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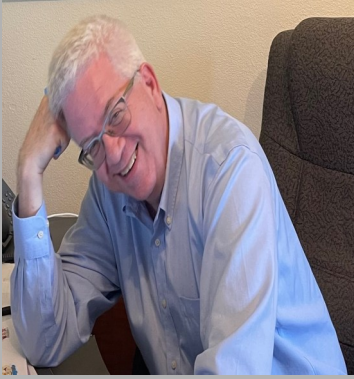
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A Message From Rabbi Kane



It seems an entire generation is quietly and not so quietly stepping away from our lives and this world. A true mensch, Dolly Parton, went on to the next part of a soul's journey this week. She never stopped working or giving back from the blessings she received. Did you know she had a secret Jewish history? I found this article from 2020 in the Forward archives.

In a “By the Book” interview, Dolly Parton told The New York Times that a copy of the Bible is always on her nightstand, next to a “daily devotional book.” In her memoir “Songteller,” Parton explains, “I’m not that religious, but I’m very, very spiritual. I grew up in very religious surroundings. I grew up with a Bible background, and I’m glad I did.”

Parton’s knowledge of the Jewish Bible is evident in several of her most beloved songs, including “Coat of Many Colors” and “The Master’s Hand.” The song “Coat of Many Colors” is based on Parton’s own childhood growing up in relative poverty and draws upon the story of the biblical Joseph. Parton sings, “As she [her mother] sewed, she told a story from the Bible she had read / About a coat of many colors Joseph wore....”

In “Songteller,” Parton recounts, “My mom made me this little coat. In order to make me proud of that little coat, I know now, she told me the story about Joseph from the Bible and his coat of many colors. So I thought, ‘Well, if it’s from the Bible, and Joseph was an important person, it has to be very special and important.’ Then when I went to school, the kids did not see that. They just made fun of my little coat. I had seen so much more in that coat than what Mama had sewn, things sewn into my body, my soul, my everything. Mama had made it and told the story and made it all seem so real. It was so mind-warping and heart-shattering to me when they made fun of it. In my mind, I thought I looked just like Joseph. But the kids didn’t, and it crushed me.”

Her song “The Master’s Hand,” written in 1971, displays Parton’s deep immersion not only in the Five Books of Moses but also in the Writings.

Parton’s charity, the Imagination Library, a program with free books for children was the inspiration for Harold Grinspoon’s PJ Library, which provides Jewish-themed books to young readers.

“I’m always honored when my Imagination Library inspires others,” Parton said.

While Dolly Parton's musical roots are in country and gospel, by the mid-1970s, with her career at a standstill, she was ready to reach a larger audience. Two Brooklyn-born Jewish men played essential roles in helping Parton make the leap from Nashville to mainstream pop stardom. Parton gives full credit to Sandy Gallin, one of the most successful talent agents from the 1970s through the 1990s, for helping her to achieve "crossover" success in music and to expand into TV, movies and even a theme park.

In 1977, Gallin convinced Parton to record a song called "Here You Come Again," written by the Jewish husband-and-wife songwriting duo Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil. He brought in another Brooklyn native, Gary Klein, to produce the song and the album of the same name. The single cracked the Top 20 Pop Album charts and spawned her first Top 10 pop hit; the album was her first to sell millions. (Incidentally, her pop success didn't come at the cost of her country credibility; the song sat atop the Country Singles chart for five weeks.) The song also garnered Parton her first-ever Grammy Award, for best female country vocal. Over the next few years, Klein produced a number of other hits for Parton.

But for Gallin, it didn't end there. He convinced Parton to open the "Dollywood" theme park in Tennessee, and the two co-founded a production company, Sandollar, among whose many successes were the Steve Martin film "Father of the Bride" and the hit TV series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." The producers won an Academy Award in 1990 for their AIDS documentary, "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt." Gallin also produced the Parton-starring movies "Rhinestone" and "Straight Talk." Parton commemorated her friendship and loyalty to Gallin by writing "Sandy's Song," sung to the tune of "Greensleeves.

"In "Songteller," Dolly Parton writes of Gallin, "We were so close and our relationship was so loving. We were from two completely different worlds, but we just clicked, somehow. He was just one of those friends that you find who you just know are going to be your friend forever." For a time, the two even shared an apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side. After Gallin died in 2017, Parton told an interviewer, "Nobody could quite get how the Christian Southern girl and the New York Jewish boy could have so much in common. But it was real."

According to legend, 36 righteous people keep our world deserving of God's blessings. Perhaps if we resolve this Rosh Hashanah to commit to compassion and kindness, we can create in this coming year, pockets of literacy and joy, just like Dolly devoted her life bringing to everyone else.

S. David Kane



The Presidents' Message



The Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The homemade spaghetti and meatballs definitely hit the spot! A special thank you to Lea Moskowitz and Joe Zimmermann as well as all the kitchen angels who helped make dinner so delightful.

Our Sam Kisseloff hit it out of the park during his Bar-Mitzvah. Obviously all his time learning, studying and preparing for his big weekend over the last few years certainly paid off. He made all of us proud. Mazel Tov Sam! You are amazing!

Please plan to attend the Special Holiday Concert and Selichot Service being held at our synagogue on Saturday, September 5th at 7 pm to show your support for our community wide program. Also, Reverse Tashlich with Temple Beth-El will take place on September 6th .

Please, if you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible!

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

We look forward to worshipping with you at our High Holiday Services.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life and have an easy fast.

L'Shana Tova!!

Your Co-Presidents,

Alan S. Kisseloff, Robin Freedman and Adrienne Cooperman

Congregation B'nai Torah Religious School Report

By Valerie Kisseloff



It's hard to believe it's that time of year again! By now, our parents have done their back-to-school shopping, sharpened all the pencils, found all the folders and binders on the teachers' supply lists, and sent our children off for another school year. But our children aren't just back in school - they're back at Shalom School too!

We welcomed nearly 50 children during our first two sessions of Shalom School, held up the road at Temple Beth El. Our first session was filled with wonderful music led by Rabbi Kane, followed by rotations through our Values, Torah, and Art classes. In Values, students explored mitzvot and *Shehechyanu*. In Torah, they learned about the High Holidays and their place in the Torah. And in Art, students created beautiful note cards and gifts for the seniors in our community. To end the morning, parents joined us for the final half hour, where everyone had the opportunity to sample four different varieties of honey. What a sweet way to kick off the school year!

Our second session continued the learning and excitement as students rotated through classes focused on the upcoming High Holidays, including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Students also had the opportunity to create their own beautiful lulavs and etrogs to take home. We were even treated to a special visit from Brian Freedman, who joined our Shalom School students to blow the shofar.

Once again, this year Shalom School is doing our annual Apples & Honey Fundraiser. If you haven't already done so, be sure to fill out a form to secure your apples and honey before the deadline, September 9th!

Back at CBT, we kicked off the new school year with a wonderful Kid & Tot Shabbat. A special thank-you goes to our Kitchen Angels for preparing a delicious Welcome Back Shabbat dinner for our families. We are especially excited to welcome a new family to CBT at the dinner - Arielle & Alex Richards and their two children, Jordan and Skye. We look forward to getting to know them and seeing them become part of our CBT family through the many family-friendly activities we have planned throughout the year.

August ended with a very special celebration as we celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Kisseloff. Personally speaking, Jared and I could not be more proud of our son Sam, and we are incredibly grateful to Rabbi Kane for the dedication and guidance he has provided over the past six years leading up to this milestone. Rabbi Kane has a remarkable ability to make learning feel easy and approachable. His dedication to our CBT children and families, his genuine connection with our youth, and his constant encouragement are truly commendable. We are so thankful for everything he has done not only for Sam and our family, but for all of the children and families in our religious school community.

With the High Holidays quickly approaching, I wish all of our CBT families a Shanah Tovah and a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year! While we will have a slight break in our Shalom School calendar due to how the holidays fall this year, we still have lots going on. Don't miss out on our September Kid & Tot Shabbat or all our family friendly High Holiday activities. May the year ahead be filled with learning, laughter, community, and many sweet moments together!

-Val Kisseloff



SHALOM SCHOOL & CBT PARENT INFO

Save the Date for these upcoming events:

Fri	Sep 4	6:00pm	Kid & Tot Shabbat @ CBT followed by 7:00pm Services
Sun	Sep 6	10:00am	Reverse Tashlich at Andy Romano Beach Park (great for our Youth Group teens)
Sun	Sep 13	4:30pm	Tashlich and Shofar at Fortunato Park
Mon	Sep 21	5:30pm	Jonah & the Whale, Neilah and Break the Fast
Fri	Sep 25	5:00pm	Sukkah Decorating and Pizza followed by Shabbat Service (Service at 7:00 pm)
Sat	Oct 3	6:00pm	Simchat Torah Service & Party
Sun	Oct 4	9:00am	Shalom School @Congregation B'nai Torah (Special Simchat Torah Programming)
Sun	Oct 18	9:00am	Shalom School @Temple Beth El

Order your Rosh Hashanah Apples & Honey today!



Proceeds Benefit the Shalom School Scholarship Fund

\$18.00 per bag

Each bag contains 2 jars of honey & 4 seasonal apples

Payment and order form (below) must be received

by Wednesday, September 9.

Please make checks payable to Shalom School and return to Temple Beth-El by September 9.

Specify if you would like to pick up at TBE or CBT.

Orders can be picked up between September 10 and September 13

This is one of the school's largest fundraisers, and the proceeds from this initiative help support our educational programs.

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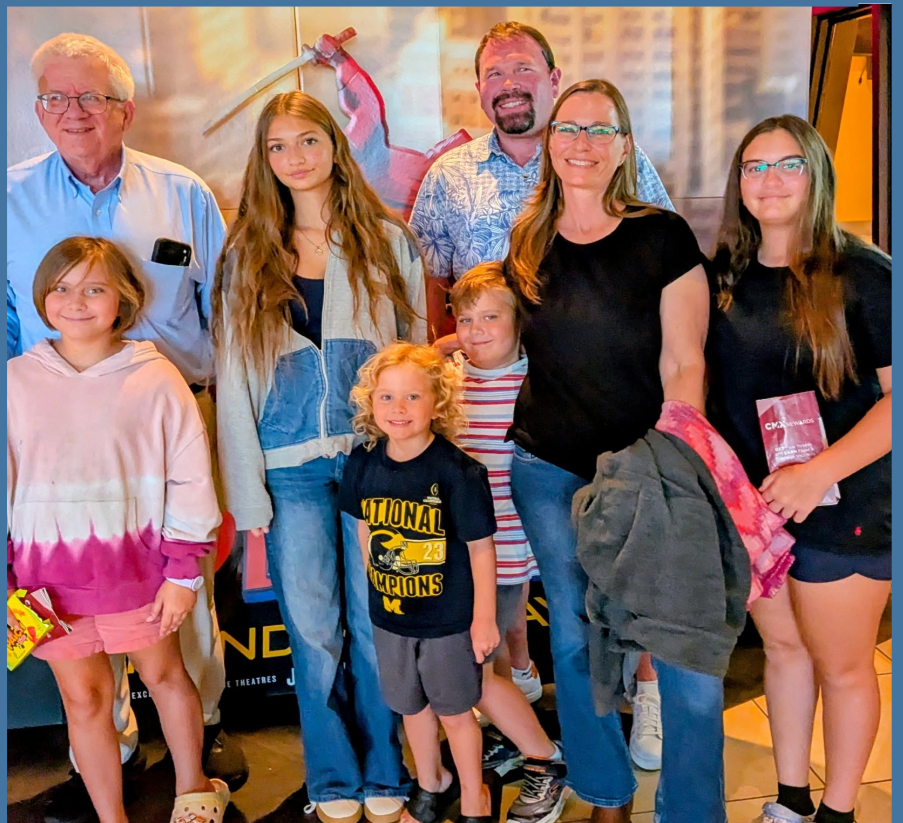
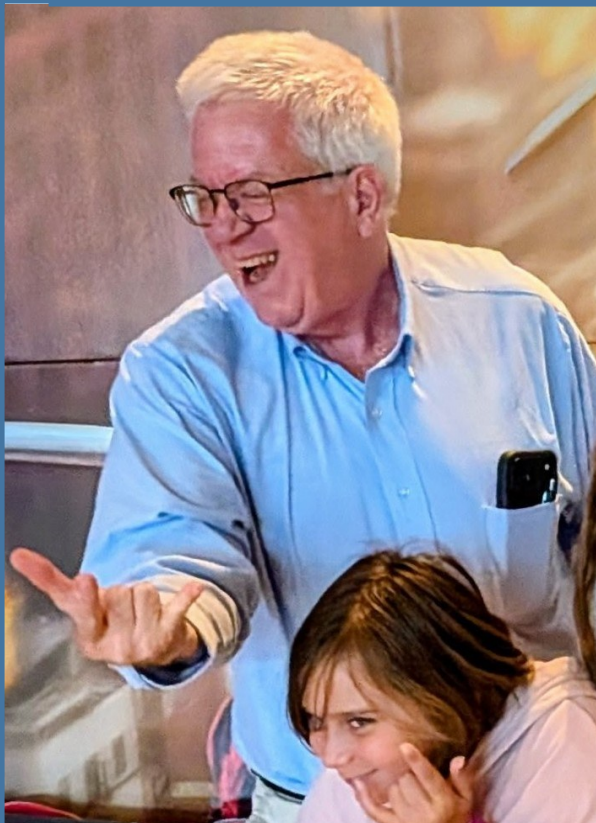
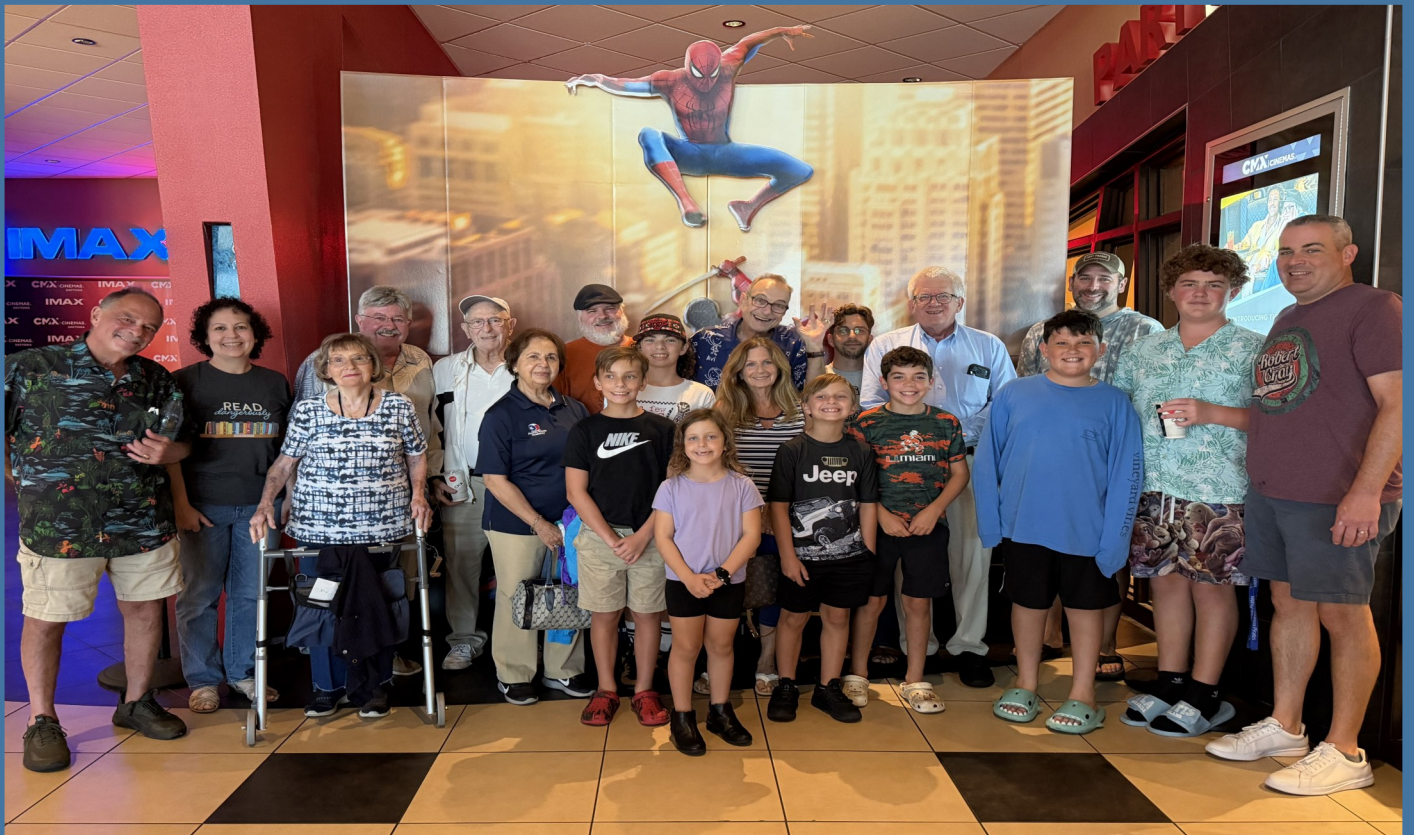
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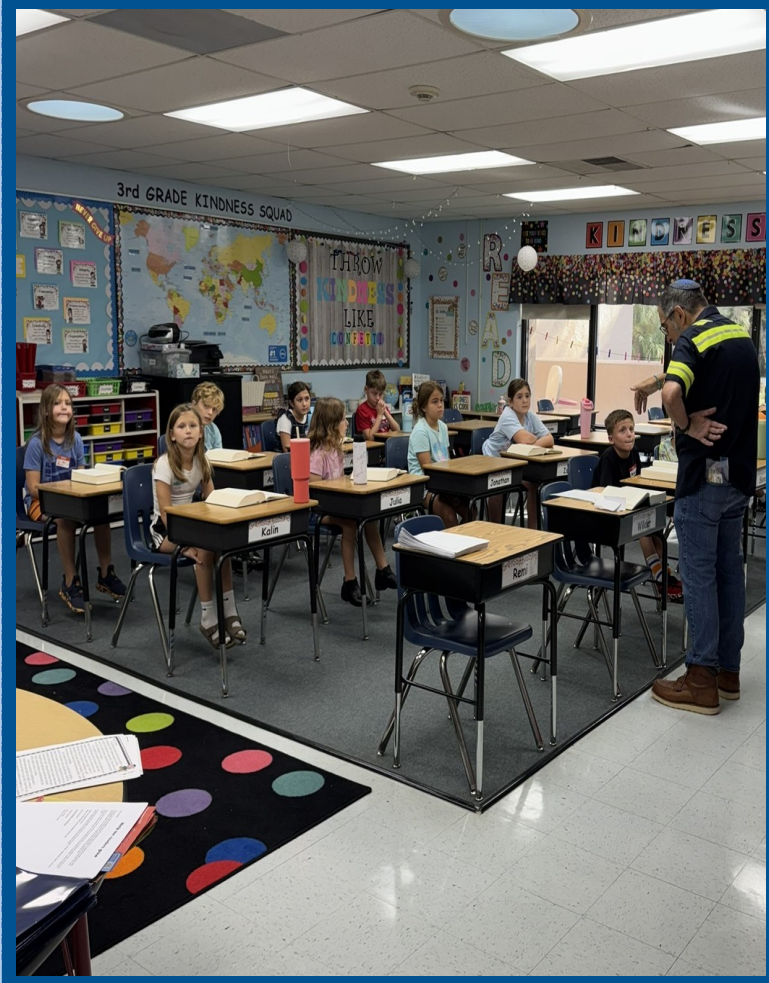




Shalom School



More Shalom School



Kids Having Fun





Sisterhood in the News

L'shana Tova!

The Welcome Back dinner was on August 21st. Everyone enjoyed good food and companionship!

Our Mah Jongg lessons have begun! The lessons are at CBT on Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 pm. If you are interested, contact Sema to see if you can join us.

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

Sisterhood is planning programming and events for the year: Bring your suggestions and help make Sisterhood fun!

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

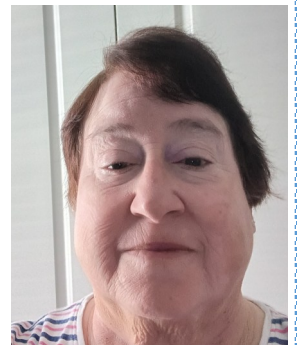
If you would like to sponsor an event, we could use the support.

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





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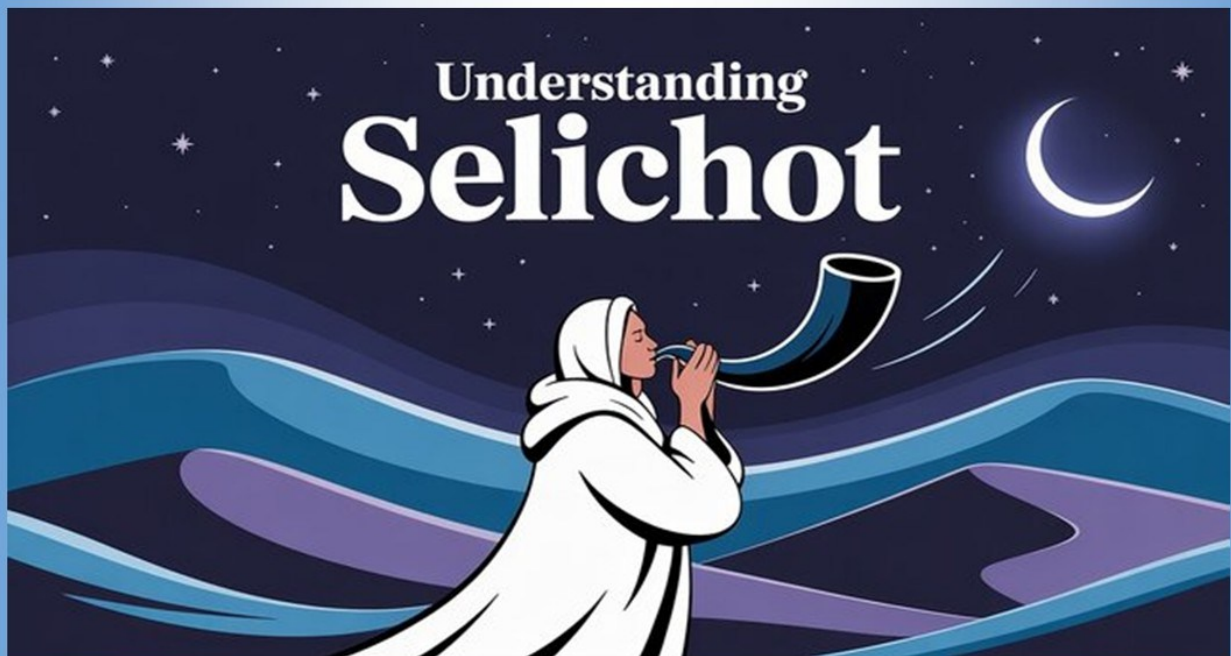
September

Sat	5	7:00 pm	Special Holiday Concert and Selichot Service
Sun	6	10:00 am	Reverse Tashlich with Temple Beth-El at Andy Romano Beach 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	7:00 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*
		7:00 pm	Shabbat and Erev Sukkot Service
Sat	26	9:30 am	Shabbat and Sukkot Service—1st Day
Sun	27	9:30 am	Sukkot Service - 2nd Day
Sun	27	6:30 pm	Schnapps in the Sukkah

October

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

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Andy Romano Beach Park
Sept. 6, at 10:00 am

This is a Global Waterfront Clean-Up!
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To register:
RSVP to Gayle Belin
gayle.belin@gmail.com



REPAIR THE SEA
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MEN'S CLUB®

By Ken Haberman, President

Greetings to our CBT family and a happy and blessed New Year to all.



Reminder: Schnapps in the Sukkah will be held on Sunday, September 27th at 6:30 pm at CBT. Please RSVP to me by September 20th if you would like to attend. Only \$25 and designated drivers are free! We will have unique drinks, snacks, and some fun trivia under the moon and stars.

The CBT Men's Club presented Sam Kisseloff with Tallis Clips in honor of his Bar Mitzvah which was celebrated on August 28th and August 29th. I know everyone is very proud of Sam and how well he did. Mazel Tov!

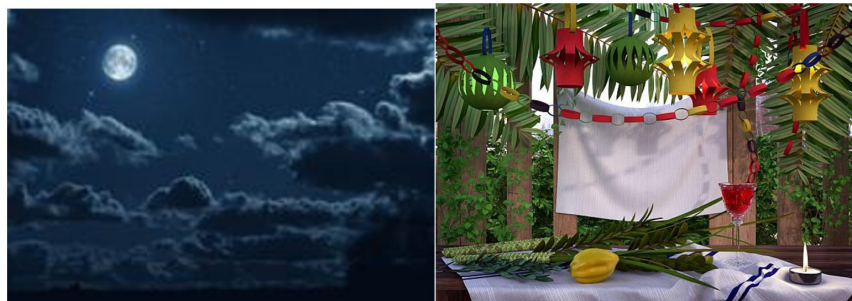
We hope our men of CBT will consider joining the Men's Club. It's a great way to get to know each other and share fun and meaningful times, as well as fundraisers for good causes. Check out an event even if you are not a member! For more information, please visit our Men's Club page on the CBT website: <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club/>. Annual dues are only \$36.

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.

Thank you, and hope to see you soon.

Ken





IT'S TIME FOR THE CBT MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL
SCHNAPPS IN THE SUKKAH

Sunday, September 27th at 6:30 pm at CBT.

Not just for Men's Club - all couples, families & friends are welcome!
Sample many unique and fine spirits in our beautiful Sukkah
built by our handy & hardy Congregant members & decorated by our students!

For this Men's Club fundraiser, the cost is \$25 per person.
Designated drivers are free! Admission cost includes drinks, snacks, and games.

Men's Club **FUN**draiser events this year will support Shalom School Scholarships
for CBT students, the Synagogue Operating Fund for our many projects to
keep our Temple running, and social and spiritual events to promote
camaraderie and cohesion in our Congregation.

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 20th

by calling Ken at 386-679-2320 or email kchaberman@hotmail.com.

Checks can be dropped off or mailed to Kay at the CBT office, made payable to CBT
Men's Club and please designate it is for the Schnapps in the Sukkah.

Or pay on our website, <https://mybnaitorah.org/mens-club-donation/>
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Hope to see you there!



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Please RSVP to
to Laurie

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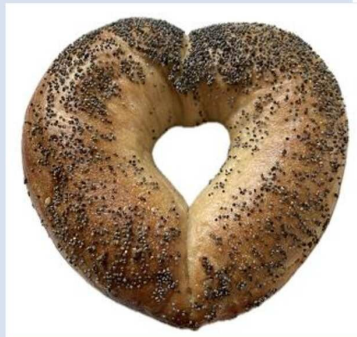
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Questions? Contact: Ashley Gillan at awislock@gmail.com



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

JONAH PLATT

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

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Your donation includes lunch, drinks, and dessert!

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Mail to: Lea Moskowitz, 2300 N. Atlantic Av #1403, Daytona Beach, FL. 32118

Questions Call: Sema (386) 264-1508 or Barbara (985)705-1236

To register, please fill out the form below and enclose it with your \$36.00 check

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_____ I will bring my (Traditional) Mah Jongg Set and receive an additional raffle ticket for a door Prize.

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MENSCH OF THE MONTH

By our Congregant Ray Leonard

September “Mensch of the Month” Charles Moskowitz

Our September Mensch of the Month, Charles Moskowitz, together with his beloved wife Lea, is a founding member of Congregation B’nai Torah. Together, they have played a major role in the growth of our congregation and helped to make it thrive in so many ways, from assisting in services, catering, fundraising, organization, and rituals and so much more.

Charles’ mother was born in 1909 and emigrated from the then Russian Empire of Azerbaijan, in the capital city of Baku with her mother in 1912. The Jewish population of Azerbaijan has an ancient history with many famous descendants, such as world chess champion Gary Kasparov. One other relative, a sister, was also able to emigrate. They came to New York and settled in Brooklyn. Charles’ mother married an American citizen before the second world war. As a soldier in the Philippines, he became seriously ill with a tropical disease and unfortunately, never fully recovered. Charles, an only child, was born in 1948. His father, a postman, passed away when Charles was only five. His mother worked and together with veterans’ benefits, they were able to get by, but it was a struggle.

Many of us spend years and even decades trying to find our niche in life and our passion. Charles had no such problem. By age one, he was banging on an oatmeal box with a large kitchen spoon. He was going to be a drummer! Through elementary school, junior high and Erasmus High School he excelled in orchestra and band playing any percussion instrument he could get his hands on. He was fortunate to come to the attention of legendary percussionist Moe Goldenberg who encouraged his talents. While a Junior in High School, Charles’ mother remarried and the family moved to Queens and he transferred to Francis Lewis High School.

When not beating in syncopated rhythm on anything he could find, Charles had a normal adolescence; playing stickball and rooting for the Dodgers, although they broke his heart when they moved to Los Angeles in 1958.

Charlie’s obvious musical talent earned him a partial scholarship to Manns College of Music, where Walter Rosenberger, the famous percussionist of the New York Philharmonic, recognized and helped to develop his percussion skills. After two years, he transferred to New York University (NYU) where he received a BS in Music Education (NYU). Another famous percussionist from the New York Philharmonic, Morris Lang, became Charles’ teacher at NYU. To receive the degree in Music Education also meant that he had to become proficient in all other instruments, strings, brass, and woodwinds. After NYU, he completed a master’s degree in music theory and composition Montclair State.

While a senior at Francis Lewis, Charles met his future wife Lea in Orchestra. Although Lea went to Temple University, in Philadelphia, while Charles was in NYU, they maintained their relationship and when he turned 21 in 1969 (he was a few months short of graduation) they were married, beginning a loving 57-year partnership.

After they graduated, they started out as teachers; Charles in Freeport, NY and Lea in Brooklyn, for the next few years. They came to the hard realization that getting ahead and buying a home

on teachers' salaries in the New York metropolitan area would be an uphill struggle. In 1972, on a vacation trip to Daytona Beach, they saw the lower cost of living and decided to relocate.

Charlie initially planned to get a PhD in the FSU Music Composition Program, but Lea became pregnant and making a living became the priority. He was hired in his first interview in Port Orange. Over the years, he has moved to teaching Percussion at multiple colleges and universities, including Daytona Community College, Bethune Cookman and Stetson University. He has also continuously worked as a performer while teaching.

Charlie and Lea's sons Marc and Daniel were born in 1973 and 1975 and have presented them with four grandsons. Marc lives in the Tampa area and Daniel in Atlanta. Lea took time off from teaching until the boys were school age and enjoyed a 25-year teaching career.

Starting when the boys were ready for college and increasing in frequency, especially now that they are retired, Charlie and Lea have become world travelers. They have visited all seven continents and are now filling in countries they have missed! Their favorite part of their trips are the people they meet.

Judaism has always played a central role in Charles life. His mother came from an orthodox family and the family kept kosher. Despite difficult financial circumstances, Charles' mother somehow scraped up enough money to send him to a Yeshiva until sixth grade, giving him a solid base in Hebrew and our traditions. Family life revolved around the synagogue and holidays.

When they married, although she came from a reform background, Lea adapted to Charles' belief and lifestyle. When they moved to the Daytona Beach area, they joined a small group that formed Congregation Beth Shalom. However, when his boys reached the age of religious school, Charles and Lea decided they needed to join a larger temple to allow the boys to have a more formal Hebrew Education and Bar Mitzvah, so they joined Temple Israel. However, after the Bar Mitzvahs, in 1986 and 1988, they looked again for a smaller, less restricting group. In the mid 1990's, the Beth Shalom group reformed as our Congregation B'nai Torah, with Charlie and Lea as part of the group of founding members.

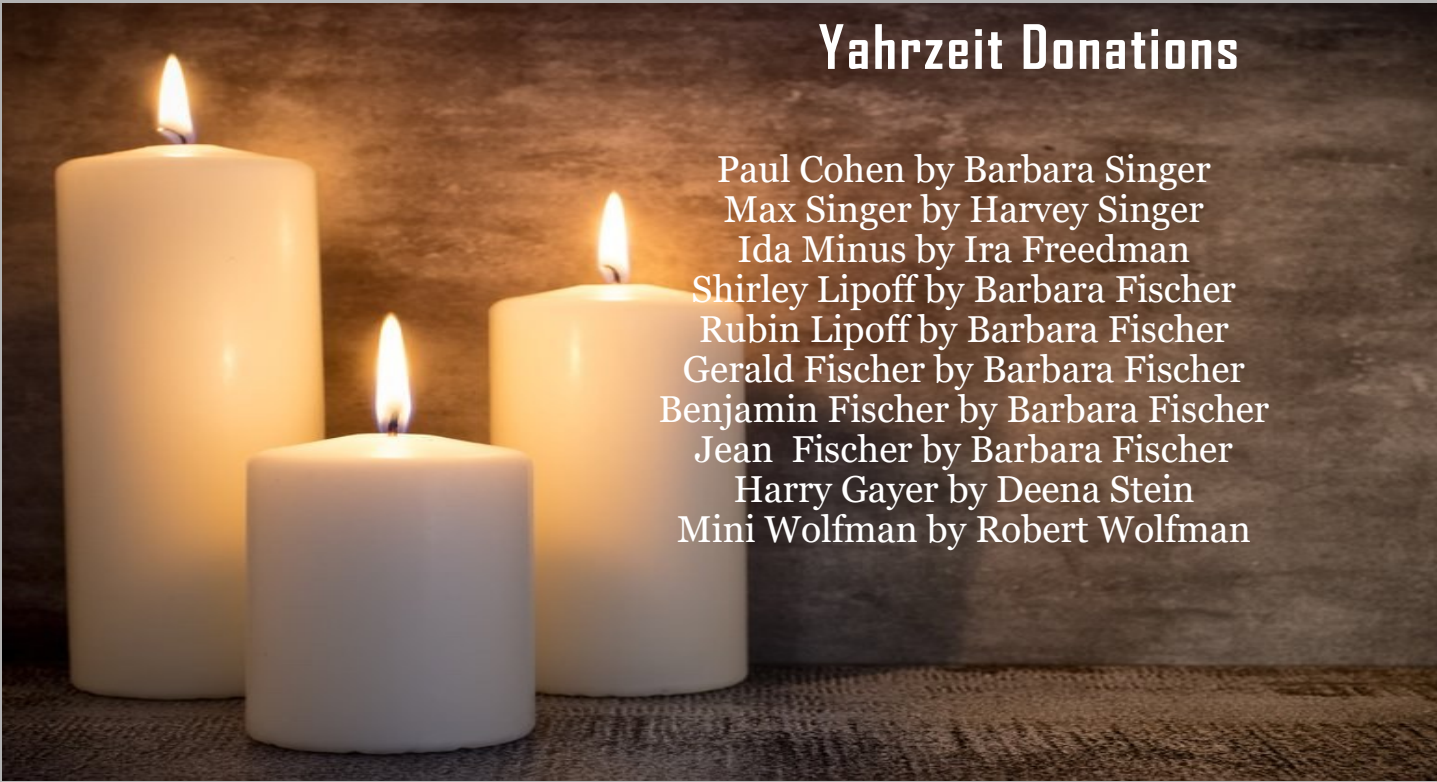
Shortly thereafter, a selected group traveled to Deltona to hear the Rabbi there (our Rabbi Kane) lead a service and persuaded him to come and lead our congregation.

Charles views Judaism as a way of life. He and Lea have built their lives around our congregation, supporting it in every possible way. Among Charles' special talents is his excellence in Torah reading, always a highlight of our Saturday morning service. Without the efforts of Charles and Lea, it is hard to imagine Congregation B'nai Torah.

Charles points out that of the 14.5 million Jews in the world, half live in Israel and he worries about assimilation and weakening of the faith of that other half. He is proud of the young people of our congregation and their enthusiasm at services and credits Rabbi Kane's special talent and efforts.

While we may consider Charles one of those fortunate few who knew what he wanted to do in life from the start and was able to accomplish it, we cannot overlook the hard work it took every step of the way, including juggling multiple jobs while raising a young family. His loving 57-year marriage attests to his constancy and devotion and traveling the world demonstrates a youthful spirit and continuing quest to see new things at an age when many of us are settling down for a final chapter. It is truly a life well lived.

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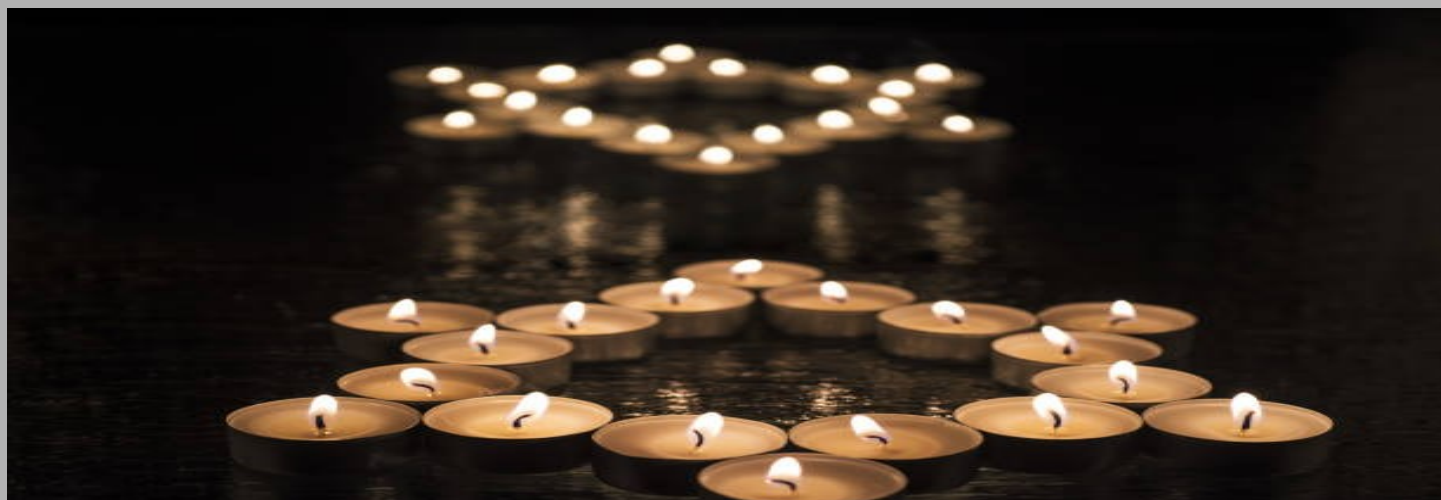


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EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The Haberman and Kisseloff families thank the Sisterhood and all the people who went out of their way to make the last weekend of August so very special.

Many thanks for the generous donation towards beautifying our landscaping. Our outsides are looking great!

A big “Thank You” to Lea and all the kitchen angels who helped prepare that incredibly delicious Spaghetti dinner, deliciouso!

**Rosh Chodesh Tishrei begins at sundown on Friday, September 11th and ends at nightfall on Sunday, September 13th, 2026, Shhh!
It's a secret!**

Thank you to Robin & Ira Freedman's son-in-law, Captain Hunter Ramirez & his crew for helping us replace our flags.



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, we are happy to welcome our newest members, Arielle & Alex Richard along with their son Jacob and new daughter, Skye to our CBT family! Arielle is an Audiologist practicing here in Ormond Beach.

Our congratulations to Sam Kisseloff on his beautiful Bar Mitzvah. We are all proud of his accomplishments.

Welcome back Sue & Irv Abel from their Texas Ranchette.

So fabulous to have Helen Farb visit for Sam's Bar Mitzvah.

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

Tue	Sep	1,15,22,29	10:00 AM	Mah Jongg Lessons
Thu	Sep	3	11:00 AM	Sisterhood Members Luncheon at CBT
Thu	Sep	3	6:30 PM	Bingo, Jewish Federation Cultural Center
Fri	Sep	4	6:00 PM	Kid & Tot Shabbat
Sat	Sep	5	7:00 PM	Selichot Service
Sun	Sep	6	10:00 AM	Reverse Tashlich w/Temple Beth-El
Mon	Sep	7		CBT OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
Tue	Sep	8	11:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah Senior Lunch, Temple Beth-El
Tue	Sep	8	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Rabbi Merrill Shapiro
Thu	Sep	10	9:30 AM	Bagel, Nosh & Schmooze, Jewish Cultural Center
Mon	Sep	14	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Sun	Sep	27	6:30 PM	Schnapps in the Sukkah

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