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COME CELEBRATE

Anita Hochman & Rabbi Kane cordially
invite you on Shabbat, August 9,
a deli lunch with all the fixings!

Followed by Lunch & Learn about
Rabbi's Israel trip!

A Message From Rabbi Kane



In 1933, a man trying to drum up tourism in his part of Japan "found" ancient documents testifying that Moses, Jesus, Confucius and other historical luminaries either studied in or were buried in Japan or both. To this day nobody believes it but it doesn't stop some villages from having annual festivals honoring the lives of whichever famous person is supposedly entombed nearby.

And Western tourists show up to watch Japanese versions of the "secret" history of Moses, Jesus, etc.

The question of which stories are within religious tradition and which are not has been an essential part of Rabbinic Judaism since its beginnings. People marvel at the diversity of "truths" in the Talmud while also pointing to the flawless transmission of the Torah text across the centuries as "proof" of its eternal holiness.

Similarly, families often find that stories about family transcend generations. As we approach the anniversary of the destruction of the Temple and also the high holidays, we are reminded of two things. We are not exempt from disaster and we must act as if one kindness can prevent disaster for other people.

And for those who save one life, it is the same as saving a world.

Disaster has not arrived in our lives today. Whose world shall we save?

S. David Kane



The Presidents' Message



Dear Fellow Congregants and Rabbi Kane,

Due to excessive heat and humidity your President has moved to the beach for the month of August.

Feel free to join him for ice cold lemonade and a spritz of suntan lotion.

Please stay cool and hydrated!

Looking forward to the resumption of my articles in September as well as 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.

Be well, Howard

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Please note that our wonderful “Kabbalah Korner” will be taking the summer off and will resume in September.

Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Valerie Kisseloff



Looking Ahead to a Wonderful Religious School Year

Greetings, CBT Religious School Families!

As summer begins to wind down, I hope all of our religious school families have had the chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together—whether traveling, spending days outdoors, or simply soaking in the slower pace that summer brings.

With the new school year quickly approaching, I'm excited to share a few important updates. Be on the lookout soon for our new online registration form for the upcoming religious school year. We'll also be sending out the Fall religious school calendar in the coming weeks so you can mark your calendars and plan ahead.

The CBT Religious School Board will be meeting soon to finalize preparations for the upcoming Shalom School year, and we'll be sharing updates and opportunities for involvement—especially as we plan a CBT School Building Clean-Out Day. Keep an eye on the Remind App for notifications and your email inbox for details!

Rabbi is also looking forward to resuming weekly Hebrew lessons with our students. It's always inspiring to watch our learners grow in their knowledge, confidence, and connection to our shared traditions.

We can't wait to see everyone again soon, and I wish your family a joyful and smooth transition into the school year ahead!

-Val Kisseloff

CBT Education Committee Chair



Sisterhood in the News

July was a busy month, with many highs and lows. I regret to inform you that Melanie Shiffman has resigned from Congregation B'nai Torah. She has some personal commitments that precluded her from staying on as Sisterhood President. We wish her good luck and well-being in her future endeavors. We will be having a general meeting on Monday August 11 th , 2025 at 11:00am at CBT. I hope that all members and future members will attend this very important meeting. As a member of CBT Sisterhood, your voice is important to our future and longevity. The meeting will be an opportunity to vote for your new Sisterhood President and Board. If you are currently serving on the Sisterhood Board and wish to continue, please let me know. This information will help us determine what positions need to be filled for this year. Did you know that as a female member of Congregation B'nai Torah you are vital part of Sisterhood's existence. Your dues of \$36 funds our Friday Night Onegs', Shabbat Kiddushs', and all the products purchased to keep our Sanctuary, Kitchen, and Social Events running smoothly.

We had a great time at Pictonia, we ate lunch and some of us played Mah Jongg, others played cards and board games, and some just visited and caught up with each other. The Summer High's have been some of the hottest weather I have encountered since I moved here 6 years ago. I personally look forward to the fall with cooler temps and the High Holidays around the corner. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer. I hope to see everyone on Monday, August 11 th .

Please note your calendar for these upcoming dates:

Monday, August 11 th , 11AM at CBT – General Meeting and Planning

Thursday August 14 th , Game Day at CBT – time to be announced at meeting

Thursday November 13 th , SAVE THE DATE – MahJongg Tournament

If you have not submitted your information for the upcoming yearbook, please contact Lea Moskowitz ASAP. Time is running out and soon it will be at the printers, and you will have missed out. This is Sisterhood's main fundraiser and these monies are part of Congregation B'nai Torah's operating budget.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon,
Barbara Kusnick (985) 705-1236

Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

[HERE](#)



Game Day at Pictona





**Help
Create a
Joyful noise.
The next
Choir
practice
IS**

Monday, August 4th

At 7:30 PM in

the Synagogue

**All shower singers
especially welcome!**

MEN'S CLUB®

Men's Club By Ken Haberman, upcoming Men's Club President

The Men's Club had a great year. Thank you to our outgoing President Mark Givarz, for all his innovative ideas, enthusiasm, and tireless work for our club. He recently attended the FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Club) Convention in Chicago, where he did an excellent job, not only for our individual club representation, but he was very busy due to his essential involvement in many aspects of the whole convention itself. We also won an award for our Brunch and Shoot event at the gun range in Bunnell!

I will be taking over as President for the Men's Club for this upcoming year and turning over my Treasurer function to Jerry Leibman. Mark's shoes will be hard to fill, but I will do my best! What I would like to share, is that men in general are not programmed to proactively make friends easily with other men. If it happens, it happens. But what the Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Torah brings, is the opportunity to overcome that first hurdle of making new friends, by providing activities and gatherings to foster camaraderie and relationships between the men in our synagogue.

A goal for this year is to plan more joint activities with the Congregation B'nai Torah Sisterhood. On Thursday, July 24, a couple of men (including me) attended Game Day (board games), put on by the Sisterhood, at Pictona in Holly Hill. The food is great there, and a good time was had by all! Netta Weiner was a fantastic planner and hostess.

Please consider joining our Men's Club. Dues are only \$36 per year. That's right, per year! Look for upcoming events in the bulletin and in emails. We always enjoy our time together!

You can always check the Men's Club page on the CBT website: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club/>

As always, let me know if you have any great ideas you'd like the Men's Club to facilitate. Contact me: 386-679-2320
cbtobmensclub@gmail.com

Thanks! Ken Haberman, CBT Men's Club President
Here's the link to submit: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club->



We need volunteers for the
Membership and Visiting
Committees.

Please consider volunteering a
couple of hours a week or more to
visit congregants at nursing homes,
the hospital, or their homes. We also
need volunteers for the Lunch Buddy
Program to take older congregants
out for coffee or lunch. We also need
volunteers to write welcome cards
for new members, to call potential
members, to call members who are
sick, and to write get-well cards.

If interested, please call Kay at the
CBT Office at (386)672-1174.

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CBT SISTERHOOD GAME DAY SCHEDULE



AUGUST 14TH AT CBT

403 N. NOVA RD, ORMOND BEACH

1:00-4:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP TO NETTA WEINER AT (386) 672-1707

THE FOLLOWING GAME DAYS

WILL TAKE PLACE AT CBT

SNACKS WILL BE SERVED \$10.00 PER PERSON

*****LOOK FOR FUTURE DATES*****

**OCTOBER 9TH &
DECEMBER 11TH**

TBS Sisterhood

AFTERNOON TEA AMONG THE ARTS

RSVP by AUG 1 to
Janet Kovner at
(561) 866-7378



SUNDAY
AUG 24, 2025
2-4PM

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- Luncheon and Tea
- Tea among an art display
- Silent Auction
- Award for Best Hat

ALL SISTERHOOD MEMBERS: \$25

NON-MEMBERS: \$35

**SEND CHECK TO TBS SISTERHOOD
WHEN MAKING RESERVATION**

The CBT Sisterhood and Men's Club would like to invite you to join us for the show

ALL SHOOK UP

Music inspired by Elvis Presley



September 14th, 2025
at 2:00 PM

Daytona Playhouse
100 Jessamine Blvd
Daytona Beach, FL 32118



Optional dinner to follow. Restaurant to be announced.

To purchase tickets, please type the following into your browser:

[https://www.tix.com/
ticket-sales/daytonaplayhouse/4498/event/1425032](https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/daytonaplayhouse/4498/event/1425032)

Tickets are selling fast for this event!

Please RSVP

Mark Givarz at (314)604-5618.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mah Jongg

TOURNAMENT

Thursday, November 13, 2025

10:00 AM Registration

11:00 AM Start Time

Stay tuned for more information!

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Questions?

Please contact Semareva

Friedman at (386)264-1508 or

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In Memory of Donny Robins & George Rimler

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4 Helen Farb
 5 Lisa Rhodes
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 21 Ben Fox
 22 Theresa Klaus
 24 Dr. David Turetsky
 25 Ruth Cohen
 29 Ken Haberman

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to: Helen Farb, Lisa Rhodes, Anita Hochman, Barbara Bailen, Rabbi S. David Kane, Rosalie Ferry, Norman Feldman, Beth Berger, George Selis, Bonnie Turetsky, Bari Amols, Ben Fox, Theresa Klaus, Dr. David Turetsky, Ruth Cohen & Ken Haberman



7 Gail & Zev Cohen
 19 Suzanne & Dr. Charles Stein

23 Dianne & Jack Rohald
 31 Sue & Robert Goldberg

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

**Thank you to our Summer Rabbis,
 Service Leaders and Helpers including
 Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, Rabbi Winston
 Weilheimer, Cantor Rich Walters
 and Mensch, Larry Cooperman**

Rosh Chodesh Elul for Hebrew Year 5785 will be celebrated from sundown on Saturday, 23 August 2025 through nightfall on Monday, 25 August 2025

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 Valerie Kane, our interim Chair of the Visiting Committee at 386-871-9909. You can help assist the elderly members of our congregational family. So please consider joining us with this important mitzvah!

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

Happy Happy Birthday to Rabbi Kane and Anita Hochman who are sponsoring Saturday, August 9th, Kiddush Lunch & Learn

Congratulations to Robin & Ira Freedman on the birth of their newest grandson, Luke

Congratulations to Cantor Rich Walters & his lovely fiancé, Judy, on their upcoming nuptials on August 17th.



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Upcoming Events

Shabbat services start at 7:00 PM each Friday

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CBT REGULAR OFFICE HOURS Mon —Fri 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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| Fri | Aug | 1 | 600 PM | Kid & Tot Shabbat |
| Thu | Aug | 7/21 | 9:00 AM | JPGT Breakfast, Peach Valley Café, Port Orang |
| Sat | Aug | 9 | | Lunch & Learn & Rabbi's Bday Celebration |
| Mon | Aug | 11 | 11:00 PM | General Sisterhood Meeting @ Synagogue |
| Thu | Aug | 14 | 1:00 PM | Sisterhood Game Day at CBT |
| Fri | Aug | 15 | 7:00 PM | Oneg honoring George Selis' 93rd Birthday |
| Mon | Aug | 18 | 7:00 PM | CBT Board Meeting |
| Sun | Aug | 24 | 9:00 AM | Shalom School Kickoff, Temple Beth-El |

SAVE THE DATE, Selichot Service at CBT, Saturday, September 13th

Officers and Trustees

President: Howard Silverstein
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