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Every good mitzvah starts

With one good thought!



The Co-Presidents' Message



January really flew by and here we are in February already! Don't forget that this is a leap year, February has 29 days this month.

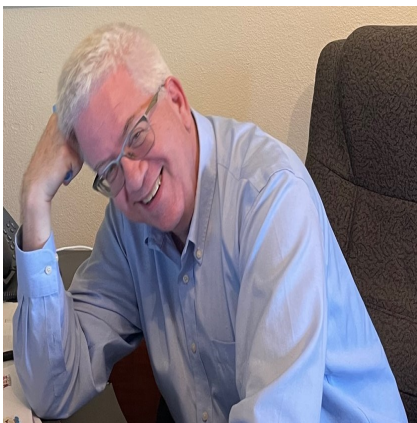
We had a lovely Community Wide Shabbat Service. There was a great turnout. We were fortunate to have six Rabbis from our community coming from Ormond Beach, Deland and Palm Coast. Also, our Mayor, Bill Partington, presented us with an official Proclamation declaring **January 29th**, the date of our Annual Community Wide Shabbat Services.

Adrienne and I received a letter from Simon Kaufman, President of Temple Israel advising us of an important change. It's very unfortunate to hear, but they plan to disband Temple Israel and our Agreement will end as of May 31, 2024. We welcome all Temple Israel Congregants. Please reach out to anyone you may know and invite them to come to us. Let's continue to become One Stronger Conservative Synagogue in Ormond Beach.

Wishing Everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

Your Co-Presidents,
Adrienne & Robin

A Message From Rabbi Kane



As measured by total audience, 90% of the top television programs last year were NFL Football. The Super Bowl itself garnered an audience of over 111 Million viewers.

Perhaps in order to increase participation in services, we ought to take some lessons from the well respected National Football League and the customs surrounding it's product.

1. Pre-Service Show - Live and online - Expert commentators can preview the styles and skills of the service leaders as well as the likely prayers and melodies. Since there is no "I" in team, but there is definitely one in Rabbi, the question of the day will be how the Cantor and Rabbi work together to win! Or to have a good service.

2. Tailgate in the Temple parking lot Saturday morning - For the truly devoted-some will camp out Friday Night - Bagels for tossing around and for noshing - Hot topics include reminiscing about favorite previous services.

3. Torah Service Halftime Show - after the 4th Aliyah - locally famous Jewish people can entertain the congregation while people at home get food and go to the necessary.

4. Sermon! Sermon! Sermon! - Although the Rabbi takes way too long to make a point, he still wonders why the Cantor can't hurry up and finish the service early.

5. 2 Minute Warning - The Service breaks away for announcements that take way longer than 2 minutes.

6. Post Service Show - Experts interview Service participants who are all talking with their mouths full.

People will be seen leaving the building chanting **"Wait till next week!"**





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Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Helen Farb



We started the year with Tot and Kid Shabbat. We are eating at 6:00 and having singing or service with Rabbi Kane. It was nice for the congregants to hear what new music the Religious School is working on for the Jewish Heritage Festival on April 7th at the Casements.

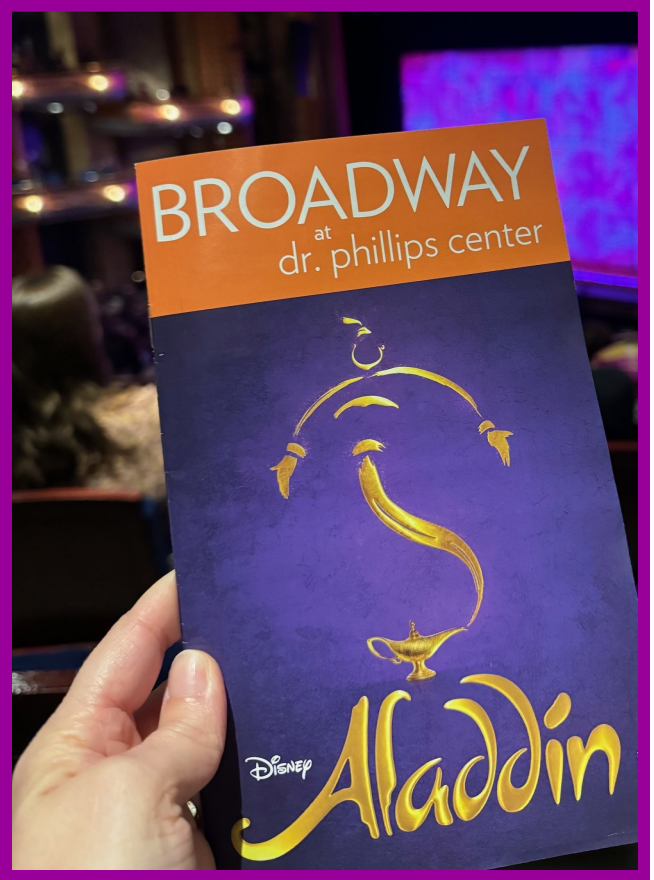
Morah Virginia is back! Her students continue to work on their Parashat workbooks and discuss the weekly Parsha. The students interact with Torah by relating the themes and ideas to themselves and the modern world. They read and discussed a play about Sh'mot which told the theme of leaving home to find a better life. They began an interactive adventure called the **Melting Pot** based on immigrants from the shtetl in Russia moving to New York in the 1880's. The students made a choice based on situations as if they lived during that time. For Tu B'Shevat they played a Jewish symbols Bingo game. My class learned about Abraham, Sarah and Isaac. They found out this was the first Jewish family and made pictures of them in the desert.

Sunday, January 21, was all about Tu B'Shevat. My class talked about the fruit eaten for the holiday and learned about the holiday in our Shanah Tovah magazine. They enjoyed painting trees. We all planted a variety of flower and herb seeds. Each student got to choose which ones they wanted. Many planted parsley in preparation for their seder plates during Pesach. It was great having Lisa Ravede, Acacia, and Ana as planting helpers! Rabbi read his favorite Tu B'Shevat book, **The Giving Tree** which we all enjoyed.

Kid and Tot Shabbat will be February 2nd. We now start with dinner at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you there. Doug and Kiva McEwen will bring our new olive tree which we will plant on Sunday, February 4th. Bring a shovel!

Hope your seeds are growing. Remember, don't drown them!

Miss Helen





**MORE
TOT
&
SHABBAT**





Sisterhood in the News

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.

Happy Valentine's Day

Barbara Kusnick

B'nai Torah Sisterhood President

Come join the fun

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

[HERE](#)



Save The Date

Thursday
February 15, 2024
@ 11:30 AM

Blues & Brews Bistro

790 So. Atlantic Ave
Ormond Beach, FL
(formerly Dimitri Café)

Community get-together - Hadassah, Temples, local Sisterhoods, Friends and neighbors are invited. Lunch, order off the menu, beverage included. Noted for burgers, impossible burgers & pasta dishes.

Our guest speaker, Gayle Belin, from Temple Beth-El, will discuss her recent trip to Washington that also included different Rabbis, the Ormond Beach Mayor and representatives from the Sheriff Dept., etc.

Questions and answers are welcome!

Hope to see you soon.

**RSVP to Netta Weiner (386)672-1707
By February 12**

MEN'S CLUB®

Men's Club Upcoming events:

Have you purchased your Super Bowl Square Pool ticket yet? It's a fundraiser for the synagogue, too. \$18/square, maximum of 100 squares to be sold. **Deadline is February 9 at 5pm.** For more information, or to purchase your square, inquire at cbtobmensclub@gmail.com.

The Annual **World Wide Wrap 2024** will soon be here – Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10 am in the 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).

A new Program called '**Hearing Men's Voices**', a Men's only discussion group. Look for an announcement soon on the time and place.

Once again, Men's Club will be distributing the Yom Hashoah Yellow Candles. Yom Hashoah definitely rings differently this year in light of the horrors of October 7. It corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, which marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Yom Hashoah candle lighting will be Sunday night, May 5, look to pick up yours in services or the synagogue office in April.

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

Mark Givarz, CBT Men's Club President
314-604-5618 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.





SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11TH at 10:00 AM

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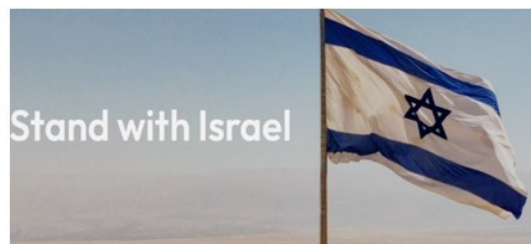
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FEBRUARY 2024



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| 1 Bobbie Gordon | 19 Philip Melnick |
| 2 Sema Friedman | 19 Dr. Barry Kusnick |
| 10 Charles Moskowitz | 21 Harry Lasris |
| 10 Annette Ashkenazi | 22 Virginia Horowitz |
| 14 Lauran Hoven | 24 Lorna Ravede |
| 16 Dr. Richard Rhodes | |

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Bobbie Gordon, Sema Friedman, Annette Ashkenazi, Lauran Hoven, Dr. Richard Rhodes, Phillip Melnick, Dr. Barry Kusnick, Harry Lasris, Virginia Horowitz & Lora Ravede. Happy Birthday to my wonderful husband Charlie!!

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION



Our CBT family would like to thank all who did such a great job organizing the Community-Wide Shabbat Service as well as all the Rabbis who participated.

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 one of the best ways to bring a smile to their faces.

Interested in spreading some sunshine?

We are in need of a volunteer to chair our visiting committee! Anyone interested please call the office. The committee is very important for the elderly members of our congregational family. So please consider helping us with this important committee!

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

Violette and Dr. Michael Diamond celebrated their 18th Wedding Anniversary with a Kiddush on Saturday, January 6th, 2024

We hope that Val & Rabbi Kane have a wonderful, restful vacation and enjoy themselves. Safe travels!



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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**

<u>RESERVE THESE DATES</u>			
Thu	Feb 1 & 15	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Peach Valley West
Fri	Feb 2	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Feb 4	9:00 AM	Religious School with Adult Education at 9:30 AM
Sun	Feb 11	10:00 AM	World Wide Wrap, Men's Club
Thur	Feb 15	11:30 AM	Blues & Brews, Sisterhoods, Temples, Hadassah
Mon	Feb 19	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Sun	Feb 25	9:00 AM	Religious School—Mitzvah Day
Mon	Feb 26	7:00 PM	BEING JEWISH IN 2024—Jewish Federaton



Happy Valentine's Day

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