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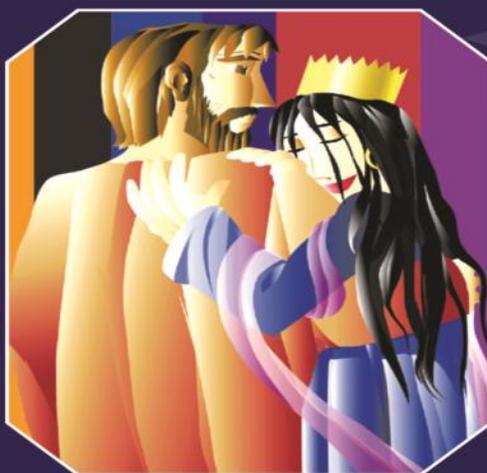
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Remembered Well

Rabbi David Weizman

The last time we read Parashat Beshalach on Shabbat morning, our gabbai whispered a message to me: Ariel Sharon died. After eight years in a state of semi-consciousness, the former prime minister of Israel slipped into the night. Officials said that they were expecting many more attendees at his funeral overlooking the family ranch in the Negev. Wide screens projected images of the eulogizers onto empty hillsides, while rockets fired from Gaza landed in those barren fields. Iron Dome had been positioned to protect the funeral service. The funeral procession first passed by the Latrun Fort after departing Jerusalem, where Sharon had been seriously wounded in the 1948 war that established the state of Israel. He was a soldier and a statesman. Tony Blair, Britain's prime minister during Mr. Sharon's term, said he "bore the anguish of a true decision-maker." And, because of some of his decisions, he was criticized, even villanized, by his adversaries; even called "the butcher" for his involvement in the massacre at Sabra and Shatila in Lebanon during the War of 1982. Sharon, the then Defense Minister, resigned in the face of an Israeli demonstration of outrage that the military allowed the Christian Phalangists to enter the camp to root out the terrorists. But little attention was given to the context of this incident as one act of violence during the Lebanese Civil War which spanned from 1975-1985, in which approximately 95,000 people were killed. He was called a traitor by some of the settlers displaced from Gaza, the man they considered the founder of their movement. Once considered a Hawk, joined the centrist movement Kadima in an effort to lead the country forward, in spite of the personal sacrifices he made, to give up the Gaza because he had faith in the prospect of peace. He led with the best interest of Israel always as his goal. Vice President Biden eulogized Sharon as a complex man living through a complex time, in a complex neighborhood. Perhaps his legacy will not be recognized for its true value until a couple of generations have passed.

There are few world leaders who pass without controversy, so it is incumbent upon us to look at their lives as a whole, and recognize the positive as best we can, as I tried to do in early December, upon the death of Nelson Mandela,

whose passing was recognized by a few more people than the aforementioned world leader. Mandela did have empathy for the Palestinian people not only for the similarity of a people under domination but his opinion may have been influenced by the good relations Israel had with the administration of South Africa during his own incarceration. Yet, he was a man who turned from being a militant rebel to a nonviolent activist which eventually swayed world opinion which helped put an end to apartheid in South Africa. Few people, save the countrymen who lived though that era, may even be aware of the attitude and behavior that landed him in jail. The penitentiary is a place to do penance, but Mandela was able to focus his energy on the welfare of his country, and not waste it, as he said, on feelings of revenge for the suffering he endured. It was this attitude which won him the affection and respect of whites and blacks alike. When Mandela became the president of his nation, he brought the country forward through a process of reconciliation, establishing the Truth And Reconciliation Commission. Some of the perpetrators of human rights abuses between 1960-1994 were granted amnesty through a public forum of asking and receiving forgiveness. This process allowed the country to pass through a healing process that was necessary for its survival. So we, as Jews, try to honor Mandela for his incredible strength of spirit and his capacity for forgiveness, the loyalty to his people, and the ability to turn away from wrong and do goodness, and it is written in Psalms, *sur me'rah va'aseh tov*.

So it was for long time folk singer, Pete Seeger, a man who was always looking to bring out the goodness of humanity throughout the world. His greatest attribute was not his singing voice, although he could carry a tune, nor was it his banjo playing or his guitar strumming, though he could play hundreds of songs and remember all the lyrics too. His greatest attribute was his ability to get the crowd to sing along, no matter where he went or what country he happened to be in at the time. Pete Seeger also got people to listen to each other, maybe more than he even realized. When we were rabbinical students, we celebrated Hoshana Rabbah up on the Hudson River with Arthur Waskow

and an Indian Chief. It just so happened that Pete Seeger was singing at a rally for clearing the Hudson just on the other side of the grove. Rabbi Waskow pulled him over. He got up there in his hoarse and raspy voice and led this eclectic crowd in a round of *Henai Ma Tov*, and you know, everyone joined in well. Afterwards he found us, thinking that surely one of these young rabbinical students would know the citation of this biblical verse. Well, none of us knew then what I will never forget now, Psalms 133. But I did get to shake his hand and mention that when I was about five years old, he drew a sketch of a banjo on my program after a concert, and I kept it up on my wall for all the days of my youth. I grew up on that album called *Strangers And Cousins*, a concert he gave after a world tour. He begins with an exposition of a melody, the one we use for Twinkle Little Star, and he takes you all around the globe, the way they sing it in every country, from Smetana's Moldau to Hatikvah. At the end of this little medley he says, "See, we're all cousins, and we don't even know about it." And then he breaks into a song called *All Mixed Up*. That is how I felt when I heard that Pete Seeger had officially announced his support for the Boycott, Sanctions and Divestment campaign against Israel, in March of 2011. It made me question, for a moment, everything he had ever said or stood for. How could my childhood hero be so misguided as to misunderstand the complexity of the Palestinian Arab predicament? You might argue that the Palestinians need advocacy from the outside. To punish Israel through BDS shows a lack of perception. But you know, people make mistakes, some bigger than others, like the ones that involve the loss of life. But now that Pete is gone, I will put those pieces back in the drawer, and take out the hammer, the bell, and the song, the song that he taught the whole world about love between my brothers and my sisters all over this land.

May the heroes of our generation endure as a blessing for their acts of courage, in their longing for peace, for loyalty to the human race, and conviction to their cause. May they be remembered well.

Rabbi Danielle Upbin



Israel Bonds 28th Rabbinic Conference

In early February, I had the honor of participating in the 28th Israel Bonds Rabbinic Conference. As one of our leaders pointed out, 28 is the numerical value of *Koach* - strength.

Thirty one North American rabbis and some spouses from across the denominations, joined forces to share their passion and support of the land of Israel (*Eretz Yisrael*) in an embracing community of Israel (K'lal Yisrael). Together, we participated in community service, collegial dialogue, Torah study, prayer and "insider" tourism. We learned about and saw first hand, Israel's innovative agricultural projects and infrastructure achievements. We heard from military personnel, political figures, social analysts and entrepreneurs. Throughout the day, we "bonded" with each other, deepening old friendships while forging new ones, creating mutual understanding and dialogue across the denominations.

I would like to share with you a few highlights from our Israel experience:

The Secrets of Zionism's Success:

We met with Gidi Grinstein, CEO of Reut, an acclaimed think tank, "designed to be the most effective force of change in Israel and the Jewish world, focused on socio-economic developments and National Security & Global Affairs." Grinstein is also the author of a best seller, *Flexigidity* which lays out the secrets to Israel's success. He credits Israel with its cultural ability to thrive amidst polarization. He argues that for 26 generations, Israel has never been monolithic or propped a single position. Our strength as a people is that across cultures and geographic locations, we have successfully organized ourselves as "mini-units" - creating an interconnected network across boundaries and cultures that privileges exchange of information and encourages communities to grow across the globe. While the land of Israel has been the "heart" of our Jewish story, it has never been the only center of Jewish life. The reason we have survived expulsion and oppression is that we have the ability to resettle and build communities around our core values. Wherever Jews find ourselves, he claims, we have a fourfold mission: to express our values through peoplehood, commitment to the nationstate, religious ideals and to be a Light to the Nations. Israel, today, he argues, is a center for Jewish life, but by all means does not have to be the only center.

Today, eighty percent of Jewish people live in either North America or Israel. The new lexicon of Zionism is to recognize that our communities have much to learn from one another if we want to stay relevant and grow. While the founding Zionist philosophy might have privileged leaving our birthplace and culture behind to make *Aliyah*, today, there is a shifting value of encouraging dialogue and strengthening our peoplehood across state boundaries.

Certainly, the value to physically come to Israel remains supreme, especially for young people. Participation in "Birthright missions" (which Grinstein helped to found), has proven most valuable for young Jews in the Diaspora and young Israelis to meet and exchange ideas while together forging a stronger connection to the land. In the past, the mandate has been that Diaspora Jews have had much to learn about Israel. What has shifted today, is that modern Israelis now realize that there is much to learn from Diaspora communities as well.

Entrepreneurialism:

Israel has been leading the way in the "high tech" revolution for a number of years now. "Startup Nation" truly defines the culture of Israeli technological innovation. Our group visited the offices of Checkpoint Technologies Software LTS in Tel Aviv, a world-reknown gem of the startup culture, and a twenty year veteran in the field of software technology. Checkpoint is publicly traded with skyrocketing revenues. We heard from some of the developers and testers of the product. After a presentation about the software and its impact on the global community, we walked around their

cutting edge Tel Aviv facility, teeming with a young and creative workforce. Observing the office's hipster urban design with conference rooms named after popular rock bands, multiple lounges, and a gym, we felt like we could have been in Silicon Valley.

Interestingly, our group learned that the startup culture is also a bi-product of national security. When young people are privileged and bright enough to be accepted to Unit 8200, which is essentially the select high tech unit of the IDF, the question that they might ask themselves when they complete their military service is not, 'what am I going to do with my life?', rather, 'which startup will I be launching?' The military, essentially, has benefited from and fueled a culture that has put Israel in the forefront of technological innovation.

Iconic Environmental

From an agricultural standpoint, Israel has become the world leader in waste water management. During our visit to the Shafdan Wastewater Treatment Plant, we learned, in a very animated presentation, about the journey of waste water to potable recycled water. (Surprisingly, rabbis enjoy "potty jokes" too!) Once again, Israel is a "Light unto the Nations" in terms of how it deals with scarce resources, implementing creative solutions to serious, life-threatening problems. Heads of state, environmental agencies and students from all over the world visit Shafdan to learn how to recycle waste water into purified, potable water. Through a multi-staged long term process, water is literally drained through a complex set of piping that extends across the Dan region around the municipality of Rishon L'Tzion. Water from toilets, sinks, dishwashers and laundry machines, are transformed into healthy, usable water that re-enters the aquifers. A portion of the water is also outsourced to irrigate farmland in the Negev to "make the desert bloom." Only in Israel.

Breaking Down Religious Barriers

"There is a change a-coming in Israel" - On this trip, more than any previous time I have visited Israel, I heard much about the growing and changing nature of religious dialogue and re-engagement. Since the founding of the Jewish State, religion has been a polarizing subject, characterized by divisions and boundaries of faith and culture. To be a Jew, meant to decide, in black and white terms, where one fit in - from identifying with extreme secularism to ultra orthodoxy. During this past trip in Israel, however, I had the opportunity to hear several organizational and personal responses to what seems to be a growing trend of "boundary blurring" and religious reengagement that appreciates a spectrum of religious life. One experience was in the Midrasha of Ein Prat, a new center for Jewish studies founded by Michah Goodman. Michah is a young visionary and scholar, whose innovative thinking about Judaism has brought together cohorts of post-army Israelis, from an array of religious and cultural backgrounds to spend four months together in self-reflective studies. Their curriculum includes Jewish text and Western philosophy. They incorporate a yoga practice into their study day as well, to stimulate the mind-body connection and to keep the students healthy and focused. The students live together on an idyllic, rustic property outside of Jerusalem, across the Green Line, steeped in questions about their personal and national religious identity and the future of Zionism. They delve into their roots of tradition and text, some of them studying Jewish texts for the first time in their lives, as they ponder where Zionism could and should be moving as a more inclusive, self-aware Jewish State.

The Israel Bonds Rabbinic Mission provided me with an "insider" platform to witness Israel's unprecedented success as a leader in the world market of ideas. What I found to be most significant as well, was the presence of a self-conscious, socially shifting society, who is debating every aspect of its infrastructure, including ethical, religious, social and political issues that will undoubtedly catapult Israel into the maturity of its next phase of Statehood.

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Rabbi 's Article Continued

Our community's commitment to Israel Bonds provides a personal way for each and everyone of us to claim a stake in the emerging Israel project. If you are already a bondholder, continue to reinvest in this important mission. If you are not already invested, please consider making Israel Bonds part of your investment portfolio. Every purchaser counts and every purchaser sends a message to the people of Israel that the Diaspora community cares and stands with Israel in solidarity and good faith. Am Yisrael Chai! May our people continue to be sustained and prosper in a homeland flowing with blessing for generations to come.

Israel is the homeland for all Jews, and our national sites should be

welcoming to all Jews no matter our background or observance. However, in Israel, the combination of religion, politics and folkways sometimes muddle decision making and policy, blinding our sense of unity as Klal Yisrael, "the Community of Israel".

The decision to give greater weight and consideration to the accessibility of the southern section of the Western Wall is a great place to start demonstrating religious sensitivity to the expansive non-Orthodox sector.



Congregation Beth Shalom's Annual Meeting **Sunday, March 23rd at 10am in the Sanctuary.**

Only members in good standing are able to vote. Please be sure your dues, religious school tuition, etc. are current. We look forward to seeing everyone here.

CBS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Relational Judaism

It's not about the programs.

It's not about marketing

It's not about branding, labels, logos, clever titles, etc.

It's not even about institutions.

It's about relationships!

So posits Dr. Ron Wolfson, the author of *Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform the Jewish Community*, in his assessment of what is the important component in building successful Jewish institutions. Dr. Wolfson argues that people will come to synagogues for the programs, but will stay for the relationships; and that a transformative process must move a synagogue from an ostensibly busy place with a calendar full of programs to a community of relationships. He proffers a new term to conceptualize this Jewish experience, that being Relational Judaism.

The new paradigm involves a shift in the shape of Jewish engagement. The goal of a synagogue should not be self-preservation for its own sake, but to engage Jews with Judaism; it is not about gaining more members, but it is about gaining more Jews. Dr. Wolfson does not argue against the importance of the many wonderful programs and religious services at Congregation Beth Shalom, but envisions a new approach that begins with engaging Jews in a personal relationship with other Jews and the many facets of Judaism, and then program events for them.

One size does not fit all, and the process of transforming concepts into practice is where the rubber meets the road. The CBS community is a special place, but the need for any organization to improve is essential for growth. I welcome any and all feedback on the concepts stated above, and particularly seek your ideas in this area.

David Sadowsky



CBS Men's Club

"Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life!"

Who We are Mission Statement

The mission of the CBS Men's Club is to provide an interactive environment for its members to work together to support and promote prayer, service and brotherhood. Through stimulating religious and social activities we volunteer our efforts for the betterment of our selves, our synagogue and its members, and our community."

President's Message

As you will note the Men's Club of Congregation Beth Shalom has a full schedule of events in the upcoming year. We are excited to broaden our appeal to new members and especially to those with children. There are activities for members of all ages such as a fishing trip and baseball games. We hope that all men in Congregation Beth Shalom will join us to have some fun and help contribute to a meaningful Jewish lifestyle at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Robert Stoller, President

CBS Men's Club Calendar of Events

2014 Planned Events

Men's Club Shabbat	March 1 st
Yellow Candle Boxing	March 9 th
Yom Hashoah	April 28 th
Lag B'Omer - Picnic	May 18 th
Billy Jonas Concert	May 18 th
Back to School -Pancake Breakfast	August 24 st
Movie Night(s) - Return of the Violin	August 26 th
Put up Sukkah	October 5 th
Sukkot	October 9 th -17 th
Suds-in-the Sukkah	October 12 th
Take down Sukkah	October 19 th
Fishing Trip	Oct/Nov
Annual Meeting	December 14 th
CBS Chanukah Party	December 21 st

Proposed Events

Membership Dinner	TBD
Karaoke Night	TBD
Art Exhibit at RJ	TBD
Baseball Outing – Threshers	TBD
Baseball Outing – Tampa Bay Rays	TBD
Bowling (with Sisterhood)	TBD
Hockey night (Lightning)	TBD
Scotch and Brisket Night	TBD
Sunday Breakfast & Discussions	TBD
Classic Auto display Trip to Venice	TBD
	FJMC Convention

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is an organization of approximately 270 Conservative/Masorti Jewish men's groups consisting of 25,000 individuals across North America and the world. The FJMC involves Jewish men in Jewish life by building and strengthening Men's Clubs in the Conservative/Masorti Movement.

Our objectives are to train and develop leaders to build and strengthen Men's Clubs; to create and implement programs to involve men in Jewish life; and to be an active and influential participant in the Conservative/Masorti Movement.

<http://www.fjmc.org>

Have questions or need more information? Please contact... Robert Stoller, President 727- 796-8970 or siris3@verizon.net

COMMUNITY WOMEN'S SEDER

join us as we celebrate and tell the story of
"OUR CONTINUING JOURNEY TO FREEDOM"



Tuesday, APRIL 1, 2014.....6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

Rabbi Danielle Upbin - Congregation Beth Shalom Cantor Deborah Jacobson - Temple Ahavat Shalom
Cantorial Soloist Danielle Rodnizki - Temple B'nai Israel Lily Lucey - Guest Vocalist

at Congregation Beth Shalom

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Cost = \$20 per person, includes vegetarian dinner

DEADLINE FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE: 3/17/14

FEE AFTER 3/17/14 = \$25

Maximum seating capacity = 250

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For reservations, please send the form below with your
check payable to "Community Women's Seder" to:

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Women's Seder Reservation Form

(YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Number of people attending _____ @ \$20 each...Total enclosed: \$ _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help with the Women's Seder

Please list names of your guests on reverse side of form

We are unable to reserve or assign seating

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Caren Evans and Wendy Lenett

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We are thrilled to welcome new and returning members who turned out in record numbers at our last two programs, the Progressive Supper and Bingo-Rita! The enthusiasm of our leadership and membership is contagious and we look forward to our upcoming events with great anticipation!

In addition to the programs themselves, we recognized this year's Torah Fund Woman of Achievement, Barbara Shepard and Sisterhood Volunteer of the Year, Eileen Barberi at these events. Our honorees continue to contribute to Sisterhood, CBS and the community and set a great example for all.

By the time you read this article, Sisterhood Shabbat will be behind us. It's always a special service, as Sisterhood members are honored with aliyot and readings from the Torah, share inspirational messages and prayers, participate in the service and we all partake of our delicious Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood that day. Thank you to Naomi Rubenstein and all who contributed to making Sisterhood Shabbat a memorable and meaningful program.

Purim is approaching and you know what THAT means! Hamentashen baking! Please join us in the CBS Kitchen Feb. 9th and Feb. 16th starting at 9 AM, March 2nd starting at 12 noon, March 9th starting at 9 AM. These dates and times are subject to change, please contact Nancy Schulman to help. Anyone can bake, Sisterhood makes it fun! Also, don't forget to order Shelach Manot and Hamentashen by the dozen. Remember that by engaging in the mitzvah of Shelach Manot you are also supporting Sisterhood and the shul!

This year's Purim raffle is a 50/50. Get your tickets NOW to get the most for your money! The drawing will be on March 15th and you need not be present to win. Information was included with Shelach Manot and Hamentashen order forms, or please contact Nancy Schulman or Eileen Barberi for more information.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Feb. 23 - Torah Fund Luncheon honoring Barbara Shepard, 5774 Torah Fund Woman of Achievement.

March 18 - Earth, Wind, and ... Yoga!

As always thank you to those who contribute to and support our programs and fundraisers!

Wendy and Caren

ENJOYING THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER



BINGO - RITA!





Barbara Shepard receiving the
Torah Fund Woman of Achievement Award
Presented by Sue Bengel & Renee Feinman



Eileen Barberi
Sisterhood Volunteer of the Year

Thoughtsby Tami Wolf, Director of Education and Congregational Programming

I have a very good friend whose husband has just retired from the Navy. She grew up in south Florida and we were friends from Camp Judaea in NC. Bari and her family have been stationed all over the country since 1988. My favorite place for them was when they were in south Georgia around 1999-2002 and my family and I lived in Orlando. We would see each other for holidays and generally got to be together more often than we had since working at camp together in the 80's. I once asked her how she was able to make friends and integrate herself and family (she has 3 sons) into the community so quickly and genuinely. She taught me something very important. Bari said, "I don't wait for somebody to welcome me, or wait for something big to celebrate. We go to the synagogue, we invite people to our house. We join and participate in as much as we can. You can't worry that your house is too messy or your kids are active, etc. And the alternative of just staying home isn't an option, you might miss a really great opportunity to make friends and build lasting relationships." Bari and her family moved back to Silverdale, Washington where they had been stationed 20 years ago, before south Georgia. They still maintained strong ties with families there.

Why am I sharing this with you? Because a new "buzz word" in Judaism is "relational" Judaism. Our CBS President, David Sadowsky, talks about it in his column in this Kol. Ron Wolfson, an esteemed Jewish Educator of our time, wrote a book of the same name. The idea is similar to my friend Bari's statement, don't wait to make friends and connect with people in the community. Reach out. Go out. Involve yourself in activities and events. There are many opportunities for involvement in our synagogue community. Each one of us should try to make a commitment to meet a new person. Sit next to someone at kiddush lunch who you haven't met. Volunteer to help with food preparation or setting up for a special event. Volunteer to answer phones or make calls to sick congregants. Share a part of yourself, because that is what building relationships is all about.

This is the true meaning of community. We are not JUST a building to come to pray, or a place to send dues or donations because of obligations, we are a place to build relationships and certainly without that we would not exist. Last month our Mishpacha and me program drew 28 participants! Eleven of them were under 7 years old. Young families and grandparents caring for their grandchildren came to enjoy a Shabbat service and simple dinner together. Building relationships. Nine members of our school and faculty led Friday services at Inn on the Pond. It was a rewarding experience on several levels. Building relationships with each other and the larger Jewish community. Noah Schulman's centerpieces for his bar mitzvah were living plants. The Schulman family provided all the tools necessary and we held a planting session with Noah's bar mitzvah class in our own biblical and community garden. Building relationships with the land, the synagogue and each other. Who knew that the kid with the fancy earphones, who is ALWAYS listening to his music, could also hoist a bag of mulch and carry it across the garden and dig a whole trench without complaint??? Our Tu b'shvat seder drew 75 participants of all ages from 2- 89 years old! It was a fun experience combining spirituality, prayers, Israel and eating! Peace and Love Shabbat drew 80 participants!

Building relationships. Reach out. Come out to programs and events. Look for what is right with everything we are doing. Look for opportunities to build upon what we have and to make lasting relationships. One of The Wolf Pack's first Passover seders here in Palm Harbor, we were just the 5 of us, it was very low stress but also a little lonely. Ever since then we've been inviting people to our seder. Last year I believe we hit capacity for my house at 36! Let me know if you are holding a seder on the first night of pesach (we hold a wonderful seder at CBS on the 2nd night. We hope you'll sign up to participate) and you have room for guests or if you are looking to join another family for seder this year. We'd like to actively help. Certainly, building relationships with and between congregants is the only way we will survive.

Adult Classes and Groups

Adult Ed. Chair-Dr. Eric Steckler

The Rosh Hodesh Women's Study Group



Coordinator:
Cyndi Silverman

The Rosh Hodesh Women's Study Group serves as a vehicle for women to come together to study Jewish history, culture and liturgy from a woman's perspective. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn and make new friends. Meetings are held at members' homes monthly on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. A light dairy/parve dinner is served. When Rosh Hodesh falls on a Sunday, meetings take place at CBS after minyan followed by breakfast and discussion. Our text for this year will be, "These Are The Words; A Vocabulary of Jewish Spiritual Life" by Rabbi Arthur Green. The book can be purchased at any major bookseller

If you wish to attend any of the meetings or if you know someone who would like to attend but has not been receiving email notices, please send your email address to Cyndi Silverman at hcsfl@tampabay.rr.com or call her at 727-230-2822. Your name will be added to the email list and you will receive regular notices of the meetings.

Sunday 3/2/14 – morning meeting - Naomi Rubenstein will present **JEWISH ICONOGRAPHY - The Analysis of Jewish Symbols and Ritual Objects, Part II**

Tuesday 4/1/14 evening - 16th Annual Community Women's Seder

Sunday 5/4/14 morning meeting - Naomi Rubenstein will present **JEWISH ICONOGRAPHY - The Analysis of Jewish Symbols and Ritual Objects, Part III**

Sunday 6/1/14 evening meeting

OUR TEFILLOT AND SIDDIR
The Who? What? When? Where? How? And Why?

Instructor: Johanna Bromberg
Using Siddur Sim Shalom and its commentary Or Hadash, Johanna will teach the basics of tefillah, including the outline and structure of the siddur and tefillot.

Dates: Wednesdays, Feb.19 / March 5, 19 April 9, 20, /May 7, 21.

Lox and Learn

Do a double mitzvah! Help make morning minyan, then enjoy a nosh and Torah study. The focus of this year's study will be "Midrash and the Creative Rabbinic Mind".

Dates: Thursdays after Minyan,
Time: 10-11 am
Location: Peltz Social Hall
Please contact Rabbi David for more information: rabiweizman@gmail.com

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HAMATZAV: ISRAEL UPDATES
Presenter: Dr. Eric Steckler

The congregation receives informed updates and commentary about current events in the Middle East and their impact on Israel. These lectures take place on occasion during Saturday morning services on Dates TBD.

Talmud Class
Tractate Chagigah

Presenter: Dr. Priscilla Nathanson

Students of all backgrounds are welcome for this in-depth study of our ancient legal tradition.

Dates: Ongoing, Monday mornings
Time: 10:00-11:15 a.m.
Location: Hirsty Library

Shabbat Afternoon Parsha Study

Facilitator: Elaine Markowitz
Join Elaine for an interactive discussion on the weekly Torah Portion one Shabbat each month. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary.

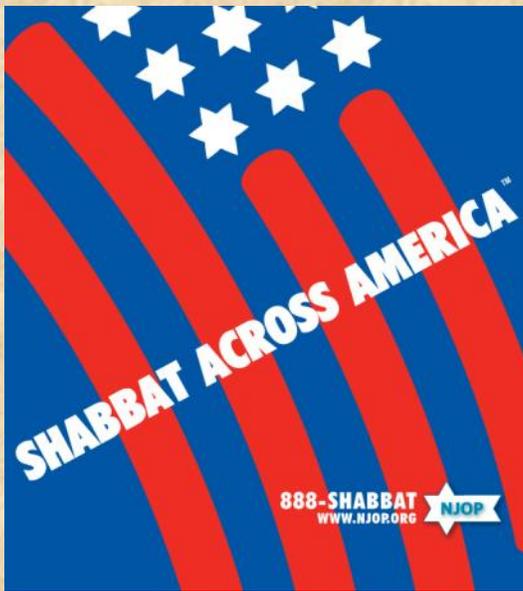
Dates: February 22, March 22, April 19, May 31
Time: Approximately, 1-2 pm, following Kiddush Luncheon.
Location: Chapel

Introduction to Judaism

Instructor: Rabbi David Weizman
Basic Jewish literacy for conversion candidates as well as those who are looking to increase their knowledge of Judaism. This course will include Hebrew Language instruction, as well as Jewish history, the foundations of prayer, Scripture, the Jewish calendar and rituals.

Dates: Ongoing, Sunday mornings
Time: 11 a.m. until noon
Location: The rabbi's study.

“Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!”



Friday, March 7th, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat services featuring our 2nd –4th grade religious school students and an explanatory service followed by traditional Shabbat dinner.

On Friday night, March 7, 2014 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — **Shabbat!** Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families — all ages. The 6:30pm explanatory service will be followed by a traditional Friday night Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained as well. The cost is \$18 per adult and \$10 per child 3-12 years of age. Family maximum of \$54. Please make your reservation by March 4th. Everyone is invited to attend, if cost is prohibitive, please pay what you can afford. Call 727-531-1418 to RSVP

The 2014 National Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend is March 13-16. CBS is participating on Saturday, March 15th, Shabbat Zachor

Places of worship across the nation are joining the Washington National Cathedral and Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition of 50 national denominations and faith-based organizations, to remember those who have lost their lives to gunfire, pray for those whose lives have been forever changed because of the loss of a loved one, and to continue the discussion on how communities of faith can work together to help reduce gun violence.



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 Are you baffled by all of this new technology? Do you want to learn how to communicate with your children and grandchildren? Face time? Share pictures and videos?
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 (Suggested donation is \$18 to the Congregation Beth Shalom Education Fund)



Save The Date
 Pinellas Cocktail Supper

Sunday, March 9, 2014
6:00pm

See page 23 for more information



Sunday Morning Higher Learning Series:

All Courses will take place at 10:30 in the Peltz Social Hall

OUR TOPIC IS BEZALEL'S CREATIVITY: ART AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE DIVINE

March 2 and May 4. : **JEWISH ICONOGRAPHY - The Analysis of Jewish Symbols and Ritual Objects.**
 Presenter: Naomi Rubenstein
 Each Jewish symbol and ritual item has a special origin and meaning. Together they form a strong part of Jewish identity and enhance the Jewish experience.
 This three-part presentation in conjunction with The Women's Rosh Hodesh Group Study,

April 20 - The Exodus: Fact or Fable?
 Presenter: Dr. Milt Nathanson
 The current scholarship on the 10 plagues, the crossing of the Sea of Reeds and Mount Sinai as historical events will be discussed.

Attention!!! College Students!!!
 Interest free loans are available to students in Pinellas and Pasco counties.
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Join us for Shabbat services on Saturday, March 29th at 9:00am as we honor, our own, Harold Haftel for his dedication and commitment to Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish community.

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Special Shabbatot – Main Sanctuary Services begin at 9am followed by Kiddush Lunch

March 1st– Men's Club Shabbat

March 15–Shabbat Honoring all CBS Presidents Shabbat Minyanaire's Club and National Gun Violence Prevention Shabbat

April 5th– CBS Board Installation

May 17th– Shabbat Kol HaKavod Honoring Graduates and Volunteers and Ba'al Karei

Mishpacha and Me- Friday evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm

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Tot Shabbat Saturday morning 10:30am- 11:30am

Bubbe & Zayde room

Families with children infants to 6 years old

Service, singing, story, activity and snack

February 22nd, April 12th

Shabbat Minyanaire's Club Saturday 10:30am- Kiddush

Unless otherwise noted

2nd – 6th graders in the chapel

Jr. Congregation service

March 15 and April 12 - 5th & 6th graders will read Torah in the chapel, May 17 (in main sanctuary)

Bet Mem Club Saturday during Kiddush lunch 12-1pm

unless otherwise noted 6th & 7th graders study session with

Rabbi David March 15, April 12

Featured Teacher: Professor Mel Kerman!

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (BA), Philadelphia, PA; The Thunderbird Graduate School for Global Management (BFT), Glendale, AZ; Middlebury College, (MA), Middlebury, VT.

Served in the U.S. Army as a Russian Interpreter Translator after finishing studies at Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.

Awarded NDEA (Nat'l Defense Education Act) grant to study French at Rutgers Univ. Awarded scholarship to continue studies in France with the Univ. of Washington.

In national competition, selected as Fulbright Exchange Prof. of English to teach in Greece. Taught in a high school and at the Univ. of Athens. On return to U.S., asked to work with Dept. of the Navy, to set up an acculturation program for Navy personnel and families being transferred to Greece.

Spent one year as the U. S. representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (World Health Org.) and in Paris, France,(UNESCO) setting up a World Conference on the teaching of Aids in the classroom.

Lived in Israel for 10 years teaching English in industry.

Editor's Note: With Mel's vast knowledge and his love for Israel and his passion for teaching our youth, our teens are gaining valuable knowledge which can't be taught from a book. COME to Hebrew High on Wednesdays, 5:45-7:45pm We even get Pizza from Monty's too!

The Ethel Honigman Religious School

*Karen Eisler, VP Education and Youth
Tami Wolf, Director of Education and Congregational Programming*

2013-14 Ethel Honigman Religious School Staff

Pre-K, Kindergarten Lead Teacher – Esther Schwegman
1st grade lead Teacher, preK-1st grade Hebrew – Lili Apfelbaum
2nd, 3rd & 4th grade Lead teacher and Hebrew – Anne deMarlor
5th grade lead teacher – Robert Plotkin
6th grade lead teacher – Louis Rapaport
7th grade lead teacher – Larry Schwartz
8th grade lead teacher – Dana Shepard DeMahop
Hebrew High lead teacher – Mel Kerman
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Madrichim coordinator, Conversational Hebrew – Peggy Gerson
Lifecycle, Holocaust Education and Special Programs Coordinator- Leslie Tinson
Holidays specialist- Tymber Wolf
Youth Advisor- Amy Simon Gross
Senior Study, Bet Mem Club – Rabbi David Weizman
Education and Programming Director and 5th Grade Hebrew- Tami Eisner Wolf
Volunteer Hebrew Tutors during school : Dr. Shmuel Litov, Roni Igel

Field Trips

February 23rd

Holocaust Program @ Tampa JCC 6th Graders

April 6th

2nd-4th grade and 7th grade
Dunedin Fine Arts Center

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! at Congregation Beth Shalom!

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! is an experiential education program currently touching the lives of girls ages 11-18. For More Information Contact Diana Sager at roshhodesh.dianasager@gmail.com

The next meeting of Moving Traditions

will be March 2nd, April 13,& May 16 Potluck Dinner

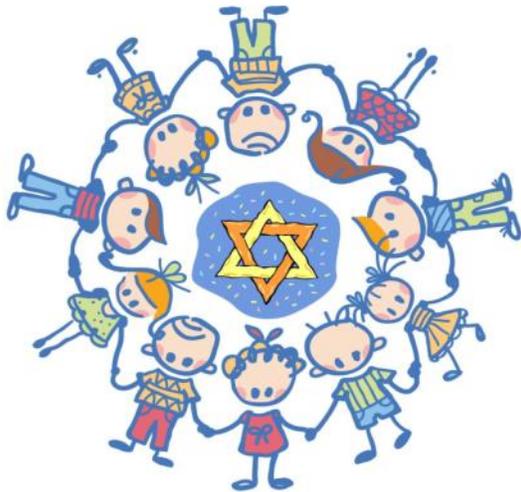
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Contact Amy Simon Gross –Youth Advisor

Clusyinfo@gmail.com or

David Siegel-USY President to find out more about how awesome it is to be in CLUSY or Kadima

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**COME ONE – COME ALL TO
THE PURIM SCHPIEL
“Showtime at Shushan”
Saturday evening,
March 15th , 7:30pm**

At Congregation Beth Shalom, say the words “Purim Schpiel” and besides the usual definition – a comical dramatization of a traditional Jewish story with participants wearing costumes that depict the characters in the story in the Book of Esther – we all think of Joni Higger and Barbara Sharf, authors and

songwriters extraordinaire of Purim Schpiels for our congregation. This year, they have put together a play based on a radio variety show with all of our main characters singing, dancing and really having a grand ole time. The music from this year’s Showtime at Shushan will get everyone’s feet a-stomping and the lyrics will have you singing in your seats!!! Joni and Barbara have pulled together a terrific cast to make this whole thing happen and rehearsals are going on even as you read this article!!!

Let’s take a look at who you might see and hear on the night of the Megillah reading – Saturday evening, March the 15th , 7:30pm CBS Sanctuary

Our announcer is Leslie Tinson, who stepped up to the challenge and is learning to talk s-l-o-w-l-y! Shushan Shayna is masterfully played by a newcomer to the really big show, Claire Stiglitz. The organizers within the show are Benny, played by Jeff Liss, and Chava (I’ve found him, will you be a lucky bride!) played by BZ. Ahasuerus, or Ach as we affectionately call him, will be played by another newbie to the stage, David Silvera. Mordecai will be our own upbeat Rabbi David, and his young and lovely cousin Esther will be played by Lily Lucey, affectionately known in last year’s schpiel as Dassi. Vashti flew back from the west coast to rejoin her CBS family and does an amazing job – come see Renee Feinman play the nasty queen who chooses NOT to dance for her king, but is still a super gal, I mean STAR, in every sense of the word. Our stage production is rounded out by the presence of our beloved Haman, capably but nastily played by Steve Hirschfield. Once again, his delicious evilness takes over our stage until the good girl Esther, wins the hand of the king and saves her people on the 13th of Adar. As with any show, it wouldn’t be complete without the Shushanettes, played by Barbara Sharf, Joni Higger, Cierra Tinson and Harriet Rudich. Commercials will be brought to you by – The Manischewitz Man (Stuart Lenett) and the skin care girl (Ellen Siegman).

Special thanks to Blake Lenett for his expertise and support with the entire sound system from beginning to end.

You are invited to come and enjoy the Megillah reading and Showtime at Shushan, this year’s Purim spectacular show! Lots of fun for all ages! Come and join us!!!



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Youth News

From Marlene Siegel: As I sit in my apartment, looking at my snow covered patio, and watching the frigid temperatures plummet even further, I wish that I were back in the warmth of Clearwater. I speak not only of the physical warmth, but of the wonderful welcome I received during the Youth Scholarship Shabbat which took place on January 11. It has been several years since I was present for this special Shabbat and it more than met my expectations.

First and foremost, our honorees, Naomi and Mayer Rubinstein, stand as exemplary members of our shul who instill love and respect in all of us, adults and children alike. I am proud to have been able to personally present them with their plaque and to speak a few words on what they mean to Congregation Beth Shalom. Their meaningful remarks reinforced our decision to honor them.

Secondly, the response of our youth in contributing to the Shabbat service was both heart-warming and indicative of the strength of our Religious School, B'nai Mitzvah training and Kadima/USY involvement and the strong leadership of Rabbi David Weizman and Rabbi Danielle Upbin. The quality of the Torah readings, haftarah chanting and prayer leaders gives me hope for the future of Conservative Judaism.

And thirdly, the luncheon itself was delicious and special. It is due to the efforts of the Kitchen Mavens and the members of the CBS Youth Scholarship Committee that we all enjoyed a most special Kiddush Luncheon.

A huge thank you especially to those of you who contributed to the Youth Scholarship Fund. One has only to speak to any of our Kadima/USY kids who have been involved in the wonderful programs offered by the USCJ to understand how important it is to support all of our youth. It is not too late to contribute and you can be assured that every cent is utilized for the benefit of our kids.

• Calendar: February 22 – April 6, 2014

February 22nd – Tot Shabbat at 10:30am and Elaine Markowitz leading Torah study after services

February 23rd –Religious school, No Baking, 6th grade fieldtrip to Tampa JCC, **TORAH FUND luncheon honoring Barbara Shepard**

February 24th – Talmud with Priscilla

February 26th Johanna Bromberg Class, Religious school and Hebrew High

February 27th Lox n' Learn with Rabbi David

March 1st Men's Club Shabbat

March 2nd Religious school, Rosh hodesh Study with Naomi Rubenstein's session after minyan, Purim baking after Naomi's session, Moving traditions after religious school

March 3rd - Talmud with Priscilla

March 4th Sisterhood board meeting; RSVP for Shabbat dinner

March 5th Johanna's class 10am, Religious school, Hebrew High,

March 6th Lox n' Learn with Rabbi David; Holocaust writing competition entries due

March 7th Shabbat across America and congregational dinner

March 8th Mitzvah Mission to lead services at Menorah manor; **Evening PURIM CABARET 2 @ Ruth Eckerd Hall**

March 9th Religious school, students making hamentashen, evening Israel Bonds dinner

March 10th Talmud with Priscilla; Chai Mitzvah teacher's mtg 7pm

March 12th Religious school, 8th grade + USY to TBI to collaborate with their teens on the carnival 5pm-6:30pm

March 13th Lox n' Learn with Rabbi David; Assemble Shaloch manot baskets

March 14th Jewish press deadline for March 28-April 10 issue

March 15th Shabbat Minyanaire's club – 5th & 6th graders reading torah in the chapel, Shabbat in sanctuary honoring past presidents of CBS, Bet mem Club **and Gun Violence Prevention day**

THEN megillah reading and PURIM SCHPIEL at 7:30pm!!

March 16th Megillah reading, kids costume parade and contest, Religious school 9:30-11:45 followed by PURIM Carnival at TBI 12 – 2:30pm

March 17th Talmud with Priscilla ;CBS Board Meeting

March 18th Sisterhood Program - Earth, Wind and Yoga

March 19th Johanna's class 10am, Religious school & Hebrew high

March 20th Lox n' Learn with Rabbi David

March 21st Mishpacha & Me 5:30pm

March 22nd Elaine Markowitz leading Torah study after services

March 23rd No Religious school; **CBS ANNUAL MEETING 10am**

March 24th Talmud with Priscilla

March 26th No religious School Spring break

March 27th Lox n' Learn with Rabbi David

March 28th USY Spring Sub Regional Convention

March 29th Shabbat honoring Harold Haftel

March 30th No religious School Spring break

March 31st Talmud with Priscilla

April 1st **WOMEN's SEDER**

April 2nd Religious school, Hebrew High

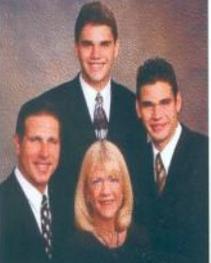
April 3rd Lox n' Learn with Rabbi David

April 4th Musical Shabbat and Congregational Dinner 6:30pm

April 5th CBS Board Installation Shabbat

April 6th Religious school, 2nd-4th & 7th grade fieldtrip

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Dr. Steve and Roni Igel's new grandson

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Ben Berner's Bar Mitzvah

The marriage of Caren Evans and Jeff Brown

The marriage of Caren Evans and Jeff Brown

Beth Bosman and Claire Stiglitz's Woman of Distinction honors

Pauline Faulk's speedy recovery

Rebecca and Samantha Shane's new endeavours

Beth Bosman and Claire Stiglitz's Woman of Distinction honors

Dr. Steve and Roni Igel's new grandson

Jack and Ellie Klein's anniversary

Jack and Ellie Klein's son's wedding

Ethan Seltzer's Bar Mitzvah

Caren Evans and Jeff Brown's wedding

Stuart Lenett's birthday

Jack Klein's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

Abe Bodenstein's 92nd birthday

Dr. Steve and Roni Igel's new grandson

Jack Klein's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

Edyn Wolf's Bat Mitzvah

Dr. Steve and Roni Igel's new grandson

In Memory of

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The marriage of Caren Evans and Jeff Brown

In Memory of

Flora Levin

In Honor of

Rabbi Upbin's Israel Bond appointment

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Rabbi Upbin's Israel Bond appointment

Rabbi Upbin's JNF honor

Jack Klein's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

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Siddur Sim Shalom Dedication

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Jeff and Laura Michaels and Family

Jack and Ellie Klein

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Jack and Ellie Klein

In Honor of

Charlie Starr's dedication to the synagogue

Jack Klein's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

Jack and Ellie Klein's anniversary

Dr. Jerry and Beth Resnick's 40th anniversary

The marriage of Caren Evans and Jeff Brown

Dr. Steve and Roni Igel's new grandson

Bob and Terri Tankel's 30th anniversary

Jack and Ellie Klein's anniversary

Jack Klein's 83rd birthday

Edyn Wolf's Bat Mitzvah

Dr. Steve and Roni Igel's new grandson

Dr. Mayer and Naomi Rubenstein's Youth Scholarship honor

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Claire Stiglitz's Woman of Distinction honor

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Spencer Wolf's mother

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In Honor of

Their anniversary

Jack Klein's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

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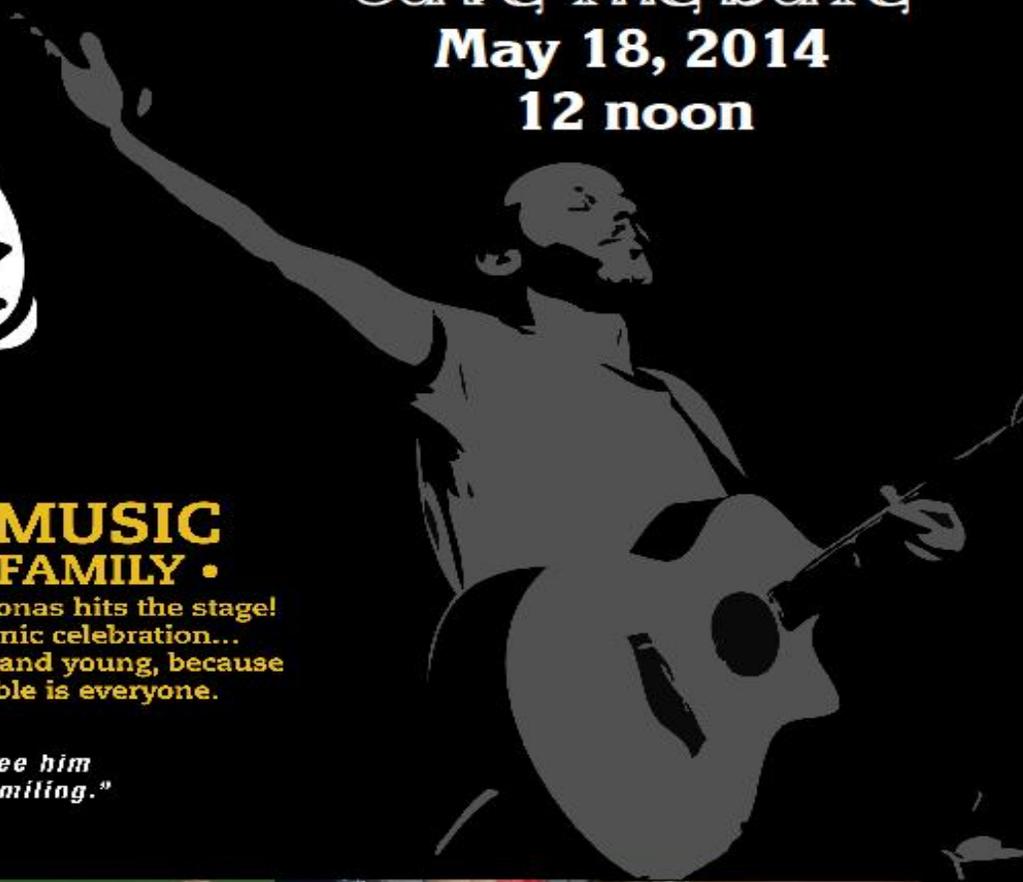
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February

- 4 Steven Beckerman
- 4 Dawn Hubsher
- 5 Lili Apfelbaum
- 6 Murray Zolkower
- 9 Morris Spoon
- 10 Dov Litov
- 10 Lillian Zolkower
- 11 Dan Gerson
- 13 Aaron Gold
- 13 Susan Rothman
- 14 Bryan Greenberg
- 14 Dr. Howard Honigman
- 16 Martha Margolis
- 17 Alan Feinman
- 17 Joann Miller
- 18 Mel Kerman
- 19 Dawn Bomstein
- 19 Eileen Levin
- 20 Andrei Gaidukov
- 20 Mandy Levy
- 20 Libby Shear
- 21 David Silvera
- 22 Irma Lichtenberg 95
- 22 Bruce Orloff
- 26 Dr. Scott Wisotsky
- 28 Cheryl Gold
- 28 Dr. Mayer Rubenstein

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

March

- 1 Renee Harris
- 1 Barbara Shepard
- 3 Jill Grodin
- 4 Deborah Berner
- 4 Leslie Tinson
- 6 Dr. Dale Monast
- 7 Jo Golson
- 11 Helaine Solc
- 11 Tami Wolf
- 11 Carolyn Yanuck
- 12 Louis Rapaport
- 13 Blake Lenett
- 14 Sylvia Cesanek 80
- 14 Todd Hoffman
- 15 Susan Michelman
- 15 Michael Schwartz
- 19 Blanche Levine 85
- 20 Lilian Klein 90
- 20 Dara Rosenzweig
- 22 Nate Serlin
- 24 Dr. Lisa Bates-Dubrow
- 24 Esther Schwegman
- 24 Michael Sobel 60
- 25 Paul Applefield
- 25 Karen Eisler
- 25 Lon Siegel
- 28 Elliott Stern
- 29 Nancy Schulman
- 29 Michael White
- 30 Captain Roy Pager
- 30 Dennis Schulman

April

- 4 Helen Ax
- 4 Johanna Bromberg
- 4 Lorelei London-Monast
- 5 R. Pearl Gershon
- 5 Dr. Melvin Luxenberg
- 9 Robert Shatanoff
- 10 Dr. Evan Harris
- 10 Ileana Liss
- 10 Beth Resnick
- 10 Jack Soll
- 10 Jodee Webb
- 10 Robin Zeitlin
- 11 Michael Igel
- 12 Dana DeMahop 30
- 13 Honora Ives 80
- 14 Dr. Harry Kolodner
- 14 Andrea Szmiga
- 18 Geraldine Schatz
- 19 Dr. Charles Luxenberg
- 20 Dr. Stacy Orloff
- 21 Dr. Milton Nathanson
- 23 Rabbi David Weizman
- 24 Marcia Litov
- 25 Dr. Michelle Nudell
- 26 Wendy Belkin
- 26 Beth Bosman
- 26 Robert Klein
- 26 Robert Weingarten
- 27 William Gottfried
- 27 Dr. Andrew Levin
- 27 Elizabeth Sembler
- 28 Harriet Rudich
- 28 Harriet Steckler
- 29 Susan Weingarten
- 30 Debbie Zelman

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

February

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| 4 Seth Litov 15 | 20 Chelsea Saulpaugh | 27 Lauren Turker 28 |
| 5 Tymber Wolf 16 | 22 David Sobel 27 | 28 Sabrina Swoy 23 |
| 11 Dorian Glaser 26 | 24 Sarah Monast 16 | |
| 18 Sophie Pager 7 | 24 Matthew Mustard 27 | |
| 18 Steven Steckler 23 | 24 Shayna Starr 11 | |
| | 26 Sara Miller 23 | |
| | 26 Ari Nudell 4 | |

March

- 2 Niomi London 17
- 4 Meira Weizman 7
- 5 Jennifer Evans 26
- 9 Jessica Saulpaugh 33
- 10 Gunner Cummings 4
- 10 Sam Nordlinger 25
- 10 Natthaw Weingarten 20
- 11 Adam Levine 19
- 11 Sarah Miichaels 19
- 11 Judith Tankel 25
- 12 Elizabeth Bonert 22
- 12 Alexis Litov 17
- 15 Alan Yanuck 25
- 15 Ross Yanuck 19
- 16 Sarah Webb 18
- 22 Deborah Suchar 28
- 31 Isaac Berner 20

April

- 1 Madeline Abrams 12
- 3 Adam Shepard 27
- 6 Adam Zuendorf 30
- 7 Daniel Rudich 15
- 8 Jacob Sharf 24
- 8 Michael Wainer 24
- 9 Lauren Kobernick 28
- 11 Jonathan Higger 21
- 13 Ashley Webb 15
- 14 Benjamin Harris 12
- 16 Rebecca Krop 21
- 16 Ari Mermelstein 24
- 23 Benjamin Kolodner 26
- 23 Joshua Saulpaugh 11
- 28 Joshua Slone 22
- 29 Reuben Siegman 18
- 30 Douglas Sharf 26

ANNIVERSARIES

February

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| 2 Milton & Phyllis Schwartz | 28 |
| 6 Moshe & Rosaind Citronowicz | 36 |
| 7 Martin & Frances Ilivicky | 54 |
| 20 Howard & Estrella Kasson | 9 |
| 21 Martin & Evelyn Zwiebach | 62 |
| 22 Carl Suchar & Phyllis Santer | 33 |
| 24 Murray & Lillian Zolkower | 64 |

March

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| 6 Jeff & Laura Michaels | 21 |
| 12 Ernesto & Liliana Apfelbaum | 31 |
| 14 Richard & Joann Miller | 27 |
| 15 Stuart & Joy Lenett | 61 |
| 15 Jayward & Martha Margolis | 45 |
| 17 Jacob & Dara Rosensweig | 20 |
| 21 Justin & Michelle Nudell | 10 |
| 25 Elian & Batya Bar-Av | 41 |
| 25 Greg & Mandy Levy | 2 |
| 28 Joel & Susan Traub | 43 |
| 31 Nate & Beverly Serlin | 57 |

April

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| 2 Dov & Jami Litov | 19 |
| 5 Andrei Guidukov & Maria Milenina | 11 |
| 5 Robert & Carol Stoller | 44 |
| 11 Paul & Jo Applefield | 45 |
| 13 Gregory & Liz Sembler | 28 |
| 18 Milton & Lilly Sager | 64 |
| 19 Mickey & Cheryl Schwartz | 30 |
| 22 Ed & Jen Saulpaugh | 17 |
| 26 Ronald & Beth Morris | 25 |
| 28 Michael & Kathy Sobel | 31 |



5774
2014

March

**adar I
adar II**



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2
30 adar I
Minyan 9:15
Religious school 9:30-12:30
Naomi Rubenstein Icons in Jewish ritual /Rosh Hodesh study after minyan 10:00am
It's a Girl Thing 12-45pm

ROSH CHODESH
3
1 adar II
AIPAC convention D.C.
Talmud with Priscilla Nathanson following minyan
Minyan 8:30am

ROSH CHODESH
9
7 adar II
Minyan 9:15
Religious School 9:30-12:30
Israel Bonds Dinner

16
14 adar II
Megillah Reading 9:15
Religious School 9:30-11:45
Costume contest
Purim Carnival at Temple B'nai Israel 12 noon - 2:30pm

23
21 adar II
NO Religious school
ANNUAL MEETING 10am

30
28 adar II
No Religious school

4
2 adar II
Deadline to RSVP for Shabbat dinner 531-1418
Sisterhood Board meeting

5
3 adar II
Johanna Bromberg's Class 10am
Religious School Hebrew High

11
9 adar II
Talmud with Priscilla Nathanson following minyan
Chai Mitzvah session & Teacher's Meeting 7pm
Minyan 8:30am

18
16 adar II
Sisterhood Program

25
23 adar II
SHUSHAN PURIM
22 adar II
Minyan 8:30am
Talmud class

6
4 adar II
Holocaust Memorial writing competition entries due
Lox n'Learn following minyan
Minyan 8:30am

12
10 adar II
Religious school Hebrew High

13
11 adar II
Lox n'Learn following minyan
Minyan 8:30am

20
18 adar II
FAST OF ESTHER
Lox n'Learn following minyan
Minyan 8:30am

27
25 adar II
SPRING BEGINS
Minyan 8:30am

7
5 adar II
Shabbat Across America/Canada 6:30pm cong. dinner following services

14
12 adar II
shabbat services 6:30pm

21
19 adar II
Mishpacha & Me 5:30-6:30pm

28
26 adar II
shabbat services 6:30pm
USY spring regional convention

8
6 adar II
Mitzvah Mission leading services at Menorah Manor
Purim Cabaret 2 @ Ruth Eckerd Hall 8pm

15
13 adar II
Honoring our CBS Presidents
Shabbat Minyanaire's 10:30am
Bet Mem Club after services
Megillah & Purim Schpiel 7:30pm

22
20 adar II
Torah Study with Elaine Markowitz following kiddush

29
27 adar II
Shabbat honoring Harold Hatfel

1
29 adar I
Men's Club Shabbat

SHABBAT SHEKALIM
8
6 adar II

SHABBAT ZACHOR
MEGILLAH READING
22
20 adar II

SHABBAT PARAH
29
27 adar II

Tazria
SHABBAT HACHODESH



5774 April 2014 nisan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 Minyan 9:15am Religious School 9:30-12:30	7 Minyan 8:30am Talmud with Priscilla Nathanson RSVP for 2nd seder due	8 ROSH CHODESH 8 nisan	9 Johanna Bromberg's class 10am Religious School Hebrew High	10 Minyan 8:30am Lox n'Learn following minyan	11 shabbat services 6:30pm	12 nisan Shabbat services 9am Tot Shabbat 10:30-11:30 Shabbat Minyanaire's 10:30 Bet mem Club following services Metzora
13 Minyan 9:15am Religious School 9:30-12:30	14 Minyan 8:30am Talmud with Priscilla Nathanson office closes 2pm	15 15 nisan second seder @ CBS 6:30pm office closed	16 NO Religious School NO Hebrew High office closed	17 Minyan 8:30am	18 18 nisan shabbat services 6:30pm	19 nisan Shabbat services 9am Torah Study with Elaine Markowitz following kiddush Acharei Mot SHABBAT HAGADOL
20 SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ Minyan 9:15am NO Religious School CBS Higher Learning Series with Milt Nathanson- The Exodus Fact or Fiction?	21 FIRST SEDER 21 nisan Services 9am office closed	22 22 nisan Services 9am office closed	23 23 nisan Religious School Hebrew High	24 24 nisan Minyan 8:30am Lox n'Learn following minyan	25 25 nisan shabbat services 6:30pm USY Convention	26 nisan Shabbat services 9am CHOL HAMOED
27 Minyan 9:15am Religious School 9:30-12:30 Yom Hashoah program @ FL Holocaust Museum Time TBA	28 28 nisan Minyan 8:30am Talmud with Priscilla Nathanson	29 29 nisan YIZKOR PASSOVER	30 30 nisan Minyan 8:30am Johanna Bromberg's class 10am Religious School Hebrew High ROSH CHODESH			Kedoshim

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Signature _____

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Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 16, 9:00am

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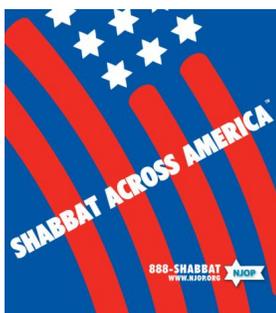
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