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Another Memorable High Holiday Season at CBT



The 2023 High Holidays would not have been possible without your helping hands and generous donations.

A special thank you, [toda raba](#), to: Drs. Hadassah and Jacob Aaronson, Bari and Stuart Amols, Lorna and Cholly Beck, Laurie Davis, Violette and Dr. Michael Diamond, Roberta and Norman Feldman, Robin and Ira Freedman, Temple Israel, Sylvia and Morris Levy, Dr. Barry and Barbara Kusnick, Vicki and Ken Haberman, Jerry Epstein, the Selis Family, Dr. Mark and Patrizia Rubin, Dr. Richard and Lisa Rhodes, Dr. Michael Kohen, Douglas and Kiva McEwen, Dr. Steven and Mary Ann Serkin, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Goldsmith, Adrienne and Larry Cooperman, and Dr. Edward Schwartz.





The Co-Presidents' Message



Happy New Year!! We had fabulous Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper Services thanks to Rabbi Kane and Cantor Rich Walters. Thank you to all who participated in the services. Let's not forget how amazing our choir sounded. This added a nice touch to our services.

Thanks also to everyone who donated the beautiful flowers which were displayed on our bimah.

Many thanks to Barbara Kusnick, Sisterhood President, who chaired the committee for our Kitchen Angels. We had a large group of ladies who volunteered to help and spent many hours preparing for our Break the Fast, which was beyond delicious. Many thanks to all the families who made a donation to make the Break the Fast dinner possible.

The CBT family sends condolences to Cantor Rich Walters on the passing of his wife, Judy. She will be missed by all.

Let's Welcome Kay Hillier, our new Office Manager. She will be working 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Looking forward to the conclusion of Sukkot, Simchat Torah and all the upcoming future events like the Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament, Gun Safety at Bunnell Gun Range, and the Men's Club hike in Bulow Springs Park.

Adrienne and Robin, Co-Presidents

A Message From Rabbi Kane



Have you ever noticed that the full moon often coincides with both Passover and Sukkot? It is the result of a bit of science applied to religion. Originally, our calendar was an agricultural one, with the cycles of the moon being used to establish the beginning of each month.

Unfortunately, the lunar calendar only has 354 days. Science tells us that it takes about 365 days for a year on earth, so what happened? Holidays began to slip 11 days earlier each year.

Rabbi Hillel II lived in an era when Jewish families were accomplished astronomers (and astrologers!). He was an expert mathematician and set to work on this challenge, developing the Jewish calendar we still use today, 2000 years later.

Judaism often sits at the intersection of religion and science. Was reality created in six 24 hour days? Could be, but maybe not. The important element is that universe was created according to divine plan, not how a day was measured before the sun existed.

Torah reveals nothing about bacteria count in food, but modern Kosher inspectors enforce a standard of cleanliness more stringent than the United States Department of Agriculture.

Science can tell us many things about matter and energy. However it takes a faith tradition like Judaism to teach us how to measure and weigh our actions in order to change the trajectory of our lives.

So let us take full advantage of the launchpad; the holidays afford us to point our lives in the direction of bettering ourselves, to the benefit of all whose lives touch our own.



2023 JEWISH FEDERATION HOLIDAY APPEAL

The Almighty has willed that there be two hands in the matter of charity:
One that gives and one that receives.
Be thankful that yours is the hand that gives.
Open a hand of compassion to the less fortunate.



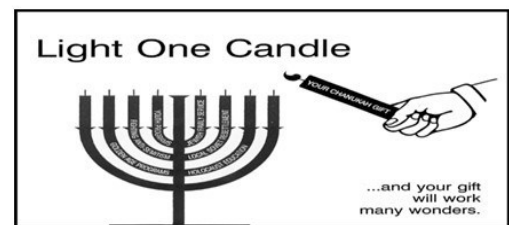
The Days of Awe are upon us, bringing with them a time to reflect, take stock, and commit to being the best versions of ourselves for our families, our community, and ourselves. Presently, we are facing a different challenge—unprecedented inflation.

This year we are once again looking forward to our Senior Luncheons celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah. These luncheons are for our elderly living in assisted living or by themselves. For many, it is their only chance to celebrate the holidays with friends.

We also provide food to needy Jewish families for Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah, as well as gifts for the children. With rising costs, your support for these initiatives is needed more than ever before.

In the past, we have sent an appeal for each holiday, but looking to save costs, we are sending a single appeal for both holidays. Please keep this in mind when sending your generous one-time donation for both Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah.

May the coming year of 5784 be one of sweetness, hope, and joy for all of us, and may the lights of the Hanukkah candles shine upon you and your family, giving you excellent health and good fortune.



Deeds of kindness and charity weigh as much as all the commandments.—Talmud

The obligation of charity outweighs all the other duties.

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Cocktails Hors d'oeuvres Dinner

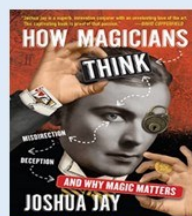
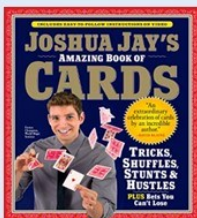
Please be prepared to make a pledge of \$3,600 or more to the upcoming, new 2024 Federation Annual Campaign commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

PLEASE RSVP BEFORE NOVEMBER 6, 2023

CALL (386) 672-0294 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Joshua Jay is an internationally recognized performer, author, and lecturer. He has performed on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, The Late Show with James Corden, and on Penn & Teller's Fool Us...where he did, indeed, fool Penn & Teller. He has performed in over a hundred countries, and wrote and starred in Six Impossible Things, an acclaimed immersive magic show that ran in New York City for over two years. In 2020 the Society of American Magicians named Joshua "Magician of the Year" for his contributions to the art of magic.

Mr. Jay is the author of six books on magic including The New York Times best-selling children's book Big Magic for Little Hands, and most recently, How Magicians Think. Of this title, David Copperfield said, "Joshua Jay is a superb, innovative conjurer with an unrelenting love of the art. This book is proof of that passion." Joshua has designed illusions for stage and screen, including work for Game of Thrones and Boardwalk Empire. He was tapped to help the US Postal Service design their stamp series, "The Art of Magic." Joshua has performed his show in over 100 countries, and when he is not traveling, he resides in New York City.



Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Helen Farb



We have had a very busy month. Holidays galore! On Sunday, September 8, we were invited to Temple Beth-El to meet and sing with Ellen Allard. We will be learning and singing her music at the Hard Rock Hanukkah celebration in December and at the Jewish Heritage Festival in April.

Our classes discussed Rosh Hashanah and how we can do more good deeds in the new year. It was wonderful to eat lunch and sing with the children from Temple Beth El and Beth Shalom. The Kisseloff family then went to Reverse Tashlich at Tom Renick Park and helped clean up the beach.

On Sunday afternoon, September 10, many of us gathered with our dogs at Fortunato Park on the Halifax River for Tashlich. We threw away our sins and heard several congregants blow shofars. It is always a lovely ceremony.

On September 25 the Rabbi and children presented Jonah and the Whale for Yom Kipper. They did a fine job.

Good yontif to everyone and blessings for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Miss Helen

*Remember to RSVP for
Kid & Tot Shabbat on November 3rd*

Celebrating Sukkot





Sisterhood in the News

Fall is upon us, and we had record-breaking attendance for the High Holidays at Congregation B'nai Torah. Sisterhood provided Challah, Apples and Honey for Rosh Hashanah. If you missed this year's Break the Fast, you missed a great meal, and the camaraderie between B'nai Torah and Temple Israel. Be sure to plan on attending in 2024.

Upcoming Events:

-  Thursday October 26th - B'nai Torah's Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament (There are only a few seats left!)
-  Thursday November 9th - 11:45 to 2 PM—Shopping & Lunch at Don Pepper's Mexican Grill, v Ormond Beach.
-  Friday December 8th - Hanukkah Dinner & Shabbat at Congregation B'nai Torah
-  Sunday December 10th—Hanukkah at the Hard Rock
-  Thursday December 14th - Hanukkah Party & Program

What we do as individuals is awesome. What we do as a congregation is inspiring. As we each have special talents and skills, think about what you can share with your Sisterhood. Our board will be reaching out to ask you to help in this new year. Please say, "YES, I can help make a difference." Our Sisterhood needs you. Congregation B'nai Torah is depending on us.

- ◆ Thank you for supporting our Sisterhood this year and every year prior, and most importantly the years to come.
- ◆ Thank you sooo much to all the donors who gave to fund our wonderful Break the Fast!
- ◆ A very special Thank You to all the Angels who helped in the kitchen and worked so diligently to help make our High Holidays so special. Without all of YOU, we would be nothing.

Toda Raba, תודה רבה,

Barbara Kusnick

B'nai Torah Sisterhood President

Come join the fun

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

[HERE](#)

MEN'S CLUB®

Someone once asked me “How's that lox and bagel thing going?” In my most confused voice, I eloquently said, “Huh?” She replied, “You know - the Men's Club.” I replied, “If that's all it was, I wouldn't waste my time.” I then explained to her that we are not your father's men's club anymore.

Your Congregation B'nai Torah Men's Club is comprised of an active group of men who are committed to providing programming which appeals to a wide array of interests, while fostering camaraderie, friendship, community service and study. We want to make Judaism more meaningful to our members & their families by promoting religious, cultural and social activities.

We're the place that our men can go to socialize and share experiences, and so much more. Studies show that yes, men and women are different - women are a lot more social and have a friendship community that many men lack. Your Men's Club is here to provide that community to our men, and their families. Your club stands for Jewish values; for example, standing up against racism and antisemitism is always the right thing to do.

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CBT Men's Club President





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Check All that Apply

_____ I will bring my Mah Jongg Set

_____ I will bring a card table and receive an additional raffle ticket for a door Prize

All Mah Jongg Players are invited. Please join us for a fun - filled afternoon!

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March 10 - March 20

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



Sun, March 10

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Mon, March 11

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Tue, March 12

Beit Shearim
Tsfat
Otzer HaStam
Artists Colony



Wed, March 13

Golan Heights
Talk with Lt. Col. Dror
Mt. Ben-Tal
Tel Dan
Dag al Hadan



Thu, March 14

Jordan Valley
Ein Gedi Nat'l Park
Dead Sea's Ein Bokek
Beach



Fri, March 15

Masada / Mt. Scopus
Jewish Quarter / Old
City
Shabbat in Jerusalem
Jewish Quarter Old City



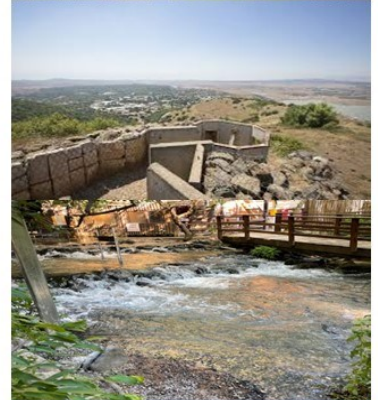
Sat, March 16

Tower of David Museum
Jerusalem walking tour
Ben Yehuda Mall



Sun, March 17

Knesset
Israel Museum
Old City Tour
Kotel Tunnels
Eucalyptus Restaurant



Mon, March 18

Yad VaShem
Mahane Yehuda
Maale Film School
Michael Levin Center
Goshen Restaurant Tel Aviv
Dinner with Iftah Burman



Tue, March 19

Independence Hall
Nahalat Binyamin Fair
Carmel Market
Cardinal Chocolatiere
ANU - Museum of the
Jewish People
Sarona



Wed, March 20


Tel Aviv Beach
Jaffa
Coffee and stories w/ Doris
Hiffawi
Jaffa Flea Market
Save a Child's Heart Meetup
Tree planting & pita baking
Abraham's Tent at Neot
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EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION



Thank you to the CBT and TI Sisterhoods for the delicious Break the Fast.

We want to express our gratitude to all the wonderfully talented congregants who took their time to help build and decorate this year's Sukkah. You all helped to make this Sukkot special.



Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties for your donation to Congregation B'nai Torah and Temple Israel. Your generosity is appreciated more than you know.

BE A CBT MITZVAH MAVEN!

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

The CBT and TI Sisterhoods are asking anyone who wants to volunteer for the Mah Jongg Tournament in October to please contact Barbara Kusnick or Lea Moskowitz or Sema Friedman to let them know you are available.

SPREAD THE NEWS

Larry and Virginia Horowitz have departed on their annual jaunt to Europe, where they will be visiting their now-3-year-old grandson, Ari, in Germany (as well as Ari's parents) and the country of Portugal.

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Upcoming Events

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

RESERVE THESE DATES

Tue	Oct 10, 17, 24,31	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Sun	Oct 15	9:00 AM	Religious School
Mon	Oct 16	—	Israel Trip Early-bird Discount Deadline
Mon	Oct 16	7:00 PM	Board of Directors
Wed	Oct 18	—	Entry Deadline Mah Jongg Tournament
Thu	Oct 19	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Peach Valley WEST
Sun	Oct 22	10:30 AM	Men's Club Gun Safety & Brunch
Thu	Oct 26	10:30 AM	Annual Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament
Fri	Nov 3	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat

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