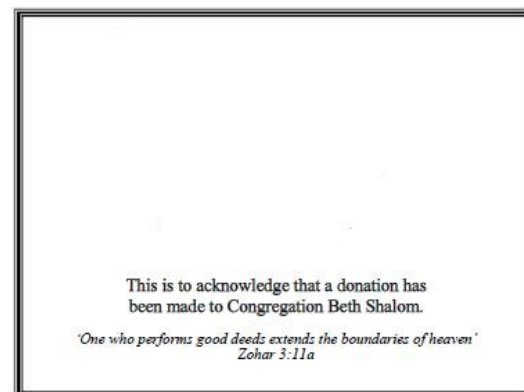
Answer: A unique greeting card created especially for CBS

A Bricklet Card is a greeting card that you can send to friends and family. It is a convenient way to acknowledge an occasion, such as a birthday or condolence message, which is also a donation to CBS. The cost is \$9 and the card will be mailed to the person you wish to acknowledge, stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Congregation Beth Shalom.

If you'd like to purchase a Bricklet, send an email to: cbs-brandon@outlook.com with the information you want included in the card, along with the name and address of the recipient. The Bricklet card will be mailed and your CBS account will be billed. If you prefer, you can mail a check to CBS, 706 Bryan Rd, Brandon FL. 33511, and be sure to include all the pertinent information. Sending a Bricklet is a convenient way to connect to a relative or friend.



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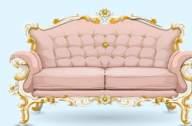
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In the News...



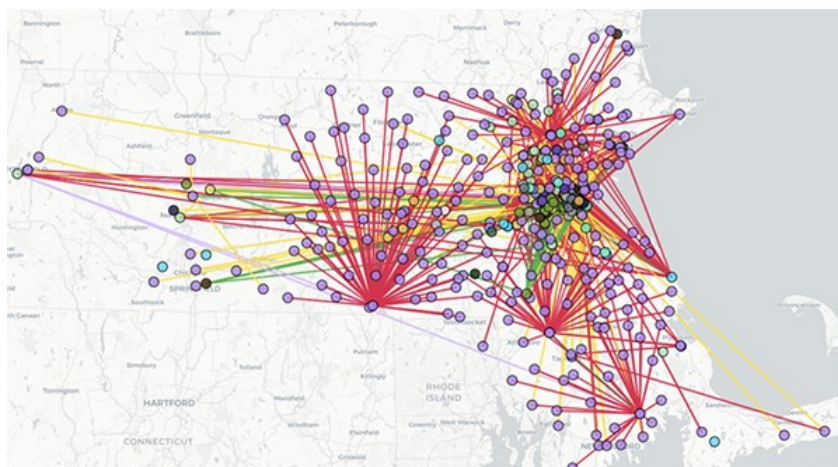
An alarming new antisemitic attack called “The Mapping Project” has been launched against the Jewish community in Massachusetts by a secretive organization. We are asking you and the entire ADL community to [call on your elected officials to loudly condemn this appalling attack](#) as a form of intimidation deeply rooted in antisemitic tropes.

It is vital that elected leaders from across the country speak out to ensure that this hatred finds no home in Massachusetts or any other state.

THE VERY REAL DANGER OF THIS ONLINE ATTACK

Just last week, this anonymous group released a website that depicts what they claim is a conspiracy of “Zionism, Policing and Empire” throughout Massachusetts, drawing on antisemitic conspiracy theories about Jewish power, wealth and control to claim sinister connections. They targeted the places where the Jewish community sends young people to learn, where families volunteer and where congregations pray.

Sadly, the “Mapping Project” is not a one-off from a fringe group. Rather, it exemplifies how the increasingly aggressive purveyors of anti-Zionism are spewing raw antisemitism into the mainstream. The movement barely attempts to use the fig leaf of opposition to Israeli policies to cover a venomous hostility to the Jewish people.



In the News...

Among this secretive project's targets in addition to ADL: a Jewish high school, an arts collaborative, a coordinating body of synagogues, Harvard Medical School and the local Jewish Federation. Their map pinpoints the names and addresses of many individuals and institutions integral to the Jewish community and identifies the institutions over which they supposedly have corrupt influence. What is their stated goal? To "dismantle them."

By demonizing the Jewish community while simultaneously calling for "resistance" and saying that "every entity has an address, every network can be disrupted," it is not hard to imagine what this misguided call to action could incite. After discussions with ADL and our partners, the FBI is now engaged, tracking the Mapping Project website and working to ensure the safety of the community.

Some of ADL's critics disagree with us when we address the threat of anti-Zionist organizations in addition to the threat posed by extremist far-right organizations. **To be fair, these are very different threats.** Far-right extremism is singularly lethal compared to anti-Zionist activity from the far left; for years, individuals have been driven by white supremacist conspiracy theories to murder Jews along with other minorities. From Pittsburgh to Poway to Buffalo, it is a violent danger that should not be underestimated.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION

But whether the antisemitism is voiced by progressives, right-wing extremists or anyone in between, [all of us have an ongoing role to play in disrupting it by speaking out at work, in schools, online and in the public square.](#)

Right now, with this very public danger to the Jewish community surfacing in Massachusetts, we ask you to ensure that the Jewish community throughout the country is not standing alone. [Please click here](#) to urge your elected leaders to make a public statement against the Mapping Project and against antisemitism.

**You and I and the rest of the ADL community will not be intimidated, and we
and our allies will not be silent.**

Sincerely,



Jonathan Greenblatt
CEO and National Director

Submitted by Sandy Saviet

Our Congregation

GERRY NEEDS OUR HELP

Gerry Pliner has been a member of CBS since 2007. During the 15 years he has served on the Board of Directors as First Vice President; acting President, twice and acting Treasurer. He unselfishly gives his time and energy to our congregation. Now he needs help from us.

Below is a copy of heart wrenching Face Book post written by Gerry's niece.

“My name is Andria Armato and I am writing this message with hope that social media can work its magic this holiday season! My Uncle Gerald, my mom's brother, is suffering from severe kidney disease and needs a new kidney as soon as possible. He is on the national donor's list and has been for some time, but as we all know that's not an easy or quick process, especially for a 77 year old man. Our family would do ANYTHING we could to help him, unfortunately none of us are a match for both blood type and other medical reasons. My uncle's blood type is O+ and he has been giving of himself his whole life, so I am hoping an angel somewhere can return the favor and give him the gift of a healthy kidney! Uncle Gerald has given decades of service as a volunteer and also has served as a Board Trustee member for numerous organizations. He was the patriarch of his immediate and extended families as my grandfather passed away long before I was born. In addition, he owned a business in his community where he served other people in need. Uncle Gerald has always taken care of us and others, and now we want to take care of him. If you are reading this and may be interested or know anyone who could be a match and would be willing to save a life, please message me at Thank you all so much and if you are unable to help personally, please share this message and story with all you know....my family and I would be ever so grateful!

Holiday blessings,

Andria Armato”

If any of the readers of this Kibbitzer can help Gerry contact him at gp@pliner-inc.com. Thank you, Toby Koch, Second VP

Time for a Nosh

Challah

BY CHERYL HOLBERT AUGUST 18, 2021 FROM THE NOSHER

Ingredients

For the pre-ferment:

100 g bread flour
10 g instant yeast
150 g water

For the dough:

2 large eggs
50 g water
100 g vegetable or olive oil
100 g honey
15 g sea salt
500+ g bread flour



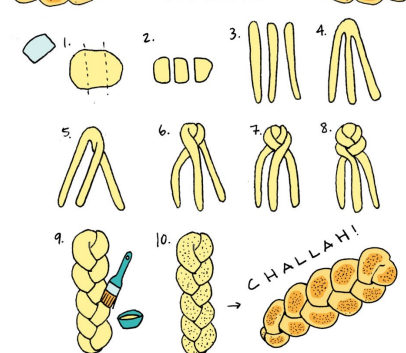
Directions

1. Whisk eggs, water, oil and honey into the pre-ferment. Add the 500 g flour and salt and integrate until your “shaggy mass” becomes cohesive. The dough should lose its stickiness and begin to bounce back as you work it. Knead well for 5-10 minutes, until the dough becomes smooth and extensible. Let rise (this step is called the bulk fermentation) 1.5-2 hours at 68-70 degrees F or room temperature (or overnight in the refrigerator, deflating the dough at least once several hours later).
2. Divide to desired size and number of pieces for strands. Pre-shape strands by pressing each piece into a rectangle and rolling up on itself to create a cylinder shape. Dust very lightly with flour and let rest 20-30 minutes covered with plastic wrap until dough is relaxed.
3. Roll strands under your palms to desired lengths. Braid each challah without pulling strands too tightly so the dough has room to expand during the final proof.
4. Let shaped challot proof about 45 minutes until the dough doesn't bounce back when lightly pressed with a damp finger.
5. Brush your challot with egg wash in the direction of the braiding and bake at 350 degrees F for about 30 min or to internal temp of 195 degrees F. Rotate halfway through for even baking.



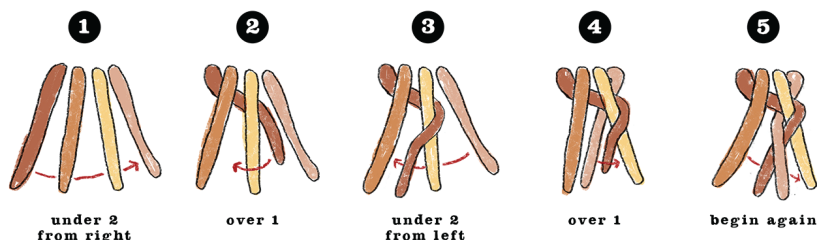
Braiding a Challah

HOW TO BRAID CHALLAH

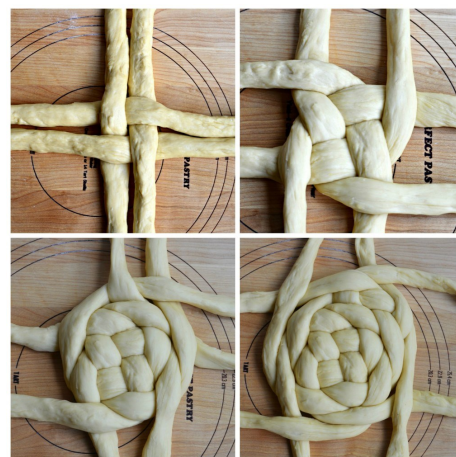
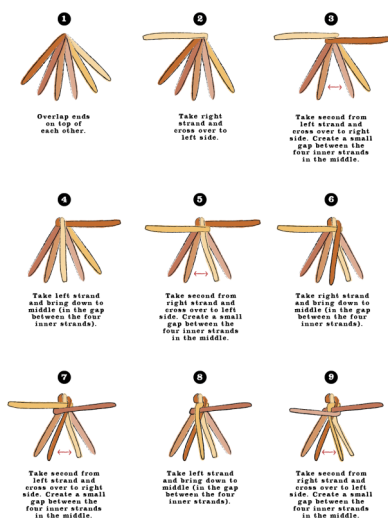


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4-strand

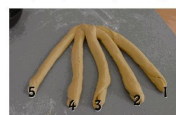


6-strand



the Challah Blog presents... FIVE-STRANDED CHALLAH

The five-stranded braid is my favorite braid. It's easier than the four- and six-strand because you only have one step repeated over and over instead of repeating. This braid is pretty forgiving, but it has a lot of a tendency to fall over in the oven if your dough lacks elasticity. Nonetheless, give it a try! You'll love it and your guest will be impressed!



Step One - Lay your strands out and gather at the top.



Step Two - Ring #1 over #2, #3, and #4.



Step Three - Ring #5 to the middle (over #1 and #4).



Step Four - Ring #4 over #5.



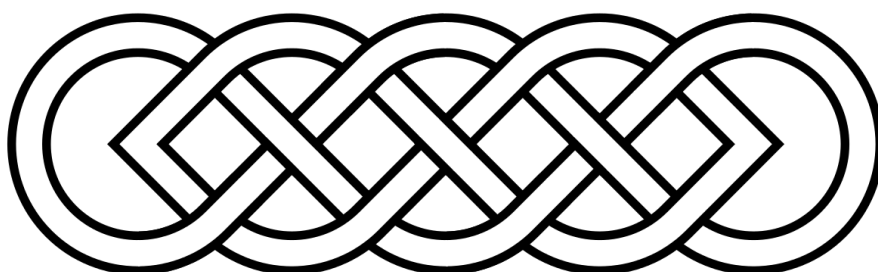
Repeat! Make sure to tuck in the ends. You did it!

Some methods then say to give the entire loaf a quarter turn, but I don't do this. Experiment and see what you like best!

Learn more braids and recipes at www.thechallahblog.com.
You may guest on many of these recipes (background, text, photos, or classroom use) but please do not take or sell.

Repeat from step 2 until you reach the end. Tuck ends under loaf.

Here are several diagrams to show the basic braids for challah. I've also included one for Rosh Hashanah, which is a typically round challah, so you can start practicing if needed before the holiday. There are many different ways to braid and I've found the easiest way to learn is to watch a YouTube video if you don't have a Bubbe at home to show you. If you go on Instagram, there are several people who are challah braiding experts and they have turned challah braiding into an art form. So, make your dough and have fun!



Fall Holidays 2022



Tisha B'Av

Begins sunset of
Ends night of

Saturday, August 6, 2022
Sunday, August 7, 2022



Rosh Hashanah

Begins sunset of
Ends night of

Sunday, September 25, 2022
Tuesday, September 27, 2022



Yom Kippur

Begins sunset of
Ends night of

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Wednesday, October 5, 2022



Sukkot

Begins sunset of
Ends night of

Sunday, October 9, 2022
Sunday, October 16, 2022



Shemini Simchat Torah

Begins sunset of
Ends night of

Sunday, October 16, 2022
Tuesday, October 18, 2022



Chanukah

Begins sunset of
Ends night of

Sunday, December 18, 2022
Monday, December 26, 2022

Calendar 2022 - 2023

Here is the 2022-2023 calendar. The calendar is a result of a meeting that was held after the annual meeting. It was a group effort. I especially wanted to highlight those events that need coordinators. - Toby Koch

JUNE 2022

June 3- Friday Shavuot – 6pm service- Rabbi- Followed by dairy potluck -Julie
 June 7-Tuesday- 6:30pm -Executive Committee and Board meeting
 June 12- Sunday -Brunch with the tribe 11:30 am-Myron and Anita
 June 17- Friday- Father's Day service- Rabbi. Oneg for Rabbi Lefkowitz and Sandy Santucci-Anna& Julie
 June 26- Sunday- Food pantry distribution-Meral

JULY 2022

Start working on Book of remembrance and HHD mailings- Meral and committee
 July 1-Friday-7pm service red, white and blue Happy Birthday USA-Rabbi
 July 5- Tuesday-Executive Committee and Board meeting
 July 17-Sunday- Food Pantry distribution-Meral
 July 25- Friday-Honor Tishah B'Av- Rabbi

AUGUST 2022

August 2-6:30pm Tuesday-Executive Committee and Board meeting
 August 5-Friday-7pm service- Tishah B'av observed- Rabbi
 August 14-Sunday- Open House- Judith & committee
 August- Work on Religious School-Rabbi & Christine
 August 15-Monday-Page Turners via Zoom- Toby, Anna, Anita
 August 21-Sunday-Food Pantry distribution-Meral

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 6 -6:30pm -Tuesday-Executive Committee and Board meeting
 September 11-Sunday-Frist Day of Religious School-Rabbi &Christine
 September 16-Friday- Selichot- 6pm service- Rabbi- Followed by Pot luck Need Coordinator
 September 18-Sunday-Food Pantry distribution-Meral
 September 25 Sunday-Rosh Hashanah-Rabbi & Petie (honors)
 September 26 Monday Rosh Hashanah-Rabbi

OCTOBER 2022

October 4-Tuesday-Evev Yom Kippur-Rabbi
 Need to change board meeting
 October 5-Wednesday -Yom Kippur-Rabbi- Break the Fast needs coordinator
 October 8-Saturday- Build Sukkah-Myron & helpers
 October 9-Sunday-Sukkot Under the Stars-wine and cheese- Julie & Jenifer Billor
 October 14 -Friday-Oneg in Sukkah- Rabbi & Oneg Committee
 October 16- Sunday- Simchat Torah -Rabbi
 October 17-Monday-Page Turners-Toby & Anita
 October 23-Sunday-Pet Parade (Norah's arch) Myron & Meral

Calendar 2022 - 2023

NOVEMBER 2022

November 1- [6:60pm-Tuesday-Executive Committee and Board meeting](#)

November 5-Saturday-Movie Night - movie "Dough"- Julie

November 11 -Friday-Erev Shabbat honoring our veterans-Rabbi to get Color Guard, membership to invite our veterans

November 20-Sunday- Food Pantry distribution-Meral

DECEMBER 2022

December 6-Tuesday- 6:30pm- Executive Committee and Board meeting

December 11-Sunday-Food Pantry distribution- Meral

December 15-Thursday-Cooking Latkes-Julie

December 18-Sunday-Chanukkah dinner & party- maximum 60 people-Julie

December 19-Monday-Page Turners-Anita & Toby

December 31-Saturday- New Year's Eve party-Need Coordinator

JANUARY 2023

January 3-Tuesday- Executive Committee and Board meeting

January 14-Saturday-Movie Night-Julie

January 15-Sunday-Food Pantry distribution-Meral

FEBRUARY 2023

February 5-Sunday-Tu Bishvat, planting garden-Julie & Sheryl

February 7-Tuesday- 6:30pm- Executive Committee and Board meeting

February 12-Sunday-Super Bowl party- Need Coordinator

February 19 Food Pantry distribution-1pm to 3pm-Meral

February 20-Monday-Page Turners- 7pm-Anita & Toby

MARCH 2023

March 3-Friday-Purim Celebration-Rabbi and pot luck coordinator (need coordinator Julie?)

March 19-Sunday-Food Pantry Distribution-Meral

March 26-Sunday-Jewish Film-afternoon, 1pm-Julie

APRIL 2023

April 4-6:30pm- Tuesday-Executive Committee and Board meeting

April 6- Second Night of Passover -CBS dinner- Need Coordinator

April 16-Sunday-1pm Food Pantry distribution- Meral

April 17-Monday-7pm-Page Turners-Anita and Toby

April 23-Sunday-Time ?- movie and Program for Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha Atzmaut Julie and Meral (Get spokesperson from Holocaust Museum)

MAY 2023

May 2-6:30pm -Tuesday-Executive Committee and Board meeting

May 5 -7:00pm Shabbat and Cinco de Mayo oneg -Need oneg sponsor

May 7-10:00am Sunday Annual meeting Steve Billor and Dave Friedman

May 7- 1:30pm Sunday-Open House-need coordinator

May 19-Friday-Erev Shabbat & Shavuot dinner -Need Coordinator

May 21-Sunday-1pm Food Distribution-Meral

May 21-Sunday-5pm -Movie & dinner-Heady Lamarr movie-Julie



July 2022

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