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Practicing Their songs for the Heritage Festival COME VISIT OUR
BOOTH AT THE
HERITAGE FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 7
LOTS OF FUN!

PASSOVER SERVICES APRIL 23, 24, 29, 30



The Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Congregants,

Welcome Spring with warmer weather around the corner!

There are so many exciting things at CBT. First of all, and most important our Rabbi has returned from his vacation and is recuperating and doing very well, considering he has a broken ankle. We are so happy he is back with us and leading our services. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with leading services during Rabbi's absence.

It was wonderful having our amazing Cantor Rich Walters in town for a weekend. He and Rabbi Kane led a great service together on Friday and Saturday.

We celebrated Purim with Ice Cream Sundaes to follow. Coming up is our Jewish Heritage Festival. Please plan to attend. We are in need of volunteers; a couple hours would help. Call Helen Farb to volunteer, 386-275-7076.

Happy Passover! Remember to RSVP by April 15th if you are coming to join us for the Seder.

Our Annual Meeting will be on May 19th at 10:00 AM. Please plan to attend.

Your Co-Presidents, Robin Freedman and Adrienne Cooperman

A Message From Rabbi Kane



What a great time to participate in the spiritual, educational, delicious and fun events at Congregation Bnai Torah.

Services on Friday evening at 7PM and Saturday at 10AM are led by Rabbi and Cantor Rich with many congregants ages 8 to 88 helping out. Come immerse yourself in warm family style worship. Our first Friday night of each month has an early additional event, "Kid and Tot Shabbat" which includes a quick dinner and then Shabbat Songs and

Stories especially for the 3-12 year olds. Rabbi especially appreciates when the parents, grandparents and older kids join in!

Our Religious School students (after singing at the Jewish Heritage Festival on Sunday, April 7 at 11AM) will spend the rest of their time learning about Passover, leading to the always joyful and delicious Passover Model Seder. The very next night on Monday, April 15 comes our 1st Night of Passover Congregational Seder, a fabulous feast presented every year by our sisterhood. (See Page 4)

Join Cantor and Rabbi to sing beautiful Passover services at 9:30AM for many mornings of Passover on Tuesday, Apr 23, Wednesday, Apr 24, Saturday, April 27th, Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th (the last service on Tuesday includes Yiskor Memorial Prayers).

Even though April will be over, the Special Events don't stop coming. Mark your calendars for Religious School Shabbat Friday/Saturday May 3rd & 4th where our students will lead the entire services. The week end finishes with our annual end of year field trip, this year it involves "wild animals". Finally, everyone is invited to our Hawaiian Shabbat Dinner on Friday, May 17th with services at 6pm followed by our tropical feast.

Join your Congregation B'Nai Torah family for a little taste of joyful Judaism or grab a heaping helping of all of our events and activities.





This Fun Family-Friendly Festival Will Include:

- Nationally Acclaimed Entertainment!
- Kosher and Kosher-style Food Vendors
- Fun Activities and Inflatables for Kids
- Camel Rides, Petting Zoo and More!
- Holocaust Memorial and Jewish Hall of Fame
- Israeli and Judaica Artists and Vendors
- Health Fair











GRAND SPONSOR:



FESTIVAL INFO: JewishHeritageFestival.com

Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report By Helen Farb



This month has been a lot of song practice for the Jewish Heritage Festival. We will be on stage, at the Casements, singing with the Religious School of Beth - El, at 11:00 AM. There will be a seder plate to make and face painting for children at the booth. Many other activities are also available in a Kid's Zone. Camels will be there to ride! All parents are encouraged to help at the booth if possible. Congregation B'nai Torah wants to show we have a Religious school presence. Thanks to Jessica and Michael Sznapstajler for making the dough for the Hamentashen. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who assisted in the preparation,

cooking and serving. The children used many ingredients in one Hamentashen and were able to make several to eat and bring home. They were delicious! We also made Shalot Manot bags for several of our congregants. These will be delivered when possible. We also had a Megillah reading on Saturday, March 23rd in costumes with ice cream sundaes.

It was great to have Rabbi Kane back with us. All of us were so glad to see him! Thanks, Valerie, for bringing him. He is going to start Hebrew lessons again. Morah Virginia will be leaving us at the end of the month to go to live in France! I don't know how we will do without her. She has been such a wonderful addition to our school. Virginia has so much Jewish education and resources which she has shared with all of us. She was responsible for introducing a Chocolate Tu B'Shevat seder, Mitzvah days and the Heifer project to introduce all the students to the mitzvah of helping others. Channah Zimmermann will be at the Festival and will be her substitute

till the end of the semester.

Future events, We would love to have you come and join us: Kid & Tot Shabbat on Friday, April 5th & Friday, May 3rd, 6:00 We have a Kosher meal with our families and a small service with a story and songs with Rabbi Kane on the first Friday of every month.

Jewish Heritage Festival on Saturday, April 7th

Model Seder, Sunday, April 21 9:00

Congregation Passover Seder, Monday, April 22nd, sixish Religious School Shabbat, followed by students leading services on Friday at 7:00 as well as on Saturday at 10:00, May 3 & 4.

Field Trip to Brevard Zoo May 5, More details to follow

Helen Farb, Religious School Director

SINGING PRACTICE WITH THE RABBI









MAKING HAMENTASHEN AND SHALOT MANOT BAGS





Megillah Reading and Purim Story









Sisterhood in the News

Happy Spring Ladies,

First thing I want to say is, I have missed all of you so much. I had to step away in February and March, but I am back! We have so many exciting events coming up this month in April. I am thrilled to be part of.

On Sunday April 7, it is The Jewish Heritage Festival in Ormond Beach. B'nai Torah will have a table to sell items from our gift shop. This is a perfect opportunity to come and help and meet other people in the community.

On Monday April 22, Sisterhood will be serving up a fabulous first night Passover Seder. Please make your reservations early as we fill up very quickly and never want to have to turn away any members. For more information, please refer to the flyer in this issue.

So, as you're fearless leader, I implore you to be ready to answer the call; when you're asked to either help out for the Heritage Festival or the Seder please say YES......

Please keep your eye out for information of upcoming events in May and June.

Second thing I'd like to say on a personal note, I am grateful to be moving my parents into the Blake assisted living facility in the Daytona Beach area.

I wish everyone Chag Pesach Sameach, I look forward to seeing everyone.

Barbara Kusnick Congregation B'nai Torah Sisterhood President



Men's Club Upcoming events:

The Congregation B'nai Torah Men's Club is comprised of an active group of men who are committed to constantly creating programs appealing to a wide array of interests, while promoting camaraderie, friendship, community service and study.

We make Judaism more meaningful to our members by promoting religious, cultural and social activities which resonate with the men (and their families) of our congregation. Examples of these activities are Nature Hikes, Educating our members on Tefillin, Remembering the Holocaust with special yellow candles, Men's discussion groups, Fun times in the Sukkot, Bowling, Gun Safety program at Bunnell Range, and many more.

We invite all congregants to join the Men's Club and participate during the year for fun times, learning and performing mitzvot.

Want to know more? Contact the Men's Club team: cbtobmensclub@gmail.com
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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.



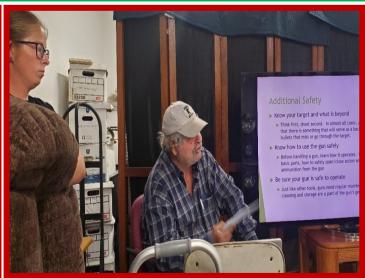
THIS YEAR WITH THE MEN'S CLUB



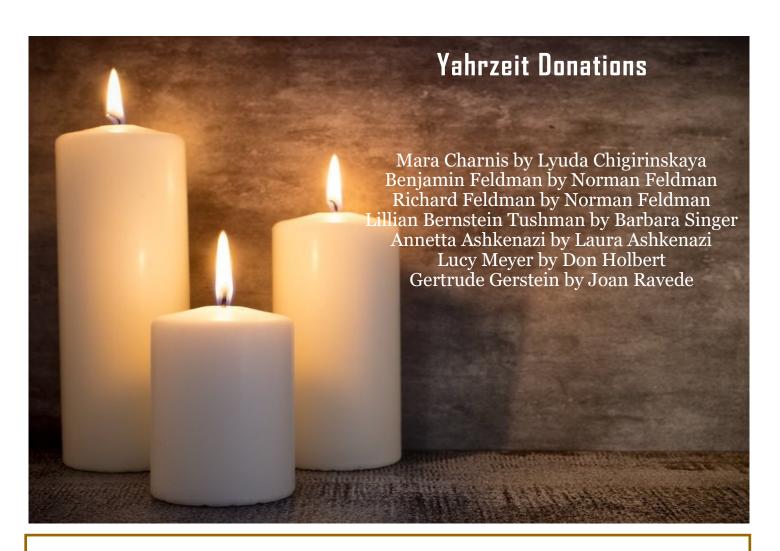












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- 8 Larry Horowitz
- 13 Charlie (Cholly) Beck
- 15 Beverly Lewis
- 18 Violette Diamond

- 19 Edward Rothberg
- 20 Jeanine Horowitz
- 20 Steven Levine
- 25 Manette Lasris
- 28 Linda Holbert
- 30 Rose Grace

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Barabra Kusnick, Larry Horowitz, Charlie (Cholly) Beck, Beverly Lewis, Violette Diamond, Edward Rothberg, Jeanine Horowitz, Steven Levine, Manette Lasris, Linda Holbert and Rose Grace

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone who helped with Purim. We are all so glad to have Rabbi Kane back with us.

A big Thank You to all who volunteered to help with the many preparations for the upcoming Heritage Festival and for the donations for the Liquor Basket Raffle.

Rosh Chodesh Nisan for Hebrew Year 5784 begins at sundown on Monday, April 8, 2024 and ends at nightfall on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

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?** Contact Melanie Shiffman, our new Chair of the Visiting Committee at 386-506-9494. The committee is very important for the elderly members of our congregational family. So please consider helping us with this important committee!

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

Sharing a link to AJC's website: **Resource for reporting Antisemitism to Federal** Agencies, Law Enforcement, and Social Media Guidance (https://www.ajc.org/ReportingAntisemitism)

SPREAD THE NEWS

Ira & Son Shoe Repair is moving to the Dunkin Donut Plaza at 298 S. Nova Road, Suite A. We congratulate the entire Freedman family & wish them much luck in their brand new location! GRAND OPENING April 15th!











Virginia & Larry Horowitz are off to Germany & France, **Bon Voyage!**

Shoshana Ravede is your "Volusia-Flagler Student of the Week" for March 18-22, our Congratulations! We are all so very proud of you!







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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.





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	April 2,9,16,		Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro	
Fri	April 5		Kid & Tot Shabbat	
Sun	April 7	10:00 AM	Jewish Heritage Festival	
Thu	April 4 & 18	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast at Hi Tulip Café, Flagler Beach	
Sun	April 14	9:00 AM	Religious School w/Adult Education	
Mon	April 15	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Sun	April 21	9:00 AM	Religious School—Model Seder	
Mon	April 22	6:00 PM	Congregation Passover Seder	
Sun	April 28	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Last Classroom Day	

Passover Services, April 23, 24, and 29, 30

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