



Chai Lites

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Shirat Ha-Nefesh: Songs From the Jewish Soul



Joy Katzen-Guthrie

Friday, Feb 15th • Special Shabbat Service • 7:30 pm

Don't miss this musical service, arranged by Rabbi Herzfeld, featuring Joy Katzen-Guthrie who will inspire us with Shirat Ha-Nefesh: Songs From the Jewish Soul. Jewish music and history come to life through stories and songs of Jewish writers and Jewish tradition—the Diaspora and Israel, liturgical to popular. A celebration of Jewish song and Jewish life, faith, prayer, and experience.

Composer/lyricist, pianist/vocalist, recording/concert artist, writer/speaker/educator Joy Katzen-Guthrie is devoted to uplifting and empowering through the arts. A Memphis, Tennessee native who has made her home in the Tampa Bay area since 1981, she contributes to many programs of musical, cultural, historical, continuing education, and spiritual content in the Tampa Bay community and beyond. Please join us on February 15th at 7:30 p.m.



Calendar

February

February 1	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
February 2	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study
February 3	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Hebrew
February 5	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
February 9	7:00 p.m.	Murder Mystery Party
February 10	9:00 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Hebrew
February 12	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
February 15	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service / Guest Speaker Joy Katzen
February 16	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop
February 17	10:00 a.m.	Adult Hebrew
February 19	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
February 24	10:00 p.m.	Adult Hebrew
February 26	10:30 a.m.	Needlework
	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg

Dinner With The Rabbi



Bobby and Diane Baum will be hosting our next Dinner with the Rabbi on February 1st at Arabella's Restaurant in Winter Haven at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by January 30th to sandigrinker@gmail.com or 863-207-7440

Jimmy and Meryl Crews will be hosting Rabbi Herzfeld for dinner on February 15th at Il Forno Restaurant in Lakeland at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by February 13th to sandigrinker@gmail.com or call 863-207-7440.

Rites of Passage: Death and Burial, Part II

Last month's Chai Lites included an article about our Beth Shalom Jewish cemetery located in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Winter Haven.

Rolling Hills Cemetery

4810 Tilden Road

Winter Haven, Florida 33881

Hours of operation:

Weekdays, 7:30 to 4:30.

Extended hours or weekends, by appointment only. Closed holidays.

If a death occurs in the home, you must call 911.

If death occurs in a hospital, nursing home, hospice or other medical facility, that organization will assist you to contact the funeral home of choice.

Three organizations work together to provide assistance to families at this time of need: Temple Beth Shalom, the cemetery administration, and the funeral home. Below is a brief description of the services these organizations provide. Many of us can attest to their professionalism and attentiveness.

Temple Beth Shalom will provide assistance to both member and non-member families. Obviously we are in a better position to assist member families.

Cemetery administration.

The Jewish cemetery is located in Rollings Hills and plots may be purchased from Temple Beth Shalom at any time; once the plot is paid is full, a deed will be issued. Should the family choose another cemetery or another location in Rolling Hills, the purchase will be handled by that cemetery. Beth Shalom will assist regardless of the cemetery preferred. In all cases, there is a charge for preparing the gravesite at the time of burial.

Local funeral homes.

In addition to transporting the body to the funeral home and preparing the body for burial, local funeral homes provide a variety of services.

- Prepare body for burial (embalming or refrigeration).
- Work with cemetery and family to schedule funeral and burial.
- Provide a wide assortment of caskets, including caskets without metal parts.
- Obtain a burial shroud.
- Transport body to funeral location and/or cemetery.
- Prepare vault installation (including bottomless vaults if desired).
- Provide temporary gravesite marker.
- Provide death certificates.
- Assist with placing obituaries in newspaper.
- Provide a locale for visitation and reception of family and friends.
- Arrange for a military presence at the gravesite if appropriate and desired.

Funeral homes are sensitive to the needs of the family. Do not hesitate to ask.

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Temple Beth Shalom

Temple Beth Shalom will assist the member families at each stage of the process. For non-emergencies, you may leave a message the Temple phone: 863 292 0722. Otherwise, please call Steven or Meryl Chayt (863-294-6976 or 863-207-6873) or Janis Koike (863-324-3495 or 863-206-9887)

Temple Beth Shalom will provide the following assistance:

- Help with selection and purchase a plot.
- Contact the cemetery and the funeral home.
- Notify the congregation of the death and funeral plans (if desired and requested). We will never send out information without your approval.
- Provide yarmulkes, prayer books, talit.
- Arrange for a minyan (at burial or for Shivah).

Beth Shalom does not have a full-time rabbi. Our rabbi is available for funerals. However, funeral services are not included in membership and must be arranged with the rabbi. Our cemetery committee will assist you to contact the rabbi.

Beth Shalom members are prepared to conduct memorial services and to officiate at unveilings.

Are You Prepared... Saturday, February 16th • 11:00 a.m. for the inevitable?

Don't miss an important presentation that helps you and your loved ones be prepared before a death occurs.

Joel Topp, from Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home, a local Dignity Memorial Provider, will provide information on the following topics:

- ✓ **Answers to important questions about funeral and cemetery planning.**
- ✓ **Discuss the Personal Planning Guide and Veteran's Planning Guide, and how it can assist the family at the time of death.**
- ✓ **Provide an opportunity for attendees to receive the Personal Planning Guide and Veteran's Planning Guide if needed.**
- ✓ **Explain the exclusive benefits Dignity Memorial provides our families before and after a death occurs.**

Tu B'Shevav Tree Planting

On Saturday, January 19th, two Sabal Palm trees, donated by Meryl and Jimmy Crews, were planted at the temple. We hope that these trees will provide us with fronds to decorate our sukkah for many years to come. A heartfelt thank you to Meryl and Jimmy.



Thank You's

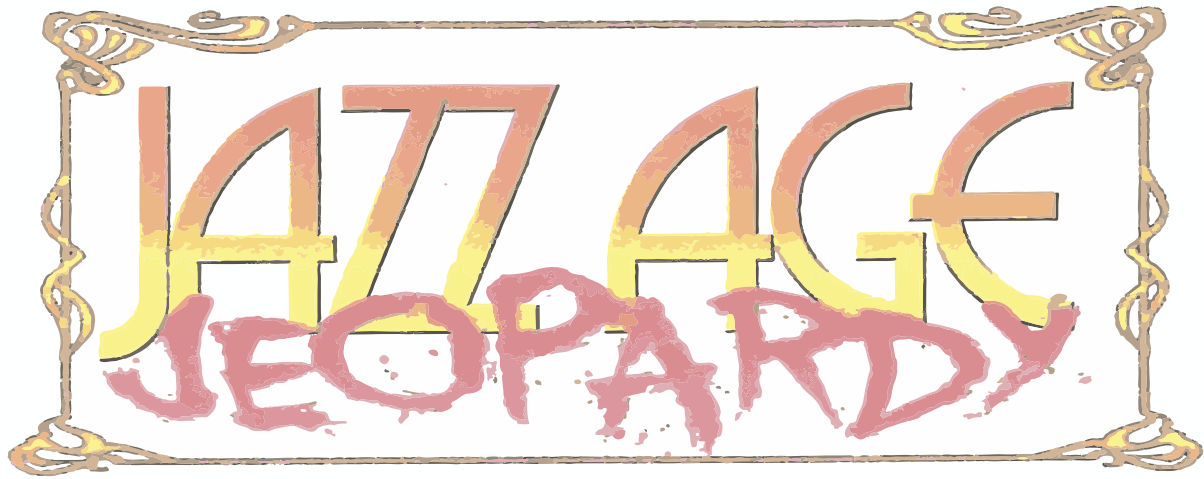
- Tu B'Shevav Seder Thank You's - Lorraine Mixer for setting up and decorating the temple, Phil and Sandi Grinker for shopping, Brenda Poller, Meryl Crews and Sandi Grinker for making the Seder plates, and to all who helped clean up afterwards.
- From Rabbi Herzfeld: Friends, I want to extend my heartfelt Todah Rabah (thanks) for all your get-well wishes through texts, emails and cards. They certainly boosted my spirits and were very much appreciated.
- To the TBS Board of Directors for submitting this Letter to The Editor of the Ledger:
It has been 30 days since the shootings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Our congregation (Polk County Reform Jewish Congregation) here in Winter Haven would like to thank those who sent flowers and hand written condolences in honor of those who died in Pittsburgh. We shared the grief of those families and wanted to acknowledge and thank the anonymous donors for their consideration.

February Yartzeits

<i>Harold Chain</i>	<i>father of Lloyd Chain</i>
<i>Justine Kahana</i>	<i>cousin of Adrienne Sundheim</i>
<i>Jonas Guttenberg</i>	<i>father of Sandy Adelman Gasson</i>
<i>Harold Devorsetz</i>	<i>father of Bert Devorsetz</i>
<i>Ella Adelman</i>	<i>grandmother of Jay Adelman;</i>
<i>Isidore Picker</i>	<i>uncle of Brenda Klenman</i>
<i>Henry Weintraub</i>	<i>father of Jo Ann Lesnett</i>
<i>Tobias Arnold Polley</i>	<i>father of Polly Weinmann</i>
<i>Zeal Fisher</i>	<i>former husband of Marilyn Fisher</i>
<i>Henry Pincus</i>	<i>father of Bernie Pincus</i>
<i>Morris Samuel Segal</i>	<i>grandfather of Jett Segal</i>
<i>Belle Picker</i>	<i>aunt of Brenda Kleinman</i>
<i>Brett Devorsetz</i>	<i>son of Bert Devorsetz</i>
<i>Ian Peckman</i>	<i>nephew of Renee Cohen</i>
<i>Melanie Friedmann</i>	<i>grandmother of Richard Friedmann</i>
<i>Tillie LeShay</i>	<i>aunt of Herb LeShay</i>
<i>Wayne Scofield</i>	<i>grandson of Diana Kramer</i>
<i>Geraldine Ravdin Pendergast</i>	<i>aunt of Brenda Kleinman</i>
<i>Deborah Ross</i>	<i>wife of Dick Ross</i>
<i>Robert Henry Weinmann II</i>	<i>father of Jan Weinmann</i>
<i>Sam Forman</i>	<i>father of Shelley Epstein</i>

Donations

- We have received over \$1300 in donations towards our \$1800.00 Torah Restoration Fund goal. Thank you to the following contributors: Margo Fleisher, Herb LeShay, Louis Jones, Steven & Meryl Chayt, Hareen & Steve Gershman, Lorraine Mixter, Meryl Crews, Debra Leonard, Robert Lerner, Robert Baum, Howard Kerner, Bubby L., Chuck & Jessica Brucks, Beverly Lerner, Sheila Walsh Leavey, Janis Koike, Brenda Poller, Alena Wolff, TBS Brotherhood, Phil & Sandi Grinker, Lois & Jack Cohen, Anne Lynn Botz, Barbara & Clint Brooks. We apologize if anyone has been left off of this list.
- Temple Beth Shalom's Brotherhood has made a Tree of Life donation in memory of Art Feder.
- Lorraine Mixter has made a yartzeit donation in memory of John Mixter.
- Barbara and Clint Brooks have made a donation in honor of Rabbi Herzfeld and a speedy recovery.
- Arlene Greenberg has made a donation in honor of Rabbi Herzfeld for a speedy recovery, and yartzeit donations in memory of her husband, Norman Greenberg, father-in-law Joseph Greenberg, and sister Charlotte Browde.



A Murder Mystery Party

February 9, 2019 • 7:00 pm

You, the guest, will be playing the roles of staff, entertainers and guests at The Cat's Meow Jazz Club a joint during the 1920's. Social revolution meets Prohibition. Club owner, the big cheese, Felix Fontano is having a hooch party. You are welcomed to join the revelry of sophisticates, artists, and hoods, sugar daddies, vamps, skirts, dolls. No ragamuffins or killjoys. Murder Mystery is improvisational acting, storytelling, and creative problem solving. You, the guest, will assume the role of a particular character and will play the part of the character throughout the course of the game. Each character has specific personality traits, goals, secrets, and information, all of which is included in your character sheet. At some point during the party, an EVENT will occur that will force the players to come together in order to solve or unravel the mystery problem. Get dolled up and hip to the jive for at the end, guests will vote best actor/actress, best 1920's dressed player, etc. Do not be a flat tire or killjoy: Contact Meryl Crews or Joseph Rodriguez [561-301-1268] with any questions or suggestions. We need help transforming our building into The Cat's Meow Jazz Club.



Temple Beth Shalom

Yahrtzeit Plaque Order Form

\$150.00 contribution.

Arrangement for payment to be made with the Temple Treasurer, Meryl Chayt, 294-6976

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)