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What happened to our cooler weather? It's starting to feel like Summer already, and it's only March.

We are thrilled the 5-second delay we experienced with Zoom has been eliminated, thanks to the efforts of Alan Kisseloff, whose tenacity and hard work resolving this issue is greatly appreciated.

More thank you's to Jonathan Rotstein and the Rotstein Family for donating the Dr. Jack and Ilene Rotstein Media Center to CBT. The dedication was held on Tu B'Shevat, so afterward we all walked over to the Sanctuary for a delicious chicken with pears seder dinner made by Rabbi Kane. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped put this dinner together, especially Virginia Horowitz for planning and shopping for an amazing menu, Jess Sznapstajler, Shana Freedman, Zandra Dattel, Barbara Singer and Helen Farb for food prep, and Laurie Davis for finding those amazing olive bread rolls.

Rabbi Kane began a two-part, 4-week adult education class two weeks ago, giving congregants a chance to learn more about our history and customs. We so appreciate him sharing his vast knowledge and perspective, not only on the traditional, but possible new ways of thinking about things in our daily lives. If you have not participated in one of Rabbi Kane's adult education classes, be sure to register the next time one is offered.

We have MULTIPLE Purim celebrations coming up. On Sunday, March 5th, at 10 AM, our Religious School will create delicious hamentaschen. Then, from 12 PM to 2 PM, we will celebrate at the Family Purim Carnival on Temple Beth-El's property. We will gather again on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for the Megillah Reading and Party. If you haven't had anything to laugh at lately, attending any or all of these events will fix that.

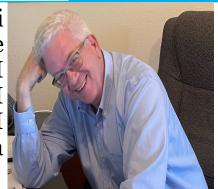
By now, you should have received your invitation to our 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Please mail your reply card with your food choice along with your check soon. We still need your reply card even if you have paid online. We will be honoring Rabbi Kane and our Committee of Founders who put their hearts and heads together to start our beautiful congregation.

Please plan on attending services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Unfortunately, we broke the minyan streak we had going. Let's get it restarted and continue it!!

Your 2022-2023 Co-Presidents, Robin Freedman and Adrienne Cooperman

#### A Message From Rabbi Kane

If I might adapt the famous quote from Rabbi Heschel, "Shabbat is a Sanctuary in Time." He actually wrote that Shabbat was a palace, but I prefer Sanctuary, because, like many Jews, I don't need to enter a palace on Shabbat. I think I would be happy with entering a sanctuary.



Our current sensibility of Shabbat observance being the yardstick by which we measure our "Jewishness" has never made much sense to me until recently. My teacher often said that some laws that a community observes are strict because 1) the discipline is good for our character and 2) If all observe a strict standard, then those who might be tempted to abandon Shabbat can gain strength from our collective will.

To be honest, in the modern orthodox community of my childhood, I could think of 100 reasons that turning on a light would be okay with God. What if I were studying Torah? What if I were reading to a sick person? What if I was showing the answer to an important question to someone who had poor eyesight? Teenagers rebel, and serious Jewish teenagers who evolve into men throughout their adolescence use the Creator as their Stand-in for their own judgment of what is right and what is wrong.

God doesn't mind me driving to Shul, participating in a walk-a-thon, picking up medicine, playing a relaxing game, writing a love letter, any number of things that my home community would have frowned upon 75 years ago.

Fifty years ago, I resisted their notions of God being Orthodox, or more precisely, God discounting intention when observing my behavior. Perhaps all these little dis-observant thoughts from my childhood created cracks in my Sanctuary in time. If that is so, then the constancy of screens in our lives has driven a truck-sized hole through our sanctuary wall. In one short decade we have gone from, "I'll leave it on its charger on Shabbat" to "it will just be in the car" to " let me just check my messages, the score, the news, etc." during services.

It is not just Shabbat that our screens are smashing.

The motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar once shared a story of how he wasted time at home getting ready to get to work of getting a job. One great time waster was checking the mailbox five times a day to see if the mail had arrived, just in case an offer was coming which would make his potential job search moot.

If Zig were alive, imagine what he would think of our screen time. What is it about an email or instant message that requires our immediate attention? How often is the "Breaking News Alert" good news, and how often do we really need to know the bad news *right now* in addition to the 6 hours of updates and summaries? Our parents got the bad news for 30 minutes each evening from Walter Cronkite.

What is the cost to us, of letting our screens smash through Shabbat and through our lives?

What if we clench our teeth in frustration with the world and never, ever stop? You might guess that we would become less stable mentally or at the very least less aware of the good in our lives.

Seeing so much bad or useless stuff on our screens prevents us from having the time to see good; let alone do good.

And that is what is being stolen. And we are the accomplices. What would theft prevention look like?

We already know.

# Rabbí S. Davíd Kane



# A Thank You From the Jewish Community

Dearest Friends,

Shalom, Salaam and Peace!

On behalf of the entire Jewish community of our region, I wanted to send you all a heartfelt thank you for the outpouring of caring and support shared yesterday at Sheriff Chitwood's news conference.

Our community is so extraordinary that we were all brought together through the good offices of Sheriff Chitwood, with such beautiful support from all of you who turned out in solidarity with us against antisemitism and against all forms of hate, racism and bigotry.

You all helped our community feel safer and truly cared for. Together we clearly brought light to overcome the darkness. Our community will never forget your kindness and love.

We are all in this together and the Jewish community will be ready to stand with you, whenever hate shows up in our community directed at any of us.

We are truly humbled by your kindness and courage.

In faith and with love,

Rob

Rabbi Dr. Rob Lennick Executive Director

# Temple Beth-EI and Congregation B'nai Torah

Temple Beth-El Front Fenced-in Field; (Park in lot behind Temple Beth-El!) 579 N Nova Road Ormond Beach, FL

# Family Carnival to celebrate Purim!

# Sunday, March 5 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Games & Prizes Food & Fun Bounce house & Slides! Face Painter from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

# Costumes are encouraged!

All-you-can-play wristbands - \$10.00 per family. Free for local synagogue members!

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Purim - Megillah Reading & Party Monday, March 6th @ 6 PM Come have fun with our youngest congregants as they join Rabbi Kane in reading the story of Queen Esther

All Are Welcome !



# Passover Seder Wednesday April 5, 2023

Doors Open 5:45 PM Seder Begins Sixish Conducted by Rabbi S. David Kane

# Our delectable menu:

Matzoh Ball Soup, Gefilte Fish, Chopped Liver, Chicken with Stuffing, a Bissel of Brisket, Veggies, Assorted Desserts and more!

Members: \$48 Guests: \$54 Children (6-12): \$24 Children (0-5) and CBT Religious School Students - FREE!

Please RSVP before March 22nd We SELL OUT quickly! Your received payment is your reservation Mail your check or go to: cbtemail@mybnaitorah.org



#### **Religious School Report** By Helen Farb

February was filled with lots of fun and activities for our families. February's Kid and Tot Shabbat was enjoyed by everyone, and we were pleased to have Kiva and Doug McEwen as guests. The McEwen's donated 9 magnolia trees to the students in honor of Tu B'Shevat. Thank you for your generosity,



Doug and Kiva! If you adopted a tree, be sure to take a picture of yourself with it and email it to Laurie at <u>cbtemail@mybnaitorah.org</u>.

Our first CBT Tu B'Shevat seder was a huge success. Thanks to Jessica Sznapstajler, Zandra Dattel, Barbara Singer and Shana Freedman for their help slicing and dicing. Rabbi Kane's pear chicken was yummy. Laurie Davis' help, as usual, was invaluable, and the olive bread rolls she found for us were scrumptious. Rabbi Kane, the children and their helpers did a rousing rendition of the song "I Am A Tree." Virginia and I would like to thank all those who supported the Religious School by coming to this event and by donating. We will use the money to help pay for our field trip at the end of the school semester.

We started preparations for Purim on Sunday, February 26. Thanks to all those who helped make hamentaschen, especially Jessica and Ori Sznapstajler. On March 5<sup>th</sup> we will learn more about Purim and make Shalach Manot bags for some of our congregants, then it's off to



Temple Beth-El at Noon to enjoy the joint Purim Carnival. Volunteers to work short shifts at the carnival are needed, so let us know if you're available!! Purim wraps up with the Megillah Reading and Party on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 PM – an event NO ONE should miss, so come!

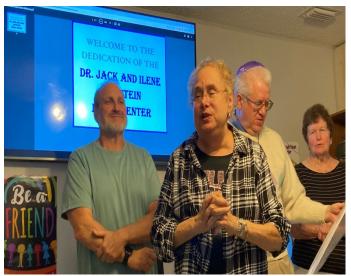
Happy Purim!!

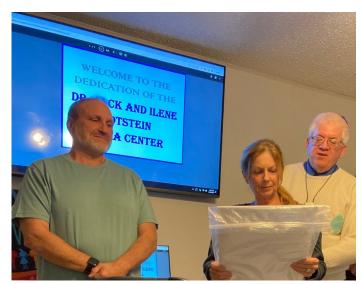
Miss Helen

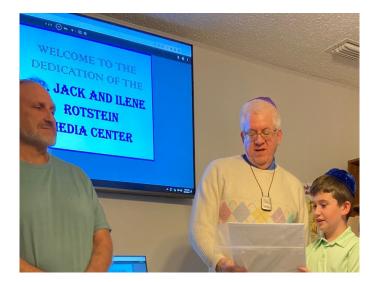
# Rotstein Media Center Dedication at the Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School



















### Then we all enjoyed a SCRUMPTIOUS

#### **Tu B'Shevat Seder Dinner!**



















On February 12th, the annual Men's Club "World Wide Wrap" was held. The event went very well. Thank you to all who attended or provided tefillin, food, and help in the kitchen. At least four of the attendees had never worn tefillin before, while for some others, it had been many years. Everyone learned and got to share the experience and mitzvah together.

We printed about 50 "How to Wrap Tefillin"

cards. If you'd like one, we left extra copies on the flyer table in the Sanctuary. We look forward to participating in the World Wide Wrap again next year!

In honor of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), we will once again be distributing Yellow Candles to the congregation to honor the memory of those who perished in the Shoah. Yom Hashoah is on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> this year. Candles have been ordered, and when they arrive, we will hold a candle bag assembly event to get them ready for distribution to the congregation. Like last year, you will be able to pick yours up at live Services on Friday or Saturday or you can stop by the school/admin building between 9 AM and 1 PM weekdays.

Do you have ideas about other programming you'd like to see? Please reach out to me!

Happy Purim Everyone!

Mark Givarz CBT Men's Club President 314-604-5618 cbtobmensclub@gmail.com

## WORLD WIDE WRAP















By now, you have received your invitation to the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance, so be sure you mail your RSVP cards back along with your checks, letting us know if you will be attending and what you want to eat.

We're getting ready for the CBT/TI Passover seder. This event traditionally sells out quickly, so if you don't want to cook, or simply want to share a meaningful holiday with your CBT Family, we encourage you to reserve your place at the table by sending in your RSVP and payment.

Purim is shaping up to be nonstop fun and excitement with the Religious School baking hamantaschen and then Kid & Tot Shabbat launching off the festivities on the 3rd followed by Religious School and the joint CBT-Beth-El Purim Carnival on the 5th, and concluding with the

Megillah Reading & Party on the 6th at 6 PM. Everyone should come to these events and support our young people. You will find yourself having a good time!

Thanks to those of you who have been helping out in the kitchen while Lea has been traveling. We welcome participation at all events and services.

The kitchen reorganizing is underway, and we now have a brandnew fridge to enjoy. Thanks to all who reached out to let us know you want to be included in the kitchen "reorientation" we will schedule after Passover. In the meantime, feel free to stop in to help prepare Onegs and Kiddushes. We'll be happy to help you get the lay of the land.

Hope to see you soon!

Your T.B.T Sisterhood

## **Office Happenings**

OK, everyone. Let's do some math. Drag out those calculators and input the cost of a greeting card (not the free ones you get in the mail from nonprofits or the ones at the Dollar Store - a REAL one - like a Hallmark). Now add the cost of a stamp, the value of your time and the cost of gas to go to the store. No wonder we don't send our wishes as often as we think of doing so. Well, guess what. We've got you covered!



For a contribution of only \$5 to CBT, you can forego all the above and have a *personalized* card created to send to anyone thanking them, wishing them, acknowledging them, celebrating them - FOR ANY REASON - and you will not only be performing a double Mitzvah, you'll be saving money! Could there be anything better?

Just email or call to let us know what you want to say, and then (this is the hard part) please remember to send a check or go online to make the contribution of \$5 per card. What a great way to make sure all the important happenings and people in your life are remembered.

We've asked for quite a bit of RSVPing for the myriad of events coming up in the next weeks. I've got all the spreadsheets ready for your names and food selections for the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance, all the Purim celebrations, Kid & Tot Shabbat, and the Passover Seder (which is already filling up). We look forward to seeing many of you at these and all the other activities this Spring!

This month's recipe is Purim appropriate - hamantaschen - of course! For those like me who have never made homemade hamantaschen, we're including a recipe that is not only easy, but pareve too! Double bonus - hurray! **HAPPY PURIM EVERYONE!!** 

Laurie Davis Your CBT Administrator cbtemail Omybnaitorah.org 386-672-1174



# **Easy Hamantaschen**

Prep Time:15 mins Cook Time: 15 mins Total Time: 30 mins Yield: 2 dozen

TIP: Try covering the dough and refrigerating overnight

#### **Ingredients**

3 large eggs
1 cup granulated sugar
<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup vegetable oil
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup orange juice
2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoons vanilla extract
5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 cup fruit preserves, any flavor

#### **Directions**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease cookie sheets.

Combine eggs and sugar in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Stir in oil, orange juice, and vanilla. Combine flour and baking powder; stir into batter to form a stiff dough, adding more flour if needed.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out into a 1/2-inch

thickness. Cut into circles using a cookie cutter or the rim of a drinking glass; place 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets. Spoon about 1 to 2

teaspoons of your favorite preserves into center of each cookie. Pinch edges to form three corners.

Bake in the preheated oven until lightly browned, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on the cookie sheets for 1 minute; transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Eat and enjoy!!

#### Yahrzeit Donations

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#### Religious School Field Trip/Tu B'Shevat Donations

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Special Thanks To

Doug and Kiva McEwen for the wonderful magnolia tree saplings donated to our Religious School students in honor of Tu B'Shevat.

Shana Freedman, Zandra Dattel, Jess Sznapstajler, Barbara Singer, Val & Rabbi Kane, Virginia Horowitz and Helen Farb for preparing an absolutely *scrumptious* Tu B'Shevat Seder Dinner!

Lea Moskowitz and all the Sisterhood and Men's Club helpers for making sure our Onegs, Kiddushes, and celebratory events are so special. Your efforts taking care of all the details are truly appreciated.



**Happy Birthday** *from* Lea & Charles Moskowitz *to* Betsy Honigman, Dan Hoven, Jonathan Rotstein, Abie Bockish, Robin Cohen, Dr. Charles Stein, Karen Chuven, Dr. Marvin Lewis, Dr. Ken Nusbaum, Lyuda Chigirinskaya, Regina Cochran, Herb Goldberg, Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, Leonard Mandell, Sue Abel, Joe Zimmermann, Mel Nebrasky

#### CBT Member News

Mazel Tov to Ira and Robin Freedman on the birth of their Grandson, Weston Ray. Baby Weston and parents, Sara and Hunter are all well and enjoying one another.

More congratulations are in order for Dawnmarie Mullins and her family who were blessed with the birth of four more grandchildren last month. Winston, Gianna, Felix and Theresa are all doing wonderfully and bring the family's grandbaby grand total up to 15!!

Have any news you'd like to share? Email cbtemail@mybnaitorah.org. Let your CBT Family in on all the exciting things happening to you and yours!

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The cost to purchase a plot at Mount Sinai Cemetery will be increasing on April 1, 2023. Contact Alan Kisseloff at (386) 290-4188 for details.

<u>Please</u> let us know if you have changed your mailing address, email address or phone number.

If you are not receiving the Rabbi's letters, texts or the CBT semiweekly emails, please notify the office!

Thank you!

# WHAT A MITZVAH!

We are updating our list of "volunteer visitors." If you can spare a few minutes to brighten the day of a homebound congregant, call or email

> Valerie Kane (386) 871-9909 NurseVal@earthlink.net

# zoom

If you need help setting up Zoom in order to participate in weekly Services, please call:

Charlie Moskowitz (386) 871-0427 OR

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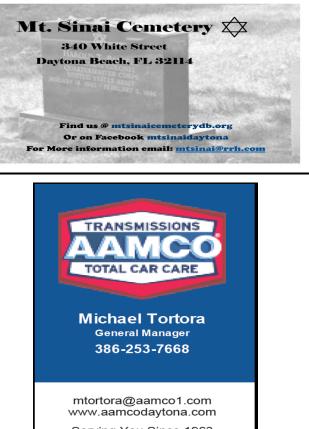


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Stylized "Leaves" or "Foundation Stones" celebrate any occasion and will be engraved with the name of the celebrated person(s) and any other appropriate information.

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.



Shabbat services start at 7:30 PM each Friday and at 10:00 AM each Saturday unless otherwise noted.

#### **BE SURE TO SAVE THESE DATES!**

| Thu   | Mar 2, 9      | 6:45 PM  | Adult Ed with Rabbi Kane       |
|---|---------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Fri   | Mar 3         | 6:00 PM  | Kid & Tot Shabbat              |
|   |               |          |                                |
| Sat   | Mar 4         | 6:00 PM  | Federation Purim Ball          |
| Sun   | Mar 5         | 10:00 AM | Religious School               |
| Sun   | Mar 5         | 12:00 PM | Intercongregation Family Purim |
|   |               |          | Carnival                       |
| Mon   | Mar 6         | 6:00 PM  | Megillah Reading & Party       |
| Tue   | Mar 14, 21,28 | 7:00 PM  | Torah Study with Rabbi Shapiro |
| Mon   | Mar 20        | 7:00 PM  | Board of Trustees Meeting      |
| Sat   | Mar 25        | 7:00 PM  | CBT 25th Anniversary Dinner    |
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Coming to the Sanctuary on April 5th The CBT/TI 2023 Passover Seder Reserve your seat(s) before they're all gone!

#### **Officers and Trustees**

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