# KOL B'NAI AVIV

# THE VOICE OF B'NAI AVIV

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# From the desk of... Rich Cohen, B'nai Aviv President

A few days ago I received a letter from our synagogue's office reminding me of my beloved Mom's Yahrzeit. It was a notice I get every year, but the reminder invoked instant memories of her love of family, friends and Judaism. She was a special person. Her ability to balance working full time with substantial involvement with our local synagogue was to be marveled at. Her focus on giving of her time and limited financial

resources to our synagogue set an example that we should all follow.

In the Yahrzeit reminder letter I received we are reminded of the sacred Jewish custom to commemorate a loved one by making an offering to the synagogue in their memory. At the bottom of the letter there is a form to make a donation or arrange for the purchase of a memorial plaque. This is an especially poignant way to remember their love, guidance and devotion.

My Mom was part of a culture of giving and I have tried to live up to her standards by doing the same. The opportunities to give to our Synagogue are many- from purchasing Tree of Life leaves, making donations in honor of someone or remembering those who have passed on. I ask you to remember these options as "life happens".

The giving is something that has an impact in ways that can not always be seen, but can always be felt. On any day, in every corner of our Kehillah, it is omnipresent. I ask you to join me in strengthening our own culture of giving and in your own special way...my Mom would be proud of you!

B'shalom,







# From the desk of... Dale Kotler, Membership VP

"Communities of faith are where we preserve the values and institutions that protect our humanity" ~Rabbi Jonathan Sacks~

Membership is excited to announce that we have two amazing events coming up in April for the whole Kehillah!

On **Saturday, April 6th at 8:30 pm** we will be hosting an 80's Dance Party. Come dressed in your best 80's garb with neon colors, leg warmers, scrunchies and shoulder pads! We will dance, schmooze and relive the decade of Cyndi Lauper, Madonna, and Davie Bowie!

On **Friday, April 12th** following services we will have another amazing Community Shabbat Dinner. The evening is open to all congregants. We will be thanking all members who have volunteered their time to the synagogue in the past year, with special recognition from Rabbi Watstein and Rich Cohen.

If you would like to get involved or have any suggestions for programming, please contact me at markdalekotler@yahoo.com.

B'Shalom, Dale

### Call Us! Email Us!

We rely on our synagogue members, their friends and families to let us know when someone is hospitalized, suffering any illness, etc. The clergy would also like to hear the good news, such as celebrating a birth, graduation, special anniversary or birthday, promotion, honor or any other simcha. In order to better keep everyone informed, please share this information with us by calling the office at 954-384 - 8265 or email: melissa@bnaiaviv.org

Thank you for your help!

# YOU CAN HAVE AN ALIYAH ON SHABBAT IN HONOR OF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY!

ALTHOUGH THERE IS USUALLY A BAR OR BAT MITZVAH EACH SHABBAT, THE FIRST ALIYAH IS ALWAYS RESERVED FOR THE CONGREGATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS ALIYAH, PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE TWO TO THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED DATE.

# February 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Shabbat Eve Services 6:30 pm	2 Shabbat Services 9:15 am Wolfson/Jacobson Auf Ruf Lynne's Birthday! Sisterhood Progressive Dinner 7:00 pm
Religious School 9:00 am  World Wide Wrap 9:00 am  Mitzvah Meals 9:30 am  AIPAC Attendees Meeting 10:30 am	4 Sisterhood Game Day 1:00 pm Hebrew High 6:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Religious School 4:30 pm Kadima 6:45 pm	6 Torah Talk 12:00 pm USY 7:00 pm	7 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 pm	8 Shabbat Eve Services 6:30 pm	9 Shabbat Services 9:15 am Bar Mitzvah of Cole Nossen
10 Religious School 9:00 am Chalutzim 11:30 am Devorim 11:30 am JWRP Fundraiser 12:00 pm	11 Sisterhood Game Day 1:00 pm Hebrew High 6:30 pm	12 Religious School 4:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Torah Talk 12:00 pm USY & Kadima 7:00 pm	14 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 pm	No ECEC (Teacher Conference Day) Shabbat Eve Services 6:30 pm	16 Shabbat Services 9:15 am Congregational Kiddush
17 No Religious School	18 ECEC & Office Closed Presidents Day  No Sisterhood Game Day  No Hebrew High	19 Religious School 4:30 pm Kadima Board Meeting 6:45 pm	20 Torah Talk 12:00 pm HAZAK 1:30 pm USY Board Mtg. 6:30 pm	21 Business Networking 8:15 am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 pm	22 ECEC Grandparents Shabbat 9:15 am Shabbat Eve Services 6:30 pm Birthday Shabbat	23 Shabbat Services 9:15 am Shabbos Squad 10:15 am Shabbat TOT 10:30 am
24 Religious School 9:00 am Progressive Learning Experience 9:00 am USY Cupboard Volunteer Day 10:00 am Chalutzim 11:30 am	25 Sisterhood Game Day 1:00 pm Hebrew High 6:30 pm	26 Religious School 4:30 pm Un-Book Club 9:00 am Kadima 6:45 pm Board of Directors 7:00 pm	<b>27</b> Torah Talk 12:00 pm USY 7:00 pm	28 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:00 pm Un-Book Club 7:00 pm		



# Brai Aviv Gata 2019

Please plan to join us on Saturday evening, March 2, 2019 at the annual B'nai Aviv Gala. Get your dancing shoes on for some great music and a lot of fun with your B'nai Aviv friends and family.

Greenseid caterers will be putting on quite a spread of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner and dessert, and you will need to definitely

loosen your belt by the end of the evening. A silent auction featuring great prizes will be an exciting part of the event. During the evening, we will be thanking Debbie and Benny Bejar, Ellen and Shelly Evans, Beth and Allen Katz, & Bonnie and John Salmon for their devoted service and contributions to B'nai Aviv's continuing growth. And, we will also be celebrating the 30th anniversary of our beloved synagogue!

Your invitation has arrived in your mail and we ask that you reply as soon as you can, keeping in mind that the deadline for responding is February 10th. Please consider placing an ad in our tribute journal, bnaiaviv.tributes@gmail.com, and/or donating a prize for our auction. All proceeds from this evening will go toward the operating funds for B'nai Aviv.

Thanks for participating, and we look forward to seeing you on March 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Lanee Friedel & Nancy Karsh, Gala Co-chairs

And the Members of the Gala Committee

### Torah Fund at B'nai Aviv

**Torah Fund** is a campaign sponsored by the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Our Sisterhood is part of the Women's League, as are many other sisterhoods of Conservative synagogues across North America.

The Torah Fund campaign supports scholarships for Rabbis, Cantors and Jewish Educators who attend programs at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, the School of Rabbinic studies in Los Angeles, and educational programs in Jerusalem, Buenos Aires, and Germany.



Since it began, Torah Fund has raised over 100 million dollars to provide scholarships to those who will serve as future leaders for the Conservative movement, including our very own Rabbi Watstein! B'nai Aviv's Sisterhood is proud to be participating in the Torah Fund Campaign.

Any amount donated to the Torah Fund campaign is greatly appreciated. But those who donate at the \$180 level are considered to be "Benefactors" and receive the beautiful 2018-2019 Torah Fund pin shown below. Each year the pin is different. Payments to become a Benefactor can be made in installments. We even have a collection box to help you save your change, if you would like to!

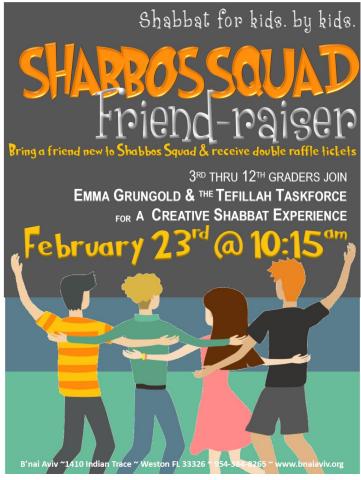
### We would like to acknowledge with gratitude our Torah Fund Benefactors 2019-2020:

Louise Allen, Frieda Caldes, Lisa Cohen, Lanee Friedel, Mona Hass, Myrna Hert, Corinna Black-Kushner, Mindy Libes, Susan Linch, Sandi Nirenberg and Lisa Rosenberg.

Thank you all for your continuing support of Torah Fund!

Lance Friedel & Mindy Libes, Torah Fund Co-Chairs











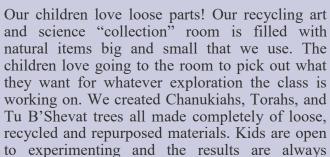
# From the desk of... Mindy Bernstein, ECEC Director

B'nai Aviv The Early Childhood Education Center emphasizes the process rather than the product. This means that there is more than one way to do a project and there is no "right" or "wrong" way to create something. Mostly, it means that the end result is not

the important part of anything we do. The "PERFECT" project is a thing of the past. We want children to create and experience everything in their own way.

One of our favorite paths to creation is through loose parts learning. Architect Simon Nicolson developed the Theory of Loose Parts in 1972. In his original paper on the subject he

wrote, "In any environment, both the degree of inventiveness and creativity, and the possibility of discovery, are directly proportional to the number and kind of variables in it."



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are proud of their work because it is their work. This is what early childhood education is all about.

awesome. The kids

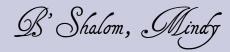


Guided by loving teachers and an amazing staff, our ECEC program is an amazing place for kids to learn and grow. Kids explore the world around them, make friends and learn about being a part of a Jewish community. In March we will open registration for the 2019/2020 school year.

Registration for the 2019 Summer Camp season has begun! New specialty camps are available this year - B'nai Girls and our Teen Travel Day Camp. Have you secured a place for your child yet

while the early bird fee is still available? If not, please contact me at 954-384-6605.







## From the desk of... Liz Singer, Director of Life Long Learning

Religious School students have been practicing their prayers and their Hebrew. Kindergarten through Third Grades are preparing for their class Shabbat on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have you join them for this very special event. They are working hard to prepare for leading the

congregation in prayer and it will certainly be a sight not to be

missed.



The Teen Class pictures of Jewish ritual items or other things that they see as representing Jewish identity. images have been submitted

to the international offices of the Conservative Movement to be included in the calendar that they publish every year.

BINGO! The Kehillah Club enjoyed a meaningful day of community service at the Daniel Cantor Senior Center on Monday, January 21st. The seniors enjoyed the visit so much all of our

youngsters were invited to return on another day. Kehillah Club also has several additional community service projects in the works –so keep an eye out for more details on how you and your children can get involved.

Adult Ed has had some very robust programming in recent months. The annual Progressive Day of



Learning will be taking place on Sunday, February 24th beginning at 9:00 am. This program includes 4 different educational classes simultaneously culminating in a very special Sunday Torah Talk with Rabbi Watstein. The subject matters are diverse and there is sure to be a topic of interest for everyone.

The Un-Book Club, which is offered twice a month, is gaining momentum and this month we will be talking about Jewish Superstitions on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

B'Shalom, Liz

The deadline for the March Bulletin is February 20, 2018 Please submit articles and flyers to melissa@bnaiaviv.org



# From the desk of ... Todd Morchelies, Youth Director

We are off to a rockin' start this year with all of our amazing youth events!

First, I'd like to thank everyone who supported our "Journey Tribute" concert to benefit the David Lindenbaum Youth Scholarship

Fund. A huge thank you to Bruce Greenberg for sponsoring this event. His constant support enables kids with financial needs to attend many worthwhile Jewish experiences. And also a big thank you to Debbie Regent and Jack Alboukrek for co-chairing the event. Without their commitment, it wouldn't have all come



together so successfully. Thank you so much to the committee. Our parents are so dedicated to making the B'nai Aviv Youth Department the most successful in the region.



Also in January, USYers attended the sub-regional convention and everyone had a great time. B'nai Aviv (BAUSY) had the highest number of participants attend from the sub-region. They all came back energized and excited for the rest of the year. We couldn't be more lucky!

In February, we have even more awesome youth events planned. On February 10th USY and Kadima are going to the Florida Panthers Game and we will be joined by several other chapters (BTBRC, TBTST and BRUSY). Our most popular weekend all year is coming up over President's Day

Weekend...Chapter Retreat and Islands of Adventure! This is going to be an amazing weekend filled with Shabbat experiences, learning and fun. And then on February 24th USY will be visiting "The Cupboard" to volunteer at the Kosher Food Bank. It will surely be a rewarding experience.

Chalutzim and Devorim are also scheduled for some exciting programming this year! On February 10th Wild Animal World comes to B'nai Aviv.

All of these and many more exciting events are taking place this year. Check out our youth calendar for more information. If you have questions regarding any of our youth programs, please email me at todd@bnaiaviv.org or visit our youth website at www.bausybees.com.



# B'Shalom, Todd Morchelies



# From the desk of... Corinna Black -Kushner, Sisterhood President

In January, Sisterhood celebrated by leading a Shabbat service. Many of our members stepped up and took on the impressive task of reading the Torah and Haftorah, English readings, and other prayers.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Linda Verblow and Lisa Cohen for organizing this special event, Carol Brown for all her freshly made and delicious baked goods and Suzanne Brenners for her absolutely amazing

role as sole caterer for over 100 people.

We have several upcoming events and I look forward to seeing you all there. Remember, if you have not yet participated in our events, it is never too late to get involved.

Here is what's coming up for the B'nai Aviv Sisterhood:

- Saturday, February 2nd is our annual Progressive dinner.
- Thursday, March 7th we have a decluttering event with a professional organizer.
- Thursday, April 4th we will be doing a Pre-Passover glass etching project.
- Monday, May 6th we will be having a Judaic Yoga and Stretching event.

Our next board meeting is Monday, February 4th at 6:30 pm.

B'Shalom Porinna Black-Kushner



# From the desk of... Mark Kleinman, Men's Club President

The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who participated in our Laffs & Libations Comedy Night. The atmosphere was wonderful, the drinks plentiful, and the comics were absolutely hysterical. A very special 'Thank You!" to Bruce Weinberg for organizing this amazing event. We can't wait for next year!

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome everyone for our annual World Wide Wrap and Breakfast on Sunday, February 3rd. We are planning to host our 3v3 Basketball Tournament in March and a Men's Health program in April.

Men's Club is always looking for new and exciting programs and events to bring to our B'nai Aviv family.

B 'Shalom, Mark Kleinman



# From the Desk of... Stanley & Joan Cohen, Co-Presidents of Hazak

### Upcoming HAZAK programs:

- ♦ February 20th A delicious deli luncheon followed by a speaker, Carl Muscarello, the "Kissing Sailor" from the famous Life Magazine cover following World War II.
- ♦ March 2nd HAZAK Shabbat
- ♦ March 27th Cantor Bill will join us in an interactive Purim Program.
- ♦ May 22nd we will have a fun-filled Game Day.
- ♦ June 19th everyone is invited to join us to plan the 2019-2020 program for Hazak.

We have many exciting programs coming up. Anyone available to attend a meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm is invited to join us. For more information about HAZAK and our programs please email Joan Cohen at cohensj@bellsouth.net.



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B'nai Aviv is dedicated to serving and nurturing the spiritual, educational, cultural and social needs of its members in an egalitarian environment framed by Conservative Judaism.

Our synagogue is committed to providing these services in an atmosphere of warmth and mutual caring within a congregational family who share a deep-felt desire to promote and ensure the continuity of Jewish life, to perform tzedakah, and to support the State of Israel and the United States of America.