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CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH IS STANDING WITH ISRAEL

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Eat Laugh and Bid Sunday, Nov 19, 5:00PM

Do you deserve a fabulous amount of fun? Of course! That's why CBT is bringing back our popular fundraiser, Eat, Laugh and Bid. Come and enjoy a delicious pasta dinner, talent show and auction.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. , at 5 p.m. our Religious School families will serve up salad, pasta, turkey meatballs and a scrumptious dessert. Then the **Talent Show!** You'll laugh; you'll cry, you'll feel emotions you never knew you had . . . and that's just from the Rabbi's jokes!

The auction will be stuffed with amazing fresh-baked desserts, dinner experiences, family fun days, couples nights out, gift askets and more!



You Can Help Make EAT, LAUGH & BID

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- ⇒ **Donate an Auction item!** Got Bubbie’s secret mandel recipe? Love hosting a dinner party? Got a connection at a bowling alley or movie theater or mini golf place? Like giving boat rides or picnics? Great at cooking or baking or making a cake? Or anything else you can think of! DONATE IT!!

Email cbtemail@mybnaitorah.org

with “Auction” in the subject line

to let us know how you will be participating



The Co-Presidents' Message



We Stand For Israel!

Sad times hit us all with the war in Israel. Many thanks to Rabbi Rob Lennick and the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties for organizing the beautiful vigil at Temple Beth-El. It was an amazing turnout. Hundreds attended the vigil in person as well as on Zoom. We were all very well protected by our incredible Ormond Beach Police Department and Sheriff Chitwood and his Volusia County deputies. Thank you to our law enforcement agencies for all their help and support for our Jewish community.

Arrangements have been made to have a Security Officer outside the sanctuary every weekend for both our Friday evening and Saturday morning services.

Be on the lookout for exciting events in November, like the Eat, Laugh & Bid event. Check your email every Tuesday to keep up with what's happening at CBT. All upcoming event details can be found there and on the website.

NEW FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE TIME:

Beginning November 3rd our Friday night service will begin at 7:00 p.m. until further notice.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Adrienne and Robin, Co-Presidents



A Message From Rabbi Kane

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted and misquoted throughout the last 200 years for writing, "There was never a good war or a bad peace." Humanity seems very far from understanding the futility of war. There seems to be some insanity driven by international convention that war on innocents is less virtuous than war on soldiers.

Is the premise that 19-year-olds are worth less than 9-year-olds or 99-year-olds? Or is it only right if the battle is between people who can actually kill each other? Or is it military strength? Is the soldier dropping a concrete block from a 5th floor window a better person than the one carrying an automatic weapon because he is trying to kill one at a time?

Trying to find virtue in war is like trying to change the past; but humanity keeps at it. When will barbarism finally fade from the earth? It's like the Rabbis trying to answer the question, "When will the Messiah come?" One opinion, "The world will get worse and worse until only the Messiah can save it." Another opinion, "The world will get better and better until only the Messiah can perfect it."

A Jewish life could last 120 years, so middle age might be from 41-80 years old. So let's accept that I am middle-aged for a moment. I have seen some of life; birth and death, sickness and health, kindness and cruelty, mercy and execution, love and indifference. I have seen the world get worse and I have seen it get better.

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I have watched people climb over one another for money or power, strangers inflict hatred on strangers, war rage in dozens of countries, innocents claimed by drugs created to addict them. And we have refused to forgive. And we have passed up chances to do good and to do well. And that is why the world is getting worse.

Also, I have watched people walking on the moon, patients recover from cancer, peace break out in Ireland, addicts find their footing to restart their lives. And we have been forgiven so many times we lose count. And we have been given so many chances to do good and to do well. And that is why the world is getting better.

Barbarism is its own fuel. Can Barbarians be frightened into peace? Beaten? Killed? And will the cost of defeating barbarism be to become barbarians? The anguish in Israel is palpable, "How can this happen in our place of safety?" "Do what you must to get our safety back."

It is easy to be horrified by war. And it seems we ought to be. And yet, it is not our children murdered and mutilated, raped and kidnapped. So what do we do? What should we do? Cheer for the military? Cry for the innocents? Hate the barbarians? Ask God to destroy them and to forgive us for needing their destruction so much? Oh Lord of all, grant

Strength for the Soldiers
Freedom for the Hostages
Comfort for the mourners
Recovery for the Wounded

And while we wait for peace to conclude war, we will study and create, listen and understand forgive who we can, find ways to do good and do well. We promise to do what we can to make our world better . . .

until only the messiah can perfect it.

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.



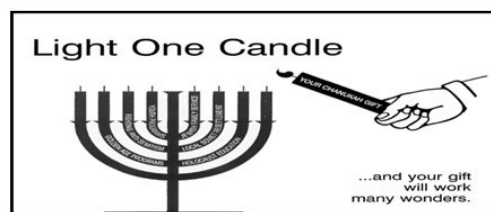
The Days of Awe are upon us, bringing with them a time to reflect, take stock, and commit to being the best versions of ourselves for our families, our community, and ourselves. Presently, we are facing a different challenge—unprecedented inflation.

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.

To Donate



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at the

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Thursday, November 16, 2023, 6 PM at

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Join us for an evening of entertainment, celebration and commitment



Special Guest

Joshua Jay

Performer, Author & Lecturer

Cocktails Hors d'oeuvres Dinner

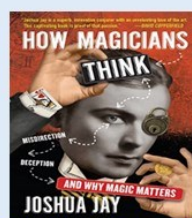
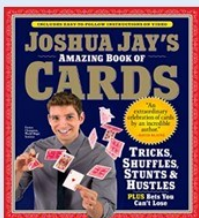
Please be prepared to make a pledge of \$3,600 or more to the upcoming, new 2024 Federation Annual Campaign commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

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.



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Religious School Report

By Helen Farb



In October we were busy celebrating and enjoying some of the Fall holidays. We built, decorated, and ate in the Sukkah and everyone marched with the Torahs and flags for Simchat Torah. What fun holidays! We started learning some Ellen Allard songs for the Hanukkah dinner and Hard Rock Hanukkah. We will be singing with her and the children from Beth Shalom and Beth -El. This is a fantastic event put on by the Jewish Federation Of Volusia and Flagler Counties. Our synagogue will have special tables for Sisterhood and children's activities. Please come! We need all the children's voices.

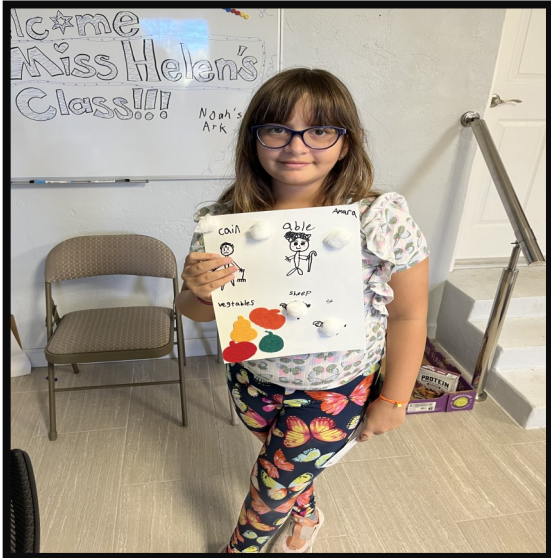
Both classes at the Religious School have been learning about our Jewish bible stories and the men and women from these stories. The oldest students continue to study the Parshas and focused on Lech Lecha. This is the third Parsha where Abram and Lot fight and Abram takes Sarah (as his sister) to Egypt. Each student packed his/her own symbolic suitcase.

Please bring non-nonperishable items to the Religious School. We are donating them to the Jewish Federation Jerry Doliner Food Bank. It is a season to give thanks and help others. We are also encouraging Tzedakah and have a jar for contributions. The children are saving for The Heifer Project. The money will go toward buying an animal or animals for a country in need. At the end of the school year we will all decide where the money should be sent. If you would like to have a Tzedakah box of your own, we can provide one.

Our next event will be Eat, Laugh and Bid on Sunday, November 19. We will have dinner and an auction of donated items (a ride on your boat, a special dinner, etc.). We hope our children will share their talents in the talent show portion of the event. We know some play instruments, or know how to do magic tricks, or have some other special talent. It will be a fantastic evening filled with lots of laughs.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! May we all have a blessed holiday!

Miss Helen



The Religious school children are have so much fun working on their various school projects!





Sisterhood in the News

Sisterhood has been very busy this fall, we had a very successful Mah Jongg Tournament on October 26, 2023. Our fundraising Vice-president and Tournament Chair, Sema Friedman, worked so diligently. The sanctuary was filled with 60 paid registered players who played and ate and truly enjoyed themselves. The Players ate like Queens thanks to Lea Moskowitz and her team. As we look toward this Thanksgiving, remember there are many local families who need food, and the Jerry Doliner Food Bank does a great job with assisting our local families. Sisterhood's next event is a great luncheon. B'nai Torah and Temple Israel will join together to shop, eat, and shmooze. So, get out your shopping list for Hanukkah, and let the shopping come to us; while we eat and visit with each other.

Thursday November 9 th , Shopping and Lunch at Don Pepper's Mexican Grill, Ormond Beach. 11:45am-2:00pm

Friday December 8 th , Hanukkah Dinner & Shabbat @ Congregation B'nai Torah

Thursday December 14 th , Hanukkah Party & Program (evening program TBA)

What we do as individuals is awesome. What we do as the CBT Family 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 because B'nai Torah depends on us.

Toda Raba, תודה רבה

Barbara Kusnick

B'nai Torah Sisterhood President

P.S. Thank you for supporting our Sisterhood this year and every year prior, and most importantly the years to come.

P.S.S. Thanks to all the Angels who helped make our fundraiser successful, we would not have the success without all of you!

Barbara Kusnick, President

Congregation B'nai Torah Sisterhood

Come join the fun

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

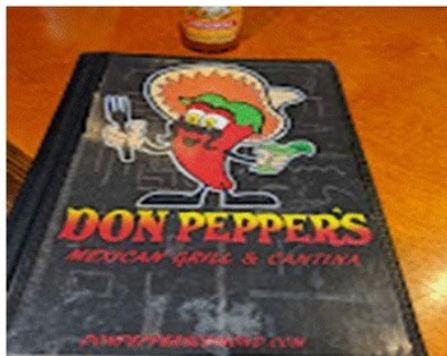
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**Please join Congregation B'nai Torah and
Temple Israel's Sisterhoods to an
Eat, Shop and Schmooze with your friends Luncheon**

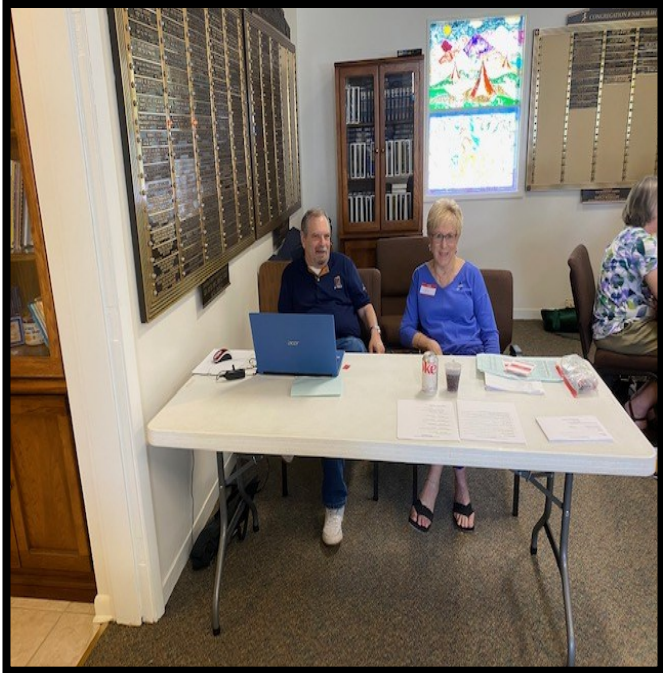
**Thursday, November 9 at 11:45 AM
Pepper's Mexican Grill and Cantina
794 S. Atlantic Avenue
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(386)673-7668**

**We will have beautiful Estate Jewelry for sale,
Natural Nirvana Products,, and many more accessories and gift
sets. So relax, eat, and shop early for the holidays.**

**Please call Kay at the CBT office (386) 672-1174 to let us know
you are coming and we have the correct table counts.**



Congratulations to the CBT and Temple Israel Sisterhoods for the very successful and fun Mah Jongg Tournament



MEN'S CLUB®

Men's Club has been active in October and so far in November with the 2nd annual Schnapps in the Sukkah, Brunch and Shoot event at Bunnell Range, and nature hike at Bulow Creek State Park. Thanks to all of you who showed your support by attending these events.

Have you paid your Men's Club dues? Only \$36/year and it supports our programming.

Here's the link to submit:

<https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club-donation/>

Keep an eye out for these upcoming events ... ! More info coming soon.

Tuesday, December 26, 6 PM - Family Bowling with Pizza at Ormond Lanes

Sunday, Feb 11—Minyan and World Wide Wrap,

Sunday, May 5th—Yom Hashoah Candle Lighting.

Do you have ideas for the Men's Club, or just want to know more? Reach out to Mark Givarz, cbtobmensclub@gmail.com, or call 314-604-5618.

Mark Givarz,
CBT Men's Club President



Thank you everyone!
We had a great turnout at our recent
Men's Club Gun Safety and Brunch

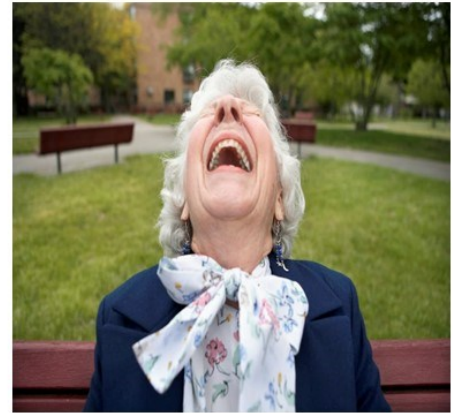


Sunday
11/19/23

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LAUGH



& BID



DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM

\$15.00 Per Person– Children 5-12 \$7.50

**Religious School Students and
Children 4 & Under FREE**

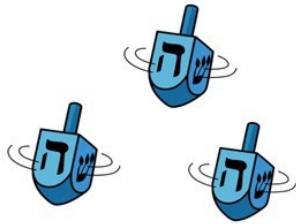
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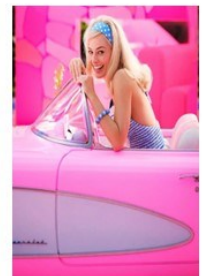


Festival will include music, vendor booths, crafts, dreidel games, lunch (sandwiches, salads & latkes for purchase), free donuts and chocolate gelt!



Join us for a day of festival food, music and fun!

Meet and take a picture with your favorite friends



FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL

Call (386) 672-0294 for additional information

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NOVEMBER



1 Patrizia Rubin
4 Hannah Melnick
5 Michael Katz
7 Robyn Shapiro
7 Robert Goldberg
13 Jacob (Jack) Rohald
13 Chanah Zimmermann

16 Cindy Pasi
19 Marsha Shapiro
26 Scott Ravede
28 Sophia Rose Morse
29 Scott Selis
30 Jared Kisseloff

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Patrizia Rubin, Michael Katz, Robyn Shapiro, Jack Rohald, Chanah Zimmermann, Cindy Pasi, Marsha Shapiro, Scott Ravede, Scott Selis, and Jared Kisseloff

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION and UPDATES

Dear CBT Family,

My sincere thanks to you for your generous outpouring of love, prayers, and best wishes during my recent health crisis. I am well on my way to a complete recovery and am grateful for each day.

I received so many donations, cards, wonderful food, visits and uplifting phone calls. For this, I am so appreciative.

A big thank you to Dr. Richard Rhodes, Dr. David Turetsky, and Dr. Boz, my wonderful medical team, who made sure I got wonderful care. Rabbi and Val, couldn't have survived it without you. And to my wonderful husband, you are my Knight in Shining Armor.

**Love,
Lea**

Helen Farb has return from seeing her Great Granddaughter and Great Grandson (as well as their parents and other family) in Maryland.

Sue and Irv Abel's grandson, son and daughter-in-law are safe in Israel. Their Granddaughter, Zoe, has been accepted at the University of Texas Southwestern Med School.

Barbara Kusnick thanks everyone who sent her get well cards and wishes when she was in the hospital for an emergency operation. She has recovered successfully!!!

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

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund recently received this thank you for a donation to the American Technion Society.

I am touched by your recent gift to the ATS, especially at this challenging time. You are taking part in ensuring that the Technion can continue pushing scientific boundaries and contributing important advances for Israel and the world, now and tomorrow. Please know how meaningful it is to the students, faculty, and staff (many of whom have been called up to serve) that we support them. Our coming together as a Technion family heartens us and provides strength in these dark days as we pray for a just, swift resolution and most of all, for shalom.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Rita Pender recently celebrated her 90th Birthday with family, friends, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!



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The Sanctuary of Congregation B'nai Torah houses impressive memorial boards. Memorial plaques with the names of our dearly departed loved ones adorn the boards. A brass memorial plaque with the name of your departed loved one inscribed thereon can be added to the Memorial Board for a donation of \$300.

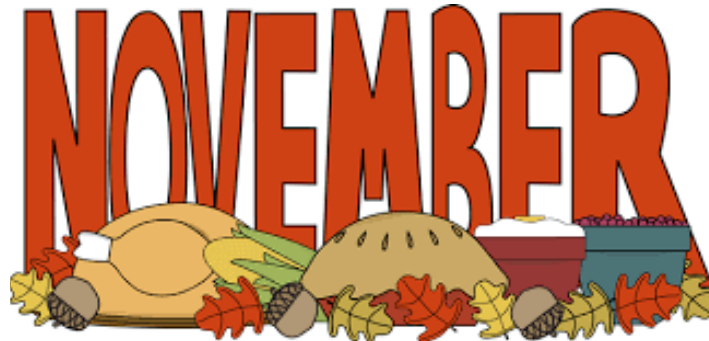
TREE OF LIFE

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

Stylized "Leaves" or "Foundation Stones" celebrate any occasion and will be engraved with the name of the celebrated person(s) and any other appropriate information.

A leaf can be added for a donation of \$118. For extra special occasions, a limited number of "Foundation Stones" are available for a donation of \$500.

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

RESERVE THESE DATES

Tue	Nov 7,14, 21, 28	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Thu	Nov 9	11:45 AM	Sisterhood Eat, Shop & Schmooze
Sun	Nov 12	9:00 AM	Religious School
Sun	Nov 12, 26	9:30 AM	Adult Ed Power of Kabbala
Thu	Nov 16	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Peach Valley WEST
Sun	Nov 19	5:00 PM	Eat, Laugh & Bid
Mon	Nov 20	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
Sun	Nov 26	9:00 AM	Religious School

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