

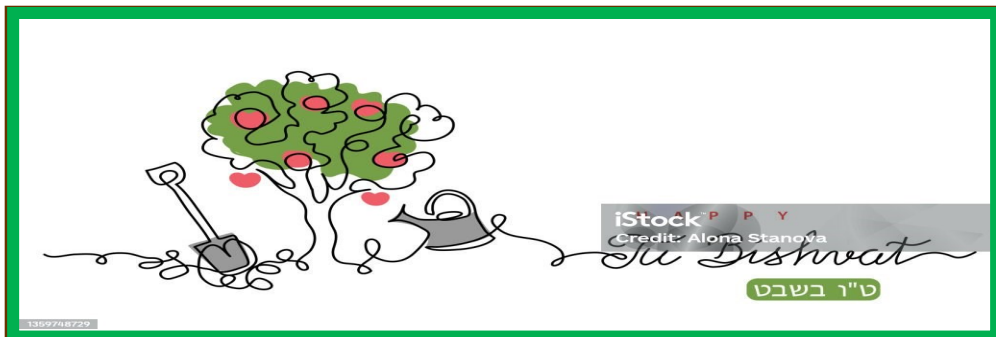
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What a great great  
Hanukkah Dinner this year



## The Co-Presidents' Message



December was a very busy month for us with our many Hanukkah celebrations. We had a great Hanukkah Dinner. Everyone enjoyed celebrating together.

Thanks to all the Kitchen Angels for their help with our Hanukkah dinner as well as throughout the entire year. Hanukkah at Hard Rock was a huge success again this year. Some of us enjoyed dinner and the wonderful play “Funny Girl” in Orlando. If you haven’t seen it yet, it is definitely worth seeing.

Lots of us have been traveling this month enjoying the holiday season with family and friends.

As we say goodbye to another year, Adrienne and I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

**Adrienne & Robin,  
Co-Presidents**



## A Message From Rabbi Kane



Even though we are in for a cold snap, one thing is undeniable.

The nights are getting shorter.

Winter is a reflection of the world in that way. Looking around, we see many examples of a cold, uncaring world. Disease, starvation, natural disasters, man made tragedies seem to stick first to our news outlets and then, to our lives.

Still, humanity is making some progress each year, even though the good gets buried because people give the bad more attention.

But still, this is the year that four kids survived a month in the jungle after a plane crash, gene editing helped to reduce the impact of sickle cell anemia and the world seemed to recognize that our climate is changing and we ought, perhaps, to make plans to help everyone survive.

While we can watch or read every day about the world getting worse, we have a choice, like Jews throughout the ages, to look carefully for things which are getting better.

"I can't find anything Rabbi," you might say.

You know then you are the one to start. With Gratitude, or Love, or Graciousness, or Forgiveness.

Or if you are so overwhelmed that you just can't start to bring the light, then you let someone else start by helping you.

Each day of winter brings us a little less night. It is up to us to fill it with real light.



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# Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Helen Farb



As I look back over 2023 Religious School , we accomplished a lot. The students were educated in the Jewish holidays, Parshas, some of our important figures in the Bible, and did some mitzvah projects, such as the Heifer project. We participated in many events with the students of Beth-El. When we went there to practice Hanukkah songs, there were 60 children singing together. It was so wonderful. All of the children also had a Hanukkah Carnival together.

At Ormond In the Pines we were together to sing Hanukkah songs to the seniors . This is always a wonderful event for everyone involved.

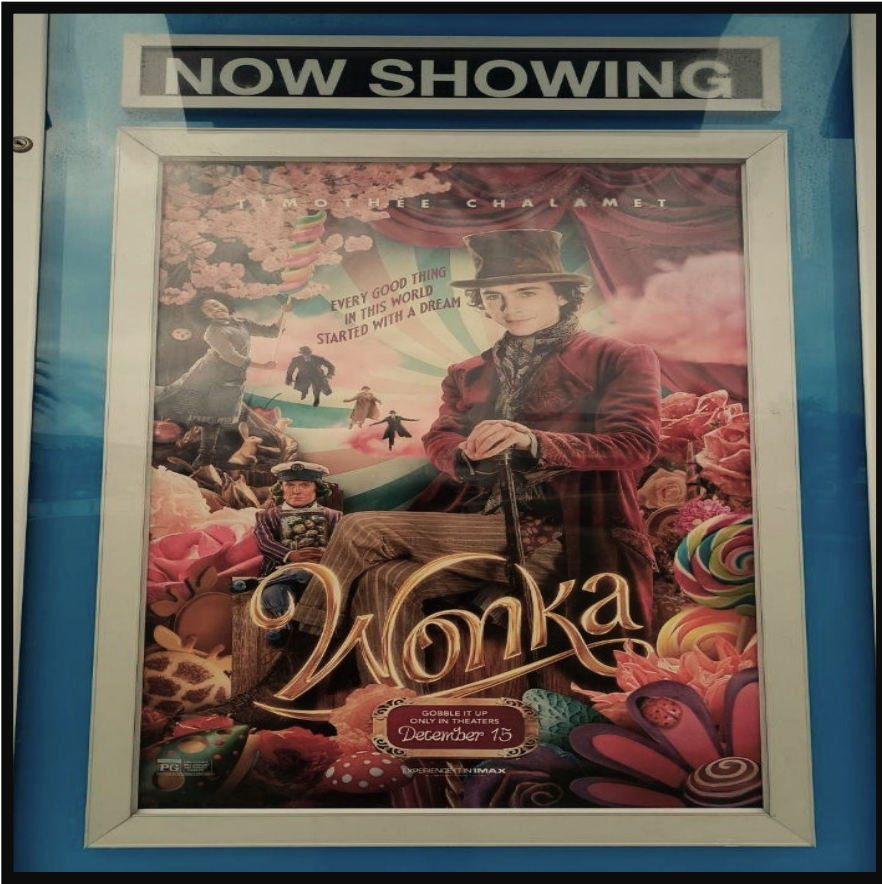
Hard Rock Hanukkah was also a fantastic event for all. We had face painters, crafts , and fortune tellers (cootie catchers to us old folks).

We are looking forward to a new year with lots of exciting events: Purim, Tu B'Shevat and Passover. Our next Kid and Tot Shabbat will be January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Hope to see you there. Religious School will resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

Thanks to Channah Zimmermann for substituting for Morah Virginia while she visited her family. Welcome back Virginia!

Looking for to seeing all our student!

**Miss Helen**



# MOVIES WITH THE RABBI



# Hard Rock Hanukkah was such a great success



# More Hard Rock Hanukkah pics







**The Religious School Children had the best time practicing!**





## Sisterhood in the News

Thank you to all the members who came to our Hanukkah Party at the Trails on December 14 th. Our speaker Rabbi Lennik was wonderful, it became a round table of conversation that was educational as well as invigorating. Many thanks to Sema Friedman for arranging it. We will have many more educational and fun programs to round out our year. Our Congregational Hannukah dinner was a big success and delicious. Thank you to Lea Moskowitz and all the kitchen Angels who helped.

**Thursday January 11 th , at 7pm**, we will have a Board Meeting via zoom. I will send out the links to the sisterhood board. On **Thursday, February 15 th , at 11:30 am**, Hadassah and local sisterhoods will come together at Blues and Brews Bistro, 790 South Atlantic Ave, Ormond Beach. (formerly Dimitri Restaurant). Gayle Belin will speak about her recent trip to Washington D.C. and current events surrounding Israel and the US. Lunch will be individually billed to each participant. I look forward to seeing everyone.

**she`tihiye lekha shanah tovah**

**Happy New Year 2024**

*Barbara Kusnick*

*B'nai Torah Sisterhood President*

**Come join the fun**

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

[HERE](#)

## Happy Tu B'Shevat on January 25, the New Year of the Trees



### **IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER WITH TEMPLE ISRAEL**

At our last annual congregation meeting we passed a resolution to proceed with a merger of our two congregations. The intent of the merger was to create one conservative Jewish congregation to serve Ormond Beach and the immediate surrounding area. Numerous discussions were had but unfortunately due to legal issues with regard to our individual corporate entities it was decided to cease merger discussions and revert to the current co-habitation agreement that was consummated in August of 2022.

Even though we are not proceeding with the merger we did accomplish our mutual goal. The congregants from Temple Israel accepted Aliyahs and otherwise attended and participated in all of the high holiday services. Their members were made to feel welcome and comfortable as evidenced by their continued attendance at our functions and services either in person or via Zoom. In addition, many Temple Israel members have established a nice rapport with Rabbi Kane.

In closing, we are happy to report that even though we have not merged legally we have clearly merged spiritually.

# Hello from Temple Israel Sisterhood

## Happy New Year 2024!

What a great turnout, everyone enjoyed the Hard Rock Hanukkah Festival on December 10, 2023. All the entertainment, music, food, Disney characters, and vendors were absolutely great.

Special thanks to Rabbi Lennick, Rabbi Kane, Marvin Miller, Laurie D. and Laurie H. We couldn't have done it without them.

Thanks to all the Temple Sisterhood volunteers and special thanks to the (one and only –*Netta Weiner*) volunteer from Temple Israel.

Our very last customer showed up close to closing time, purchased raffle tickets and won David Glasser!!

Looking forward to some upcoming events, information to follow.

P.S. Congratulations to Joanie and Tom Grounds on their brand new grandson!

**Wishing all a happy, healthy and safe New Year!**

Vice President Netta Weiner/Fran Steiner

Co. President Robin Baldanza

Liaison Valis Miller

# Temple Israel Sisterhood



# MEN'S CLUB®

Based on the success of the hike back in November, Men's Club is sponsoring another hike at Heart Island Conservation Area, January 21. We'll meet at 9:30am.

Meeting place is the SR11 North of SR40 entrance. Here's a link to the map for parking: <https://goo.gl/maps/fy3W5E2JCzhtgCZe8>

Bring your hiking shoes, water & dress for the weather.

Questions? Ask Ron Horowitz: 732-757-5110

<https://www.sjrwmd.com/lands/recreation/heart-island/>

World Wide Wrap 2024 will soon be here – Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10am at CBT Sanctuary. Get ready to wrap and roll and celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin. If it has been a while since you have last laid tefillin, we'll be there to remind you (or teach you) how. There will be extra sets to help you through the process. Afterwards, join us for a bagel (and more).

"I believe that the time has come for men to assess how they view themselves, their families and their life, both inside and outside the Jewish community. The challenge is to gain insights that will enable men to find new comfort and meaning within an ever-changing religious and secular environment", stated Mark Givarz, President of Congregation B'nai Torah Men's Club. "The Men's Club will sponsor a program to provide men with new insights about these and other important issues. It is hoped that they will have a better awareness and understanding about their roles as Jewish men in today's world." The program will be called 'Hearing Men's Voices'. Look for an announcement soon on the time and place.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

**Mark Givarz, CBT Men's Club President**  
**314-604-5618 [cbtobmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:cbtobmensclub@gmail.com)**

Here's the link to submit: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club-donation/>

Let me know if you have any ideas for the Men's Club.



# Bowling Fun with the Men's Club





## **Calling all Mah Jongg Players**

**It is time to order new Mah Jongg cards. Standard print is \$14. Large print is \$15.**

**All orders must be in by January 30th.**

**Please order individually so you can be on the National Mah Jongg League list and receive the annual newsletter.**

**Our last year's order provided a donation of over \$300 to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank. By ordering through here, we help our own community.**

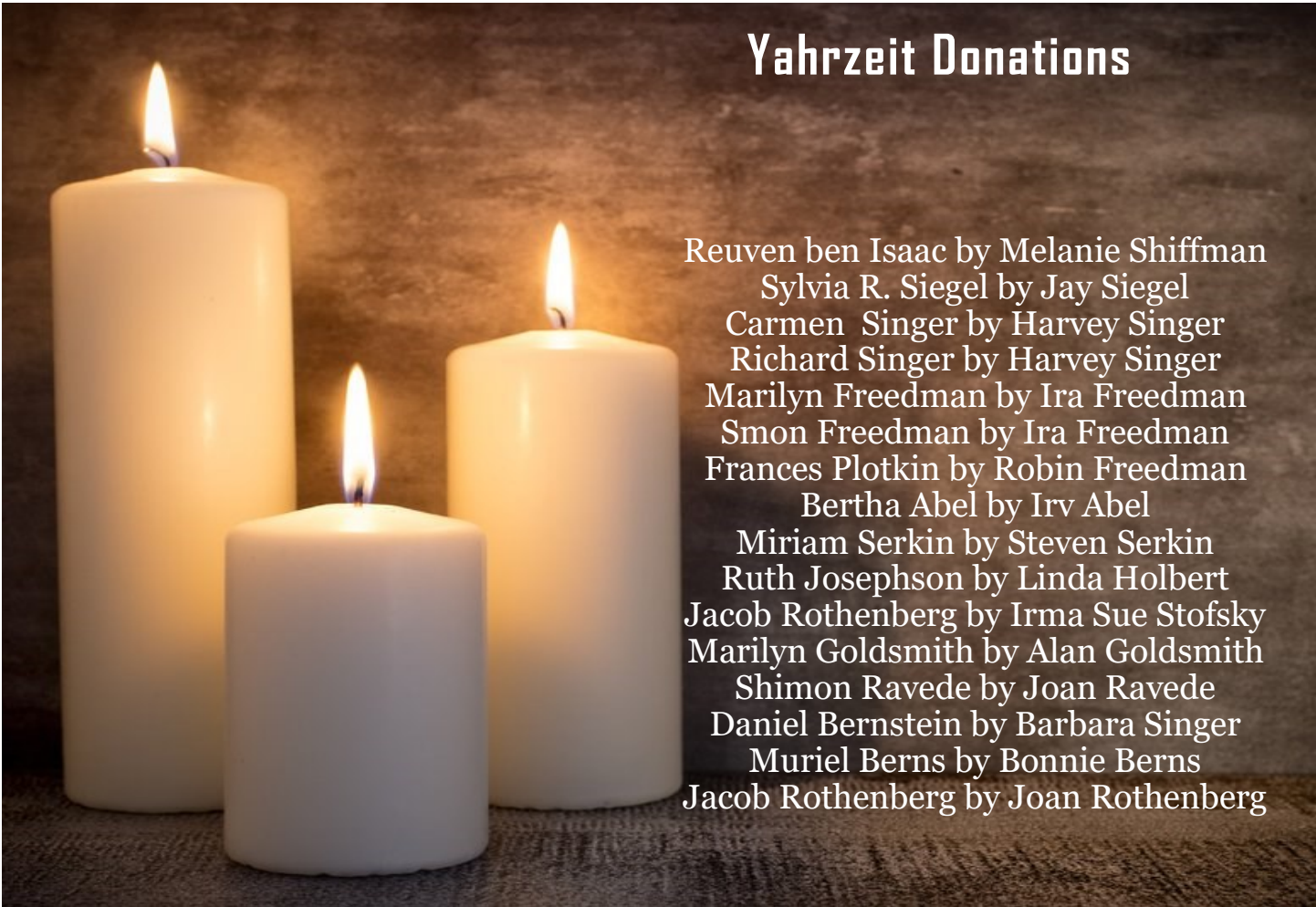
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**JANUARY 2024**



**Happy Birthday**



**5 Dr. Philip Shapiro  
7 Kiva McEwen  
13 Ida Melick  
18 Adam Weiss**

**19 Norah Banfi  
20 Harvey Singer  
20 Ray Weiss  
24 Kimberly Selis**

**Happy Birthday** from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Dr. Philip Shapiro, Kiva McEwen, Ida Melick, Adam Weiss, Norah Banfi, Harvey Singer, Ray Weiss, Kimberly Selis

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

**We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our wonderful Rabbi Kane for all his hard work, tireless dedication, wisdom, compassion, empathy as well as his great sense of humor during this past year.**

**A great big “shout out” to Lea Moskowitz and all her wonderful “Kitchens Angels” who work so hard to make all our amazing dinners and special events such a huge success throughout the year.**

## **BE A CBT MITZVAH MAVEN!**

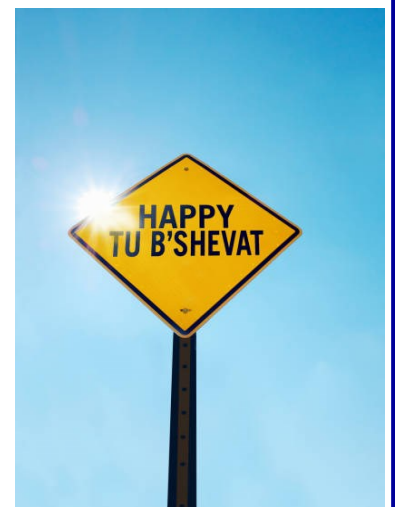
**Have an extra hour (or two)? Volunteer!!!**  
**We have several homebound congregants who have found a visit from a CBT Family Member is a great way one of the best ways to bring a smile to their faces. Interested in spreading some sunshine? Call or email Valerie Kane at (386) 871-9909 NurseVal@earthlink.net**

**Sharing a link to AJC's website:  
Reporting Anti-Israel Antisemitism to Federal Agencies, Law Enforcement, and Social Media Guidance by American Jewish Committee  
(<https://www.ajc.org/ReportingAntisemitism>)**

## **SPREAD THE NEWS**

**Our Congregation Family is happy to have Virginia & Larry back in Florida after all their interesting adventures abroad.**

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

<b>RESERVE THESE DATES</b>			
Thu	Jan 4 & 18	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Peach Valley WEST
Fri	Jan 5	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Jan 7	9:00 AM	Religious School
Tue	Jan 9,16,23,30	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Mon	Jan 15	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
Sun	Jan 21	9:00 AM	Religious School—Tu B'Shevat

**Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat for Hebrew Year 5784 begins at sundown on Wednesday, 10 January 2024 and ends at nightfall on Thursday, 11 January 2024 . Start of month of Sh'vat on the Hebrew calendar.**

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