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The Co-Presidents' Message



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As we arrive at fiscal year end, we can't help but look back on our year as your Co-Presidents. It has been a great year! We enjoyed so many exciting events. Let's take a look back at some of the things we have all done.

The **Charity Poker Tournament** at the Hard Rock Hotel, the **Minion Movie** outing, The Welcome **Temple Israel Brunch**, helping one another deal with damage when **Hurricane Ian** slammed through, successful **High Holiday Services** with audio visual synchronization completed, **Rabbi Shapiro** was able to continue helping us run some of our services, **Simchat Torah** followed and a yummy ice cream social, the Community **Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service** at Our Lady of the Lourdes, and then **Hanukkah at the Hard Rock**. The New Year began with the **Tizmoret a Capella concert** with deli lunch and **Shianne Sylvester's Bat Mitzvah**, our first **Tu B'Shevat Family Seder**, the **Rotstein Media Center** dedication and MULTIPLE **Purim** celebrations. **Sisterhood Luncheons** with Temple Israel were held through the year along with wonderful activities sponsored by our **CBT Men's Club like**: Tzedakah Bowling, Tortugas Baseball Game, Schnapps in the Sukkah, Veteran's Day Shabbat, Gun safety and target shooting, the annual December 25th movie, World Wide Wrap, and the significant Yom Ha Shoah candle program. And let's not forget the **25th Anniversary Dinner Dance**. What an amazing evening. If you were there, you know it was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to everyone involved who made it an evening we will never forget.

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM (no Zoom). We will be voting on some important issues and next year's slate of officers, so try to set aside a couple of hours to help set the future direction of the congregation. You must be a member in good standing to vote, so be sure your dues are current **before** May 21, 2023. Hope to see everyone there.

Your Co-Presidents,
Robin Freedman and Adrienne Cooperman

A Message From Rabbi Kane

Our sequence of Holidays; Holocaust Remembrance Day, Israel Memorial Day, Israel Independence Day followed by Shavuot is an intention and a story.



Painful memories surface recalling the Holocaust of innocents' suffering. Israel Memorial Day honors those who perished defending the land of Israel; giving their lives for Israel's right to exist. Israel Independence Day marks the continuing success of that struggle.

And then Shavuot, the anniversary of the giving of the Torah.

The pattern here is ours to own.

People will irrationally hurt us. We will learn to fight them to defend our right to exist. We will push back against those who would deny us basic rights until we have established a safe place to live.

And then Shavuot, the acceptance of our obligation to try and make our world a little better.

We appreciate our victories and our safety, but we must also remember to catch our collective breaths and get to our commitment.

Shavuot marks our recognition that we are the chosen people not for our superiority, but rather for our willingness to be a light unto the nations.

"Deeds of goodness, of loving-kindness, " the Rabbis said, "replace the offerings brought to the Temple before it was destroyed."

Perhaps after we experience a time where bad things have happened, we can learn to offer loving kindness as part of our recovery. We will attract to ourselves people who need a kind word and those who appreciate one.

Shavuot services will be Friday, May 26th at 9:30 AM and 7:30 PM and Saturday, May 27th at 9:30 AM.

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Religious School Report

By Helen Farb

Our Religious School families took part in a fantastic field trip on Sunday, April 23rd! Our adventure started in a big rented bus. The first stop was the Chocolate Kingdom Factory in Orlando. While on the bus we filled out a form with the 3 items we wanted to incorporate into our very own chocolate bar. When we arrived, we saw a movie about chocolate making, went on a tour explaining how chocolate comes from the trees to us, and then we went on a tour of the chocolate-making section. We were presented with the chocolate bar we had designed when we departed.

Then it was back on the bus to enjoy a terrific subs-from-Subway lunch while we traveled to the Central Florida Animal Reserve in St. Cloud where we were divided into two groups and assigned two guides each. The preserve takes care of lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, and a panther. We learned that these animals would not otherwise have a home. The preserve's mission is to enhance preservation and act as stewards for the animals' care and well being. We were inspired by our surroundings, the preserve's mission and how wonderful the staff was. Not surprisingly, many stuffed animals found new homes before we left.

On Sunday April 30th, we had a Final Sunday of Religious School Extravaganza to celebrate the end of the school year. We had a Jewish learning adventure, kids vs. older folks kickball game, a hot dog lunch and a WONDERFUL magic show. We invited families from the other local congregations and were happy some of them joined in the fun.

Upcoming at CBT Religious School:

FRIDAY, MAY 5th

6:00 PM Kid and Tot Shabbat

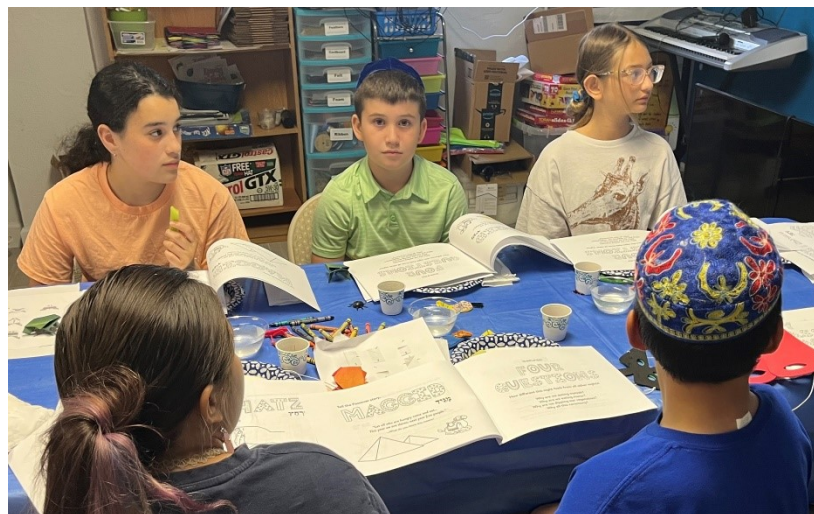
**7:30 PM Religious School Shabbat Service
led by Samuel Kisseloff**

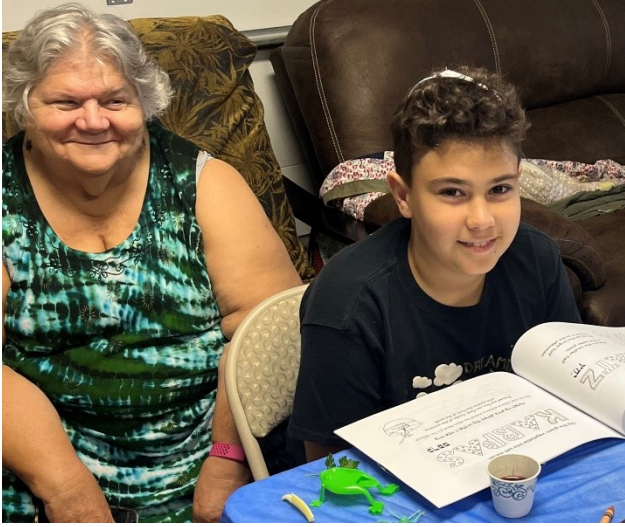
7:30 PM Student Certificate Ceremony

Miss Helen



Learning About and Celebrating Passover





The Field Trip Was FUN!!





MEN'S CLUB®

IMPORTANT MEETING

Sunday, May 7th
at 10:30 AM
in the school/administration building

We will discuss important topics related to the future direction of the Club. Any male congregant of B'nai Torah or Temple Israel is welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there!



WRJ SISTERHOOD PRESENTS A MAH JONGG MARATHON & POT LUCK LUNCH

DATE: Sunday, June 4

TIME: 9:00 am TO 3:00 pm

PLACE: Beth-El Social Hall

WHO IS INVITED: Everyone! Bring a friend!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Breakfast: Bagels, Cream Cheese, Fruit, Coffee
- Lunch: Pot-Luck - bring your favorite dish
- Lessons for beginners
- Play for Regulars
- Prizes to win
- Raffles and 50/50 Drawing

WHAT TO BRING

- a Friend, A Mah Jongg Set and Card (if you have one)
- A dish to share for Pot-Luck lunch
- A new or gently-used white elephant item for the prize table

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17 Rena & Mike Katz
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23 Robyn & Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
29 Anita & George Rimler
30 Zandra & Andy Dattel**

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3 Marie & Simon Kaufman

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Robin Freedman, Vicki Haberman, MaryAnn Serkin, Harriet Fritts, Jerry Honigman, Esther Niedzwiecki, Jill Goldsmith, Ken Lipowitz, Alan Rabin, Doug Golden, Jeffrey Bailen, Barbara Singer, Toni Sylvester, Sue Goldberg, Zandra Dattel, Aron Melnick, Mark Givarz



We are so happy to welcome two new members to the CBT Family, Jose Cannobbio and Rosie de la Fuente. Jose and Rosie found out about CBT when they decided to get married this month. Rosie was active in her Temple in Fort Lauderdale. Jose retired from the Army after a 30-year career where he achieved the rank of General. After purchasing their home in Palm Coast, they decided it was time to find a spiritual home. We are very glad they chose CBT. Please be sure to wish them a happy and long life together and extend a warm welcome when you see them.

MAY OFFICE CLOSURES

**The office will be closed on Friday,
May 26th in observance of Shavuot
and on
Monday, May 29th
in observance of Memorial Day**

Please remember to let us know if you change your phone number, email or physical mailing address, so we can be sure to stay in touch!!

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

Thank you!

Thank You Volunteers!!!

Our “mitzvah maker” list is growing, but we still need a few more folks to brighten the day of homebound congregants with an occasional visit from a fellow CBT Member as well as folks who can help those who no longer drive get to services and events.

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!

Mon	May 1	11:30 AM	Sisterhood Annual Brunch
Tue	May 2, 9, 16	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Shapiro
Thu	May 4	6:30 PM	National Day of Prayer
Fri	May 5	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Fri	May 5	7:30 PM	Religious School Certificate Ceremony
Sun	May 7	10:30 AM	Men's Club Planning Meeting
Fri	May 12	7:30 PM	Shabbat Honoring Mothers & Daughters
Sun	May 21	10:00 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Sun	May 21	4:00 PM	Connobbio-de la Fuente Wedding
Fri	May 26	9:30 AM	First Day Shavuot Service
Fri	May 26	7:30 PM	Second Night Shavuot Service
Sat	May 27	9:30 AM	Second Day Shavuot Service and Yizkor
Mon	May 29	All Day	Memorial Day - Office Closed

Officers and Trustees

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