

# TORAH TIMES

December 2025

11 Kislev - 11 Tevet



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## THE MAGIC OF HANUKKAH!

It's time to sign up for the 27th Annual CBT Shabbat Service & Dinner Friday, December 19th at 6:00 PM (see page 22) An annual tradition here at CBT. This year's dinner features some of our kids singing and delicious chicken & latkes.

Please call 386-672-1174 to RSVP or go to [www.mybnaitorah.org](http://www.mybnaitorah.org) & click on "Annual Chanukah Dinner"

### Hard Rock Hanukkah

Sunday, December 7th at 10:30 AM

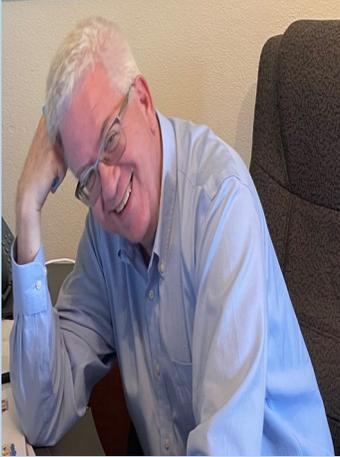
What has Jewish food, bluegrass music, donuts, dreidels, latkes and dozens of fabulous volunteers?

It's Hard Rock Hanukkah (page 10-11)

(sponsored by the Jewish Federation & the CBT Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)



## A Message From Rabbi Kane



So what was your intention?

Remember, just two months ago, when we resolved to improve?

To change?

Why resolve at all? Why take that giant intentional leap forward just to slide backwards, or to sink into habit?

Chanukah comes to teach us that time is on our side, not against us. Remember, when the Jews of that Maccabean age, only had enough oil to last one day?

They could have waited until the messengers came back with a sufficient supply of oil to keep the Temple light burning continuously before using the little oil they had. Instead, they cleaned up the Temple and lit the lamp.

So it is with us. Chanukah teaches us to make the light we can today. And perhaps, with God's help, we will find a way to keep our light going another day, and another after that. Before you know it, any of us, or all of us, can be part of the eternal flame, which, in turn, inspires, comforts, and helps.

Just for today let's make that our intention. Today is the perfect day to clean up some of the despair, sorrow or chaos in the world. All of those dark spots just need a little light. Why not ours?

***Rabbi S. David Kane***

***P.S. Jewish Adult Ed continues Tuesdays at 6:00 pm on Zoom, just before Rabbi Shapiro's 7:00 pm Bible class.***



# The Presidents' Message



Dear Fellow Congregants and Rabbi Kane,

Thank you, Charlie, the Kisseloff's and Rabbi Winston Weilheimer, for assisting and leading services in November during Rabbi Kane's time off.

We had amazing events in November as a Jewish community, including the Sisterhood's joint Mah Jongg tournament at Temple Beth El, Kid and Tot Shabbat dinner with great attendance at CBT with the next one on December 5th. The Jewish Federation made the front page of the Wall Street Journal for the tremendous efforts of the SNAP Food Drive.

The Shalom School continues to evolve with student enrollment in the seventies...utterly amazing! It has been agreed upon that classes for next semester will be at Congregation B'nai Torah beginning in January.

As always, great appreciation for all that volunteer their precious time to making B'nai Torah a close-knit family.

I look forward to the holidays and especially the Hard Rock Community Hannukah Party on December 7th, the Sisterhood's Game Day December 11th, and the CBT Hannukah Dinner on December 19th . Also, our CBT campus will be receiving and planting six new Native Florida Hardwood Trees in the next upcoming weeks.

I would be remiss in my responsibilities not to mention and share some real-life situations; Antisemitism continues to be a focus of concern and touches us each in many different shapes and forms. We continue to ensure that security is ever present at our services and events, additionally we are collaborating with the Jewish Federation for community sustainable solutions. Please feel free to discuss with me, Alan, Ken, or Ira, who represent our safety committee. Any insights or concerns into these issues will be shared and addressed.

Looking forward to seeing you at services.

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

**Howard,**  
**President of Congregation B'nai Torah**  
**HowardHeyHeyAyin1@gmail.com      386-886-2343**

# THE KABBALAH KORNER BY HOWARD

December 2025

Kislev—Tevet 5786

The month of December 2025 aligns with two Hebrew months, Kislev and Tevet, offering a powerful spiritual journey from the energy of miracles and hope to a time of introspection, inner strength, and vision.

**Part 1:** December 2025 begins in the month of Kislev until Shabbat ends on December 20, a time focused on miracles, trust, and the power of light over darkness.

**Key Themes:** Kislev is known as the "month of dreams" and is associated with the Hebrew letter Samech (which means "support" and symbolizes divine protection). The core spiritual work of Kislev involves strengthening trust in divine providence and using the power of imagination and "holy folly" (thinking freely of physical limitations) to manifest positive outcomes.

**Hanukkah:** This holiday, which begins on the 25th of Kislev (December 15, 2025) and continues into Tevet, is the spiritual anchor of the month. The lighting of the menorah (or Hanukkiah) in the darkest time of the year symbolizes the ability to find and spread great light and hope in seemingly challenging situations. The thirty-six candles lit over the eight days represent the Ohr Haganuz, the primordial, hidden light of creation that is accessible during this period.

**Part 2:** Tevet (from the night of December 20) This month shifts the energy inward, calling for discipline and the transformation of potential challenges into spiritual growth.

**Key Themes:** Tevet is associated with the sense of anger and the need for its rectification. The goal is to transform this raw emotion into a constructive force, such as righteous indignation against injustice, rather than a destructive one rooted in ego or jealousy. It is a time for introspection and cultivating an Ayin Tov (a "Good Eye" or a generous, kind perspective) toward oneself and others.

**Inner Vision and Strategy:** The Hebrew letter for Tevet is Ayin, which means "eye". The month offers an opportunity to "train the mental eye" to see with a divine perspective, developing a clear vision and spiritual strategy for the future.

**Strength and Resilience:** The sign of Capricorn (Gedi in Hebrew, meaning goat) is known for its ability to climb difficult terrain, symbolizing resilience and the capacity to ascend to spiritual heights. This is a time to build a sturdy foundation, exercise self-control, and take action with certainty and a connection to a higher purpose.

**Summary:** December 2025 is a powerful blend of Kislev's expansive, miracle-oriented energy and Tevet's focused, disciplined approach. The month encourages a journey from the outer light of Hanukkah to the inner work of self-mastery, using trust and vision to navigate challenges and build a strong spiritual foundation for the new secular year.

I am sharing this viewpoint from Kabbalah as an opportunity to expound on some of the lessons and teachings that have touched me in many ways to explore and to appreciate my love of Judaism on a deeper level.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this, with unconditional love, Howard**

ובריאים ארוכים חיים לך מאחל

**Wishing you a long and healthy life**

# Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Valerie Kisseloff



## CBT Religious School Updates

November was a full and meaningful month with learning, community, and gratitude woven into everything we did. This month at Shalom School, our students explored the theme of Mishpacha, the Hebrew word for family. They talked about how stories, traditions, and special items are passed down from generation to generation, and what makes each family unique. The children shared favorite traditions from their own homes and created both a My Mishpacha picture and their very own family trees. With Thanksgiving approaching, our learning turned toward Hakarat Hatov, the practice of noticing and appreciating the good in our lives. The students reflected on gratitude - for the people who support us, the blessings we enjoy, and the small everyday joys that sometimes go unnoticed. And, our teens had lots of fun in the kitchen baking delicious pumpkin pies!

Our Youth Group gathered for its second event, a fun BYO Board Game afternoon at Temple Beth El. Between pizza, cupcakes, and plenty of laughs, the teens had a fun time connecting. We're already looking forward to the next get-together in the new year! We also had many of our students and families join together for a meaningful mitzvah project at the local Food Bank. They packed 400 bags for Thanksgiving and prepared additional bags for everyday needs. Their enthusiasm made such an impact that the Federation invited us back in December. We are so proud of our young helpers and the kindness they bring into the world.

We enjoyed a beautiful Kid & Tot Shabbat this month, with nearly 20 parents and children joining in. Rabbi Kane led the children in song, and several of our Hebrew students helped lead parts of the Friday night service - a wonderful reminder of how uplifting it is to see young voices shine in our community.

As we gear up for Hard Rock Hanukkah, we can't wait to celebrate with our religious school families! There will be face painting and plenty of activities for the children. It truly takes a village to bring this event to life each year, and we're so grateful for all the volunteers and participants who make it special.

Rabbi Kane is also organizing our annual visit to the local nursing home, where our children will share Hanukkah songs and light candles with the residents, before heading to CBT for our annual Hanukkah dinner. You won't want to miss out!

We wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels for those going out of town. May this season bring warmth, gratitude, and joyful moments for all!

### **Save the Date for these upcoming events:**

<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Kid &amp; Tot Shabbat</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Hard Rock Hanukkah</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Shalom School</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Federation Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Singing at Ormond in the Pines</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>CBT Hanukkah Dinner (RSVP Required)</b>

**-Val Kisseloff**



# Kid & Tot Shabbat

# Bag Packing Volunteers



**400 Bags  
Packed!  
WOW**

# Shalom School





# MUSIC REHEARSAL





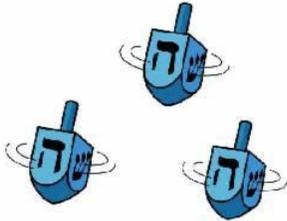
The Jewish Federation  
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PRESENTS

# HANUKKAH

at the



918 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL  
A Community Wide Pre-Hanukkah Festival

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM



Featuring Jewish Bluegrass  
Musical Phenoms:

## "Nefesh Mountain"



Festival will include music, vendor booths, crafts, dreidel games, lunch  
(sandwiches, salads & latkes for purchase), free donuts and chocolate gelt!

**AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND GAMES FOR THE KIDS!**



Join us for a day of music, festivity, food, and fun!  
Meet and take a picture with your favorite friends!



**FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL**

Call (386) 672-0294 for additional information

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in conjunction with  
Congregation B'nai Torah, Temple Beth-El,  
Temple Beth Shalom Palm Coast and Temple Israel of DeLand

**(THIS WILL BE A HIGH SECURITY EVENT)**

# Sunday, December 7, 2025

**Hard Rock Hotel, 918 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach**  
**Open to the Public starting at 10:30 AM. Concluding at: 2:30 PM.**

The amazing Jewish bluegrass group: “Nefesh Mountain.” will perform from 12:30 PM—1:30 PM.

There will be great food for sale; latkes, hot dogs, corned beef sandwiches, sufganiot and FREE candy gelt! We will have three characters for these kids: Spiderman, Blippi, and K Pop Demon Hunters. Cool!

And we will have all kinds of other activities for the kids; some games and crafts at the CBT booth as well as Around the Ballroom. The kids will sing and join in leading the lighting of the “demonstration” Hanukkah.

## The schedule for the day:

### 10:30 AM Doors Open to the public.

Private Security Check Point at Ballroom entrance - including metal detection and bag search. No weapons allowed! Volusia County Sheriff and Daytona Beach Police Department personnel will be on site.

Kids characters will begin roving and taking photos until 12:30 PM.

Roving magician begins working the room until 12:30 PM.

Intermittent roving Stump the Rabbi - \$2 Bill Prizes Begins.

Background Israeli music will begin.

Vendors open.

Food Service opens.

### 11:15 AM Music videos begin.

Followed by Hanukkah Trivia Game.

### 12:15 PM Vendors and kids activities pause for concert.

Food Service continues.

Children sing and light Hanukkiah.

Shamash Award is presented.

### 12:30 PM Concert: “Nefesh Mountain”

### 1:30 PM “Meet the Artists” following the concert with “Nefesh Mountain.”

Vendors and kids activities resume.

Food Service continues.

### 2:30 PM “L’hitraot” - farewell until next year!!

## PARKING: VERY IMPORTANT

**Parking adjacent to the hotel is managed by Volusia County.**

**Residents and non-residents can obtain the local parking/beach access pass at: <https://www.parkvolusia.org/>. Non-residents can park in the adjacent lot for a fee.**

**There is also limited parking on the street and in adjacent shopping lots. To drop off things for the vendor areas, drive into the Valet Parking entrance to the hotel and tell them to direct you to the entrance at the ballroom.**



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## *Shalom School & CBT Parent Info*

### ***Hanukkah Happenings***

There are lots of family friendly activities in December.  
Mark your calendars and send in your RSVP!

#### ***Kid & Tot Shabbat***

Join Rabbi the 1st Friday of each month as he engages our young learners with songs & stories, followed by a delicious family-style dinner.

**Friday, December 5th**

Kid & Tot Shabbat begins promptly at 6pm, followed by services at 7pm

#### ***Hard Rock Hanukkah***

Sun. Dec 7th  
10:30am-2:30pm

A day filled with family fun, food,  
music and more! Free admission  
\*\*Volunteers Needed\*\*

#### ***Songs at the Nursing Home & CBT Hanukkah Dinner***

The children will be singing for  
residents at Ormond in the Pines  
before the CBT Hanukkah Dinner.

Fri. Dec 19th  
4:30pm Ormond in the Pines  
6:00pm Hanukkah Dinner\*

\*RSVP to Val or Kay

Bring your menorah and candles  
to celebrate with the congregation.  
Sisterhood is preparing a delicious  
meal. There will be music, too!

#### ***Shalom School***

Sun. Dec 14  
9:00am @TBE

\*\*Reminder to bring  
food bank donations and  
Tzedakah each Sunday\*\*

### **Questions?**

Contact Val Kisseloff at 386.871.0214



## Sisterhood in the News

**Dear CBT Congregants and Sisterhood,**

Thank you to the Sisterhood members for making the Mah Jongg tournament a big success for CBT.

Hardrock Hannukah will be on December 7. Please let us know if you can volunteer to assist.

Please join us on December 11 at the synagogue 1 – 4 pm for game day, \$10 donation and snacks provided

We need volunteers to assist in preparing the food for the CBT Hannukah dinner on December 19.

Sisterhood Hannukah party and gift exchange will be on December 21st at 6:30 pm at the Surrey residence. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share and a gift ( up to \$20 ). Please RSVP to Eileen Surrey by email to [esurrey@bellsouth.net](mailto:esurrey@bellsouth.net) or by voicemail to 386 236-9939.

Our next Sisterhood meeting will be on January 11 at 2 pm at CBT.

It is not too late to join Sisterhood. We have 40 members with a goal of 50. If you have any ideas for Sisterhood social activities, please share those ideas! I look forward to meeting those I haven't and to seeing all of you!

### **CBT Sisterhood Board of Directors;**

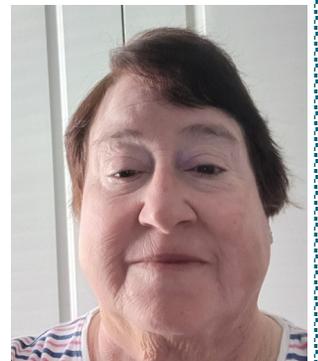
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- Membership Chair ..... Marcia Bergman

I look forward to meeting those I haven't and to seeing all of you!

**Eileen Surrey, President 386-236-9939**

[Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application](#)

[HERE](#)





# SISTERHOOD MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT



# MEN'S CLUB®

**By Ken Haberman**

Hard to believe it is almost 2026! Hope everyone's 2025 has been a stellar year.

We will be planning a Men's Club activity of "Chinese Food & Optional Movie" on Thursday, December 25th .

Details will be announced soon.

**Have a Happy and Blessed Hannukah!**

Ken Haberman,  
President of Men's Club



For any questions, please call Ken at 386-679-2320 or email [kchaberman@hotmail.com](mailto:kchaberman@hotmail.com).

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  
[cibtobmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:cbtobmensclub@gmail.com)

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



# MENSCH OF THE MONTH

*By our Congregant Ray Leonard*

## **Dr. Michael and Violette Diamond, December “Mensch’s of the Month”**

Our December “Mensch’s of the Month,” Dr. Michael and Violette Diamond have such interesting and varied family and life histories that they add to the diversity and richness of our B’nai Torah Congregation. In all the time I have been a member of our congregation, I have never seen Michael and Violette apart, so it is only fitting that I tell their story together.

Dr. Michael’s family comes from the Jewish community of Eastern Europe. His grandmother was from Krakow, part of the Hapsburg empire and he thinks the rest of that generation of his ancestors was from the Czarist Pale. They all emigrated to the United States through Ellis Island at the end of the 19th century. His father was the youngest of seven children, and married late, so Michaels paternal grandparents died when he was young, which is probably why he did not learn a lot about his father’s family history. Michael’s parents divorced when he was three and he grew up living with his mother and her family. However, they all lived in New York City. His father was a doctor and as soon as Michael could travel alone on the subway, he would go and visit his father at his office. He remembers always wanting to be a doctor when he grew up. He also remembers his father taking him to the racetrack, studying the prior race records, and placing the \$2 bets. It was the winning , not the money, that motivated him... Of his father’s seven siblings, five died in their 90’s and the two who smoked died in their 70’s.

Michael was an excellent student and was accepted at Dartmouth and then went to Boston University medical school. He did his residency training in various hospitals in New York City and then spent two years as an Air Force doctor in Texas. Next he spent seven years in New Jersey. Meanwhile, during his first year in Medical School, he married Sue Jacobs in 1960, and his son Eric was born in Boston, and son John in New York.

Michael joined Dr. Michael Cohen in practice in Daytona Beach in 1977 and raised his family here, buying one of the first houses in the Trails development. His sons graduated from Mainland High School in 1981 and 1984. Eric went to the University of Florida and had a career with the airline industry. John studied at Duke and received a master’s degree in physics at the University of Maryland. He inherited the family excellence in mathematics and works in finance.

Michael was divorced in 1990. Sadly, his companion in later years, Cindy, died of cancer in 2003. However, there is a happy late chapter as we will soon read about.

Violette’s family are Sephardic Moroccan Jews, who were expelled from Spain in 1492. They formed one the largest Jewish communities in North Africa, as about a quarter of the population of Casablanca was Jewish at the turn of the 20th Century. Violette’s paternal grandfather, who was born in Mogador was a wealthy businessman. On a trip to British Gibraltar, he met an Englishwomen and they married and had ten children. In 1907, the French attempted to build a railway through Casablanca including a Muslim Cemetery. There were riots and a massacre of foreigners and inevitably, many in the Jewish community, who were seen as somehow connected to the foreigners. Violette’s maternal grandfather just managed to escape with the extended family to Spain, bribing a sea captain. They returned when the rioting ended, but had lost everything, except their lives, and had to start over.

Violette's father became a barber in Mogador and also took charge of his father's businesses. After he married, he moved to Casablanca. In 1912, France had taken control of Morocco. In World War Two, the Vichy government began to make life more difficult for Jews, but the US invasion in 1943 rescued the situation before the Nazi's could implement their extermination plan. As the only English-speaking barber in Casablanca, Violette's father did a wonderful business cutting GI's hair! Unfortunately, shortly after war ended, he died of a stroke, when he was only 41 and Violette and her siblings were young children. Growing up as a Jewish girl in a Muslim city was a difficult experience and as soon as she graduated from high school, Violette travelled to New York. She took up residence at the 92nd St. Jewish Y. She met her future husband and married three months later. Once she became a US citizen, she was able to bring her mother to join her family.

Violette had a long and happy 35-year marriage, raising two talented sons. Alan graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. Despite his obvious excellence in Math and Physics, he decided not to go to college, joined the Air Force, and has had a long and successful career with Consolidated Edison. Her son Brian also graduated from Bronx High School of Science and went to college at the University of Texas at Tyler on a tennis and academic scholarship. He has combined a love of tennis and mathematics and is now the High-Performance Coach, Tournament Director and Mathematics Instructor at the Dripping Springs Tennis Academy in Texas.

Unfortunately, soon after their retirement to Florida, the lifelong health problems of Violette's husband took their toll, and he passed away in 1999. However, she decided to stay in Florida and as I have seen in my learning of the life histories of so many of Congregation B'nai Torah members, good things happen to good people. Michael and Violette met and were married in December 2005.

Judaism has been an important part in different phases of both Michael and Violette's life. One of Michael's earliest memories is going to Shul with his grandfather during World War 2 in order to make a minyan. Growing up, the family would always gather together at the Jewish holidays. His young family were active members in Temple Israel where his sons received their Bar Mitzvah. Violette grew as part of a large but "cautious" Jewish community in a Muslim society where a low profile was needed, but the religious and cultural identity was deep. Her husband in America came from an Orthodox family and the Jewish religion was a core part of her life. Together, after the closing of Temple Israel, they happily decided to become a part of our B'nai Torah Congregation, giving us the benefit of their devotion and life experience.

They have had long and varied lives and are keen observers of people and trends and as such, have an interesting perspective on antisemitism and the future of Judaism. Michael feels fortunate to have lived in what he feels is a "golden age" of Judaism for American Jews and is worried that antisemitism is becoming acceptable to a larger segment of the population, particularly on the left. He does feel that Florida, particularly Ormond Beach, is a good place for us. Violette has the personal experience of her early years in Morocco and is very sensitive to trends of antisemitism. She remembers her astonishment on coming to New York and seeing a man in the subway openly reading a Yiddish newspaper! But she also remembers her son suffered resentment as the only Jew in ConEd when he was elevated to a supervising role at age 23.

Dr. Michael Diamond still does coverage for other doctors' offices in his lifelong passion for his profession. Violette ensures that they have a lovely home in Tomoka Oaks. Together they have made a happy chapter to their long lives as treasured members of our congregation celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary as our December Mensch's of the Month.

# Happy 20th Anniversary





## **ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION**

**ZOOM ONLY from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16**

**The Friday Night Service "Unlocked."**

**Who wrote these prayers?**

**When & why did they write them?**

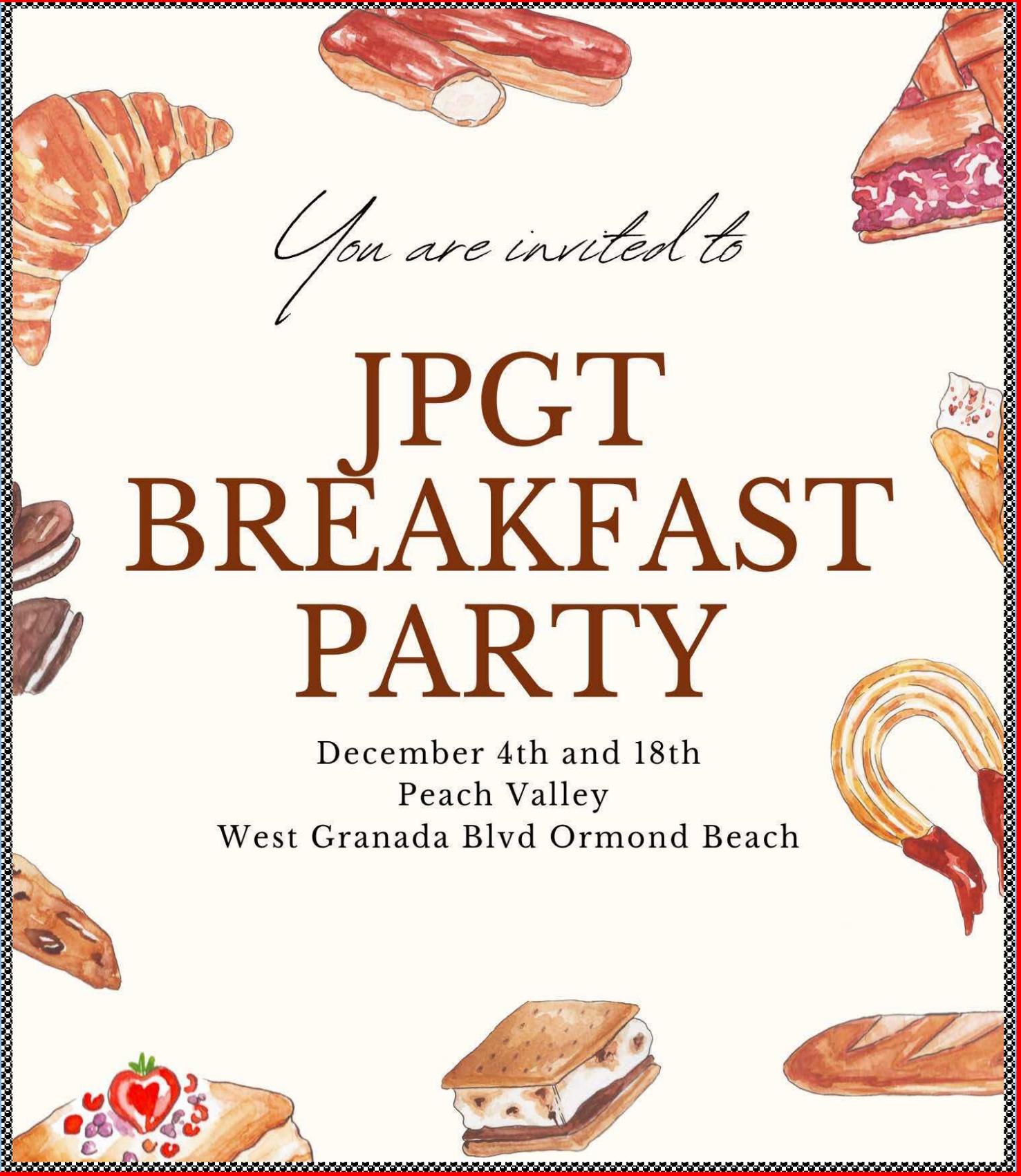
**How did the prayers get into the services?**

**What do the prayers mean for us?**

**Let's explore this together.**

**The Siddur Hadash Prayer Books are available for pickup or  
delivery at the CBT office from**

**Monday thru Friday from 9:00 – 1:00**



*You are invited to*

# JPGT BREAKFAST PARTY

December 4th and 18th  
Peach Valley  
West Granada Blvd Ormond Beach

# **CBT SISTERHOOD GAME DAY**



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT CBT  
401 N. NOVA RD, ORMOND BEACH**

**1:00—4:00 PM**

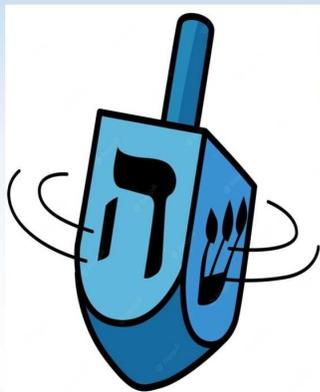
**PLEASE RSVP TO NETTA WEINER**

**AT (386) 672-1707**

**SNACKS WILL BE SERVED**

**\$10.00 PER PERSON**

**The Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler  
Counties cordially invites you to attend  
SENIOR HANUKKAH LUNCHEON  
Thursday, December 18th, 11:30 AM at  
Temple Beth-El**



**579 North Nova Road  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174**

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**Please RSVP to Laurie at  
[federationoffice@cfl.rr.com](mailto:federationoffice@cfl.rr.com)  
Phone: 386-672-0294**





YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2025  
**CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH**  
**HANUKKAH SHABBAT**  
**SERVICE & DINNER**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th at 6:00 PM**

Shabbat Service will be followed by a delicious dinner of  
Joe's Chicken Delight with latkes, veggies and all the fixings!  
PLUS - Desserts!

**CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH**  
**401 N NOVA RD ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174**

ADULTS \$18 - AGES 4-12 - \$9  
Religious School Students and Under 4 - FREE

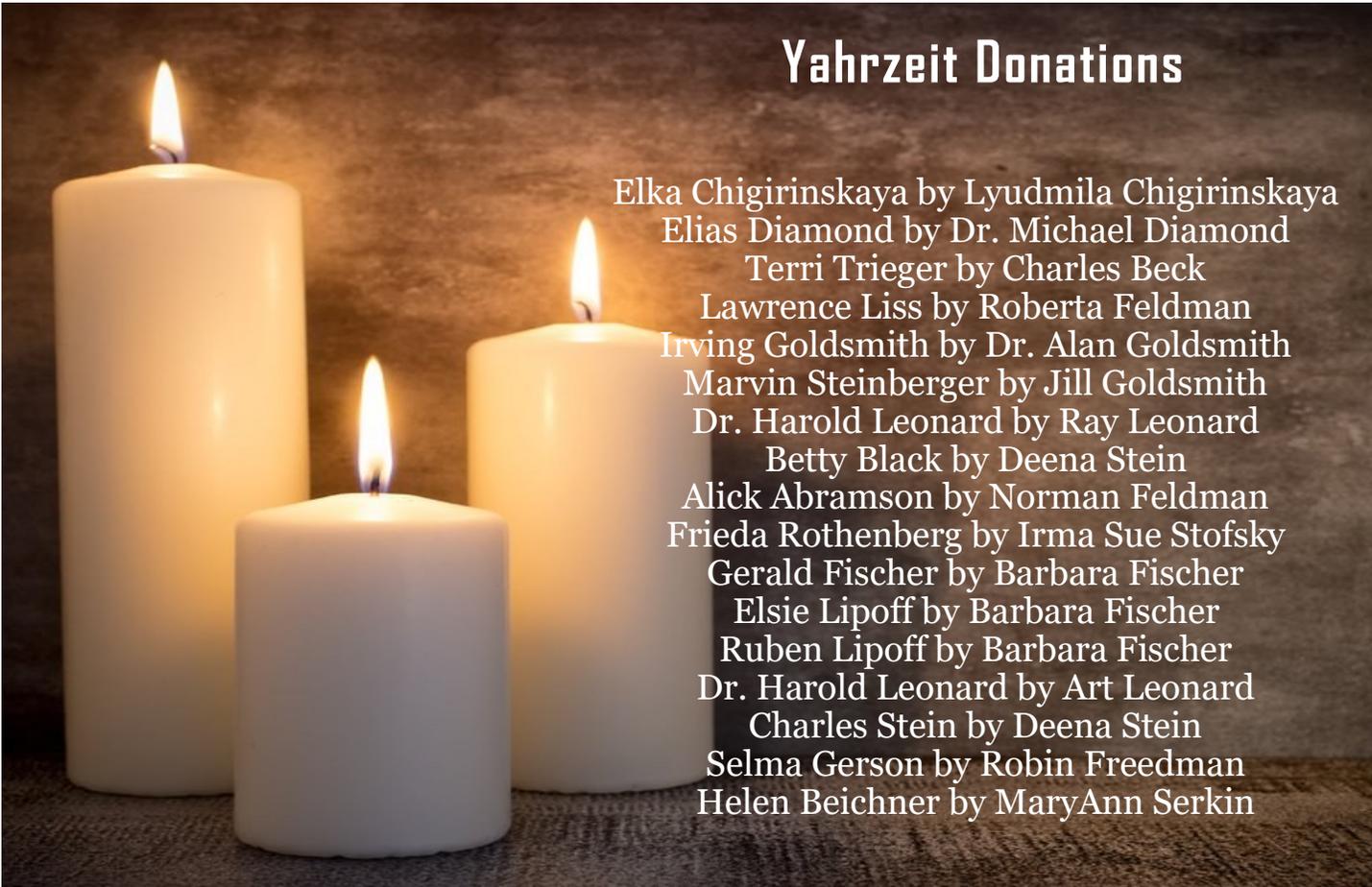
**LIMITED SEATING**  
Doors open at 5:30 PM

Please RSVP by 12/12 to  
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386-672-1174 or  
[www.mybnaitorah.org](http://www.mybnaitorah.org)

**Your payment is your confirmation!**

Remember to bring a menorah and 7 candles (6 + 1) to light

## Yahrzeit Donations



Elka Chigirinskaya by Lyudmila Chigirinskaya  
Elias Diamond by Dr. Michael Diamond  
Terri Trieger by Charles Beck  
Lawrence Liss by Roberta Feldman  
Irving Goldsmith by Dr. Alan Goldsmith  
Marvin Steinberger by Jill Goldsmith  
Dr. Harold Leonard by Ray Leonard  
Betty Black by Deena Stein  
Alick Abramson by Norman Feldman  
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Charles Stein by Deena Stein  
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*Thank You for Your Kol Nidre Donations*

**Sue & Irv Abel, Lorna & Charles Beck, Gail & Zev Cohen, Violette & Dr. Michael Diamond, Helen Farb, Semareva Friedman, Barbara & Dr. Barry Kusnick, Sylvia Levy, Lisa & Dr. Richard Rhodes, Barbara & Harvey Singer, Rabbi Winston Weilheimer**

### **Would you like to perform a mitzvah??**

Our Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial Society) is a group of men and women who participate in the mitzvah of caring respectfully for the deceased according to centuries-old Jewish rituals and traditions. Caring for the holy remains is considered a very special mitzvah, one of the most sacred tasks in Judaism, and being a part of the Chevra Kadisha is a blessing for both those who perform it and those who receive it. Please consider this as an invitation and, if you would like to be a part of this holy society, please call:

**Men call Charlie Moskowitz 386-871-0427      Women call Sue Abel 386-846-0431**

# December



## Happy Birthday



- 1 Michael Sznajstajler
- 4 Alyce Givarz
- 5 Richard Walters
- 6 Harvey Morse
- 10 Eneida Kwetkus
- 10 Joan Ravede
- 11 Adrienne Cooperman

- 13 Charlie Yfrah
- 17 Jeanne Jaffe
- 17 Al Fritts
- 19 Adrienne Offenbergl
- 22 Dr. Mark Rubin
- 27 Dianne Rohald

Happy Birthday from Lea & Charles Moskowitz to: Michael Sznajstajler, Alyce Givarz, Richard Walters, Harvey Morse, Eneida Kwetkus, Joan Ravede, Adrienne Cooperman, Charlie Yfrah, Jeanne Jaffe, Al Fritts, Adrienne Offenbergl, Dr. Mark Rubin, Dianne Rohald

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 10 Vicki & Ken Haberman
- 17 Marsha & Dr. Philip Shapiro
- 21 Roberta & Norman Feldman
- 22 Lisa & Jim Ravede
- 23 Laurie & Scott Davis

- 27 Violette & Dr Michael Diamond
- 27 Jill & Dr. Alan Goldsmith
- 27 Joyce & Jack Rubenstein
- 28 Manette & Harry Lasris
- 29 Sue & Irv Abel
- 29 Robin & Ira Freedman

## EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to Eileen, Sema, Lea and all the volunteers & donors who helped make the Mah Jongg Tournament such a success.

Thanks to the Shalom School volunteers who packed 400 bags of food for Thanksgiving for families.

Also, thanks to our President, Howard Silverstein, for helping to negotiate six new trees for our property.

Thanks to Alan Kisseloff for arranging a new sound system in our Sanctuary.

Rosh Chodesh Tevet begins at sundown on Friday, December 19th and ends at nightfall on Sunday, December 21st

## **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**

**Cantor Rich and Judy will be visiting CBT on  
December 12th & 13th.**

**The Moskowitz's and their traveling companions visited Casablanca. Everywhere they went Charlie said, **PLAY IT AGAIN SAM** and Lea said, **THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!****

**Val & Rabbi Kane's granddaughter, Palmer, danced as a mouse, a sheep and a servant in the Orlando production of the Nutcracker Ballet.  
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The Sanctuary of Congregation B'nai Torah houses an impressive Tree of Life, donated by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Rhodes. 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**

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

Fri	Dec	5	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Dec	7	10:30 AM	Hard Rock Hanukkah, Hard Rock Hotel
Thu	Dec	4,18	9:00 AM	JPGT Breakfast, Peach Valley Café, Ormond Beach
Tue	Dec	2,9,16,23,30	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Tue	Dec	2,9,16	6:00 PM	Adult Education Classes on ZOOM only
Thu	Dec	11	1:00 PM	CBT Sisterhood Game Day
Sun	Dec	14	9:00 AM	Shalom School at Temple Beth-El
Mon	Dec	15	7:00 PM	CBT Board Meeting
Thu	Dec	18	11:30 AM	Senior Hanukkah Luncheon, Temple Beth-El
Fri	Dec	19	6:00 PM	Hanukkah Shabbat Service & Dinner
Sun	Dec	20	3:00 PM	Hanukkah Party, Rabbi & Val's House
Sun	Dec	21	6:30 PM	Sisterhood Party, Surrey Residence
Thu	Dec	25	TBD	Men's Club, Chinese Food/Optional Movie

CBT Office Closed December 25th & 26th

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