

THE MESSENGER

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Chag Sameach!

May 7	Staying Connected w/ Sharon Strassfeld	7:30 pm
May 19	Werbow Family Farewell	2:00 pm
May 21	Staying Connected w/ Harold Halpern	7:30 pm
May 28	All-Night Shavuot Study	9:00 pm





RABBI'S MESSAGE

Throughout my rabbinic career, there have been times when an event happens and when I get up, I speak after it. Or rather, I am compelled to speak about it. This is true in both global situations and personal ones. It happens after a traumatic event like a hurricane or after a blessed event like the birth of a child. It is almost impossible to share words of Torah without reflecting on the event itself. The rabbis had a term that they would use for this. Often times, when reading the Torah, they would say that something yells out “*Darsheini*.” The best way to translate this would be, “Explain me.” So, if you’ve been on the Zoom services we’ve been having, or classes I’ve been teaching, you’ve noticed that they all center on the virus and quarantine. Even when I don’t think I’ll be speaking about it, I speak about it. It just cries out “*Darsheini*.”

Another item, which I’m sure comes as no surprise, that has been occupying my mind recently is our upcoming move and the end of my time as rabbi here at Beth Sholom. This will be the second to last *Messenger* article I write. Like last month, my mind goes quickly to the idea of transition and the future. Transition is something that happens all along our journeys. We’ve just transitioned to the fourth presidency of the congregation since I’ve been here. I entered with Ben Berman and Molly Ballow as presidents, transitioned to Rob Katz & Emma Joels, then to David Chaifetz, and now to Eric Faerber. Each transition issued in a period of time to get to know each other better and to build a unique working relationship. When the transition happens there is no clear path for the future, but there is a dedication to being a part of a team that will be working together for the benefit of the synagogue.

Having just celebrated Passover, we are in the same position as the Israelites who left Egypt. They are now forming a new relationship with God. Even if they had a relationship with God while they were in Egypt, it is different now. It will need to continue to grow, evolve and change as they have new experiences together. This working relationship, between God and the people of Israel, will be the foundation upon which the Torah will be shared and upon which the obligations of us to God and God to us will be formed. It doesn’t happen overnight. The Israelites are in the desert for forty years and even after they enter the land, their relationship continues to develop. I would say that even until today, this is ongoing.

I was blessed to have positive relationships with the presidents I worked with here at Beth Sholom as well as the other board members. We also had a strong group of committed congregants who have always been available to plan programs, support the congregation with their time & resources, and to be active participants in the plethora of activities. All of this has occurred because of the relationships that have been formed and nurtured.

As we all look forward to the future, this is what we will have to continue. We have to always be open to building and nurturing relationships. It is upon these relationships that our congregation can continue to flourish.

I thank you all for being an important piece of Beth Sholom for me.

Rabbi Michael Werbow

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."
Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow congregants,

We all continue to feel the impact of the coronavirus on our daily lives. I hope that you and your families had a meaningful and memorable Passover, so different from any other. Although families and friends were separated physically, the spirit of Passover prevailed, a holiday that has been maintained through the millennia. At the seder table we could reflect on *Why is this night so different from all others*, and also add another plague to our list! The communal TBS Seder was canceled, however Passover meal packages were made available for congregants who wished to obtain them. Kudos to Susan McCann who traveled to the east coast of Florida to obtain the necessary ingredients for these meal packages.

We have continued in our rabbinic search with a committee under the superb leadership of Michael Katz. The dedicated committee has spent many hours interviewing promising candidates from different parts of the country. I am pleased to announce that Rabbi Howard Siegel has accepted the position of interim rabbi for our congregation. Please look for the full article in next month's *Messenger*.

In the middle of March all our regular religious services were suspended and replaced by electronic transmission using the video communication platform, Zoom. We are all indebted to Rabbi Werbow for enabling this service to be received by the congregation. Although there were a few initial challenges, it has been very successful. Minyanim are being offered this way on a daily basis as well as Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services. *Yasher Koach* to Rabbi Werbow and all congregants who assisted him in this meaningful and valued service to our community. You will by now have also read or heard from the media that many other religious institutions of all faiths are relaying some services electronically.

We continue to reach out to our congregation. A dedicated and committed group has been conscientiously calling congregants to inquire about how they and their families are doing during this difficult time and if they need assistance. Some members have actually been delivering groceries and performing other good deeds. One congregant called to tell me that a phone call he received brought him to tears. We thank all those who are reaching out to the community. In addition, the *We Care* committee is doing a yeoman's job in sending cards, contacting ill congregants, and also visiting some in hospital.

The coronavirus has resulted in changes that will be irrevocable in many ways. We have seen the introduction of online religious services, an increase in remote working capabilities, and for others online delivery of groceries and meals will become part of their daily lives. Increased communication, so badly needed in this world, will now emerge as a tangible benefit of what we have been through and will help shape our future.

Stay well and be safe.

Warmest regards,

Eric Faerber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Anniversaries

Murray Bring & Kathleen Delaney	20 years
Randi & Randall Brodsky	36 years
Ruth & Bruce Fleegler	51 years
Cathy & David Jaffer	33 years
Carol & Michael Krasnow	56 years
Karen & Gerard Lahn	54 years
Stephanie & Apolonio Lirio	17 years
Toby & Charles Miller	67 years
Janet & Carl Romano	46 years
Sasha & Andrew Rosin	13 years
Susi & Jack Steenbarger	11 years
Ann & Alfred Treidel	48 years
Bethamy & David Weinberger	43 years
Susan & Dana Weinkle	36 years
Phyllis & Cory Weitzner	20 years
Patti & David Wertheimer	37 years
Ruth & Leonard Rubinstein	42 years
Judith & Sydney Weinstein	57 years
Anna & Leonard Stein	15 years



Youth Birthday



Max Lirio

May 15

March Torah Readers

Lewis Amsel

Stan Mitchell

Ben Berman

Cantor Neil

Deborah

Newman

Bortnick

Susan

Joan Braude

Weintraub

Health Awareness

What's your number? Yesterday mine was 12! Yes, 12 times I touched my face; adjusting my glasses, rubbing my eyes, and putting my hair behind my ears. I know this is hard. As you can see, I am having my own struggles. Be aware and be safe... We are all struggling to get through this together.
Nancy Hendricks - TBS Business Director

March Bimah Basket Sponsors

Judy & Jack Bloch, in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary
Lauren Brodsky & Joshua Mellits, in honor of Joshua's 31st birthday
Fran & Jeff Cohen, in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary
Leslie & Jay Cohen, in honor of their grandson, Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah
The Gensler children, in honor of their father, Sheldon Gensler, on his 100th birthday
Joan & Bart Levenson, in honor of Bart's birthday
Gretchen & Larry Mandel, in honor of their wedding anniversary on March 19
Hannah & John Puckhaber, in honor of their 33rd wedding anniversary
Myra & Dave Snowise, in memory of Myra's sister, Sonia Ginsberg, on her Yahrzeit
Adele & Stan Tannenbaum, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary
Marjory & Walter Tolub, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary
Susan & Byron Weintraub, in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary
Lea & Saul Zatz, in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary

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Note about June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021 Membership

Please keep in mind that neither the TBS Office, nor KESEF keeps your credit card information on file from year to year. If you want to set up a payment plan for your dues and/or security fee please contact the office to make these new fiscal year arrangements.

Werbow Family Farewell!

Please join Sisterhood **Tuesday, May 19 at 2:00 pm on Zoom** to say farewell to Rabbi Werbow and Melissa. It is open to all and you will have the opportunity to make your own parting remarks and well wishes to the Werbows.

SOCIAL ACTION

**Thank you to the many contributors to our many social action activities.
Please join in whichever sparks your interest.**

CASSEROLES TO THE SALVATION ARMY

Due to the Coronavirus we will NOT be taking casseroles to the Salvation Army in May. We hope we will be able to resume this important mitzvah by June. I will contact our wonderful donors if we get clearance before then. If you would like to be part of this program and you need information and/or a recipe, please contact Sue Prohofsky.

BIMAH BASKETS

In these difficult times, members are continuing to enhance their milestone events with Bimah Basket donations. At this time the need is greater than ever and both the All Faiths Food Bank and JFCS Kosher Food Banks are very grateful for your contributions. Contact Evie Mitchell at 941.554.8529 or evmit@comcast.net to order a Bimah Basket.

SPARCC

Collecting and delivering items to SPARCC is on hold for now. Please hold onto the items you have collected - travel-sized hair care items, lotions, deodorants, combs & brushes, small soaps, toothbrushes & toothpaste, and lip balm. We'll let you know when it is safe

to bring them in. We hope to deliver them to SPARCC, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center as soon as life gets back to normal, whenever that happens.

STARFISH PROJECT

Sadly, the Coronavirus has brought to a halt this outstanding program of reading to kids and bringing books to them. The Recognition Breakfast for the many volunteers had to be cancelled. (Over 30 had rsvp'd.) As Wendy has said "we made a difference for the time we were able to be involved." Wendy is hopeful that they will be able to start again next August. In case you missed it, our Starfish program, under the leadership of Wendy Katz was selected as Fruitville Elementary School's Business and Community Partnership of the year! Congrats, Wendy!

Please consider volunteering next fall. Contact Wendy Katz, by email: wjkatz@gmail.com or by phone: 941.350.5654.

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YOUTH & PREP

SRQUSY Attends Yom Disney

by Kelly Nester



Photo Above (L-R):
Graycen Schwartz, Jordyn Saltzberg, Clementine Schwartz, Jackie Wasserman, and Michela Hazan

On February 16, five Sarasota United Synagogue Youth (SRQUSY) members represented Temple Beth Sholom at the annual Yom Disney event in the Magic Kingdom. Freshmen board representative Jackie Wasserman even created Mogen David Disney ears to celebrate their experience! SRQUSY president Michela Hazan and Jackie joined Temple Kol Ami in Tampa in a Havdalah lock-in the previous night. In addition to getting to know other USY members, they helped to create recycling bins that they then decorated with the appropriate SRQUSY knight adornments. The next day they joined 42 other members of the Mercaz USY sub-region and other members of SRQUSY, including Gracyen Schwartz, Clementine Schwartz, and Jordyn Saltzberg, in taking a bus to Orlando.

Temple Beth Sholom and SRQUSY hold several fun yet educational events throughout the year generally including our annual Chocolate Seder, which was unfortunately cancelled this year due to the current health crisis. SRQUSY welcomes all teens and inspires a deep sense of pride and love for their Jewish identity. For more information please contact Kelly Nester in the Temple Beth Sholom office by emailing knester@templebethsholomfl.org.

TBS Youth Groups' TreeUmph Adventure



Photo Above:
TBS youth group members had a terrific time at TreeUmph Adventure Park!

Photo Below:
TBS youth group advisor, Evie Shen-Tal Ostrowski, tested her balance during one of the ropes courses.



Photo Above:
Rabbi Werbow and his daughter, Maya, tackled the course together

SISTERHOOD



Just about one year ago I was surprised but also honored to be asked to assume the presidency of the Sisterhood at TBS. With a little bit of trepidation, I agreed to take the job. I was concerned that I didn't know enough people and that I didn't really understand the way the synagogue functioned. Bethamy Weinberger, Susan Weintraub and Joan Braude, the three outgoing Presidents, assured me that they would be on call to help me navigate all of the obstacles throughout my term. Now it is hard to believe that an entire year has passed.

If I had to describe the Sisterhood, I would say that it is a "well-oiled machine." My board of directors continuously steps up to the plate to take on whatever event or project we planned. Bethamy Weinberger and Susan Weintraub did an exceptional job with our programming this year. We kicked off with Sippin' in the Sukkah, shared our special heirlooms at the Memories Roadshow, and learned about the special women involved in the Chanukah story during our Membership brunch. Molly Ballow, our Membership Vice President, planned this event. Her diligence and hard work saw our membership increase by 30% this year. Our weekly yoga class continued to do well, and our members had the opportunity to display their synagogue skills during our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Sandi Kligman was honored as our Woman of Achievement during the service. Thanks to Joan Braude and her committee for an amazing Torah Fund Day of Learning and Luncheon. Noted author, Sharon Strassfeld, began our morning with her Torah teaching about family relationships in the Torah. During the luncheon we honored Julie Friedman, our Light of Torah recipient. Sadly, our signature event, Honey's Sophisticated Ladies Fashion Show was canceled. Hannah Puckhaber and her committee were planning a unique afternoon for everyone. We hope that all of their creativity will be passed on to next year's event.

Sisterhood takes great pride in our social action programs. Sue Prohofskey coordinates the delivery of casseroles each month to the Salvation Army. These are prepared by members and brought to TBS. Sue makes sure that they are delivered. Evie Mitchell and Ros Morin are in charge of our Bimah Basket program. We were able to send All Faiths Food Bank and Jewish Family and Children's Service over \$1,100 to each organization. Lois Portnoff and her Birthdaygram helpers made sure that our members received their birthday greeting each month. We continued to collect toiletries and Lea Zatz and her committee sorted and delivered them to SPARCC during the year.

Sisterhood makes money so that we can spend money. During this year we contributed \$15,000 to TBS for the Chapel refurbishment, helped support the Community Day School Hebrew program, and gave Religious School and Jewish Camp scholarships to members' children. In my opinion this was all money well spent.

We are currently planning for next year and have many exciting things planned for the future. Thanks to my entire Board and all those who helped make my first year as President a successful one. All of my trepidations have been eased and I am looking forward to the second year of my term.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

A New Challenge for Couples

by Beth Cooper, PhD

“I’m bored,” my friend Barbara told me a few days ago. “And not only am I bored because my usual activities have been cancelled, but it is boring just hanging around with Henry all the time. When we each had our daily activities, we had stories to share in the evening. Now we have little to talk about.”

How sad, I thought to myself. I often hear this complaint when couples contact me seeking marital counseling. As you traverse through life, through career challenges, job changes or moves, and raising your children, your lives necessarily diverge. Family interactions with children and extended family are often the glue that keeps the energy going between you. So, for those of you who have reached the empty nest life stage, or a crisis like we are experiencing now, when you are captive with one another, you wonder what you will talk about, what you have in common anymore, and what is the glue that will hold you together now.

One of the first questions I ask couples when they come to see me is “How did you two meet?” Then I ask them what was special about each other. Of the many people you dated, what made this person special?

Why did you want to continue to spend time with her or him? Almost always they will say “because he was handsome” or “because she made me feel comfortable and we could talk forever.”

So what happens when it becomes difficult to talk? Does the person who made you feel so comfortable only frustrate you or did he become a stranger? To put it simply, life happens, life gets in the way. With your busy lives you had more limited time to talk, and much of the discussion had to occur in passing when you’re dividing the tasks of who will pick up Steve from soccer practice and who will stop at the grocery store or when you will visit your mom or dad.

Also, the more you two experience life together, the more you become aware of your differences. The fact that he doesn’t follow through on a task starts to really bother you. The fact that she puts off paying the electric bill until the company threatens to shut off the power irritates you. These frustrations and irritations are often not addressed in a constructive manner and thus lead to resentment, fights, and distance between you.

I like to encourage couples to

look again at those strengths they each brought to the relationship. I tell them that the chemistry they had in the beginning is still there, it’s just become submerged with all of the stresses of life and the diversions they have experienced.

Therefore, it occurs to me that in this time of crisis, when you are forced to be enclosed with one another and to be around each other more, this creates the perfect opportunity to get to know each other again. Although you may have been through numerous challenges and sometimes wondered why you stuck it out, I believe you still have those early relationship components that can be a binding force again. You are different now, you are clearly at a very different life stage, but those strengths that you brought to the relationship in the beginning are still powerful. The traits you fell in love with can intensify your attraction and make you like – and love – this person all over again.

Often I encourage couples to discuss what they think or feel about an issue, rather than just report the issue. Since you have less material from your daily activities to talk about, bring ideas into the

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relationship. When you hear a report or a story on the radio or TV, share your feelings about it, not just the story. This helps your spouse get a better sense of who you are today, what you think, what might upset you or delight you. New info with the same person creates a whole new experience.

You might even want to become creative by finding new activities to do together. This might be a good time to start your own book club: read a book or an article together and discuss it. Or you might want to learn more about the birds in your yard and begin to research that together.

Social distancing is not a good idea for a couple of course, but given that it separates you

from other family members and good friends, you can learn more about video conferencing options. This may be a new concept to one or both of you and an interesting challenge to learn together. You can even play games with your grandchildren or read stories to them through video conferencing technology.

It may even be a fun and a great re-organizing task as well to go through your old photos. It will evoke many memories and will likely be worth a few laughs. Examining old pictures can take you back to times when you felt connected. Discuss what worked between you then in order to create those moments again.

Throughout history we as Jews have learned to adapt and master challenging situations. The present crisis can provide an opportunity to enrich your relationship and hopefully make your home a more peaceful and loving haven.

Wishing you good luck and good health.

NOTE: This article was written in March. Perhaps by the time this is published there will not be the need for social distancing and some degree of normalcy will return. However, many of these ideas can still help you change or improve your relationship.

MAZEL TOV!



Congratulations!

Mazel Tov to the Brodsky Family! Randi and Randall Brodsky's middle daughter, Lauren, successfully defended her PhD dissertation (school psychology)! It was done by Zoom conference, and because of that, their immediate family was able to Zoom in and watch her presentation.

Mazel Tov to Lois Portnoff! Lois was able, through Zoom, to attend the Brit Milah of her great-grandson. He is named for Lois' late husband - Alan Wiley Schey. Mother and baby are doing well.



TBS Program and Education Committee Launches Staying Connected Series



by Al Treidel

As a means of reaching out to the TBS Kehillah and engaging individuals in learning initiatives, the TBS Program and Education Committee has launched a series of learning and discussion opportunities via Zoom called “Staying Connected.” These 45-minute mini-programs will commence on a number of Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. Each TBS member will receive a link to the Staying Connected programs. We have created a variety of topics to meet the interests of all of our members. We hope to see everyone at one or more of these presentations. See below for program descriptions:

Thursday, April 30: Cantor Neil Newman:

“Songs from the Bible”

How many songs can you name that originated from the Bible? How many of these songs are you able to sing? Join this lecture with Cantor Newman to learn about the various songs originated from the Bible. Learn about their contexts and melodies associated with various songs. This promises to be a fun-filled evening that will engage you in both song and learning.

Thursday, May 7: Sharon Strassfeld:

“The Things in our House that We Want to Leave to our Kids”

This presentation/discussion will revolve around those items in our possession that we value and want our children to have after we are gone. How do we value items and how do we assess their importance?

Thursday, May 21: Harold Halpern:

“What’s Next for Israel”

The State of Israel has gone through 3 successive elections and it looks like a “unity government” will emerge brought together by the Coronavirus. This new government will have a new face and may be different from previous Netanyahu-led coalitions. Harold will share the latest information and will speculate on what Israeli policies and politics will look like in the near future.

Thursday, May 28: Al Treidel:
“U.S. Presidents and the Jews”

Inasmuch as this is a presidential election year, many Jewish students of politics often look at candidates to see what their Jewish connections are and how candidates deal with issues that are important to Jews. This has gone on since the founding of the republic. Come and learn about various U.S. Presidents and how they dealt with issues of importance to Jews as well as which Jews enjoyed special relationships with the presidents.

Thursday, June 4: Rabbi Anat Moskowitz:
“Reaching Out to a Community when the Doors are Closed”

We live in a world that is restricted and separated through state-mandated “stay at home” protocols, quarantines, and other barriers that prevent us from coming together socially, spiritually, and even through commerce. The fear surrounding this pandemic has created isolation for so many of us. We will explore the question: in this world of separation, how can we as a community, reach out and support one another?

Thursday, June 18: Rabbi Edgar Weinsberg:
“The Rambam: Rebalancing your Life in an Age of Crisis”

Moses ben Maimon, commonly known as Maimonides and also referred to by the acronym Rambam, was a medieval Sephardic Jewish philosopher who became one of the most prolific and influential Torah scholars of the Middle Ages. Hear about his views regarding how to balance extremes in life in an age of crisis.

Thursday, June 25: Rabbi Miriam Weisel:
“Caring for the Caregiver”

Many of us will have to provide care for an elderly parent, spouse, or loved one. The status of being a caregiver can be isolating, and it may be difficult to function in a vacuum. We will answer the questions: how can we support someone who is providing the care and how as a caregiver, do you take care of yourself?

Keep an eye on the TBS website and weekly e-blasts for more information on how to connect via Zoom or email mwerbow@templebethsholomfl.org

LIBRARY NEWS

THANK YOU TO OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS!

We are so grateful to our wonderful library volunteers who help patrons select and checkout books and DVDs on Shabbat and work behind the scenes in the Main Library. We couldn't keep the library running without you! Thank you to Deborah Bortnick, Cheryl Brilliant, Ben Eisenberg, Joel and Sally Feder, Jane Greenfield, Anita Klainbaum, Barbara Steinbach, June Stern, and Bethamy Weinberger. We will all be back in the library soon!

NEW BOOKS IN THE ALCOVE (listed below)



Debby Marshall
Idelson Library Coordinator

The Convert by Stefan Hertmans, 2019 – In this dazzling work of historical fiction, the author reconstructs the tragic story of a medieval woman who leaves her home & family for the love of a Jewish boy.

Mixed Messages: Reflections on an Italian Jewish Family and Exile by Eleanor Foa, 2019

– The Jewish community of Italy, over two thousand years old, is about forty thousand strong today but never exceeded fifty thousand at its height. Italian Jews are neither Ashkenazi nor Sephardi, the author's father would proudly declare, claiming that Italian Jews were "in a class by ourselves." Having left Italy for America as a baby in the shadow of the Holocaust, Foa grew up with a deep sense of pride in her heritage, coupled with the recognition that she knew little of what membership in the Italian Jewish community meant. This book is Foa's search to uncover herself, her family, and what it means to belong to this unique community.

The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed Race Jewish Girl by Marra B. Gad, 2019

– Marra Gad was born to an unwed, white Jewish mother and an unnamed, black father. At three days old, she was adopted by a Jewish family in Chicago. In this memoir, Gad reflects on her childhood and early adulthood. She revisits critical moments and relationships, which both helped and hindered her as she tried to grapple with her identity as a mixed-race Jewish girl. The book, an easy narrative on a complicated experience, is a deeply personal story through which the author has shared a perspective that is seldom told.

Funny Man: Mel Brooks by Patrick McGilligan, 2019

– A deeply textured and compelling portrait of comedy

giant Mel Brooks, covering his rags-to-riches life and triumphant career in television, film and theater.

The City Game: Triumph, Scandal and a Legendary Basketball Team by Matthew Goodman, 2019

– This is the powerful story of the unlikely of champions, the 1949-1950 City College Beavers, whose members were either Jewish or African American, a college basketball team that carried an era's brightest hopes – racial harmony, social mobility, and the triumph of the underdog – but whose success was soon followed by a shocking downfall.

The Seventh Heaven: Travels Through Jewish Latin America by Ilan Stavans, 2019

– Stavans spent five years traveling across a dozen countries in Latin America, in search of what defines the Jewish communities in the region, whose roots date back to Christopher Columbus's arrival. Stavans talks to families of the desaparecidos in Buenos Aires, to "Indian Jews," and to people affiliated with neo-Nazi groups in Patagonia. He also visits Spain to understand the long-term effects of the Inquisition, the American Southwest habitat of "secret Jews" and Israel, where immigrants from Latin America have reshaped the Jewish state. Along the way, he looks for the proverbial "seventh heaven," and Jewish life in particular, becomes clearer.

Genius & Anxiety: How Jews Changed the World, 1847-1947 by Norman Lebrecht, 2019

– This book is a celebration of Jewish genius and contribution - a unique chronicle of the years 1847-1947, the century when the Jewish people changed the world and it changed them.

FASHION SHOW

Due to concerns about catching and spreading the novel coronavirus

You are cordially invited to

NOT ATTEND

Honey's Sophisticated Ladies Fashion Show & Luncheon

Do not Catch the Buzz... or the coronavirus

We offer the following donation opportunities for our Sisterhood programs:



No Catering	\$ 540
No Invitations	\$ 360
No Wine	\$ 300
No Valet	\$ 240
No Centerpieces	\$ 180
Bottled Water	\$ 100
Hand Sanitizer	\$ 50
And finally, Toilet Paper	\$1,500

Not contracting or spreading the novel coronavirus – PRICELESS!

There are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there is MasterCard, American Express, Visa, Discover, cash, or check.

Some payments have already been processed and others are being held. Please check one of these options to advise how to handle your payment.

___ I paid for my Sponsorship or Lunch. Please keep it as a donation.

___ OOPS! I didn't get around to reserving my lunch. Please accept this donation of \$ ____.

___ I would like a refund in the amount of \$ ____.

___ Please destroy my check.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

I would like to pay with a credit card.

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____ CVV _____ Zip Code _____



For your convenience, you can contact Hannah Puckhaber at 941.377.8668 or [hjpucc@comcast.net](mailto:hjpuck@comcast.net) to let us know how to handle your payment.

Day of Study and Celebration

Sometimes everything comes together and meshes perfectly. This is usually the result of comprehensive planning, attention to detail, and motivation to succeed. TBS Sisterhood's Torah Fund Committee achieved such a remarkable result on February 26, our annual Torah Fund Day of Study and Celebration. All in attendance were engaged, smiling, and feeling the love.

Sharon Strassfeld set the tone with a compelling interpretation of biblical family relationships and how they might positively influence our behavior today. We progressed to sharing a delectable lunch prepared and served by Susan McCann and her staff at TBS Catering. Special touches by Evie Mitchell and Yvonne Weinsberg gave the room a special glow. Insightful quotations about "*Hesed*," the current Torah Fund campaign watchword, adorned each table. Eight of our past Lights of Torah were pleased to receive floral bouquets arranged for by Esta Snider.

Most importantly, our 2020 Light of Torah, Julie Friedman was surrounded by family, colleagues at Belle Canto, and a room full of admiring friends. Felicia Servetz shared a moving tribute demonstrating Julie's longtime dedication to family, service to synagogues in Pennsylvania and Sarasota, and sharing her talents and dynamism with the Jewish community wherever she lived.

The absolute high point of the day was the coming together of Julie's sisters in song... Belle Canto. This nonprofit organization aims to celebrate women's voices and serve their communities through the healing power of music. We felt that power as they joined us to honor "one of their own." We were delighted to receive artistic director Nicole Smith and pianist Jonathan Spivey, along with seventeen "Belles." Their rendition of "Sim Shalom" by William Lopes and "What a Wonderful World" arranged by Mark Brymer, had us misty eyed and humming along.

The proceedings were made possible in part by the time and energy invested in complex administrative tasks... a big thank you to Sheila Maslow, Maddy Freshwater, Dana Corn, Judy Zivic, Deborah Bortnick, Ann Ginsberg, Valda Kaye, Carol Krasnow, Karen Lahn, Belle Probst, Hannah Puckhaber, and Adrea Sukin. I'd like to think it all worked because the heart of each person's effort revolved around "*Hesed*"... working for the benefit and appreciation of another.

TBS Sisterhood Torah Fund Committee



Photo Left (L-R):
Joan Braude presenting Julie
Friedman with her Light of
Torah plaque



COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

CDS Presents Torah Academy Pilot Program

by Sharon Kunkel



Photo Above:

Torah Academy instructor Leah Steinmetz with Community Day student Jonah Kindred

In the 2019-2020 school year, Hershorin Schiff Community Day School debuted a pilot program of a new offering, Torah Academy. This program – from a concept created by head of school Dan Ceaser and Chabad of Sarasota’s Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz – offered classes with Leah Steinmetz to explore the weekly Torah portion through stories, discussion and crafts.

This school year, there were six students enrolled in the program, which began in earnest in January. The class included students in kindergarten and first grade.

In future years, the plan is for the program to expand to offer a special track within the school that includes core curriculum classes in the morning and intensive Torah study, prayers, Hebrew

language studies, and Jewish history in the afternoon. According to Rabbi Steinmetz, the mission of the Torah Academy is to help students of all backgrounds who are seeking an in-depth Judaic studies program to understand that being Jewish is the essence of who they are and that the Torah can serve as a blueprint for their lives as they work to foster a relationship with G-d that will always be present in their lives.

The curriculum for the expanded program, which Community Day hopes to work toward in upcoming years, was built by Sara Steinmetz of Chabad of Sarasota. In addition to Torah study and daily prayer, lessons might address Jewish holidays, challah baking, Hebrew reading and writing, and the study of history for periods encompassing earliest Jewish record through the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust and Jews in America today. The program is another step in the school’s efforts to build a thriving, inclusive Jewish community.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Torah Academy for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, contact Amy Meese at ameese@communityday.org.

“The Torah Academy is one more way that we are working to meet Jewish families of all levels of observance where they are: from culturally Jewish to highly observant. This pilot program will position us for a more robust offering once we have moved to our new home on The Larry & Mary Greenspon Family Campus for Jewish Life for the 2021/2022 school year.”

- Dan Ceaser
Head of School

“The current iteration of the Torah Academy perfectly suits the needs of these families who took the opportunity to select more Jewish learning for their children. I am hopeful that this class will continue next year and that we can add a second class for third and fourth graders who are interested.”

- Melissa Werbow
Director of Jewish Learning

WHAT'S COOKING



Photo Left:

TBS member Elliott Corn beaming proudly after using some of his spare time to bake challah from scratch!

Photo Right:

Don and Julie Friedman smile while picking-up Seder kits for delivery to people who were unable to come to TBS themselves



Photo Left:

Rabbi Werbow helping ensure the TBS kitchen is kashered for Passover

Photo Right:

TBS's resident canine, Finn, showing off our meal pick-up sign



WHAT'S COOKING

Great-Great-Aunt Ethel's Kugel Recipe

Submitted by Lex Calaguas

Ingredients

1/2 lb medium egg noodles
4 egg whites
4 egg yolks
1/2 lb ricotta cheese
1/2 pt sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup milk
1/2 tsp salt
speck of pepper
1/4 lb margarine



Topping (optional)

Frosted flakes or corn flakes
cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Boil noodles for 5-9 minutes. Then drain and rinse with cold water
3. Separate eggs
4. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form and set aside
5. Beat egg yolks in a separate bowl
6. Add the ricotta, sour cream, sugar, milk, salt, and pepper to the beaten egg yolks
7. Melt the margarine
8. Use a brush or paper towel to coat the 3 qt baking dish with margarine then add the rest of the margarine into the mixture
9. Add the noodles to the mixture
10. Fold in the beaten egg whites
11. Pour into a 3 qt baking dish
12. Crush frosted flakes with cinnamon to taste and sprinkle over top if desired
13. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour

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When we resume, the same three styles of breakfast will be offered. Sponsorship of the traditional Deluxe Breakfast – consisting of bagels, cream cheese, a tray of sliced vegetables, herring, coffee, tea, schnapps, and assorted pastries – will be available at the modest cost of \$54. Also available will be the Premium Breakfast, which provides all the delicacies included in the Deluxe Breakfast plus lox, at the economical price of \$98. The more elaborate Scrumptious Breakfast, which adds whitefish, an assortment of cheeses and fruits, and other items at special request, will again be available for only \$150. Catering is provided by Barry Abeshaus, Ben Berman, Len Berman, and Len Stein.

*To arrange the sponsorship of a Wednesday breakfast,
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May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1 (7 Iyar) 22nd Day Omer Morning Minyan Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:00a 6:30p 7:46p</p>	<p>2 (8 Iyar) Achnai Mot-Kedoshim 23rd Day Omer Shabbat Services Havdalah 10:00a 8:41p</p>
<p>3 (9 Iyar) 24th Day Omer Morning Minyan PREP on Zoom 8:00a TBA</p>	<p>4 (10 Iyar) 25th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>	<p>5 (11 Iyar) 26th Day Omer Morning Minyan A Cup of Joe and the Five Books of Mo 8:00a 9:30a</p>	<p>6 (12 Iyar) 27th Day Omer Morning Minyan "Why Didn't I Learn this In Religious School?" 8:00a 9:30a</p>	<p>7 (13 Iyar) 28th Day Omer Morning Minyan Staying Connected w/ Sharon Strassfeld: The Things in Our House That We Want to Leave to Our Kids 8:00a 7:30p</p>	<p>8 (14 Iyar) Pesach Sheri 29th Day Omer Morning Minyan Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:00a 6:30p 7:50p</p>	<p>9 (15 Iyar) Emor 30th Day Omer Shabbat Services Havdalah 10:00a 8:45p</p>
<p>10 (16 Iyar) 31st Day Omer Mother's Day Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>	<p>11 (17 Iyar) 32nd Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>	<p>12 (18 Iyar) Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer Morning Minyan A Cup of Joe and the Five Books of Mo 8:00a 9:00a</p>	<p>13 (19 Iyar) 34th Day Omer Morning Minyan "Why Didn't I Learn this In Religious School?" 8:00a 9:30a</p>	<p>14 (20 Iyar) 35th Day Omer Morning Minyan Board of Directors Meeting 8:00a 7:00p</p>	<p>15 (21 Iyar) 36th Day Omer Morning Minyan Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:00a 6:30p 7:54p</p>	<p>16 (22 Iyar) Bahar-Bechukotai 37th Day Omer Shabbat Services Havdalah 10:00a 8:49p</p>
<p>17 (23 Iyar) 38th Day Omer Morning Minyan PREP on Zoom Congregational Meeting 8:00a TBA 11:00a</p>	<p>18 (24 Iyar) 39th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>	<p>19 (25 Iyar) 40th Day Omer Morning Minyan A Cup of Joe and the Five Books of Mo Webow Family Farewell 8:00a 9:00a 2:00p</p>	<p>20 (26 Iyar) 41st Day Omer Morning Minyan "Why Didn't I Learn this In Religious School?" 8:00a 9:30a</p>	<p>21 (27 Iyar) 42nd Day Omer Morning Minyan Staying Connected w/ Harold Halpern: What's Next For Israel 8:00a 7:30p</p>	<p>22 (28 Iyar) Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer Morning Minyan Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:00a 6:30p 7:58p</p>	<p>23 (29 Iyar) Bamidbar Shabbat Mevarchim 44th Day Omer Shabbat Services Havdalah 10:00a 8:52p</p>
<p>24 (1 Sivan) Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>	<p>25 (2 Sivan) 46th Day Omer Memorial Day Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>	<p>26 (3 Sivan) 47th Day Omer Morning Minyan A Cup of Joe and the Five Books of Mo 8:00a 9:00a</p>	<p>27 (4 Sivan) 48th Day Omer Morning Minyan "Why Didn't I Learn this In Religious School?" 8:00a 9:30a</p>	<p>28 (5 Sivan) Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer Morning Minyan Shavuot All Night Study Candle Lighting 8:00a 9:00p 8:01p</p>	<p>29 (6 Sivan) Shavuot - 1st Day TBS Offices Closed Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 10:00a 6:30p 8:02p</p>	<p>30 (7 Sivan) Shavuot - 2nd Day Yizkor Shabbat Services Havdalah 10:00a 8:56p</p>
<p>31 (8 Sivan) Morning Minyan 8:00a</p>						



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