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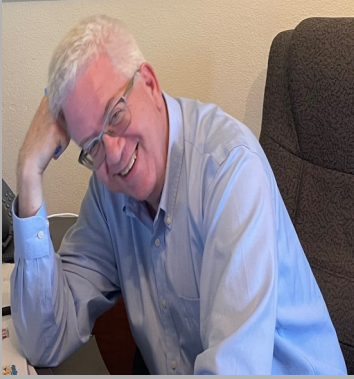
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A Message From Rabbi Kane



Did vacation come from Jewish tradition? Probably not. But Judaism did present something important to do with extra time.

Before we explore that subject, let's examine life in the ancient near east which was the area often starting with Egypt and continuing north along the Mediterranean and a bit inland sometimes including what would become Iran/Iraq.

Around 3,000 years ago there was a sharp divide across societies. The poor were very poor and the rich were somewhat affluent.

Societies gained free labor by going to war and enslaving the conquered. Israel was no exception. A true middle class was found among traders and some livestock farming.

One of the major causes of death, starvation had begun to decrease leaving more people with both children and seniors in their households.

The other effect of this stability was the emergence of free time.

What to do? Play games? Acquire knowledge? Learn to read?

There are many stories across cultures of people leaving work to get drunk and then sometimes misadventure, sometimes fatally.

Ancient Judaism and our modern version share a distinct point of view on what to do after work and before leisure.

Be grateful.

You made it to this minute on this day not because you did your part, but because the creator of the universe continues to fuel existence with holy energy from the beginning of time.

So we Jews stop before eating and thank God. And when we see a rainbow. And when our bodies are mostly working.

But one more thing. God asks us to notice where we are looking. God asks us to see the humans around us. So that they may connect to us and we to them.

Sometimes they help us, sometimes we help them, but as the world keeps spinning and we age, the more connections we have created and kept preserve our sense of value.

Not all of our free time needs to have purpose, the sages tell us, but it should always start with gratitude and connection.

Rabbi S. David Kane



High Holidays 5786

September

Sat	5	7:00 pm	Special Holiday Concert and Selichot Service
Sun	6	12:30 pm	Reverse Tashlich with Temple Beth-El at Tom Renick Park*
Fri	11	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sat	12	9:00 am	1st Day Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Morning Service
Sun	13	9:00 am	2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Shofar
		4:30 pm	Tashlich and Shofar at Fortunato Park*
Fri	18	7:30 pm	Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service
Sat	19	10:00 am	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service
Sun	20	12:00 pm	Memorial Prayers with Cemetery Visit
		7:00 pm	Kol Nidre
Mon	21	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service with Yiskor
		5:30 pm	Jonah & the Whale, Neilah* and Break the Fast
Fri	25	5:00 pm	Sukkah Decorating and Pizza*
		7:30 pm	Shabbat and Erev Sukkot Service
Sat	26	10:00 am	Shabbat and Sukkot Service—1st Day
Sun	27	6:30 pm	Schnapps in the Sukkah
Sun	27	9:30 am	Sukkot Service - 2nd Day

October

Sat	3	9:30 am	Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret/Yiskor
Sat	3	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah Service and Party*



The Presidents' Message



WELCOME BACK RABBI KANE AND ALL OF OUR MEMBERS!

On a sad note, we extend our condolences to Rabbi Shapiro on the passing of his beloved wife Robyn and to our Co-President Robin Freedman on the passing of her beloved father, centenarian Sonny Plotkin. May their memories be for a blessing.

We offer our gratitude to Rabbi Shapiro, Rabbi Weilheimer, Charlie Moskowitz, Larry Cooperman, Alan, Sam and Eli Kisseloff for leading our Friday and Saturday services throughout the month of July.

We hope that everyone has had and is still enjoying a fabulous summer. It is now time to look forward to the exciting plans in store for August.

Our first event is Kid and Tot Shabbat on Friday evening, the 7th.

Shalom School will have their Kickoff session on August 16th at Temple Beth-El.

On August 21st, we are having our annual Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner beginning at 6pm for services followed by a sumptuous dinner. Please call the office to make your reservations.

The Shalom School year begins on Sunday, August 23rd at Temple Beth-El.

We are looking forward to the Bar-Mitzvah of the handsome and talented Sam Kisseloff on the weekend of August 28th and 29th.

Last, if you have not remitted your dues and outstanding pledges, please do so as soon as possible.

Your Co-Presidents,

Alan S. Kisseloff, Robin Freedman and Adrienne Cooperman

Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Valerie Kisseloff



CBT Religious School Updates

As July gives way to August, summer is somehow both flying by and slowing down all at once. I know many of our Congregation B'nai Torah families have been making the most of the season by traveling, attending summer camps, visiting family and friends, or simply enjoying a little extra time together at home. I hope you're soaking up these last few weeks of summer by enjoying late nights, relaxed schedules, and making memories before the school year begins. Before we know it, backpacks will be packed, alarm clocks will be set, and we'll all be settling back into our routines.

With the return of the school year also comes the return of Congregation B'nai Torah family activities and Shalom School! We are excited to welcome our students and families back this August with Kid & Tot Shabbat and a Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner. Shalom School will soon be in full swing with another year of learning, friendship, and Jewish connection. This fall, Shalom School will return to being hosted up the road at Temple Beth El.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage our Congregation B'nai Torah families to complete your online registration. Early registration helps our teachers and volunteers prepare classrooms, order supplies, and create the best possible experience for every student. Whether your child is returning or joining us for the first time, we can't wait to welcome everyone back for another year together.

We also have a very special celebration on the horizon. On Saturday, August 29, our congregation will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kisseloff. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is a significant milestone in a young person's Jewish journey and we hope you will join us as we celebrate this joyful occasion.

As we transition into a new season of learning, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a caring and welcoming synagogue family. I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead, whether at Kid & Tot Shabbat, Shalom School, Friday night and Saturday morning services, or one of our many upcoming events!

-Val Kisseloff

Save the Date for these upcoming events:

Fri,	Aug 7	6:00pm	Kid & Tot Shabbat @ CBT followed by 7:00pm Services
Sun	Aug 9	12:30pm	Movies with the Rabbi-Spiderman in IMAX
Sun,	Aug 16	9:00am	Shalom School @ Temple Beth El
Fri,	Aug 21	6:00pm	Welcome Back Shabbat Service @ CBT, 7:00pm dinner (Please RSVP)
Sun,	Aug 23	9:00am	Shalom School @ Temple Beth El
Sat,	Aug 29	9:00am	Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kisseloff



Shalom School & CBT Parent Info

Welcome Back CBT Parents and Families!

We are excited to kick off the 2026-2027 Shalom School year. Check out the details in this flyer for important info and dates.

Register for Religious School Online

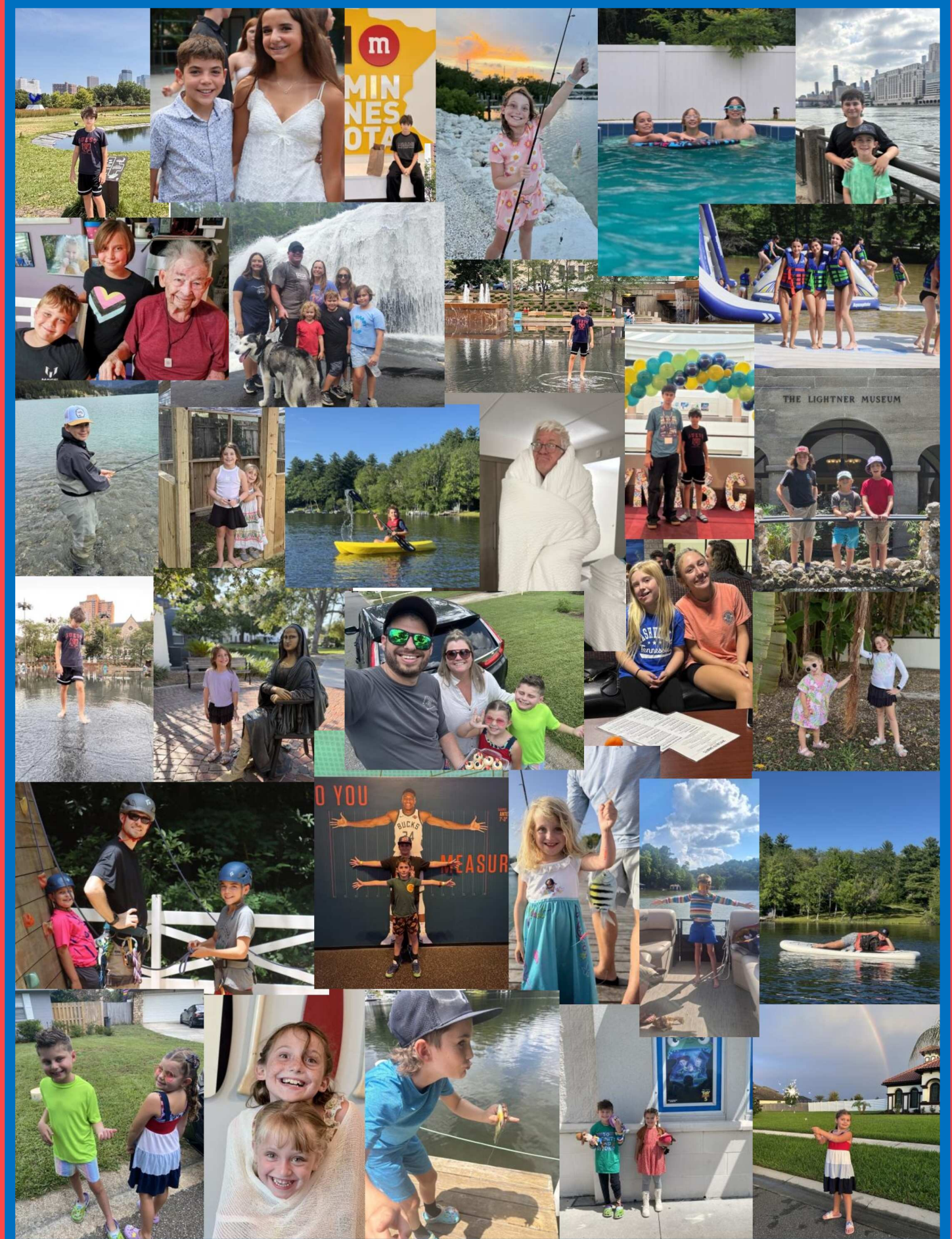
It's that time of year to register for the upcoming school year. Please take a few minutes to fill out the online registration form.

<https://forms.gle/aqTNSm66ga8upbuy7>

We will kick off the Fall semester up the road at Temple Beth El. Mark your calendars with the important dates below!

SAVE THE DATE!	
FRI, 8/7	August Kid & Tot Shabbat: 6pm @CBT
SUN, 8/16	Shalom School Kickoff: 9am @Temple Beth El
FRI, 8/21	CBT Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner: The Sisterhood will be hosting their annual Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner. Join us for Services at 6pm followed by dinner!
SUN, 8/23	Shalom School: 9am @Temple Beth El
FRI/SAT 8/28 & 8/29	Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kisseloff: Join us on Friday night at 7pm and Saturday morning at 9am!

Questions? Contact Val Kisseloff at 386.871.0214





**Sam & Eli Kisseloff
Summer Fun**



Nancy and Ella



In
the
Keys



Sisterhood in the News

Happy August!

I hope everyone had a great summer break also known as July!

We had our year-end brunch/tea on June 7th at Lea's condo party room. It was well attended and everyone had a nice time. We also had a dinner at Leanh's on June 24th. We had good food, great company and a great time!

We will be having Mah Jongg lessons for the first 12 interested participants. The cost will be \$20 which will secure your spot, The lessons will be at CBT on Tuesdays from 10 am - 12 pm starting August 18th for 8 weeks.

The Welcome Back dinner will be August 21st. Please reserve your spot by August 15th. Your payment will be your ticket. No "at the door seats" will be available.

September 3rd we will be having a membership lunch meeting at CBT starting at 11:00 am. lunch is included with your paid dues. Haven't paid yet? Just pay \$36 for the lunch and dues!

The Sisterhood is planning programming and events for the year: The CBT annual Mah Jongg tournament will be on October 15th at CBT. We will be serving lunch and snacks and can accommodate the first 60 participants for \$36 each, more details will follow. We would like to have about 8 spectacular baskets to raffle and raise funds. If you can solicit sponsors or donate a prize basket or even have nice empty baskets to contribute, we would love your help!

Upcoming events also include an art making event, a Hannukah gift exchange and a Superbowl party for fun and to support the Men's Club Superbowl Squares fundraiser.

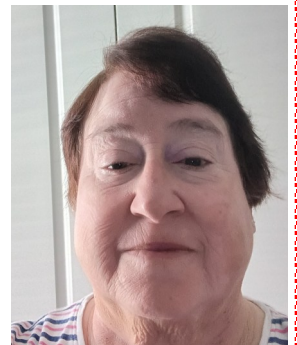
If you would like to sponsor an event, we could use the support.

We need help and leadership for the kitchen and to prepare the yearbook.

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, President 386-236-9939





Calling All Women!!

What is our Sisterhood? We are the women of the congregation who have come together in friendship to create programs that benefit our Temple and the community, enjoy social activities, study, and above all, grow as individuals so each can fulfill her potential as a person. Our congregation is our religious and spiritual “home” and as dedicated women, we nurture and take care of it physically and financially.

We bring families together to enjoy our traditions with dinners, celebrating Friday nights and Saturday mornings with Shabbat onegs and kiddush lunches. Birthdays and anniversaries become special events. Children learning and celebrating with Rabbi Kane and our wonderful staff has produced marvelous results from our young people.

Please become a part of this warm, active, and caring circle of women by remitting your “double chai” membership fee. Everyone is invited, including honorary memberships for granddaughters and daughters.

We look forward to sharing the mitzvah of supporting our Sisterhood and Temple with you!

Dues for the year 2026-2027 are only \$36

Please send this form and a check made payable to CBT Sisterhood to:

Marcia Bergman 939 Stone Lake Drive, Ormond Beach, FL. 32174

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in helping the CBT Sisterhood with (check all that apply):

☐ Membership

☐ Oneg and Kiddush Catering

☐ Programs

☐ Other ways (Please specify): _____

☐ Fund Raising

☐ Activities

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MEN'S CLUB®

By Ken Haberman, President

It's been a long, hot summer as I'm sure you'll agree. I am already looking forward to the fall. Not just for milder weather and meaningful High Holidays, but I have to admit College Football has a lot to do with it!

On Sunday, June 28th, the CBT Men's Club hosted a free event "A Jewish BLT" with delicious Bagels, Lox, & Tomato and other tasty items. Our featured speaker and brunch sponsor was Matthew Tucciarelli of Baldwin Brothers Funeral Home. We really appreciated his informative and professional presentation. Many questions were posed by congregants and were answered. It is a difficult subject and was compassionately discussed by Mr. Tucciarelli. Thank you, Ira Freedman, for this idea and your invaluable assistance. And congratulations to Laura Ashkenazi who won the 50/50 drawing we held to raise money for the Men's Club.

On Monday, August 17th at 6:45 pm we will have a Men's Club Zoom meeting to discuss social and fundraising gatherings, and other topics. If you didn't receive the Zoom link by email, please let me know. Our annual Schnapps in the Sukkah is fast approaching, which is a fun time to socialize and schmooze, and play trivia games under the moon and stars for prizes. Always with unique adult drinks! We'll share more in a flyer.

Please feel free to check out any of our events, even if you are not a Men's Club member. For more information, you may visit our Men's Club page on the CBT website: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club/>. Men's Club annual dues are only \$36 and we always love new members. Not only for camaraderie, but also for new input and ideas for our club. You are always welcome to contact me at (386) 679-2320, or via email kchaberman@hotmail.com, or email Mark Givarz at cbtobmensclub@gmail.com.

CBT Men's Club Executive Board: June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027
(2nd Year of 2-Year Term)

- Ken Haberman, President
- Mark Givarz, Past President
- Mike Keenum, Vice President
- Jerry Leibman, Treasurer
- Doug McEwen, Secretary

**Thank you and please stay safe and cool
and hydrated, it's still hot!**

Ken



A Jewish BLT



A Jewish BLT





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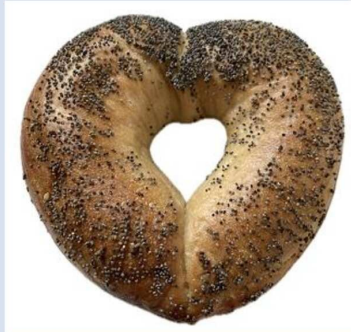
Sunday, August 9 at 12:30 PM

Rabbi's Treat !

Call or text the Rabbi 386-872-8787



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**We want to welcome you back from your
Summer adventures, vacations or
staycations with a fabulous dinner on**

Friday, August 21st

**Our delicious menu consists of:
Meatballs and Pasta, Big Beautiful
Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and
Other Goodies!**

WELCOME BACK SHABBAT DINNER

**Service at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM
Adult \$18—Ages 4-12—\$9
Religious School Students & Under 4 FREE
LIMITED SEATING**

**We cannot wait to see everyone!
Please RSVP to cbtemail@mybnaitorah.org
OR 386-672-1174 BY
Friday, August 15!**



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Author, presidential speechwriter, influencer, and appointed to serve on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. New best-selling book: *As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us*.

Start the New Jewish Year - Sunday, Aug. 23, 2026 @ 7 PM AT TBE

AMBASSADOR ELAN CARR

American lawyer, diplomat, politician, and CEO of the Israeli American Council. Previously, he served as the United States Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Antisemitism.

October 7th Event - Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 @ 7 PM AT CBT

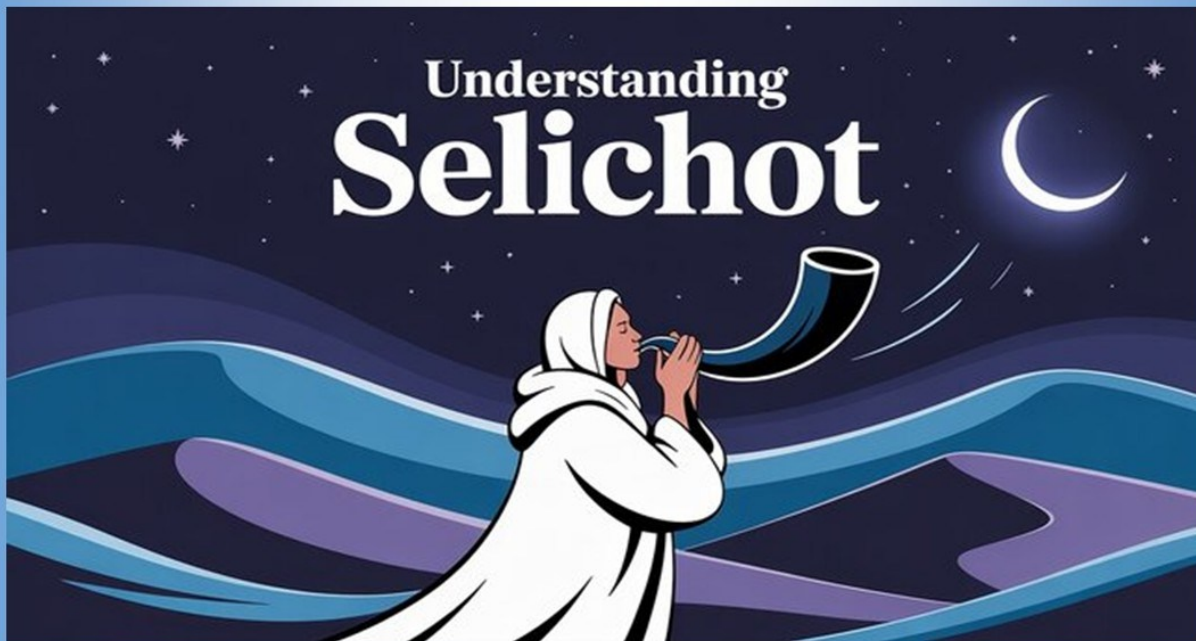
JONAH PLATT

American actor, singer, Jewish advocate, podcaster and influencer.

TWO EVENTS ON THE SAME DAY:

Pacesetters Dinner - Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 @ 5 PM AT JCC.

Community Lecture - Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 @ 7:30 PM AT TBE.



Community Wide Selichot

**A Moving Musical & Dramatic
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**Followed by our Selichot Service
Saturday, September 5th at 7:00 pm
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MENSCH OF THE MONTH

By our Congregant Ray Leonard

August “Mensch of the Month” Valerie Kisseloff

Congregation B’nai Torah’s August Mensch of the Month, Valerie Kisseloff, is a treasured member of our congregation as she directs our Religious School. Her story is an inspirational tale of combining core family values, intelligence and opportunity and a true-life partnership with Jared resulting in a life of serving others and honoring our faith.

Val’s family has deep and long roots here in America. Her father’s family, of Italian ancestry, settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Her mother’s family had German Irish roots and lived on Long Island in Levittown. After her parents’ marriage, they settled halfway between the two families, in Carmel, just north of New York City, where they owned and jointly ran a power equipment company.

Val grew up in a close-knit family with Catholic Church life and rituals a central part. She relates that at an early age; she learned the value of a religious core to growing up which helps to explain her (together with Jared) extraordinary success in her family that we all see. It was a happy childhood, and she especially cherished her summer week every year with her grandparents in Connecticut.

She attended the same school district from kindergarten through high school, where she was an excellent student and stayed actively involved in a variety of activities, including twirling, skiing, and playing the cello in her school's orchestra. As her family navigated financial challenges in their business, her parents closed their business and adapted by taking on new jobs and working hard to provide for their family of five. Watching their perseverance and commitment instilled in Val a deep appreciation for hard work and opportunity. She set her sights on a college education and building a career that would provide both personal fulfillment and financial stability.

Because of her academic excellence, she was able to attend the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, on partial scholarship and work-study program. Here, her first opportunity opened in the admissions office; her mentor in the work-study program pushed her to learn administrative tasks and skills. She also became a tour guide for the University, developing skills in public speaking. Through the Rosefsky Scholarship Program, she also was able to spend a semester abroad in Madrid. She completed a bachelor’s degree in management and finance and was hired by Macy’s Merchandising Group and worked there for the next two years as she lived with her parents and commuted to work in New York City.

Meanwhile, while at college another life-changing event occurred. During her sophomore year, she met Jared Kisseloff in history class. They dated through the rest of their college years. For two years after graduation, they maintained a long-distance relationship and then married in an Interfaith ceremony. At that point, they decided on another life-changing move; they left their jobs in the New York area and started over in

Florida, initially living with Jared's family until they could establish themselves. Val fondly remembers the warm welcome and acceptance she received from them.

Val's second opportunity now opened, she was offered a job as an academic advisor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Her work study job experience at SUNY Binghamton not only played a role in getting her the job but prepared her to "hit the ground running" in a career with Embry-Riddle. While working, she completed her master's degree in management in 2010 and now is employed at Embry-Riddle's Worldwide Campus as Senior Director of Admissions. She just celebrated 20 years of service at the University in June.

The story of Val's education and gradual conversion to Judaism is instructive and inspiring. In their early years of marriage, Val and Jared celebrated holidays of both their faiths with both families. Val appreciated Jared's letting her find her way without pressure. As her boys grew, the Kid and Tot Shabbat became one of their favorite activities and Val found our congregation and Rabbi Kane to be always welcoming and accepting, even though Val had not converted. She saw how Catholicism's roots were in Judaism and conversion to Judaism was in a way, "coming home." It was also important to her that the family feel whole and together. As they grew, Sam and Eli demonstrated a true love of the religion and Val wanted to be able to share that. As she describes it, her conversion to Judaism (in 2023) came from within and was wholehearted.

Judaism is a core part of the Kisseloff family life. It can be summed up in the belief that there is something bigger than us and that it helps us to be a better version of ourselves. Val believes that her boys are learning priorities and how to be good and kind people by their adherence to our faith.

Growing up in a Catholic family, Val had little awareness of antisemitism or the ways Jewish families sometimes navigate experiences that others may never notice. As a mother, she has a very different perspective and the thought that her sons could ever face discrimination because they are Jewish is deeply unsettling. She also came to the late realization how much our society is based on Christian holidays and traditions.

Val's spiritual journey and the way the Kisseloff family honors our faith and traditions are an inspiration to all of us, that we can experience with them as we worship every Shabbat.



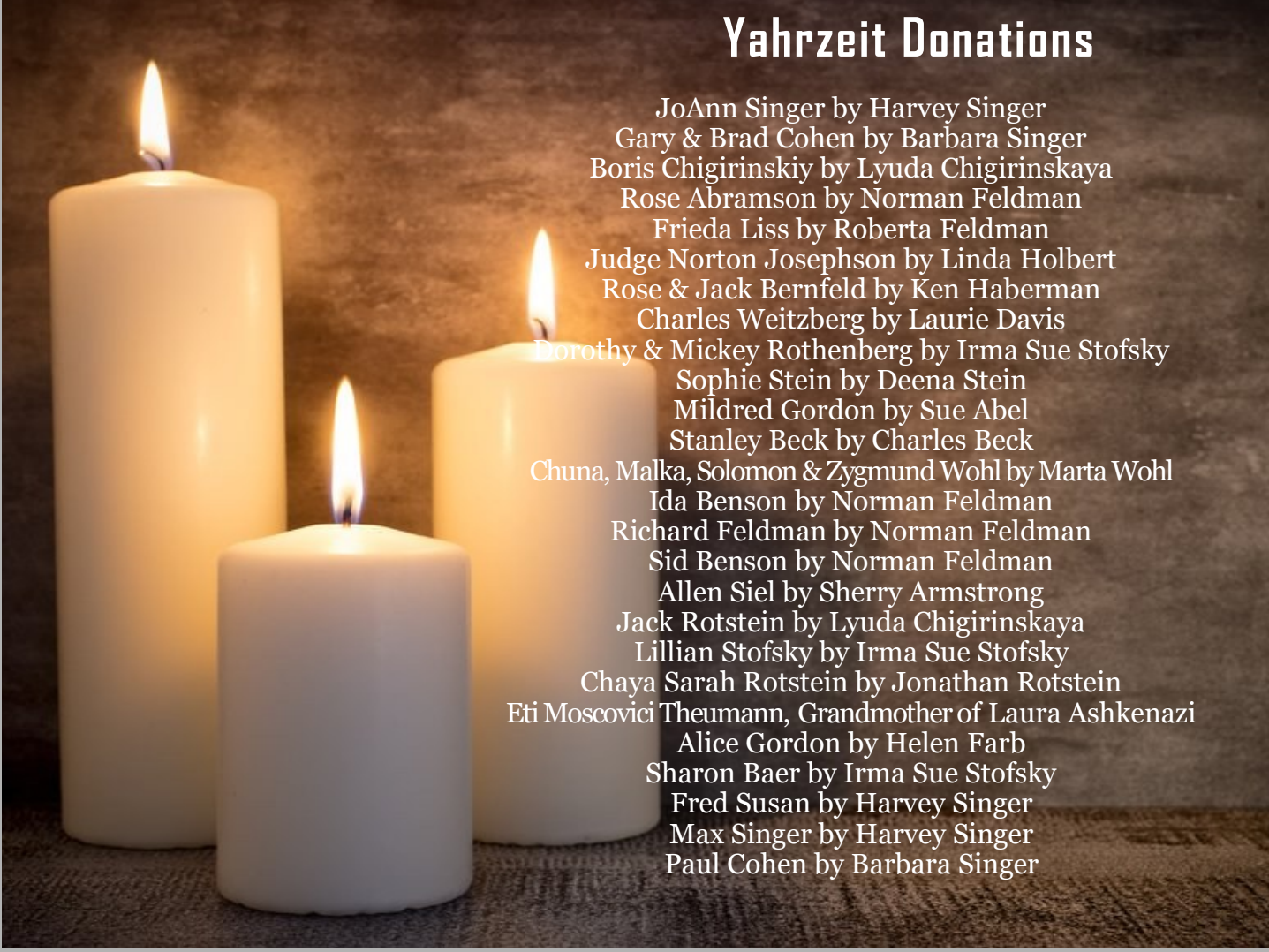
Clearly, the mishpocha B'nai Torah understands what it means to be a congregation and their goodness and generosity causes the angels who surround the Holy Throne of the Almighty to rejoice! Our Shapiro family could never adequately thank you for the food during shiva and for the presence of so many leaders (I don't have their email addresses, but please share my thanks) at Robyn's funeral and during shivah.

You make me more than proud to be associated in any way at all with the family Congregation B'nai Torah. Please share the great gratitude of Robyn's entire family with CBT.

May we, together, know only simchas, many happy celebrations in the months and years ahead.

With endless appreciation, Merrill

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



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Happy Birthday



4 Helen Farb
4 Tobias Jamieson-Keenum
5 Lisa Rhodes
6 Anita Hochman
6 Eli Kisseloff
9 Barbara Bailen
10 Rabbi S. David Kane
14 Norman Feldman
15 Bella Schwartz

16 George Selis
16 Bonnie Turetsky
21 Bari Amols
22 Ben Fox
22 Theresa Klaus
24 Dr. David Turetsky
27 Sam Kisseloff
29 Ken Haberman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

18 Jeanne & Dick Jaffe
19 Suzanne & Dr. Charles Stein

23 Dianne & Jack Rohald
31 Sue & Robert Goldberg

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

A thank you to Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, Rabbi Winston Weilheimer, Larry Cooperman, Charles Moskowitz, Eli, Sam and Alan Kisseloff as well as Rabbi Martha Bergadine for their help with leading services while Rabbi Kane was away.

Many thanks for all the love, support, the many cards as well as donations made in memory of my Father, Sonny Plotkin.
Love, Ira & Robin Freedman and Family

A big "Thank You" to Lea & Charlie Moskowitz for donating a new wall unit for our synagogue which is currently being installed.

Rosh Chodesh Elul begins at sundown on Wednesday, August 12th
and ends at nightfall on Friday, August 14th, 2026

BE A CBT MITZVAH MAVEN!

Have an extra hour (or two)? Volunteer!!!

We have several homebound congregants who have found that 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 for 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

Wonderful news, Congregation B'nai Torah has been gifted a generous grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Jewish Federation of East Central Florida for our "Security Enhancement" program. We are so grateful for their ongoing support .

Our congratulations to Sam Kisseloff on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 29th

Rabbi & Val survived the grandchildren excursion intact.

**congratulations to
SAM KISSELOFF**



SAM'S BAR MITZVAH

BAR MITZVAH OF SAM KISSELOFF BY HIS PROUD PARENTS

Sam recently completed 7th grade at Hinson Middle School, where he earned straight A's for the second consecutive year. A gifted math student, he completed all three years of middle school math by the end of 6th grade and successfully completed high school Algebra during 7th grade. We are incredibly proud of his dedication to academics and his love of learning.

Beyond the classroom, Sam is a talented musician and accomplished athlete. He began playing the alto saxophone in 6th grade and quickly advanced to both Advanced Band and Jazz Band. This spring, he performed at the Lakeside Jazz Festival, where he was recognized as his school's Outstanding Soloist. He was also selected as First Chair Alto Saxophone by his band director in recognition of his hard work, leadership, and role model qualities.

Sam is equally passionate about sports. He plays catcher and pitcher for the East Coast Storm baseball team in Daytona Beach and also enjoys golf, competing in the PGA Junior League for the second summer in a row. A true sports enthusiast, he seems to know a statistic about nearly every team in the country and loves reading about athletes and watching sports documentaries.

Perhaps most importantly, Sam is a kind, responsible, and conscientious young man who serves as a wonderful role model for his younger brother, Eli. He treasures the time he spends with all three sets of his grandparents - making summer memories at the lake in Massachusetts with Grandma and Zaidi, playing card and dice games with Nana and JJ, and golfing with Doo.

As Sam celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the remarkable young man he is becoming and we look forward with excitement to all that the future has in store for him!

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Fri	Aug 7	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sun	Aug 9	12:30 PM	SPIDERMAN in IMAX— Movies with the Rabbi
Sat	Aug 8	7:00 PM	Open Mic Night, Jewish Federation
Mon	Aug 10	7:00 PM	CBT Board Meeting
Thu	Aug 13	9:30 AM	Bagel, Nosh & Schmooze, Jewish Cultural Center
Sun	Aug 16	9:00 AM	Shalom School Opening Day, Temple Beth-El
Tue	Aug 18	10:00 AM	1st Mah Jongg Lessons for 8 weeks
Fri	Aug 21	6:00 PM	Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner
Sun	Aug 23	9:00 AM	Shalom School, Temple Beth-El
Fri	Aug 28	7:00 PM	Friday night, Sam Kisseloff's Bar Mitzvah
Sat	Aug 29	9:00 AM	Saturday morning, Sam's Bar Mitzvah

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