

# THE SHOFAR

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Selichot: Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Erev Rosh HaShanah: Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah Day: Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Children's Service

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

Followed by Kiddush

1:00 p.m. (approximately) Tashlich at Treaty Park

Kol Nidrei / Erev Yom Kippur: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Day: Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Children's Service

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service

4:15 p.m. (approximately) Yizkor

Neilah

6:15 pm. Break-the-Fast



### HEADS UP ALERT!

\*MEMBERSHIP FAIR FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 2-4 P.M.

\*TEMPLE BET YAM HAS BOUGHT OUT THE HOUSE FOR "OKLAHOMA!" AT THE LIMELIGHT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>!

\*KLEZMER IS COMING! TO TEMPLE BET YAM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 P.M.

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L'Shana Tovah!

From the Desk of the Rabbi...

**Rabbi Fred Raskind**



**SELICHOT: WHAT / WHEN IS IT?**

Just what is *Selichot*? *Selichot* means sorry/forgiveness prayers, and are recited from the Sunday before the Jewish New Year until the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). *Selichot* are for both the individual and communities to atone their sins between man and God. They are intended for us to reflect on our actions of the past year and to refrain from committing the same sins in the next New Year. This is the season to begin the process of asking forgiveness for wrongs done to other people.

Most of us did not grow up observing *Selichot*, which Reform adopted around 40 years ago as a way to inject a spiritual note for the High Holy Days. Many synagogues adopted a modified *Selichot* ceremony by attaching it to a Learning, Social, or Membership function on the Saturday night before *Rosh Hashanah*. The liturgy involves readings, poems, and music on themes of forgiveness and spiritual renewal. Originally, *Selichot* was to end around midnight, as in Europe, but in recent years most Reform congregations have scheduled it earlier on Saturday night. Like other Jewish dates of observance, it actually begins on the evening before Saturday night which would fall on September 24, but in reality, the date of *Selichot* falls on SUNDAY! Consulting a traditional calendar will confirm this.

**WHY** a *Selichot* observance at all? It gives us a pre-game warm-up, so to speak, for the upcoming Holy Days. It lets us prepare for Holy Day themes and *cheshbon ha-nefesh*, soul-searching.

This year we will observe a brief *Selichot* liturgy in connection with our first Life Long Learning event, 'Discuss & Deliberate', on SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, AT 7:00 P.M. We will announce the topic in advance, but it will be relevant to and appropriate for the upcoming Holy Days and for *Selichot*.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Denise Mensh**



The approach of the High Holy Days is a reminder to me each year to pause and reflect upon the year that has passed. As I do so this year through the lens of the Temple Bet Yam leadership, I am in awe of the generosity of spirit that encompasses our congregation. The countless hours, energy, and hard-

work expended by the TBY staff, Board members, and endless numbers of volunteers is truly staggering. Whether it is organizing a concert fundraiser, a Life Long Learning discussion, helping to feed and comfort the homeless, revitalizing our grounds, or baking for an oneg, we never stop working to enrich the lives of those around us. I extend a heartfelt thank you for all of your commitments, and am secure in the knowledge that because of them, Temple Bet Yam will enjoy another year of spiritual guidance and continue to extend our roots into the St. Augustine community.

I feel fortunate to have enjoyed the recent Olympic competitions through the lens of our children. Gasps of astonishment at the long jump, exclamations of wonder at the heights of the trampoline jumpers, cheers and chants for our country as we encouraged our swimmers, and whoops of celebration at the flawless routines of the gymnasts are what could be heard within our walls during those two weeks. I have come to realize the importance of the Olympics, not just for those competitors at the height of their athletic achievements, but also their importance to our youth who are reminded that dreams can come true, and that they are free to set their goals as high as they can imagine. Our Religious School Director Heather Naughton, with the support of her amazing teachers and Trustee Sandi Richmond, have been hard at work creating a curriculum that will teach and inspire our children in their religious education and help them set goals for their bar/bat mitzvahs. Also incorporated into their studies is the Jewish philosophy of Tikkun Olam, to heal the world. While the Olympics brings us together as a nation and as a world community every few years, Tikkun Olam teaches us to pursue compassion and unity every year, every month, and every day.

As we enjoy our apples and honey, and take time to reflect on the year that has been, we must also look towards the year to come. I hope you all will continue to invest in our Temple, our children, and our community.

**If you or your children at college won't be with us for either or both of the High Holy Days, be sure to request a courtesy seating letter from our office NOW to attend High Holy Day services at another Reform congregation, as long as your current membership is in good standing.**

— 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.

— NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEES —

## RITUAL

**Chuck Meiselman**



*and*

**Terre Wallach**



This summer, the Men's Club, the Board of Trustees and the Sisterhood provided lay services that were enthusiastically supported and well attended by our TBY family.

Now, a new year is about to start.

Rabbi Fred will be returning from his summer holiday to lead two services in September:

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> — A Shabbat service to include honoring Phyllis and Paul Greenfield on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>—A regular Shabbat service

The High Holy Days are approaching and we look forward to including you in all parts of our services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. You will have received an eblast asking for your participation. Please check the Shofar cover page for the High Holy Day service schedule. In addition, an abbreviated Selichot service will be celebrated in conjunction with Life Long Learning on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. TBY will celebrate Sukkot on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Simchat Torah and Religious School Consecration will be part of the October 21<sup>st</sup> Shabbat Service.

We look forward to seeing you at services.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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



The Religious School kicked off the 2016-2017 school year, August 21<sup>st</sup> with an open house. We were excited to welcome back all of our families from last year and hear how they spent their summer. We also had the joy of welcoming two new students to our Religious School family: Sally Carter who will join the Alef class, and Belle Goldman who will join the Bet class.

We would also like to welcome Lauren Kerness to our staff. Lauren will be teaching the Gimel class and will be attending Flagler College this fall as a Deaf Education major. We are also thrilled to welcome back the following teachers: Amy Kovalsky, Alef teacher; Emily Brown, Bet teacher; and Merrie Meiselman, Bet assistant teacher and music teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.

Over the next few months, the students will be learning about Shabbat, the High Holy days, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. We will be celebrating two special consecrations, one Bar Mitzvah, and one Bat Mitzvah, taking a field trip to Treaty Park to participate in a Tashlich service with Rabbi Raskind, and helping to build and decorate our Sukkah.

These next few months will be busy, but will be filled with so many special experiences we can't wait to celebrate and enjoy every simcha as they come.

L'hitraot,

*All photos courtesy of Heather Naughton*

Amanda Gordon and Ella Love getting ready to start a new school year.



Our Alef boys (or next generation Men's Club)



Rene Naughton teaching the Gimel class as they review prayers from their textbooks



Bet class enjoying some Hebrew review with their teacher, Emily Brown



Our Alef class reviewing their Hebrew letters with teacher Amy Kovalsky

## MEMBERSHIP

*Barbara Rogove*



We would like to welcome our newest members to Temple Bet Yam: Irwin "Doc" Hall, Michael & Renee Speisman, Cheryl & Joel Rosenfield, and Angelica & Jeremy Goldman. In addition, Alan Gramet joined with Noreen Davis. . Please give them a big welcome!

We are having a Membership Fair for prospective members on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm. We will be serving wine and cheese and light refreshments. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Temple Bet Yam, please give me their information and I will send them a personal invitation.



## Membership Fair

The Membership Committee of Temple Bet Yam invites our recent and prospective new members to a Membership Fair on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm .

Please join us for wine and cheese and light refreshments and conversation.

Find out why we call TBY a warm, caring congregation.

R.S.V.P to Barbara Rogove.



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## 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!

## WAYS & MEANS

*Carol & Bernie Levy*

For those of you who are new to Temple Bet Yam or for those members to whom we haven't had the opportunity to chat, we'd like to introduce ourselves. We are Bernie and Carol Levy and we have taken over as chairpersons for the TBY Ways and Means Committee. The job of Ways and Means is to provide as much "extra" funding for the temple as possible by running a series of special events all year long.



and dessert, Kevin Allard, the Trivia Master of Ceremonies, provided challenging questions geared to the special nature of the audience. A musical interlude was provided between rounds. Special thanks go to the Brown family for their generous gift in support of the event.

We got off to a running start on June 25<sup>th</sup> when Temple members and friends both young and old tried their hand during two hours of unlimited bowling at Anastasia Lanes. Participants snacked on soda and popcorn and prizes were awarded. We had a great turnout and a good time was had by all.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Ways and Means held its first Tacos and Bingo Night. After a delicious spread of Mexican tacos with all the toppings was provided, members took part in a night of challenging Bingo games. As the challenge increased, so did the cash prizes. Thanks to everyone who helped out to make this event possible. Who knows, next time it may be your time to yell "B-I-N-G-O".

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, TBY and friends turned out for a Pizza and Trivia Night. After enjoying a meal of pizza, salad,

Be sure to join the TBY family on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** as we take over the entire St. Augustine Lime-light Theatre for their production of Rogers and Hammerstein's musical classic, "**Oklahoma**". Pre-show hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are now on sale. Contact Terre Wallach for information. ( -

On **November 5<sup>th</sup>** the world famous **Klezmer** music of Joe and Lynn Goldovitz, with special guest appearances by Ray Guiser on sax and Dr. Jacob Goldberger on clarinet, will be at TBY. Mark your calendar for this amazing concert which is open to members and non-members alike. Follow-up e-blasts! will follow.

Nancy Sorokin will again chair the Barnes and Noble holiday gift wrap fundraiser, one of our major events. She will be providing more details later and will need many volunteers who will each work just a few hours.



**TEMPLE BET YAM HAS BOUGHT OUT THE HOUSE FOR "OKLAHOMA!" AT THE LIMELIGHT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15!**

**USE THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

## Images from Trivia & Pizza Night... How many folks can you identify?

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.



8.



9.



1. Michael and Renee Speisman, seated with Frank and Sue Kinkela
2. Carol Levy and Ileine Hoffman
3. Seated at the table, clockwise L-R: Paul Greenfield, Ileine Hoffman, Bernice Cruise, Harvey Hoffman, Phyllis Greenfield

4. Emily with her mom, Margaret Brown
5. Trivia Emcee Kevin Allard
6. Ralph Schlegel
7. Seated at the table, clockwise L-R: Bill Rosenthal, Barbara and Art Rogove, Aaron Beasley, Henry and Jane Seiden

8. Stacked pizza boxes
9. The Beasley family: Aaron, Sheldon, Sheldon's brother Ken, and Terri

*All photos this page courtesy of Bernie Levy*



## SOCIAL JUSTICE



*Andi & Joe Marx*



Even though many people travel far and wide during the summer, the Social Justice Committee has been as busy as ever with its ongoing initiatives as well as planning for the upcoming year.

On July 13th, there was a St. Augustine Gathering at Grace United Methodist Church organized by the St. Augustine Interfaith Community on whose advisory board Rabbi Fred, Andi, and I sit. It was a public gathering held in support of both the St. Augustine Police and local law enforcement as well as the black community in our town. There was a capacity crowd, including many congregants from TBY, so thanks to you all for your support. After the brief meeting with comments from various dignitaries and inspirational songs sung, there was a march from the church down St. George St. to the Plaza where a candlelight vigil, with more singing, was held.

On July 21st, Compassionate Women of St. Augustine met at Temple Bet Yam for a pot luck lunch plus instructions on how to create sleeping mats for the homeless from discarded plastic grocery bags. There were 51 women from many faiths in attendance, who were instructed by Ellen Menseh on how to produce plarn and crochet the mats from this raw material. There was also some instruction on the meaning of the various symbols inside the sanctuary, given by Phyllis Keiser, which made for a very interesting, educational opportunity for the attendees as well as expanding this TBY initiative greatly. There is still a need for more volunteers and plastic bag donations can be dropped off at the temple. Please contact Ellen Menseh for further information. We continue to collect non-perishable food items for St. Francis House, so please bring your donated items to temple and place them in the plastic bins in the alcove. As is our custom, we would like to make a major push for donations during the High Holiday Season.

Dining With Dignity, our feed the homeless partnership with St. Pauls AME Church continues to be a rewarding way to help in the community and meet new people from different walks of life. There will be a sign-up list kept in the temple lobby or you can contact Andi or me for further information.

On August 25<sup>th</sup> TBY participated in the Wave of Interfaith at Flagler College which provided a chance to inform incoming freshmen about the faith community in St. Augustine.

## LIFE LONG LEARNING

*Ruth & Larry Kurlandsky*



As your new chairs for Life-long Learning, we are very excited to share with you what's planned for this year. There will be three parts to this activity:

- **FIRST CENTURY TRENDS AND TEXTS:** Meeting on Wednesday mornings, this is a continuation of a group that started last year. We take a look at the first century of the Common Era: what was happening with Christian origins in the Jewish community? OPEN to any congregant, all that's required is that you do the assigned reading before a session. Packets of essays (brief) will be available after Labor Day. Email [ruth.kurlandsky@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.kurlandsky@gmail.com) if you want one mailed to you or held for you to pick up. First session is September 21 at 10-11:30 am.
- **DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE:** This is a chance to come together and discuss topics which will be announced in advance. The first session will be on September 25, at 7 pm. The topic will be "Welcoming the New Year, Welcoming Others". We will have a lively discussion and a short Selichot service. ("Selicha," in modern Hebrew, is roughly "excuse me". So, a few prayers appropriate to High Holiday traditions.)
- **OTHER:** There may be occasional other sessions as opportunities or requests bubble up. Always feel free to ask!

**DON'T FORGET!**



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

## FACILITIES

*Frank Kinkela*



It's been a busy time for us. Our interior has been treated for roaches. In addition, there was a reported issue with the sink stopper in the men's room. The broken stopper has been replaced and fixed to prevent insect entry via the drain line.

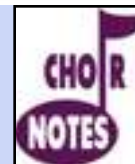
The surveillance system has been repaired and, with thanks to Art Rogove, all four cameras are now operational.

A 3x4-foot bulletin board has been purchased for the foyer, to be used by the Ways and Means committee and others for conveyance of information to the congregation.

Four downspout assemblies have been installed on the building in order to meet requirements specified by our insurer (with thanks to Richard Zicht for his time).

## SHIR-U L'ADONAI

*Emily Brown*



The choir has been working hard all summer in preparation for the year. Expect some new songs as well as your favorites. This past August, as in years past, we performed a concert at River Garden.

We look forward to bringing you another year of beautiful music to enhance your worship experience.



## 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. t



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

## 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 at Thanks.**

## SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

### SISTERHOOD

*Cathy Kasriel*



A pot luck lunch and organizational meeting for the start of the year is scheduled for September 13 at 1:00 p.m.. While the Sisterhood has not had an official meeting this summer, we have had meetings of the Sisterhood Book Club on June 21, July 19, and August 16. Many kudos to Ileine Hoffman who is doing a great job as chair of the Book Club. Other members have signed up to help on various Sisterhood activities, but we're still looking for coordinators on the remaining committees. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks go out to the many members who contributed yummy food items for the oneg after the Men's Club Shabbat Service on July 29. Many thanks to Phyllis Keiser and Bobbi Carmen who coordinated the Sisterhood Shabbat Service on August 19.

Special thanks to Jackie Witte for helping clean out the Sisterhood Gift Shop and to Patty Savage for all her work inventorying and keeping track of the items. The unsold stock was donated to the River Garden Gift Shop.

### Book Club News

September 20<sup>th</sup>: 7:15 p.m. ***The Faith Club***, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner; led by Jane Seiden and Bev Darkatsh. (Even if you had read the book before there is so much material for discussion! The book can be a wonderful jumping off point for dynamic discussions-considering the world situation.)

October: Due to the Jewish holiday schedule, there will be no Book Club meeting in October.

November 8<sup>th</sup>: 7:15 p.m. ***The Invisible Bridge***, by Julie Orringer; led by Barbara Rogove and Ileine Hoffman.



### MEN'S CLUB

*Dave Kasriel*

and

*Bruce Simon*



The Men's Club July 8 Shabbat service was ably coordinated and led by outgoing President, Bernie Levy.

Bruce Simon and David Kasriel, new Men's Club Presidents, coordinated the Oneg Shabbat for the Sisterhood's service on August 19. We had the traditional ice cream with toppings. Thanks to the several Men's Club volunteers who helped serve and clean up.

We had a greet, eat, and meet dinner at Amici Italian Restaurant on August 25. In addition to eating and socializing, we discussed ideas for activities in the coming year. Stand by for announcements of our upcoming schedule including the Men's Club Hanukkah dinner in December.

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.



## Important Congregational Meeting on Personal Safety September 8, 7-8:30 PM

Want to learn more about staying safe these days? Who better to teach both how to avoid and what to do in dangerous situations than the Chief of Police for St. Augustine Beach, Robert Hardwick. The Sisterhood and Men's Club of TBY are honored to present an all congregational meeting with Chief Hardwick. This should be a very informative session on personal safety, including what one can do to survive an active shooter situation. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 PM at the Temple. Chief Hardwick will answer your questions following his presentation.

Chief Hardwick has served in his present position since January 2013. During his approximate 25 year Law enforcement career, he has worked at the St. Augustine Police Department, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, and the Florida Department of Corrections. He has also served in the U.S. Army, with multiple deployments to the Middle East.



## OUR TEMPLE FAMILY



OUR VERY BEST WISHES  
TO YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND FRIENDS  
FOR A BLESSED, PROSPEROUS, AND HAPPY 5777  
L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKA TEVU...L'SHANA TOVA  
**Rabbi Fred & Judy**

L'SHANA TOVA! GREETINGS FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR  
**Your Temple Board of Directors**

We wish all of our Temple Bet Yam family  
good health and happiness in the New Year..  
**L'SHANA TOVA TIKA TEVU  
TOBY & STAN WEINTRAUB**

**L'SHANA TOVA TIKA TEVU  
TO OUR TBY FAMILY**  
**THE WITTE AND LOVE FAMILIES**

Wishing you all a happy, healthy,  
prosperous, sweet new year.  
With our love  
**Ruth and Larry Kurlandsky**

L'Shanah Tovah Tika Tevu  
We wish you good health and happiness.  
**Min & El Stone**

*Hearty & healthy wishes  
to all my fellow congregants  
. Alice Kihn*

**BEST WISHES TO OUR TBY FAMILY  
FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND  
PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR.**  
**NANCY & BOB SORKIN**

**May the year ahead be filled with  
peace, happiness, and good health**  
**SHARON & RODNEY RICE**

**La Shana Tova**  
**Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy year  
to my TBY family**  
**MARCIA RECTOR**

**May the year be filled with Good Health,  
Love and Fun for you and yours.**  
**PHYLLIS & LEON FEIRMAN**

Wishing everyone and their families  
a blessed, healthy Happy New Year.  
L'Shana Tovah  
**NANCY ANN COHEN**

**L'Shana Tova.**  
**May your holiday and the coming year be  
sweet, healthy and peaceful and may you be  
inscribed in the book of life for the coming year.**  
**PHYLLIS & PAUL GREENFIELD**

**L'SHANA TOVA TO OUR TBY FAMILY  
MAY 5777 BE A YEAR OF GOOD HEALTH,  
HAPPINESS, AND PEACE.**  
**SHELLY & MARTY COHEN**

Phyllis and Paul Greenfield  
invite you to celebrate with  
them at a special oneg on  
Friday, September 9, after  
services in honor of their  
60th wedding anniversary.  
This is a champagne oneg  
complete with the bubbly  
and good food. We look for-  
ward to your celebrating  
with us.

## Mazel Tov!

to Phyllis & Paul Greenfield  
celebrating 60 years  
of wedded bliss!



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!

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 pres-  
ence of the communities that sustained them,  
so we offer our blessings for those among us in need of  
healing,

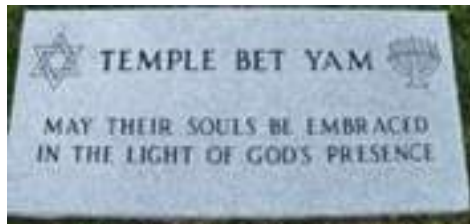
may each of those we pray for have comfort and relief  
in the healing of body and mind,  
and may each one return in time to health and whole-  
ness and strength.

## 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!



### 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 pre-planning should contact Craig Memorial Park directly (904-824-1672).

For further information or questions, contact Marty Cohen.

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

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.



# CONTRIBUTION FORM

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<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT (\$)</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ _____
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND	\$ _____
PRAYER BOOK FUND	\$ _____
SANCTUARY FUND	\$ _____
TORAH FUND	\$ _____
MURRAY WEISS MEM. FUND	\$ _____
HIGH HOLY DAYS CONTRIBUTION	\$ _____
* RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND	\$ _____

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\* PLEASE NOTE: A SEPARATE CHECK IS REQUIRED FOR THE RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND.*

*PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TBY, WITH NAME OF FUND ON MEMO LINE. THANK YOU.*







## 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.



### 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.

#### Beineinu

#### Congregants helping Congregants

In the spirit of giving( tsdakah) 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



**Let Us Celebrate!**  
**Let Us Rejoice!**

Do you have a simcha you want to commemorate?



*Birth of a grandchild or child?*  
*Wedding? Anniversary?*  
*Milestone Birthday? Bar/Bat Mitzvah?*

Now you or your family can purchase a plaque to celebrate life's big moments.



sample of an actual plaque!

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

Express your joy in four lines of type for \$180 which includes the plaque, engraving and installation in TBY's commemorative garden wall.



For more information and forms, please contact the TBY office at 904-819-1875 or email [templebetyam@bellsouth.net](mailto:templebetyam@bellsouth.net)



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.



Some additional High Holiday greetings....



*L'Shanah Tovah Tikateru*

**Andi & Joe Marx**

**HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
TO MY TBY FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
MAY 5777 BE A YEAR THAT BRINGS PEACE TO ALL PEOPLES**

**Bev Darkatsh**

**BEST WISHES TO OUR TBY FAMILY  
FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY YEAR.  
WITH GRATITUDE AND JOY,  
Arnie & Sandi Richmond,  
Jonathan Richmond & Lauren Cortese,  
Jonathan & Sam Richmond**

**A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR  
TO OUR TBY FAMILY.**

**PHYLLIS & MAURY KEISER**

## *September, 2016 Dates to Remember:*

**Tuesday, September 6**

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

**Thursday, September 8**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Personal Safety Presentation

**Friday, September 9**

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Shabbat Service  
followed by Greenfield 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary oneg

**Sunday, September 11**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Membership Fair

**Monday, September 12**

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

**Tuesday, September 13**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting  
and Pot Luck Lunch

**Sunday, September 18**

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

**Monday, September 19**

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

**Tuesday, September 20**

7:15 - 8:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club  
The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby,  
Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner

**Friday, September 23**

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

**Sunday, September 25**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School  
7:00 - 8:30 Lifelong Learning / Selichot Service

**Monday, September 26**

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.



We'd like to thank you for making the decision to take the Shofar on line 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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