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The Co-Presidents' Message



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Hello everyone. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. It's Summertime, and the livin' is easy here at CBT where it's traditionally a little quieter, so there's not much to report this month. We have the chance to rest before the High Holidays and the busy Fall and Winter. Of course, it's the perfect time to attend services once a month!

Rabbi Kane will be back from vacation July 3rd. We want to thank all the service leaders who helped officiate our services during his absence:

Rabbi Lennick

Larry Cooperman

Cantor Rich

Sam Kisseloff

Charles Moskowitz

Ana Chuyen

All of you did a sensational job, and we appreciate your knowledge and willingness to share that knowledge with the congregation.

Another thank you to Rabbi Lennick for preparing and presenting the seminar on antisemitism and for inviting Sheriff Chitwood as guest speaker. It was an extremely informative presentation.

If you want to be part of the High Holiday choir, please be sure to email or call the office. The first rehearsal is on Wednesday, July 12th at 7 PM!!

Have a Happy 4th of July.

Adrienne and Robin
Co-Presidents

A Message From Rabbi Kane

So here is something curious.

The prophets are quoted as saying (paraphrasing here) that one day the whole world will know God's name. Sitting here in 5783, a time when we use Adonai (my master), because we hesitate to say God's name incorrectly, it seems like a big hill to climb.

Why do the prophets even regard knowing God's name as desirable?

Jewish theologians and scholars have peered through different lenses searching for an answer.

Classic Judaism might claim that knowing God's name means acknowledging that God is the ultimate Ruler of the world, and so no one would dare disobey God's law. Some later Rabbinic sources might observe that knowing God's name means acknowledging the Creator of all, and in that awareness, being grateful for the miracles of creation. Within that gratitude being incapable of doing selfish acts.

The Kabbalists believed that knowing God's name was not possible, but recognizing the divine spark in each other would be like knowing God on a scale which matched our capacities. Seeing the Divine in each other will call us to mercy and away from unkindness.

Modern Judaism allows us to pick a lens to look through, but looking is troubling.

Why? Because looking leads to questions.

What law do we ignore even though we know it will make our lives better? What do we take for granted in life that leads us to want things more than the things we need? What people are not people to us, because their differences are more important than our common divine humanity?

The answers to these questions are not solutions to anything. They are starting points. Each day we withdraw some time from the bank of eternity. On this anniversary of the destruction of the Holy Temple, not really understanding what was lost, perhaps we can spend time doing more than feeling sadness.

It is in our power to spend our time improving one part of our lives. We must acknowledge our loss, then move on to action.

The bank of eternity is infinite. . . but we are not.

Let seeking God's name lead us to discover our better selves. . . and we may actually find each other.





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The Jewish Federation
OF VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties
Jerry Doliner Food Bank
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Volunteers needed to fill food bags for the food bank.

Hours are very flexible.
Anytime between 8:30 and 4:30
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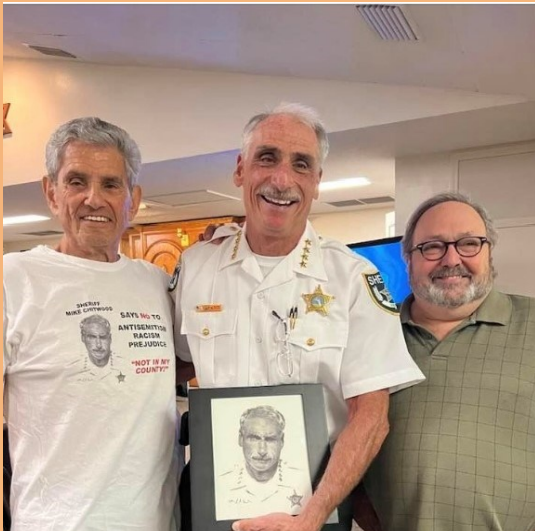
If interested, please call Claire Nellis at:
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WE ARE STILL STANDING WITH UKRAINE

Russia continues to invade Ukraine, destroying cities and killing thousands of innocent civilians. Every moment, Ukraine's population is in danger of losing their homes, their businesses, and most important, their lives. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are counting on us. Funds will be used for Ukraine humanitarian relief and for those displaced by the war.

If you would like to show your support for the people of Ukraine, you can donate now at:

<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Pf93ye>



Sheriff Mike Chitwood spoke at the History of Antisemitism Event presented by Jewish Federation Executive Director Rabbi Rob Lennick at Congregation B'nai Torah.

President Marvin Miller's son, Kenny, prepared an original portrait sketch with the Sheriff's likeness to present to him with all our thanks for his service.

Calling All CBT/TI Songbirds

Come sing in the 2023 High Holiday Choir

Join us as we happily harmonize with

Rabbi Kane and Cantor Rich

No previous music experience or Hebrew knowledge required



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First rehearsal

Wednesday, July 12 @ 7 PM

in the CBT Sanctuary

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**1st and 3rd Thursday of
Every Month @ 9:00 AM**



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laurie.jfvf.execassistant@gmail.com**

Religious School Report

By Helen Farb

Many thanks to Virginia Horowitz, who despite a finger injury, was able to lead Kid & Tot Shabbat while I was on my Great Lakes trip. Over a dozen of our students and their families enjoyed the program Virginia presented about Tzedakah. Virginia discussed the many mitzvot of Shabbat, like lighting candles and saying all the blessings.

There was an exciting penny search, made possible by Sam and Eli Kisseloff, who hid almost \$100 of pennies throughout the sanctuary. Most of them were found, but if you find a penny the next time you are in the sanctuary, you will know where it came from! Afterward, everyone got to enjoy the appropriately titled book, “The Very Best Place for a Penny.”

We found the Tzedakah Box for Ukraine maintained in the sanctuary and talked about how small things add up to big ones like providing food, clothes and shelter for the people of Ukraine. Scarlett summed it up perfectly when she said, “It also gives them hope.”

Thanks to Valerie Kisseloff, Shayna Freedman, and Kim Divido we had yet another great Kid & Tot Shabbat. They handled all the kitchen duties and prepared a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner, then got the kitchen spic and span and ready for weekend services. Thank you ladies!

Rabbi Kane will be here for the July 7th Kid and Tot Sabbath. I will be cruising on the Danube River and will look forward to hearing all about it when I return.

Miss Helen



MEN'S CLUB®



Our last meeting was a productive one with approval of the CBT Men's Club Bylaws and election of our Officers. They are:

Mark Givarz, President
Ron Horowitz, Vice President
Ken Haberman, Treasurer
Jacob Aaronson, Secretary

Men's Club membership dues will be \$36 for 2023-2024.

We encourage the congregation to keep in mind this *partial list* of upcoming events we will be coordinating.

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| Aug 8, 2023 | Daytona Tortugas Game (details soon) |
| Sept 30, 2023 | Schnapps in the Sukkah |
| Oct or Nov 2023 | Gun safety and target practice Bunnell Range |
| Dec 2023 | Bowling for Tzedakah at Ormond Lanes |
| Feb 11, 2024 | World-Wide Wrap |
| Springtime | Let's Go Hiking!! |
| May 5, 2024 | Yom Hashoah Candle Lighting |

The CBT Men's Club is committed to bringing you events which enhance knowledge of our wonderful faith and traditions in a way that is not only educational, but fun for us all. We have more events on the planning board, so stay tuned for details, and be sure to join us as we come together to have FUN!!

Mark Givarz
CBT Men's Club President



CBT and Temple Israel (TI) Sisterhoods are working to make 2023-2024 a stellar year. The Executive Boards of both Sisterhoods met on June 22nd to plan the 2023 calendar, and boy, do we have plans!! All programs will be presented jointly by both CBT and TI Sisterhoods with both keeping their own Executive Boards until June 2024.

Now for the fun stuff . . . We have a lot of activities and programs scheduled. The second Thursday of the month will now be “Sisterhood Day.” We will try to use that date for our programs and meetings whenever possible, so members—mark your calendars to make sure you reserve the time to attend.

Our next meeting is a luncheon on Thursday, July 13th at 11:45 AM at Greektown Taverna Restaurant, 150 N. Nova Road in Ormond Beach. We will order and pay for our individual meals from a delicious menu featuring scrumptious Mediterranean specialties. Please RSVP.

Thursday, August 10th will be a dinner program in the Daytona Beach Area. Details TBA.

We will not meet in September due to the High Holidays, but our Sisterhoods will be preparing a beautiful Yom Kippur Break Fast, for which we need volunteers to assist.

Thursday, October 12th from 1-4 PM we will have a combined game day and meeting in the CBT sanctuary.

Thursday, October 26th we will be having our Mah Jongg Fundraiser. Watch for details.

Thursday, November 9th . . . To be announced

Friday, December 8th the Sisterhoods will prepare the fun-filled Congregation Hannukah/Shabbat Dinner.

Thursday, December 14th we will come together for a Sisterhood Hannukah Party/Program.

Our major fundraiser is coming to a close, and we say a heartfelt, “Thank you!” to all who met the June 30th deadline and submitted their company ads, Simchas, Jewels, Memorials, etc., supporting your Sisterhood. Lea Moskowitz is finalizing everything at the printer in the next few days, so if you forgot to mail your ad, call the office to see if there is still room/time.

Speaking of Simchas . . . Are there any in your life? Why not sponsor an Oneg or Shabbat lunch? Sisterhood manages all catering—all you have to do is call Laurie in the office to see if the date is available and if it is, we’ll get our Kitchen Angel Chair, Lea, in touch with you.

So, why should **you** join Sisterhood? Most importantly, the special relationships you will make with a group of dedicated and special women. Being a Sisterhood member provides new friends, experiences, and fun-filled activities! Membership is only \$36 a year and is open to CBT members and non-members. Come join us and be a part of this amazing group of ladies!

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application [HERE](#)

Want to know more? Call Barbara Kusnick, CBT Sisterhood President at 985-705-1236 or Helen Farb, Membership Chair at 386-615-8706

Barbara Kusnick, CBT Sisterhood President



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We are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during our time of loss.

Frances Steiner

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10 Robin & Ray Weiss
14 Sharon & David Rich

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18 Norah & Endre Banfi
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Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Jacob Aaronson, Steven Serkin, Roberta Feldman, Jessica Sznajstajler, Alan Kisseloff, Sheryl Lipowitz, Valerie Kane, Mary Beggelman, Debra Rodensky, Eric Liebman, Lorna Beck, Deena Stein, and Bonnie Berns

CBT Member News

We have some special anniversaries to celebrate. Congratulations to Lisa and Dr. Richard Rhodes on 45 years and Barbara and Dr. Barry Kusnick on 40 years of love and togetherness.

Heartiest congratulations to Mark Givarz, Men's Club President on being awarded the Ma'asim Tovim (Doer of Good Deeds) Award from the FJMC at the bi-annual International Convention in Philadelphia.

Sema Friedman traveled to beautiful Tuscany, Al & Harriet Fritts traveled to the Big Apple to attend their grandson Shmuly's Bar Mitzvah (Mazel Tov!!), while Stu and Bari Amols are off to LI for their Great Nephew's Bar Mitzvah and then on to Canada. Helen Farb is cruising down the Danube, MaryAnn Serkin, having recovered from kidney stones, is attending the Annual Dental Convention, and Doug & Kiva McEwen have gone to Omaha to be with their family for a few weeks. Safe journeys to all our travelers! Come back to us soon.

More mazel tovs: Bonnie Burns' daughter Monica has earned her PhD., Ed. from UCF and Irv and Sue Abel's son and daughter-in-law made Aliyah to Israel on June 6th.

Larry and Virginia Horowitz may be scarce the next couple of weeks as they enjoy a visit from their Grandson, Ari (and his parents). Have fun everyone!



Welcome to our new members Eneida Kwetkus and Ric & Cindy Pasi

Some of you have already met Eneida, Ric and Cindy at Shabbat Services.

Eneida is a native of Havana and excited to be learning more about her faith. Eneida is easy to recognize. She is the lady with the big smile who has been helping by driving congregants to services. Thank you Eneida!!

Ric and Cindy are already familiar to us as they've been "in the CBT neighborhood," off and on. They have moved to the area permanently and joined the CBT Family. Welcome Home Ric and Cindy!

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

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

Interested in spreading some sunshine?

Call or email

Valerie Kane at (386) 871-9909

NurseVal@earthlink.net

We asked and you answered. Thank you for providing transportation to congregants who no longer drive.

Virginia & Larry Horowitz

Lisa & Dr. Richard Rhodes

Eneida Kwetkus

Rabbi S. David Kane

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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!

M & T	Jul 3 & 4	All Day	Office Closed-Independence Day Holiday
Thu	Jul 6	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Peach Valley WEST
Fri	Jul 7	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Wed	Jul 12	7:00 PM	1st Rehearsal - High Holiday Choir
Thu	Jul 13	7:00 PM	Sisterhood Meeting
Mon	Jul 17	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Tue	Jul 18	Sundown	Rosh Chodesh Av

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