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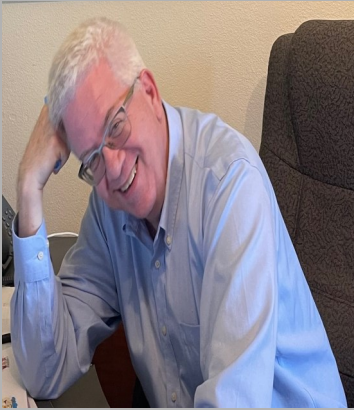


Where did they find these hats?



Last Chance for our Gala Gourmet Dinner

A Message From Rabbi Kane



With Cousin Myrna Hirsch's recent passing and with Passover almost here, allow me to share a bit of how our relationship shaped me. We spent most of the Jewish Holidays of my youth with my family hosted by Myrna and Allan Hirsch.

Let me start with the first summer I was lucky enough to spend two weeks at the Hirsch home. Now at our house we had many mouths to feed so on the rare occasion when my mother made my favorite, lamb chops, it was one chop per brother. The first night I spent having dinner at the Hirsch house, they served lamb! I took my chop, ate the meat and began to gnaw on the bone. "You know," Myrna said, "You can have another." "Another?" I asked. "Have as many as you want." she said. Nine chops later, I realized that not only did love mean love, but in Allan and Myrna's house love meant food.

And so it went with Passover. Every year they shopped, shlepped and cooked to host our clan of 25-35. depending on who could get home for Seder.

Myrna, who passed tragically at age 88 was undiminished in her love of family, Judaism, and ideas. She was still engaged with the worlds of news, Israel, Hadassah, art, food, music...the list goes on.

If you were in conversation with her, you knew that you were being listened to, cared about and inevitable offered dinner.

What the world could be with just a little more of that.

Rabbi S. David Kane



2026 (5786) Passover Schedule at Congregation B'nai Torah

Wednesday	April 1	Passover Service and Seder 5:45 p.m.
Thursday	April 2	1st Day of Passover Service 9:30 a.m.
Friday	April 3	2nd Day of Passover Service at 9:30 a.m. & Shabbat/Chol Hamoed Service 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 4	Shabbat/Chol Hamoed Service at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	April 8	7th Day of Passover Service at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	April 9	8th Day of Passover Service (Yiskor) 9:30 a.m.

Chag Kasher V'sameach



The Presidents' Message



Dear Fellow Congregants and Rabbi Kane,

I am grateful and blessed to be surrounded by such kind, loving, and dedicated fellow congregants, you all are truly my family and bring light into my life. Thank you!

A special THANK YOU to Rabbi Lennick and Rabbi Weilheimer for leading services as Rabbi Kane was recovering from a stroke. We are truly blessed to have you all!

March was another amazing month for our Congregation, so much dedication, focus, and hard work by all. And on top of it all the amazing events, involving the Shalom School, the Sisterhood, the Men's Club, Temple Beth-EL, and the Jewish Federation. It is heartwarming to see our Jewish Family be united and strong in times of adversity.

A few highlights for the month of March were the Purim Carnival, the Sisterhood's Putt Putt gathering, (the competition was fierce,) Men's Club Breakfast, the Sock Hop put on by the Federation with Alan winning best costume (he is still paying for all those changes), the Senior Passover Seder, and our Shalom Students putting on a Model Seder.

April will continue with heartwarming events, Passover being the center of attention for the month with our Seder on April 1st and the opportunity to participate in the Counting of the Omar which begins on April 2nd at sundown. Look forward to Kid and Tot Shabbat in April, The Jewish Heritage Festival on the 12th, April 19th is jam packed day, starting with the Men's Club Breakfast, the Fashion Show at Temple Beth-EL, and ending with the Fundraising Gourmet Dinner at my home where all funds raised will benefit Congregation B'nai Torah. If anyone comes for the brisket, it is smoked for 16 to 18 hours and will melt in your mouth. Reservations are limited.

Do not forget our Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 17th, where your voice and vote count.

We continue to make improvements to our facility, from water heaters, sound system, railings, drainage improvements, upcoming new flooring, updated doors, and the list goes on.

We are in the process of gathering bids for fencing, shrubs, and gates for the perimeter of Congregation B'nai Torah as a security measure, more to come on that. The Sheriff's Department has placed barriers as a temporary safety measure for us. Our new security company continues to exceed expectations with their level of diligence in the safety of our congregants. There is a strong level of collaboration not only with our Jewish Community but also with other houses of worship on the safety of all. With the continued heightened activity since the beginning of the war, please stay diligent and aware of anything that might be out of place.

Pray for peace and for those in harm's way.

To all that lost a loved one, my heartfelt condolences, may their memory be a blessed one.

To Rabbi Kane, thank you for your unending love, focus, and dedication to all, young, old and all those in between.

As always great appreciation for all that volunteer their precious time to making B'nai Torah a close-knit family. We could not do it without you!

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

Howard, President of Congregation B'nai Torah

THE KABBALAH KORNER BY HOWARD

April 2026

Nisan—Iyar 5786

From a Kabbalistic perspective, each month carries unique spiritual energies and lessons. April 2026 corresponds primarily to the Hebrew months of Nisan and Iyar. Nisan is a time of renewal and liberation, as it marks the Exodus from Egypt and the beginning of spiritual freedom. Kabbalists view this as an opportunity to break free from personal limitations and embrace new beginnings. The energy encourages gratitude, faith, and the planting of seeds for future growth.

The Month of Nissan (April 1 – April 17, 2026) Nissan is the "King of Months," governed by the tribe of Judah and associated with the element of Fire and the zodiac sign Aries.

Ultimate Freedom: The month begins with Passover (Pesach) starting the evening of April 1. Kabbalah teaches that this is a time when the "sharing energy" of the Creator is most accessible, allowing individuals to break free from the constraints of the ego.

The Seder Technology: Participating in the Seder on April 1 and 2 is seen as using "spiritual technology" (Matzah, Haggadah, and specific meditations) to take control of one's destiny.

Yahrzeit of a Master: April 17 (Nissan 30) marks the anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Chaim Vital, the primary student of the Holy Ari and the scribe of Lurianic Kabbalah.

The Month of Iyar (April 18 – April 30, 2026) Iyar is known as the month of Ziv (Radiance) and is uniquely dedicated to the "Counting of the Omer".

The 49-Step Process: Starting the second night of Passover (April 2), Jews count 49 days leading to Shavuot. Kabbalah views this as a period of self-refinement, where self-refinement, each day is dedicated to rectifying one of the forty-nine combinations of the seven Sefirot (Divine Attributes) within the human soul, such as Kindness (Chessed) or Strength (Gevurah).

Healing Energy: The name Iyar is an acronym for Ani Hashem Rophecha ("I am God your Healer"), making this month a powerful time for spiritual and physical healing.

Modern Miracles: This month also includes Yom Ha'atzmaut (April 22), celebrating the miraculous establishment of the State of Israel, which many Kabbalistic thinkers view as a significant stage in the ultimate redemption.

For me, the Passover Seder was a time of wonder growing up and to this day it still is. It was a gathering of family and friends, eating hours on end, kibitzing, drinking grape juice, and not finishing till midnight and falling asleep under the Seder table. When it came to the 4 Questions, my anxiety took over because I was always the youngest and had to recite and sing in front of 15 to 20 people and of course the watchful eye of my father. As I "matured" I had to wonder which son was I, and who was this guy Elijah that drank our wine, but never walked through the door, forever hopeful...

Counting of the Omer, this will be my fourth year of doing such. What a powerful opportunity for renewal of our physical and spiritual health and the opportunities to share love and kindness. If you have never utilized a workbook for the counting of the Omer, I highly recommend it. Here is a link: <https://ynefesh.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/rsomer-journal.pdf>

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.

Wishing you a long and healthy life-**ובריאים ארוכים חיים לך מאחלת-**

Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Valerie Kisseloff



CBT Religious School Updates

We had another great month in March! Our Shalom School program continues to thrive as we gather each week at CBT, with 35-40 students filling our classrooms with energy, curiosity, and connection.

We kicked off March with a truly fabulous Purim Carnival, centered around an “Around the World” theme. The excitement was contagious as students traveled from booth to booth, enjoying games, snapping photos at our festive photo station, decorating (and of course eating!) hamantaschen, jumping in bounce houses, and creating colorful masks. One of the highlights of the day was the popcorn and cotton candy, generously provided by Dawn Marie Mullins - an absolute favorite among the children! We are so grateful to Les Grussgott for his

work with our teens leading up to the Purim Carnival, who helped bring to life their own carnival games. It was wonderful to see their ideas come full circle.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the many CBT volunteers who helped make the day such a success: Ken Haberman, Mike Keenum & Rebekah Jamieson Keenum, Dawn Marie Mullins, Alan Kisseloff, Netta Wiener, Anita Hochman, Wendy & Les Grussgott, Dan & Diana Friedenzohn, Jill & Shawn Youngblood, and Lindsey & Matt Goldberg. Your time & energy truly made this event special for our children and families.

We had the pleasure of enjoying the Rabbi’s lively Megillah reading, complete with a humorous skit that had the children laughing throughout. We may very well have some budding actors among our religious school students!

In the classroom, our focus turned to Passover and the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Students explored the meaning of *cherut* (freedom), engaging in thoughtful discussions about what it truly means to be free. Not only leaving a place, but making responsible choices, helping others, and treating every person with kindness and dignity.

We concluded the month with our annual Model Seder, a hands-on and meaningful experience for our students. The children rotated through activity stations, helping to prepare traditional foods such as matzah ball soup, charoset, hard-boiled eggs, and even a sweet pineapple matzah kugel for dessert. Our teens took on leadership roles by preparing the seder plates, and together we ended with a beautiful children’s seder that brought all of our learning to life.

It has also been especially meaningful to see so many of our young Hebrew students attending Friday night services, helping to lead prayers alongside Rabbi Kane. Their dedication to learning and participating is inspiring, and it is a joy to watch them step into these roles with such confidence. They are a beautiful reminder of our community’s future.

As we look ahead, it is hard to believe the end of the semester is quickly approaching. We have just a handful of classes remaining, along with the upcoming Jewish Heritage Festival. Be sure to look for the Shalom School table and stop by the CBT booth for a special goodie bag for the kids. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date for these upcoming events (all hosted at CBT):

Fri	Apr 10	6:00 pm	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Apr. 12	9:00 am	Jewish Heritage Festival @The Casements Ormond Beach
Sun	Apr. 26	9:00 am	Shalom School @CBT
Sun	May 3	9:00 am	Shalom School @CBT (Final Session!!)

—Val Kisseloff

SHALOM SCHOOL



A Purim Carnival Collage





Shalom School & CBT Parent Info

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

March was full of fun at Congregation B'nai Torah. We had a blast at the Purim Carnival, Megillah Reading, and Seder. A special thanks to all our parent volunteers!

Quick reminder... It's great to send your kiddos to Shalom School with refillable water bottles and Tzedakah money!

Shalom School Dates

Sun. Apr 12 - Jewish Heritage Festival @The Casements
Be sure to visit the CBT and Shalom School booths - volunteers needed!

Sun. Apr 26 - Shalom School, 9am @CBT

Sun. May 3 - Shalom School Final Session, 9am @CBT
Come enjoy the last day of Shalom School before summer!

Kid & Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 10th

Friday, May 1st

Students will receive religious school certificates at the May Tot Shabbat

Begins promptly at 6pm, Services follow at 7pm

Questions?

Contact Val Kisseloff at 386.871.0214

Megillah Reading





MODEL SEDER

OUR MODEL SEDER





Model Seder Fun with Rabbi



Model Seder Food





Sisterhood in the News

Dear CBT Congregants and Sisterhood,

Pesach Sameach!

We had a nice time playing putt-putt golf and dinner on March 18th.

Dancing with the Stars Live was enjoyed by those that came on March 25th.

Sisterhood is planning to assemble a cookbook in pdf format as a fundraiser. Please select a favorite family recipe or two and submit to CBTsisterhood2026@gmail.com.

We will be painting ceramics at The Paint Pot, 378B W. Granada Blvd. on Sunday, April 26th at 1:00 PM. They have some inexpensive options including mezuzahs for doors for \$15. We can bring snacks and beverages. If your spouse is interested, they are welcome to participate! Please let Netta know **(386-672-1707)** if you plan to join us and are interested in making a mezuzah, so we can ensure that there are adequate supplies.

Please contact me with any ideas you may have for future activities.

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

Eileen Surrey 386-236-9939

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Download the CBT Sisterhood Membership Application

[HERE](#)



MEN'S CLUB®

By Ken Haberman, President

Happy Spring to everyone! What a blessing to live in such a beautiful area of Florida.

This month: [Wednesday, April 15th at 6:35 pm](#): The Congregation B'nai Torah Men's Club and the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood are having a [Baseball Game Social](#) at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. The Daytona Tortugas will play the St. Lucie Mets. Tickets are \$22 with reserved seating. This is a Belly Buster promotion which includes All You Can Eat Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pizza, & Popcorn! What better way to spend a beautiful Spring evening than eating a hot dog and watching baseball! **RSVP by Saturday, April 4th** by bringing or mailing \$22 per person via cash or check, to the CBT or TBE Office. We are buying tickets in this manner so everyone can sit together. Please come join us!



[Sunday, April 19th at 10 am](#): The CBT Men's Club is having a [Breakfast and Men's Club Meeting](#) at CBT. A time to get together and nosh and schmooze, for the members of the Men's Club. CBT Men's Club members: Please **RSVP by Friday April 10th** to me at kchaberman@hotmail.com or call (386) 679-2320. There is no charge! A brief Men's Club meeting will be held after everyone eats.

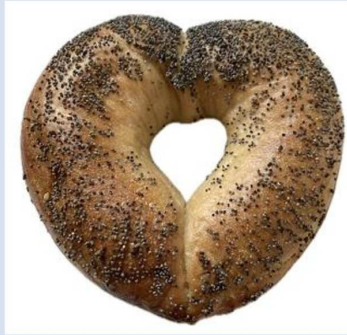


Yom Hashoah Candles: We will be selling candles, including at the Jewish Heritage Festival. More details to come.

We hope you will consider joining CBT Men's Club. The annual dues are only \$36. Please visit our Men's Club page on the CBT website: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club/>. You are always welcome to contact me at (386) 679-2320, email kchaberman@hotmail.com, or email Mark Givarz at cbtobmensclub@gmail.com.



Thanks, Ken



**Bagel Nosh
& Schmooze**



Enjoy a great bagel breakfast, interesting conversation and surprise guests!
Friday April 10, 2026 Due to Passover
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us at
The Jewish Cultural Center
470 Andalusia Avenue
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

RSVP a MUST: 386-672-0294

(Suggested Breakfast Donation: \$10.00)

"This Program is Dedicated to the Memory of the Founder of Jewish People Getting Together, Howard Prankoff."



**April 12, 2026
10am-5pm**

**The Casements
25 Riverside Drive
Ormond Beach**

FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

This Fun Family-Friendly Festival Will Include:

- Nationally Acclaimed Musical Entertainment!
- Kosher, Deli-style and Mediterranean Food Vendors
- Health and Wellness Fair
- Fun Activities, Matzah Baking and Inflatables for Kids
- Camel Rides, Petting Zoo and More!
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- Holocaust Memorial and Jewish Hall of Fame
- Educational and Inspirational Speakers



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Men's Club & Brotherhood



Save the Date!

BASEBALL GAME SOCIAL

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
AT JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK
6:35 PM**



DAYTONA TORTUGAS



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**TICKETS: \$22
RESERVED SEATING
BELLY BUSTER PROMOTION WHICH INCLUDES
ALL YOU CAN EAT HOTDOGS, HAMBURGERS,
PIZZA & POPCORN!**

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Fashion Show

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For more information, call
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Sunday—April 19th
12:30 pm

Location:

Temple Beth-El Social Hall
579 N. Nova Rd.
Ormond Beach, FL



Cost: \$36 per person

includes Fashion Show and delicious Box Lunch!

Join us and enjoy an afternoon of fun, fashion, shopping, and food!

RSVP by sending a check made out to: WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El
(No later than April 12)

Temple Beth-El Fashion Show, Sunday, April 19, \$36/person

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Complete this form and mail/bring to:

WRJ Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, 579 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Name(s): _____

people attending: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____



An Evening of Culinary Excellence

2nd Annual Gala Gourmet Dinner

With a Cause Supporting
B'nai Torah's Operating Fund
Sunday, April 19th
at 4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Silverstein Estate
784 Sterling Chase Dr.
Port Orange

Limited Seating,
55 Individuals,
\$50.00 per person
**YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR
CONFIRMED RESERVATION**
Payment by check or credit card

Gourmet Dinner with a **NEW ORLEANS TWIST!** Famous cuisines and Cultures that have influenced the New Orleans' famous palate are from around the world that include the Caribbean delicacies from Barbara's Hometown & Howard's Famous Smoker and much much more! Featuring the Caribbean, France, Spain, Africa, Italy, Germany and Native America. Some menu highlights are Gumbo, Etouffee, Jambalaya.

Menu planned & executed by Barbara Kusnick and Howard Silverstein

Tantalizing Dessert Bar—A Wine Tasting
CASH bar with Beer, Wine and Hurricanes!
Live Music

There will be a Silent Auction of Fabulous Items, including Art, Local Boat Excursions, and Vacation Getaways.

PLEASE RESERVE EARLY, payment must be in the
CBT office by **APRIL 10th!**

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Sunday, May 3, 2026

7:30 PM

Temple Beth El

579 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, FL

“Who are the Jews and Who Can We Become?”

Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman is president of the Shalom Hartman Institute and holds the Kaufman Family Chair in Jewish Philosophy. He is author of the *Boundaries of Judaism and Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself*. His latest book, *Who are the Jews and Who Can We Become*, was a 2023 Jewish Book Council Award Finalist. Donniel is also the host of the award-winning podcast *For Heaven’s Sake*, together with his colleague Yossi Klein Halevi, which ranks consistently as one of the top Judaism podcasts in the world.

(There will be full security at this event.)

MENSCH OF THE MONTH

By our Congregant Ray Leonard

April “Mensch of the Month” Anita Hochman

Anita Hochman, our April “Mensch of the Month” has graced our Congregation B’nai Torah these past two years as one of our kitchen angels, as an active participant in our Friday evening and Saturday morning services and joining in many of our activities. Her long life is a powerful story of devotion to family, the power and comfort of our Jewish faith and personal growth in confronting life’s challenges. Anita’s family emigrated to the United States at the beginning of the 20th century from Europe. Her grandparents on her father’s side, named Kleinman, and shortened to Klein, settled in Massachusetts where her grandfather worked as a hatter. Her father was born in 1909. They moved to New York, however, the grandmother died young and Anita never knew her. Anita’s maternal grandmother was born in Yessi, Romania, and maternal grandfather in Austria. Her grandmother came to America first because, as she related to Anita, so often men came first, found a new wife, and left the old one behind and she was not going to let that happen!! The family settled on the east side of Manhattan where they owned a candy store. Lucky Luciano (the head of the Mafia five families) occasionally frequented the candystore and they were “protected.” Meanwhile, Anita’s father had moved to New York and probably met her mother when he went into the candy store for a purchase. They married in 1933. Her father worked in the stock market and also worked for the Amalgamated Insurance Corporation. Although times were hard in the depression, he was always employed and they got by. But as Anita remembers, they had a “depression attitude” particularly her mother and were careful with their expenses. In 1948, they moved to Bensonhurst, in south Brooklyn, where Anita spent most of her childhood.

Growing up in Bensonhurst was a special experience. The neighborhood was about half Jewish and half Italian and relations were excellent. Anita’s grandparents lived with them until she was 12. She learned Yiddish and her grandmother ruled the family and spoiled her rotten. It was an orthodox family, and holidays and Passover were very special occasions with Seders lasting until well after midnight. Anita’s older brother was put through yeshiva and was a brilliant student. He originally thought about becoming a rabbi but found orthodoxy too restrictive and turned to law. He graduated from Brooklyn College and Chicago Law School leading to a distinguished career.

Anita remembers a very happy childhood surrounded by loving family and friends. As would be expected in an orthodox family, she did not get the special schooling but was a bright student, especially with numbers and thought about becoming an accountant. Very unusually, her high school, Lafayette, offered Hebrew language studies, which she took in Junior and Senior High School.

Anita met her future husband, Stan, on a blind date while a senior in high school. They were engaged after she graduated. She began work as an accountant at JPMorgan Bank, taking night courses at Brooklyn College. They were married one year later in 1961. Anita became a stay-at-home Mom with the birth of her daughter Aileen in 1963, son Jonathan in 1967 and daughter Melissa in 1969. Stan worked at his parents clothing store with the intention to take over when his father retired. In 1972, they moved out to Long Island, in Commack. Stan commuted into Rockaway, where the store had moved. However, when his father retired, he closed it and opened a catering business and then bought and ran a kosher deli.

In 1980, a life altering event occurred; one month before his bar mitzvah, Anita's son Jonathan was hit by a minibus and lay in the ICU between life and death. For Anita it was a horrifying, frightening time. But she also found in this time of stress that she had grown apart from her husband, and she had to depend on her own strength to get through it. Knowing Anita as we do, we would not believe that at this time in life, she felt she had no self-confidence, as she had depended on family and then her husband all her life to this point.

Jonathan fully recovered. But afterwards, Anita went back to work in accounting, became more involved in the temple, becoming vice president of the sisterhood and participated in community affairs. She also obtained a real estate license. When her youngest daughter graduated from college and all the children were out on their own, Anita divorced Stan and began her own separate life.

She moved to Farmingville, about 17 miles East of Commack, becoming a member of the Progressive Congregation Temple Beth-El and taking Hebrew lessons. She also became a prominent member of the congregation in its various activities, including running the sisterhood giftshop. She began a 13-year career in the collections department of the Internal Revenue Service. One of her special talents was in dealing with elderly Jewish clients calming them in Yiddish. While with the IRS, she also worked part time in real estate.

In 2006, she retired and became a full-time grandmother helping with the families of her three children. Her eldest daughter lived in Malone near the Canadian border, and she visited her in the summers. Her two daughters moved one by one to Florida, and in 2024, when Missy, the youngest, planned to move down, she moved also.

Judaism has been a fundamental core of Anita's life. She grew up in an observant Orthodox family. The religion and culture were a mainstay of her life. After her marriage, she and Stan were founding members of a conservative synagogue. Her son recovered to proudly complete his bar mitzvah, and her daughters were bat mitzvahed, also in Commack. It did bother her, however, that her daughters could not lead Saturday services like her son. Joining a progressive conservative synagogue in Farmingville was a joyful experience and Anita had her bat mitzvah there at age 75. Anita has been diligent in teaching her grandchildren the traditions of our faith. Upon moving to Florida, Anita has been delighted to find in our Congregation, the Progressive Judaism that she loves and a congregation that cares. Anita did not experience any antisemitism growing up. It was not until she was fired from an accounting job in Commack for insisting on taking off the second day of Rosh Hashana that she experienced it in life. But she sees growing antisemitism now and it worries her for her children and grandchildren.

Anita is a person of deep faith. She feels her parents' presence and strength, and it has helped her through difficult times. She also describes herself as a "fatalist" in that things happen outside our control, but they happen for a reason, and we must learn to deal with them. Drawing on her faith and her inner strength, she has become the beloved "matriarch" of her family (with ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren!) as her grandmother was.

From a midlife point where she had always depended on others, Anita became a proud independent woman, an inspiration to her family and to all of us.



Yahrzeit Donations

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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

APRIL



Happy Birthday

5 Barbara Kusnick
8 Jean Dolan
13 Charlie (Cholly) Beck
15 Beverly Lewis

18 Violette Diamond
20 Jeanine Horowitz
25 Manette Lewis
25 Shawn Youngblood
28 Linda Holbert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1 Lorna & Dr. Scott Ravede
3 Bari & Stuart Amols
14 MayAnn & Steve Serkin

16 Jillian & Shawn Youngblood
25 Marina & Charlie Yfrah

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Rabbi & Val thank everyone who sent them so many lovely “Get Well” cards during his recovery .

Thanks to all the Congregants who helped with the Purim Carnival and our Model Seder.

Rabbi & Val are also appreciative of all of the expressions of sympathy.

Rosh Chodesh Iyar begins at sundown on Thursday, April 16th and ends at nightfall on Saturday, April 18th.

*Congratulations to
Jean Dolan on her
105th Birthday
On April 8th!!*



CONGRATULATIONS!

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>)**

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**Congratulations to Jean Dolan on her
105th Birthday on April 8th!**

Our lovely Sylvia Levy has moved to Las Vegas to be with her family. She wanted to say goodbye, she will miss everyone in the Congregation. We will miss you and wish you well on your new adventure.

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Wed	Apr	1	5:45 PM	Passover Seder at CBT
Thu	Apr	2,3,4,8,9	9:30 AM	Passover Services, see Page 3
Fri	Apr	10	9:30 AM	Bagel Nosh & Schmooze, Jewish Cultural Center
Fri	Apr	10	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Apr	12	10:00 AM	Jewish Heritage Festival at The Casements
Mon	Apr	13	7:50 PM	Yom HaShoah, Light Yellow Candle at Home
Tue	Apr	14,21,28	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Wed	Apr	15	6:35 PM	Men's Club Baseball Game, Daytona Tortugas
Sun	Apr	19	10:00 AM	Men's Club Breakfast & Meeting at CBT
Sun	Apr	19	12:30 PM	Fashion Show, Pepper's Boutique, Temple Beth—El
Sun	Apr	19	4:00 PM	2nd Annual Gala Gourmet Dinner
Mon	Apr	20	7:00 PM	CBT Board Meeting In Person at CBT
Sun	Apr	26	9:00 AM	Shalom School at CBT
Sun	Apr	26	1:00 PM	Sisterhood, The Paint Pot, 378B, Granada Blvd.

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