

THE SHOFAH

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Happy Chanukah



December happenings

Shabbat Services Friday,
December 2, at 7:30 p.m. Friday,
December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Lifelong Learning

Text & Trends: Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Discuss & Deliberate: Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Sisterhood

Chanukah Luncheon: Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Gypsy Cab Restaurant

Book Club: Tuesday, December 20 at 7:15 p.m.

Men's Club

Chanukah Party : Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Gypsy Cab Restaurant

Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

December 16 - 17, December 19 - 24

Dining with Dignity

Monday, December 19, at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming winter events -- Mark your calendars!

Ben Feldman will become Bar Mitzvah!

Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

16th Annual Brunch & Card Party

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Hammock Dunes Country Club, Palm Coast

Sisterhood Fashion Show

Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Serenata Beach Club, Ponte Vedra Beach

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Shofar columnists and the entire TBV Board of Trustees would like to wish all of you a most joyous Chanukah season.

Chag Sameach!

From the Desk of the
Rabbi... *Rabbi Fred Raskind*



Most of us like to travel, to take trips, especially to other parts of the country or world. Travel is fun, broadening, interesting, and gives us a perspective on living. Some years back, I took a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. At one of the ports of call, I arranged a visit to the historic Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas in the US

Virgin Islands. Several of our members have been there, I'm sure. I plan to return at some point.

This congregation was founded in 1796. The present building was erected on "Synagogue Hill" in 1833, and is the oldest synagogue in continuous use under the American flag.

Built in the Sephardic style, the pews face one another and the pulpit is on one side, opposite the Ark on the eastern wall. The congregation maintains two historic cemeteries and a lovely gift shop. The floor has sand as a reminder of the Exodus from Egypt.

In nearly every corner of the globe there are Jews, and in many towns, a synagogue. It puzzles me that so many of our people go on vacation and "leave Judaism at home." We can learn so much about history, art, architecture, and religion from visiting sites of Jewish interest—but we have to plan a bit beforehand.

I found the synagogue visit one of the highlights of the trip, a rich investment for only two hours. "Well," you might think, "after all, he's a Rabbi." Not really: It's because I'm a Jew interested in my heritage.

So on your next vacation—even if it's to a neighboring state, find out potential sites of Jewish interest, and visit one. It will enrich you and those with whom you share the experience.

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Denise Mensh



Progress is defined as the process of improving or developing something over a period of time. It is a gradual movement towards an established goal. We must recognize that progress is not limited to

forward motion, and that the journey is often filled with peaks and valleys. In order to maintain progress, we must accept the challenges along the way and learn from them. We must remind ourselves often of where we want to be and strengthen our conviction to work towards our goal, despite facing real and seemingly unsurmountable obstacles along our path.

The mission of Temple Bet Yam is to provide a Jewish framework for spiritual, educational and moral growth. We strive to be a warm and caring congregation whose members participate in the Jewish community with a sense of belonging and togetherness. We are committed to the ideals of our Jewish ethical heritage and to meeting our responsibilities to our community, our nation, and our world. In case you were wondering, I did not come up with these goals just for this article. These are the aspirations that define our congregation and can be found in the handbook delivered to every member when they join our Temple family. Whenever you come to a service, attend a Lifelong Learning event, celebrate a bar or bat mitzvah, drop your child off for Religious School, enjoy the company of friends at a fundraiser, or volunteer for a social justice project, you are ensuring the progress of our Temple.

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President Mensh, *continued from previous page*

Sure, we have our ups and downs. Just ask our Facilities Chair, Frank Kinkela. He can tell you about all of the challenges of our building, such as repeated flooding in the office, lawn care, gravel replenishing, security cameras, air conditioning maintenance, and even window repairs. The choir had to sing a little louder than usual during their final run through before Kol Nidre in order to hear themselves over the drone of the industrial fans trying to tackle the water damage after Hurricane Matthew brushed our shore. But these things are all part of our progress. As our building settles and we patch a few cracks here and there in the foundation, our congregation is also settling into our community and providing a Jewish framework for generations to come. This is our progress.

There will never be a day when we look around and declare our mission has been achieved and our work is done. That is because there will always be unexpected surprises that create new challenges. It is our duty as Jews to acknowledge these hurdles and develop strategies to overcome them while remaining committed to our ideals. What we cannot forget is that while the road may take some detours we did not anticipate, and while we may hit a few extra potholes along the way, as long as we don't stop moving we can continue our progress together.

**Shalom,
Denise**

— 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 reflect, read the plaques on the wall.

We, at TBY, thankfully have so many occasions to celebrate. 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.

RITUAL

Chuck Meiselman

and

Terre Wallach



The 2016 Temple Bet Yam Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services went very smoothly and that is a tribute to Rabbi Fred and to all of the folks who helped and participated. Spirituality was in our sanctuary and in our hearts. Perhaps enduring Hurricane Mathew provided added appreciation for our Temple family and for simply being thankful for what we have.

We put up the sukkah right after Yom Kippur and on Sunday, October 16th, we celebrated Sukkot with the RS children and staff. Pizza lunch followed the service. It is our hope that next year we can blend adult membership participation with that of the children as this is a holiday for all of us. Also, recognizing the big effort to assemble and dismantle the sukkah, we hope in future years to add activities under the sukkah during

the week the sukkah is standing. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the "sukkah building process"; we are really grateful.

We celebrated Simchat Torah on the October 21st Friday Shabbat. The service was well attended and we all got into the spirit of marching and singing with the torahs as they circled the sanctuary seven times.

On November 11th, Rabbi Fred led the Veteran's Shabbat Service. Once again, we thank Maury Keiser for his help in putting this service together in a meaningful way.

On Saturday, November 19th, we joined the Black/Gladstone family in celebrating Leah Black's Bat Mitzvah. What a thrill it has been to watch Leah come to this time in her life. She made all of us very proud of her as she took her place on the bema.

In December, there will be two Shabbat Services:

- Friday, December 2nd
- Friday, December 16th, when we will celebrate Hanukkah.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Heather Naughton, Director

and

Sandi Richmond, Representative to the Board



The Religious School has been busy celebrating the many holidays that fall in the month of Tishri. For the High Holy Days, our students and parents enjoyed both the Religious School Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and our Bet students learned the different blasts for the shofar and practiced blowing on the shofars they made. We celebrated Sukkot by making paper chains, Sukkot signs, and colored pictures of fruit for the temple sukkah. As part of the celebration, the students shook the Lulav and Etrog in the sukkah. For Simchat Torah, the kids enjoyed marching around the temple and waving their flags.



We also studied the meaning of Tzedakah and Chesed as part of Tikkun Olam. Alef students made Tzedakah boxes while our Bet and Gimel students made Chesed challenge boards. For one week, we challenged our students to pick one of the good deeds pictured on their board and, as a family complete, that good deed or act of kindness.

Last month we celebrated Leah Black's Bat Mitzvah. She read from the Torah beautifully and we couldn't have been prouder of Leah and her accomplishment of becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov Leah!

We are now getting ready to celebrate Chanukah and to enjoy our Religious School Chanukah party which will be on the 18th of December. From all of the students and staff at the Religious School we wish you and your family a very Happy Chanukah!



Photos courtesy of Debra Morris

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Ruth & Larry Kurlandsky



Life Long Learning this year has been divided into two parts. The ***Text and Trends*** group meets on Wednesday mornings, continuing the topic of first century life. This group is open to any congregant who reads the assigned essays beforehand. Contact Ruth Kurlandsky if you need the material. The ***Discuss and Deliberate*** sessions are similar to Life Long Learning programs held in past years. At the present time, all meetings are at night, but it is possible that some programs will be rescheduled as lunch programs.

We had a great LLL ***Discuss & Deliberate*** session on November 30. The topic was Relational Judaism, presented by Larry Kurlandsky. Based on a book by Dr. Ron Wolfson, Larry presented the idea that the power of nine relationships in Judaism can transform the Jewish community. The group also considered which meetings should be scheduled in the day time and which should be continued in our usual time of 7:00 p.m..

The LLL ***Text & Trends*** group will meet on Wednesday, December 7, (10-11:30 am) continuing the topic of first century life. As noted above, this group is open to any congregant who reads the assigned essays beforehand. Contact Ruth Kurlandsky if you need the material. The LLL ***Discuss & Deliberate*** session will be on Wednesday, December 14, and will be a consideration of how our living meshes with our Jewish spirituality. Please contact Ruth (as above) if there is a topic you'd like to see covered in that session or later in the year.

WAYS & MEANS

Carol & Bernie Levy

When I was young I had strong opinions about certain things. I knew I didn't like split pea soup. When I saw a tongue sandwich I freaked out, "Who can eat a cows tongue?" The first time I was asked to play BINGO I chalked up the idea as a big "BORING !!!" But I also remember my dad saying, "Try it, maybe you'll like it."



Ways and Means has the mandate to raise a significant amount of money so that TBY can carry on its work. We accomplish that by planning events for each month. Bowling, Tacos and Bingo, Pizza and Trivia, Klezmer at Night, holiday gift wrapping, Deli Night, Hard Lox Café, and a hamantashen cook off for Purim, to name a few. We offer you a variety of activities both as fun events and as a way of supporting the work of the Temple. Some of these you should attend because you'll love them and some because they're something different. Try it, maybe you'll like it! You'll spend time with others and share these experiences.

Look for upcoming announcements of events and join us. To tell the truth, I still hate split pea soup, but the world and TBY have a lot more to offer than just soup.

Ways and Means is an Equal Opportunity Committee. If you want to feel really good and be part of a larger effort, rise to the occasion when we ask

for help. It only takes a small amount of time but it allows us to do so many things.

Coming up:

December: Holiday gift wrapping fund raising at Barnes and Noble - Nancy Sorkin, coordinator.

January 25, 2017: Annual Card Party at Hammock Dunes in Palm Coast - Shelly Cohen, coordinator. Contact Shelly at wandmtby@gmail

For more details see the flyer elsewhere in the Shofar.

Klezmer At Night on November 5th delivered on every level beyond everyone's expectations. Performers Joe and Lynn Goldovitz, Ray Guiser, and Dr Jacob Goldberger gave us an amazing night of foot stomping, sing along, traditional, funny, beautiful Klezmer, traditional, and modern music. Their mastery on a range of instruments led to a show of audience appreciation with a standing ovation. Tzena, Tzena; Ba Mir Bist Du Shein; Hava Nagila, and many, many other songs had the audience tapping their feet, laughing, singing and clapping along. Members of our own choir were thrilled when the Goldovitz's performed some of the pieces that we hear as part of our own service.

At the break, drinks and delicious desserts baked by TBY members went over big time.

We were very pleased that so many people from the outside community attended with the words of the night

being, "Where did you find them?" and, "We have to invite them back."

Although the Klezmer concert was a rousing success, preparation leading to the performance had its trials and tribulations. As we went out of our way to spread the word using the Jacksonville Jewish News, the St. Augustine Record, and various radio stations, we discovered that the wrong contact telephone number had been published. What to do? We contacted the gentleman in Broward County whose number was the contact number published and explained what had happened. He was only too happy to help us out by passing on the correct contact telephone number, even changing the recording on his phone so that anyone seeking information or tickets would be able to contact us. We had some St. Johns County folks attend because they called that Broward County number to get the correct contact information. Talk about the generosity of people! An amazing time was definitely had by all.

ANNUAL BRUNCH AND CARD PARTY

TBY's ever-popular Brunch and Card Party will be held this year at Hammock Dunes Club in Palm Coast on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Join in your favorite game-- Mahjong, Bridge, Scrabble, Rummy Q, Poker, Canasta, to name a few. Pastries and coffee will start the morning and a delicious buffet lunch with desserts will be served at noon. Buy a ticket for yourself and treat your spouse or a friend to a fun day—it makes a fun Chanukah gift! For information and reservations, please call Shelly Cohen, 904-471-8891 or Carol Levy 954-895-7332 or e-mail wandmtby@gmail.com.

RSVP by January 11, 2017.



'Doc' Hall joined our TBY family last July, but we received his bio too late for publication in the September Shofar. We introduce him now...

MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Rogove

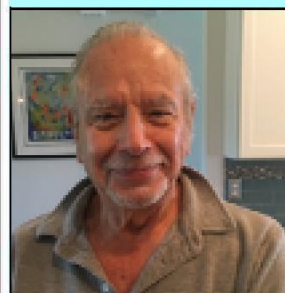


We have a plethora of new members since our last quarterly Shofar: Alan Gramet; Alene and Herb Goldstein; Angelica and Jeremy Goldman with their children Randall, Belle, and Eva; Ari Dins-

more; Bobbi Feldman; Sherry Toy; Claire Collins and Louis Post; and Laura Weiss. You'll meet some of them in this issue. Please be sure to say hello to them at services and give them a big TBY welcome. We are always looking forward to new members. We have been receiving a lot of publicity in the newspapers, but we also need your help in getting the word out about how wonderful it is to be a member of Temple Bet Yam. Please contact me if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our Temple family, or just wants information about us; I will send them a personal invitation.



Introducing 'Doc' Hall....



Irwin "Doc" Hall joined TBY in July, 2016, noting that after moving from Gainesville and living in the St. Augustine area for a number of years, he wished to have more connection to the Jewish community. Doc wrote that he was

educated at Georgetown University, with law degrees from Harvard Law School and NYU, then received a PhD in Philosophy from Florida State Univ. He used that education in a private law practice, as Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York, and as a teacher of legal research at Tours Law School and Delaware Law School. He also authored over 40 law books.

Now when answering questions about what he did before retiring, he says he was an entrepreneur in the construction industry, and real estate businesses.

These days, Doc spends his time playing bridge, fishing, being philosophical, and visiting often with those of his children and grandchildren who live in the St. Augustine area.

Introducing The Goldman Family -Jeremy, Angelica, Randall, Isabella (Belle), and Genevieve (Eva)



We retired from military careers, Jeremy a Marine and Angelica a Navy Officer, to move to St. Augustine because Angelica's large family lives in the area and she's been coming here since she was a child. Jeremy now works as a St. Johns County Deputy Sheriff and Angelica works from home as an author who has several published articles as well as a book. She also teaches for the Florida Virtual School. Randall, a Junior at Pedro Menendez High School, enjoys any and all sports. Belle is in 2nd grade at Hartley Elementary. Eva, who is 3 years old, stays home to "help" her mother with work. Both girls love Disney! In addition, Angelica is a classically trained soprano, who occasionally participates in choirs and con-

certs as a soloist in the area.

The whole family enjoys swimming and day trips to fun locations.

Introducing Sherry Toy....

Sherry Toy started out as a northerner in New Jersey before moving to Miami where she worked as a special education teacher. Now that she is retired, her interests, hobbies, and talents include horses, acting, fishing, crabbing, and board games.

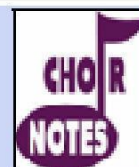
Introducing 'Bobbi' Feldman....



I have lived in Florida most of my life. I was married to a wonderful man who took care of me for 56 years. I joined the Temple so that I can have a social life with people I can relate to. A few of my friends from the Cascades belong to Temple Bet Yam and convinced me that can happen when I join. I'm looking forward to being active at the temple.

SHIR-U L'ADONAI

Emily Brown



This fall has been a whirlwind of activity and honors. We were accompanied by the incredible Betsy Federman, a cellist with the Jacksonville Symphony, during Kol Nidrei. Another fantastic accompanist, Kathleen Trued, played with us for Rosh Hashanah day and Yom Kippur day. It was truly an honor to sing with you both.

Recently we became a part of a special Shabbat service when one of our own, Leah Black, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. We are so incredibly proud of her hard work, dedication, and achievements. She is a huge asset to our choir and to the

Temple Bet Yam Family. Mazel tov to Leah, Lisa, Robert, Alex, and Zach Black and to the entire Gladstone family!

Chanukah is not far away. Have your listening ears ready for some Chanukah favorites!

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Andi & Joe Marx



Dining With Dignity is on-going the third Monday of the month with our partner St Paul's AME Church. If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

Ellen Mensh held another session to work on crocheting mats out of plastic bags at St. Cyprians Mission House. Thank you, Ellen for doing that.

We would like to thank everyone who donated food and other needed items to St. Francis House after Hurricane Matthew and a special thank you to Phyllis Keiser, Frank Kinkela, Bill Rosenthal, Terre Wallach, and Lisa and Robert Black for helping transport these donations. It was very much appreciated.

Joe and I are happy be in a Temple with such caring people.

As you may be aware, Sons of Israel Synagogue sustained substantial damage during Hurricane Matthew. The TBY board approved a donation on behalf of our congregation to Sons of Israel, but they are in need of additional help as they will incur significant expenses to repair their sanctuary.



Below is the link to their go fund me account if you would like to make an individual donation.

<http://www.gofundme.com/historic-synagogue-restoration-2ugza8c>

Please donate if you are able and any amount will be appreciated.

FACILITIES

Frank Kinkela



It has been a somewhat challenging time for northeast Florida. TBY has been reasonably fortunate, albeit busy.

We were focused on preparing for the High Holidays. Clean up around the exterior of the building along with touch-ups indoors were ac-

complished.

We experienced some downed trees, branches and debris and rainwater intrusion as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Because of water intrusion, it is recommended that carpeting be removed in the office so we can locate point of entry.

Chuck Meiselman has offered to take on the task of installing a window in the door from the corridor into the corner classroom to accommodate current statutes. Thank you, Chuck.

I had the septic system checked, tested, and evaluated by Burney's Septic. The system is operating properly. Holding tanks and control panel are now padlocked which meet the statutory requirements.

A broken window was reported which has now been fixed.

Special thanks to several members for aiding our efforts these past two months: Phyllis & Maury Keiser (and Jake); Chuck Meiselman (and Tyler); Richard Zicht; Benjamin Feldman; Sue Kinkela; et al.

Items on the facilities to-do list:

1. Replacement of the damaged STOP sign.
2. Repair and/or discarding of a number of broken chairs.
3. Temple inventory must be completed (tentative for January 2017).
4. Three quotes must be obtained for replacement of sanctuary carpeting.
5. Consideration is under discussion for removal of the carpeting in the secretary's office, inspection for source of water intrusion and repair of same, and the flooring replaced with other than carpeting.

SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

SISTERHOOD

Cathy Kasriel



The Sisterhood continues to provide outstanding services to the congregation, as shown by the marvelous Break-the-Fast we had this year following the Yom Kippur service. Thanks to Chair person Patty Savage and her committee: Barbara Rogove, Ileine Hoffman, and Ronnie Botnick. The Sisterhood is not all about service, but

meets for education and social interaction as well. We had an interesting presentation by Sherre Wellins, ADL Minister, Intuitive Astrologer, Holistic Lifestyle Coach, Lecturer and Writer at our meeting on November 10th.

In December, the social is combined with service as we will have our Chanukah Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13th, at 11:30 a.m. at Gypsy Cab. See the flyer on the next page for details about the charity we will be supporting this year.

The next Sisterhood meeting is Tuesday, January 10th, at 11:30 a.m. at TBY. We will begin our meeting with a "make your own salad lunch". Barbara and Ronnie will provide the lettuce and you will provide the additional ingredients as in a salad bar for all to take or not. For our program, two of our Sisterhood members will share their very interesting travel experiences.

Book Club Babble

December 20th, time tbd: *The Gilded Hour*, by Sarah Denoti; led by Sandi Richmond and Patty Savage

January 17th, 7:15 p.m.: *A Spool of Blue Thread*, by Ann Tyler; led by Phyllis Keiser and Nancy Sorkin.,

February 9th, 7:15 p.m.: *The Diary of Anne Frank (new version)*; led by Cathy Kasriel.



MEN'S CLUB

Dave Kasriel

and

Bruce Simon



Men's Club Chanukah Dinner

Whether you spell it Chanukah or Hanukah or Hanukkah or חנוכה, the Men's Club will dine and party at the Gypsy Cab Co. on Thursday, December 22, at 6:30p.m. at 828 Anastasia Blvd. St. Augustine, [904-824-8244](tel:904-824-8244)

RSVP to David or Bruce as soon as possible. We need to let the restaurant know how many will be coming and especially how many latkes to have ready for us.

David and Bruce, Men's Club Presidents

Looking ahead, Men's Club will sponsor a film night for all TBY members on **Thursday, January 26th**. A film presented by impresario Joe Marx will include a light dinner. More details will come later.

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.



! SAVE THE DATE !
SISTERHOOD ANNUAL CHANUKAH LUNCHEON

Sisterhood will celebrate Chanukah at our annual luncheon at Gypsy Cab Restaurant on Friday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. It is always a celebratory time and we look forward to seeing all our members joining in the fun. We will, as always, be ordering from the menu, with yummy latkes served courtesy of your Sisterhood.

Our charity this year will again be Healthy Families of Florida. This program is a primary prevention program for pregnant and growing families, many of whom are unmarried parents under the age of 25. While not paying the families' bills, it does provide child safety, safe sleep, and development items for children up to five years of age so that children are not living in unsafe and unstimulating environments.

Cabinet locks, outlet protectors, pack-n-plays, baby gates, tummy-time mats, clothing, diapers, and anything else you can think of for a growing family are welcome. Please bring your unwrapped gift to our Chanukah luncheon.

RSVP by Friday, December 9th to Bev Darkatsh at bdarkatsh@gmail.com.



PIZZAZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
2017 Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m.

**Serenata Beach Club
3175 South Ponte Vedra Blvd.
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**

Hosted by Temple Bet Yam Sisterhood



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 Marcia Rector at

ONEGS

Reminder: Onegs are a responsibility of Temple membership, not just of Sisterhood. If you have not yet signed up for a date, please contact Bev Darkatsh. Thanks.

DON'T FORGET!



Bring your plastic bags and non-perishable food items every time you are at the Temple!



...And don't forget to take home all
leftover or uneaten food!

Looking to do a mitzvah?

Mitzvah Mob

Patty Savage



The Mitzvah Mob is here to offer assistance to any TBY member in need. Often-times, the service requested is a car ride, but occasionally it is for other things. Please call or email me, Patty Savage 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!



Flash! We've got a new administrative assistant,! Her name is Charissa Forgie and she will be at the Temple on Wednesday and Friday after-noons.



OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Mazel Tov!

It's the youngsters this time around!



To Max Sherman,
Elected to the
Hartley Elementary
Student Council
Presidency
November 8, 2016!



To Leah Black,
who celebrated her
Bat Mitzvah
November 19, 2016



To Ben Feldman,
who will celebrate his
Bar Mitzvah
January 21, 2017

Look what we have done!

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!

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

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. A simple gesture goes a long way!

It is our custom at every Shabbat service to mention names of friends and loved ones who are in need of God's healing power.

OUR CONGREGATION UNITES IN PRAYING FOR REFUAH SHLEMA,
A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Adonai, open my lips that my mouth may declare your praise. As those who came before us were blessed in the presence of the communities that sustained them, so we offer our blessings for those among us in need of healing. may each of those we pray for have comfort and relief in the healing of body and mind, and may each one return in time to health and wholeness and strength.



We are sorry that our Yahrzeit and Book of Remembrance lists are not completely accurate. We'd like to correct this as soon as possible. Therefore, if you noticed that we left out names of your beloveds in the Book of Remembrance or if you have not given us the details of yahrzeit listings, please contact Nancy Sorkin. Thank you and I am sorry for the omissions. Nancy Sorkin

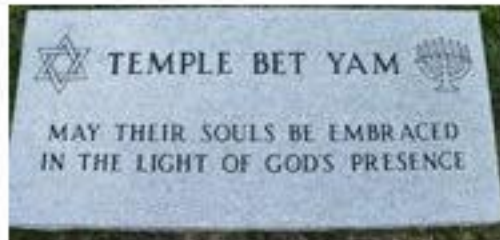


Trees for Israel

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.



TEMPLE BET YAM CEMETERY

Temple Bet Yam has consecrated a portion of The Craig Memorial Park on Old Moultrie Road in St. Augustine as sacred burial ground in the philosophy and theology of Reform Judaism. This portion is dedicated to Temple Bet Yam, and all Temple members are eligible to purchase burial plots in the TBY section of the Memorial Park. Members may purchase burial plots for themselves, their spouses, their partners, their children, and/or their parents. Following Reform Jewish philosophy,

there are no restrictions concerning burial of non-Jewish spouses or partners adjacent to their loved ones.

Those interested in purchasing burial plots as part of their preplanning should contact Craig Memorial Park directly (904-824-1672).

For further information or questions, contact Marty Cohen



CONTRIBUTIONS



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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| HIGH HOLY DAYS CONTRIBUTION | \$ _____ |
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| * RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND | \$ _____ |
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* PLEASE NOTE: A SEPARATE CHECK IS REQUIRED
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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TBY, WITH
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Beineinu
Congregants helping Congregants
 In the spirit of giving (tzdakah) the "MURRAY WEISS MEMORIAL FUND" has been actively helping those in need. Since its inception the fund has helped to finance the following:

- *Dental surgery
- *Tuition for two children's enrollment in a Jewish summer camp
- *Paid a past due mortgage payment
- *Helped finance medication for a cancer patient
- *Provided funds for a past due electric bill.

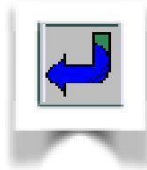
With the continuing contributions to this meaningful tzdakah fund by you, the congregants and the Murray Weiss foundation, it can continue to face the needs of those who require it.

Let us all be there for those who need the help and guidance for a healthier and more meaningful life.

Please contact me for any questions or information.

Please know that this program is held in the strictest confidence.

Shalom, Mimi Selig



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.

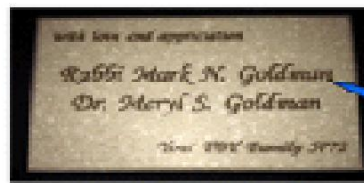


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For more information and forms, please contact the TBY office at 904-819-1815 or email tempiebetyam@bellisouth.net



PLEASE NOTE:

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



December (2016), January, and February (2017) Dates to Remember:

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| Friday, December 2 7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service | Friday, December 23 Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping |
| Sunday, December 4 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School | Saturday, December 24 Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping |
| Monday, December 5 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice | Monday, December 26 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Tuesday, December 6 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting | Tuesday, January 3 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting |
| Wednesday, December 7 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Life Long Learning Texts & Trends | Friday, January 6 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service |
| Sunday, December 11 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School | Sunday, January 8 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School |
| Monday, December 12 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice | Monday, January 9 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Tuesday, December 13 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon Gypsy Cab Restaurant | Wednesday, January 11 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Life Long Learning Discuss & Deliberate |
| Wednesday, December 14 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Life Long Learning Discuss & Deliberate | Monday, January 16 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dining with Dignity 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Friday, December 16 Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service | Tuesday, January 17 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club Book: <u>A Spool of Blue Thread</u> , by Ann Tyler, led by Phyllis Keiser & Nancy Sorkin |
| Saturday, December 17 Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping | Wednesday, January 18 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Life Long Learning Text & Trends |
| Sunday, December 18 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School Chanukah Party | Friday, January 20 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service |
| Monday, December 19 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining with Dignity 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping | Saturday, January 21 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ben Feldman's Bar Mitzvah |
| Tuesday, December 20 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club Book: <u>The Gilded Hour</u> , by Sarah Denoti, led by Sandi Richmond & Patty Savage Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping | Monday, January 23 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Wednesday, December 21 Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping | Wednesday, January 21 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Card Party Hammock Dunes, Palm Coast |
| Thursday, December 22 Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Chanukah Party Gypsy Cab Restaurant | Thursday, January 26 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Film and Light Dinner |
| | Sunday, January 29 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School |
| | Monday, January 30 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice |

**WATCH FOR E-BLASTS FOR REMINDERS OF SHABBAT SERVICES AND OTHER
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER..**

Calendar, continued....

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Life Long Learning
Text & Trends

Friday, February 3

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sunday, February 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School session

Monday, February 6

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9

7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club
Book: The Diary of Anne Frank (new version), led by Cathy Kasriel

Sunday, February 12

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 13

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Monday, February 20

5:00 - 7:30 Dining with Dignity
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Life Long Learning
Discuss & Deliberate

Friday, February 24

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 27

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice



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 Sorkin and Jackie Witte and to my Mail Maven, Shelly Cohen.

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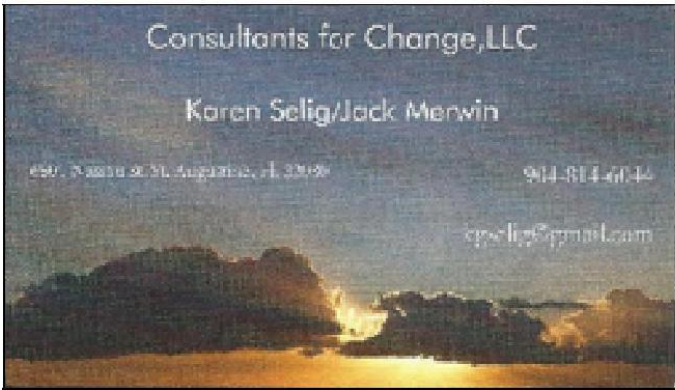
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