



The Beth Shalom Shofar



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Schedule of Services

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Services Followed by Oneg Shabbat Refreshments	7:30 PM
Saturday Shabbat Services Followed by a Light Kiddush Lunch	9:30 AM
Sunday Minyan	9:00 AM
Tuesday Minyan	6:30 PM

VOLUNTEER SHABBAT

Beth Shalom will honor one of our valued members and volunteers on Saturday, June 19 during Shabbat Services. Art Rosenthal is a relatively new member of Beth Shalom and yet he has taken a very active role in the congregation. Art is a licensed plumber and electrician. He is an expert in cabinetry and construction. Actually, there is very little that Art can't do. He cannot say NO. Whenever and wherever there is work to be done at the synagogue, all you have to do is ask Art and it gets done. His commitment and dedication to Beth Shalom is greatly appreciated and due to his efforts, the synagogue is a more beautiful place to worship in. We invite the entire congregation to attend Shabbat services and help us honor and thank Art Rosenthal for all he does for us. A luncheon will follow services.

BETH SHALOM GIFTS— THE STORE FOR JUDAICA & MORE

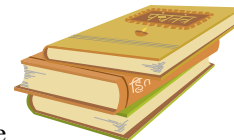


It's **June** — the month for weddings and graduations. The place to buy your gifts is **Beth Shalom Gifts — the Store for Judaica & More**. We have ritual items, books, games, jewelry, serving pieces, the ever popular AHAVA body products, and so much more!

The shop is open Monday through Friday during office hours or by special appointment. Call Ann young or Carole Wolpin for a shopping appointment that fits your schedule—day or evening.

Shop **Beth Shalom Gifts—the Store for Judaica & More** for personal service, **high quality, low prices**.

BOOK SALE AND MORE



Your Ways and Means Committee is going to do it again! We are having another Book Sale with a terrific selection of thousands of books to be held on **Sunday, June 27** from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Why pay \$20 or more for a new hard bound book when we will have them for \$1? All paperback books in really great new shape will sell for \$1. Hardbound books without a dust cover or any paperback books which are not in absolutely perfect condition, will sell for a dollar! This is one deal you cannot pass up.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on **June 27** for a few hours of shopping for some great books to read this summer.

If you have been doing “spring cleaning” and have books you wish to donate toward the sale, just call the synagogue office at 268-0404 and we will arrange to have them picked up, or you can drop them off at the synagogue at any time. You can never have enough really good books!

MAJOR CHANGE....and we need your help! While we are having a “Book Sale”, we have decided to expand it and sell other items. If you have any items in good condition that you do not want any longer, please consider donating them to our sale. Don't let the good “stuff” just sit in your garage. We are in need of items like pictures, paintings, sewing machines, small appliances, vacuums, furniture, bric-a-brac items, etc. (**NO CLOTHES, PLEASE**). Items can be dropped off at the synagogue at any time.

JUDAICA GALLERY SALT SCULPTURES

The Judaica Gallery at Beth Shalom Congregation will have on display a most unique and unusual exhibit during the month of June ...Salt Sculpture.

Artist and Sculpturer, Anat Eshed Goldberg of Israel, while walking along the beach of the Dead Sea in 2000, became fascinated by the forms created by salt crystals covering the stones branches and other natural and man-made objects. Ms. Goldberg decided to try and create her own imaginary forms coated with salt.

With the assistance of the following Israeli artists, Michael Riedea, Mara Gandelman, and Dov Levi Newman, the Salt Sculpture project took form.

Viewing of this extraordinary exhibit is at Beth Shalom from Monday thru Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

From the Desk of Rabbi Sandberg...

MINYAN

You will often hear the word "minyan" used in the synagogue. The word itself means a "counting". It is most often used to refer to the necessary 10 people (Jews 13 years of age or older) needed to have a complete prayer service. The term is also used to refer to the weekday services themselves, as in "time to start the minyan".

First of all - why the number ten? It would be nice to think that this number is derived from the ten righteous people that might be in the city of Sodom and thus avoid its destruction. (see Genesis 18:22-32) Perhaps the number refers to the Ten Commandments?

The rabbis chose to find the origin of the ten required from a very strange place. While in the wilderness Moses sends twelve spies to check out the land that they were going to conquer. The majority of the spies came back with a very negative report and convinced the Israelites that they could not conquer the land. Two of the spies (Joshua and Caleb) gave a very positive report and said that God would help them vanquish their enemies. Moses, in his frustration, lashed out at the ten spies, saying "How much longer shall that wicked community keep muttering against me?" (see Numbers 14:27) The word "edah" (community) designated the ten evil spies. Thus, the rabbis maintained, we require at least ten to form a community (for prayer).

What can you not do without a minyan? The Talmud tells us "All things that are holy require ten." The list includes: reading the Torah or Haftarah, reciting Barchu, the Kedusha in the Amidah, the repetition of the Amidah, and all forms of Kaddish. It is the Kaddish that becomes the most problematical for many people.

Over the centuries, the recitation of the Kaddish has taken on a mystical quality. The "Kaddish Yatom" (Mourner's Kaddish) is seen as the required memorial prayer that we say in memory of our loved ones. Many people, who do not usually come to services, make it a point to attend at times when they need to recite Kaddish. In order to say the Kaddish prayer we require a minyan - ten Jews joining together in prayer.

In a small congregation, this often poses a great difficulty. It is hard to gather the required quorum at our weekday services and occasionally on Shabbat and Holidays. At Beth Shalom we have a small group of dedicated congregants who attend our services regularly and are with us to help provide a minyan, to insure that we will have the ten needed to say Kaddish. But, all too often, we fall short of that number.

As a congregation we have the responsibility to provide each other with a minyan so that they proper prayers may be recited. In order to do this every member should make sure to participate regularly in our services (Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and Tuesday night at 6:30 PM) when they DO NOT have to say Kaddish. In this way you will provide the number needed for others, and they will do so for you!

Remember - we are counting on YOU to give us the proper count for our Minyan.

Rabbi Martin I. Sandberg

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This past month has been a very busy month for the congregation. We had our final spring social "Movie/Spaghetti" night. Another success! What made this series of programs (Game night, Campfire night and Movie night) such a success is that this series of programs was not done with proposals and all the red tape of going through the Board. The programs were set up by just a few (Mimi Kaufman, Elinor Snow, Linda Ginsburg and others who provided assistance). The programs were well attended and, even money makers, although not set up to be fund raisers. Actually, these programs were set up so our congregants could just get together and share good times with each other. What a tremendous success and my thanks go out to everyone involved. It's this spirit that makes this congregation as special as it is.

During May, we had our annual Congregational Meeting where we approved our new Executive Board and Board of Directors. I want to thank our very hardworking Nominating Committee, led by Carole Wolpin, for all their great work. Our May "Volunteers of the Month" were honored at services. For May, our volunteers were Ann Young, Jan Smith and Carole Wolpin. They were honored for all their hard work in everything they do regarding the Gift Shop. These ladies have dedicated (and continue to dedicate) many hours running every aspect of this small business. Congratulations to them. We also celebrated Shavuot with well attended services.

So, as you can see, we had quite a busy and meaningful month. This month marks the final month of our fiscal year and the final month of our current Board of Directors. We will be thanking Art Rosenthal, our June "Volunteer of the Month" and we will continue to work on the myriad of issues regarding our future. I want to thank everyone who is working so hard in every way- from those who do the everyday, mundane administrative work, to those who help lead our services and everyone in-between. Your volunteer efforts keep us going and keep us vibrant.

Finally, we are expanding our spring book sale to include many other items (except clothing). If you have something you wish to donate to Beth Shalom for this sale, please bring your items in. The "Books -n- Stuff" sale will be on Sunday, June 27th. Have a great month.

Edward S. Mallow

SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Sisterhood had a fantastic year of special events and innovative programs. We are still going strong. With the help and cooperation of our dedicated Sisterhood Board, chairwomen and supportive membership, we have had a very successful year. We worked hard, enjoyed ourselves, raised funds for Beth Shalom, and had fun doing it!

Here are a few things I would like to mention....we attended the musical "A Girl's Night Out". Each of us were all dolled up and in purple feather boas (thanks to Carole Wolpin)!

We went to Etz Chaim Synagogue and took the Mikvah tour. We learned many historic traditions and it was very interesting and informative.

Our Sisterhood catered several affairs again this year, including Bar & Bar Mitzvahs, a wedding, dedication luncheons, and several other occasions. Our catering business has turned into quite a nice stream of income. Thanks you to Ina Hall and Ann Young, who worked so diligently to make each occasion successful and beautifully done.

For the second year in a row, we co-sponsored the Chanukah Shabbat Dinner with the Men's Club. A special thanks to Jeff Marks and all the members of the Men's Club. It is always a pleasure to work with you.

Just before the Beth Shalom raffle, our ice machine needed to be replaced. The Men's Club and the Sisterhood, together, paid for a new one. That's a partnership for the good of the synagogue!

Once again, we had our Sisterhood Shabbat weekend. Our ladies showed their talent and commitment and did a great job with the services. Let's not forget all the great food! Thank you to Mimi Kaufman for the work she did and for arranging to have Lara Werwa as our speaker.

Our first Holiday Bazaar took place this year. We were anticipating 20 vendors, but because of the wonderful efforts of Vera Benjamin, we had over 50 vendors. The Sisterhood Gift Shop had its highest sales day due to this event. Our Sisterhood was able to present \$1,000 to the Beth Shalom Board of Directors as a result of this bazaar.

Remember to shop right here at our own Sisterhood Gift Shop—best quality items and the lowest prices in town. A special thank you to Carole Wolpin and Ann Young for continuing to do such an excellent job in selection of items, and of course, sales!

Thank you to Rabbi Sandberg for teaching the Kashrut Class again this year. It is always well received.

Many men and women attended our program featuring a book review of "The Provincials", the history of Jews in the South, with our guest speaker, Evelyn Peck.

I would be remiss if I did not mention and thank our wonderful Sisterhood Bakers coordinated by Joyce Borghida and her wonderful team: Sondra Mallow, Aviva Kaplan, Jeanne Sandberg, Ina Hall, Deanna Lissner, Penny Marks, Madelyn Glossman and Ann Young.

The Bereavement Committee lead by Deinya Mautz is a specific group of members who help our congregation with funeral preparations at home. They contact the family to find out what they need. They arrive early to cover mirrors, put out water and towels, prepare food for the family, etc. Truly a mitzvah!

Our Ladies' Rosh Hodesh group still meets on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you to Vera Benjamin and Helen Hill for coordinating this interesting and fun event each month. Bring your tambourine, a smile and join in!

Vera Benjamin is a very special person. She took her Vice Presidency of Programs to a whole new level. It is because of her that programming over the past two years of my Presidency was so excellent. Although Vera was not elected Executive Vice President, she was often put in that position and did a fabulous job.

Thank you Goldie Lansky for being there anytime I needed advise. As our Immediate Past President, she was always there to help me. In addition to that, she did a great job as the current Nominating Chairperson for the new Board for 2010-2012.

I have enjoyed serving as your Sisterhood President. I had wonderful women to work with. Helping me each step of the way. This became even more apparent in the last 6 months. Due to serious family health issues, I had to leave town several times and had to change the schedule of a meeting, or have someone else pitch in when I was unable to be there.

I know the next Sisterhood President and Board of Directors will have the same experience of working with wonderful people and reaching new horizons.

We want all of our ladies at Beth Shalom to join and embrace Sisterhood. You will have a good time, make new friends, and be part of the pulse of our congregation.

Shalom for now,

Eileen Levine

Sisterhood President 2008-2010

SIMCHA SHABBAT

Our format for Simcha Shabbat not only announces your Simcha from the Bima and publishes it in the following month's *SHOFAR*, but you will also be honored at the Friday evening service during Kiddush and given an appropriate blessing for your birthday or anniversary. Please participate in this meaningful occasion by donating \$18 toward sponsoring the Simcha Shabbat Oneg and celebrating your Simcha with your Beth Shalom family.

The next Simcha Shabbat is scheduled for Friday evening, June 18. We would like to thank the sponsors of the May Simcha Shabbat:

...Craig Anchel in honor of Melinda's and Michaela's birthdays.

...Jeff Barnett in honor of Stacy's birthday.

...Richard & Sharon Browdy in honor of their anniversary and birthdays.

...Danny & Marcia Cohen in honor of Matt's birthday.

...Paul & Alice Davis in honor of their anniversary.

...Rabbi Martin & Jeanne Sandberg in honor of granddaughter, Alisha's birthday.

...Al & Rose Schoenfeld in honor of their anniversary.

...Drs. Barry & Rori Stevens in honor of Muriel Litt's and Joshua's birthdays.

...Steve Ussach in honor of Sheila's birthday.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Crown of Aleppo, The Mystery of the Oldest Hebrew Bible Codex by Hayim Tawil & Bernard Schneider, Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, 2010.

How do we know that the text of the Bible that we see in our modern printed editions is correct? Up until the discovery of the Dead Sea Scroll in the late 1940s and early 1950s, there were very few Biblical texts that dated before the year 1000. (And even those were fragments.)

The most accurate texts that we have are from two handwritten books that date from the 11th century. One, the "Leningrad Codex" has been available to scholars 1838. But, the older "Aleppo Codex" was kept guarded by the Aleppo Jewish community and access to it was extremely limited. During Arab anti-Jewish riots in 1947 the Codex was damaged, parts of it disappeared and the entire manuscript vanished for a decade, until it was brought to Jerusalem.

The recently published book, Crown of Aleppo, tells the story of this famous codex (a manuscript written in book form rather than in a scroll). It reads like a mystery novel and ends with more questions than answers about the fate of the codex. The book is written for a general readership and avoids getting too caught up in the scholarly details. This book will also give you an insight into how the Bible text that we have come into being.

For those who may not be reading the book right away, I will talk on the subject of how we know the correct Bible text in a presentation on Friday night, June 18, 2010 during our services. I will have on display a facsimile edition of the Leningrad Codex for all of us to see. (The facsimile of the Aleppo codex was printed in a very limited edition and I do not have a copy.)

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY
CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE
NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS.**

LIBRARY NEWS

We have new books! For dog lovers, we have "How to Raise a Jewish Dog" a hilarious training guide. We also have "The Ladies Auxiliary" by Tova Mirkis. This is a story about a close knit religious group in Memphis who are trying to keep their lives just as they have been for many years. While they are worrying about their girls knees showing, some of the students try marijuana. This book is quite thought provoking.

Another interesting book we now have is "Who Wrote the Bible?" by Richard E. Friedman. His hypothesis while not always watertight, does make a good case for what he proposes. I guess we will never know for sure, but he brings up some very interesting questions. We have also added to our expanding collection of Holocaust literature, a book of poems by Jacob Glatstein entitled "I Keep Recalling".

In addition to the book on raising gods, we have a "The Jewish Family Book" on how to raise Jewish children.

As always, we have a wonderful collection of humor, history, fiction, Bible, literature, Rabbinic writings...and the list goes on. Come into our library and browse, borrow, read and of course, return!

Elaine Furman

ANY CHANGES??

Please let us know if you have a change of address, e-mails, phone numbers, etc. We have begun work on the next yearbook and would like to have our membership list as accurate as possible.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call the synagogue when a family member is hospitalized and let us know so Rabbi Sandberg can visit. Due to an increased focus on patient confidentiality (HIPAA), we don't hear from the local hospitals with a list of their Jewish patients.

CONDOLENCES TO...

...Paula Garfinkel and family on the loss of father, Gerald Horowitz.

...Phyllis Raderman and family on the loss of cousin, Corinne Colwyn.

IMPORTANT!

We need your help. Beth Shalom depends on the timely payment of your dues, pledges and commitments. As in years past, to receive tickets for the High Holiday services or to register your children in our Religious School, you must be current in your financial obligations. Rosh Hashanah begins on the evening of Wednesday, September 8.

S.A.T. TESTING

Beth Shalom Congregation continues to serve as the North Florida site for the S.A.T. test administration on Sundays. The exam will be given on June 6 and then resume in the fall.

In order to take the exam on a Sunday, your student needs to follow the instructions provided in the registration packet they receive. For information, contact the guidance counselor at your child's school.

OPERATION ISAIAH

The drive for canned and boxed food at Beth Shalom is ongoing. The warm summer months are almost here and most of us take this opportunity to clean out our pantries, especially if we plan on going away on extended vacations. This would be the perfect time to donate those unused foods to the JFCS food pantry. There is no such thing as a vacation from hunger. And don't forget to pack those toiletries that are left unused in your hotel room or ship's cabin.

Foods that are requested are canned vegetables, pastas, tuna, soup, crackers, rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit and cereal.

Please drop off your donations in the front lobby of the synagogue and they will be collected and brought to JFCS. We thank all of you who have been donating on a regular basis and we appreciate all that you do.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The members of the Sisterhood Bereavement Committee are standing by in case they are needed. If you have lost a loved one and need our ladies to help prepare your home before the funeral and do all that is necessary to make your return home as comfortable as possible, call the synagogue office at 268-0404.

MAZEL TOV.....

...Mimi & Marty Kaufman on receiving the "Volunteer of the Year" Award from Jewish Family & Children's Services at the Annual Jewish Federation meeting.

...Sara & Dimitri Kavalieros on the birth of a son, Theodoros Samuel. We also extend a hearty mazel tov to grandparents, LaVerne & Andy Cantor.

...Jordan Perin on his graduation from the Florida Coastal School of Law with a Juris Doctorate.

...Rabbi Martin & Jeanne Sandberg on their 40th wedding anniversary.

...Laurette Sussman on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

...Jill & Alan Tager on the engagement of their daughter, Danielle, to Jordan Markell of North Miami Beach. We also extend a hearty Mazel tov to grandparents, Joyce & Charlie Borghida.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Sisterhood will be embarking on a new year. A new board will be installed in June and they will bring new and fresh ideas to our Sisterhood. We encourage all ladies of Beth Shalom, who are not already members of Sisterhood, to join this year to help us make this a banner year. Please fill out the membership application below and drop it off or mail it to the synagogue office. Help us reach our goal of 100% membership!



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

FOR A SWEET YEAR



We are offering you the opportunity to celebrate the coming New Year by sending a jar of sweet, delicious honey to family and friends. Honey jars can be shipped anywhere in the United States. It is a tradition to dip apples in honey to usher in the New Year and by sending your loved ones a jar of honey you are sharing this holiday with those that cannot be with you.

Please fill out the enclosed order form and return it to the synagogue office with your check made payable to *Beth Shalom Congregation*.

OLD INK CARTRIDGES

Beth Shalom continues to collect used laser or ink cartridges and cell phones. They can be dropped off anytime at the Beth Shalom office. Proceeds from this ongoing program go toward buying new books for our library and to support our various youth programs. This is a great fundraiser for our congregation and requires very little effort.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The school year absolutely flew by, and we are sad to see it end, but we are looking forward to next year. The students enjoyed our educational programs that varied from singing at River Garden to putting on a play at the model seder. Although we were crunched for time during some of the holidays, we were able to teach all holidays to our students to broaden their knowledge of the Jewish calendar.

This year was the first year that we began to teach Hebrew reading to the first grade class, something that is usually not done in most Sunday schools, however, our outcome was unexpectedly great and the students are already on chapter eight of their books. When they learned to read Hebrew, it was a stress free environment and the students learned with games and fun, which helped them want to continue to learn and begged us teachers to read every week.

We want to welcome the Klein family, Rose, Mendel, and Ari, who will be officially joining the religious school next year after visiting and participating in school in the final weeks. We look forward to having them join our school!

We want to thank the Board and Education Committee for all the help and support that they gave us during the year. We specially want to thank Morah Manya, who dedicated hours upon hours to the school, in addition to her voluntary position as a teacher every week.

We also want to thank Gail Baron for another year of wonderful service to the school; she has volunteered with many students and has made a great impact on their Hebrew education. In addition to Gail, Helene Katz has been a new addition to our volunteer staff this school year. She has also helped with the younger classes. Thank you, Helene. We look forward to having them both as volunteers next year!

Thank you Morah Shoshanah for teaching the older students the deeper meaning behind holidays and Jewish subjects and taking them to a higher level of understanding. We look forward to seeing her next year!

We are sad to lose our first grade teacher, Morah Aviela, next year when she leaves for the University of Florida. Mazel Tov on reaching our goal of teaching the first grade how to read Hebrew. Have a great summer!

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Congregation gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In memory of sister, Bessie Taffel
Morris & Pearl Weiner

BUILDING FUND

Condolences to Paula Garfinkel on the loss of her father, Gerald Horowitz
Marcia & Danny Cohen

DEBBIE KATZ CAMPE RAMAH FUND

In memory of mother, Ruth Cohen Kellman
Allen & Freda Kellman
In honor of Al & Marilyn Wolfson's 50th anniversary
Carole & Howard Wolpin

GENERAL FUND

In honor of my aliyah at the Torah
Reece Ingold
In memory of father, T. M. Schneider
Al & Camilla Schneider
Condolences to Paula Garfinkel on the loss of her father, Gerald Horowitz
Carol & Harvey Matoren
Mitchell & Bernice Perin
Rita & Marty Katcher
Speedy recovery to Olga Wind
Carol & Harvey Matoren
In memory of father, William Rosenblatt and grandfather, Jacob Nusinov
Sandy Rosenblatt
In memory of Chuck Sussman
Dr. Richard & Merry Bodziner
Mazel tov to Richard & Sharon Browdy on their anniversary; Mazel tov to Andy & LaVerne Cantor on the birth of their new grandson
Bob & Phyllis Fischer
In memory of Chuck Sussman
Michael Bodziner and Gail McNatton
Brenda Rabhan and family
Mazel tov to Laurette Sussman on her 90th birthday
Brenda Rabhan and family
In memory of parents, Harry & Toba Harris
Steve & Sheila Ussach
In memory of mother, Leah Abadee
Carole & Marv Feldman
In memory of cousin, Corinne Colwyn
Phyllis Raderman

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of grandfather, Sanel Fallik
Sharon & Barry Schultz
Happy 90th birthday to Laurette Sussman
Ellie Hodz
Condolences to Paula Garfinkel and family on the loss of her father; In memory of father, Edward Hodz
Elaine & Marshall Hodz

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

In memory of husband, Evan Rosenthal
Linda Rosenthal

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

In memory of sister, Marlene Silverstein and mother, Bert Davis
Babs Goldstein

RITUAL FUND

Condolences to Dr. Bernie Marks on the loss of his sister, Leah Cohen
Carole & Howard Wolpin
Condolences to Paula Garfinkel on the loss of her father, Gerald Horowitz
Jeff & Penny Marks

RUDY MOSS MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

Mazel tov to Steve & Tmima Neihaus on the birth of their son, Noah: Condolences to Paula Garfinkel on the loss of her father, Gerald Horowitz
Carole & Howard Wolpin

SISTERHOOD KITCHEN FUND

Mazel tov to Cathie Kopecky on her Bat Mitzvah
Carole & Howard Wolpin



YEARBOOK ADS

We are currently soliciting ads for our 2010-2011 Yearbook. If you have a or know of a business that would like to advertise, please call the synagogue office for more information.

REFUAH SHLAYMAH

Joe Ribnick	Stewart Popiol
Harriet Klein	Sue Popiol
Stanley Stone	Olga Wind

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays.....

10:00 – 11:00 ♦ *Chanting the Haftorah*, at Beth Shalom Congregation. Learning the trope to chant any Haftorah. For information call the Beth Shalom office at 268-0404.

Resuming in the fall...

Tuesdays at noon ♦ *Lunch and Learn* with Rabbi Sandberg, Beth Shalom Congregation. Topics vary and discussions are informal.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT
JULY 16 & 17, 2010**

ONEG SHABBAT

Would you like to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush luncheon for a special occasion? Let our Sisterhood help you by preparing your special event here at Beth Shalom. What a loving way to honor a family member by inviting the congregation to share in the honor of your simcha. Call Ina Hall at 262-5207 or Ann Young at 733-0434 for more information.

ROSH HODESH WOMEN'S GROUP

All women bat mitzvah age and over are invited to join us on **Sunday, June 13** at 7:00 PM for Rosh Hodesh Tammuz. Join us as we reminisce, celebrate and welcome Rosh Hodesh Tammuz. This program is open to all women bat mitzvah age and older -- bring your sister, your mother, your daughter, your friend -- and, of course, your tambourine!

SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP

Beth Shalom is offering a promotion to prospective members. Our dues for one year of membership is \$360 which includes membership in our Men's Club and Sisterhood, as well as High Holiday tickets.

We urge our members to invite unaffiliated friends and neighbors to take advantage of this promotion. Bring them to a service or event. Remember, every congregant is a member of our membership committee. Increasing membership is a top priority. For questions about membership, please call our membership chair, Mimi Kaufman at 880-4014.

MAKE A MINYAN

Remember the importance of your presence to those saying Kaddish. If you are not there, there may not be a minyan. Without a minyan, we cannot say Kaddish. Please perform a great mitzvah and attend.

Be sure to visit **Beth Shalom Gifts—the Store for Judaica & More** at the "Book Sale & More" on **Sunday, June 27**. Some one-day-only specials will be available there.

MITZVAH OF THE MONTH (A TROUBLING COMMAND)

The precept: For a man not to have carnal connection with another man. Number 209 according to Sefer HaHinnuch - The Book of Mitzvah Education, based on Leviticus 18:22.

The Torah refers, twice, to male homosexual acts. The Torah calls such acts "To'avah" - an abomination. Rabbinic law follows this prohibition. Female homosexual behavior is also discouraged, but not in such a strong terms.

In traditional Jewish communities (as well as in other conservative religious group and societies) homosexuality is considered a "perversion". In our country, until very recent times, a person committing homosexual acts was subject to arrest and prison. There is little doubt that the Torah text leaves us no room to defend such practices.

This is a problem and is very troubling to those who wish to have Torah be a guiding force in their lives, yet, at the same time, see discrimination against gays to be wrong. At a recent "Lunch & Learn" session we discussed the current views of the Conservative Movement on this issue. Within Conservative Judaism there are still a number of leaders (both rabbis and lay leaders) who wish to discourage the ordination of openly gay men and women. Some would not want to hire gays as Hebrew School teachers or youth leaders. A growing majority, though, applauds the action taken by the Jewish Theological Seminary to admit (and ordain) openly gay men and women as Rabbis and Cantors.

But how, then can we relate to the mitzvah as written in the Torah? One explanation that I have heard on how we may supersede this particular Torah law is to state that the Torah only knew of coercive homosexual relationships. The Torah (and the Rabbis) did not have in mind the loving and long term homosexual relationship that can be formed between consenting adults. While this does not answer all of our concerns, it is a good first step. Another suggestion, offered by one of the attendees at the Lunch & Learn session also made sense: God has created every human. God created some of them with an in-born homosexual nature. We must see ALL humans as being created in the image of God. How can we disparage someone that God has created?

Many of the mitzvot in the Torah reflect a high sense of morality and justice. There are a few that no longer can be justified in our present day society. In these cases we must struggle with the text and try to come out with a practice that is both moral and represents what we hope will be the best of our Jewish world view.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are currently accepting registration forms for the Sunday School year 2010-2011. For more information, call Penina Weltman at 268-0404.

PLAY BALL

The annual Men's Club outing to a Jacksonville Suns baseball game will be held on **Monday, July 26** at 7:05 pm at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. Men's Club members and their families should make reservations by contacting Alan Schoenfeld at schoenfeld36@comcast.net. We will meet at 6:30 by the ticket office outside of the ball park. We look forward to another great time.

GARY ROTHMAN TO RECEIVE 2010 "CHUCK SUSSMAN MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD"

The Beth Shalom Men's Club is pleased to announce that Gary Rothman has been chosen to receive the 2010 Chuck Sussman Man of the Year Award during Men's Club Shabbat on Friday evening, July 16.

Gary and his family came to Florida in 1989 and joined Beth Shalom a few months later. Gary immediately started his labor of love and dedication for Beth Shalom by becoming a bingo volunteer. Gary's efforts for Beth Shalom in bingo started with two hours a month and grew into twice a week, and then every week from 2:00 PM to 9:30 PM. After a few years, he became chairman and stayed on as chairman, sharing his duties with Dr. George Glossman for the next 15 years. Gary was forced to take some time off because of two open heart surgeries, but he came back stronger than ever. While doing all of this, Gary started and has chaired the annual book sale for Beth Shalom. Additionally, he has been in charge of a basket of cheer raffle for the last six years, and he has organized and run watch raffles, painting raffles, plant raffles, and the ink cartridge and cell phone recycling/fundraising projects. Gary and Peggy and their family also painted the school wing, and Gary and Peggy have brought much needed food to the Operation Isaiah Feed a Needy Neighbor program. Gary has served Beth Shalom as a member of the Board of Directors, and for the past two years he has been Vice President of Ways and Means and a driving force for the last two raffles, each of which raised more than \$20,000 for Beth Shalom. Gary and Peggy have three lovely children who were raised at Beth Shalom, Jamie, Jacob, and Heather.

The Men's Club will present the 2010 "Chuck Sussman Man of the Year Award" to Gary during a Friday night dinner on **July 16**, which kicks off our annual Men's Club Shabbat. Gary will also be honored with an Aliyah on **Saturday, July 17**. Please RSVP for dinner to Andy Cantor at andy.cantor@comcast.net or 223-0896.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

MEN'S CLUBBERS ENJOY BOWLING

On Sunday, May 2, members of the Beth Shalom Men's Club had a bowling outing at Bowl America Mandarin on San Jose Boulevard. There were some open frames, some spares, some strikes, and a lot of laughs as everyone enjoyed themselves. The champion bowler was Andy Cantor who turned in a high game of 186. For the rest of us, we need some practice before we try it again!

Jeff Marks



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CONNECTING WITH THE RABBI

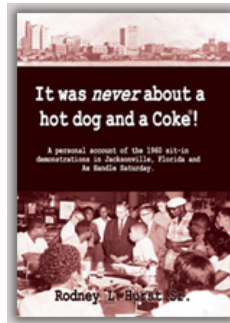
Rabbi Sandberg wants to be available to our members whenever he is needed. He has regular office hours on Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and 2:00 PM through 4:00 PM. The Rabbi is not in his office on Fridays. At times, emergencies, hospital visits, commitments to other congregants and meetings may make it difficult to insure that he is available for "walk-in" visits. Most weekdays, the Rabbi will be in the office more hours than those indicated above. Please call ahead to the office (268-0404) to insure his availability at a specific time. If there is an emergency, tell the office staff and your needs will be given a priority.

Rabbi Sandberg has a private line which rings only in his office. The number is 260-4270. Only the Rabbi has access to this line and it has a private voicemail.

Rabbi Sandberg is also available at his home - 880-5185, or you may call his cell at 742-4260 if there is an urgent need. Please do not call for routine matters on Shabbat or holidays, but if there is an emergency, call anytime, day or night.

CIVIL RIGHT LEADER TO SPEAK AT BETH SHALOM

Beth Shalom is proud to host Rodney L. Hurst, Sr. as a speaker on Friday evening, **August 6**, as part of Shabbat services.



This August marks the 50th anniversary of the integration of lunch counters in downtown Jacksonville. The leader of the lunch counter integration movement in Jacksonville was Rodney L. Hurst, Sr., a high school student. Rodney later served our community as a Jacksonville City Councilman. Rodney is the author of a recent book entitled "It Was Never About A Hotdog And a Coke".

Whether you grew up in Jacksonville, in the South or in other parts of the country, you will find Rodney's story to be very revealing and interesting. Rodney was the keynote speaker at this year's city-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services, and Rodney will be available for smaller group and personal discussions at the Oneg. Mr. Hurst's book is available for purchase in the Beth Shalom office for \$16 each.

Yahrzeits

These Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming month.

Sanctify Your Home Light the Shabbat Candles



Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by the commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Sabbath lights.

Friday, June 4 8:07 PM
Friday, June 11 8:10 PM
Friday, June 18 8:12 PM
Friday, June 25 8:14 PM

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| 19 Sivan (6-1)
Kathryn Davis
Rose Lee Gold | 27 Sivan (6-9)
Rosalind Gruber
Jacob Nusinov | 8 Tammuz (6-20)
Wilda Lipshitz
Mickey Broudy |
| 20 Sivan (6-2)
Adela Lean
Bert Davis | 28 Sivan (6-10)
Jeffrey Anchel
Shirley Shapiro | 9 Tammuz (6-21)
George Shiller
Mollie Rosenberg |
| Regina Ediss
Norman Crair
Ruth Cohen Kellman | 1 Tammuz (6-13)
Sid Garfinkel
Jon Appelman | Wayne Ulshafer
Rebecca Konefsky |
| Morris Berger
Edythe Ellis | Rachel Lichtenstein | 10 Tammuz (6-22)
Herman Rosenberg |
| 22 Sivan (6-4)
William Tobias
Eva Chesner | 5 Tammuz (6-17)
Flora Ageloff
Martin Wildstein | Joe P. Safer |
| Seymour Garbose
Nettie Sterman | Harry Charles Ruby | 11 Tammuz (6-23)
Ann Greenburg |
| 23 Sivan (6-5)
George Snow
Sadie Marks | 6 Tammuz (6-18)
Revekka Chernitskaya
Donna Feinman | 13 Tammuz (6-25)
Evelyn Shiller |
| 24 Sivan (6-6)
Joseph Laufer | Leo Berinhout
Ann Lazoff | 16 Tammuz (6-28)
Helen Pritchett
Ethel Jaffa |
| | 7 Tammuz (6-19)
Jenny Feingold | Leon Schultz
17 Tammuz (6-29)
Susan Steingarten
Ben Friedman |