

# Congregation B'nai Torah - Celebrating 25 Years Together

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# OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

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## The Co-Presidents' Message



Our 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance was a night to remember. All 125 attendees enjoyed themselves with delicious food, drinks and dancing. Our Pioneer Founders were presented with framed certificates commemorating their role in our congregation's history, and Rabbi Kane was presented with a trophy thanking him for his 25 years of service. Chief Jesse Godfrey and City Manager Joyce Shanahan presented CBT with a Proclamation signed by Mayor Bill Partington. Rabbi Rob Lennick and Marvin Miller of the Jewish Federation presented the Congregation and Rabbi Kane with the FIRST annual Shamash Award, recognizing a person or entity which brings light to all.

We were thrilled that Sheriff Mike Chitwood was able to join us, so we could acknowledge his support. Thank you to all our sponsors and donors whose generosity made this evening possible, and thanks again to the amazing Barbara Kusnick and Laurie Davis who joined us on the planning committee.

This is the time of the year when we call upon the congregation for help, as it is time to select a new slate of officers and trustees for the Board. Adrienne and I have enjoyed being your Co-Presidents this past year, and we hope someone will become our new President (or Co-Presidents) to help keep things running smoothly. We will be making calls within the next week or two, so please consider contributing a small bit of time to help your synagogue and, most importantly, Rabbi Kane. Anyone interested should contact Adrienne or myself. We are here for you anytime.

The CBT Sisterhood is ready to ramp up and will also be needing a Board and volunteers for committees. Hope you can attend their Annual Brunch at Steve's Diner on May 1st.

Your Co-Presidents,  
Robin Freedman and Adrienne Cooperman

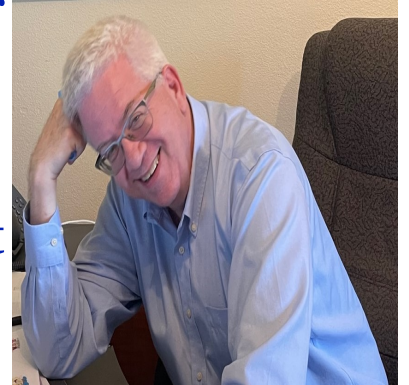
## *A Message From Rabbi Kane*

**On Saturday, March 25th, Congregation B'nai Torah honored Rabbi Kane and our Founding Pioneers**

Charles & Lea Moskowitz  
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Marcia Goldstein

What a fabulous evening to honor our founding pioneers, both present and elsewhere.

But they were only the first trickle in what would become a flood of support for our about-to-be-born spiritual family.



A new congregation needs resources, and Mark and Patrizia Ruben were there in those early struggles, and Charlie Moskowitz was able to arrange our Torah from Congregation Beth Shalom.

If we made a list of all the people who jumped in with enthusiasm, dedication and support, by the time we held our first series of organizational meetings, it would fill page after page of this issue of the Torah Times. Some of those phenomenal people have passed and some have moved away.

However, there are those still here after 25 years at CBT that I wouldn't mind mentioning, including my lovely wife Valerie, the awesome Rita Pender, the always-gracious Ken and Sheryl Lipowitz, our current Co-President Adrienne Cooperman, her wise mother Bobbie Gordon, the talented Mavis Green, the multi-skilled Ken Haberman, the warm and delightful Don and Linda Holbert, and the vivacious and kind Rena and Mike Katz.

Still more folks joined throughout that entire summer, and you can find almost all of their signatures on our dedication scroll hanging in the entrance next to our Founders Display.

As vital as all of this early love was to our survival, we grew on the backs of dozens of volunteers who filled positions on the Board, served as officers in our Congregation, Sisterhood, School and Men's Club, participated in services, helped with membership drives, fundraising, teaching, learning and charity projects.

And we all did our best to take care of each other.

So thank you all, whether you have been here for 25 years or just a month, for being part of this community, and for allowing me to serve as your Rabbi. Because of you, my peers understand how blessed I am.

Finally, have you ever heard the expression, "Happy wife, happy life?" There is another expression I often think of about this subject, "Amazing wife, Happy Rabbi."

*Rabbi S. David Kane*

# The 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Be sure to look for more pictures in the  
25th Anniversary Special Edition



# 2023 PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE



## 2023 Passover Schedule at Congregation B'nai Torah

Wednesday	April 5	Passover Service and Seder 5:45 p.m.
Thursday	April 6	1st Day of Passover Service 9:30 a.m.
Friday	April 7	2nd Day of Passover Service 9:30 a.m.
Friday	April 7	Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	April 8	Shabbat & 3rd Day of Passover Service 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	April 12	7th Day of Passover Service 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	April 13	8th Day of Passover Service (Yiskor) 9:30 a.m.

## Selling the “Chometz”

The Torah forbids a Jew to own or possess any chometz (bread, cake, beer, etc.) during Passover, so we sell any chometz left after the search and burning to a non-Jew, with a rabbi acting as our agent.

The non-Jewish buyer is told the value of the chometz and its location. He gives a small deposit, and the balance becomes a guaranteed loan. The sale of chometz is legally binding, with the balance to be paid after Passover, but the buyer may return it to the seller and get back his deposit.

Place chometz utensils in the room or closet (s) to be sold. These designated places are sealed with tape or locked, and should not be opened until after Passover.

## Sale of Chometz Form

(Please print or type)

I (we) hereby authorize Rabbi David Kane to dispose of all chometz that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be, at home, at my (our) place of business, or elsewhere – in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in the special contract for sale of chometz.

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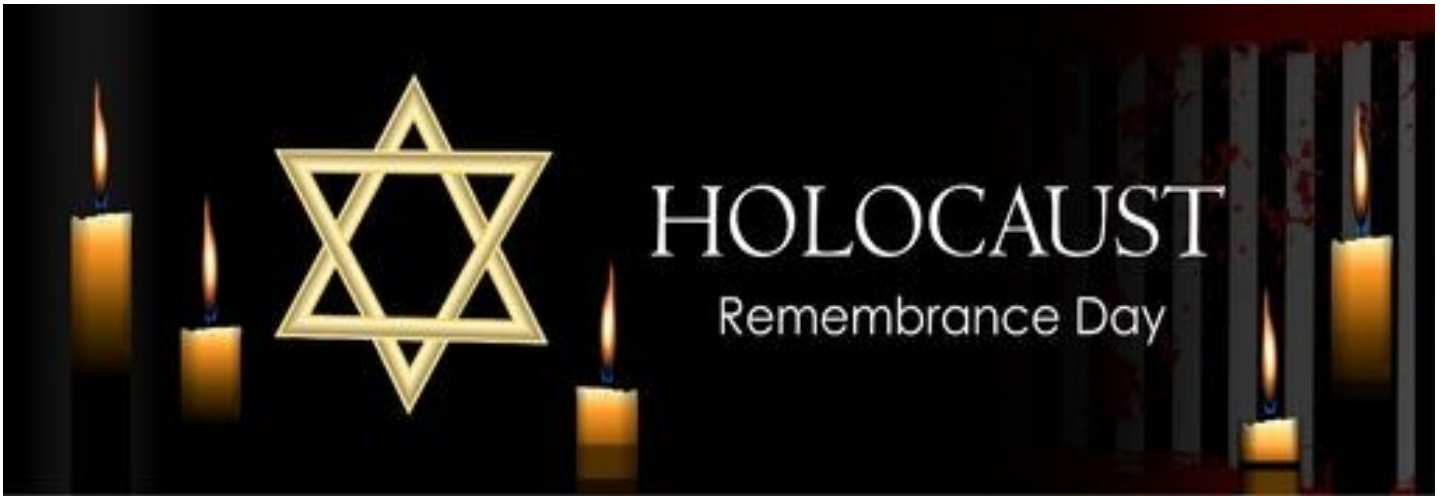
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**On April 17, 2023 at Sundown (7:52 PM EDT), we will remember those who perished in the Shoah by lighting a Yom HaShoah Yellow candle**

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**Candles and instructions are available in the Sanctuary and the office. Please be sure to come by for yours, so you can participate .**



## Religious School Report

By Helen Farb

Purim was celebrated throughout the entire month of March! All of the students made wonderful Mishloach Shalot Manot bags for some of our congregants, and many of the recipients expressed their sincere appreciation!

In Morah Virginia's class the children learned the value of helping others. They also worked on the values taught in Purim, such as standing up for what you believe, like Esther did. Our class made their own Megillahs. Navah, who is from Israel, gave us some facts about Israel and showed us some places of interest on the Israeli map. We also learned some Purim songs.

We had a great time at the Purim Carnival at Temple Beth-El where we played many games with the children. Thanks to Navah, Sophia, and Ana for helping face paint, and to Dawn Marie and Esther for helping make Purim puppets. We had lots of people visit our table, and we couldn't have done it without your help!

The Megillah reading had great attendance, and as always, the costumes were cute. Rabbi Kane led the festivities as a pirate. Rabbi Lennick did a fabulous job narrating. The children were beyond adorable as they acted out their parts. Ice cream and hamantaschen were enjoyed by all! Thanks to Shana Freedman, Laurie Davis and Jared Kisseloff for decorating the Sanctuary. It looked like Shushan.

On Sunday, March 26, we told the story of Passover, its rituals and what belongs at a seder. Rabbi Kane led us in singing some Passover songs.



Morah Virginia's class discussed modern-day plagues and what we can do about them, because Judaism is ACTION!

Our school's model seder is on Sunday, April 2, at 10:00 AM. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help. Happy Passover everyone!

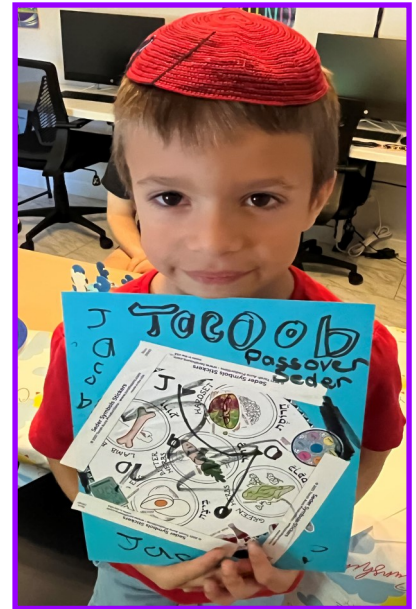
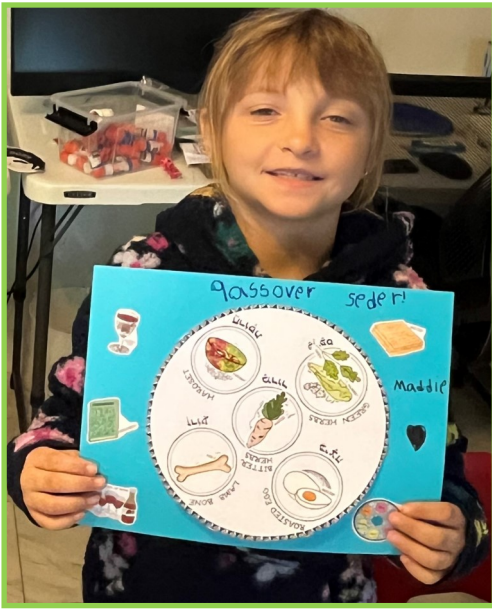
*Miss Helen*

# Learning About and Celebrating Purim





# Learning About and Celebrating Passover



# MEN'S CLUB®



To commemorate Yom HaShoah, the Men's Club will be providing the congregation with Yellow Candles to honor the memory of those who perished in the Shoah.

Candles are ready for you to pick up in the Sanctuary (during services), or at the office, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Yom HaShoah candles will be lit at sundown (7:52 p.m.) on the evening of Monday, April 17.

**Next Men's Club meeting:  
Sunday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.**  
(in the Oneg room)

We will be planning events for the next 12 months at this meeting, as well as discussing other important items. Coffee and snacks will be served. All men of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

Do you have ideas about other programming you'd like to see on the schedule? Please reach out to me with them.

Chag Pesach Sameach!

Mark Givarz  
CBT Men's Club President  
314-604-5618  
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To the sponsors and donors of the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance: the Serkin, Kusnick, Turetsky, Cooperman, Davis, and Freedman families, the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, and the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties. We appreciate your generosity.

Thanks to: Bonnie Berns, Mark & Alyce Givarz, Don & Linda Holbert; Ken & Sheryl Lipowitz, Alan & Ellen Rabin, Scott & Lorna Ravede, Gerry Epstein, Zev & Gail Cohen, Dan & Luran Hoven and Marianna Machacek for your donations in honor of CBT's 25th Anniversary.



# APRIL



## Congregation B'nai Torah

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 8 Larry Horowitz  
 13 Cholly Beck  
 15 Beverly Lewis  
 16 George Rimler  
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18 Violette Diamond  
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 25 Manette Lasris  
 28 Linda Holbert  
 30 Rose Grace

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20 Steven Levin



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1 Lorna & Dr. Scott Ravede  
 3 Bari & Stuart Amols  
 5 Ida & Philip Melnick  
 14 MaryAnn & Dr. Steve Serkin



**Happy Birthday** from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Barbara Kusnick, Larry Horowitz, Cholly Beck, Beverly Lewis, George Rimler, Bruce Davidoff, Violette Diamond, Edward Rothberg, Jeanine Horowitz, Manette Lasris, Linda Holbert, Rose Grace

## *CBT Member News and Thank You's*

Many of the recipients of the Shalach Manot bags our Religious School students prepared and distributed have sent thank you cards and phoned to express how much they enjoyed receiving their bags. What a Mitzvah you have performed CBT Religious School students! You brought smiles to the faces of so many.

Thank you all for attending and being a huge part of Shi's special day. All of you welcomed and immediately loved our family, and this day would not have been the same without all of you. Thank you for Shi's gifts and the party afterwards. We love you all and are looking forward to a life with our new Temple!

With love and appreciation, Dre Sylvester & Family

Thank you to everyone who called, prayed, wrote, visited, and sent flowers, cards and good wishes. They all worked!! I am on the mend!

Gratefully, Sema Friedman

Hearty congratulations to Helen Farb and family on the birth of a beautiful great grandbaby, Mia Helen! Mia weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz. and everyone is happy and healthy!! Welcome to the world Mia Helen!

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The office will be closed in observance  
of Passover on the following dates:**

**Thursday, April 6  
Friday, April 7  
Wednesday, April 12  
Thursday, April 13  
Chag Pesach Sameach**

**Please let us know if you have changed your  
Email, physical mailing 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!**

**We asked - you answered! Thank You!!**

**Our "visiting volunteers" list is growing, but we still need  
folks to brighten the day of homebound  
congregants with an occasional visit from a fellow CBT  
Member.**

**Interested in spreading some sunshine?**

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

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

**BE SURE TO SAVE THESE DATES!**

Sun	Apr 2	10:00 AM	Religious School Model Seder
Mon	Apr 3	11:45 AM	Jewish Federation Seniors Seder
Wed	Apr 5	5:45 PM	CBT/TI Passover Seder
Thu	Apr 6	9:30 AM	1st Day Passover Service
Fri	Apr 7	9:30 AM	2nd Day Passover Service
Sat	Apr 8	9:30 AM	3rd Day Passover & Shabbat Service
Wed	Apr 12	9:30 AM	7th Day Passover Service
Thu	Apr 13	9:30 AM	8th Day Passover Service
Mon	Apr 17	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Mon	Apr 17	7:52 PM	Yom HaShoah Candle Lighting
Tue	Apr 18,25	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Shapiro
Sun	Apr 23	Morning	Religious School Field Trip
Fri	Apr 28	7:00 PM	Community-Wide Shabbat at TBE
Sun	Apr 30	10:00 AM	Religious School Final Day Party

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