

# The Kibbitzer

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# CBS Information

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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

# 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.



# Candle Lighting Times

Friday, August 5th            7:48 PM  
 Friday, August 12th         7:40 PM  
 Friday, August 19th         7:30 PM  
 Friday, August 26th         7:19 PM



# Oneg Sponsors

## August Sponsors

*There can be no joy without food and drink.*

Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

August 5th	Petie Maguire	In honor of granddaughter Sadie Hansen's 10th birthday
August 12th	Anna & Stephen Feldman	In honor of granddaughter Amara's 14th birthday
August 19th	CBS Members*	Please bring a dish to share
August 26th	Carol Anne & Dave Friedman	In honor of their 21st wedding anniversary

\*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**

# 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**



### **An Invitation: "Welcome Back to CBS"**

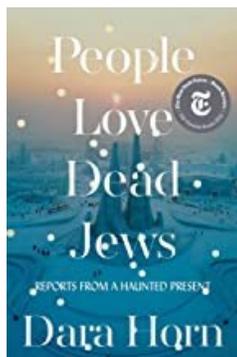
We are holding our first "Welcome back to CBS" (formerly called "Open House"). All current, former, and prospective members are cordially invited to attend the free event, along with the public-at-large, on Sunday, August 14 from 11am to 2pm. A delicious Italian lunch will be served, along with desserts and snacks. If you know any past or prospective members, please invite them to come. We have come out from the shadow of the pandemic into the light and have lots in store.

This is a chance to learn about our religious school, meet the school's coordinator, Christine Stockelman, and register the youngsters. Also, this is an opportunity to chat with Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz, other congregants, enjoy Jewish music and learn more about what CBS has to offer. In addition, there will be games and crafts for the children.

So come on out and have some fun! Questions? Call our membership chair Judith Pliner 856-816-2178.



# Page Turners



## 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.”



# 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.*



# Our Congregation

## Yahrzeits

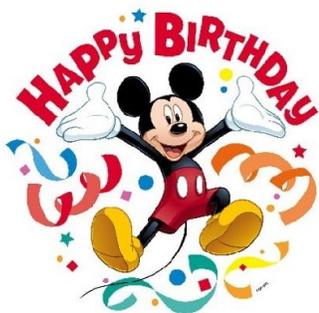
8/4	Charlotte	Winter	Grandmother	Of Gary	Ronay
8/8	Robert	Miller	Father	Of Eric	Miller
8/8	Harry	Feldman	Father	Of Myron	Feldman
8/10	Dorothy	Ratner	Mother	Of Ira	Ratner
8/12	Eleanor	Metz	Sister	Of Blossom	Grimm Silverstein
8/20	Gerald	Besterman	Father	Of Leslie	Boyar
8/27	Richard	Glaser	Husband	Of Barbara	Glaser
8/29	Martin	Reisner	Uncle	Of Gary	Ronay

## Birthdays

8/9	Randy	Freedman
8/15	Scott	Savitt
8/18	Denise	Savitt

## Anniversaries

8/25 Carol Anne & Dave Friedman



# CBS Business

## 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.

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## CBS Office Hours

The administrative office is currently open by appointment only. Someone can be reached at [cbs-brandon@outlook.com] and 813-681-6547 or you may contact Rabbi Lefkowitz directly at 407-222-6393 or [rlefkowi@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlefkowi@bellsouth.net). Rabbi Lefkowitz will be available for in person meetings on Fridays. Call him at 407-222-6393 to schedule an appointment.



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](mailto: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?

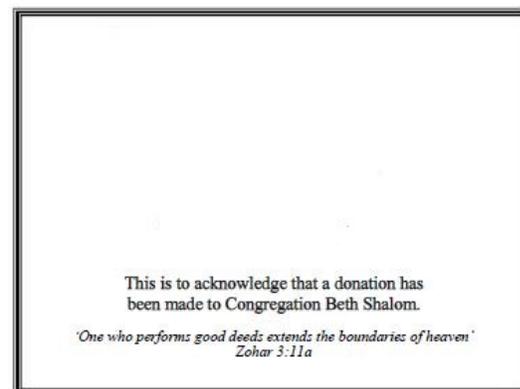
**Answer:** A unique greeting card created especially for CBS

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](mailto: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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# Fall Holidays 2022



## Tisha B'Av

Begins sunset of

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Ends night of

Sunday, August 7, 2022



## Rosh Hashanah

Begins sunset of

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Ends night of

Tuesday, September 27, 2022



## Yom Kippur

Begins sunset of

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Ends night of

Wednesday, October 5, 2022



## Sukkot

Begins sunset of

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Ends night of

Sunday, October 16, 2022



## Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah

Begins sunset of

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Ends night of

Tuesday, October 18, 2022



## Chanukah

Begins sunset of

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Ends night of

Monday, December 26, 2022

# August 2022

1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 PM Executive Board Mtg 7:00 PM Board Mtg		6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi	7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service <b>Observe Tisha B'Av</b> 	<b>Erev Tisha B'Av</b>  Parsha Devarim
7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Tisha B'Av</b>				6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi	7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service  Parsha Va'etchanon
14	15	16	17	18	19
11:00 AM Open House 	7:00 PM Page Turners 			6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi	7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service  Parsha Eikev
21	22	23	24	25	26
1 PM to 3 PM Food Bank 				6:30 PM Learn with Rabbi	7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service  Parsha Re'eh
28	29	30	31		