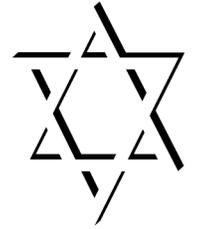




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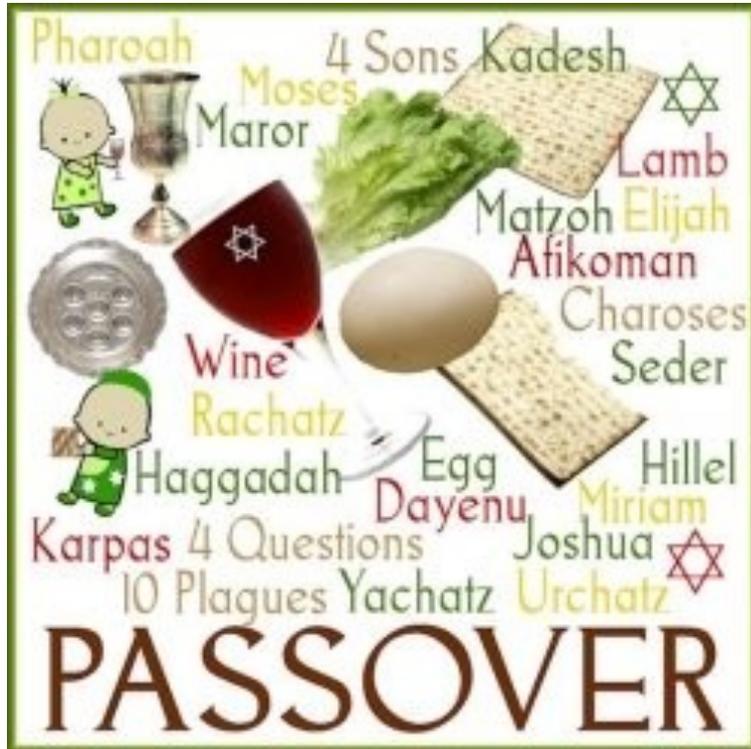
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THIS MONTH YOUR BETH ISRAEL FAMILY WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL OF PESACH, WITH A TEMPLE SEDER, AND LATER IN THE MONTH, WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO REMEMBER WHAT WE MUST NEVER FORGET:

YOM I HASHOAH
 Holocaust & Genocide Remembrance Day

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Carla Freedman

A survey taken of the American Jewish population a few years ago...not the most recent Pew Survey but one commissioned by the Federation organization....indicated that the holiday/holy day most observed by



American Jews of all affiliations (or lack thereof) is Passover. A huge percentage of those surveyed said that they attend a Passover seder. Many more people told the surveyors that they attend a Passover seder than attend a service on the High Holy Days, or light Chanukah candles, or observe Shabbat in any way. Why?

There are many possible explanations. The one that would be most comforting is that Passover somehow resonates more thoroughly and deeply today than any other event on the Jewish calendar, and therefore, even people of minimal Jewish connection feel compelled to observe it.

But there are other possible explanations too. First, attending a seder is a one-evening event, and certainly does not say anything about the observance of Passover as an eight-day festival. So perhaps some marginally identified Jews attend a seder and that is their *entire* observance. Despite beginning the holiday in the traditional way, these folks may not give up bread for the following seven days, for example.

Probably the main reason that many Jews still attend a seder on the first or second night of Passover is that it is an occasion celebrated with one's family, and that is a powerful draw, even if the religious rituals are not. Parents who do not raise their children in a noticeably Jewish home may feel an extra obligation to expose their young children to religious rituals where they themselves are not responsible for doing them, either because they consider them old-fashioned or because of their insecurity around ritual practices. But the chance to sit around the seder table with family and revisit one's childhood rituals, songs and foods may be irresistible. That way, their children will also grow up with warm memories of family, foods, songs, and some form of religious experience.

The catch in the survey's revelations is that it posed no questions about what constitutes a seder. So we cannot know whether the gatherings that so many Jews participate in for Passover actually involve the reading of a haggadah, the eating of matzah, bitter herbs, charoset, etc, whether anyone asks the Four Questions, whether traditional songs are sung to traditional Jewish melodies. Maybe some of these "seders" are just a family meal with matzah... and bread too...?

The other explanation for widespread attendance at a seder is that the theme of Passover resonates powerfully, to this day. It is the foundation of many of the world's liberation movements, especially the civil rights movement of this country and all the others that it spawned. Whether one believes that the events we celebrate at Passover are literally true as narrated in the Torah, or that there is a kernel of truth tucked into an elaborate story that teaches hope and promises redemption from oppression, or that the entire story is fictional, designed to give legitimacy to the subsequent experience of the Jewish people, one may find meaning and pleasure in the celebration.

For many of us at Beth Israel, Passover would be a lonely and sad experience if we did not attend it with our Sun City Center Jewish family. Our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren live far away, and we no longer find delight in preparing and conducting a seder as we did when they were younger; travel to be with them may be prohibitive for a variety of reasons.

So come to our seder...it combines all the traditional elements with some interesting innovations, features some old and some new songs, and a delicious catered meal. What could be wrong with all of that? This year we will have a more user-friendly haggadah, to boot! And we will have a variety of kosher-for-Passover wines to drink, making it an altogether joyous occasion. ***I look forward to celebrating the first seder with you this year.***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOANNE SUDMAN



Our lives have been full of joy and we have so much to be thankful for. Our BAND experience was entertaining, enlightening, and very moving. I want to thank Rabbi Carla for sharing her dear friends with us.

During last month some of your fellow congregants worked hard, worked themselves sick, and worked themselves silly to give us a wonderful rock 'n' roll Purim Shpeil. My deepest thanks to Judy Branch, the writer and director of the shpeil; to the cast..... Delyse Axinn, Charna Bogdany, Rochelle Lafer, Lynn Safien, Debra Schwalm, Rabbi Carla, Gil Daniels, Ken Rodman, Don Zion who kept themselves stocked with chicken soup so they could make the performance. To Harvey Berman and Sharon Privitera, I thank you for giving of your time for rehearsals even though illness prevented you from performing.

Thanks go to Fred Levine who made sure we heard the magillah as it is written.

To Sandy and Sam Zians, our Ritual Directors, who made 37 dozen, yes you read that correctly, 37 dozen homentaschen for our celebration for you to eat and selected the kosher wines to be tasted.

And finally to Carol Balent and Paul Spiegel and the crew of many for making the rummage sale a huge success.

Our Caring Committee is off and running. Thirteen members stepped forward to determine how we can take care of each other. Thanks to Delyse Axinn for taking the leadership role for this committee. Members who volunteered to be on the Caring Committee include: Alan Berkov, Charna Bogdany, Janet Corin, Annette Garson, Barbara Grossman, Maggi Guzinsky, Bob Guzinsky, Eileen Lebowitz, Natalie Meltzer, Linda Mumford, Diana Raphael, Jacqueline Schindler, and Lil Solin. See if you can find out more news about the Caring Committee in this Shalom News.

In the past several months emails were mistakenly sent through "jcsclist". We have taken steps to make sure this does not happen again. Only Board Members will have access to send out emails to the congregation. If a congregant needs to send out an email on the "jcsclist", or inadvertently responds to "all" instead of an individual, that email will go to our Listserve Manager, Dick Marshall, to determine if it should be mailed. We hope this will eliminate your frustration of getting unnecessary emails in your mailbox.

Looking ahead, we will be gathering together at St. John the Divine on April 19 at 7PM for the Yom Hashoa Service. My thanks go to Dick and Marsha Marshall who graciously printed up our new book of service that we will use from year to year and to Harvey Berman for creating the cover. I hope that you will join us for this very important community event.

In closing, "We won't always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and you act." Charlotte Lunsford

A message to share from our Past President, Ellen Stein:

Dear Joanne,

Please express my gratitude to the congregation for all their good wishes and good thoughts. I am humbled by the love and concern so many have shown to me. It is hard to say good-bye - so I won't - and will always be a part of this congregation and our wonderful Rabbi Carla, leader and friend. Please tell the congregation that I love them all. Tell them "Think of me from time to time as I will of you". Love, Ellen



Spotlight on Sisterhood



**SANDRA HURWITZ,
SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT**

*For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing is come
And the voice of the turtle is
heard in our land.*

Song of Songs 2:12.13

The above poem, according to traditional interpretations, is a love story between God and His chosen people. It depicts God's love of Israel and Israel's faith in God. It is well suited for the Passover season as it tells about Spring.

"Let all who are hungry come in and eat." As we prepare for our Womens' Seder on April 7, we have indeed opened our doors to our friends and neighbors to join us in celebrating this Spring festival. While we do not serve a full meal, you can expect the traditional items such as gefilte fish, egg, matzoh and charoses.

We will hold elections just prior to our seder. In order to preserve continuity on the board, we elect three of the six officers each year and they serve for a two-year term. Nominated for president is Rochelle Lafer, Vice president Membership is Nina Malinak and Recording Secretary is Judy Zirowsky.

Our March meeting was well attended by our members and guests. Debbie Brown once again provided us with some excellent advice and literature. Nina was able to assist Debbie in using our A/V system. Nina also welcomed those attending with name tags. Providing refreshments were Barbara Grossman, Shelly Homelsky, Ronnie Neckes, and Rochelle Lafer. All of these women also helped with set up and clean up.

Our final program for the year is our Installation Brunch which will be held May 5th in our social hall. Mark your calendars and watch for more information regarding reservations.

Happy Passover,
Sandra



On Sunday, April 19, at 7 pm a community wide Yom Hashoa service to remember the victims of the Holocaust will take place at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 1015 Del Webb Blvd. East. The service will include prayers, memorial

candle lighting, and readings. Songs representing the faith at the time of the Holocaust will be sung by a community choir, led by Chuck Wirick.

As a community we will come together to remember what happened to the victims of Hitler, and to remember the heroes who did not live to tell their stories. The community is encouraged to attend.



THE BETH ISRAEL GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO

12 NOON ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH,

AND BY

APPOINTMENT WITH SANDY ABRAMSON



Debbie Brown gave Sisterhood an excellent presentation of consumer wisdom.

Message from the President:

Announcements from the Bimah will be limited to those that are Temple related. If the announcement is social action in nature, or something in which we are invited to participate, an e-mail will be sent to inform the congregation.



Our Scholar's Weekend was led by

“THE BAND” :

David Kane on drums

Kathy Storfer on vocals

Paul Storfer on guitar

Their beautiful music added great joy to our Shabbat Services Friday night February 27th, and Saturday morning February 28th. On Sunday they performed a concert for the enjoyment of Beth Israel congregation and guests.



SPECIAL GIFTS

If you are thinking of a way to remember or honor a loved one, don't forget our Memorial plaques or Bricks at the Meditation Garden. The Tree of Life is available for honors or celebrations only. Bricks, chair plaques, and prayer books may be purchased for any purpose

Call the office at 634-2590 and leave a message.

The cost of each of these items is as follows:

- Prayer Book \$35
- Leaf on Tree of Life \$100
- Plaque on Tree of Life \$275
- Bricks at Meditation Garden \$100
- Chair Plaque \$75
- Memorial Plaque - member price \$275
- Memorial Plaque - non-member \$350

We understand and respect the traditions of all faiths, including those of the Jewish faith. No matter what denomination of Judaism you observe, you can rest assured that we can provide the funeral and burial customs that are important to you.

Michael and Yvonne Langjahr
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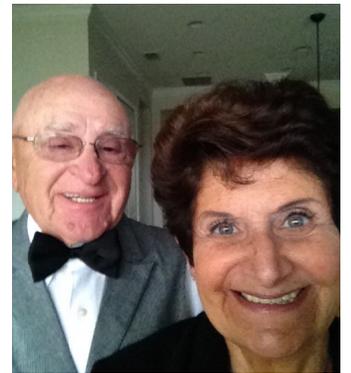


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March was a very busy month as we welcomed Purim with the Megillah reading and Purim Schpiel.

And now as we prepare for Passover.....

The Torah reading for the first day of Passover is taken from Exodus 12:37-42 and 13:3-10, which describes the Exodus from Egypt, the basis for the Passover story.

The Torah verse tells us that on the that night in Egypt, it was not our power but God's power that brought the redemption. How does believing that G-d brought us out of Egypt fit with your idea of G-d? Is it comforting or confusing? This question you might want to add to your Seder. Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we do acts of tikkun olam "perfecting and redeeming the world." But on this night we do not need to keep watch. We only need to know that G-d is keeping watch, ready to bring the oppressed through darkness into light. We pray that this is so and wish every family a wonderful Peach.

As for a ritual Mitzvot (tikkun olam), we continue to need volunteers to welcome in Shabbat. Please say, "yes" if a committee member contacts you. Or, sign up on the bulletin board. And, do not be leery of carrying and dressing the Torah. Herb Cashvan has volunteered to do a tutorial and the Torah being lifted and carried only weighs 12 lbs.

We are also asking for Gabbai volunteers. Of course, the volunteer must have the ability to read Hebrew and Rabbi Carla will email the Torah portion to Gabbai volunteers prior to Shabbat for review.

Upcoming events:

First Seder: Friday, April 3 at Temple Beth Israel let by Rabbi Carla and following Shabbat Services at 5:30

First Day Passover: Shabbat and Festival Services at 10:00 AM

Yiskor: Saturday, April 11, Shabbat and Festival Services followed by Yiskor

ONEGS SHABBAT

Oneg Shabbat Chairperson

Lyn Safian (634-6013)

lynleestep@mac.com

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.

April Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

April 3

Passover Seder; No Oneg

April 10

To Be Determined

April 17

Susan & Nick Fader in honor of their birthdays

April 24

Janet Corin, Hilde Klein,
Laura Reuterefors in honor of their
"significant" birthdays



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THIS IS THE LIST OF THE FUNDS WHICH WERE SET UP TO HELP ENSURE THAT YOUR DONATIONS ARE PUT TO USE IN THE AREA OF YOUR CHOICE. WHEN MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO BETH ISRAEL, THE JEWISH CONGREGATION, WHETHER IT BE FOR A YAHRZEIT, A MITZVAH, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON, PLEASE SPECIFY THE FUND (OR FUNDS) TO WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR DONATION DIRECTED. UNDESIGNATED DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND.

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APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr 05 Richard & Marsha Marshall
- Apr 12 Paul & Marlene Speigal
- Apr 15 Michael & Barbara Bauman
- Apr 15 Ronald & Deborah Boyarsky
- Apr 16 Ed & Elizabeth Jacobs



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- Apr 01 Shayna Coonin
- Apr 01 Harriett Freedman
- Apr 04 Sandra Abramson
- Apr 04 Marcia Lederberg
- Apr 05 Jerome Millstein
- Apr 06 Betty Sarlin
- Apr 07 Janet Corin
- Apr 08 June Bell
- Apr 08 Arlene Cohen
- Apr 11 Ida Grimm
- Apr 12 Neil Rothfeld
- Apr 13 Seymour Schaffer
- Apr 15 Naomi Arnold
- Apr 18 Rochelle Lafer
- Apr 21 Susan Fader
- Apr 21 Joanne Natbony
- Apr 26 Barry Friedman
- Apr 26 Harrie Jones
- Apr 27 Sherri Becker
- Apr 28 Morris Grossman
- Apr 30 Marcia Karp



Beth Israel's family continues to grow with the welcome addition of Ilene Unruch. We wish Charlie Margulies all the best on his move to Maryland.

Our "Circle of Friends" group is also growing and we are hoping that more of our members (men and women) will join us in this endeavor. Membership has planned a get-together on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 11AM until 1PM. More information will be forthcoming. The purpose of this social group is to provide opportunities for us to explore varied experiences that we might otherwise not have. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. Please contact Sheila Rubinstein or Marlene Speigal.

Looking forward to hearing from you:

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Marlene Speigal mspiegal@hotmail.com

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Please welcome our new members when you see them, and please add their information to your Beth Israel Membership Directory.

Ilene Uruch
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Sun City Center, FL 33573
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Jerry Kleinman is doing well in Austin Texas. He is living in a Brookdale Community and adjusting nicely. His daughter, Nancy Brown, asked that if anyone wanted to send him a note that they should send it to her at: 1405 Wilson Heights Drive, Austin Texas 78746.

Charlie Margulies has moved to Maryland. No address yet.

ASK THE RABBI

Question: What evidence is there that the story of Passover in the Book of Exodus actually happened as told there?

Answer: That depends a great deal on what you consider "evidence".

There is no archeological evidence discovered to date that confirms the story told in the Hebrew Bible of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Though there are references in Egyptian sources to the presence there of Semitic people serving as slaves, scholars cannot pin down the exact time, nor the exact origins of the people identified as "Semitic".

Moreover, there have been no archeological discoveries in any of the places identified by name in Exodus or Numbers as the route of the Israelites in the wilderness, though generally archeologists think they have located the sites. This is particularly troubling about a place called Kadesh Barnea, where the Israelites camped for about 38 of the 40 years they spent wandering; there should be burial grounds, trash heaps, etc, and to date nothing has been discovered there. Maybe the researchers have not found the right location...or maybe they haven't dug deep enough...

But of course, the absence of evidence is not in itself evidence to the contrary.

Many scholars now believe that the seeds of the Torah account of the exodus are true, but that they involved a much smaller group than the Torah suggests, and that these people, perhaps escaped slaves, arrived in Canaan to dwell in the hill country, and gradually came to dominate the indigenous population there (in contrast with the account in the Book Of Joshua, which tells the tale of an extended period of military conquests and massive destruction of the local populations).

Bible scholars today point out that the events deemed "miraculous" in the Biblical story of the exodus can probably be explained through our current understanding of natural phenomena, which those who wrote the story did not have; there is no word in the Bible for either "nature" or "science". So a volcano was inexplicable other than an act of God, a sea parting was not about tides and gravitational pull but again an act of God, the ten plagues in Egypt were acts of God rather than the result of naturally occurring events. But to the people who experienced these things or later reported them, they were incontrovertible evidence of the involvement of God with the fate of the Jewish people.

But there is a different "truth" to the Passover story that has served the Jewish people well over our history since that time, and that is the notion of optimism in the face of seemingly insurmountable circumstances. The rabbis of old created the rituals of the seder as we now know it to celebrate the details of the Exodus narrative, but they could not have anticipated how those rituals would inspire hope and determination to survive throughout the millennia of oppressions, expulsions, pogroms and even the Holocaust, which came to mark the subsequent history of our people.

Out of the Passover story, the Jewish people built a religion premised on the belief, as our prayer-book says, "that there is a better place, a promised land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness". And despite all the horrors, the traumas, the calamities of Jewish history, we keep experiencing moments of redemption, of uplift, and occasions of survival coupled with renewal.



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:00 Special Congregational meeting	2 1:30 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	3 5:30 Shabbat service 6:00pm First Seder	4
5	6	7 12:00 Sister- hood Seder 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnot To- rah	8 10:00 Men's Club	9 1:30 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	10 7:30 Shabbat service	11 10:00 Shabbat Service 12:00 Torah Study
12 10:30 Men's Club	13	14 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnot To- rah 7:00pm Temple Board meeting	15	16 1:30 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	17 7:30 Shabbat service	18
19	20 10:00 Gift Shop Open 10:00 Library Program	21 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnot To- rah	22 12:00 Men's Club	23 1:30 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	24 7:30 Shabbat service	25 10:00 Shabbat Service 12:00 Torah Study
26	27	28 9:30 Sister- hood board mtg 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnot To- rah	29	30 1:30 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study		

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Reported by Paul Grossman, Treasurer

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

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Robin Kitzmiller	In memory of Morris Aspis, grandfather of Robin		

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Charna Haimes
In appreciation & gratitude for Rabbi Freedman's support

Joy & Neal Rosen
With thanks for Rabbi Carla's kindness & concern,
during Neal's recent hospitalization

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

February 2015

Stephen Levine, President



Our last General Meeting featured Caryn Bush Baird from the Tampa Bay Times. She was a fascinating speaker and was extremely well received by those in attendance. A small sample of her credentials include; a Senior News Researcher at the *Tampa Bay Times*; she was the sole researcher on both the 2009 Pulitzer Prize story [The Girl in the Window](#), and the National Headliner finalist [Inside Scientology](#) series. She shares research credit on several other award-winning stories. Baird presented "Vet Your Own Story", a seminar on how to use public records to verify your own information needs. Baird presented a practical working model of public records research based on her 16-year tenure at the *Tampa Bay Times*. Two members of Sisterhood were invited to see if they would also like to have this program.

You missed a wonderful show if you were not able to join us for our recent Bagels and Discovery Ladies Day Brunch. The program was Kern Entertainment featuring Peter Kern and Harriet Zazzaro. When you have the audience literally "dancing in the aisles" I think you can say the program was a huge success.

The next Bagels and Discovery is scheduled for Sunday April 12th. Our speaker will be Captain Philip Kapusta, USN. His topic will be Drones. Captain Kapusta has served on two SEAL Teams, served in Afghanistan and is currently a strategic planner for US Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base.

We have scheduled April 22nd for "A Day At The Races." We'll be off to Tampa Bay Downs for an afternoon of horseplay. The cost will be only \$10 and will include valet parking, Clubhouse admission, racing program, \$2 betting voucher, \$5 food voucher and a box seat. This should be quite a winning experience.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE: The May 20th meeting has been changed to May 27th.

APRIL YAHRZEITS

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

APRIL 3, 2015

MARTHA FORTES, Sister of BARBARA BAUMAN
HYMAN BERKOV, Father of ALAN BERKOV
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MURIEL HIMMEL

APRIL 10, 2015

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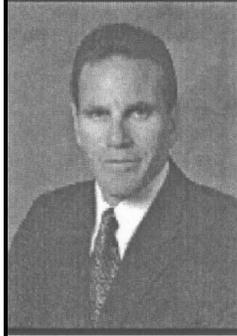
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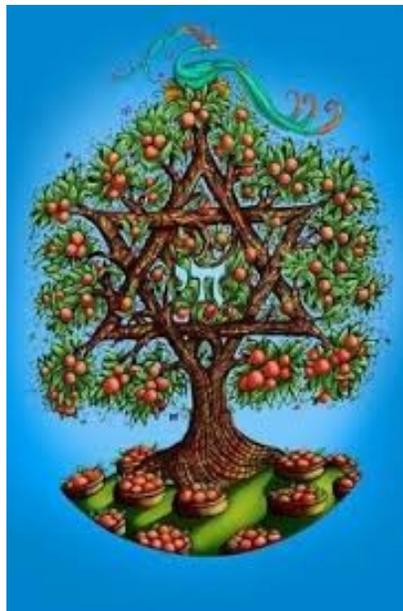
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GET WELL

Dick Kitzmiller from Dick and Marsha Marshall  
Robert N. Schindler from Jacqueline Schindler



Beth Israel Library News

April 2015



**New additions to the Library:**

**DVD: Ellis Island**, for home viewing if you missed the showing at temple, first hand accounts, interviews, and rare photographs. Ellis Island was America's Golden Door, the entry to a new life of freedom and opportunity. Immigrants from diverse backgrounds recall their amazing adventures during dangerous passage across the ocean to their new life in a new land. Very well done especially if you had family that made this journey.

**YIDdish:** If You Can't Say Anything Nice, Say It In Yiddish by Lita Epstein (YIDdish) hundreds of very creative curses for the putzes and kvetchers of the world, along with the fascinating background of their origins and much Jewish wisdom born of suffering over the centuries, this is an indispensable guide and pure fun to read. This is not, I repeat not, a literary masterpiece.

**April Library Program**

Monday, April 20, 2015 10-12

**Film - This Is Where I Leave You**

Four siblings are forced to return to their childhood home after the death of their father and they attempt to work out their past and reconnect, based on novel by contemporary author Jonathan Tropper. Tropper is an American writer and a professor of English at Manhattanville College. This is a story about and for regular people. Can we identify with these characters? 2014 release, 100 minutes.

Thanks for supporting our library and thanks to my committee: Arlene Cohen, Barbara Nova, and Sharon Privitera. Cyrille Cobe

**HONOR SOMEONE BY PLANTING TREES IN ISRAEL IN HIS/HER NAME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL, CONTACT ELIZABETH JACOBS AT 633-3073 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

# WAYS & MEANS

Carol Balent & Paul Spiegall co-chairs

The Rummage sale held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, was very successful. Paul and I are very grateful to the many volunteers that worked on March 15, 16, and 17. Thank you to the volunteers that agreed to work all day, for two or all three days; there are no words to describe our thankfulness, and appreciation. Thank you to Steve Levine and the men's club for setting up the tables and breaking them down at the end of the sale.

*No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.*

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015**

**LOCATION: "Chamber of Commerce" Sun City Center**

Keep your eyes peeled for news regarding our next exciting fund-raiser.

Tickets will go on sale in June.

## CARING COMMITTEE NEWS

### *Delyse Axinn, Chaplain*



The new Beth Israel Caring Committee met on March 12. Our goal is to contact those members who are on the mi shebeirach list, assist those who experiencing physical problems, visit those in hospitals or nursing homes, support those who have lost a spouse, help those who are moving, relieve caregivers for short periods of time, make a brief phone call each day to people who live alone and would like someone to check and make sure they are all right, etc. In other words, the aim of our enthusiastic, dedicated and caring group is to help people in need for whatever reason.

We cannot succeed in our mission without your help. We will not know if a person is in need unless you tell us. Please let us know by email if possible or by a phone call, or by writing the information down and handing it to one of us. (This is important, because simply telling someone during a service too often results in an overlooked message.)

Following are the names and contact information for each of our committee members. I have also included the areas in which they live, but please know there are no area restrictions. We simply felt some of you would prefer to connect with someone in your own area. If the person you contact cannot provide the help you need, we will make sure someone else on the committee can.

DELYSE AXINN, 633-2548, 502-8767, [axinn@gmail.com](mailto:axinn@gmail.com) (Lives in Sun City Center)

As chairman of the group, I will be the main contact and will also pass on information to the other group members. I will still be maintaining the mi shebeirach list, doing hospital and nursing home visits, and will be available for whatever help anyone needs.

ALAN BERKOV, 633-7109, [aberkov@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:aberkov@tampabay.rr.com). (Lives in Valencia Lakes)

CHARNA BOGDANY, 633-1159, [alephmagillah@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:alephmagillah@tampabay.rr.com). (Lives in Kings Point)

JANET CORIN, (401) 524-0847, [wrcorin@yahoo.com](mailto:wrcorin@yahoo.com). (Lives in Valencia Lakes)

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EILEEN LEBOWITZ, 331-3131, [egramazona@aol.com](mailto:egramazona@aol.com). (Lives in Aston Gardens)

NATALIE MELTZER, 633-9366, [Lmeltzer2@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Lmeltzer2@tampabay.rr.com). (Lives in Kings Point)

LINDA MUMFORD, 642-8404, [lmumford@uga.edu](mailto:lmumford@uga.edu).

(Lives in Kings Point and is blind but very independent and would like to support anyone with vision problems.)

DIANA RAPHAEL, 938-4409, [MRSDMR@aol.com](mailto:MRSDMR@aol.com) (Lives in Valencia Lakes)

JACQUELINE SCHINDLER, 633-7765, [JFSNanaj@gmail.com](mailto:JFSNanaj@gmail.com). (Lives in Kings Point)

LIL SOLIN, 633-3889, [rsolin@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rsolin@tampabay.rr.com). (Lives in Sun City Center)

Annette Garson will be joining the committee at a later date.

*We are each part of the Beth Israel family,*

*We strongly believe that family members should take care of each other.*

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You can meet us at Elmira's Sanctuary at 12:15 for the Tour  
OR

You can first join us for breakfast at Rachel's Country Kitchen, located on 674 also in Wimauma. We will meet there at 10:30. Breakfast is on your own.

Email Judy [jlbranch@hotmail.com](mailto:jlbranch@hotmail.com) by April 29  
to make a reservation.

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The Old-ly Wed Game, the Match Game and more.**

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