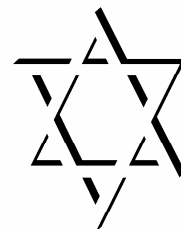




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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Carla Freedman

Many times I have been asked by non-Jewish guests at services how the congregation knows the music to the many prayers, since we do not have a hymnal, as they do in their churches. I think the answer is that we learn the music by attending services, and we just wait for the cantor (or other officiant) to begin and then we know what the melody is, and we join in.

And of course, some melodies are sung in many if not most non-Orthodox services, so even when we attend a service away from home, we are able to participate easily. The most conspicuous part of the liturgy to which that applies is the *Sh'ma*, the melody of which is in use very widely around the world, though no one seems to know who wrote it or when and where it entered common usage. There are other melodies for the *Sh'ma* but none are as widely accepted as the melody we do every Shabbat.

There are lots of melodies for various parts of the service, and in my previous congregation in South Salem, we were lucky to have both a cantor and a choir director who enjoyed finding new melodies and teaching them to the congregation. I actually know them all...but as you know, I am not very musical, and cannot introduce these melodies to you.

However, you will have an opportunity to hear and learn some of the wonderful and upbeat melodies written in recent years for our liturgy, because that choir director, Kathy Storfer, and her husband Paul (who plays guitar and drums and sang in the choir) are coming to celebrate Shabbat with us on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1. David Kane (aka "the little drummer boy") and his wife Carrie are also coming; they both sang in the choir. And my partner, Jeanne Shanin, who was also a member of the choir, will sing with them.

Kathy has a beautiful voice, and she is a terrific teacher and conductor. Over the years, she has enriched worship with her gift for finding new melodies, so that we had many choices of settings for some of the familiar liturgy. One source she is directly responsible for developing; Michael Horwitz, singer and guitar player, has written melodies for various Shabbat prayers, some of which I have asked our musical guests (sometimes collectively referred to as "the band") to include when they are here. Michael says that Kathy is his inspiration. Michael's music has been published in the Reform movement's annual musical book, and there are others he has written which will certainly become popular once they are also published. You will hear some of Michael's melodies that weekend, including a new version of the *Sh'ma*.

While "the band" is with us, you may hear very few of the familiar melodies, but I think you will come away from these two services uplifted and joyful. Lots of the melodies they will do are easy to catch on to and very singable. And we can get the music for these (and others) to have the Beth Israel choir do in future months.

So please mark your calendar and make a point of being at these services (there will be different music in the morning from what we will have done in the evening).

This is going to be a real treat!

Rabbi Carla Freedman is going to teach a series of six classes at the **Graduate School for Seniors** at Freedom Plaza. Her topic will be ***Judaism and Christianity – Siblings***.

Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM at Freedom Plaza in the Club Room on the third floor. The dates are from Tuesday, February 11th to March 18th, 2014. The cost of the series is \$10.00 payable at registration. Registration will be on February 3rd and 4th in the Atrium at Freedom Plaza from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Checks should be made out to Graduate School for Seniors. Class size is limited to 45 on a first come first served basis. If space is available walk-ins are welcome for \$3.00/ class.

Questions or concerns call Joe Graff @ 634-0969.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN STEIN

Today is the day I think of the word “family”, which can and does have so many varied connotations. Wikipedia defines Family as: Affinity (by marriage), or co-residence/shared consumption. Members of the immediate family may include a spouse, parent, brother and sister, son and daughter. Members of the extended family may include grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, nephew and niece, or sibling-in-law. Close family members often share personal information with each other that they would not share with anyone else. A first-degree relative is one who shares 50% of your DNA, such as a full sibling, parent or progeny. So much for Wikipedia's arid definition. I have recently returned from a trip to Tyler, Texas where I had the opportunity to spend time not only with my wonderful son and daughter-in-law but with three precious granddaughters, one of whom recently married my newly acquired grandson-in-law. I know that many of you share this kind of privilege with me and have the opportunity (once or, if you're lucky, twice a year) to spend time with family. It doesn't seem to matter what you're doing or planning to do: every moment is perfect – every hour exquisite. Someone recently asked me if I had seen any shows, gone to any baseball games while in Texas. I replied, “We did nothing”, and yet, ten days passed in the wink of an eye and it was time to return to Sun City Center.

And then, if you're fortunate, as I am, another family presents itself and that is the most important of all: the extended family we are all blessed with at Beth Israel. How fortunate we are to have that feeling of closeness with those family members Wikipedia chose not to include: Friends! I try to not forget that these are the ones close at hand; these are the ones who will rush to your aid, that will support you every inch of the way and that will be there for you even when you don't need them. In other words, I will forever be grateful to each and every one of you who stand beside me at the same time you offer your protective hand. I thank and embrace each one of you and wish you a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous 2014.



Rabbi Carla and Sandra Hurwitz, Sisterhood President, display the Women of the Wall Talit and tambourine which were purchased for the temple

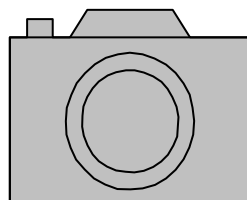


New Sisterhood members, Shelly Strumpell, Jeanne Shannin and Eileen Lebowitz



Jeanne Shannin addresses Sisterhood. She discussed healthy living, relaxation & meditation.

MANY THANKS TO NINA MALINAK FOR SHARING HER GREAT PICTURES



Robin Watts presented a program to the congregation on Fall Prevention

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January 13 and 14, 2014 we hosted our Scholar In Residence, Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen with 43 of our congregants in attendance. Her program dealt with Spirituality and Aging, and after talking with the attendees, was thought provoking and answered and brought up many questions. Rabbi Carla has said that if we are interested in expanding on the ideas of Rev. Johannsen's program, she would be glad to facilitate a group. So please let Rabbi Carla know if you would like such a group at Beth Israel.

Our trip to Israel is finalized and the website is open to book your individual trips. Any questions, please give me a call or email.

In February, Arlene Cohen is facilitating a trip to the Holocaust Museum in St Petersburg to view a new travelling exhibit. The exhibit deals with the story of Hanna (Szenes) Senesh, Fire In My Heart. She was one of 37 Jews parachuted into Yugoslavia to attempt to rescue Hungarian Jews who were being transferred to the death camps. The story also deals with what transpired after she was caught by the Nazis. She was a poet and one of her poems you will know is Eli Eli. We will be getting tickets and carpooling to the museum. Date to be determined, but it will be in late February. Please watch for an email for this event.

April brings Pesach and we will be having our annual seder at the temple. I have signed the contract with Orange Blossom Catering and will be having our seder on the first night of Pesach, March 14, 2014. An email will go out concerning reservations for the seder.

If you have any ideas for programs or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Shelly Grossman & Sheila Rubenstein

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Our January 17th Shabbat Dinner, catered by Pecks, was enjoyed by all. We look forward to other Shabbat dinners in the future. If you would like to have a particular caterer or theme, please let us know.

On Monday, March 10, we will be having a Prospective and New Member brunch. If you know of someone who is interested in finding out about our temple, please let them know this date, or tell Sheila or myself. We will give you further details in the near future.

Please remember to introduce yourself to our newest members, and anyone who is wearing a white name tag. Let us continue our reputation as a friendly congregation!

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The Torah is the most sacred object in Judaism, hence its name, Sefer Torah. The parchment scroll, which contains the Five Books of Moses, is adorned with a variety of regal accessories which suggests its unique and elevated position.

After the Torah is read, it is rolled up tightly and is encircled and secured by a binder, a strip of cloth called a gartel. In some congregations, women called to the Torah who do not wear a tallit, use the gartel to kiss the Torah. Covering the Sefer Torah is a robe made of silk or velvet called a mantel. It is open at the bottom so that it can be pulled down over the Sefer Torah, and the top is pierced with two openings so that the wooden rollers that are attached to the ends of the parchment scroll can protrude. These rollers are referred to as the Atzei Chaim, that is, the trees of life. The mantel is decorated with Hebrew lettering on it, and traditionally includes the name of the person or persons in whose honor the Torah was dedicated. This is a particularly meaningful honorarium considering how the Torah is paraded around the sanctuary before the congregation at the beginning of each Torah service.

The Torah is also dressed with two ornate metal finials called rimmonim or a single crown called a keter. These objects are typically made of sterling silver and can be quite elaborate, often set with semiprecious stones. When the ark of a synagogue contains several Torah scrolls, the placement of a keter or rimmonim on a particular Torah will designate it as the one to remove for that day's service.

Over the front of the mantel is a breastplate or shield, called a tas or khosen that is secured to the Torah by a chain looped around the top rollers. They are made of silver and sometimes are decorated with four rows of semiprecious stones in imitation of the breastplate worn by the High Priest in the days of the ancient Temple.

Also attached to the Torah scroll is a pointer, called a yad, the Hebrew word for hand. It is used by the reader to avoid damaging the parchment by touching it with one's finger. The yad also has a loop of chain attached, so that it can be draped around one of the top rollers.

Our love and reverence for the Sefer Torah is accentuated by the fact that we stand whenever it is carried through the sanctuary and we kiss it with the fringes of our prayer shawls or our prayer books as it passes by us.

One more object associated with the Torah scroll is the mappa, a special cloth that is used to cover the Sefer Torah during the intervals when it is on the table or shulchan, but not being read. It too may be adorned and decorated with the names of loved ones.

All of these accessory items are treated with respect and care because they come into contact with Judaism's most precious object, the Torah scroll. Our congregation is fortunate to have three Torah scrolls, all of which are used during the course of the year.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our newest member,
Deborah Schwalm
114 Glendower Cir., Sun City Center 33573
(813) 938-5024, deborahjschwalm@aol.com
We're so glad she joined us. Please welcome her when you see her.

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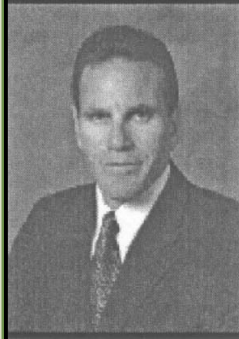
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Website 101 Update –February

Each month the following locations on the website are updated:

- ◆ Under the Worship tab: Ritual Wisdom (every week), From the Rabbi's Desk and Sisterhood Meeting – see Spotlight on Sisterhood and Unique Beth Israel (Fall Prevention) on the bottom slider Under the Learning tab: Ask the Rabbi
- ◆ Under the Community Tab: Library
- ◆ Under the slider tab at the bottom: Sisterhood and Unique Beth Israel

We were able to find a solution to the way in which the articles in the slider on the bottom of the page will be displayed in Internet Explorer. In the top right hand corner there is a white icon that looks like a cog. If you click on it a drop down menu will display. Click on Compatibility View Settings and on the next screen select add this website. Refresh the page by clicking on the home tab and then view the slider displayed properly. As best I can determine this is not a permanent fix but may have to be done each time the website is viewed.

A review of the number of times the website has been viewed indicates that the number of visits continues to increase.

Beth Israel Library News



January, 2014

Judaica Library Renovation...

Yes, the Judaica Library is undergoing renewal along with the rest of the social hall. A streamlined library collection has been packed away and will reappear when renovations are complete in a few months. In the meantime you can still

Borrow books about Israel

Located in the rear bookcase in the Sanctuary

Return books you have borrowed

Drop in the Genizah box in the foyer

Donate books

Drop in the Genizah box in the foyer

Come to Library Committee Meetings

Meetings will continue on the 3rd Monday

Next Meeting February 20, 2014, 10-12

The Shanghai Ghetto - 95 minute DVD

Don't miss this fascinating story, especially poignant after listening to Betty Grebenschikoff at our December meeting.

New Acquisition –

From Age-ing to Sage-ing by Zalman Schacter-Shalomi. Let me know if you'd like to borrow this book recommended by Scholar in Residence Carole Johansson. Reb Zalman found a way to turn aging into the most meaningful and joyous time in his life and he shares his wisdom and profound vision in this book.

Another Recommendation from Carole Johansson, which I read and also suggest, **What Are Old People For?** By William H. Thomas, M.D., available from the Hillsborough County Library System. Dr. Thomas is an international authority on geriatric medicine, a forward thinker and proponent of reforming long term care. Very worthwhile r

Judaica Library Fund

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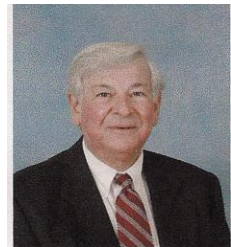
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2	3	4 1 PM Sisterhood	5 1 PM Canasta 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 1 PM Mah Jongg	7 7:30 Shabbat Service	8 10 AM Shabbat Svc 12N Torah Study Parsha Tetzaveh
9 10 AM - 3 PM Rummage Dropoff	10 10 AM - 2 PM Rummage Dropoff	11 8 AM - 3 PM Rummage Sale 7 PM Board Meeting	12 10 AM Mens Club Board 1 PM Canasta	13 1 PM Mah Jongg	14 7:30 Shabbat Service	15 12N Torah Study Parsha Ki Tissa
16 10:30 Bagels & Dis- covery	17 10AM - 12 N Library & Gift Shop	18 11 AM Wholeness Svc.	19 1 PM Canasta 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 1 PM Mah Jongg	21 7:30 Shabbat Service	22 10 AM Shabbat Svc 12N Torah Study Parsha Vayakhel
23	24	25 9:30 Sisterhood Board	26 12 N Mens Club Mtg 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	27 1 PM Mah Jongg	28 7:30 Shabbat Service with guest musicians	



Spotlight on Sisterhood

SANDRA HURWITZ, PRESIDENT

Shalom,

Our 2013 programs were very well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food, friendship and the programs. We now look forward to the second half of our season and hope you will all keep coming. In January we learned some ways to improve our health with those "healthy desserts" prepared by our board members (recipes provided by Jeanne Shanin). Thanks to Barbara Grossman for organizing this meeting.

The February 4th meeting will be Bingo. If you are looking for some really serious bingo, look someplace else. Our bingo last year was filled with laughter and fun. Come and join the fun while getting to know new friends.

Our March meeting will be a field trip to the Tampa History museum. We will car pool and have lunch in the Columbia Café at the museum prior to our tour. Watch for more information as this will require reservations. Previously, we have enjoyed a speaker from this museum and many of our members suggested we take a field trip to learn more about the history of Tampa. The Columbia restaurant is an icon in Ybor City as well as other locations throughout the Bay area, serving excellent Spanish food.

April brings back the Women's Seder which has been enjoyed by many in past years. May will be our final meeting of the season as we once again share a meal; this year it will be a brunch held at the Temple.

Our Judaica Shop is running nicely under the new management of Sandy Abramson. The shop is open the third Monday each month from 10:00 until noon and during Sisterhood meetings. You may browse on Friday nights and let Sandy know if you need something. She will make an appointment to meet you.

If you are looking to get more actively involved in any of our programs, call Rochelle Lafer 938-3824 or me 634-4444. We always need help and this is a good way to get to make new friends.

If you are a new Temple member and would like to join Sisterhood you may contact me or our Membership Vice President, Nina Malinak 634-6560. Sisterhood brochures which include a membership form are available in the foyer of the Temple.

Sandra

ONEGS SHABBAT

Oneg Shabbat Chairperson

Lyn Safian (634-6013)

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Our thanks to those people who sponsor Onegs.

Supporting an Oneg Shabbat is a mitzvah. If each member would sponsor just one Oneg a year, our calendar would be full.

Please check the Oneg Shabbat list on the bulletin board and sign up to celebrate your special occasion. If you want information about sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the chairperson.

The committee is willing to shop only for those members who are physically unable to shop for themselves. Thanks for your participation. Also, if you have just signed up, please call the chairperson to confirm the date.

Feb. 7 - Lou Einhorn & Robin Kitzmiller - yahrzeit of Rita Einhorn, wife and mother

Feb 14- Nina Malinak - birthday

Feb 21- Simone & Ralph Shaw - Simone's birthday

Feb 28- Charlie Steinberg - birthday

REMEMBRANCE GIFTS

If you are thinking of a way to remember a loved one, don't forget our Memorial plaques or Bricks at the Meditation Garden. Call the office at 634-2590 and leave a message.

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Leaf on Tree of Life \$100

Plaque on Tree of Life \$275

Chair Plaque \$75

Memorial Plaque – member price \$275

Memorial Plaque – non-member \$350

Bricks at Meditation Garden \$100



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Ways and Means

Carol Balent, Director

RUMMAGE SALE - February 9, 10, 11, 2014

Drop off your items

Sunday, Feb. 9 - 10:00am to 3:00pm

Monday, February 10 - 10:00am to 2:00pm

SALE DATE

Tuesday, February 11 - 8:00am to 3:00pm

Luscious and Yummy, Delectable, Lip-smacking tasty Barbecue...

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 31 Fred Levine	Feb 13 Cheryl Kaplan
Feb 1 Natalie Meltzer	Feb 13 Michael Kates
Feb 4 Simone Shaw	Feb 13 Ronald Rosen
Feb 4 Joseph Zeligman	Feb 14 Nina Malinak
Feb 9 Arthur Byer	Feb 15 Carol Lakritz
Feb 9 Marlis Markovitz	Feb 17 Marlene Torma
Feb 9 Robert Michelson	Feb 19 Myra Rudin
Feb 11 Joy Rosen	Feb 20 Donald Linsky
Feb 11 David Brown	Feb 21 Julia Lohn
Feb 12 Helen McAninch	Feb 24 Boots Knecht
Feb 12 Michelle Atkins Schaefer	Feb 26 Sharon Berman
	Feb 27 Jean Aronson
	Feb 28 Annette Garson

WITH APOLOGIES TO FRED LEVINE WHOSE BIRTHDAY WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THIS COLUMN

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month

Feb 05 Brad & Sandra Braddy
Feb 16 Gregory & Carol Balent
Feb 28 Norman & Marcia Karp




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ASK THE RABBI

Question: When we do the prayer for the sick at services, I am never sure what “the rules” are: can we say the name of someone who is actually dying? Can we say the name of someone who is not sick, per se, but going through a hard time?

Answer: These are good questions.

The Mi Shebeyrakh prayer was probably originally intended only for those who are physically ill, but today we know that a lot of people suffer from other kinds of problems, and it is entirely appropriate to pray for their well-being. If you read the text of the Debbie Friedman version of this prayer in our prayerbook (and we often sing it), you will note that it refers to “the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit”, and that captures the range of reasons why we might pray for someone at that point in the service.

The other question is more difficult. Our tradition teaches us not to pray for miracles. So if a person is in the final stages of a terminal condition or illness, it is not appropriate to pray for healing. Instead, we should be praying that the person will have a peaceful and painless departure from this life. So rather than say that person’s name aloud during the Mi Shebyerakh prayer, we should think of that person when we sing Oseh Shalom at the end of the Amidah, just before the Torah service.

However, if we omit the name during the prayer for the sick, others might think that the congregation doesn’t know about or worse yet, doesn’t care about someone we know to be seriously ill. Since most people do not think through the implications of the words of the prayer, they may not understand why we might omit a certain name, even though we are well aware of the circumstances of that person’s life.

So there are going to be names on the Mi Shebeyrakh list that, probably, technically shouldn’t be there. But I think that is less of a mistake than creating the impression that we don’t care about those people.

So you are free to add to the list or say aloud the names of people for whose health and/or wellbeing you want to pray. Since we never explain why someone’s name is on the list, only you will know the details.



EDITOR’S NOTES

DO YOU REMEMBER.....???

Many thanks to Dick Marshal for tracking down a few of our earliest members. Those of you who have been around for a long time will probably remember some or all of these people:

Mollie Ringel was a member of our temple for many years before moving to Menorah Manor. We have recently been advised that Mollie passed away on May 3, 2012.

Carrye Dodell is still a resident of Menorah Manor.

John Mogul lives with his daughter in Woodstock, CT.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Esther Shachter** or **David Berg**? And how about **Trudy Weschler**?

Are you in contact with someone who was a member of our congregation before moving away? Please let me know so I can print the information in future issues of Shalom News.

THANK YOU:

To those of you who responded to my email by opting to get Shalom News online, thereby saving the cost of printing and postage, I send a big vote of thanks.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

As of January 14, 2014

Reported by Elizabeth Jacobs, Treasurer, and Paul Grossman, Financial Secretary

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

General Operating Fund

Lillian Aaron	In memory of Isabella Herrera, great-granddaughter of Lillian
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Beth Israel Men's Club	In support of Temple renovations
Beth Israel Sisterhood	In support of Temple renovations
Evelyn David	In memory of Jules David, husband of Evelyn
Marsha & Mel Fader	In memory of Louis Hollander, father of Marsha
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Elayne Grossman	In memory of Dorothy Blaustein, mother of Elayne
Shelly & Paul Grossman	In support of Temple renovations
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Jay Heimbold	In support of Beth Israel
Martin & Sandra Hurwitz	In memory of Mel Moss
Elizabeth & Ed Jacobs	In memory of Sydney A. Climpson, father of Elizabeth
Bill & Rochelle Lafer	In memory of Max Lafer, father of Bill
Marsha & Richard Marshall	Purchase of Memorial Board
Dorothy Richman	In memory of Philip Richman, husband of Dorothy
Lena, Eleanor & Dorothy Scalese	In memory of Melvin Moss
Herbert & Roslyn Shapiro	In memory of Stanley Shapiro, brother of Herbert
Bruce & Linda Sharek	With gratitude for a positive medical report
Bob & Lillian Solin	Prayer book purchase in honor of Paul Silverman's birthday
Joe & Rachel Sposaro	In memory of Melvin Moss
Trudy Stein	In memory of Julius Spieler, father of Trudy
Ted Stockel	In memory of Dorothy Epstein, mother-in-law of Ted
Sheri Tanne	In memory of Beatrice Tanne, mother of Sheri
Addie & Dave Unterlack	In memory of Herman & Rachel Fischer, parents of Addie
Tzipporah & Robert Whiteman	In memory of Harold Weiner, father of Tzipporah
Tzipporah & Robert Whiteman	In memory of Zelda Beverly Weiner, mother of Tzipporah
Tzipporah & Robert Whiteman	In memory of Ted Robert, late husband of Tzipporah

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jeff & Ellen Biggs & the Moss family	In memory of Melvin Moss
Sandy & Andy Cohen	In memory of Martha Cohen, mother of Andy Cohen

Scholar-in-Residence Fund

Beth Israel Men's Club	In support of this year's program
Beth Israel Sisterhood	In support of this year's program

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GENERAL OPERATING FUND for a wide variety of operating needs

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PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND for assistance of community and individual needs

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CHAPLAIN EDUCATION FUND for providing educational opportunities

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND for a weekend seminar

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

Paul Grossman – President



Shortly after our annual membership meeting, the Directors met to organize the Men's Club Board. Positions, for this year, were filled as follows: **Paul Grossman**, President; **Neil Raphael**, Executive Vice President; **Stephen Levine**, Secretary; **Bob Conti**, Treasurer, **Steve Blesofsky**, Program Vice President; **Ralph Shaw**, Membership Vice President; and **Ron Boyarsky**, Vice President at Large. Our by-laws were also updated as approved at the annual meeting and a copy was e-mailed to all Men's Club members.

Our January meetings were very successful. Most notably, the Bagels & Discovery program, featuring Daniel Ruth, was a total sell-out, with approximately 120 attendees (could be a record). Our thanks to all those who volunteered to help.

This month we have two more exciting events planned.

Sunday, February 16th, at 10:30 AM – our Ladies Day /Valentine's Day weekend celebration

Mark Sforzini, maestro of the St. Petersburg Opera Company, and accompanying vocalists and musicians will be performing. This will be preceded by a brunch consisting of our usual Bagels & Discovery menu **PLUS** a variety of quiche. The cost is \$12 per person and a check payable to Beth Israel Men's Club will secure your reservation. Space is limited, so if you haven't already done so, please RSVP by mailing your check, no later than 2/11/14, to Beth Israel Men's Club, PO Box 5203; Sun City Center, FL 33571-5203.

Wednesday, February 26, at 12:00 PM

Our featured speaker will be a representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Specific details are being finalized, and hopefully were distributed to you, prior to reading this article.

And, looking ahead, Ameriprise Financial will be hosting a luncheon for us, at the Renaissance Clubhouse, on March 19, at 11:30 AM. Details and reservation information will be forthcoming. This event is at no cost to attendees and a guarantee of no obligation.

So, do keep us in mind, as you fill-in your calendar boxes for 2014.

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

Yahrzeits are read at the Shabbat Service on the date listed which includes the yahrzeits for the following week-Friday through Thursday.

FEBRUARY 7, 2014

BARNET BENENSON, Father of LILLIAN AARON
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RITA EINHORN, Sister-in-Law of BARBARA ASPIS
BEATRICE GROSSMAN, Sister of GILDA ATKINS
DOLLY ATKINS, Mother-in-law of GILDA ATKINS
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BLANCHE COHEN, Mother of LINDA BARRETT
LAURA BLESOFSKY, Sister of STEPHEN BLESOFSKY
SADIE SLOTCHIVER, Mother-in-law of HERB CASHVAN
GERALD LOBEL, Brother of SANDY COHEN
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RITA EINHORN, Wife of LOUIS EINHORN
DORA FRIEDMAN, Mother-in-law of ANNETTE FRIEDMAN
JACOB HOMELSKY, Father of MURRAY HOMELSKY
HARRY KARP, Father of NORMAN KARP
MORRIS ASPIS, Grandfather of ROBIN KITZMILLER
RITA EINHORN, Mother of ROBIN KITZMILLER
ROBERT KNECHT, Brother-in-Law of BOOTS KNECHT
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MAURICE GREEN, Father of RONNI NECKES
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FEBRUARY 14, 2014

JENNIE KEMP, Grandmother of SANDY ABRAMSON
BERNARD SARAPIN, Father of SHARON BERMAN
BENJAMIN DEBOWSKY, Father of ARLENE COHEN
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ASCHER WOLF, Father of VALERIE WOLF
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FEBRUARY 21, 2014

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MORRIS GOLDSTEIN, Father of SID GOLDSTEIN
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SUE SHARKEY, Mother of ALLEN SHARKEY
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ADOLPH SILVERMAN, Father of PAUL SILVERMAN
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IRVING KAYE, Father of SANDY ZION
ANNA BELINSKY
BUDDY GOLDMAN
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CONDOLENCES

We mourn the passing on December 14 of Mel Moss. Our deepest sympathy to his daughter Ellen and other family and friends. Mel was one of the founders of Beth Israel, along with his wife Pearl who passed away on October 29.

We also mourn the tragic death from flu of Mary Miller. Mary was studying for her conversion with Rabbi Carla. She loved learning about Judaism, enjoyed the services and the history class. Her fiancé, Paul Koots, intends to come back to services with us soon and our sympathies are with him at this time.

May their memories be for a blessing.

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