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# Kid & Tot Shabbat



### The Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Congregants,

While Rabbi & Valerie have been away on vacation, many thanks to Jared, Sam & Eli Kisseloff for leading our Friday night service along with Cantor Rich Walters. Also, many thanks to our visiting Rabbi's, Rob Lennick and Merrill Shapiro for leading our services.

On the tail end of Rabbi Kane's vacation in New Zealand, he took a fall and broke his ankle in multiple places which required surgery. By the time you read this Torah Times, we hope he is discharged from the hospital and in flight to come back home to us. Due to the severity of this accident, it will be another few weeks before he is able to return to his rabbinical duties.

In the meantime, we still plan to have our services as usual. His CBT family will be wishing him a speedy recovery and willing to help him as much as possible.

We still need all your help in attending services so we have a Minyan. Please try to attend once or twice a month.

Daylight Savings Time is **March 10th**. Spring Forward!!

Your Co-Presidents,

Adrienne & Robin

### A Message From Rabbi Kane



A funny thing happened on our trip to Australia and New Zealand. Our plan was for six stops in New Zealand. Unfortunately, at the second stop, I found myself on the ground with an ankle broken in two places.

I could tell by the pain and the shape of the injury (my leg was pointing right, and my foot was pointing left), that I was in trouble. Once the paramedics loaded me into the ambulance along with the lovely Valerie, it was determined that they had to place my foot back in position because the blood flow was cutting off. They gave me a lot of medications which transported me somewhere else. They straightened my foot while I was out of it.

The subsequent x-ray revealed two broken bones. This week to the Deltona hospital and then after an evaluation, Brooks rehab at Halifax in Daytona Beach. Yes, visitors are welcome.

There are four patients in my room here in Wellington, New Zealand. We are all separated by a curtain. The first night, the patient directly to my right, suffered a catastrophic failure. I held hands with Val as we could do nothing but listen to their attempts to stabilize him and resuscitate him. Eventually one of the nurses climbed on top of the hospital bed to do chest compressions, while the rest of the staff tried to induce breathing as they wheeled him to the ICU. To be so close to someone struggling to stay alive, and to the people who are trying to help him is inspiring and frightening. Val and I prayed that he might live.

We did not know his name, nor his circumstance, nor if it was better for him to be alive or not, but we seem to have a stake in his survival.

The urgency of his crisis exposed in a dynamic way the connections that humanity has to one another. Perhaps we cannot live our lives being so invested in other people's outcomes. But what is life if we ignore our bonds to each other completely?

We can all agree that Judaism doesn't permit us to ignore someone bleeding to death in the street. Why then is it often customary and acceptable to leave some dying of neglect and loneliness in a facility down the street?

It is not ours to complete the task, but neither may we ignore it.



### **Being Jewish in 2024**

A safe space for Jews and those supporting the Jewish Community to share and care

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from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

at



The Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties 470 Andalusia Avenue, Ormond Beach, FL

### **RSVP** Required

Participation limited to the first 20 RSVPs Call (386) 672-0294 or email laurie.jfvf.execassistant@gmail.com

Security will be present

(This gathering is not a formal therapy, counseling or support group)



# "A Night to Remember"

Honoring MARVIN MILLER for a lifetime of humanitarian service, generosity and leadership

> A dinner and fundraiser to support the Jewish Federation's new Jewish Cultural Center Renovation

### **Featuring Dueling Pianos**

and Magician Denney Frey

Saturday March 30, 2024 at Oceanside Country Club Ormond Beach \$89 per person (In celebration of Marvin's 89th Birthday)

You won't want to miss this one! (limited seating)

### For more information call (386) 672-0294

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Senior Passover Seder Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:00 AM Temple Beth-El

579 N. Nova Road

### **Ormond Beach**

Please RSVP before April 9th to: (386) 672-0294 or federationoffice@cfl.rr.com



#### **Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report** By Helen Farb



On February 5, Doug and Kiva McEwen helped us plant another olive tree for Tu B'Shevat. All the students were able to help shovel soil back into the base of the tree.

My class continues to learn Bible stories about our important Biblical figures. They read about how Isaac was fixed up with Rebecca, and how many camels

each boy would demand for his wife. The class always ends with a story by Morah Virginia and music with Rabbi Kane.

The older students continue to work on their Parshiot booklet. They played Jewish symbol Bingo and used Character Building cards to pick and decide their response to a troubling scenario.

Beth El religious school joined us on February 25 for Mitzvah Day. There were seven stations. Parents and students worked together on different Mitzvah projects. This is always a meaningful event because the schools are working together to create items to help the community.

Virginia, Rabbi, and I met with the parents to talk about a plan to merge our religious school with Beth El's. We discussed the pros and cons. I will not be teaching next year but will remain as our religious school Director. There is still a lot to discuss before this is a done deal.

My new great grandchild was born in Maryland on Friday, February 16. Her name is Riley Mae Gutierrez.

**Miss Helen** 





Mitzvah Day







### Sisterhood in the News

Happy Spring Ladies,

On **Thursday, February 15 th**, Hadassah and local sisterhoods joined together at Blues and Brews Bistro, to hear Gayle Belin speak about her recent trip to Washington D.C. and the current events surrounding Israel and the US which was very informative. We had an amazing turnout and lots of fun.

There is an upcoming Hadassah Lunch and Game Day on Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Pictona Kitchen Café, Pickleball Club, 1060 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill. Order lunch off menu, dessert tray included. Bring Mahjong, cards, Scrabble or just chat and relax.

## RSVP to Netta Weiner 386-672-1707, no later than March 18th

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Barbara Kusnick B'nai Torah Sisterhood President



**Come join the fun** Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application <u>HERE</u>

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### **HELLO EVERYBODY!!**

How time flies! We just celebrated Hanukkah and now we are preparing for Passover. Hope to see you all at the upcoming Heritage Festival in April.

Our recent gatherings for our community Temples, Sisterhoods and Hadassah, with guest speaker <u>Gayle Belin</u> from Beth El, were wonderful. All enjoyed, we had a great turnout and lunch was very nice.

Rabbi & Valerie, hope your trip is great and safe. Hope to see you soon at Temple Services.

### Vice and Co-Presidents Netta Weiner and Fran Steiner





## Everyone had jun at the Brews & Blues Luncheon







### Men's Club Upcoming events:

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.

Men's Club is asking for your help at the upcoming Jewish Heritage Festival, Sunday, April 7. If you can help, please notify the synagogue office.

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

#### Mark Givarz, CBT Men's Club President 314-604-5618 <u>cbtobmensclub@gmail.com</u>

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.



### world wide wrap 2024

### We celebrated the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin.







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### APRIL 7, 2024

10am-5pm The Casements, Ormond Beach FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

This fun, family-friendly festival will include: •Nationally-acclaimed entertainment •Kosher and Kosher-style Food Vendors! •Fun Activities and Entertainment for Kids! •Holocaust Memorial and Jewish Hall of Fame! •Israeli and Judaica Artists and Vendors! •Our World-Famous Camel Rides! And Much More! For More Information, find us on Facebook or Visit our Website – JewishHeritageFestival.com

### Yahrzeit Donations

Marcella Bockish by Abie Bockish Ruth Rubin by Dr. Mark Rubin Lillie Cohen by Barbara Singer Herbert Henry Bernstein by Barbara Singer Elsie Bercow by Roberta Feldman Myron (Mike) Farb by Helen Farb Abraham Nebrasky by Mel Nebrasky Abraham Nebrasky by Rita Pender Terry Nebrasky by Mel Nebrasky Lewis Abel by Irv Abel Mendel Vaynberg by Lyudmila Chigirinskaya Matthew Josphson by Linda Holbert

### **Thank You for Your Donations**





Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Betsy Honigman, Dan Hoven, Jonathan Rotstein, Abie Bockish, Robin Cohen, Dr. Charles Stein, Karen Chuven, Dr. Marvin Lewis, James Weiss, Kenneth Nusbaum, Lyuda Chigirinskya, Melanie Shiffman, Regina Cochran, Herb Goldberg, Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, Leonard Mandell, Sue Abel, Shana Freedman, Joe Zimmermann, Mel Nebrasky

#### **EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

Thank you to Rabbi Merrill Shapiro as well as Rabbi Rob Lennick for their services while Rabbi Kane was away.

We want to applaud Valerie Kane for all of her outstanding efforts during the past several years chairing the Visiting Committee. Thank you Valerie for all your hard work and dedication.

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

<u>Have an extra hour (or two)? Volunteer!!!</u> 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? <u>Melanie Shiffman is our new Chair of our Visiting</u> <u>Committee.</u> The committee is very important for the elderly members of our congregational family. So please consider helping us with this important committee!

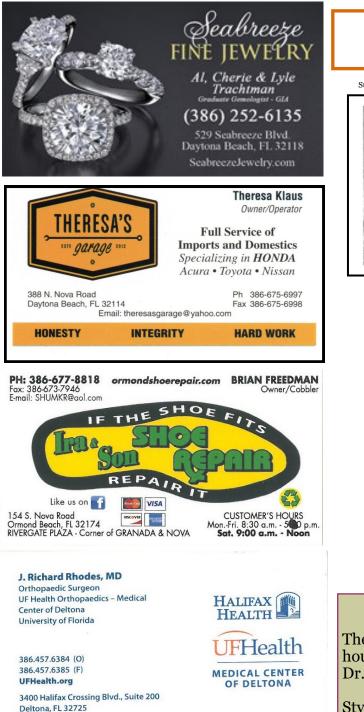
Sharing a link to AJC's website: Reporting Anti-Israel Antisemitism to Federal Agencies, Law Enforcement, and Social Media Guidance by American Jewish Committee (https://www.ajc.org/ReportingAntisemitism)

#### **SPREAD THE NEWS**

We welcome Val and Rabbi Kane back home from their wonderful vacation and adventures Down Under with Kangaroos and Koalas! We are so sorry to learn that Rabbi Kane broke his ankle and needed surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery!

We are happy to welcome Melanie Shiffman as our new Chair of our Visiting Committee. We appreciate her taking on this new responsibility and thank her for volunteering.

One of our CBT family members and good friends, Laurie Davis, has moved to Tallahassee as her husband, Scott, received a wonderful job opportunity there. We all wish them much luck and happiness in their new endeavors, We will miss you!

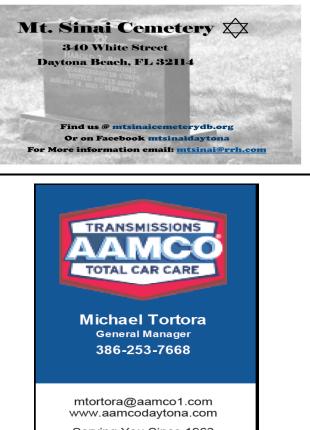


#### **MEMORIAL BOARD**

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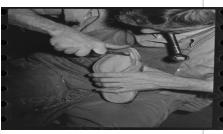
Stylized "Leaves" or "Foundation Stones" celebrate any occasion and will be engraved with the name of the celebrated person(s) and any other appropriate information.

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.



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### Upcoming Events

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

#### **RESERVE THESE DATES**

March 3	9:00 AM	Religious School
Mar 5,12,19,26	7:00 PM	Torah Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Mar 7 & 21	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Hi Tulip Café, Flager Beach
March 17	9:00 AM	Religious School—Purim Carnival
March 18	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
March 21	11:30 AM	Hadassah Lunch at Pictona Kitchen Cafe
March 23	6:00 PM	Megillah Reading & Party
	Mar 5,12,19,26 Mar 7 & 21 March 17 March 18 March 21	Mar 5,12,19,267:00 PMMar 7 & 219:00 AMMarch 179:00 AMMarch 187:00 PMMarch 2111:30 AM



### Daylight Saving Time begins March 10th

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