

# THE SHOFAR

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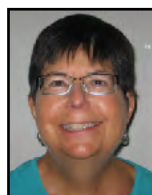


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From the Desk of the Rabbi...

***Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky***



Because most adult Jews went to religious school as children only through the school year (September-May), the summer months contain some lesser known Jewish holidays: Shavuot, Tisha B'Av and Tu B'Av. Shavuot falls on the evening of Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Tisha B'Av falls on the evening of Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> and Tu B'Av falls on the evening of August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Shavuot is often known as the Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks, which celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Traditional Jews will often stay up all night studying Torah and preparing themselves to re-experience that moment of revelation, and recommit themselves to the sacred and eternal covenant between G!d and Israel. Many Reform congregations will hold Confirmation Services or Board Installation Services on this holiday as a way of honoring our own contemporary covenantal commitments.

Shavuot is also an agricultural grain festival, falling fifty days after Passover, and in the wheat harvest. It is one of the three biblical pilgrimage festivals and is also the first day on which individuals could bring their first fruits to the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. One way to think about this holiday is that, having celebrated our freedom from Exile, this is a time to reflect upon the fruits of our freedom: how have we committed ourselves to preserving

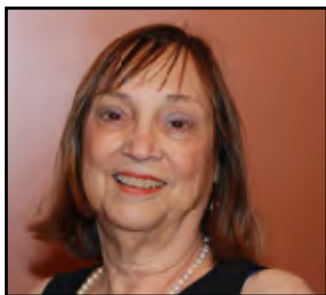
and upholding freedom? In what ways is education a guarantor for the freedoms that we enjoy? How do we ensure that we are learning something every day?

Tisha B'Av commemorates the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem, and several other catastrophes that are said to have fallen on the same day, throughout our history—including our expulsion from England and Spain. Traditionally, it is a time of fasting, grieving, and remembering. It is generally not celebrated by Reform Jews because we do not yearn to return to Israel to rebuild the ancient Temple and reinstate the sacrificial system of ancient biblical days. Nevertheless, many Reform Jews in contemporary days do observe Tisha B'Av to reflect upon the pervasive pattern of oppression and antisemitism in Jewish History. The Talmudic rabbis taught that the ancient Temple was destroyed because of "our senseless hatred for one another". One way to observe this holy day of remembrance is to reflect upon the pervasiveness of hatred and violence in our own day, and to recommit ourselves to working for a more inclusive and harmonious world.

Tu B'Av can be called the Jewish Valentine's Day. It is a day of love that can be traced back to the beginning of the grape harvest in biblical times. The rabbis taught that this was a day when marriages were especially blessed, and indeed, some of the biblically prohibited marriages such as inter-tribal marriage, were allowed to proceed on Tu B'Av. In our own day, this holiday may provide us with the opportunity to celebrate those we love and be encouraged to spend time with those closest to us.

This summer, may we all be blessed with ample opportunities for learning, justice and love... and may each of these holidays inspire us to make this world a more loving and peaceful place for all people.





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Nancy Sorkin => Ruth Kurlandsky*



It seems like only yesterday that I became president of Temple Bet Yam. The two years have gone by very quickly and it is only when I think about all we, as a congregation, have accomplished, that I realize how much time has passed. I can honestly say that I loved being your president, getting to know you and joining in the many activities that make up our full and varied calendar. But now it is time for me to give up the reins and move to the background as the new officers take over.

I am happy to observe that Ruth Kurlandsky is brimming with ideas for ways she plans to put into practice her visions for how TBY will move forward. I am here to help her if needed but confident that she will soon be putting her mark on the character and tone of the temple. I hope she will find the job as rewarding as I have and that she will have the same level of support from the congregation that I have had.

I learned very quickly back in June of 2017 that unlike the difficult but straight forward job of financial secretary, being president is a 24/7 operation, with a constant flow of questions, decisions, and problems that arise at random and sometimes inconvenient times. Without the support, cooperation, and guidance of so many of you, I would not have accomplished a fraction of what I have.

So thank you to all my dear congregational friends who gave me your support and stepped up to help us achieve all that we have done. It is not a cliché to say I couldn't have done it without you. It is the truth.

Why would somebody want to be President of a Temple? Being a Religious School principal was never on my list of desired jobs, but that happened when I first retired from being faculty at a community college. And, you know what? That was rewarding in its own way. So, with trepidation at the enormity of this responsibility, I agreed to this request from the TBY nominating committee.

So, why? My husband, Larry, and I moved here not quite four years ago. When we traveled up north in the summer to visit our kids, our son's mother-in-law (an Israeli who has been living in Toronto for more than 40 years) asked why we needed to join a synagogue. I stopped to think and told her that we needed to find Jewish friends. Which we certainly did!

In our Torah service, we sing *Al Sh'loscha D'varim*: On Three Things the world stands. The three things are Torah, Avodah, and G'milut Chasadim. Since our English language has lots and lots of words, there are various translations: Teaching, Worship, Deeds of Loving Kindness; Law, Prayer, Good Acts; Study, Prayer, Doing Good; Learning, Service to God, Acts of Human Kindness. But my favorite is *Ethics, Spirituality and Peoplehood*. Not all of us feel an equal, if any, commitment to all three. Picture a Venn diagram of three overlapping circles: I stand firmly in the Peoplehood circle, and I do love to learn about Jewish things.

So that's probably why I agreed to this position: I really, really, want the Jewish people to continue to exist and thrive. And, therefore, I'm honored (and overwhelmed) to be your president, and will give it my best effort.

I look forward to working with the Board, but also with all the congregation. There's a lot to do, and help is always welcome, as are ideas. I'd like to talk to each of you—please look for me on a Friday night and introduce yourself if we haven't already met.

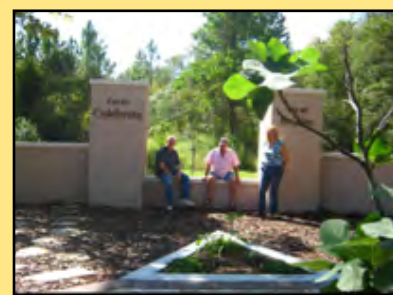
*Gil Mann, How to Get More Out of Being Jewish Even If*

— 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.

## SUNSHINE - MITZVAH MOB

### LOOKING TO DO A MITZVAH?

*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!

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, 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!



### OR SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE?



## Board Notes

*Reminder:*

Any member of the congregation who desires to do so may attend Board meetings as an observer. Meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There are occasionally changes due to holidays or travel, so check the TBY calendar before you make the trip. Anyone who wants a copy of the minutes should contact Teresa Freedman.



**June, July, and August Dates to Remember:**  
**All events to be held at TBY unless stated otherwise**



Monday, June 3 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Monday, July 15 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Friday, June 7 7:30 p.m. Shavuot Shabbat Service	Friday, July 19 7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service
Saturday, June 8 9:30- 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Playdate 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Torah Study 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Bingo Pizza Night	Saturday, July 20 6:00 - 10 p.m. Trivia & Dinner Night
Monday, June 10 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Monday, July 22 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday, June 11 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting	Monday, July 29 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Friday, June 14 7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service	Monday, August 5 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday, June 15 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Emma Bates Bat Mitzvah	Tuesday, August 6 6:30 - 8:00 Board Meeting
Sunday, June 16 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sisterhood Fathers Day Lunch	Monday, August 12 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Monday, June 17 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Friday, August 16 7:30 p.m. Regular Shabbat Service
Monday, June 24 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Saturday, August 17 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Aurelienne Love's Bat Mitzvah
Monday, July 1 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Monday, August 19 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday, July 2 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting	Thursday August 22 10:30 a.m. Mah Jongg Only Tournament Check-in At the Duplicate Bridge Club in St. Augustine
Monday, July 8 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice	Monday, August 26 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Temple Bet Yam

2055 Wildwood Dr. St. Augustine, FL 32086

# Shabbat Playdate



**First Saturday Morning of the Month**

(April 6, May 4 & June 8)

**9:30 AM-10:30 AM**




**M**ake new friends and  
experience Shabbat in a  
fun & casual environment.

**Designed for parents and  
young children!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

**RSVP at [templebetyam@gmail.com](mailto:templebetyam@gmail.com)**





*Michael & Nicole Bates*

*Invite you to celebrate the*

*Bat Mitzvah*

*of our daughter*

*Emma Brooke*

*Saturday, June 15th*

*at 10:00 am*

*Temple Bet Yam*

*2050 Wildwood Dr.*

*St. Augustine, FL 32086*

*Reception to follow 6:00-10:00pm*

*Saint Augustine Shrine Club*

*250 Brainard Dr.*

*St. Augustine, FL 32086*

*Please RSVP by 5/15 to*



To clarify celebration plans for Emma Bates on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, there WILL be Kiddush Luncheon for the congregation following the Saturday morning service on June 15. Later that evening, a party will be held at the Shrine Club as noted in the invitation, to which the congregation is ALSO invited!

There IS still time to RSVP for both. Please do so as soon as possible so sufficient food will be available, but please, no later than Friday, June 7, by noon, so that Emma's parents may confirm arrangements with their caterers.

Thank you, and come share in the family and Temple joy for this amazing young lady. We at the TBY Religious School have rejoiced in having her with us.

*Emma's Mitzvah project is working with the pet rescue site  
Their Lives our Voices otherwise known as TLOV.*

*This organization is where we adopted our beloved dog  
Rocky Road. We will be delivering donations of food and  
money to them after her Bat Mitzvah. If you care to make  
a donation they requested Whole Hearted food from Petco,  
lamb preferred but chicken is also accepted. We will have  
drop off sites available at the Temple and party on Saturday.*





Jennifer and Davis Love

Invite you to celebrate with us the Bat Mitzvah  
of our daughter,

**Aurelienne Love**

Ari will be called to Torah  
Saturday, August 17 at 10 a.m.

Temple Bet Yam  
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An Oneg will follow the service

RSVP via text by July 20, 2019



Dear Temple Bet Yam community,

My name is Aurelienne Love, and my Bat Mitzvah will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of this year. The health and well-being of our environment is a top priority for me. Therefore, my Bat Mitzvah project, with the environment in mind, is simply called, "You Bring it, You Take it Home". This project is a small step in reducing recyclable waste in Temple Bet Yam. To start, we will only be taking home plastic beverage containers used at our Oneg Shabbats. All containers must be rinsed and cleared of all contaminants. An example of this is to clean out the tea residue in the sweet or unsweetened tea containers. The empty containers and bottles will then be placed into the grocery bags in the bins which I will provide. Each Oneg committee will be asked to participate in this project with one of the Oneg volunteers taking home the filled grocery bags after a service to dispose of the recyclable items they brought. My hope is for this project to expand and include other types of items such as the collection of plastic grocery bags to give back to stores that accept them and to also recycle used office and Religious School papers.



## THE 2019 MENORAH AWARD

The Menorah Award was established in 2008 to recognize a TBY member who has served the Temple beyond the expected duties of a specific office. To date, 14 people have received the award, starting with Shelly Cohen in 2008. As stated in the definition, a person who is honored with this award is not chosen for doing the job he or she was elected or volunteered to do. Honorees have been people who have quietly or without other recognition performed additional tasks for the Temple.



Congratulations to this year's awardee---Bev Darkatsh, editor of the Shofar for about 10 years. During that time, she transformed our newsletter into a magazine. She encouraged our members to receive it on line rather than printed and mailed out, saving considerable expenses. She encouraged committee chairs to send photos, helping to make the Shofar an active participant in our active congregation.

In addition, Bev has been a tireless member of the choir, serving on the leadership committee, maintaining the ever growing library of music, and ensuring that new choir members receive everything they need to bring them up to speed with veteran members. Bev has also been on the finance committee for many years and is always helpful in finding financial solutions to difficult problems.

When sisterhood needed someone to handle e-blasts to that portion of our congregation, Bev unhesitatingly stepped up and agreed to take on that job and get the communications out in a timely fashion. And she has done so the way she handles all requests, quietly without asking for recognition, immediately, and with an upbeat, "Sure. Tell me what you need." Bev is the kind of person the Menorah Award was designed to honor.

### Menorah Award Winners

2008	Shelly Cohen
2009	Phyllis Keiser
2010	Artie Heilweil
2011	Carol Gladstone
2012	Terre Wallach
2013	Lisa Black
2014	Maury Keiser & Joe Marx
2015	Art Rogove
2016	Bobbi Carman & Denise Mensh
2017	Elliot Stone
2018	Marty Cohen
2019	Bev Darkatsh

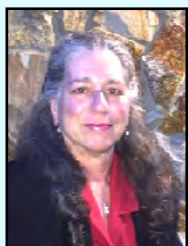
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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

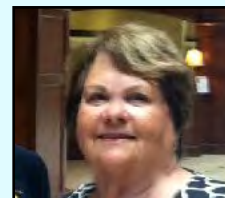
*Terry Cohen, Director*

*and*

*Phyllis Keiser, Representative to the Board*



The TBY Religious School closed out its year with its Annual Awards Day on May 5. The morning started with a short service focused on gratitude, led by Rabbi Nadia. Interspersed with the presentation of awards was a game of “Stump the Parent.” Students showed off their Hebrew reading skills with flashcards, with parents and grandparents trying their luck at reading the cards first. We had a couple of “ringers” in the audience, but most were stumped and all had an opportunity to see firsthand



how remarkable their students are for being able to read these words, especially since the characters are not the Latin alphabet. We sang, we ate, we hugged—how much more can we be grateful for?

We completed the year with one new student and another who will be officially joining with the new year. Two of our students, Emma Bates and Ari Love, will each become a Bat Mitzvah this year. We ask that everyone support them with their attendance. Emma will help lead services Friday night June 14 and be called to Torah on June 15; Ari’s dates are August 16 and 17.

One of the highlights of the presentations was revealing the students’ Tzedakah collections and recipient. Last year, \$131.02 was collected, but no recipient was named. This year, \$210.83 was collected, for a grand total of \$341.85. This money will go to K9s for Warriors, the nation’s largest provider of service dogs to disabled veterans, based in Ponte Vedra. Over 90 percent of their dogs are rescued. They were thrilled to hear they are this year’s recipient and will either provide a program early in our new school year or will host a field trip for us to see them then.

An outpouring of thanks goes to everyone: Rabbi Nadia; Nancy Sorkin, our outgoing board president; Bobbi Carman, our outgoing board liaison; Phyllis Keiser, our incoming board liaison; Terry Cohen, our director; Emily Brown, Merrie Meiselman, and Cynthia Weiss, our teachers; Leah Black, our junior teacher; and our students and their parents. Many thanks also go to our board and our congregation.

### Award recipients:

**Attendance Awards (80% or More):** Aure Love, Ella Love, Emma Bates, Shane Bates, Charlotte Weiss, Ananda Gordon, Oliver Zicht, Lucy Zicht, Alex Black, and Zach Black.

**Tzedakah Champions:** Aure Love, Ella Love, Emma Bates, Shane Bates, Charlotte Weiss, Ananda Gordon, Oliver Zicht, Lucy Zicht, Alex Black, Zach Black, Skyler Kaplan, and Sarah Garcia.

**Mitzvah Maker:** Shane Bates and Ella Love.

**Hebrew Scholarship:** Ella Love, Aure Love, Emma Bates, Lucy Zicht, Zach Black and Alex Black.

**Hebrew Improvement:** Ananda Gordon and Shane Bates.

**Congregational Devotion:** Charlotte Weiss, Aure Love, Ella Love, Alex Black, Zach Black, Lucy Zicht, and Oliver Zicht.

**Courage and Confidence:** Aure Love, Ella Love, Emma Bates, and Ananda Gordon.

**Spirituality:** Oliver Zicht, Charlotte Weiss, Emma Bates, and Aure Love.



# Our Religious School Awards Day!



Top 7 photos with thanks to Nicole Bates.  
Bottom 2 pictures with thanks to Jackie Witte.



# RITUAL

**Chuck Meiselman**

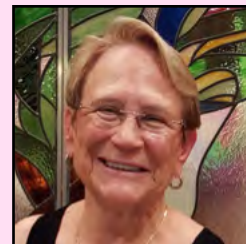
**and**

**Terre Wallach**



Rabbi Nadia Siritsky led two Shabbat services in April 2019.

- Friday, April 5th - a regular service
- Friday, April 19th - a Mini-Shabbat followed by a meaningful congregational Passover Seder



In May, two moving Shabbat services that recognized critical moments in our Jewish history were also led by Rabbi Nadia:

- Friday, May 3rd - Yom Hashoah, remembering the Holocaust
- Friday, May 17th Yom HaAtzma'ut, celebrating Israeli Independence Day and Yom Ha Zikaron, Israel's Memorial Day.

We look forward to the following Rabbi led services in June:

- Friday, June 7th - celebrating Shavuot and our New Board Installation
- Friday & Saturday, June 14th-15th, celebrating Emma Bates' Bat Mitzvah weekend

Rabbi Nadia will be with us for two weekends in the summer months and will celebrate the following events with us:

- Friday, July 19th, a regular Shabbat
- Friday & Saturday, August 16th-17th, Ari Love's Bat Mitzvah weekend

We thank Rabbi Nadia and our TBY membership for a wonderful 2018-2019 year and look forward to the new year to come; thank you all for creating a spiritual home at Temple Bet Yam.



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## MEMBERSHIP

*Ellen Miller and Sharon Rice*



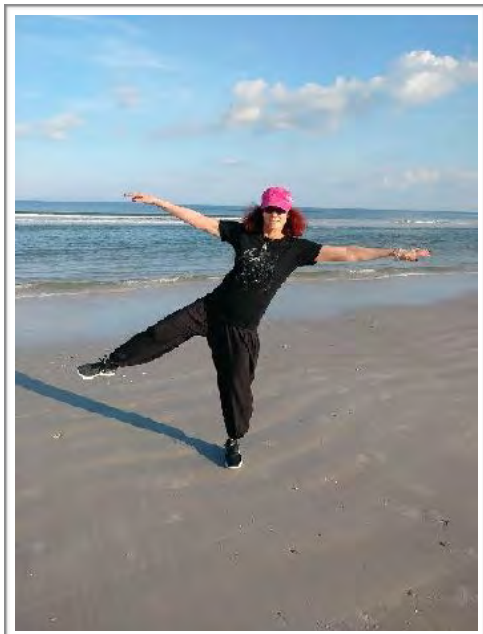
**Membership has had a busy year at TBV.**

**We have added ELEVEN (!) new families and two families have rejoined. Sadly, though, we have lost two families. Thanks for all of the help everyone has given to the membership committee.**

**In working with Rabbi Nadia, we realized there are young families in St. Augustine who are interested in bringing their young children to services. To accommodate them, we have set up a designated play area in the rear of the sanctuary. We have also initiated a Shabbat Playdate on Saturday mornings. Several young families have attended and we are hopeful this will lead to membership.**

**The Membership committee is working with Rabbi Nadia to have a picnic on July 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Treaty Park. We feel this would be a way for the religious school children and their families to keep in touch over the summer. Those who have been attending the Shabbat Playdate will also be invited. OF COURSE IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP IS WELCOME!!**

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



**New member Kellie Taft**, a former FBI agent, comes to us from Clarksburg, WV. Kellie has a son, Billy, and a granddaughter, Harmony. Nutrition is important to her as is reading and science. Kellie enjoys lifting weights and participates in TRX Fitness. In addition, she is also a Reiki master. Please welcome Kellie when you see her at services.

**New Members MaryAnn & Robert Chupella and their son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Heather**



**MaryAnn and Robert Chupella** moved to St. Augustine Beach full time in August of 2018. We moved from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania which was our home for over 40 years. Robert was a licensed psychologist in his own private practice in Bethlehem treating children and adults. He also did consulting with specializations in addiction treatment and prevention, wellness and children's mental health. His hobbies are stained glass, boating, fishing, cooking and walking our Bichon Frise dog Sadie.

MaryAnn was a licensed professional counselor who also worked with Robert in private practice with a specialization in women's issues, wellness and health. She also worked as the Director of Patient Services at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for 13 years. MaryAnn loves the beach, boating, swimming, reading, cooking and furniture painting.

**Christopher and Heather** moved to St. Augustine in May, 2018. They have a beautiful 16 month old daughter, Ariella, who is our joy. Christopher and Heather have also joined TBY.



### New Members Joyce & Barry Pressman



Joyce has lived in St Augustine since 2013 when she retired as a Professor of Nursing at The University of Hawaii. She taught at Chamberlain College of Nursing in Jacksonville for several years and retired from all work in 2015. She and Barry met in 2017 after his wife passed away. He lived in Lady Lake, Florida, for 15 years and moved to St. Augustine in 2018. He is a retired engineer and marketing specialist. Barry is an excellent bridge player and photographer. Joyce loves to cook and dabbles in photography. Barry has one son, David, who lives in Lady Lake, Florida, and two grandsons aged 19 and 24. Joyce has a son, Michael, a grandson Nicholas, aged 13, and a daughter Amy who both live in California. Barry and Joyce recently moved to Treaty Oaks, right near TBY.

Mazel Tov!

Look what we have done!

Congratulations are in order to our  
summer B'Nai Mitzvah celebrants,  
Ari Love and Emma Bates



Photo of Ari with thanks to Jackie Witte  
Photo of Emma with thanks to Terry Cohen

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!

## WAYS &amp; MEANS

*Carol & Bernie Levy*

=&gt;

*Teresa Freedman*

After three years as co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, Carol and I will be turning over the reins of Committee Leadership to Teresa Freedman.

Over these past years, we have had the honor of working with many dedicated people without whose efforts Ways and Means would not have been able to raise the funds necessary for the special needs of Temple Bet Yam.

Thanks to those of you who stepped up when help was needed, who stepped up with special donations and volunteered your time and resources to make our events successful. Thank you to those who became members of the Ways and Means planning committee and were so successful at thinking outside the box.

Thank you to those who were there for us shopping, contacting local merchants, getting donations, cooking food, buying food, getting others to build and install signs and props, picking up food (Jacksonville, West Palm Beach, Miami), hanging decorations, acting in our plays, donating items to our silent auctions, setting up tables, taking down tables and cleaning up, singing at our talent shows, acting as MC at our talent shows, convincing others to perform, contacting other temples regarding our events, dealing with the outside media and newspapers, doing the artwork for our events, revising the flyers for our events, revising the flyers again for our events, and again. To all of you, we say thank you.

Carol and I plan on staying on in the background to help Teresa in her new role and to rise to the occasion as needed for various events. It has been a great run. We are happy to have contributed our share to Temple Bet Yam.

Sincerely

Bernie and Carol Levy

As Bernie and Carol Levy have written a Farewell Address, I decided a *Welcome to 2019-2020* was in order for the Ways and Means Committee. As the new chair and former member, I wanted to thank everyone on the committee for all your hard work and welcome you to stay on for 2019-2020. A big thank you goes to Bernie and Carol Levy for the tremendous leadership and diligence they have shown in chairing the committee for the past three years and for exceeding budget goals by a wide margin. Temple Bet Yam and I are very lucky that the Levys have agreed to stay on as a guiding beacon for the committee and I look forward to learning from their wisdom and experience.

I am happy to announce that the current Ways and Means committee has already secured the Limelight Theater for October 12, 2019 for a production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, so save the date! Other events we have discussed are:

- > Bingo/Pizza Night (2x per year)
- > Trivia Night (2x per year)
- > Barnes and Noble Gift Wrap (during the holidays)
- > Annual Card Party
- > Annual Deli Night
- > Limelight Theater (spring event)
- > Mah Jongg Tournament (spring event)
- > Romanza Festival of the Arts Event

I welcome fundraising ideas from the congregation. I also welcome new members to the Ways and Means Committee, and/or to chair an event throughout the year. Some of you have already indicated your willingness to chair again if we schedule any of the events above, and I thank you for that!

Please email me at if you want to volunteer, join the committee, or wish to send ideas for fundraising projects. I look forward to a pro-ductive year!



## MAY 4: SILENT AUCTION AND 60s & 70s CONCERT



*All 6 photos taken by Bill Rosenthal, with thanks*





# BINGO & Pizza Night at Temple Bet Yam

*When: Saturday Night June 8, 2019  
starting at 6:00 pm*

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

*Cost: \$15 per person*

*Open to the congregation & your friends in the community*



**Contact Carol Levy**  
*for more information and to purchase tickets*



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Summer is a fun time at Temple Bet Yam. Join us in June for another fantastic evening of food, drink, and fun as we present Pizza and Bingo on June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm. Attendees will be able to play ten games of bingo with cash prizes, enjoy a delicious dinner complete with pizza, salad, drink, and dessert, all for \$15. Sorry, adults only.**

**July brings back a favorite event at TBY. Once again we will offer a challenging night of Trivia on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Teams of attendees will test their knowledge during a fun night complete with a tasty chicken dinner. This event is open to adults and young'uns alike. Admission is \$18 for adults, which includes trivia and dinner. Children are free.**

**On August 22 Temple Bet Yam's Second Mah Jongg Tournament will take place at the Duplicate Bridge Club in St. Augustine. Pre-Registration is required, tickets cost \$25 and will include a continental breakfast, the tournament including cash prizes, and a buffet lunch. Check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m.**

**For information regarding any of these events, contact Carol Levy.**

## FACILITIES

*Richard Zicht*



Happy to announce that new chairs have been ordered and are expected within the next 6-10 weeks. We believe that they will make a significant improvement in comfort and appearance

for our members. Also, parking lot repairs were completed in late May. New air conditioning units were also installed at that time.

We are also upgrading the wireless microphone system. Thanks to everyone on the chair, finance, and executive committees, as well as our board of directors for getting all of the improvements set in motion. Please feel free to let me know if you see any temple needs so that they may be addressed in a timely manner.



...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 did not participate during the 2018-19 year please contact Babs Kushner.

Thanks.

Starting in July, the coordinators will be  
Patty Savage and Susan Newman.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Andi and Joe Marx*



Dining With Dignity still needs many more volunteers to fill all our available slots for this year so please sign up if you are able. The sign-up sheet will be in the lobby during every service. We are very short of volunteers for July and August so please help if you can in this important community initiative.



## LIFE LONG LEARNING

*Larry Kurlandsky*



Lifelong Learning is in the beginning stages of planning for next year in coordination with Rabbi Siritsky. You can contact me at with any thoughts.

## SHIR-U L'ADONAI

*Emily Brown*



This year we've debuted several songs. Do you remember when we first sang the "Candle Blessing Song"? How about Leah Black and Merrie Meiselman's powerful rendition of "Someday"? And will we ever forget Leah and Lisa Black's haunting duet, "Born To Remember", on Yom Hashoah?



Our year has been filled with beautiful, powerful, and haunting pieces. What will next year bring? You'll have to wait and hear!

## SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

### SISTERHOOD

*Cathy Kasriel and Renee Speisman*



The beginning of May saw the last formal meeting of the 2018-19 year for the Sisterhood. We met at the Cafe Alcazar and a few members took advantage of the location to see the exhibits at the Lightner Museum next door. In June, the Sisterhood will honor the men of TBY by having a deli lunch and movie at TBY on Fathers' Day, Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Stay tuned for informal lunch gatherings during the summer months at different restaurants in the area. Let Cathy or Renee know if you have someplace you want to recommend!



The Sisterhood Book Club will take a break during the summer.

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.



### MEN'S CLUB

*Dave Kasriel*



In March we invited the men and women for a baseball outing to watch our local team, Flagler College, play Auburn-Montgomery. It was a beautiful evening even though the local team lost. We did not have a large TBY crowd, but we made up about 5% of the announced attendance. Thanks to Henry Seiden for the action baseball shots plus us.



In April the Sisterhood and Men's Club held a joint meeting at TBY featuring Alyssa Shorstein, an attorney in St. Augustine, who discussed estates, trust, and other areas concerning estate planning. Her presentation and discussion of questions were very informative.

While the Men's Club did not sponsor a Mother's Day brunch as in years past, the Sisterhood and Men's Club are planning a joint congregational celebration on June 16 at 12:30 at TBY (which is Father's Day). This Sunday activity will include a deli lunch and movie matinee.



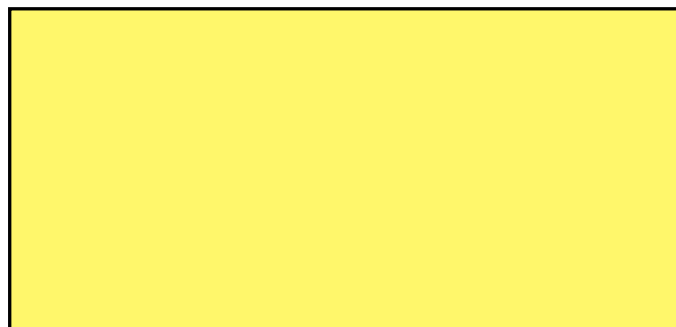
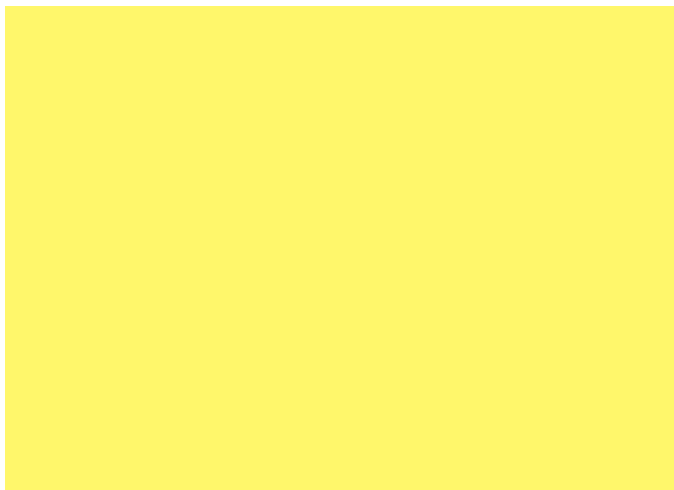
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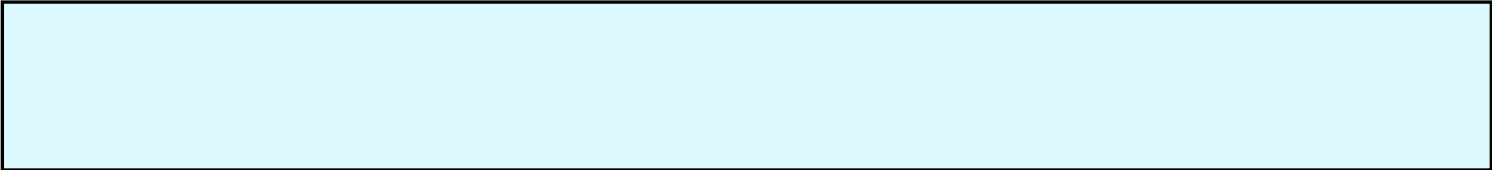
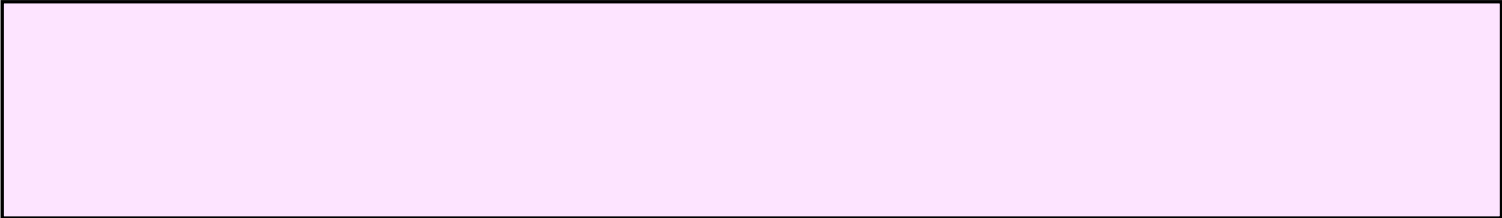
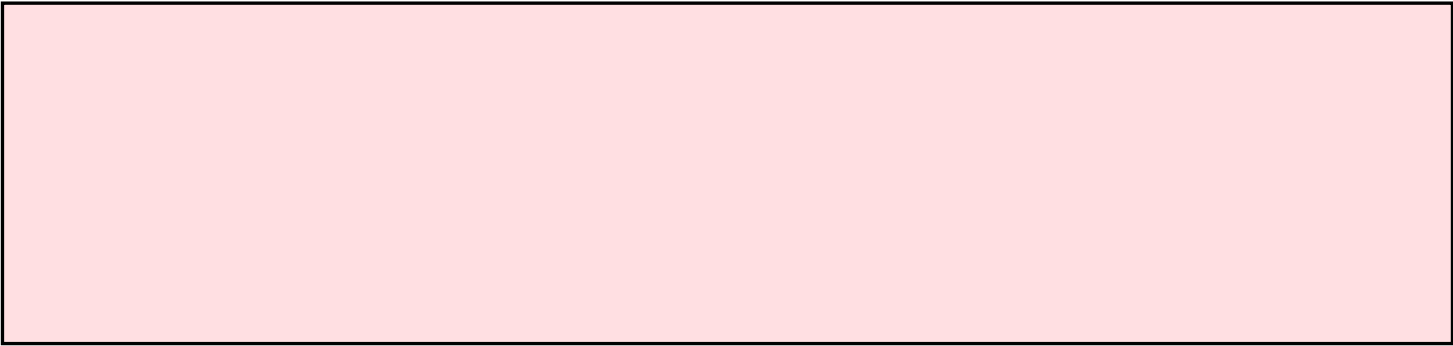
Please note!

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

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







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.

## 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



It is with great sadness  
that we report the death of  
Dr. Stuart Feldman  
the son of Roberta Feldman,  
who passed away  
on Monday, May 13, 2019

Our love, thoughts, and prayers  
are with Bobbi,  
and the entire Feldman family

It is with great sadness  
that we report the death of  
Bea Rogove  
the mother of Art Rogove,  
who passed away  
on Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Our love, thoughts, and prayers  
are with Art and Barbara,  
and the entire Rogove family



Yahrzeit

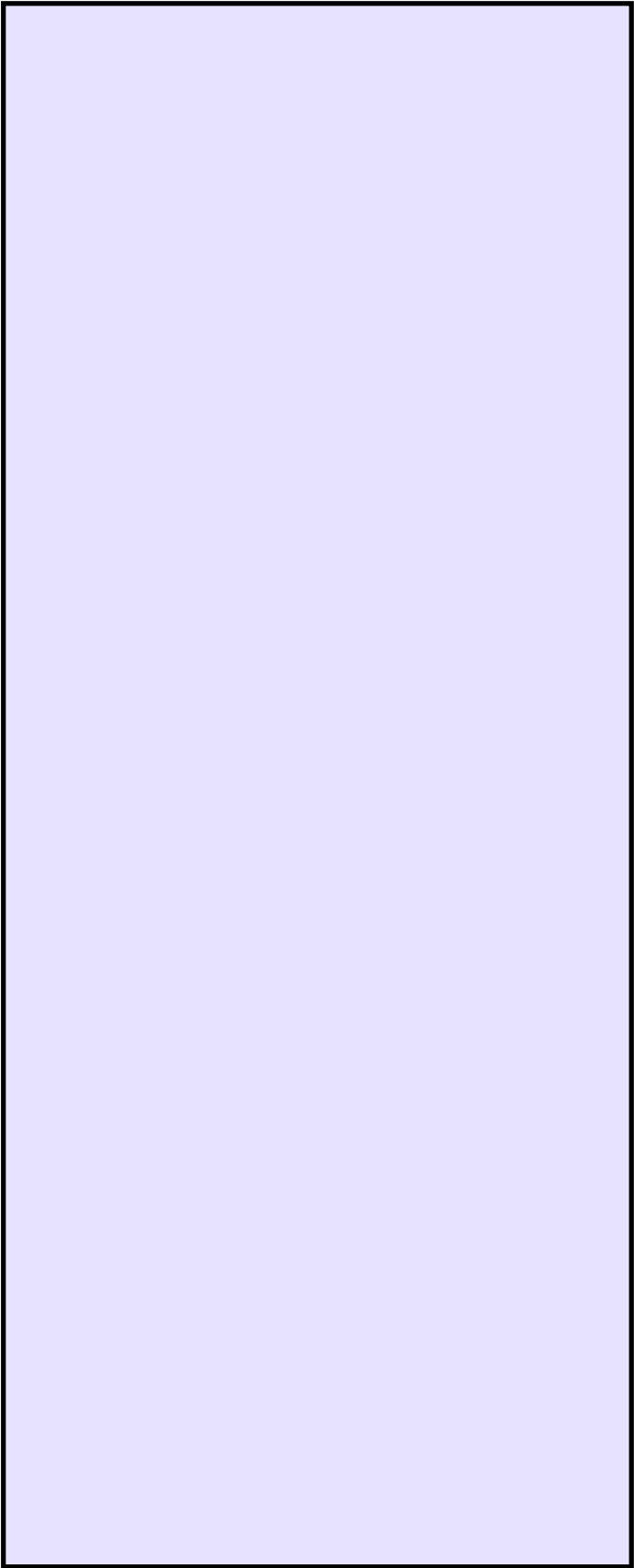
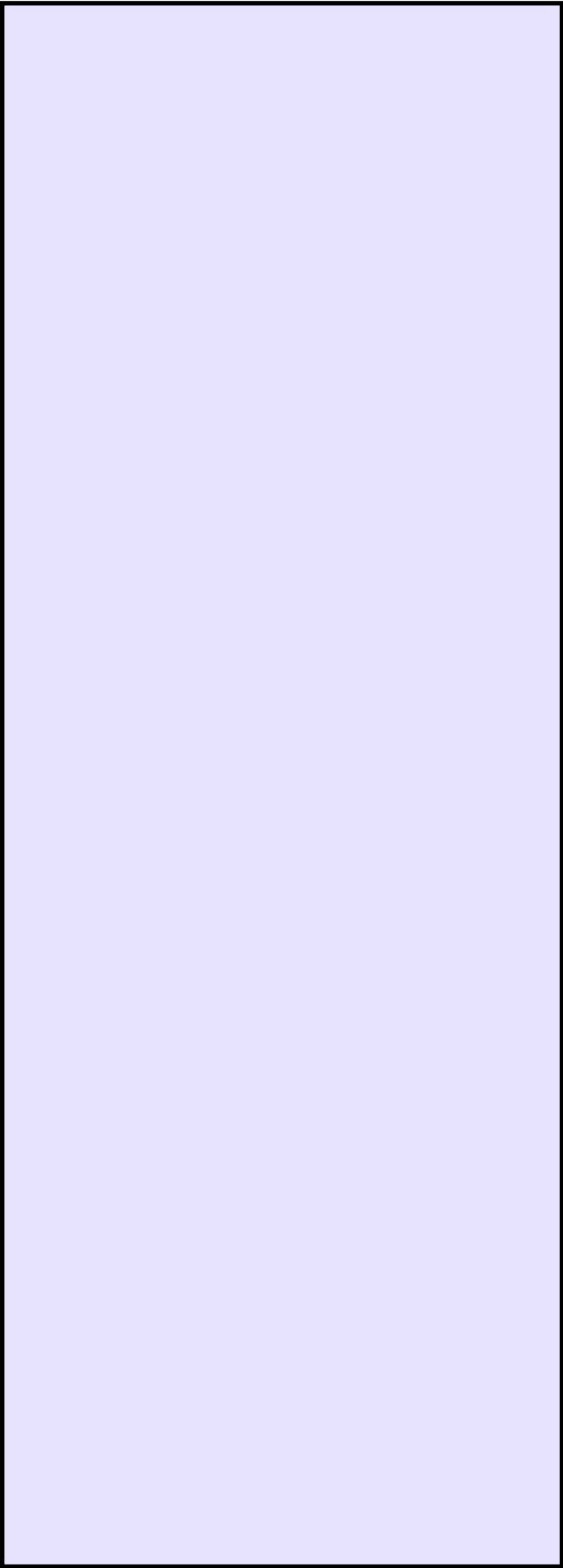


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The custom of making offerings/donations as an expression of prayer traces back to Biblical times and has always been a practice of congregations. A donation can be defined as an act of prayer in which the participant extends himself or herself beyond 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 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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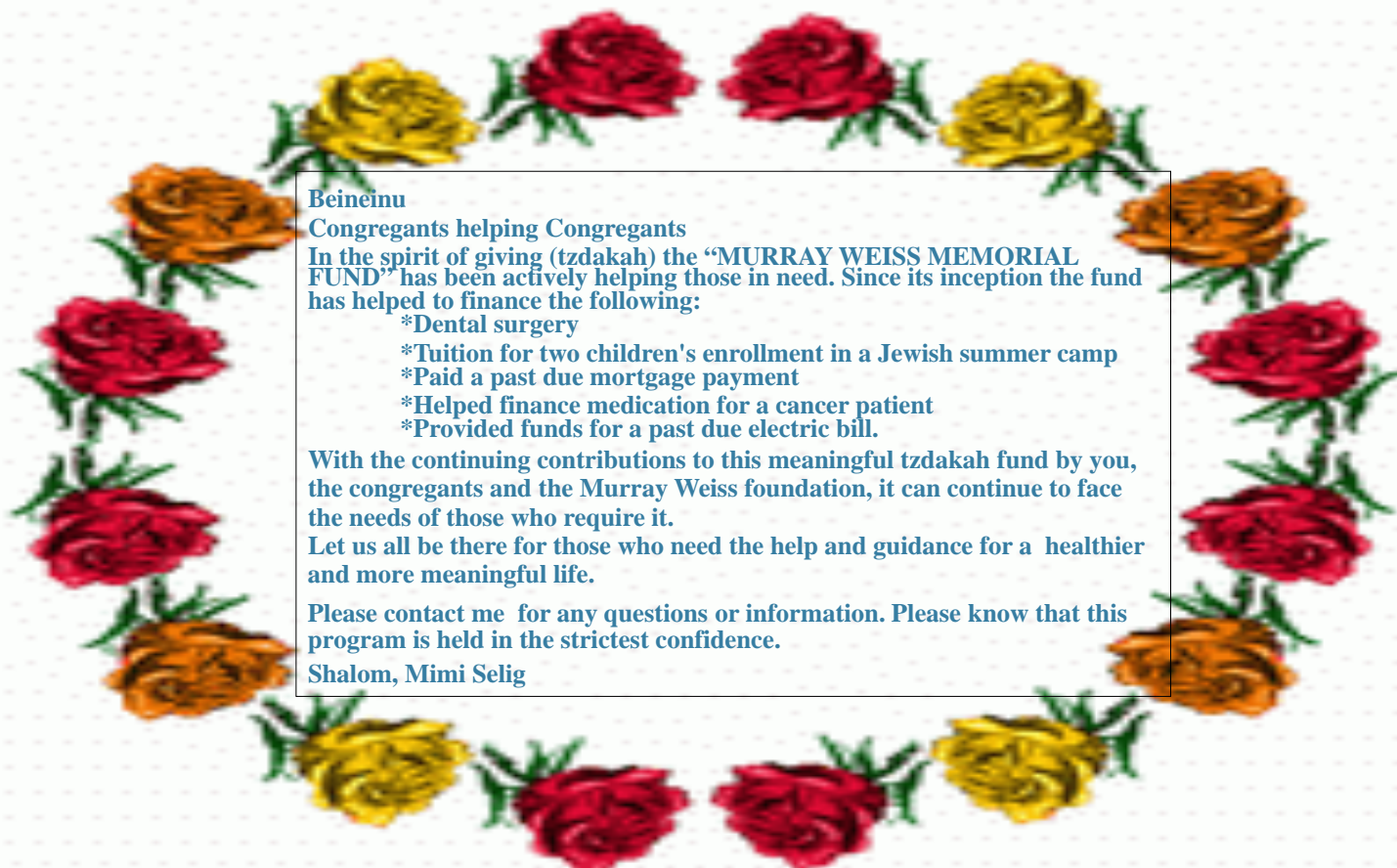
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MURRAY WEISS MEM. FUND	\$ _____
RABBINIC LEADERSHIP FUND	\$ _____
HIGH HOLY DAYS CONTRIBUTION	\$ _____

\* RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



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

**Temple Bet Yam has received the following contributions:**

**TO THE GENERAL FUND**

**Cathy & David Kasriel**

...In memory of Francis Joseph Rhodes,  
Cathy's father

**Patty & Barry Savage**

...In memory of Stuart Feldman,  
son of Roberta Feldman

**Ellen & Myron Mensh**

...In memory of:  
Stuart Feldman, son of Roberta Feldman  
Bea Rogove, mother of Art Rogove

**Margaret & Earl Brown**

...In memory of Bea Rogove mother of Art Rogove

**Marcia Rector**

...In memory of Bea Rogove mother of Art Rogove

**PRAYERBOOK FUND**

**Nancy Sorkin**

...In memory of:  
Stuart Feldman,  
son of Roberta Feldman  
Bea Rogove, mother of Art Rogove  
Harry & Cynthia Sorkin

**A friend**

...In memory of Bea Rogove, mother of Art Rogove

**TO THE RABBINIC LEADERSHIP FUND**

**Lisa & Robert Black**

**Sara & Andrew Kolman**

...In loving memory of Robert Sorkin, my uncle

**Ellen & Myron Mensh**

...In memory of Albert Duke

**Barbara Carman**

...In honor of Carol & Bernie Levy  
for their leadership on the Ways & Means Committee

...In memory of:  
Perry Satz, brother of Phyllis Greenfield,  
Alan Goodwin, brother of Jane Gray, and  
Norman Petziner, my and Terre Wallach's father

**Ileine & Harvey Hoffman**

...In honor of Bev Darkatsh, winning the  
Menorah Award, well deserved

...In memory of:  
Stuart Feldman, son of Bobbi Feldman  
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## EDITOR'S NOTES

**Bev Darkatsh**



I owe a big debt of gratitude to the sharp eyes and grammatical acumen of my three copy-editor elves, Nancy Sorkin, Jackie Witte, and Jane Seiden.



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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