### Congregation B'nai Torah - Celebrating Over 25 Years Together

# TORAH TIMES

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So much good to find in each person, especially when together as the Congregation Bnai Torah Family. May you be inscribed for a Happy and Healthy New Year.



### High Holidays 5785 October

***Ca 2	/.00 pm	Liev Rosh Hashahan
Thu 3	9:00 am	1st Day Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Shofar
	4:30 pm	Tashlich and Shofar at Fortunato Park*
Fri 4	9:00 am	2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Shofar
	7:30 pm	Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service
Sat 5	10:00 am	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service
Sun 6	1:00 pm	Memorial Prayers with Cemetery Visit
Fri 11	7:00 pm	Yom Kippur Evening Service
Sat 12	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
Sat 12	5:30 pm	Yom Kippur Evening Service-Jonah & the Whale, Break-the-Fast*
Sun 13	11:00 am	Sukkot Decorating & Lunch!
Thu 17	9:30 am	First Day of Sukkot Morning Service
Fri 18	9:30 am	Second Day of Sukkot Morning Service
Fri 18	7:00 pm	3rd Day of Sukkot Evening Service/Shabbat
Sun 20	6:30 pm	Schnapps in the Sukkah
Thu 24	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret Memorial Service
	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah with Ice Cream Sundaes
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Erev Rosh Hashanah

### WISHING EVERYONE A SWEET NEW YEAR!

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<sup>\*</sup>Especially Family Friendly



# The **Presidents' Message**



My Fellow Congregants and Rabbi Kane,

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who have contributed their time and resources to help us start a New Year with food, fun, education and a newly landscaped property. The start of the new Jewish Year 5785 in the month of Tishrei, my message is a simple one, "HeyHeyAyin" Unconditional Love and "Chesed" Kindness.

A strong desire is our greatest asset in this journey of life. The Creator wants for us all the blessings that life can offer, but do we share the same desire? Do we settle for too little? This week, the Creator is helping us to choose life, knowing what truly resides in our heart of hearts. To assist us, in this portion of Nitzavim, we are given the invaluable gift of the energy of Yom Kippur, the day when the greatest cleansing of the year occurs. On Yom Kippur, our selfishness is removed, and our hearts are opened to the Creator and to love. In Nitzavim, remarkably, this week, we are cleansed of the blockages that may keep us from desiring simple love. We are able to see the truth that love is the answer to our problems. Love has a way of drawing the happiness and fulfillment we seek. We are given this gift designed to support us in planting positive seeds for the coming year. The Creator knows that when we finally open our hearts and desire simple love, this love will permeate and influence our entire world. For when we choose love, we are indeed choosing life. Commit to Kindness for the coming year. We are the ones who decide what the year will bring for us. Perhaps through our combined efforts to care and be there for each other more, we can tip the scale towards greater positivity in the coming year, both for ourselves and for the world. Being kind, no matter what, is an excellent place to begin! If you feel your kindness slipping into judgment, choose empathy.

"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always." I wish all of you and your families a healthy and sweet new year. Shanah Tovah For your Yom Kippur fast, may it be an easy one and may you be inscribed into the Book of Life.

My appeal to everyone, Congregation B'nai Torah needs your support to continue to evolve, please take a moment and bring your dues up to date, I am also happy to assist and discuss with you any special situations, to those that are current much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you at services and under the Succot.

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

Howard Silverstein, President **HowardHeyHeyAyin1@gmail.com** 815-980-7007

### A Message From Rabbi Kane



### Shiva: Poems of October 7

### **Nowadays One Has to Check by Avital Liman**

In the evacuees' hotel
By the Dead Sea
She carefully gathers
The doll's hair with a ribbon
She attaches a sparkling pipe cleaner
To the ribbon.
And then she asks: "tell me, am I alive?
And how would they know if I were dead?"
What would you say
To a four-year old girl?
"Only the living can hug.
Come, let's hug and see if
We're alive"
Later she says:
"Tomorrow morning, let's check again."

### We Turn Ourselves

We turn ourselves from the mistakes of the past toward the promise of the future, aware that every Jew is responsible for the light he or she can bring to a home, a congregation, a community, a world that sometimes seems too dark.

(As for) our brethren, the entire House of Israel who (still) remain in distress and captivity..., may God have compassion on them, and bring them from distress to relief, from darkness to light, from servitude to redemption, at this moment, speedily, very soon; and let us say Amen

#### Rabbi S. David Kane

### Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report By Helen Farb



This year's school board will include Valerie Kisseloff, Alan Kisseloff, Harriet Fritts, Robin Freedman, Charlie Moscowitz and Jessica Sznapstajler. The Rabbi and President are automatically included.

Shalom School has met 3 sessions. We have 65 students. There is also a Mommy and me class from 11-12. Dr. Jonathan Frankel has organized

everything with Rabbi Kane giving input. Rabbi Kane, Trienah Meyers and Daniel Yfrah start the day with music and many new songs. Each group goes with their teacher to their classroom. Art teachers rotate to each classroom. The students are learning Bible, Holidays/values, Torah, and Rabbinics. (study with Rabbi Kane and Rabbi Simon.) The youngest classes have Shana Freedman, Acacia Myera, and Maevyn Laurette as classroom aides.

It was wonderful to see so many children at our Welcome Back dinner! They did a great job performing "Mishpachah" and helping in the Shema.

Welcome to Fall and hopefully some cooler weather!

Kid and Tot Shabbat Friday October 4th is cancelled

Next Shalom School: Sunday, October 6, 9:00-12:00 PM

### **Save the Dates:**

Thu	Oct 3	4:30pm	Tashlich & Shofar at Fortunato Park
Sat	Oct 12	5:30 pm	Jonah & the Whale
Sun	Oct 13	11:00 am	Sukkot Decorating & Lunch
Thu	Oct 24	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah w/Ice Cream Sundaes

Miss Helen Helen Farb, Religious School Director

# Kid & Tot Shabbat







# More Fun at Kid & Tot Shabbat

Dance with the
Torah on
Simchat Torah





sukkot is almost Here



### Sisterhood in the News

During the month of September, Sisterhood had their opening luncheon at DB Pickles and we filled up their private dining room. Our guest speaker Marianna was amazing; her memory was so vivid. I as well as many others, felt our hair stand up on our necks and arms from her personal recollections. Marianna has a written collection that she would share with anyone who asks for it by email, Lmmachecek@yahoo.com, Her talk emphasized how important it is to keep talking about the Holocaust to make sure those atrocities never happen again. Our beloved Rabbi and his wife attended our event as well. Our Fall dinner prepared by your very own Sisterhood with Lea Moskowitz heading up the kitchen. This meal was so delicious. Do not miss the next one.

Sisterhood voted on the Calendar that was presented at the meeting and how the board will work within the different committees. September has been a busy month, we donated \$5000.00 from our reserves to help the congregation Grounds Committee.

How do we get the monies to make these improvements? We have Fundraisers! PLEASE help our joint FUNDraiser with Temple Beth EL, we will receive a proportional take of all monies raised at the tournament. So, what does that mean? If we have 60% of the attendance, we collect 60% of the revenue. If you think your president is not a little competitive than you **do not know** Barbra Kusnick.

- Saturday, Oct 12th will be our congregational Break-the- Fast. (Not to be missed)
- <u>Wednesday, October 23rd</u>, Sisterhood's Annual Mah Jongg Tournament, will be held at Temple Beth El.
- Sunday, October 27th, we will do a joint program with Men's Club and famed author Ray Leonard, a workshop on his book "Sons of Srol."
- <u>Sunday, November 3rd</u>, Sisterhood will be having an Estate Sale to start up our Scholarship, More details to follow.

I asked the question last month to my fellow and potential sisters if they knew we were getting ready to start the of Days of Awe, the High Holidays. A time of self-reflection, personal growth, and accountability that mark the year in a meaningful way. While you are reflecting on over the past year, one way to continue to show your support is to consider joining. Sisterhood has continued to support our congregation by donating reserved funds to ensure our synagogue's grounds remain safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy. **Have You Joined Yet?** All it takes is a single payment of \$36.00 annually. There are many ways to join; submit your payment either online at mybnaitorah.org website, mail it, or drop it off at the CBT office from 9:00 am − 1:00 pm Monday-Friday

Shana Tovah, Barbara Kusnick, Sisterhood President

Come join the fun

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application HERE



# **BREAK-THE-FAST**

SISTERHOOD IS NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR OUR BREAK-THE-FAST



Saturday, October 12 5:30pm MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SISTERHOOD



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 CBT Office at (386)672-1174.

WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS



### Men's Club Upcoming events:

October and November will be busy times for the Men's Club

- <u>Schnapps in the Sukkah</u>, Sunday, October 20, 6:30 pm. Only \$25, designated drivers are free! See the flyer in this edition of the Torah Times.
- Workshop: 'Sons of Srol' a new book co-authored by our congregant Ray Leonard. Free and open to all members of the Congregation. October 27. 10:00 am.
- <u>Brunch and Shoot at Bunnell Range</u>, Sunday, Nov 17. 10:00 am. \$36 includes brunch, safety lesson, and time on the range. Due to space limitations, limited to 30.

RSVP to all of the above to cbtmensclub@gmail.com. You can pay online at the mybnaitorah.org website or arrange to pay in person.

Men of CBT, our annual membership drive continues. If you haven't done so already, we need you to complete the application. Membership is \$36/year. In case you have misplaced it, here's the link.......

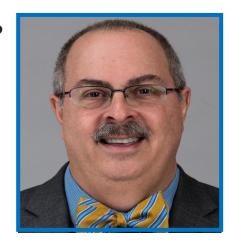
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You can always check the Men's Club page on the CBT website: https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club/

Do you have a great idea for the Men's Club? Contact me: 314-604-5618 cbtobmensclub@gmail.com

Thanks!

Mark Givarz, CBT Men's Club President





Dear Friends,

On October 7th, 2023, the Jewish community suffered a profound loss. As we mark one year since the horrific attacks, we invite you to join us for a special event sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties to commemorate the lives lost, pray for the hostages' safe return, and honor the strength and resilience of the Israeli people.

### **Marking One Year**

OCTOBER 7, 2024 7:00 PM

TEMPLE BETH EL, 579 N. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

# FEATURING REFLECTIONS BY AMBASSADOR DENNIS ROSS

Ambassador Dennis Ross, former US envoy to the Middle East, has dealt with every Israeli prime minister for the past thirty years. Having the unusual distinction of being a political appointee for two Republican and two Democratic presidents —Reagan and Bush 41 and Clinton and Obama—he developed close relationships with six Israeli prime ministers: Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak as well as Ariel Sharon, Benjamin Netanyahu and Naftali Bennett. After decades of experience in government and at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, few know the history of Israel, its efforts on peace, and its relations with Arab countries better than Dennis Ross.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED CALL 386-672-0294





## **Come Enjoy JPGT**

**Great company, conversation, food and friendships!** 

All Welcome — Bring a Friend!

THIS MONTH'S BREAKFASTS
Thursday, October 17th at 9 AM

**New Cocation**Brunch
2071 LPGA Blvd #400
Daytona Beach, FL 32117





### SCHNAPPS IN THE SUKKOT

Sample a variety of spirits in the Sukkot

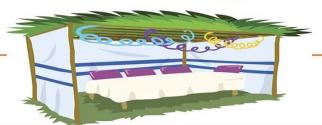
Sunday, October 20th @ 6:30 PM

Invite your friends!
\$25 Admission includes:
Drinks, Games, and Snacks
Designated Drivers are FREE!
Enter a drawing for fabulous prizes!!

Do you have a special favorite you'd like others to try?

Call Mark Givarz at (314) 604-5618 to let him know!

RSVP (and pay) on the website at www.mybnaitorah.org or email cbtobmensclub@gmail.com



### MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

at

**Temple Beth El** 

579 N. Nova Road

Ormond Beach, Florida 32174



### CASH PRIZES AND RAFFLE PRIZES!

#### **COME JOIN THE FUN!**

#### Schedule

10:30 AM-11:00 AM – Registration 11:00 AM – Tournament Starts

**NO WALK-INS** 

Donation - \$36 your check is your reservation - Closing date for reservation is Oct. 16, 2024

Your donation includes lunch, drinks and wonderful desserts!

To register, please fill out the form below and enclose it with your \$36.00 check

Please make your check out to CBT Sisterhood

Mail to: Lea Moskowitz, 2300 N. Atlantic Av #1403, Daytona Beach, FL. 32118

**Questions Call: Sema (386) 264-1508** 

### ENTRY DEADLINE — OCTOBER 16, 2024

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NameE-Mail	
Address	Phone
CityZip	СВТ
Check All that Apply	
I will bring my Mah Jongg Set and receive	an additional raffle ticket for a door Prize
I will bring a card table and receive an ad	ditional raffle ticket for a door Prize
All Mah Jongg Players are invited.	Please join us for a fun filled afternoon!



Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 At 1 PM

At the Jewish Federation of Volusia County
Jewish Cultural Center

AS WE DEDICATE our Magen David Adom
ICU ON WHEELS

(Before it is sent to Israel.)



The Jewish Federation sent a thank you for the CBT contribution to their "Emergency Room on Wheels" campaign. This gift was most helpful and will enable them to purchase the state-of-the art emergency vehicle that Israel's first responders so desperately need.

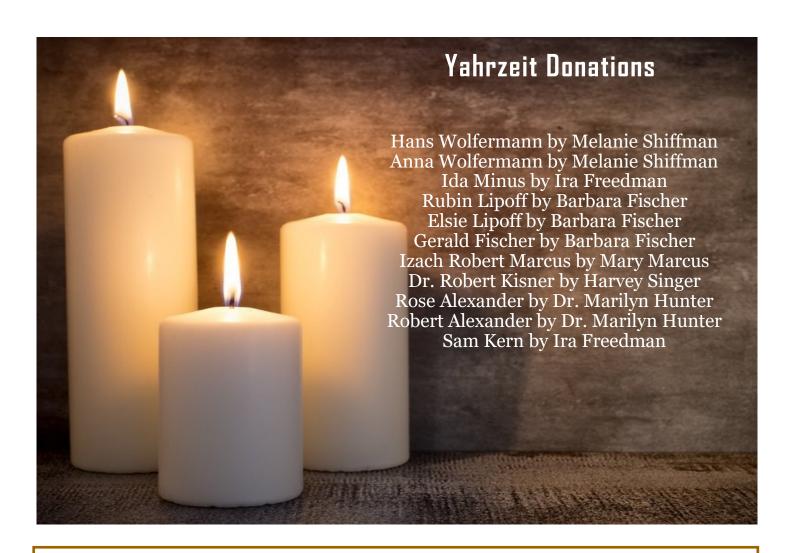
The Social Committee needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers for social events, to call members and potential future members to inform them of upcoming events.

CBT members! I am looking to assemble a committee for the Jewish Women's Retreat taking place early next year.

If interested, please contact Melanie Shiffman at (386)506-9494.





### Thank You for Your Donations to The Rabbi Fund

Melanie Shiffman Deena Stein Jennifer & Jason Eckert Netta Weiner Dr. Marilyn Hunter Ileene & Jerry Leibman









- 2 Barbara Glickstein
- 5 Ileene Leibman
- 10 Kaida Dattel & Micah Dattel
- 12 Sonny Plotkin 100 Years Old!
- 12 Laurie Davis
- 15 Irma Sue Stofsky
- 17 Suzanne Stein
- 18 Endre Banfi
- 19 Ira Freedman

- **22 Howard Silverstein**
- 27 Alice Marvin
- 28 Ari Morse
- 28 Irv Abel
- 29 Michael Diamond
- 30 Rita Pender
- 30 Marina Yfrah
- 31 Anastasia Chuven

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Barbara Glickstein, Ileene Leibman, Sonny Plotkin, Laurie Davis, Irma Sue Stofsky, Suzanne Stein, Ira Freedman, Howard Silverstein, Alice Marvi, Ari Morse, Irv Abel, Michael Diamond, Rita Pender, Marina Yfrah, Anastasia Chuven,

# - HAPPYANIVERSARY!

None

#### EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The Jewish Federation thanked CBT for our helpful donation which will enable Israel to purchase a state-of-the art emergency vehicle they so desperately need.

Lea Moskowitz thanked all her kitchen angels for their help and their creative food trays for the Shabbat dinner.

Thanks to the Building & Grounds and Ritual Committees for all of the High Holiday preparations!

Rosh Hashanah Tishrei for Hebrew Year 5785 will be celebrated from sundown on Wednesday, 2 October 2024 through nightfall on Friday, 4 October 2024

### **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**

Congratulations to Sonny Plotkin, Robin Freedman's father on his upcoming 100th birthday on Oct 12th.

<u>Good News!</u>

There is still room on the Membership Committee for a couple of volunteers. Come join us for a Nosh and bring your best ideas. Call Valerie Kane 386-871-9909

Kaida Dattel Micah Dattel, Daniel Yfrah and Avi Freedman have begun preparing for their Bnai Mitzvot.







#### J. Richard Rhodes, MD

Orthopaedic Surgeon UF Health Orthopaedics – Medical Center of Deltona University of Florida



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donation of \$300.

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The Sanctuary of Congregation B'nai Torah houses impressive memorial boards.

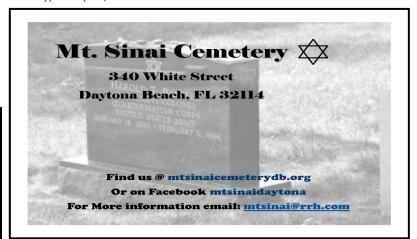
Memorial plaques with the names of our dearly departed loved ones adorn the boards.

A brass memorial plaque with the name of your departed loved one inscribed thereon can be added to the Memorial Board for a

MEMORIAL BOARD

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

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### 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

### See page 2 for our Service Schedule

### **RESERVE THESE DATES**

	Thu/Fri	Oct 3,4,17,18,24,25		CBT Office Closed for Holidays	
	Sun	Oct 6,20	9:00 AM	Shalom School, Temple Beth El	
	Tue	Oct 1,8,15,22,29	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro	
	Mon	Oct 7	7:00 PM	Marking One Year, Reflections by Ambassador Ross	
	Tue	Oct 15	11:00 AM	Senior Lunch Celebration, Temple Beth-el	
	Thu	Oct 17	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast, BRUNCH DAYTONA, LPGA	
	Sun	Oct 20	6:30 PM	Schnapps in the Sukkah	
	Wed	Oct 23	11:00 AM	Mah Jongg Tournament , Temple Beth El	
	Sun	Oct 27	10:00 AM	'Sons of Srol' Workshop, New Book	
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#### **Officers and Trustees**

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**MaryAnn Serkin** 

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