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**Hanukkah Shabbat,  
a fabulous success  
with Kids Dancing,  
Choir Singing, and  
Bubbie's Magical  
Meatloaf!**

**Men's Club, Hearing Men's Voices  
Wednesday, January 8th, 7:30 PM**

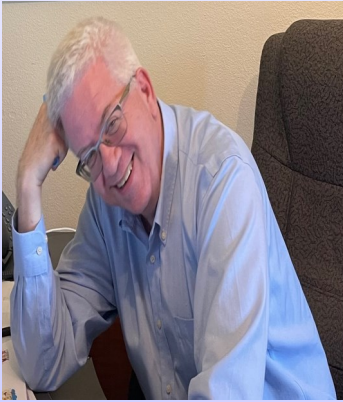
**Send your Men!**

**More Info?**

**Call Mark Givarz 314-604-5618**



## A Message From Rabbi Kane



In the old country, the story is told of two villages and two horse races.

In the first village, one breed of horses were all white with a rough diamond shaped brown spot above it's eyes and the second breed were all white with a rough circle spot in the same place. The fastest horse from each breed was selected every spring for a race during the Lag B'Omer Picnic.

In the village, in the weeks before the race, fans of each breed explained to anyone who would listen what was wrong with the opposing horse; it's parentage, its pasture, its trainer, even commenting negatively about the people in the community in favor of the opposite breed.

On the night before the race, each group sets up its own camp to roast meat and talk about how great they and their horse trainers are.

On the day of the big race, inevitably, one horse won by a nose, after which its fans cheered and then invited the opposite fans to come enjoy babka and mead from a special tent in their camp, where the winning fans serve the losing fans. The losing fans also bring drink and food to share. The trainer of the losing horse toasts the trainer of the winning horse and the trainer of the winning horse toasts the trainer of the losing horse, always finishing with a thought like, " we will have to work harder to beat an excellent horse like yours next year."

In the second village the race and the breeds are the same, but the babka and mead are served to each group of fans in separate tents, and the toasts are variously about the defects of the opposite horses and fans.

One year, the mayor of the first village happened to be in the second village on Race day. After the race, he was bewildered by the separate tents. Eventually, he found the mayor of the second village and explained the differences in their customs. The mayor of second village asked why the first village had their post-race party together.

"Well," said the visiting mayor, "we realized that being in different camps is one thing, but if we don't find a way to be together, we won't have much of a village. "

Rabbi S. David Kane



## **SPECIAL SERIES**

**of Adult Bat/ Bar Mitzvah classes**

**Organizational Meeting at Rabbi's Office on Sunday, January 5 at 10:00 AM. Classes two Tuesdays/month at 7:00 PM on ZOOM.**

**One Sunday/month at 10:00 AM live at CBT Office.**

**If you are interested, please call the office at 386-672-1174 to reserve your spot!**





# The Presidents' Message



Dear Fellow Congregants and Rabbi Kane,

December is a month of celebration and light, with wonderful events and much to be thankful for.

A warm welcome to our new members.

Life Celebrations and Events; congratulations to the Rhodes Family on the marriage of their son and the warmest of peace and success to the Horowitz and the Banfi families with their moves to France and Hungary.

B'nai Torah was awarded \$90,000 in grants for security services and improvements on our entrance doors of the synagogue from the DEMES (Division of Emergency Management Solutions) part of the Florida emergency program. Thank you, Alan Kisseloff, for your focus and perseverance of successfully securing these grants for our CBT Family.

Our wonderful events in December were the Hanukkah Community Festival at the Hard Rock Hotel, Sisterhood Hanukkah Celebration, The Senior Luncheon at Temple Beth-El, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Estate sale, and our oversold Hanukkah Shabbat Service and Dinner with 98 attendees, featuring Bubbie's Magical Meatloaf, special thanks to Leah, the Kitchen Angels and all of our musicians and the CBT Choir.

Upcoming events to look forward to will be "Hearing Men's Voices" a unique program with the first facilitated session called "Meet My Father", on January 8<sup>th</sup> and sponsored by the Men's Club. A fun event to enjoy, Game Day on January 16<sup>th</sup> provided by our wonderful Sisterhood at CBT.

A Lunch and Learn on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> focuses on Climate Change, Super Bowl Sunday Squares available for purchase from the Men's Club starting very soon. A World Wide Wrap celebrates a return engagement of CBT on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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On Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> our first fund raising event of the year, Celebration of Food for Life Gourmet Dinner, with a New Orleans twist. This will be a unique event with cultural foods that have influenced the world-famous cuisine, including France, Spain, Africa, Italy, Germany, and Native American. It will include a tantalizing Chocolate Dessert Bar, a Wine Tasting, a cash bar featuring specialty Rums and Spirits from Copper Bottom Craft Distillery, and live music.

This event will have limited attendance of 50 individuals and the cost per person will be \$45.00 with all proceeds going to B'nai Torah. There will be a Wine Auction of 3 phenomenal wines with the star being a bottle of Opus 1 and a Silent Auction as well. The event will be in Port Orange at the Silverstein "Estate" from 4 PM till 7 PM. More details to follow and I recommend making your reservations early.

In the planning stages are a Capital Campaign and a Poker Tournament, details to follow and looking forward to more Jewish Community events as well.

The Shalom School continues to evolve with an enrollment of seventy-seven students, and it continues to amaze! It has been agreed upon that classes will continue next semester at Temple Beth El and B'nai Torah will be hosting Holiday and Special events with the first event being a Purim Festival in March

As always great appreciation for all that volunteer their precious time to making B'nai Torah a close-knit family.

We need your support on many levels, especially when it comes to volunteering, Membership and Visiting needs a chair to spearhead growth and compassion, please step up and support the efforts at B'nai Torah, to make a difference in your life and those of others.

Pray for peace and the return of the Hostages in Israel.

Looking forward to seeing you at services.

With compassion, mercy, intent, and love, wishing your health and prosperity,

*Howard*

President of B'nai Torah

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# \*\*\*KABBALAH KORNER\*\*\*

## Sharing wisdom from a 3,000 year old mystical tradition January, 2025 Tevet—Shevat, 5785

As we move into the beginning of a new Gregorian calendar year, I thought I would share some insight into the Kabbalistic calendar that you might find interesting.....

The Gregorian (traditional) calendar determines the month and year based on solar cycles, whereas the Kabbalistic Calendar determines the month according to lunar cycles and the year by the solar cycles. In a Kabbalistic Calendar, a month always starts on or near a new moon and has either 29 or 30 days (a lunar cycle is about 29 1/2 days).

Certain days are imbued with the energy of abundance, making them a preferable time to begin something new. These days are an optimal time to plant a seed for new ventures, getting married, buying a home, scheduling important medical procedures and so on. The first day of each month, the New Moon, is a particularly positive day, as it contains the seed of the entire month. Just as positive days have more energy, negative days have less. Seeds planted on negative days have a harder time bearing fruit. If we have an important task to accomplish and a positive day is not an option, a neutral day is preferable over a negative day.

The Sefer Yetzirah (Book of Formation), written by Abraham the Patriarch some 3800 years ago, states that the Hebrew letters are the DNA of the universe. They are the physical representation of the divine energy intelligence that created everything, from the planets to the galaxies. Every month is represented by a sign of the zodiac, and by a planet, both created by a Hebrew letter. The Book of Formation explains that by meditating daily on the Hebrew letters specific to the month, you can influence how your month plays out.

The Ana Boko'ach is an ancient kabbalistic prayer built around a sequence of 42 letters that are encoded within the first 42 letters of the Book of Genesis. Each line of the prayer corresponds to the energy of a particular month, and a specific day of the week. By meditating on the Ana Boko'ach daily, you enrich your life with pure spiritual Light and positive energy.

Every Friday at sundown begins the time known as Shabbat, and it concludes with the setting of the sun on Saturday evening. Kabbalists explain that Shabbat is the only day of the week when the spiritual and physical worlds are united. The Light flows throughout the entire day and is available for you to receive from it as much as you want. Shabbat allows you access to a higher level of your soul than you can connect to during the other six days of the week. This window in time also gives you the opportunity to change your personal destiny at the seed level for the coming week.

Holidays are not about tradition. They are one of the most powerful technologies available to you for improving your life. Holidays are cosmic windows in time that allow you to connect to different frequencies of spiritual energy. These forces activate and enhance your ability to remove certain types of negativity and chaos, thereby increasing your personal fulfillment. Each holiday provides its own distinct channel to the Light.

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# Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Helen Farb



Welcome to a new year of learning fun. We will miss the Banfi's who moved to Hungary and wish them much happiness.

We will continue at Beth-El for the rest of the school year. The school board met, and it was decided this was the best idea for the children. Congregation B'nai Torah will be hosting two major fun events. We will be having a joint Purim Festival and a Passover Seder.

In December at Shalom School the students were introduced to the holiday of Hanukkah and its history as well as the traditions. Their snack was an edible menorah.

I am so proud of all our new service leaders who are now leading parts of the service. Please come and honor and support them. We will also continue to have Kid and Tot Shabbats. Our next one was changed to Friday, January 10 at 6:00 pm.

Shalom School will resume on Sunday, January 12th, from 9:00-12:00 at Temple Beth-El.

**Wishing everyone health and happiness.**

**Miss Helen**



# Shalom School Spring Calendar 2025

Please join us on

- January 12
- January 26
- February 2
- February 23
- March 9 at 10am: Purim Carnival @ CBT
- March 30
- April 6 at 9am: Passover Program @ CBT
- April 27
- May 4
- May 18

All sessions will be held from 9am-12pm at TBE unless otherwise noted; contact Jonathan at [jonathanfrankel@tbeob.com](mailto:jonathanfrankel@tbeob.com) or Rabbi Kane at [sdavidkane@yahoo.com](mailto:sdavidkane@yahoo.com) with questions or concerns.





# WINTER BREAK

## Mitzvah & Fun Activities

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**Shalom School  
Movies with the Rabbi  
“MUFASA THE LION KING”  
Show around NOON  
at CMX in Daytona  
January 5th**



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**Packing groceries for the  
Jerry Doliner Food Bank and  
Pizza lunch afterward.  
Monday, January 6th  
at 10:00AM**

**Please call or email the CBT Office to  
sign up for any of these activities.  
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# KID & TOT SHABBAT





# Hard Rock Hanukkah fun with Rabbi and Spiderman



# Visiting Ormond in the Pines for Hanukkah





## Sisterhood in the News

Let's say goodbye to 2024 and a big hello to 2025. The best way to finish out the year is showing your support and join Congregation B'nai Torah Sisterhood. Give to your Sisterhood. We need members and donations. We give back to Congregation B'nai Torah in many ways, we are continually raising money for our own congregants. The dues stay in our congregation to benefit our members. All it takes is a single payment of \$36.00 annually. There are several ways to join; submit your payment either online at mybnaitorah.org website, mail it, or drop it off at the CBT office from 9:00am-1:00pm Monday-Friday.

Our Sisterhood had a very nice time at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hanukkah party. Rabbi gave some Hanukkah facts, and we ate delicious desserts and appetizers and drank chocolate martinis. Everyone enjoyed the gift exchange, and we look forward to next year's festivities as well.

Sisterhood had a large table with many items for sale at the Hard Rock Community Hanukkah Party. Items sold will make room for more exciting items that will be coming in soon. We have many items for sale, baby gifts, B'nai Mitzvahs, items for remembrance, and many Judaic items to decorate your home with. Our gift shop is open Sunday-Friday by appointment. Call Kay at the synagogue office or Barbara Kusnick to schedule an appointment.

We had close to 100 people at the Hanukkah dinner on Friday 12/27. Thank you Lea & the itchen Angels!

Look what's coming up.....

- **Thursday January 16th**, Game Day at CBT, bring your favorite game and we will supply the snacks and door prizes.
- **Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Temple Beth El Sisterhood has invited us to a High Tea & Fashion Show at 2PM. Please RSVP by 1/24/2025 to Adrienne Grossman at 386-943-1301. This is a free event

We are always looking for new ideas and members to get involved. Call any of your Sisterhood board members for information.

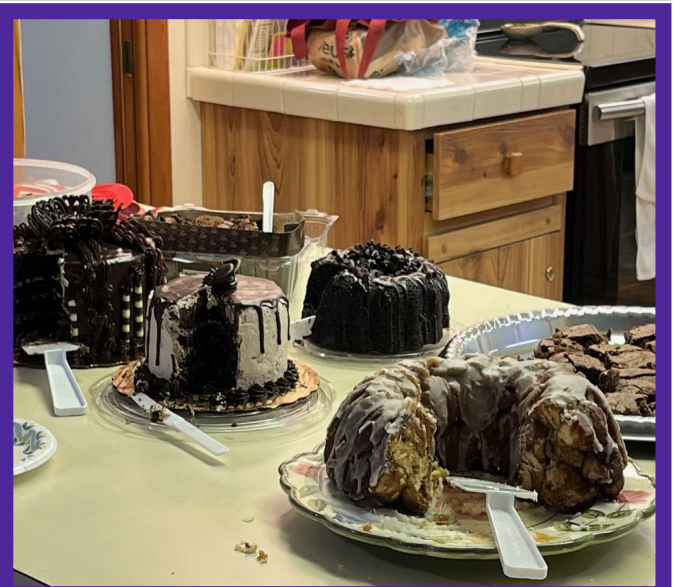
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**Toda lech (Thank You) Barbara Kusnick, Sisterhood President**

[Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application](#)

[HERE](#)

# SISTERHOOD HANUKKAH PARTY





# MEN'S CLUB®

## Men's Club Upcoming events: Happy Hanukkah from the Men's Club

Men's Club has begun a new series, beginning in this month's Torah Times, called Mensch of the Month. Thank you to Jerry Leibman for inspiring the idea, and to Ray Leonard for penning the first article. Look for more articles in the upcoming months.

Men's Club has been asked to help upkeep the synagogue grounds such as yardwork, tree trimming, mulching and other more. We'll plan a date in the first part of 2025, it would be a mitzvah to have a strong turnout.

**January 8, 7:30pm**, at the Synagogue, will be the inaugural session of the Men's Club-Hearing Men's Voices (HMV) program. HMV is a unique program that engages Jewish men in Jewish life, enabling deeper connections and better relationships among our members. It's a facilitated session which encourages men to talk and engage in rich and meaningful dialogues about common issues. The title of this first session is called 'Meet My Father'. It's a free event, and snacks will be served. Please RSVP to Mark at [cbtobmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:cbtobmensclub@gmail.com) or call/text 314-604-5618

Men's Club will again be sponsoring Superbowl Squares, where you can win money and support the Congregation all at the same time! Check your email!

The Annual "World Wide Wrap", a opportunity to wrap and learn about the mitzvot of Tefillin, will again be held on **Sunday, Feb 9**, at 10 am. It's a great opportunity to 'tie one on'! A BLT (Bagels, Lox, and Tefillin) breakfast will be served.

Our congregant, Ray Leonard, who is a retired executive in the Oil industry, will be leading a "Lunch and Learn" discussion on the subject of "Climate Change from an Oil Man's Perspective" on **February 23**, at noon at CBT.

We're planning even more, such as 'Boys Night Out', helping with the religious school's Purim Carnival, Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat, a Passover fundraiser, Yellow Candles for Yom Hashoah, and more.

You can always check the Men's Club page on the CBT website: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club/>

As always, let me know if you have a great idea for the Men's Club? Contact me: 314-604-5618 [cbtobmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:cbtobmensclub@gmail.com)

Thanks! Mark Givarz, CBT Men's Club President

Here's the link to submit: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club-donation/>



# MENSCH OF THE MONTH

*By our Congregant Ray Leonard*

Our Rabbi Kane has led an interesting and varied life. His intellect and personality have led him to experiences that have enabled him to be the spiritual guide and friend that we all cherish.

He grew up in a small town in the Hudson Valley as the youngest of six children, spread in age by 17 years. He had a hard-working, distant father and as the youngest, was naturally close to a kind, caring and religious mother. You will not be surprised that he had an active imagination, loving monster movies and comic books, had a sweet tooth (malted milk balls and chocolate chip cookies) but also was deeply involved in synagogue, leading services as a teenager.

He wished to become a rabbi, then an actor, both professions strongly discouraged by his father. In protest, he refused to apply for college, until his mother persuaded him. He applied to Carnegie Mellon, on advice of a friend and as National Merit semifinalist, of course, he was accepted. He had no interest in his Chemical Engineering studies, however, and after two semesters of mediocre grades, took time off to work at Disney in Orlando, living with his sister. He returned and completed a degree, but his real effort was in student activities, fund raising, disc jockey and earning the Outstanding Student Citizen Award at Graduation. He did learn how to solve problems from his Analysis Systems and Evaluation Courses (ASE) that has helped him for the rest of his life.

Despite having a Chemical Engineering degree, he had no immediate prospects of interest in that subject and returned to Disney where he moved up the ranks as they opened EPCOT Center. However, his father's health was failing and with it the family ladder company business. So, he left Disney and moved back to New York and with his brother took over the company, cut staff in half and quadrupled revenue. Meanwhile his father recovered his health and came back. Unfortunately, it was too many cooks in the proverbial kitchen, so the brothers left.

Disney of course, wanted our Rabbi back, and he returned to help open Disney MGM Studios. While working there, however, he saw the difficulties aged and visitors with disabilities had getting around and started his own company "Friends of Family" which provided wheelchair services and guides to all the theme parks in Orlando. It was so successful that it became Disney's recommended service. The Rabbi's next adventure was with a restaurant "The Outback". By watching Crocodile Dundee repeatedly, he learned to "speak Australian" and became the ambassador of the restaurant, telling tales of the outback.

While working with Outback, he became involved as cantor in the SW Orlando Jewish Congregation. At this point that he decided to dedicate his considerable talents to serving our faith and people. He went to Rabbinic School for four years. After two years as Rabbi in Deltona, a delegation from Ormond Beach forming Congregation B'nai Torah tempted him to lead our congregation, where with his lovely wife Valerie, we have experienced the joy of Judaism these last 27 years.

Current events involving the state of Israel deeply concern Rabbi Kane. He recalls Ariel Sharon's advice, "better a bad peace than a good war." Israel has an extreme fringe that wants to make it a theocracy rather than the beacon of democracy and tolerance that we all look to. Secular Israel needs to come back.

He suggests that religions appear to take about 1500 years to work out their aggressions. For Judaism, this happened by around 400 CD. (the Maccabees had been pretty vicious..) Christianity had their civil wars in the reformation (1500's and 1600's) and the Muslims are about 1500 years after Mohammed.

Hopefully, their violent branches will wither soon.

We need volunteers for the  
Membership and Visiting  
Committees.

Please consider volunteering a couple of hours a week or more to visit congregants at nursing homes, the hospital, or their homes. We also need volunteers for the Lunch Buddy Program to take older congregants out for coffee or lunch. We also need volunteers to write welcome cards for new members, to call potential members, to call members who are sick, and to write get-well cards.

If interested, please call Kay at the  
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## Men's Club Brunch & Learn



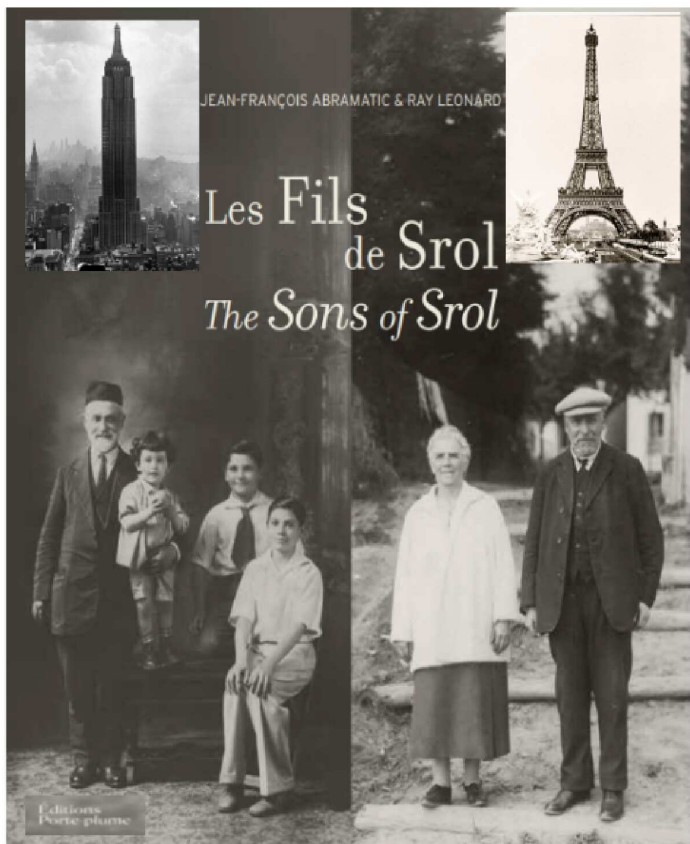
*with guest speaker Ray Leonard, Author*

**Sunday January 19th**

**10am-Noon**

40 Wellington Dr

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RSVP to Jay @ 678-522-2343  
(Text or Call)

or

TBS Office:

[hakol@tbspalmcoast.org](mailto:hakol@tbspalmcoast.org)

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Join us for an engaging session with the author of *The Sons of Srol*, Ray Leonard, as he shares the fascinating story of the Abramajtys family. Tracing their roots in Eastern Europe, the book explores how a region encompassing parts of Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, and Belarus became home to 80% of Europe's Jews by the 1700s. Following the family's journey through emigration, World Wars, and the Nazi occupation, the author will reveal the lessons learned from their survival and resilience in the face of adversity. Don't miss this opportunity to dive into a powerful tale of history, struggle, and the Jewish experience.



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# JANUARY



**Happy Birthday**



5 Dr. Philip Shapiro  
7 Kiva McEwen  
18 Adam Weiss  
19 Nora Banfi  
19 Pearl Salkin

21 Gary Fox  
20 Harvey Singer  
20 Ray Weiss  
24 Kimberly Selis  
24 Simon Kaufman

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Dr. Philip Shapiro, Kiva McEwen, Adam Weiss, Nora Banfi, Pearl Salkin, Gary Fox, Harvey Singer, Ray Weiss, Kimberly Selis, Simon Kaufman

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12 Chanah & Joe Zimmerman  
14 Kimberly & Scott Selis

### EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make the Hard Rock Hanukkah event such fun for the kids and a major success

Congratulations to the CBT Choir for their first performance after the High Holidays. They got RAVE reviews for their program at Hanukkah Shabbat.

Thank you, thank you, Lea & all the Kitchen Angels for creating such a wonderful Hanukkah meal which was enjoyed by a “SELL OUT” crowd!

Rosh Chodesh Tevet for Hebrew Year 5785 will be celebrated from sundown on Monday, 30 December 2024 through nightfall on Wednesday, 1 January 2025



## **BE A CBT MITZVAH MAVEN!**

**Have an extra hour (or two)? Volunteer!!!**

**We have several homebound congregants who have found a visit from a CBT Family Member is one of the best ways to bring a smile to their faces.**

**Interested in spreading some sunshine?**

**Contact Valerie Kane, our interim Chair of the Visiting Committee at 386-871-9909. You can help assist the elderly members of our congregational family. So please consider joining us with this important mitzvah!**

## **AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE**

**Sharing a link to AJC's website:**

**Resource for reporting Antisemitism to Federal Agencies, Law Enforcement, and Social Media Guidance  
(<https://www.ajc.org/ReportingAntisemitism>)**

## **SPREAD THE NEWS**

**CBT received a "Thank You Note" from our Volusia County Sheriff's office for the holiday treats sent for Hanukkah from the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. We also received a personal thank you from Chief Jesse Godfrey for his holiday treats as well.**

**Sue reported that Helen Farb will be honored along with Jeff Bigman, Sheriff Chitwood, and Gale Lemerand at the Federation March Masquerade Ball on March 15th at 6:00 PM**

**Lisa Rhodes had successful knee surgery.**

**Howard's daughters, Grace & Haley will be 21!**



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**MEMORIAL BOARD**

The Sanctuary of Congregation B'nai Torah houses impressive memorial boards. Memorial plaques with the names of our dearly departed loved ones adorn the boards. A brass memorial plaque with the name of your departed loved one inscribed thereon can be added to the Memorial Board for a donation of \$300.

**TREE OF LIFE**

The Sanctuary of Congregation B'nai Torah houses an impressive Tree of Life, donated by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Rhodes.

Stylized "Leaves" or "Foundation Stones" celebrate any occasion and will be engraved with the name of the celebrated person(s) and any other appropriate information.

A leaf can be added for a donation of \$118. For extra special occasions, a limited number of "Foundation Stones" are available for a donation of \$500.

Please call the office at **(386) 672-1174** if you would like more information about either the Memorial Board or the Tree of Life.



*Upcoming Events*

**Shabbat services start at 7:00 PM each Friday**

<u>RESERVE THESE DATES</u>			
Wed	Jan 1,2,3		CBT Office Closed for New Year's Break
Sun	Jan 5	10:00 AM	Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Classes, Org. Meeting
Sun	Jan 5	12:00 PM	Movies w/Rabbi, MUFASA THE LION KING, CMX
Mon	Jan 6	10:00 AM	Mitzvah Day, packing groceries for the Jerry Doliner Food Bank & Pizza lunch afterward
Tue	Jan 7,14,21,28	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Wed	Jan 8	7:30 PM	Men's Club, Hearing Men's Voices Program
Thu	Jan 2 & 16	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast, Peach Valley Café, Ormond Beach
Fri	Jan 10	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Jan 12 & 26	9:00 AM	Shalom School, Temple Beth-El
Thu	Jan 16		Sisterhood, Game Day at CBT
Mon	Jan 20	7:00 PM	CBT Board Meeting
Fri	Jan 31	7:00 PM	2025 Annual Community-Wide Shabbat Service

**Officers and Trustees**  
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