

Chai Lites

Member of U.R.J.

THE EARLY YEARS PHOTOS “Back On Line”



In response to a call for pictures on our website, we have uncovered many photos that go back to the very beginning of our temple in 1982. We have started to re-post many of them and will continue to add others. Please visit our new picture albums.

To view them go to: <http://www.bethshalompolk.org/Photos2019/2019PhotoIndex.html>

Dues are due!

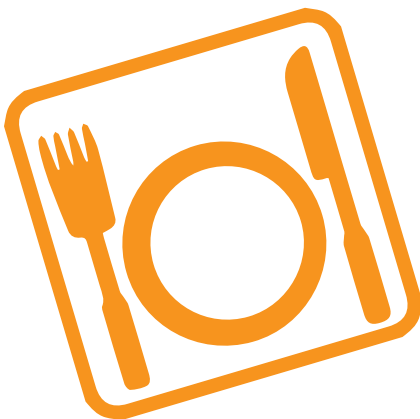


Calendar

June

June 2	9:30 a.m.....	Brotherhood Breakfast at the Hamptons
June 4	11:00 a.m.....	Book Club
	12:00 p.m.....	Mah Jongg
June 7	7:30 p.m.....	Shabbat/Shavuot Services
June 8	NO TORAH STUDY
	6:00 p.m.....	Brotherhood Dinner
June 9	9:00 a.m.....	TBS Board Meeting
June 11	12:00 p.m.....	Mah Jongg
June 18	12:00 p.m.....	Mah Jongg
June 21	7:30 p.m.....	Shabbat Service
June 22	9:30 a.m.....	Torah Study
June 25	10:30 a.m.....	Needlework
	12:00 p.m.....	Mah Jongg

Dinner With the Rabbi



Phil and Sandi Grinker will be hosting Rabbi Herzfeld for dinner on June 7th at Olive Garden in Winter Haven at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come. Please RSVP by June 5th to sandigrinker@gmail.com or call 863-207-7440.

Meryl and Jimmy Crews will be hosting Rabbi Herzfeld for dinner on June 21st at Royal Asian Fusion in Winter Haven at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come. Please RSVP by June 19th to sandigrinker@gmail.com or call 863-207-7440.



Notes From The Pres.

Lorraine Mixter

Summer is here and our Summer Lay Services begin July 12th. We have some events planned as usual and we will stay in touch through emails and Chai Lites on the specific events.

I will be returning to Canada mid-June. I am still available via phone: 863-409-8509 and email: lorrainemixter@aol.com if needed for any purpose. I will return at the beginning of September, in plenty of time to plan for the High Holy Days. Our new Board members and Committee members are also ready to assist you with your needs as is spiritual leader, Rabbi Herzfeld.

I hope you will enjoy Lay Services during the summer. Speakers and films have been planned – don't forget services start at 7pm in July.

Please review the purpose of the Usher Program. The Board is looking forward to welcoming these new volunteers.

Have a happy, healthy summer. I look forward to saying farewell to all of you at Shabbat services on June 7th.



Growing UP Jewish

by Renee Cohen

Take two parents, (Gertrude and Lawrence) add two brothers, a sister, and a dog and the result is the Peckman family. Leslie, Bruce and Renee, along with Duke the dog, grew up in a Jewish household. It will be my pleasure to elaborate, in monthly Chai Lites, what it was like to grow up in a Jewish household, in Brooklyn, in the 1950's and 1960's. You might think it odd that I mention Duke in my yiddishkeit dwelling, but it will be apparent to you why I do so.

My mom was responsible for feeding the dog and, as such, administering snacks and dinner, to put

on his very own mat. My mom would lay down the mat and put his much appreciated food, bone or snack on it. At times, she would direct Duke not to partake. She did this by indicating "Don't eat that. It's not KOSHER!" And Duke, being the religious canine that he was, obediently observed.

There you have it! Even Duke would understand the intrinsic value of growing up Jewish in a kosher household. The only thing that Duke was missing was a doggie yarmulke. Well, until next time....



Baccalaureate Address at Auburndale H.S.

Margo Fleisher

For tonight's invocation I have a blessing and remarks to make on well-coming, so allow me to welcome everyone and this lovely Baccalaureate evening in the manner you have indulged me to make a tradition here at Auburndale High School, in the sounding of the shofar:

[sound shofar]

And a Hebrew blessing on our coming together tonight,
יְנִידָא מְשֻׁבַּה הָאֲבִיבָה הַכּוֹרֵב.

Blessed is she (or he) who comes in God's name.

I am glad to well-come to you tonight! I was delighted by your Senior Class Vice President Amarissa Ramos' invitation to once again deliver the invocation at this year's Auburndale High School Baccalaureate ceremony. We at Temple Beth Shalom Reform Jewish Congregation of Polk County want to make outreach into the larger community to build awareness of us, and AHS reached back. For thousands of years, Jews were the travelers in foreign lands, and because those in majority were willfully unaware of their way of life, they were unwelcome. For this reason, the commandments to welcome the foreigner, the stranger, became very important:

The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God Leviticus, 19

“For the Eternal your God is supreme, the great, the

mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favor and takes no bribe, but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger — you too must love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” Deuteronomy 10

This is indeed a time in our country and our world we observe with pain and sadness how many struggle with the fulfillment of this commandment, but we will not dwell upon that tonight. We will focus on how very good Auburndale High School is at this mitzvah! Jews are probably one per cent or less of the Polk County population, and AHS has made it a loving tradition now to have a Jewish organization to give its annual Baccalaureate invocation, and to show you that we are here. At every meeting with your school, we were consistently greeted with warmth and friendliness by Principal Bruno, the student government, students, and parents. We've appreciated the opportunity to meet representatives of Christian and Islamic organizations in the area. We enjoyed each opportunity to get to know your fine school and to have you know us.

Auburndale High School and Class of 2019, I hope as you go further out into the world that you are welcomed with love as you have welcomed us. May you continue to be a blessing.

May your strength go straight (or more power to you!).

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Donation Ideas

TBS is always looking for donations to commemorate special life events including donations to:

Building Fund

Landscaping Fund

General Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Yartzeit Board

Tree of Life Leaf

Thank You's

- Sandi Grinker would like to thank the following members for hosting Rabbi Herzfeld for dinner: Bobby and Diane Baum, Steven and Meryl Chayt, Allen and Renee Cohen, Jimmy and Meryl Crews, Arlene Greenberg, Phil and Sandi Grinker, Irwin and Brenda Kleinman, Janis Koike, Diana Kramer, Rob and Pat Lerner, Lorraine Mixter, Michael and Judy Richter, Varda Rotenberg and Sue Zwerling.
- To the members who have volunteered their time and resources to ensure the safety of our congregations through the Usher Program.
- To our Oneg hosts May 3, Rob and Pat Lerner and May 17, Joseph Rodriguez.

Donations

- From Herb and Diane LeShay in memory of Nate and Alex LeShay.
- From Arlene Greenberg in memory of her mother, Bessie Browde and her mother-in-law, Beatrice Greenberg.
- From Irving Korn in memory of his mother, Rae Korn.
- From Carolyn Neuberger in memory of her mother, Mae Kalus.
- From Shelley and Joe Epstein for the building fund.

Welcome New Member

Robert Lefkowitz
8832 Fighting Irish Lane
Orlando, FL 32836-6128

Mazel Tov

- To Jimmy and Meryl Crews, whose grandson Conner Norton will be attending Auburndale High School in the fall.

June Yartzeits

Audrey K. Neubergermother of Stuart Neuberger
Arlene Levine.....wife of Morton Levine
Claire Poller.....grandmother of Robert Poller
James Doddmeade.....father of Joni Doddmeade
Alexander Mayer.....grandfather of Max Mayer
Sylvia Mervis.....mother of Allan Mervis
Irving Tarnower.....grandfather of Jett Segal
Carolyn Goldblatt.....wife of Jeffrey Goldblatt
Sarah A. Lerner Hightower.....perpetual yahrzeit
Herbert Baum.....cousin of Bobby Baum

Lawrence Peckman.....father of Renee Cohen
Rose Granison.....perpetual yartzheit
John Cornell.....father of Diane LeShay
Molly Meyer.....mother of Lee Ann Martinez
Daniel Kalus.....father of Carolyn Neuberger
Forest H. Doddmeade.....mother of Joni Doddmeade
Maida Lamoureux Spadaro.....mother of Michelle Chain
Leonard S. Kogan, Ph.D.....uncle of Brenda Poller
Lillian Greenbaum.....mother of Korina Masters



It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of Jeanne Heyman on May 31, 2019. Services for Jeanne were held in Colorado where her family resides.

Jeanne and Jerry were very early members of our congregation. Jeanne served in many capacities including treasurer and chairman of our cemetery committee. She will be missed.

Our condolences to Jerry, Jeanne's children, and her many friends.

Memorial Service

*Celebration of life for Mae Kalus (mother of Carolyn Neuberger)
Saturday Aug. 3rd @ 11:00 am*

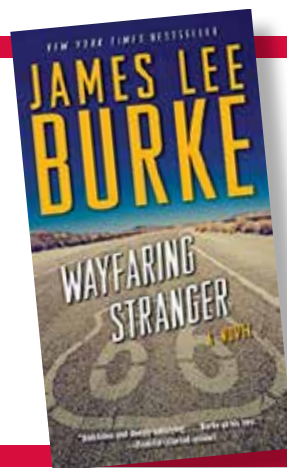
*There will be a light lunch served directly after the service.
Kindly RSVP no later than July 26, 2019*

*Carolyn Neuberger
863-325-9028 or via e-mail: carolyn67stu@gmail.com*

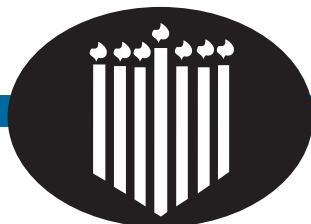
TBS Book Club

July 2nd

The Wayfaring Stranger by Jame Burke



Brotherhood News



Brotherhood Meetings

First Sunday of the Month

The Hamptons at 9:30 a.m.

Brotherhood Dinner

Saturday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.

MIZU Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Restaurant

809 Cypress Parkway

Kissimmee, FL 34759

(407) 530-5759

www.mizukissimmee.com

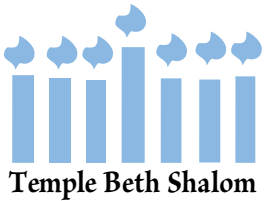
Upcoming Event

Lookout for information later this summer on a Brotherhood sponsored outing to see the Tigers Baseball Team.



**Temple Door Key Fobs
are available to members for
\$10.**

**Ask any Board Member for
information.**



Temple Usher Program

Purpose: Defines the duties of the Usher program

Persons Eligible: All members male and female of all ages

Goals:

1. Provide a friendly and welcoming first impression to the Temple.
2. Make easy the passageway through the magnetic front door.
3. Take advantage of the ushers to observe all visitors in regards to security concerns.
4. Facilitate registration for all visitors
5. Facilitate introduction for all visitors to congregation members

Duties:

1. Assist all members and visitors into and out of the building as needed.
 - a) Front door magnetic lock is active causing the front door to be locked unless a person has a key fob, or knows the entry code. For this reason, an usher is there to unlock the magnetic lock and assist visitors into the Temple prior to, during and after services as needed.
 - b) The magnetic door lock only locks the door to the left when facing out of the building. There is a push button to the left hand side of the door which will unlock the magnet for approximately 4 seconds. The door to the right has an emergency exit bar that when pushed opens the right hand door. All exiting individuals can use the right hand door at any time.
2. Greeting all members and visitors.
 - a) Services typically will be associated with the use of a prayer book or handouts needed during the service. The Usher or assistant usher should greet all persons and provide appropriate service materials.
 - b) Ushers should introduce themselves to all persons that they do not recognize. If the visitor is new to the congregation, the usher should make an attempt to quickly introduce that person or family to a Board Member or President if available. If convenient an introduction to the Rabbi should also be attempted.
 - c) Ushers should make an effort to have all visitors sign in on the visitor sheets available on the entry table. It would be preferable for the usher to legibly fill in the visitors name, address, contact phone and email for each family or individual person.

Expectations:

1. Joining the Usher Program implies accepting the responsibility to work a mutually agreed upon assigned service.
2. Once assigned a service date, it would be the responsibility of that usher person to find a replacement person to cover them if they are unable to attend that service. An alternative option would be to notify the program coordinator to find their replacement.
3. Typically would prefer a minimum of two Ushers to work each service.
4. Each team would divide duties to accomplish secure monitoring of who is allowed in through the front door, handing out service materials, registering all guests and as allowed introduction of all visitors to available Board Members or President.
5. Report all security concerns to Usher Program Director or Temple President.
6. In the event of an emergency from a security or medical concern, the Ushers should immediately assist and know how to assist as appropriate:
 - a) Ability to dial 911 for emergency assistance
 - b) Knowledge of first aid kit located in the kitchen area
 - c) Knowledge of location of Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED)
 - d) Facilitate EMS or Ambulance Personnel into the Temple
 - e) Knowledge of turning off the magnetic door lock - On/Off Switch above the push to Exit button.



Temple Beth Shalom

Yahrtzeit Plaque Order Form

\$150.00 contribution.

Arrangement for payment to be made with the Temple Treasurer, Dr. Robert Lerner, 293-9716

Requested by _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____



Actual size sample shown.

Line One English date of death _____

Line Two Memorial Name in English _____

Line Three optional, please check.

_____ Memorial Name in Hebrew.

_____ or Memorial Name in Hebrew transliteration.

_____ son / daughter of _____ and _____
Hebrew name Father's Hebrew name Mother's Hebrew name

(If you do not know the Hebrew names we will gladly look them up)

Line Four optional, please check.

_____ Date of death in Hebrew.

_____ Date of death in Hebrew transliteration.

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

(If you do not know the Hebrew date we will gladly look it up)