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From the Desk of the Rabbi...

Rabbi Fred Raskind



SHAVUOT 'TORAH TRANSMITTERS'

Do you think of yourself as someone who is a “Torah-transmitter”? You should—if you subscribe to Judaism. On this Shavuot festival we celebrate the moment when our people received the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

Yet, we call Shavuot *Chag Mahtahn ha-Torah*, the festival of giving the Torah. God gives the Torah to Moses, who presents it to Israel, and every generation that follows passes on that heritage of learning, ethics, religion, and culture. As the *siddur* says when we replace the *Sefer Torah* into the ark, *V'zot ha-Torah*, ‘this is the Torah that Moses placed before the people of Israel, according to the word of God, by the hand of Moses.’ The Bible says that Moses “delivered” (*sahm*), implying a kind of transmitting. Moses did not formulate Torah—God gives it—and God keeps delivering spiritual lessons for our lives, if only we pay attention. But Moses is the messenger and deliverer of Torah to our people.

The Mishnaic *Chapters of the Fathers*, *Pirke Avot*, states how Moses “*ke-bale*”—he received—the Torah and passed it on to Joshua, who passed it on to the prophets, who delivered it to the leaders of the *Sanhedrin*. In a way, Jewish revelation parallels radio waves: to transmit Torah or

a radio wave requires the ability to receive. That’s how we derive the word for the Jewish mystical tradition, *Kabbalah*, denoting that it has been authoritatively received. Today, rabbis are bridges of Jewish tradition and continuity, but then so is every Jew.

When parents and grandparents share past stories of Jewish life with children and grandchildren, they are Torah-transmitters. When the choir accompanies a service, they are transmitting Torah through song. When Sisterhood and Men’s Club program Jewish cultural and social events, they are transmitting Torah. When congregants participate in interfaith and community programs or help feed the homeless, and when Hebrew teachers, a group of very special Torah-transmitters, educate our children—all this is transmitting Torah.

In fact, Jewish learning is a kind of prayer itself. In the year ahead, perhaps you too will be a Torah-transmitter, learning and understanding about our tradition from each other, all of whom have our own lessons and insights to share. However we personally practice Judaism, we too are transmitting Torah.

A relaxing, refreshing, and safe summer to you and yours, as our program year concludes this month.

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 3, 6:30 p.m.
Pizza & Bingo! Fun, Food, and Cash Prizes!

Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.
Benjamin Feldman called to Torah as Bar Mitzvah.
Luncheon to follow at the Temple

Wednesday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Service for Paula Carr

Sunday, June 18, 2:30 p.m. (Father’s Day)
Bowling & Pizza Party at Anastasia Lanes
sponsored by the Sisterhood



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Denise Mensh => Nancy Sorkin



As I contemplated the end of my term, a few thoughts came to the forefront. I am humbled by the faith and support that was extended to me during my tenure. I have learned so much not only about running a temple, but about interpersonal relationships and interactions. I am awed by the selflessness that is demonstrated by all the volunteers who give so much of their time and energy. And I am comforted by the knowledge that our children are growing up with a Jewish identity and surrounded by their Temple family.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to the congregation for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President. I have truly enjoyed working closely with the Board and getting to know so many of our members, and I look forward to strengthening those relationships in the coming years.

Denise

MORE DATES TO REMEMBER!

Saturday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.
Briggs Hurley ordination
at the Cathedral in St. Augustine

Saturday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.
Bunco Night

Saturday, August 12, 7:00 p.m.
What do you Know?
Trivia Night!

When I was in college I joined a sorority where the only leadership role I ever held was as president---for two years. You would think that with that introduction to the world of responsibility, I would go on to assume a similar position in at least one of the four Temples I joined. However, although I eventually became an Officer or Trustee on various Boards, I never served as Vice President or President, even of Sisterhood. After Bob and I joined Temple Bet Yam in 2007, I was asked occasionally if I would take a Board position. I kept declining until 2013 when I agreed to become Financial Secretary.

Four years have passed. I loved my job, happy to continue on for another four years or more despite the possibility of an uncomfortable interaction with a congregant as I pursued dues payments. Happily, I believe those instances were rare.

Then my good friend Bobbi Carman confronted me and said, "When are you going to agree to move on and up?" My answer? "I love what I am doing." She persisted and reassured me that I would get all the support I would need from many people. Knowing the ambiance of our congregation, I know this is true. I am now prepared to take on the challenge, hoping I can live up to the expectations of my friends and fellow congregants. Hoping I can live up to the accomplishments of the seven past presidents I have observed since becoming a member. I look forward to working with our new Board, one-third of whom are serving in their first TBY positions of leadership. I look forward to interacting with Rabbi Fred, knowing that he will provide support when I need it. I look forward to my new relationship with the entire congregation, without asking for money. I look forward to an exciting new year with all of you.

Shalom,

Nancy

Mazel Tov!
Look what we have done!



Congratulations are in order
to Elliot Stone,
winner of the 2016 Menorah Award.
This award was established in 2008
to recognize a TBY member
who has served the Temple
beyond the expected duties
of a specific office.

Let us know of your accomplishments...
this is the spot to brag!
It's all in the family, and we're proud of
each and every one of you!

MENORAH AWARD WINNERS

2008 - SHELLY COHEN
2009 - PHYLLIS KEISER
2010 - ARTIE HEILWEIL
2011 - CAROL GLADSTONE
2012 - TERRE WALLACH
2013 - LISA BLACK
2014 - MAURY KEISER & JOE MARX
2015 - ART ROGOVE
2016 - BOBBI CARMAN & DENISE MENSCH
2017 - ELLIOT STONE

— CELEBRATORY WALL —
SIMCHA...ANNIVERSARY...
GRANDCHILD...
SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



Have you recently walked back to see our
Celebratory Wall? Think about taking that
short walk. Notice our fig tree, sit on the
bench, take time to re-
flect, read the
plaques on the
wall.



We at TBY have so many occasions to cele-
brate. Think about celebrating a simcha in
your family or honoring a TBY member by
adding a plaque to the Celebratory Wall.



For additional information and order form
please contact Phyllis Keiser.


NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEES


RITUAL

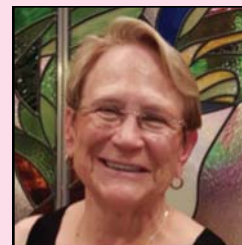
Chuck Meiselman

and

Terre Wallach



By summer's end of our 2016-2017 year, there will have been 24 Shabbat Services at Temple Bet Yam in addition to those special days that were dedicated to observing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



We have celebrated Selikott, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Veteran's Day, Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim, Phyllis and Paul Greenfield's 60th wedding anniversary, Leah Black's and Ben Feldman's b'nai mitzvahs, and the naming of Barbara and David Goldberg's grandchildren. We have built a Sukkah and shared a Passover Service. We have watched as Rabbi Levi Selwyn, our visiting sofer, magically restored one of our two torahs and have celebrated Shavuot as we rededicated that torah.

This summer ritual has scheduled three lay-led Shabbat services hosted by:

- The Board of Trustees on July 21st
- The Sisterhood on August 4th
- The Men's Club on August 18th

There has been a real connection amongst all of us as we have gathered together in our spiritual home. The Ritual Committee is very appreciative of all that the Temple family has done to make this 2016-2017 year so meaningful. Our thanks go to:

- Rabbi Fred Raskind for his leadership and guidance
- Gale Zucker and Emily Brown for their assistance on the bimah
- Paul Greenfield, Stan Weintraub, and Don Levy who have served as ushers
- Phyllis and Maury Keiser who have assisted in a multitude of ways

Our special thanks go to our Temple members who fill the sanctuary two Friday evenings every month, who have participated in the High Holy Day services, and who have assisted in what will be five lay-led services.

Thank you all.

Together we did a good job.



Did you get a chance to see our visiting sofer at work as he repaired our Torah?



Remembering Emily as an unforgettable Esther at Purim....



Note that Child Care is now offered during regular Shabbat services unless otherwise announced.

Carlyle Garland, a student at Florida School for the Arts, and also a patient supervisor at Flagler Hospital, is the caregiver. There is no additional cost to parents. Please see Lisa Black for additional information.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Shabbat services.

MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Rogove

We want to welcome our newest members, Dorit Cohen, Ava Glicksteen, and Michael Coffaro. You'll see Dorit's picture and bio on the next page.

It has been my pleasure to have served as TBY's Membership chair for the last 5 years.

I want to thank my membership committee for all of their help.

Ronnie Botnick
Barbara Goldberg
Ileine Hoffman
Ellen Miller
Patty Savage
Jane Seiden
Nancy Sorkin

You have been an awesome team and our results show it. During the last 5 years, we have added a total of 67 new members, although we have of course, lost various members. I want to wish Elliot Stone and Ellen Miller, our new Membership Chairs, continued success!

*Elliot Stone & Ellen Miller*

We are so looking forward to being your membership team this coming year. We hope to add to our wonderful TBY community in the coming months. Your input with ideas to make this happen are welcome. Thanks to Barbara Rogove for all her wonderful work until now and making it easy for us to follow in her shoes.

Samuel Mindlin writes that he was born and raised in Daytona Beach by his parents, David and Beth Mindlin. He worked for ten years at Circuit City as a manager, mostly in Orlando. After Circuit City went out of business, Sam worked for Spruce Creek Country Club in Port Orange as an Assistant Professional and member of the PGA of America. After working there for four years, he finally changed careers and now works as a manager for his brother Daniel's IT Consulting company. They specialize in software solutions for major manufacturers across the country. On March 10th, 2005, their wonderful son Cameron was born. In October of 2014 Sam married the love of his life, Cassandra, in Saint Augustine where they currently reside.

Sam still loves to play golf for recreation and also plays the guitar from time to time.

Introducing Cheryl and Joel Rosenfield....

The Rosenfields are happy to be new members of Temple Bet Yam. Cheryl and Joel are part-time residents of St. Augustine, while living in Atlanta, GA the rest of the time. They both grew up in Miami and graduated from Florida State University.

Joel retired from Coca-Cola after 35 years working in Environmental Management. Cheryl worked for both profit and non-profit companies and most recently worked as an Academic Advisor for several colleges. As active retirees, Joel enjoys doing environmental consulting and working when he chooses to and Cheryl enjoys pursuing a writing career and working on a novel. They both look forward to spending time in St. Augustine and traveling to new places.



Introducing Dorit Cohen....

I am a pattern-maker by trade. I have been engaged in my profession for over 40 years, working for Oxford Industries, a very large public company (ladies wear division) and Komar, a very large sleepwear manufacturer.

Working for these two major apparel companies has been a very rewarding experience. Although the environment was highly stressful, overseeing between 10-15 sample makers plus a cutter daily, it enabled me to understand my abilities, which resulted in career advances in a field predominantly dominated by men.

I recently retired and moved to the Valencia community in St. Augustine. Both my husband and I are looking forward to our retirement.



Mazel Tov!
Look what we have done!



To Elaine Stecker
whose original drawings,
prints, and paintings
were on display
throughout the month of May
at Head in St. Augustine

Let us know of your accomplishments...
this is the spot to brag!
It's all in the family, and we're proud of
each and every one of you!

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Ruth and Larry Kurlandsky



Lifelong Learning completed a year with two different tracks. One was a serious study of first-century Judaism; the other was a series of discussion sessions on various topics. In addition, we observed Yom HaShoah with a presentation by Andrew Nagorski, author of *The Nazi Hunters* (co-sponsored by the Social Justice committee).

For next year, the plan includes a series of learning about our holiday megillot (scrolls) in the morning track (heavy reading not required!). The most famous megillah, of course, is the Book of Esther, which we read on Purim. But there are more... A second track will include discussions on various topics, led by various people. If you have a topic you'd like to hear about, or a topic you'd like to present, please contact

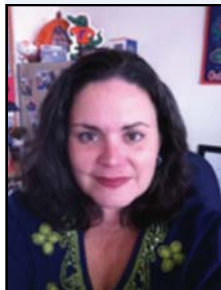
Ruth (ruth.kurlandsky@gmail.com) or Larry (LEKurlandsky@yahoo.com) Kurlandsky.

As always, we'll keep our eyes and ears peeled for possibilities that "pop up".

Have a lovely summer, and we hope to see you all soon.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Outgoing: Heather Naughton, Director
and Sandi Richmond, Representative to the Board**



As another Religious School year is coming to a close, we have so much to look back on and be thankful for. We had the honor of celebrating Leah Black's Bat Mitzvah, and we look forward to celebrating Ben Feldman's Bar Mitzvah this month. We are so proud of Leah and Ben who have studied hard and served as inspirational role models for our younger students.

Throughout the year, the students had many opportunities to learn while having fun. From learning the different blasts for the shofar, and building a sukkah, and shaking the Lulav and Etrog to planting a tree for Tu'B'Shevat, celebrating Purim with costumes, and a Purim carnival, our students had a year that was full of energy and fun. The students also celebrated each other when special awards were earned and ate snacks together during outside breaks.

As we wrapped up our school year, we celebrated with a few special awards and our own version of the Maccabee games. Students participated in games such as the 3-legged race, the over and under ball race, the egg race, and the sprint but, of course, with a TBY Maccabee twist.

I would like to conclude by saying, "Thank You!" for all the support the members of our congregation – parents, grandparents, Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Board Members - have provided during this past year. They donated crafts and supplies, helped build/decorate the Sukkah, cooked, cleaned, donated snacks, filled in as substitute teachers, donated a tree, hosted multiple activities at the annual Purim Carnival and most of all, frequently joined our students participating in services and special events throughout the year. Thank you for all that you did to make our year so special. Have a wonderful summer!

Heather Naughton, Outgoing Director

**Incoming: Terry Cohen, Lead Teacher / Coordinator
and Ryan Carter, Representative to the Board**



Many years ago, I stood with my hands on the spindles of the *Sefer Torah*, looking out at the congregation present for my *Bat Mitzvah*. I remember, gazing upon my family and friends, feeling close to God in a way I never had before. That deep spiritual experience has stayed with me all these years, through many joys and many tears.

It's a feeling I hope your children in Temple Bet Yam's religious school will come to know and cherish. I am still grateful for the religious education I received, and it's a joy I want for your children. As your new religious school lead teacher/coordinator, I feel so honored and privileged to have such an opportunity to share the beauty of Judaism and Hebrew not only with your children, but also with you, their parents, through your children's learning.

I have the special happiness of having my daughter, Rivkah Fuhrmann, by my side as a teacher after her year of volunteering at the religious school. She and her brother Aaron came to know the powerful warmth of the Temple Bet Yam congregation before, during, and after their *B'nai Mitzvah* here.

Teach us about your children, about your hopes, and about your needs so that we may better teach them. I look forward to meeting all of our religious school family at the Religious School open house in August. Have a safe and happy summer.

Terry Cohen, Incoming Lead Teacher / Coordinator



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Andi and Joe Marx



It's been a very busy year for the Social Justice Committee so Andi and I would like to begin by thanking our committee members: Lisa Black, Phyllis Greenfield, Phyllis Keiser, Babs and Phil Kushner and Ellen Mensh without whose help none of these initiatives would be possible. We would also like to thank the more than 40 temple members who helped this year on Dining With Dignity, the more than 20 temple members who helped with the Sleeping Mats project and the untold numbers who have made donations to St. Francis House, volunteered at and supported our events and been a role model to the community demonstrating what can be accomplished by a small number of dedicated individuals.

- Dining With Dignity: We continue to attract new volunteers to help feed the homeless in conjunction with St. Pauls AME Church. In the past 12 months we have had over 40 different TBY members volunteer for this worth-



while endeavor.

It has always been a fun way to work with other members in the community for the benefit of all of St. Augustine.

- Ellen Mensh has organized several more sessions teaching different groups how to fabricate the sleeping mats including TBY members, the St. Augustine Compassionate Women's Group, a group at St. Cyprians Episcopal Church and also a session in Jacksonville.

- We started a Music & Memory project with the help of Leah Black as part of her B'nai Mitzvah project to collect donated iPods and put together personalized playlists for dementia and Alzheimer patients living in local facilities.

We look forward to another exciting year coming up and welcome any suggestions you might have for improving what we do or adding new initiatives to the list.



WAYS & MEANS

Carol & Bernie Levy



The good times just keep coming. Members of TBY and the local community had a wonderful time on Saturday, May 6th, when they attended the Limelight Theatre's production of the Neil Simon hit *I Ought To Be In Pictures*. "It was the best production I've ever seen at the Limelight," one attendee commented. Attendees also had the opportunity to munch on an endless stream of homemade appetizers, and bid on over eighty items and services from local merchants and craft experts. Items ranged from gift cards to restaurants, miniature golf, beauty salons, rounds of golf, concert tickets, silk shawls, quilts, exotic jewelry, and many, many more. The event was one of the most successful held by TBY.



Finally, mark your calendars: June 3rd will be the return of Bingo and Pizza at TBY. Ten games, cash prizes. See Earl Brown for details or see a flyer in the lobby.

On July 15th at 7:00 pm come to TBY for a "no food, just dessert" night of BUNCO. "*What's BUNCO?*" It's a fun, very easy to learn, dice game that will have you moving and cheering and coming face to face with "The Traveler". Prizes will be awarded.

And finally: "*What do you know???*" Find out as teams of friends compete in a fun night of Trivia. Everyone had a great time last year. Don't miss out this time. Join us at TBY on August 12th.

Flyers will be going out. Who says that the summer has to be dull?

Memories...memories...memories!



March 12
Hard Lox Cafe & Hamantashen Bake Off



...And from that wonderful Silent Auction at the
May 6 Limelight Theatre production!

All photos with thanks from Bernie Levy

LOOKING TO DO A MITZVAH?

Mitzvah Mob



Patty Savage



The Mitzvah Mob is here to offer assistance to any TBY member in need. Oftentimes, the service requested is a car ride, but occasionally it is for other things. Please call or email me, Patty Savage, at [904-940-9604](tel:904-940-9604) or pattysavage645@gmail.com if you are in need of assistance and/or would like to join the Mitzvah Mob. We continue to need volunteers. Enjoy the great feeling of doing a mitzvah!


BINGO
& Pizza Night
at Temple Bet Yam

When: Saturday Night June 3, 2017
starting at 6:30 pm

What: For the adults, a complete pizza dinner and a full night of bingo with cash prizes (10 chances to win)

Cost: \$15 per person

Open to the congregation & your friends in the community



Contact Earl Brown at 904-471-8334
for more information and to purchase tickets



✂️...Bingo & Pizza Night RSVP Form...✂️

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ (cell): _____

Email: _____

of Adults attending: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ cash \$ _____ check # _____

*Please make checks payable to Temple Bet Yam and note "Bingo" in memo
 PO Box 860098, St. Augustine, FL 32086*

FACILITIES

Frank Kinkela



Being a bit superstitious, I usually avoid being overly positive or optimistic. but throwing caution to the wind, I offer the following highlights with all due guardedness:

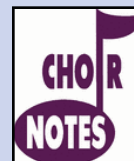
- Trouble with the fire alarm system: two visits to Temple to work on repairing in conjunction with Vector Security
- Two meetings with Coleman Landscaping to discuss a proposal to brighten the outdoor appearance with some new and colorful flowers and shrubs
- Currently working on obtaining two additional storage cabinets for the kitchen
- Currently making arrangements to obtain proposals to replace all light bulbs with LED bulbs thus reducing heat created and providing longer life
- Also on the to do list is obtaining a proposal to replace the carpeting throughout the building

Now, a brief note from a personal perspective. I will be leaning on several well-qualified temple members over the next 2-3 months. This is because of a surgical procedure that will limit my mobility for a time.



SHIR-U L'ADONAI

Emily Brown



The choir is honored to be participating in the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Feldman on June 9-10th. We wish the Feldman family a tremendous Mazel Tov!

In other news, be listening for a new version of Shalom Rav!

Shalom



Board Notes

Reminder:

Any member of the congregation who desires to do so may attend Board meetings as an observer. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who wants a copy of the minutes should contact Terry Cohen at terrycohen@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

SISTERHOOD

Cathy Kasriel and Renee Speisman



Back in September, 2016, the polls were not indicating that Renee Speisman, brand new TBY member, was going to be Co-President of Sister-



hood. But then in March 2017, against all odds, it came to pass.

Cathy and Renee are fired up to make Sisterhood a great experience for all members. This dynamic duo is planning a wide array of fantastic events for 2017-2018. Stay tuned for more information! There will be continuing book club meetings of course, meetings with speakers, and maybe a surprise or two....The co-presidents are working on the calendar for the year now.. **Please be sure to let your voice be heard by returning the survey on dates and times when you get it.** While not every event is mapped out, what they hope to do is to have consistency in scheduling so members can have an idea of when each meeting will be.

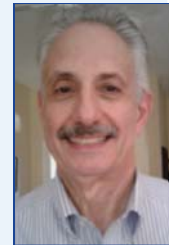
Summer events that are on tap are the fun Bowling and Pizza party at Anastasia Lanes for the men of Temple Bet Yam on Fathers' Day, June 18, from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Given how wonderful the Mothers' Day Brunch event provided by the Men's' Club was, the Sisterhood has a tough act to follow! The July meeting is not yet planned, but August 4 will be the Sisterhood Shabbat.

MEN'S CLUB

Dave Kasriel and Bruce Simon



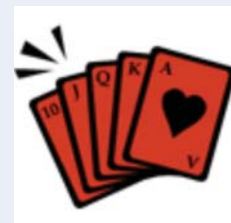
On April 29th, the Second Annual Open Mic/Talent Show was sponsored by the Men's Club. Steve Rich was the coordinator/



producer of the show. We had over two hours of entertainment showing off singing, instrumental, magic, and comedy talent of our congregation. Over 40 members enjoyed the show and refreshments.

The Men's Club honored the women of our Congregation on Mother's Day with a wonderful brunch of lox, bagels, blintzes, and much more. Special thanks to Chuck Meiselman and family, the many other Men's Club volunteers, and especially our wives and mothers. We had about 50 Temple congregants enjoy good food and friendly talk.

If anyone is interested in joining the off-site poker club, please contact Sheldon Beasley. Though we have a full house, please let us know if you want to be placed on the waiting list or be advised of future games.



Book Club News

There will be no book club meetings over the summer.

Due to the High Holidays, there is no Book Club meeting scheduled for September.

October 2017, date to be determined. We will read *Clara and Mr. Tiffany*, by Susan Vreeland, led by Bobbi Carman and Nancy Sorkin.

Look for e-blasts with specifics and for the list of books planned for 2017 - 2018.



That marvelous, delicious,
Mothers' Day Brunch....



Bruce Simon and his lovely wife Anne



Babs Kushner, Andi Marx, Jackie Witte



And a lovely Mothers' Day
was had by all!

More Fashion Show pix...



And who can forget the unforgettable Open Mic Nite...



The beautiful voice of Leah Black



Merrie Meiselman and Steve Rich on the guitar





...And of course another picture of those beautiful models!

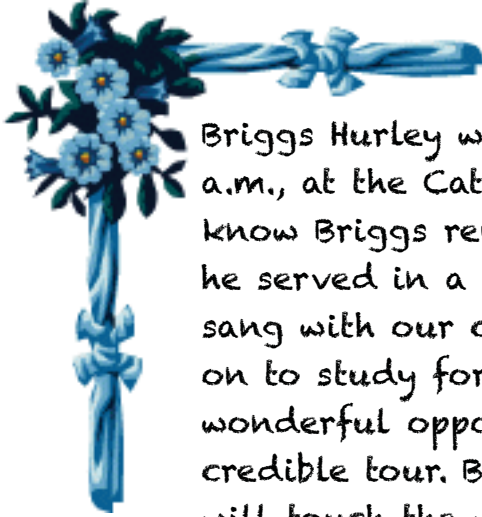


L => R: Carol Levy, Bernice Cruise, Jackie Witte, Ronnie Botnick, Isabel Sherman, and Nancy Sorkin

L => R: Carol Levy, Ronnie Botnick, Nancy Sorkin, Jackie Witte, Laura Weiss, Bernice Cruise



Models and their friends


 OUR TEMPLE FAMILY
 


Briggs Hurley will be ordained on Saturday, June 17th, 11:00 a.m., at the Cathedral in St. Augustine. Those of you who know Briggs remember that while he was a FLAGLER student, he served in a special internship with Rabbi Mark and also sang with our choir. After graduating from FLAGLER, he went on to study for the priesthood in Rome. A few of us had the wonderful opportunity to visit him there and receive an incredible tour. Briggs is a brilliant and gifted young man who will touch the world in many ways. He looks forward to seeing his Temple friends at his ordination.

SUNSHINE
Patty Savage


The Sunshine Committee sends cards or gifts to TBY members or family members who are ill or have had a death in the family. If you know of such a situation, please notify Patty at [904-940-9604](tel:904-940-9604) or pattysavage645@gmail.com. A simple gesture goes a long way!



Please note!

The Shofar will not be published during the summer months of July and August.

For your convenience, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Yahrzeits will include dates for the next three months and when they will be announced at services.



The custom of making offerings/donations as an expression of prayer traces back to Biblical times and has always been a practice of congregations. A donation can be defined as an act of prayer in which the participant extends himself or herself beyond the act of uttering words. It exceeds mere vocal expression and indicates that an act of personal sacrifice has been performed by the donor. The amount of an offering is less important than the deed. A small offering made by a person of limited income is as noble in nature as a larger one given by a person of wealth. THE WORLD IS SUSTAINED BY THREE THINGS: BY TORAH, BY WORSHIP, AND BY TZEDAKAH.



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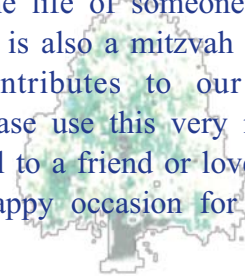


Trees for Israel

Toby Weintraub



We are enjoying huge success with our Trees for Israel. Every tree purchased is not only recognition of some significant event in your life or in the life of someone close to you but is also a mitzvah for Israel and contributes to our Temple fundraising effort. Please use this very important program as a memorial to a friend or loved one or in celebration of a happy occasion for someone dear to you.



Israel's forests are not only a valuable source for water preservation, but are a source for boosting the morale of Israel's citizens by providing a haven in which to put aside the pressures of living in a nation under siege.

JNF will acknowledge every donation with a receipt to the donor and a certificate to the recipient of the honor. Your donation will also benefit Temple Bet Yam with a portion of the donation amount. It is a double Mitzvah.

Trees may be ordered by contacting Toby Weintraub at 904-471-0418 or at Temple services. Please provide Toby with your name, address, and phone number; the name and address of the person being honored, and the name and address of the person you want to receive the acknowledgment.

Donations for Trees for Israel are \$18.00 per tree. Checks should be made payable to Temple Bet Yam.



Please note that there are separate forms available in the Temple office for plaques for both the Memorial Board in the sanctuary and for the Celebratory Wall in the garden. Do NOT use the attached Contribution form for this purpose.





Let Us Celebrate! Let Us Rejoice!

Do you have a simcha you want to commemorate?



*Birth of a grandchild or child?
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Now you or your family can purchase a plaque to celebrate life's big moments.



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(actual size 5 1/2" X 8 1/2")

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For more information and forms, please contact the TBY office at 904-819-1875 or email templebet Yam@bellsouth.net



PLEASE NOTE:
Forms for ordering the new Celebratory Wall plaques are available in the Temple office.

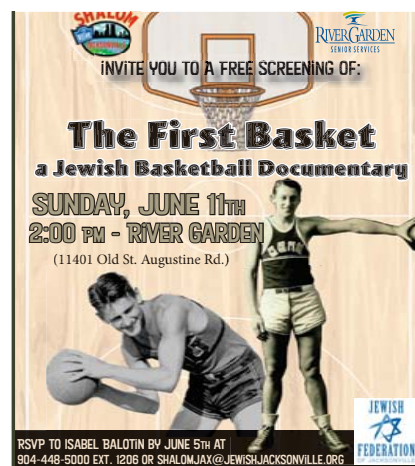
June, July, and August Dates to Remember:

- Friday, June 2
7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service
New Board Installation
Torah Rededication
- Saturday, June 3
6:30 - 9:00 Bingo & Pizza Night
- Monday, June 5
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Tuesday, June 6
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, June 7
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Paula Carr's Memorial
Services & Luncheon
- Friday, June 9
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Ben Feldman's Bar Mitzvah
- Saturday, June 10
10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Ben Feldman's Bar Mitzvah
Luncheon to follow at the Temple
- Monday, June 12
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Sunday, June 19
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Men's Club trip to
Holocaust Museum, Maitland, FL
- Monday, June 20
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Saturday, June 17
11:00 a.m. Briggs Hurley Ordination
Cathedral, St. Augustine
- Sunday, June 18
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Pizza & Bowling Party
for Fathers' Day,
sponsored by the Sisterhood
at Anastasia Bowling Lanes
- Monday, June 19
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Monday, June 26
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Monday, July 3
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Monday, July 10
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Saturday, July 15
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bunco Night
- Monday, July 17
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Friday, July 21
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Shabbat Service
- Monday, July 24
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Monday, July 31
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Friday, August 4
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat Service
- Monday, August 7
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Tuesday, August 8
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Saturday, August 12
7:00 - 9:00 Trivia Night: What Do You Know?
- Monday, August 14
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Friday, August 18
7:30 p.m. Men's Club Shabbat Service
- Sunday, August 20
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. First day Religious School
- Monday, August 21
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Sunday, August 27
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Religious School
- Monday, August 28
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Practice

" Before LeBron and Kobe, there was Barney, Nat and Inky"

Did you know a Jewish kid from New York scored the first basket in the NBA? Though basketball was invented by Dr. James Naismith in Springfield, MA, the game spread like wildfire through the turn-of-the-century New York settlement houses and proved a perfect fit for urban Jewish kids. By the 1920's, basketball had become a staple of life in American Jewish communities, and many of the top teams grew out of these neighborhoods. "The First Basket" is the first comprehensive documentary to examine both the role that Jewish players had in the evolution of the game and the impact that basketball played in the assimilation of American Jews.

The film's writer/producer David Vyorst and narrator Peter Riegert explore the little-known, yet very important, Jewish history of the game. Chock full of vivid anecdotes and distinctive characters, the film brings back famous as well as unsung basketball legends such as Red Auerbach, Red Holzman, Barney Sedran, Eddie Gottlieb, Abe Saperstein and Ossie Schechtman (that kid from New York who scored the eponymous First Basket).



This is a free screening. Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. at River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by June 8 to Isabel Balotin, [904-448-5000 x1206](tel:904-448-5000) or shalomjax@jewishjacksonville.org.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Bev Darkatsh



I owe a big debt of gratitude to the sharp eyes and grammatical acumen of my two copy-editor elves, Nancy Sorokin and Jackie Witte. Dorit Cohen just joined the elves contingent, taking the place of Shelly Cohen as mail maven to make our job just that much easier on all of us. We thank Shelly Cohen — her services were much appreciated! We also want to thank Patty Savage for her assistance with the new member bios.

We'd like to thank you for making the decision to take the *Shofar* online instead of being mailed a print version. It's one of the privileges of membership to receive it this way and also part of the process of the Temple going green -- better for ecology, saves trees and energy. It's also better for the Temple in that it saves us the cost of paper and postage. You can still print it out yourself if you'd prefer to read it that way -- I do.

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