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# TORAH TIMES

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*Rabbi having too much fun with the kids at their picnic*



# TORAH MARCH



**JOIN US FOR OUR TORAH MARCH  
SUNDAY, June 9th**

**Assemble at Temple Beth-El at 9:45AM**

**March begins promptly at 10:00AM**

**We will have Police presence to handle  
the traffic on Nova Road**





## The Presidents' Message



My Fellow Congregants and Rabbi Kane,

First, thank you for your trust and confidence in electing me as Congregation President. I am honored to have the opportunity and role as the new president for Congregation B'nai Torah to get to know and serve all of you. As a member for the past 10 years, I have had the opportunity to have an extended family and develop close and loving relationships with some of you. From the moment Rabbi Kane called me before moving from Iowa to Florida and breaking bread with him at Panera Bread on July 5th, 2014, B'nai Torah has always made me feel I was home and could plant deep roots.

I have had three of my daughters have their conversion Mikvahs in our wonderful Atlantic Ocean with so many of our women braving the waves and currents to complete the ceremony, and as I write this, the memories bring joyful tears to my eyes. Also seeing Alannah, Grace and Hallie participate in Hebrew school, doing the cover of the yearbook, and their preparations for their Bat 'Mitzvahs' are a few of the loving memories that I cherish.

In the ten years that I have been a part of B'nai Torah, our world has changed and will continue to do so, we all experience life events that bring happiness and sadness. Rabbi Kane and the Congregation have been a guiding light for me through it all.

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Today, I want to share that Light that shines within all of you. In life it is about giving, performing Mitzvahs without expectations, and loving unconditionally. In the coming year, we will have our challenges at B'nai Torah from growing memberships and combining schools, to creative fund raising. We can all enjoy working together to create positive, loving experiences and memories. The Light that is within all of us to make a difference, starts with volunteering and I am asking and will be calling upon you to perform a Mitzvah. Bring your smile, your enthusiasm, your heart, and soul to B'nai Torah and together as family, we can make a difference to so many.

I look forward to this year of listening, having conversations, laughing, and creating new memories with you.

With compassion, mercy, intent, and love, wishing your health and prosperity ,

Howard Silverstein

President

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## A Message From Rabbi Kane



**This month, I would like to share some advice from the address historian Ken Burns made to the graduates of Brandeis University. It seems to me that these ideas may be good for all of us, not just 22 year olds:**

**Listen. Be curious, not cool. Insecurity makes liars of us all. Remember, none of us get out of here alive. The inevitable vicissitudes of life, no matter how well gated our communities, will visit us all. Grief is a part of life, and if you explore its painful precincts, it will make you stronger.**

**Do good things, help others. Leadership is humility and generosity squared. Remember the opposite of faith is not doubt. Doubt is central to faith. The opposite of faith is certainty. The kinship of the soul begins with your own at times withering self-examination. Try to change that unchangeable human nature of Ecclesiastes, but start with you. "Nothing so needs reforming," Mark Twain once chided us, "As other people's habits."**

**Don't confuse success with excellence. Do not descend too deeply into specialism. Educate all of your parts, you will be healthier. Do not get stuck in one place. "Travel is fatal to prejudice," Twain also said.**

**Be in nature, which is always perfect and where nothing is binary. Its sheer majesty may remind you of your own atomic insignificance, as one observer put it, but in the inscrutable and paradoxical ways of wild places, you will feel larger, inspirited, just as the egotist in our midst is diminished by his or her self-regard.**

**At some point, make babies, one of the greatest things that will happen to you, I mean it, one of the greatest things that will happen to you is that you will have to worry, I mean really worry, about someone other than yourself. It is liberating and exhilarating, I promise. Ask your parents.**

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**Choose honor over hypocrisy, virtue over vulgarity, discipline over dissipation, character over cleverness, sacrifice over self-indulgence. Do not lose your enthusiasm, in its Greek etymology the word enthusiasm means simply, "god in us". Serve your country. Insist that we fight the right wars. Denounce oppression everywhere.**

**Convince your government, as Lincoln understood that the real threat always and still comes from within this favored land. Insist that we support science and the arts, especially the arts. They have nothing to do with the actual defense of our country; They just make our country worth defending.**

**Remember what Louis Brandeis said, "The most important political office is that of the private citizen." Vote. You indelibly... [audience applauding] Please, vote. You indelibly underscore your citizenship, and most important, our kinship with each other when you do. Good luck and godspeed.**

**Rabbi S. David Kane**



**Shavuot**

**2024**

Please Join us for a Special

“Tikkun Leil Shavuot”

Shavuot Dinner, Discussion, and Film

Enjoy a Dairy Dinner, Discussions about the Ten  
Commandments Led by our Local Rabbis,

and a *Very Important Israeli Film:*

*“Supernova: The Nova Music Festival Massacre”*

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

5:30 PM

Temple Beth El, Ormond Beach, FL

*RSVP Required by June 7th – call Laurie at: 386-672-0294.*

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# Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Helen Farb



Our year was filled with many activities involving families, music and holiday events. The school grew to 24 students. Ellen Allard came to teach the children music for the holidays. It was a privilege to have her on many occasions, especially at Hard Rock Hanukkah. Our school hours changed to 9:00-2:00 to include our new music. We also started to collaborate with Dr. Jonathan Frankel, the school director from Beth-El. Our children joined theirs for music practice, a Hanukkah Carnival, and singing at Hard Rock Hanukkah and the Jewish Heritage Festival.

The students learned the stories and traditions of each holiday through Parsha study, crafts, books and food. For the High Holidays, Jonah and the whale was a wonderful play. Our students and parents made many decorations for our Sukkah and were able to enjoy eating in it. The Sukkah was beautiful, thanks to all who built it. At Simchat Torah, everyone got a chance to hold and dance with Torahs. The reading of the Megillah in March is another holiday to celebrate and enact the story of Esther with costumes, groggers and hamantashen.

Our children had many opportunities to do mitzvah's for others. In November we were joined by Chanah Zimmerman while Virginia was on vacation. The children and the Beth-El student came together at Ormond in the Pines Nursing Home to sing Hanukkah songs and play dreidel. The residents really enjoyed seeing and hearing the children. In November, the students made cupcakes for the Veterans and presented them at a special Shabbat service. In December, Virginia introduced the children to the Heifer Project and the children started collecting money for a cow. The cow would be sent to a poor villages to use for milk and calves. The calves would be given to other villages for breeding with working bulls in these villages. We got a beautiful certificate back.

We invited Beth-El students in February to join us for Mitzvah Day. The activities were: homemade soup jars for Federation and a perishable food collection; dog items (cages, food, blankets) for Sophie's' Circle, a dog rescue group; cards for the sick and elderly; and bird houses constructed and painted. In March, the students made 30 Shalot Manot bags filled with many wonderful treats. They delivered them to many of our congregants

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What is a Jewish holiday without food! We had apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah. At Tu B'Shevat we planted herb seeds to use in the kitchen. Hamentashen were made and eaten at Purim. The Religious School sponsored a dinner, Eat, Laugh and Bid, and a talent show to raise money for the school. Our students surprised and entertained everyone with their skills and jokes. In April, Valerie Kisseloff started teaching the older students with the help of Lisa Ravede. To prepare for the Model seder, the parents and students made Charosis, matzoh ball soup and pineapple, matzoh kugel. The food was delicious! Talia and Sam sang the Four Questions beautifully. It was lovely to celebrate together. Thanks to all the parents who helped!

On our last day, we celebrated with Shavuot activities. Rabbi Kane discussed the Ten Commandments. He brought out one of the Torah's to show different parts of the text. Our parents and students always enjoy and cheer for our traditional last day kickball game. At 11:00 we went to the park across from the synagogue and joined Beth-El students and parents in games and food. It was so lovely to meet new parents and students.

The religious school would like to thank Virginia Horowitz for all she has done to enrich, educate and contribute to our children and parents and especially myself. Morah Virginia introduced many ways to perform Mitzvahs, and brought many new ideas for celebrating the holidays: a TuB'Shevat seder, Parshas, and Kid and Tot Shabbat stories and plays for the students. The children, Rabbi and I will miss your enthusiasm, insight, humor and your love. We wish she and Larry the best of everything in France!

Many thanks to Chanah Zimmerman and Valerie Kisseloff for coming when substitute teachers were needed. Thanks to Lisa Ravede, Jared Kisseloff, Navah Aaronson, Acacia Myers, and Ana Chuven for coming in as classroom assistants to work with the 3-4 year olds. Our religious school can not function without the direction of Rabbi Kane. His many ideas and his love of Jewish music have brought us many opportunities for growth. The parents and students look forward to the Friday night Kid and Tot Shabbat dinners and services. As many of you know, I am resigning as a teacher but I will work with Dr. Jonathan Frankel and Rabbi Kane during the summer and fall to help our Religious School working smoothly as we merge with the Sunday school of Beth-El. We will be called the Shalom School. More details will become available as plans progress!

### ***Miss Helen***

Our next Kid and Tot Shabbat is Friday, June 7 at 6:00 for dinner. See you then and enjoy summer!

*CBT Religious School gathered with  
Temple Beth-El Religious School for a  
fun end-of-year celebration!*







Is  
That  
A  
Dinosaur  
Or A  
Rocket  
Ship?







*Love those crazy hats!*





# Annual Parent-Kid Kickball Game!





# More Kickball Fun!





# *Kid & Tot Shabbat*







BEACH  
MIKVEH  
FOR  
DAWN  
MULLINS







## Sisterhood in the News

I want to express our Sisterhood wishes and empathy to all our members for the recent loss of Temple Israel's member Robin Baldanza and our very own Bobbie Gordon, (Mother to Adrienne Cooperman). This is the time we reflect and remember. Please let Kay at the office know if anything is needed during these difficult times. Sisterhood donated a beautiful spread after the funeral for Bobbie Gordon, at the home of Adrienne and Larry Cooperman.

As we approach the lazy days of summer, many of our members will be traveling, If you are in town, please plan to be at the joint Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat on Friday June, 14th, 7:00PM. We are in need of readers and participants, we will have a variety of English as well as Hebrew selections. Let Barbara Kusnick (985) - 705-1236, know if you are interested. We will have a lovely wine and cheese Oneg after.

Look for details about a Program in July, and then we kick off the fall with an opening luncheon in September. Please think about any positions that you can assist with Sisterhood, in this upcoming year.

I wish everyone a safe Summer

**Barbara Kusnick, Sisterhood President**

**Come join the fun**

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

[HERE](#)

# Temple Israel

Hello from Temple Israel Sisterhood,

Enjoy your summer with family and friends. In mid May, Temple Israel sponsored a Dessert party after services in honor of their 100 year anniversary at CBT. It was a great turnout and all enjoyed!

Thanks Rabbi Kane for being in charge of ordering most of the elegant chocolates.

Our sympathy to the Baldanza family on the passing of Robin, she will be missed

This is our Farewell Newsletter, but good news, several Temple Israel Members will be joining CBT and their Sisterhood.

## Save the Date

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 at Dunn's Attic on W. Granada Blvd.  
from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Consignment Shop, Browse & Lunch  
with Hadassah and Temples, all are invited.**

**RSVP to Netta Weiner 672-1707 and/  
or Fran Steiner 295-6788**

**Limited seating, only have room for 4  
or 5 more people!**

### A note from Vallis Miller:

I am not sure what I'll do with my spare time, but wish to thank Netta Weiner for all her work and keeping our Sisterhood going with events, meetings and keeping us girls on our toes ..... it was great doing joint Sisterhood with CBT.



# MEN'S CLUB®

## **Men's Club Upcoming events:**

Congratulations on our Congregation B'nai Torah Men's Club, which has been accepted as a member of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). FJMC is the international umbrella organization for a confederation of approximately 200 men's auxiliaries serving more than 20,000 men around the globe. Our chapters are concentrated in North America throughout the United States and Canada. The influence of FJMC's programs and contributions is felt worldwide. FJMC's mission is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. Our programs have a profound impact on our congregations, our youth, and world Jewry. The list of FJMC programs and activities is lengthy.

Our Club will be part of the Florida Region.

Learn more: [www.fjmc.org](http://www.fjmc.org)

<https://fjmc.org/regions/florida/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1485912051639489>

Men's Club and Sisterhood will be jointly leading services Friday, June 14. Look for an email soon on how you can participate.

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](mailto:cbtobmensclub@gmail.com)

Mark Givarz, President

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**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.





## **Come Enjoy JPGT**

**Great company, conversation,  
food and friendships!**

**All Welcome — Bring a Friend!**

**THIS MONTH'S BREAKFASTS**  
**Thursday, June 6th and 20th at 9 AM**



*New Location*

**Peach Valley Café**

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## Yahrzeit Donations



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**JUNE 2024**



**1 Michael Chuven**  
**7 David Offenber**  
**7 Nancy Nusbaum**  
**10 Sylvia Levy**  
**11 Ron Horowitz**  
**15 Jim Ravede**  
**17 Dr. Ed Schwartz**

**18 Carin Rothberg**  
**23 Bobbie Fischer**  
**23 Hadassah Aaronson**  
**26 Evelyn Ladau**  
**27 Alice Marvin**  
**28 Sherry Armstrong**

**Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to Michael Chuven, David Offenber, Nancy Nusbaum, Sylvia Levy, Ron Horowitz, Jim Ravede, Dr. Ed Schwartz, Carin Rothberg, Bobbie Fischer, Hadassah Aaronson, Evelyn Ladau, Alice Marvin & Sherry Armstrong**



**13 Kiva & Douglas McEwen**  
**16 Bonnie & David Turetsky**  
**17 Beverly & Dr. Marvin Lewis**  
**18 Ellen & Alan Rabin**

**19 Sylvia & Morris Levy**  
**19 Barbara & Dr. Barry Kusnick**  
**20 Lauren & Daniel Hoven**  
**30 Virginia & Larry Horowitz**

### **EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

**Thanks to all those who have served the Congregation, Men's Club, Sisterhood and School this year. You have given us much & we appreciate you!**

**Thank you to Lea and all her kitchen angels for all they do for our various festive celebrations!**

**Rosh Chodesh Sivan for Hebrew Year 5784 begins at sundown on Thursday, June 6, 2024 and ends at nightfall on Friday, June 7, 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**

**Doug & Kiva McEwen's youngest granddaughter graduated from High School and will study Landscape Architecture at Kansas State University.**

**Congratulation to Anna Chuven on her high school graduation.**

**Congratulations to Dawn Mullins on her recent welcoming blessing. We are happy to welcome you to our CBT Family!**

## **Save the Date!**

**Rabbi Kane's 65th Birthday, Saturday, August 10th, services at 10:00 AM followed by a festive luncheon.**



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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	June 4,11,18,25	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Thu	June 6 & 20	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast-Peach Valley, Port Orange
Fri	June 7	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	June 9	10:00 AM	Torah March from Temple Beth-El to CBT
Tue	June 11	5:30 PM	"Tikkun Leil Shavuot" Temple Beth El
Wed/Thu	June 12-13	9:30 AM	Shavuot Services, Yizkor on Thursday
Fri	June 14	7:00 PM	Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat
Sun	June 16		Happy Father's Day
Mon	June 17	10:00 AM	CBT Board Meeting
Thu	June 20		SUMMER BEGINS

### Officers and Trustees

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