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The Co-Presidents' Message



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Adrienne and I are happy to be your Presidents for another year. We hope by May of 2024, someone will be willing to take on this position. We know many of you want this synagogue to succeed. To ensure this, the congregants making up the congregation need to actively volunteer.

We are small, but we are mighty. We offer many opportunities to be involved - NONE of which require huge amounts of time - so don't let your busy schedules stop you. Chip in and help. Every one of you is valued and *needed*. You may just get more out of it than you expect.

We're sure all of you know we are living during times when solidifying our Jewish identity and continuing our religious education is paramount. Why don't you grab your calendars RIGHT NOW and pencil in a reminder to attend ONE Shabbat service each month for the next 3 months? Our services are beautiful and enjoyable thanks to the great job Rabbi Kane, Cantor Rich, Rabbi Shapiro, Charlie Moskowitz and our other ritual helpers do. It's a win-win. We are able to have minyans to enable fellow congregants to say their memorial prayers and you get to express gratitude, do a little praying, and maybe learn something new, which is always a good thing!

Our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2023, was a success. We voted in the 2023-2024 Officers and Board of Trustees. The vote to join with Temple Israel as one congregation called Congregation B'nai Israel was approved unanimously. Stay tuned for some exciting upcoming events!

Enjoy your Summer! See you at Services sometime this month.

Adrienne and Robin
Co-Presidents

A Message From Rabbi Kane

What year this has been! I wanted to thank my lovely wife Valerie, who made so many things possible for me to accomplish at CBT. Plus, she helps the visiting committee. Second, I want to express my appreciation to our Administrator, Laurie Davis, for being simultaneously a great teammate as we attempt to accomplish my desires to go in five directions at once, while helping all the congregants who communicate via phone, email, text, and carrier pigeon. Third, our far-away Cantor is a mensch we can always count on. Todah Rabah to Cantor Rich Walters for the musical beauty he brings to our services. Fourth, I would like to thank anyone who served on the Board of Trustees this year. Honestly, it's been a year of successful change and growth for CBT, and the people who give of their time are the ones who make it possible for our organization to continue being the place we can take pride in.



On the religious side, we have missed a few more minyans than usual this year. It is safe to say if every congregant came once a month, that problem would disappear. *Please consider this an urgent request.*

Our school is successful because Helen Farb continues to worry about all the details long before they have my attention. Our upper elementary school has evolved into a dynamic learning environment, because Virginia Horowitz has put her amazing educator stamp on it. After that, add our teen volunteers and our wonderful families, and you get a recipe for a great school year. Thanks to the Sznajstajler's and Kisseloff's for hosting Religious School events this year. Also, we were happy to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Shianne Sylvester.

As you may be well aware, I am the opposite of Mr. Fixit. Luckily, we have Alan (The Wizard of) Kisseloff and Ken Haberman who take care of many minor and major maintenance issues. I am especially appreciative for working plumbing!

It was great to see Barbara Kusnick and Sema Friedman launch our Hard Rock Poker Tournament last year. Many thanks to the Moskowitz's, my wife and our daughter, Tami Carr, Alan Kisseloff, Helen Farb, Sue Abel, the Feldman's, the Herstein's, the Davidoff's, Debbie Hettler, and the Selis'. The raffle crew of Laurie Davis, Ava (Sema's Granddaughter) and Beth Justice were awesome. We made some money and had a lot of fun.

Our school building's facelift began in August. Many volunteers, including Acacia and Mark Myara and their many friends, helped with the schlepping. A special shout out to Deb Rodensky, who took the time to organize the library in the Rabbi's study.

The congregation owes Rabbi Shapiro a huge thanks this year for covering so many of our services and teaching his weekly Torah class. He is a scholar and a mensch.

Our Rabbi's Discretionary Fund has been used this year for a hundred different blessings. Many thanks to all the people who send regular donations, so I can help so many people with so many challenges.

Thanks to Mark Givarz for giving (re)birth to the Men's Club. This year we had Tzedakah bowling, a baseball outing, Schnapps in the Sukkot, gun safety, Yom HaShoah candles, and much more.

It has been lovely having Temple Israel members participating in our events this year. The High Holidays were better with your presence.

Thanks to Father Phil at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Daytona Beach, I was able to participate in a few different interfaith events. This year, it was especially gratifying to have so many faith traditions stand with us when antisemitism reared its ugly head.

The Jewish community gathered for Hanukkah at the Hard Rock. It was a big success. We followed up with an acapella concert in the CBT sanctuary and turned our attention to help the people of Ukraine in their struggle. I was one very proud Rabbi.

Of course, no summary of the year would be complete without expressing my appreciation to all of those who worked so hard and all of those who sponsored our 25th Anniversary celebration. See you at our 50th.

In conclusion, even though this list of events and people is incomplete, please know that I am excited to be leading our community with my new 5-year contract. Let's get together at Services or after, for lunch, breakfast or dinner, on a trip to Israel in March 2024, on a volunteer or family education day; let's keep our congregation moving into the future. The merging of our congregations gives us the chance to step back and look at our big picture. What shall we be in five years? Or ten? Bring your ideas for how we can do Jewish together!



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Religious School Report

By Helen Farb

Thank you for a wonderful school year!

Because of parental involvement, we were able to have many fabulous family events. We hope the Religious School continues to live long and prosper (Star Trek reference!), so we can continue to enjoy many more events in the years to come.

A big thank you to all the teenagers and congregants who helped and participated in our school events this year. We couldn't have done it so enjoyably and successfully without you!

Rabbi Kane, Virginia and I have already started preparing for the upcoming 2023-2024 Religious School year and have been working on the schedule. There are lots of exciting things planned, so keep your eyes on the emails and programs for dates and times.

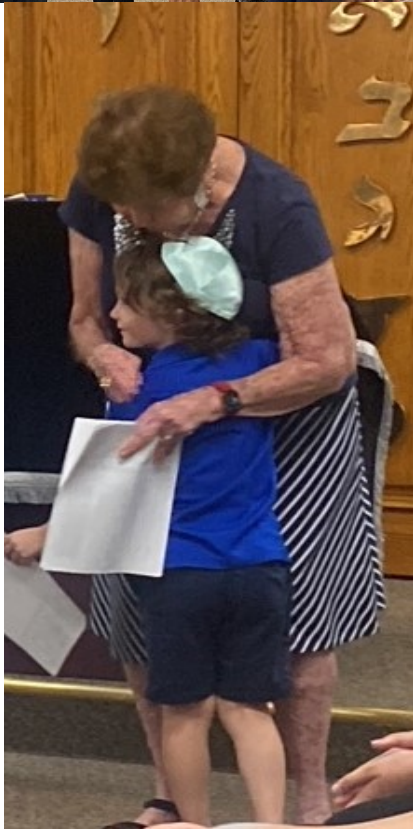
We're starting off the Summer on Friday, June 2nd (that's tomorrow night) at 6 PM with our usual First-Friday-of-the-Month Kid & Tot Shabbat. The next ones are planned for July 7th and August 4th. If you plan on being at one or all, please let us know you're coming, so we can be sure there's enough food. You can RSVP to the CBT office by calling (386) 672-1174 or emailing cbtemail@mybnaitorah.org.

Have a wonderful summer!

Miss Helen



The 2023 Certificate of Completion Ceremony



The Last Day of School Learning, Kickball, Magic and Hot Dogs!



Who Likes Magic and Movies?



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Welcome to Congregation B'nai Torah's Sisterhood

Welcome to Congregation B'nai Torah's Sisterhood: We are a diverse group of women who are movers and shakers. We are smart, social, generous, warm, caring, committed and strong. We are so excited to welcome Temple Israel as we work toward becoming **ONE** Congregation and Sisterhood.

Our Sisterhood is involved in activities that enrich Congregation B'nai Torah (CBT) in all endeavors:

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| Support CBT with annual contributions | Provide regular Onegs and Kiddushes |
| Maintain kitchen, Oneg room, and sanctuary | Cater special occasions |
| Prepare holiday dinners for the congregation | Hold FUNdraising events |
| Maintain the gift shop | Prepare a Sisterhood Shabbat |
| Hold meetings and social events | Prepare annual yearbook for the congregation |
| Support cultural and educational events | Support local charities such as Jerry Doliner
Food Bank and Federation Backpack Program |

The most important reason to join is the special relationships you will make with a group of dedicated, hard-working women. Being a Sisterhood member provides new friends, experiences, and fun-filled activities! We meet monthly and our programs vary. Membership is \$36 annually and is open to both CBT members and non-members. Come join us and be a part of this amazing group!

Please join us at our next meeting on ZOOM Thursday, June 15th at 7 PM
[We will be sending out a separate email with the ZOOM link]

Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Sisterhood Executive Board

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Past President Advisor</u>
Barbara Kusnick	Hadassah Aaronson	Sue Abel	Lea Moskowitz	Sema Friedman

There will be many ways to be involved. This is YOUR Sisterhood. You can decide what you would like our Congregation's future to be. Come join us!!

Membership Application for 2023-2024 is on next page



These fabulous women have already re-joined for 2023-2024!

Irma Sue Stofsky Barbara Singer Cindy Pasi Carin Rothberg
Hadassah Aaronson Laura Ashkenazi Helen Farb Valerie Kane
Robin Freedman Lea Moskowitz Sema Friedman Barbara Kusnick Roberta Feldman



Calling All Women!!

What is our Sisterhood? We are the women of the congregation who have come together in friendship to create programs that benefit our Temple and the community, enjoy social activities, study, and above all, grow as individuals so each can fulfill her potential as a person. Our congregation is our religious and spiritual “home” and as dedicated women, we nurture and take care of it physically and financially.

We bring families together to enjoy our traditions with dinners, celebrating Friday nights and Saturday mornings with Shabbat onegs and kiddush lunches. Birthdays and anniversaries become special events. Children learning and celebrating with Rabbi Kane and our wonderful staff has produced marvelous results from our young people.

Please become a part of this warm, active, and caring circle of women by remitting your “double chai” membership fee. Everyone is invited, including honorary memberships for granddaughters and daughters.

We look forward to sharing the mitzvah of supporting our Sisterhood and Temple with you!

Dues for the year 2023-2024 are only \$36
Please send this form and a check made payable to CBT Sisterhood to:
403 N. Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in helping the CBT Sisterhood with (check all that apply):

Membership

Oneg and Kiddush Catering

Programs

Other ways (Please specify):

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Activities

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MEN'S CLUB®



If you look at the mybnaitorah.org website, you'll see that the Men's Club mission is commitment to constantly creating programs which appeal to a wide array of interests, while promoting camaraderie, friendship, community service and study. We want to make Judaism more meaningful to our members by promoting religious, cultural and social activities.

What are we missing? **YOU!** We welcome men who want to have *FUN* and enhance camaraderie amongst the men of our congregation. Your ideas and insights are very valuable, and will be key to the long-term success of the Club.

We had a very active 2022-23 year. This year we hope to announce our schedule for 2023-24 very soon. Be on the lookout for activities such as Minor League Baseball (Daytona Tortugas), Schnapps in the Sukkah (September 30, 2023), Gun Safety brunch and shoot, World Wide Wrap, Tzedakah Bowling, and more!

We are in the process of approving our club's by-laws, electing officers, setting dues for 2023-24. The results will be announced later in June.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 314-604-5618 or cbtobmensclub@gmail.com

Mark Givarz
CBT Men's Club President



Yahrzeit Donations

Sheila Marcy by Irma Sue Stofsky
Louis Beggelman by Jay Beggelman
Alan Calton by Robin Freedman
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May Nebrasky by Mel Nebrasky
Antoly Kvastel by Irma Sue Stofsky
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Sim Ashkenazi by Laura Ashkenazi
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Molly Jacobs by Irma Sue Stofsky
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Marvin Klein by Ellen Klein
Leon Mindlin by Ellen Klein
Frieda Bauer by Marta Wohl
Mendel Bauer by Marta Wohl
Shanka Bauer by Marta Wohl

**Congregation B'nai Torah mourns the loss of
Michael Melnick, Father of Congregant Philip Melnick.**

May the Melnick Family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

**Congregation B'nai Torah and Temple Israel mourn the loss of
longtime Member Rita Bear.**

May the Bear Family be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

Thank You for Your Donations

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JUNE



Happy Birthday



1 Michael Chuvén
3 Robin Baldanza
7 David OffenberG
7 Nancy Nusbaum
10 Sylvia Levy
11 Talia Sznepstajler
14 Candy Nardini
15 Ron Horowitz

17 Dr. Ed Schwartz
18 Carin Rothberg
23 Bobbie Fischer
23 Hadassah Aaronson
26 Evelyn Ladau
26 Jay Beggelman
28 Sherry Armstrong



Happy Anniversary!



13 Kiva & Doug McEwen
16 Bonnie & Dr. David Turetsky
17 Beverly & Dr. Marvin Lewis
18 Ellen & Alan Rabin
18 Mary & Jay Beggelman

19 Sylvia & Morris Levy
19 Barbara & Dr. Barry Kusnick
20 Lauran & Dan Hoven
30 Virginia & Larry Horowitz

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Michael Chuvén, David OffenberG, Nancy Nusbaum, Sylvia Levy, Ron Horowitz, Dr. Ed Schwartz, Carin Rothberg, Bobbie Fischer, Hadassah Aaronson, Evelyn Ladau, Jay Beggelman and Sherry Armstrong.

CBT Member News

A hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. David and Bonnie Turetsky and Bobbie Fischer on the graduation of their son/grandson, Jordan Turetsky, M.D. from medical school.

Thank you to Laura Ashkenazi for the wonderful pictures you posted on Facebook, allowing all of us to accompany you on your travels. We are glad you made it home safe and sound, and will be with us full-time in the future!

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and presence at the Shiva for my daughter Susan. I also want to thank Lea, Rita and Laurie for their hard work. The Shiva trays were wonderful, and my whole family thanks the people who brought so much love to the room.
Sema Friedman

Congratulations to Harvey and Barbara Singer on the birth of their first great-grand with the second one following close behind this August!!

High flying five to Evan Kisseloff on passing your recent flying certification. We know a certain Dad who is very proud of you, as we are!



Love is in the Air

and congratulations are in order

Mazel Tov to Melanie Shiffman on the marriage of her son, Ethan and to Jose and Rosy Cannabbio on their recent nuptials. We wish the newlyweds many years of happiness together.

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 are creating a list of folks willing to provide a lift to and from events or services for those who no longer drive. If you'd like to have your name on the transport volunteer list, please email or call the office.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

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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!

Fri	Jun 2	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Tue	Jun 6, 13, 20, 27	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Shapiro
Tue	Jun 6	7:00 PM	JFVF Antisemitism Presentation
Sun	Jun 11	10:30 AM	Men's Club Meeting
Thu	Jun 15	7:00 PM	Sisterhood Meeting
Mon	Jun 19	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
Mon	Jun 19	Sundown	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Wed	Jun 21	All Day	Summer Begins

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