

THE MESSENGER

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

These are troubled times for the State of Israel. When have you heard that said before? How about every year since 1948! Notwithstanding, each year we gather - as we will on Thursday, April 15 - to celebrate another birthday in Israel's modern history. This year she will be 73 years old.

If all you knew about Israel was what you read in the newspaper or see on television, you might conclude, as I began, by stating what a troubled place this is. The challenges facing Israel are considerable, but there is another face to the State of Israel that is seldom revealed by the media. It is the face of a people, undaunted by difficulties and committed to transforming deserts into oases.

Did you know:

1. Israel now ranks second among foreign countries in the number of companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges.
2. Israel has the largest fleet of aircrafts outside of the U.S.
3. Israeli bank notes have braille on them so the blind can identify them.
4. Israel has more in-vitro fertilization per capita than anywhere in the world (and its free!)
5. Israel has more museums per capita than any other country in the world.
6. Israel has a higher life expectancy, lower average infant mortality rate, and almost double the amount of doctors per patient than the U.S.
7. Israel has the highest percentage of home computers per capita.
8. Israel leads the world in the numbers of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with 145 per 10,000 workers.
9. The National Health Insurance Law, in effect from January 1995, provides for a standardized basket of medical services, including hospitalization, for all residents of Israel.
10. The glue on the back of Israeli stamps is kosher. And, oh yes, it's a Jewish state.

I have been to Israel on 23 different occasions. Each time is new and exhilarating. Each departure is met with sadness and longing. Visiting Israel is going home.

The Jewish state, and her crown jewel Jerusalem, are eloquently expressed in the words of Abraham Joshua Heschel: *"Jerusalem, the mother of Israel, we enter your walls as children who have always honored you, who have never been estranged from you. Your weight has been weighed in tears shed by our people for nearly two thousand years. Laughter was suppressed when we thought of your being in ruins. You are not a shrine, a place of pilgrimage to which to come, and then depart."* In the words of Rabbi Nahman, *"Wherever I go, I go to Jerusalem."*

Rabbi Howard Siegel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring is here and our spirits are soaring!

An increasing number of congregants have now been vaccinated, so we continue to advance through the long pandemic tunnel that we have been traversing for the past 13 months.

Yasher koach to all those TBS members who have been helping fellow congregants get their vaccination appointments. It continues to be a very trying process for many congregants. For those senior congregants without computer access, there are two Senior Friendship Centers that are offering to assist in obtaining vaccination appointments. They are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The telephone numbers are 941.955.2122 and 941.556.3220.

Our COVID-19 task force has been continuing to meet regularly, and at the time of this writing in late February, the taskforce has been planning a combination in-sanctuary and Zoom Passover service, observing stringent health precautions. By the time you read this, the Passover service will have already taken place. I hope that you all enjoyed the service and had wonderful and meaningful Seders!

We were pleased to announce to the congregation that the Dreamers Academy will now be on our campus as of August 2021. We look forward to working closely with them as community service and education have been a part of our mission for almost 100 years of existence of Temple Beth Shalom. We anticipate a relationship where our two organizations can continue to serve Sarasota families in innovative and impactful ways.

Our programs and continuing education keep us engaged with a wide variety of topics. The presentation by Dr. Ben Sachs on the impact of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath was amazing and inspiring, recounting his personal involvement as well as the endeavors of many others.

For those who have the travel bug and have yearned for the opportunity to travel over the past year, we have been treated to virtual travel tours including a tour of Asia's unique and widely dispersed Jewish communities presented by Fulbright Fellow Dan Fellner and a Jewish heritage site tour of Budapest, Vienna, and Prague, presented by renowned guide and educator Jacob Shoshan. By now you will have received brochures of our TBS congregational trip of Budapest, Vienna, and Prague in July 2022, again led by Jacob Shoshan. The trip will be further enhanced by the accompaniment of Rabbi Altshuler and his wife, Ella. Further details of this exciting trip can be found in *The Messenger* and future eblasts,

Warmest regards to you all,

Eric Faerber

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who will be joining us in July
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in honor of the 80th birthday of our mother, Evelyn Mitchell
Dana & Elliott Corn, in honor of Dana's birthday
The children & grandchildren of Lea Zatz, in honor of her receiving
the Light of Torah award
Hannah & David Miller, in honor of Elliott Corn being named Man of the Year

April Anniversaries

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| Jennifer & Lawrence Goichman | 50 years | Sylvia & Seymour Haftel | 56 years |
| Marlene & Arthur Silverman | 62 years | Joan Schoeman & James Weinberg | 30 years |
| Simone & Robert Knego | 28 years | Diane & Lauren Rudd | 10 years |
| Gina & Andy Krinsky | 38 years | Ileen & Jerome Isaac | 51 years |

Mazel Tov!

Jeff Cohen, for winning 2 silver medals for cycling in the Sarasota Senior Olympics
Lea Zatz, for receiving the Light of Torah award
Elliott Corn, for being named TBS Men's Club 2021 Man of the Year
Jerry Zackin, celebrating the birth of his great-grandson, Alden Michael Roose on February 15

February Shabbat Participants

Ben Berman
Len Berman
Deborah Bortnick
Patti Bourke
Don Friedman
Gene Ginsberg
Gerry Lahn
David Lipton
Josh Mellits
Stan Mitchell



Cantor Neil Newman
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Martin Spector
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Susan Weintraub

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An Announcement From The Cemetery Committee



Thinking about the purchase of a plot at our beautiful cemetery? Now is a great time.

We are the only all-Jewish cemetery in Sarasota & Manatee counties.

Fees will increase effective June 1, 2021.

If you're interested, please contact Ben Berman at 941.355.2469.

New Hire Announcement: Troy Jones



We are happy to announce that TBS has hired Troy Jones as our Marketing & Communication Coordinator. He has been working with non-profits for many years and brings TBS his experience and knowledge. Troy was born in California but has been in Sarasota since he was nine years old. He is married and has two sons.

Troy will assist with programs, PR, marketing, media relations, and outreach for the synagogue, including the TBS website. He officially started March 9. For a few months he will be coordinating efforts with Lex Calaguas (Transitional Marketing & Communications Coordinator) who is working on *The Messenger* and helping facilitate a smooth transition.

Please welcome Troy! You can contact him at TJones@Templebethsholomfl.org or by calling the office at 941.955.8121, extension #1014.

RECENT EVENT PICTURES



Photo Left:
Deborah Bortnick and her costume she made for the Megillah reading at the virtual Purim celebration in February

Photo Right:
Lea Zatz, Sisterhood's 2021 Light of Torah, with her well-deserved certificate



YOUTH & PREP

Youth Group

Our youth are joining other Gulf Coast youth for joint virtual programming this spring! We had three wonderful programs in February: Kadima - A Night at the Museum scavenger hunt at the Smithsonian, USY - Virtual *VeggieTales* Purim Movie, and a Camp Ramah Havdallah for all youth. Our March programming for Kadima & USY was Nailed It! We hope you are enjoying the great programs! We are looking forward to April & May's programs, see dates below. Send us your ideas on how to lift our community up, programs you would like to have, etc. As always, SEND PICTURES, and please don't hesitate to contact Kelly Nester with any questions at 941.955.8121, Ext. 1002 or knester@templebethsholomfl.org.

April 11: Kadima & USY - Color Wars - several challenges, like cookie decorating and more for grades to compete against each other.

May 23: Kadima 1:00 p.m. & USY 4:00 p.m. - DIY Guerilla Gardening & Seed Bombs

PREP

Classes continue via Zoom and in-person.



A message from Jade Servetz: "We did a few take-home projects, see my Tu B'shevat Tree below. I also brought home three peat pots with parsley. For Purim, we decorated Bubbe & Zayde's car, wore costumes, and we had to spin our groggers when Haman popped up. I also baked hamentashen with my Bubbe and they were D-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S! I am having so much fun celebrating all of the Jewish holidays during religious school!"

Let us know what you are up to – send Kelly a brief message to let us in on what you are learning and what activities you are participating in. Please SEND PICTURES and don't hesitate to contact Kelly Nester with any questions at 941-955-8121, Ext. 1002 or knester@templebethsholomfl.org



April Youth Birthdays

Annika Graber
Alivia Graber

April 7
April 19



TORAH FUND



**“Who will not support a scholar
will see no blessing.”**

[A Treasury of Jewish Quotations]

We are grateful to all our generous supporters of the Jewish Theological Seminary and its affiliates, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and rabbinic schools in Israel, Argentina, and Germany through significant donations to Torah Fund this year and appreciate the many additional donations not listed.

(This list details checks received by us. If your name is not listed, please let us know immediately. The New York office is working remotely and is slow to inform us of credit card donations)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

A Virtual Tour of an Ancient Syrian Synagogue with Adam Blitz

Sunday, April 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Archaeologist and anthropologist Adam Blitz will take us on a virtual tour of the 4th century C.E. Synagogue of Apamea, Syria. Using extraordinary digital technology, Adam has pieced together the disparate parts and will showcase the stunning mosaics while regaling us with the history of the synagogue and its discovery.

Adam Blitz is a near eastern studies and Judaic studies scholar and Fulbright recipient. A fellow of the Royal Anthropological and The Ronin Institutes, he resides in London. He is a frequent contributor to: *The Times of Israel*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *Haaretz*, *Catholic Herald*, *Aeon Magazine*, *Times of India*, *Anthropology Today*, *9 Muses News*, and many others.

Join us for a fascinating Sunday afternoon presentation.

Escaping the Holocaust and a Recent Event with Dr. Bill Freund

Monday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.



Photo Above:
Dr. Bill Freund

In commemoration of the upcoming observance of Yom HaShoah, Dr. Bill Freund, a long time member of Temple Beth Shalom and will share his amazing story of what his family endured in Nuremburg, Germany, what prompted his family to leave, and how they made their way to the United States. Bill is an amazing storyteller and has much to share with us.

Dr. Bill Freund is the chief economist emeritus of the New York Stock Exchange, where he was Senior VP and chief economist for 20 years. He served as a professor of economics at Pace University's Graduate School of Business in New York City where he also directed the Freund Center for the Study of Securities Markets. He received his doctoral degree in economics from Columbia University. He is author of the best-selling book *Investment Fundamentals*, co-author of the book *People and Productivity*, as well as numerous other books and articles. He has been an advisor to business, governments, and financial institutions, as well as four governors of New Jersey. His report "Productivity and Inflation" was published by the Joint Economic Committee of the United States Congress. He recently wrote two children's books based on his family's history: *The Cookie That Saved My Family* and *The Towel That Saved Elizabeth*. They're available on Amazon.

Join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening.



Jews and Rock & Roll! with Dave Milberg



Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us with “Radio Dave” Milberg, a disc jockey-at-law, broadcasting since 1965, lawyering since 1979 as he discusses how the rock and roll family tree has Jews at its roots, trunk, and branches. DJs, singers, songwriters, musicians, record company executives, and even mobsters, who planted its seeds and nurtured it to become the dominant music in America over the past seven decades.

Radio Dave will morph into his DJ persona to spotlight seven decades of selected Jews who rocked and those whose cultural impacts went beyond their music. His presentation will include photos of famed “Rock ‘n Roll Jews” along with soundbites of their songs. Sing along and get up and dance!

Radio Dave’s career “call letters” include WBBM-AM, WLS-AM/FM, WGN-AM, and WYCC-TV in Chicago, WLW-AM in Cincinnati, WSLR-FM in Sarasota, WXYZ-AM/WRIF-FM in Detroit, and WPAG-AM/FM in Ann Arbor, among many others, plus leading the radio play-by-play broadcasts for the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox.

He has received more than 20 national awards for broadcast station management, journalism, sports, and community service. As “Lawyer Dave,” he retired from Schiff Hardin in 2014 and taught media law as an adjunct professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

He continues to be a licensed attorney in Illinois and Florida. Radio Dave currently hosts and produces the “Rare & Scratchy Rock ‘N Roll” podcast that is regularly downloaded by nearly 100,000 listeners in more than 135 countries worldwide.

As a musicologist, he was among a group of scholars who were 2019 finalists in the “Documentary Record” category for the *Grammy Awards*, and he is a published authority on popular music history.

Radio Dave also is a volunteer consultant to medical professionals, in connection with the creation of customized music mixes that are used in the therapy for their patients suffering cognitive impairment. Join us for what promises to be a fun-filled evening!

The Ritchie Boys: America's Jewish Secret Weapon During World War II with Al Treidel

Tuesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m.

In late 1942, the US Army decided to create a special program to make use of recently arrived Jewish immigrants' familiarity with Germany and its language. Approximately 2,000 young Jewish men (primarily from Germany) were recruited to train at Fort Ritchie in Maryland in interrogation and counter-intelligence techniques.

Most of these young men had left their families behind in Europe and were anxious to become an important part of the defeat of the Nazis. Taking their lives into their own hands, the "Ritchie Boys" provided roughly 2/3 of the human intelligence used in the fight against the Nazis. Their work saved hundreds of thousands of lives and may have actually shortened the war.

Inasmuch as they were directed not to share information about their training and exploits during the war, only recently have we learned about these special individuals. Their military records were expunged, and their existence was considered to be classified information. Most did not even tell their families about their role in the war. Hear about these amazing young Jews and some of their stories from the son of one of the Ritchie Boys.

Al Treidel has enjoyed a 50-year career as a public-school administrator and teacher on all levels of public education and at the university level instructing both undergraduate and graduate students. For the final 10 years of his career, Al served as a turnaround specialist for struggling schools.

He has received a number of prestigious awards and recognitions including the Solomon Schechter Award in 2017. Al and his wife, Ann, divide their time between their homes in Fairfield, Connecticut and Sarasota, Florida. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Only recently did Al discover that his father was one of the Ritchie Boys through clues and fragments of stories that were passed down.

Join us for what promises to be a fascinating account of these brave and resourceful young Jewish men whose efforts actually helped to bring down the Third Reich.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

An Evening with Israeli Ambassador Akiva Tor

Sunday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.



Photo Above:
Ambassador Akiva Tor

You are invited to attend a Temple Beth Sholom webinar lecture with Israeli Ambassador Akiva Tor on Sunday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. The topic of his presentation is “Israel and the World Jewish Community: The Way Forward.”

Akiva Tor is the Ambassador of Israel to the Republic of Korea. Previously, he served as Head of Bureau for World Jewish Affairs and World Religions at the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consul General of Israel in San Francisco, Director of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, Deputy Director for Palestinian Affairs in the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and as World Jewish Affairs Adviser to the President of Israel. Akiva is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and holds an MA degree from Hebrew University

in Jewish political thought and a BA from Columbia University in general philosophy. He has written and lectured on Jewish values in the foreign policy of Israel and on ethical considerations in international relations.

Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people with responsibilities and a defining relationship to the general Jewish collective, but it also is a civic democracy of all its citizens, a participating member of the global order, and a small, dynamic country facing significant security and political challenges in the Middle East and beyond. The Jewish communities in North America and Europe face challenges and have interests that are not always congruent with the Israeli experience. What should be the proper balance of mutual caring in the Israel – diaspora relationship?

There is no charge for this program, but registration is required. Please register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QGT4vnnbTbKOCYEzwp7G1A for this Yom Ha’atzmaut Israeli Independence Day program. Feel free to invite friends to attend this incredible presentation. They need to register as well. For additional information, contact Kelly Nester at 941.955.8121.

Save the Dates for These May Programs:

Tuesday, May 4 – 7:00 p.m. – *Virtual Tour of Jewish Cuba* with David Lee

Monday, May 10 – 7:00 p.m. – *Jewish Community of Uganda*

Thursday, May 20 – 1:30 p.m. – *A Brief History of Anti-Semitism from its Pagan Roots to Modern Zionism* with Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

Thursday, May 27 – 1:30 p.m. – *Another Look at Kashrut – The Biblical Ethical Roots of Dietary Laws* with Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Jewish Cuba with Roz & Marc Bokoff

Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.



Jewish conversos first arrived in Cuba in 1492 with Christopher Columbus. Over hundreds of years, more Jews arrived but the Cuban Jewish community remained small. In the early 1900's, Turkish Jews arrived after the fall of the Ottoman Empire, and the community grew. But between the 1930's and 1950's the community grew significantly, with Jews arriving from Europe, either fleeing the Nazis or after the war.

They came to Cuba awaiting American Jewish agencies' help in getting to the US, but many chose to stay. They built businesses and synagogues and did well, experiencing almost no antisemitism. By 1958, there were 15,000 Cuban Jews, but after the revolution, 94% of the community emigrated, mostly to Miami.

The bulk of the community lived – and still lives – in Havana. Havana, with 1,500 Jews, is the only city with a critical mass of Jews. Three of the five synagogues are still in operation.

Our virtual tour will visit – and we'll learn about – Havana's synagogues: El Patronato – formally Templo Beth Shalom (Ashkenazi & Conservative), Centro Hebreo Sefaradi (Sefaradi & Conservative) and Adath Israel (Orthodox). The congregations collaborate to create a close-knit community in Havana. We'll visit the Jewish cemetery, inaugurated in 1910, with approximately 1,100 graves and a monument to those who perished in the Shoah. A quick trip to Cienfuegos will touch on one of the island's smaller Jewish communities.



In addition to Jewish sites, Cuba has a lot to offer visitors, so our guide will also show us around Havana to see monuments to the revolution, the famous Hotel Nacional, the Malecon, vintage cars and more. We will visit Fusterlandia, a fun-filled neighborhood “decorated” by artist Jose Fuster. The Hemingway House – Finca Vigia – will be on our tour, too. We may even visit a cigar or rum factory to experience some distinctively Cuban activities!



You will not want to miss this very interesting evening of travel in the comfort of your own homes.



Temple Beth Sholom and the TBS Endowment Fund are proud to participate with the LIFE & LEGACY Campaign. LIFE & LEGACY is a national campaign sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and is coordinated locally through The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee in support of multiple synagogues and Jewish organizations in the area. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage support of local Jewish organizations through contributions and legacy gifts.

We thank our contributors to the program!

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SISTERHOOD



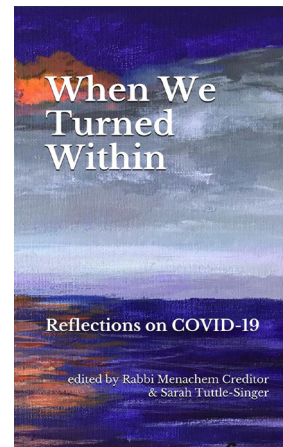
We are currently in the midst of Pesach, our holiday of freedom.

As more and more of us receive our COVID-19 vaccine, we too are looking forward to regaining some of our freedoms. However, staying at home has not diminished the wonderful Sisterhood programming this year.

Our Memories Roadshow program on March 3 was a great success as was our First Tallit Fashion Show on March 23. We invited St. Paul Lutheran Church to join us for both events. At the Memories Roadshow, we heard many stories about different objects and their special meanings. Our Sisterhood ladies were also able to share their personal stories about their tallit and how they first came to observe this mitzvah.

Our next book review will be on Tuesday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. The book is *When We Turn Within: Reflections on COVID-19* by Rabbi Menachem Creditor and Sarah Tuttle-Singer. This is a collection of essays, poems, prayers, and reflections on the past year and the challenges we have faced.

One of the contributors, Rabbi Danielle Upbin, will be participating in the book review. Even if you have not read the book, you can still join us to hear thoughts and insights from those who have.



Looking toward May, we have two special things coming up. Sisterhood and Men's Club will be co-sponsoring Shoshanna Nambi, a female Ugandan rabbinical student, on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will hear about the Jewish community in Uganda and Shoshanna's journey to rabbinical school.

On Tuesday, May 25, at 2:00 p.m., Sisterhood will hold the installation of our new officers for 2021-2023. Please join us as we honor our retiring board members and welcome the new TBS Sisterhood officers and board of directors.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

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MEN'S CLUB



No two events have had a greater impact upon world Jewry in the 20th century and beyond than the Holocaust, followed by the founding of the State of Israel. This month, we observe both events on Thursday, April 8, with Yom HaShoah and one week later on April 15 with Yom Ha'atzmaut.

TBS Men's Club does many things to observe these two events throughout the year. Our Passport to Israel Program provides scholarship funds for our youth to take part in numerous learning activities in the State of Israel. Our support of the

Holocaust garden and our Judaica museum helps to preserve the memory of the Holocaust.

Perhaps the single most important annual Holocaust memorial is our annual Yellow Candle Project. For many years, this project was run by Men's Club board member Sheldon Silverstein z"l. For him, this was a true labor of love. Sheldon passed away this year and his family has chosen to fund this year's Yellow Candle Project in his memory. TBS Men's Club past president, Gerry Ronkin, has chosen to take over as the project's facilitator. A number of TBS Men's Club volunteers (along with their spouses, in many cases) have been working to package the yellow Holocaust memorial candles along with donation letters to send them out to the entire congregation. Many of you may have already received your yellow candle package.

Please note that the Yellow Candle Project was established a number of years ago by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust and those who perished during the Shoah. At Beth Sholom, it's been a longstanding tradition that allows us to maintain our connection with the Jewish community of the past as well as the present. It also reminds us to be vigilant to protect our community and others who are subject to hate, discrimination, and violence. If we forget the past, we endanger the future.

Your donations to the TBS Men's Club, through this project, will enable us to continue our efforts to keep the memory of the Shoah alive. Checks may be made payable to TBS Men's Club with a note in the message area of the check saying: "Yellow Candle Project" and should be mailed to us at the TBS address. On behalf of TBS Men's Club, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please remember to light your yellow candle on Erev Yom HaShoah as a way of saying that *"We Will Never Forget."*

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

Men's Club President



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Sid Finkelstein continues to bring in cases of food for the food pantries. A huge THANK YOU to Sid. At the moment, only the Salvation Army is taking these items. Meals on Wheels turned us down very apologetically. Due to Covid-19, they are very short of help in all areas from kitchen prep to sorting and storing to delivery, and they just can't take additional items right now. The Salvation Army is very appreciative of everything we have offered them, so please continue to be generous when bringing in donations during Shabbat meal pick-up or any other time you are in the neighborhood. Todah Rabah! **Please donate only non-perishable foods with good expiration dates.**

Susan Prohofskey & Joel Servetz

BIMAH BASKETS

We are so grateful to all who choose to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and any special occasions with a donation to bimah baskets! Donations for bimah baskets are divided among Sisterhood, All Faiths Food Pantry, and the Kosher Food Pantry. I know I am repeating myself but this is greatly appreciated as we continue to deal with COVID-19 and the food pantries prefer receiving monetary donations. Contact Evie Mitchell, evmit@comcast.net or 941.554.8529 to donate a bimah basket.

STARFISH PROJECT

Another update from Wendy Katz - Re: The Starfish Program.

The Starfish Literacy Program at Fruitville Elementary School has been on hiatus for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19. As most of you know, the school district is not allowing volunteers in the schools, and although we had hoped things might change as the year progressed, it now appears that policies will remain in effect throughout the entire year. In speaking with school personnel, they would like us to begin again in August 2021 as hopefully more people will be vaccinated.

There have been two bright spots to highlight during this year. Kari Johnson, one of the kindergarten teachers involved with our program, achieved one of the district's most coveted honors - Teacher of the Year. I have included a few links relative to her achievement. She is a remarkable teacher who is passionate about her craft and making a positive difference in the lives of her young students.

Secondly, one of our Book Buddies Reva Levy, a retired teacher in Sarasota County, used her creative talents to make masks for those in need throughout our community. In addition, she adopted the kindergarten teachers at Fruitville and has been making masks for all of them throughout the year.

I hope you are all staying healthy and safe as we continue to navigate extraordinary times. I trust you will continue to volunteer next year as we rebirth Rockin' Readers and Book Buddies. Please tell your friends about the program, so we can recruit more volunteers to serve more students. I will continue to keep you updated. Please get your vaccination as soon as you're able.

With much appreciation,

Dr. Wendy Katz



Photo Left:

One of our Book Buddies Reva Levy, using her creative skills to make masks for those in need in the community

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Wednesday, Jul 6th-

Home City/Budapest

Depart home today on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary.

Thursday, Jul 7th-

Budapest

Upon arrival in Budapest, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Today will be a day to acclimate to your new surroundings. This evening you will receive an orientation followed by a welcome dinner. **(D)**

Friday, Jul 8th-

Budapest

After breakfast this morning, your day will begin with a visit to the Dohany Street Synagogue, the largest in all of Europe with seating for 3000. You will also visit the Jewish Museum and the Willow Tree Memorial located on the grounds of the synagogue. Adjacent to the synagogue, your next stop will be the former Ghetto area where you will see the Carl Lutz memorial. Travel to the striking world famous Parliament Building and stop just in front of it on the banks of the Danube at the poignant simplistic display of the 60 pair of shoes pointed into the River as a memorial to the hundreds who lost their lives as a result of the atrocities committed during World War II. Your day continues with a visit to the Raoul Wallenberg Statue commemorating the saving of thousands of Jews by this Swedish righteous gentle. No Jewish visit to Budapest would be complete without a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Center. This building, dating back to 1929, was a former synagogue that was converted to serve as a memorial and museum to the Hungarian Jews and others who died during the Holocaust. Your day continues as you travel across downtown Budapest along the sprawling Andrássy Boulevard with stops at the City Park and the Heroes Square. As the day comes to an end you will cross the Danube to the Buda Castle Hill and the Fisherman's Bastion. The last stop of the day, before a joyous Shabbat Dinner is a stop at the Obuda Medieval Synagogue. **(B, Shabbat Dinner)**

Saturday, Jul 9th-

Budapest

This morning we have made arrangements for those who wish, to attend Shabbat services. This afternoon will be at leisure or an opportunity to enjoy a walk along the Pedestrian Mall of Vaci Utca to the Great Market Hall. **(B)**

Sunday, Jul 10th -

Budapest/Vienna

This morning, you will depart for Vienna, Austria's stylish and historic capital. You will enjoy a panoramic tour of the buildings lining the elegant Ringstrasse, including the State Opera, National Museum, Imperial Palace, Parliament, Town Hall and Burgtheater. Your last stop prior to checking in to the hotel will be the beautiful French Gardens at the Belvedere Palace. **(B,D)**

Monday, Jul 11th-

Vienna

After breakfast, your day begins with a visit to Prater Amusement Park, a large public park in Vienna's 2nd District. You will also see the famed **Wiener Riesenrad**, once the tallest Ferris Wheel in the world and an iconic

stop in Vienna. You will continue with a panoramic tour of the UN Buildings and St Peter's Cathedral. Your next stop will be the Jewish Museum, an exhibition of Jewish history, life, and religion in Vienna, located at the Eskeles Palace. This afternoon you will visit the Stadttempel Synagogue, the main synagogue in Vienna followed by a visit to the memorial to the Victims of the Holocaust at Judenplatz. Stroll the pedestrianized central Vienna to visit St Stephen's Cathedral and **FigaroHaus** (Mozart's apartment). Your last stop of the day will be the fanciful Hundertwasserhaus. **(B)**

Tuesday, Jul 12th-

Vienna/Prague

Depart Vienna this morning after breakfast for our trip to Prague, one of the truly magical cities of Europe. Few cities embody the past as authentically as Prague, the Czech Republic's atmospheric capital on the Vltava River that clings to its history with unwavering passion. Prague's medieval architecture is its most prominent, but the city is also a rich repository of Romanesque, Baroque and Art Nouveau buildings that stir the imagination. As you cross into the Czech Republic your first stop will be the charming mountain town of Cesky Krumlov. You will tour this Bohemian city, discover its UNESCO-listed city center, see its 13th-century castle, and will enjoy free time to explore Cesky Krumlov before continuing to Prague. You will check-in to your hotel, followed by dinner. **(B, D)**

Wednesday, Jul 13th-

Prague

After breakfast, you will visit the Jewish Quarter and the 5 synagogues of the Jewish State Museum. These will include the Alt-neuschul (the Old-New Synagogue), Europe's oldest still used for prayer. **An amazing site, the ancient crammed cemetery with over 12,000 graves is our last stop in the Jewish Quarter.**

Your touring will conclude with a short walk to Old Town Square with its many towers and turrets and the famed Astronomical Clock. You will return to the hotel and the balance of the day will be at leisure. **(B)**

Thursday, Jul 14th-

Prague

Your day begins with a city tour of Prague. You will ascend the hill across the Vltava River and visit the **Strahov Monastery Library,**

one of the most valuable and well-preserved historical libraries with over 200,000 volumes, and the **Loreta Sanctuary** home to the clock





tower with its famous chime. The highlight of the day will be your visit to **Hradcany Castle**, built in the 9th century. It is the official office of the President of the Czech Republic. The castle was a seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia. Walk the Golden Lane, so named for the goldsmiths that lived there in the 17th Century and descend into Lesser Town. Return to Old Town via the ancient and crooked medieval stone arch Charles Bridge. **(B)**

Friday, Jul 15th -

Prague/Terezin

This morning, after breakfast, you will travel outside of Prague to Terezin, where you will visit the "model ghetto" of Theresienstadt. This was a facade to the world of the Germans' "kind treatment" of the 150,000 "elite" Jews who were deported between 1941 and 1944. You will visit the Historical Museum and the art and music collection. Visit the "Hidden Synagogue" and see the crematorium and Jewish cemetery. This afternoon you will return to Prague and visit the Franz Kafka Museum and take a funicular ride up to Petrin Hill where you will see a spectacular view of this legendary city. Your day ends as you return to the hotel, where you will enjoy a festive Shabbat Dinner this evening. **(B, Shabbat Dinner!)**

Saturday, Jul 16th -

Prague

Today is Shabbat and you will have the entire day to enjoy at your leisure, whether you want to go to shul or further explore the beautiful city of Prague, the day is yours to do as you wish. This evening we will all gather for a farewell dinner, including Czech music and dance, for our last evening in Prague. **(B,D)**

Sunday, Jul 17th -

Prague/USA

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to return to the United States with extraordinary memories of your Jewish Central European experience. **(B)**

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COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

CDS Makes 'Healthcare Hero Bags' to Honor Medical Community

by Sharon Kunkel

In February, the students at Hershorin Schiff Community Day School enjoyed the annual Panther Pride / Spirit Day, with various activities to build teamwork and showcase school spirit, with the added bonus of a Valentine's Day-related "Ahavantine" community service project to help spread some love. ("Ahava" means "love" in Hebrew.)

This year's community service activity featured the making of "Healthcare Hero Bags" in appreciation of those on the front lines of the pandemic who are working to protect our community from infection and heal those who fall ill. Each of the 150 bags included a handwritten note of thanks from a student, a bottle of water, B12 Emergen-C pack, chocolates, mints, granola bars, and more; these were delivered to Sarasota Memorial Hospital by some healthcare heroes who also happen to be parents at Community Day.

The bags were packed by students in grades K-8, in shifts, outdoors, and while masked. Other Panther Pride events included the writing of kind notes to classmates, a teamwork exercise featuring a giant jump rope, and an environmental project to help students understand the dangers of microplastics.

"Our Ahavantine activities are our take on celebrating love, celebrating friendship, and celebrating community," said Head of School Dan Ceaser. "Our students take such great pleasure and pride in helping others and trying to brighten someone's day. With COVID-19, our students felt like those on the frontlines of the pandemic were most deserving of anything we

could do to show our appreciation for all they do."

For more about Community Day School, go to communityday.org or call 941.552.2770.



Photo Left:
CDS student Mikai Bridges packs a 'Healthcare Hero Bag'



Photo Above:
Alliada Fotiou, Verity Moore, Stephanie Castaneda-Romero, and Anise Sickler show their Panther Pride

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April 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>4 (22 Nisan) Pesach - Yizkor 7th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Passover Service 10:00a Havdalah 8:25p</p> | <p>5 (23 Nisan) 8th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Pre-Yom HaShoah 7:00p</p> | <p>6 (24 Nisan) 9th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Swimming in the Sea of Talmud 11:00a</p> | <p>7 (25 Nisan) 10th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Gutsy Torah 11:00a</p> | <p>8 (26 Nisan) Yom HaShoah 11th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p> | <p>9 (27 Nisan) 12th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Shabbat Service 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:34p</p> | <p>10 (28 Nisan) Shmini Shabbat Mevarchim 13th Day Omer Shabbat Services 10:00a Havdalah 8:28p</p> |
| <p>11 (29 Nisan) 14th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a PREP 10:00a Virtual PREP 1:00p Pre-Yom Ha'atznaut 7:00p USY Torah Class 7:00p</p> | <p>12 (30 Nisan) Rosh Chodesh Iyar 15th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p> | <p>13 (1 Iyar) Rosh Chodesh Iyar 16th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Swimming in the Sea of Talmud 11:00a</p> | <p>14 (2 Iyar) Yom HaZikaron 17th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Gutsy Torah 11:00a</p> | <p>15 (3 Iyar) Yom Ha'Atzmaut 18th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p> | <p>16 (4 Iyar) 19th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Shabbat Service 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:37p</p> | <p>17 (5 Iyar) Tzitzit- Mezuzah 20th Day Omer Shabbat Services 10:00a Havdalah 8:32p</p> |
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| <p>25 (13 Iyar) 28th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a PREP 10:00a Virtual PREP 1:00p Tour of an Ancient Syrian Synagogue 1:00p</p> | <p>26 (14 Iyar) Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p> | <p>27 (15 Iyar) 30th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Swimming in the Sea of Talmud 11:00a Sisterhood Book Review 1:30p The Ritchie Boys 7:00p</p> | <p>28 (16 Iyar) 31st Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Gutsy Torah 11:00a</p> | <p>29 (17 Iyar) 32nd Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p> | <p>30 (18 Iyar) Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a Shabbat Service 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:45p</p> | |



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