

# THE SHOFAR

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Happy Chanukah



### Shabbat Service

Friday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.

### Lifelong Learning

Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.

(Megillah track: Maccabees)

### Sisterhood Chanukah Party

Thursday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Gypsy Cab Restaurant

### Shabbat Service and Family Chanukah Dinner

Friday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

### Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

December 16 - 24

### Men's Club Chanukah Party

Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Gypsy Cab Restaurant

### Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming winter events -- Mark your calendars!

### Annual Card Party

Creek Golf Club, Palm Coast  
Thursday, January 25, 2018

### Deli Nite

Thursday, February 15, 2018

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Shofar columnists and the entire TBV  
 Board of Trustees would like to wish  
 all of you a most joyous Chanukah!  
 Chag Sameach!

From the Desk of the Rabbi...

**Rabbi Fred Raskind**



Chanukah is a wonderful holiday: It's a family occasion, the music is wonderful, and it comes at the end of the secular year when we are ready for another celebration. The latkes, the dreidels, the gifts, the Chanukah Gelt—are a strong connection with our personal past and with the history of our People over 2,000 years ago.

But there is a serious part of Chanukah, the story of the Maccabees and the resolve of our ancestors to preserve their faith and identity, despite raging persecution and assimilation. The Maccabees fought possibly the world's first military battle for religious freedom. They fought with weapons.

We have a similar battle today. While direct persecution does not threaten us immediately, there is a storm looming from the hate-mongers of Christian Identity, Aryan Nations, and others from the lunatic fringe. They are increasing in strength of arms and numbers of recruits. They utilize the Internet to promulgate their gospel of hate. We must be more vigilant.

Assimilation is another story. It is right in front of us. What should be an appropriate response in our day and time? How should Jews here and now react? Positively, I believe. Instead of concentrating on the impact of Christmas, as we often hear at this time of year, we would do better basically by celebrating Chanukah. That's simple. Observe Chanukah at home. Take 10 minutes each night and light the Menorah after dinner. Recite the blessing and perhaps sing or listen to a holiday song. Play dreidel. Attend either the Sisterhood or Men's' Club dinner for Chanukah.

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, is our Family Chanukah Shabbat Table Service and Event. **BRING YOUR MENORAH TO JOIN IN THE CONGREGATIONAL MENORAH BLESSING**—as we recall in the words of Maoz Tzoor, the hymn Rock of Ages, 'freedom's wondrous story.' This is one battle all of us can wage—and win.

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

From the President

**Nancy Sorkin**



Warm, friendly, inviting, homey, welcoming, social. Those positive words are repeated over and over again by our congregants to describe how we feel about Temple Bet Yam. They are also the words spoken by new members and

visitors. We are known for our special ambience. Have you ever said or heard someone say, "TBY is more than a Temple. It's a family." or "TBY has a strong sense of community." or "Members care for one another."?

Last year, when Hurricane Matthew devastated parts of St. Augustine, we discovered the truth in those statements as our congregants reached out to help members who were forced to leave their homes or encountered significant losses. Little did we know at that time that Hurricane Irma would repeat the destruction and consequences in a mere eleven months. We feel blessed that no one was hurt and the damages were to property and trees—many, many trees—but not ourselves.

And while some are still facing the repairs to their flooded homes and businesses, at the Temple we are assessing the damages to our building and what needs to be done to fix up our property, from the hole in the stucco wall and possible leaks in windows to a re-grade of the driveway and revitalization of the landscaping. At the risk of slighting the many members who are working on these projects and are much appreciated, I want to thank our Facilities Chair, Frank Kinkela, for coordinating the effort to get things done. We are tremendously grateful for all your work on behalf of the Temple.

In spite of Irma's attempts to bring us down, this has been a busy, positive time for us. We enjoyed a beautiful High Holiday experience. Our dynamic Ways and Means events, Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Lifelong Learning have offered a variety of activities to entice us to spend more time with our TBY family. My appreciation also goes out to Terry Cohen and the other religious school teachers for making Sunday mornings a wonderful, meaningful experience for our children. It is so heartwarming to hear that they go home each session with big smiles on their faces while they recite what they have learned.

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President Sorkin, *continued from previous page*

As you can see, I can't help but extol the atmosphere at TBY. I look forward to seeing you at services and activities. For starters, please join us for our Chanukah dinner/service on December 15<sup>th</sup>, when we come together as one big family to celebrate the Festival of Lights and to share the joy of the holiday.

Shalom,

Nancy

– 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.

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, 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!



*NEWS FROM YOUR COMMITTEES*

## RITUAL

**Chuck Meiselman**

**and**

**Terre Wallach**



As we moved through the months of summer in St. Augustine, Temple Bet Yam observed three well attended lay-led Shabbat services:

- At the Board of Trustees service on July 21<sup>st</sup> , Rabbi Raskind read The Torah portion and offered his sermon.
- At the Sisterhood service on August 4<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Ruth Jensen-Forbell provided the Torah commentary.
- At the Men’s Club service on August 18<sup>th</sup>, Elliott Palevsky gave his interpretation of the Torah reading.

Sadly, on August 10<sup>th</sup>, Elliot Stone led us in another memorial service, this time for Bud Carr, our fellow member and dear friend to so many of us.

Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur 2017 came and went and it was a tribute to Rabbi Raskind and all of our congregational participants that the services went so well as we endured Hurricane Irma and all of its fallout. We thank everyone who helped protect our building and all of our Temple treasures.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah/Religious School Consecration were celebrated in October and again we are grateful to all of you who helped to make these occasions so memorable. A special “thank you” goes to Ron Rich, Keith Schlegel, David Kasriel, and Tim and Tyler Hart for putting up our sukkah and making possible our traditional Sukkot service.

On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Veteran’s Day at our Shabbat service.

In December, there will be two services, one regular Shabbat on December 1<sup>st</sup> when we will recognize TBY’s 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary; the other on December 15<sup>th</sup> when Ritual will coordinate with Religious School in celebrating Chanukah. This will be a dinner service that is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. to encourage the young children to participate.

Ritual is in the process of setting up Torah maintenance procedures to ensure the health of our Torahs as they mature. This includes controlling the moisture in the ark and airing and re-rolling the Torahs on a monthly basis.

We look forward to active and interesting days at TBY as we approach the New Year of 2018.



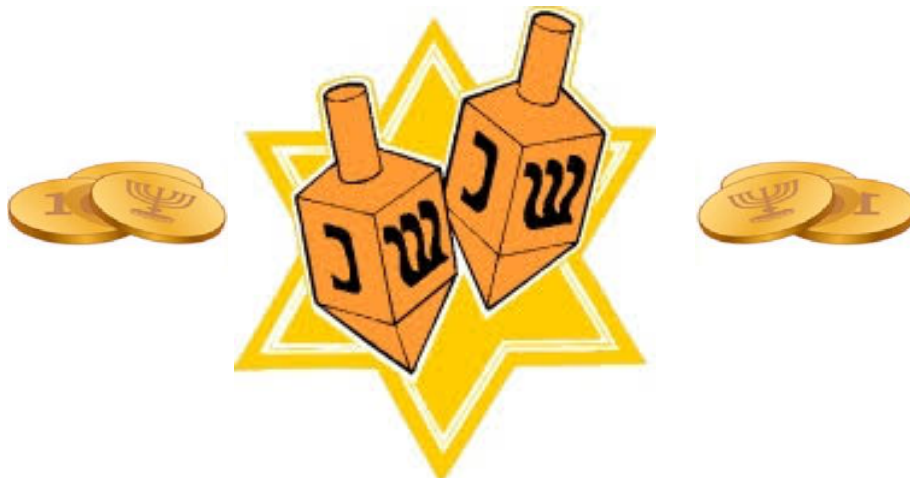
***Please join us for our special family Shabbat Chanukah Service and Pot Luck Dinner***

**Friday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Bring your menorah plus latkes, a salad, a veggie dish, or dessert. (We can use lots of latkes!) TBY will provide menorah candles, chicken (roasted and fried), drinks, sufganiyot, and apple sauce for the latkes.**

**Please RSVP by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> telling us how many people will be attending with you.**

**Phyllis Keiser  
Nancy Sorkin**



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

*Terry Cohen, Lead Teacher / Coordinator*

and

*Ryan Carter, Representative to the Board*



TBY Religious School students have had “An Amazing Autumn”—and “You Ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet!” From a wonderful family experience through the High Holy Days and the family “Pizza in the Hut” Sukkot service to the Simchat Torah Consecration of seven students, it’s been a Jam-packed Jubilation of Judaism!



One of our favorite activities was presenting the Tzedakah donation the students collected all last year to Karen Malfy, a key volunteer with the St. Augustine Wild Reserve, which has rescued dozens of wild animals, from wolves to lions and tigers, plus more. Karen came prepared with a squeal-inducing slideshow of animal pictures, answers to “bazillions” of “great questions,” and a lesson in how to howl like a wolf! See the picture we took at this great event on October 22, where our students got a real feel for how their generosity makes a difference. Please keep sending those dimes and dollars in this year!

In November, we celebrated with Rabbi Fred in placing a mezuzah on his office door, and the children amazed us with their knowledge! We also began preparing for the December 15 Chanukah Dinner, in addition to our regular studies, which will continue through December. We’ll have a treat of songs and skit ready for the congregation! Plus, Rabbi Fred will have a meet-up with parents on December 10 to discuss the relationship between how Jewish holidays and American holidays are observed. [*See details on next page.*]

One special request: We would like to have “elders” of TBY join us for an extended snack session once a month starting in January to “tell us your story.” What was it like to be Jewish when you were a child? How did you meet your spouse and what was your wedding like? What is your favorite Jewish memory? To be one of our storytellers, please contact Lead Teacher Terry Cohen We look forward to hearing from you!



TBY Religious School students presented their Tzedakah donation of \$124.42 to Karen Malfy (center, bottom row) on October 22. Ms. Malfy is a key volunteer with the St. Augustine Wild Reserve, which rescues wild animals, including wolves, tigers and lions.

## LIFE LONG LEARNING

*Ruth and Larry Kurlandsky*



Lifelong Learning is running on two tracks this year. These are the sessions that are remaining on the calendar:

### 1) Megillahs

- a. December 6: Maccabees [*see blurb->*]
- b. February 28: Esther, for Purim
- c. March 21: Song of Songs, for Pesach
- d. May 16: Ruth, for Shavuot

### 2) A discussion track, on various topics

- a. January 31, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Tu B'Shvat; Judaism & the Environment. Led by Larry Kurlandsky
- b. April 13, during Shabbat Service: Andrew Nagorski will return. If you missed him last year, come because he was a great speaker. If you heard him last year, come again—it will be a different topic. Commemoration of Yom HaShoah.

It's always possible to have another learning opportunity. If you have ideas, suggestions, requests, please feel free to contact us:

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> [10-11:30]:

*Maccabees* is not one of the 5 Megillah books that are connected to a Jewish holiday and theme. The 4 Books of *Maccabees* are found in the *Apocrypha* (which appears only in the Catholic Bible) and tell the story of Chanukah. Read on-line *Maccabees Books I & II* which contain the main ideas. Rabbi Raskind will give a brief background on when it was written, who wrote it, and what was going on at the time. We will go over key passages that have become familiar in Jewish history and its lessons for us today.

**ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, Rabbi Raskind will discuss the topics below at a special meeting for parents during religious school, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and lasting approximately an hour. All TBV members who want answers to these questions are invited to attend.**

- ▶ How do we see the message & ideas of Jewish holidays compared to our national celebrations?
- ▶ Which American holiday is *Chanukah* most like? [Hint: Not Christmas!]
- ▶ What do *Succot* & *Thanksgiving* say beyond “harvest, fruit, or turkey”?
- ▶ How do we help children, friends, or relatives better understand connections between American and Jewish calendar events?



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## 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 [TerryECohen@gmail.com](mailto:TerryECohen@gmail.com).



## WAYS & MEANS

*Carol & Bernie Levy*

In October, Ways and Means sponsored a night at the theatre by taking over the Limelight Theatre for their production of *The Full Monty*. Attendees were rewarded with great singing, comic relief, and a surprise ending. The highlight of the night, however, was seeing our own Steve Rich on stage in several supporting roles.



During December, we will continue our fund raising efforts by teaming up with Barnes and Nobel for our annual holiday gift wrapping efforts. Contact Nancy Sorkin if you can help out.

Finally, be sure to put the following events on your "*Save the Date*" Calendar:

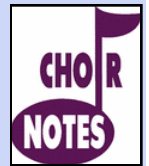
In November the fun continued with the annual Hard Lox Café where bagels, lox, cream cheese, and great appetizers were available. This year, for the first time, the feasting was followed by a Road Rally/Scavenger hunt where participants drove around the vicinity of TBY and, based on riddles supplied to them, identified places and objects in the area. Everyone then returned to TBY for coffee and cake.

The annual Card Party at the beautiful Creek Golf Club in Palm Coast where breakfast, lunch, prizes, and a great day of gaming are in store for you on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Join us on Thursday, February 15, for mouth-watering deli sandwiches, desserts, and entertainment at our annual Deli Night event.

## SHIR-U L'ADONAI

*Emily Brown*



How can it be December already?! My how time flies when you're celebrating holidays! The choir is learning a new piece which is perfectly beautiful! We can't wait for you to hear it. In other news, Steve Rich was recently in the Limelight Theatre's production of *The Full Monty*. Way to go Steve! What an incredibly multi-talented choir we have!

The choir would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincerest thanks to its leadership committee: Lisa Black, Bobbi Carman, Bev Darkatsh, Carol Gladstone, and Terre Wallach. The five of you are always finding new music and you keep the choir running smoothly and efficiently. The choir simply could not exist without your spectacular leadership and guidance. We appreciate you, one and all.

The choir has two special thank yous we'd like to offer. To Lisa Black who always conducts us beautifully and who leads us with grace, kindness, and humor. Thank you so much, Lisa, we love you!

Our other special thank you goes to Terre Wallach who coordinates each service's music with Rabbi Fred and puts together our service lineup. She works tirelessly behind the scenes on a crucial task which is both intricate and time-consuming and she does it with tremendous aplomb. Our sincerest thank you, Terre, for all you do on our behalf. We truly appreciate you.

As the secular new year approaches, may we all be blessed with health, joy, laughter, and lots of music in 2018!

## FACILITIES

Frank Kinkela



The facilities team is currently working on a number of projects related to the building and the property:



- Evaluating the roof for needed repairs
- Exploring our options for re-grading the area close to the building to accommodate improved rainwater control
- Inspecting and air testing the building for mold
- Investigating needed repairs to the exterior stucco
- Obtaining quotations to clear the storm-downed trees
- Working with our insurers where possible

We have a few other items on the to-do list. However, the listed projects take priority at this time because of the long term care of our temple and the health of our congregation.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Andi & Joe Marx



If you would like to help other St Augustine residents have a more joyous holiday season, please sign up for Dining With Dignity. We could still use plenty more volunteers throughout the year. We will have the sign-up sheet in the lobby or e-mail Andi or Joe and let us know which date you would like to help.

We would like to also thank all those who came to the St. Augustine Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, sang in the choir, and a special thank you to Maury Keiser for being my Shofar understudy. You all helped make it a really wonderful event.



...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 Babs Kushner

Thanks.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Elliot Stone and Ellen Miller*



Our Temple Bet Yam family is growing! Cynthia Weiss, Harriet Shames, Teresa Freedman, and Paul Reed have joined us this year. Most recently, Denele and Eric Small have joined us this month. Please welcome them when you see them at services and Temple events.

If you have not filled out and returned the TEMPLE BET YAM NEEDS YOU form sent out with your dues form, we ask that you do so. It can be sent to the temple, attention membership, or given to Elliot Stone or Ellen Miller.

By filling out this form, your special talents can be recognized and perhaps be shared with our Temple family.

## Introducing Louis Post...



Clare and I moved to St Augustine last October. We did not know anyone here but were taken by the area's combination of history, access to nature, friendly people, presence of cultural and entertainment events, and the absence of high risers on the ocean shore. St Augustine has exceeded our expectations in every respect.

Prior to coming to St Augustine we resided in the Lansing area, in Michigan. We came to Michigan from New Haven, CT, where we met as graduate students at Yale.

I have a PhD in Clinical Psychology. My career has included treating patients in private practice, being the chief psychologist of an inpatient psychiatric unit, and a member of the clinical faculty at Michigan State University Psychiatry Department. The largest part of my career involved founding and running a large health care company. I am presently completing my term as Past President of the Michigan Psychological Association.

For fun I enjoy road cycling, hiking, working out and kayaking. Clare and I have traveled extensively to remote areas of Asia and Africa, to climb and trek. I have a strong interest in history and politics. I also enjoy professional and college sports, and movies and reading, particularly science fiction.

Clare and I have recently celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Introducing Paul Reed...



Paul Reed came to Atlantic Beach in Florida about three years ago from the Chicago area. He has years of experience and many qualifications in all aspects of real estate, both entrepreneurial and in established real estate firms. He is also a licensed appraiser. In addition, Paul is a true renaissance man as his personal interests include all aspects of the arts, real estate, technology, travel, and education among others. However, with a full schedule of work and school, this multi-faceted man hasn't

had much time yet to explore his interests in the St. Augustine/Jacksonville area. Paul joined the TBY family this past September, and is looking forward to making new friends.

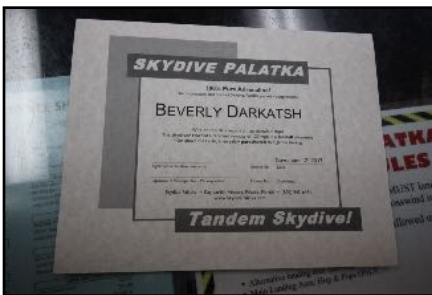
## THE BUCKET LIST

We're starting something new in the Shofar... a new feature called Buckets. Do you have anything on your bucket list that is truly unique (at least to your usual life style!), something you never thought you'd ever do, but then all of a sudden, you did it? We'd like to highlight some of those buckets, but you've got to tell us about them. I'll start off the list. My two sons, Eli and Sam, decided that they'd like to give me such an adventure for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, which occurred this past October. One thing led to another, and this past November 12 I went sky diving. Yep. Me. The same me who is afraid of heights, won't even take a down escalator, and refuses all thoughts of roller coasters. So, no, it really wasn't on my bucket list, but having lived through it, it definitely is on my list of things I'd like to do again in the future! Truly exhilarating, never to be forgotten. A thrill of a lifetime. Thanks, sons!

l to r:  
Bev, Eli and Sam Darkatsh



Bev getting suited up for her big adventure



So what's on your bucket list?  
Have you done it yet? Got some pictures to share?

# SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

## SISTERHOOD

Cathy Kasriel and Renee Speisman



While the Sisterhood's scheduled opening meeting in September was canceled due to Irma, we have recovered and have been going strong since! Our opening meeting was at a restaurant in



Crescent Beach. In November, we heard Karen Selig tell us about self-compassion.

Upcoming Sisterhood events include the Chanukah Party on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Gypsy Cab Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. Members are asked to bring unwrapped gifts for the charity we will be helping, the Healthy Families of Florida. (See the flyer on the next page.) At the January meeting, Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., as many folks think about "diets," registered dietitian, Nancy Cohen, will speak about what works and what doesn't. Carol Levy will lead us in a hands-on art project ,making bowls from paper, on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at TBY

### Book Club News

We look forward to seeing you at our book club discussions of these award-winning authors and books. Please note the changes in times and dates!

December 21: *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon. Discussion led by Elaine Stecker. 6:00 p.m.

January 16: *Outwitting History* by Aaron Lansky. Discussion led by Ileine Hoffman. 1:00 p.m.

February 5: *Together Tea* by Marjan Kamali. Discussion led by Ellen Miller and Jane Seiden, 12:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held at TBY.

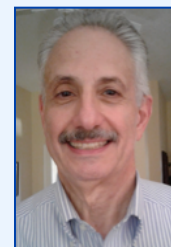


## MEN'S CLUB

Dave Kasriel and Bruce Simon



On November 14, the Men's Club invited the entire congregation to join us for dinner at Amici Italian Restaurant for some good food and conversation. We had about 25 people



join us for dinner including new members Eric and Denele Small and Rabbi Fred. Several of us then attended the first game of the basketball season for the Flagler College men's team as they defeated Shorter College of Rome, Georgia. Special shout out to Men's Club member Ron Rich as he is an alumnus of Shorter.

The Men's Club Film Night was held at the Temple at the end of November. Joe Marx, our film guru, selected *Only Human*, a Spanish film. It's about a young girl from a middle class Jewish family in Spain who brings her boyfriend home to meet the family for the first time. It's a funny "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" with a Jewish outlook.

### Upcoming Schedule:

Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm our Annual Chanukah Party dinner and latkes will take place at the Gypsy Cab Co. Restaurant. This will actually be the "ninth or tenth" night of Chanukah, but it's never too late for the miracle

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.



At the Men's Club Flagler College Basketball game...  
L-r: Ron Rich, Phyllis & Paul Greenfield



L-r: Bruce Simon, Eric Small, Bernie Levy.

Both Photos with thanks to Dave Kasriel

Come Celebrate With Your Sisterhood Friends!



Annual Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon  
 Thursday, December 7th, 11:30 am  
 Gypsy Cab Restaurant

*Yummy Latkes will be provided courtesy of Sisterhood. We will each order lunch from the menu individually.*

Our charity this year will again be Healthy Families of Florida. This is a home visiting program for expectant parents and parents of newborns experiencing difficult life situations. The program improves the lives of children by empowering parents through education and support. Young mothers learn how to recognize their children's changing developmental needs, use positive discipline techniques, and cope with the day-to-day stress of parenting in a healthy way. They learn how to set and achieve short and long-term goals. To provide a safe and nurturing environment, we welcome donations of cabinet locks, outlet protectors, pack-n-plays, baby gates, tummy-time mats, clothing, diapers and any items you can think of for a growing family. Please bring your unwrapped gift to our Chanukah luncheon.

RSVP by Friday, December 1 to Ellen Miller:



## 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.

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.**



## CONTRIBUTION FORM

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

\* 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.





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**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 at (904) 461-4316 for any questions or information.

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

Shalom, Mimi Selig





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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.



December (2017), January, and February (2018) Dates to Remember:

- Friday, December 1**  
7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service  
Temple Bet Yam's 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- Sunday, December 3**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School
- Monday, December 4**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Tuesday, December 5**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, December 6**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Life Long Learning  
Megillah track  
Rabbi Raskind will lead discussion
- Tuesday, December 7**  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sisterhood  
Chanukah Luncheon  
Gypsy Cab Restaurant  
Bring unwrapped gifts  
for Healthy Families of Florida
- Sunday, December 10**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Rabbi Raskind  
will lead discussion
- Monday, December 12**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Friday, December 15**  
5:30 p.m. Shabbat Service  
and Family Chanukah Dinner
- Saturday, December 16 - Sunday, December 24**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Sunday, December 17**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School  
Chanukah Party  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Monday, December 18**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining with Dignity  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Wednesday, December 20**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Thursday, December 21**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club  
Book: Moonglow, by Michael Chabon,  
Discussion led by Elaine Stecker  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Men's Club Chanukah Party  
Gypsy Cab Restaurant  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Friday, December 22**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Saturday, December 23**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Sunday, December 24**  
Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping
- Monday, December 25**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Tuesday, January 2**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- Sunday, January 7**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School
- Monday, January 8**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thursday, January 11**  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Sisterhood Regular Meeting  
Nancy Cohen: Diets and Nutrition
- Friday, January 12**  
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
- Monday, January 15**  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dining with Dignity  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Tuesday, January 16**  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club  
Book: Outwitting History, by Aaron Lansky,  
discussion led by Ilene Hoffman  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting  
Speaker to be announced
- Sunday, January 21**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School
- Monday, January 22**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thursday, January 25**  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Card Party  
Creek Golf Club, Palm Coast
- Friday, January 26**  
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
- Sunday, January 28**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School
- Monday, January 29**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Wednesday, January 31**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Life Long Learning  
Discussion Track: Tu B'Shvat  
Judaism and the Environment  
Led by Larry Kurlandsky

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## Calendar, continued....

**Friday, February 2**  
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

**Sunday, February 4**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

**Monday, February 5**  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club  
Book: Together Tea, by Marian Kamali  
led by Ellen Miller & Jane Seiden  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Tuesday, February 6**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

**Sunday, February 11**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

**Monday, February 12**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 15**  
6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Deli Night

**Friday, February 16**  
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

**Monday, February 19**  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Sisterhood Regular Meeting  
Carol Levy: Hands-on art project  
5:00 - 7:30 Dining with Dignity  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Sunday, February 25**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

**Monday, February 26**  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Wednesday, February 28**  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Life Long Learning  
Megillah track: *Esther* for Purim



## EDITOR'S NOTES

### *Bev Darkatsh*

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