



The Bulletin

Temple Beth-El, 579 N Nova Rd, Ormond Beach FL 32174

Temple Beth-El Phone: 386-677-2484
Temple Beth-El School Phone: 386-675-6630
Temple & School Fax: 386-673-7928



No. 4

Published monthly 11 times a year; free to congregation members

Tevet / Shevat 5784

January 2024



Trienah Meyers Gayle Belin
Co-Presidents

A Message from your Co-Presidents ...

Well, Hannukah is in the rear view, as is Thanksgiving, Christmas and the secular New Year. And hopefully all your holidays and family gatherings were healthy, tasty, happy and full of gratitude.

As this new year of 2024 begins, we are all praying for peace around the world and hoping the year brings everyone health, happiness, and safety.

As always, there is so much going on at Temple. First of all, be assured that we are taking security very seriously and will continue to have armed security for TBE School, Religious School and Shabbat services. Second, the school and the Temple leadership (Gayle) are hard at work on acquiring any available grants for security improvements as recommended by our local law enforcement and various Jewish organizations. We will keep you posted on our, hopefully, successes in this area.

Now for the fun stuff. We will be having an Interfaith Service on Friday evening January 12th, prior to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will be honoring the legacy of Doctor King and hopefully will be joined by multiple congregations of various faiths. There will be some lively singing as well; we hope to see you on that night.

Then on January 20th, dust off your party duds for the Temple Gala – We Remember Them – honoring the women that have loved and supported our Temple through the generations. If you have not yet, PLEASE buy a ticket, sponsor a table, split a sponsored table with friends, ask your local business friends to sponsor a table, get items for and bid on items for our Silent Auction – already up in the lobby. If money is an object, let us know, we have some sponsored seats. We really want everyone who wants to come, to come! Dinner, dancing, a little talk, some dessert tasting and Cookbooks for sale!

Finally, on the 26th we will once again host the Community Wide Shabbat with all of the local Jewish organizations participating. This is always a moving service and is important now

more than ever. We need each other and our community to be together, to worship together, to sing and pray and support each other.

As we begin the secular calendar again, let us be mindful of how lucky we are to have our community and all the blessings in our lives. As we do for the holidays, please remember those who are less fortunate. Misfortune, poverty, bad luck and tragedy are not reserved for once a year but happen all the time. So, as we celebrate let us not forget those who have little to celebrate.

Gratitude is the word of the day, the week, the month and the year. And, as always, wishes for Peace all around the world.

Shalom,

Trienah & Gayle



IN THIS ISSUE:

Contacts & Calendar	Page 2
Message from Rabbi Simon	Page 3
Cookbook Gala	Page 4
TBE Business	Page 5
Family Renew Community	Page 6
Upcoming Events	Page 7
Religious School	Pages 8
WRJ Sisterhood	Page 9
Donations	Page 10
Help Israel	Page 11
Brotherhood	Page 12
Cub Scouts	Page 13 -14
Simchas	Page 15
Yahrzeits	Page 16
Community	Page 17
Sponsors	Pages 18-20

TEMPLE STAFF**Interim Senior Rabbi**

Jim Simon386-675-6615
 rabbisimon@templebeth-el.us

Rabbi Emeritus

Barry M. Altman386-675-6615

Director TBE School

Sharon Genereaux.....386-675-6616
 sharon.genereaux@tbeschool.com)

Bookkeeper

Robert Orange.....386-675-6614
 robert.orange@templebeth-el.us

Temple Secretary

Natalie Dardick386-675-6615
 natalie.dardick@templebeth-el.us

Custodian

Steven Lorenzen386-677-2484

TBE BOARD MEMBERS

Temple Co-PresidentsGayle Belin &
 Trienah Meyers
 gayle.belin@gmail.com
 czarina52@live.com

Vice President.....Shelly Fisher
 rochellefisher@yahoo.com

Secretary.....Cheryl Kohen McNally
 cheryl.kohen@gmail.com

Treasurer.....Rodd Gould
 rgould1374@aol.com

Immediate Past President.....David Sacks
 dsacks@foodsupply.com

House Chair Greg Wagner
 gregoryW9@aol.com

Religious School DirectorJonathan Frankel
 jonathanfrankel@templebeth-el.us

WRJ Sisterhood President....Adrienne Grossman
 agrossman44@gmail.com

TRUSTEES

Irene Beck	Marty Opelt
Jeff Bigman	Jdg. Michael Orfinger
Larry Frank	Jdg. Richard Orfinger
Jonathan Frankel	Lynne Ritter
Rochelle Holtz	Linda Samuels
Sue Horn	Stephen Wolfson
Sydney Neuhardt	

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

TBE Brotherhood President:Ron Robert
 ronrobert@hotmail.com

**Trustee Liaison Family Renew Community
 Board of Directors:**Dot Brooking
 notdot2@juno.com

January Calendar

*** All Services are on in person and on Zoom ***

Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	Jan. 5	6:30 pm	Shabbat Service followed by New York Deli Dinner
Sunday	Jan. 7	9:00 am	Religious School
		10:00 am	TBE Business Breakfast Meeting
Friday	Jan. 12	5:45 pm	Preneg
		6:30 pm	Interfaith Shabbat Service
Saturday	Jan. 13	10:00 am	Torah Study 101 with Rabbi Simon (in person and on Zoom)
Sunday	Jan. 14	9:00 am	Religious School
Wednesday	Jan. 17	6:30 pm	TBE Board Meeting (in person and on Zoom)
Friday	Jan. 19	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Jubilation
Saturday	Jan. 20	6:00 pm	50th Anniversary Cookbook Gala
Friday	Jan. 26	6:30 pm	Shabbat Service (Children leave before d'var for crafts)
Saturday	Jan. 27	10:00 am	Torah Study 101 with Rabbi Simon (in person and on Zoom)
Friday	Jan. 28	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Marathon

Shabbat Zoom Meeting Link

[https://zoom.us/j/6677314995?](https://zoom.us/j/6677314995?pwd=ZUhsQ1VDT2ZCN25yVWRHSHA1L3pxdz09)

[pwd=ZUhsQ1VDT2ZCN25yVWRHSHA1L3pxdz09](https://zoom.us/j/6677314995?pwd=ZUhsQ1VDT2ZCN25yVWRHSHA1L3pxdz09)

Meeting ID: 667 731 4995

Passcode: wR0QqX

**All Non-sanctuary Meetings/Events**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96771379711>

Meeting ID: 967 7137 9711

Password: Wh4dDx

hello
2024

TEMPLE FUNDS

- Building Fund
- Endowment Fund
- Frank Capital Campaign
- Youth Development Fund
- Family Renew

A Message from Rabbi Simon



Jim Simon
Interim Senior
Rabbi

THE RABBI COMES CLOSE TO JUMPING OFF THE DEEP END ...

WHY IS HE WRITING ABOUT CHRISTMAS, THE SIMON FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE AND IN JANUARY?

This is a true story. No names have been changed. I tell this story in some form or another every year because technically, you will think this is a story about Christmas, Chanukkah, and the Simon family Christmas tree. It's much deeper than that. And it's the story of my first religious revelation. God did not speak to me in 1964, but in 1964, my Christmas tree did.

In 1964, I was fifteen years old. Even though I am living in Oakland (5 minutes from Berkeley), the craziness, the frenzy, and controversies of the 1960's have not really begun. It was a simple life. I got my haircut every two weeks. even if I didn't need it. The biggest excitement of my life in 1964 was the monthly arrival of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazine. Without going into graphic detail, NG had pictures, color pictures, lots of color pictures.

I was a third generation Classical Reform Jew. My temple was one of the oldest Classical Reform temples in the country. My Rabbi only had a few mantras- "We are Americans, we love America. We are proud to be Jewish, but we are not crazies who want to move to Israel. Do you want to be a better Jew? Then be a better American! In America, our neighbors have Christmas trees. IT IS OK FOR JEWS TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE."

For many years, our family had a real tree, not some phony aluminum job. Every Jewish person I knew had a tree, and we decorated our tree with lights, ornaments and blue and white tinsel. We didn't have a Baby Jesus or a Cross on the top of the tree, because we were Americans. Besides, it was only a tree. So, we made latkes and Christmas cookies. We ate Chanukah gelt and Christmas candy. I got double presents- Chanukah and Christmas. What a life! And then, in that December of 1964, disaster struck, and

my perfect holiday world was destroyed, all because of Rick Tomasco.

Rick was a Senior at Bishop Odom high school- the preeminent elite Catholic high school for boys. As I remember, he was very committed to his faith, and he took it very seriously. He was very interested discussing the differences between Judaism and Christianity, but our discussions never became too deep because when he asked questions about Judaism I had very few answers. I didn't know much about Judaism and frankly, I wasn't interested. When I was 15 only three things interested me- 1) How to meet girls, 2) How to persuade girls to go out with me, and 3) How to get girls to make out with me.

As Christmas approached in 1964, I proudly showed Rick our beautiful tree. He didn't say much but I could tell he was angry and/or confused about the Simon tree. I tried to explain to him that the tree was secular- it is just a tree-what is the big deal? Just look around, I said, and see how Christmas had become one big secular national holiday. I remember him patiently explaining in detail the religious significance of the tree. The tree represented the resurrection and immortality of Jesus-and the wood used for his crucifixion. It turns out that everything connected to the tree as well as all the symbols of Christmas had religious importance.

I remember him asking why would a Jew take a religious symbol of another faith and make those religious symbol secular? I don't remember what I answered, but I'm sure that my answer was vague, ignorant, embarrassing or a combination of all of the above.

Here now comes my religious revelation- It began in 1964, but I would not fully comprehend its complete meaning until I was in Rabbinical School 15 years later.

(Continued on page 5)

TBE Cookbook Gala

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR LEGACY AND SHAPE OUR FUTURE

Temple Beth-El Cookbook Gala Fiftieth Anniversary Edition

*Dinner. Drinks. Dancing. Silent Auction
Cocktail Attire*

at Temple Beth-El

JANUARY 20 2024

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

*please contact the TBE office to purchase tickets, sponsor
the event or make a contribution
office@templebeth-el.us, (386)675-6615*

Temple Beth-El
579 North Nova Road | Ormond Beach Florida | 32174
www.tbbeob.com

Sponsorship Levels

\$5000 Title Sponsor*

- One Reserved Table For Eight Guests
- Priority Table Location
- Wine Included With Your Table Setting
- One Anniversary Edition Cookbook for all guests
- Prominent Event Sponsorship Recognition

\$3600 Platinum Sponsor*

- One Reserved Table For Eight Guests
- Priority Table Location
- Wine Included With Your Table Setting
- Four Anniversary Edition Cookbooks for guests
- Event Sponsorship Recognition

\$1800 Gold Sponsor*

- One Reserved Table For Eight Guests
- Priority Table Location
- Wine Included With Your Table Setting
- Four Anniversary Edition Cookbooks for guests
- Event Sponsorship Recognition

Yes, I Want to Attend!

Yes! I Want to be a Sponsor!

Contact the Temple Beth-El Office at
386-675-6615

To reserve your table and purchase tickets.

\$118 Individual Ticket

\$36 - Fiftieth Anniversary Cookbook

* All Sponsorship Level receipts will be matched
dollar for dollar, by a generous benefactor, to
Temple Beth-El's Endowment Fund!

TBE Business



David Sacks

Happy New Year. Best wishes for a happy and a healthy New Year.

I know that we are all aware of the rising expenses of life. It seems like everything is costing more. And certainly, Temple is not excluded from this situation. Religious affiliations are tested more than ever. But now, it is as important as ever. If we are to move from generation to generation and preserve our Jewish faith, we must act. We must provide a path forward. Please know that our TBE board is acting. We want you to

know what is happening.

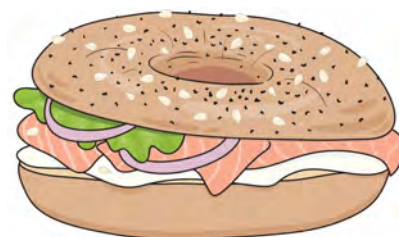
Please make plans to join us

Sunday January 7th, 10:00-11:30 AM. All are welcome Please RSVP with Natalie in the office by Thursday Jan 4th.

We will discuss all matters regarding the business of Temple Beth El, the capital fund, security issues, Rabbi plans, dues revenue, fundraising events, and the endowment. Thankfully, we have made much progress over the last years. We have increased memberships and attend-

ance at Services, functions and Sunday school.

Now we need to keep the path forward clear for our future. We need your input. We need your participation.



A Message from Rabbi Simon (cont.)

(Continued from page 3)

The revelation was this--in my theft of his religious symbols, in my fumbling attempt to create a secular holiday called Christmanukah, as I cannibalized his holiday (searching for the parts I wanted and could use) I displayed profound ignorance and disrespect for Christianity as well as disrespect for Judaism. In 1979, I finally understood that Rick's questions boiled down to one big religious question. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE A JEW? In 1964, I had no answer for him or for myself. And in 1979, I now understood the words of Rabbi Harold Schulweis, who wrote, "being different is hard enough but to be different for no apparent reason – THE REWARD IS WORSE THAN THE PUNISHMENT."

Soon after Christmas, I posed Rick's questions to my mother. She had no clear or convincing answer as to why we needed a tree. But in 1965, one year later, there was no tree in our living room. There was no big

discussion, but the tree was gone, never to re-appear in our house.

Friends, this is my story-it is not your story. I tell you this because if you wish to quote or "cannibalize" my words so you can use them as a sword to attack others-this is not fair to me or anyone. I love this story because at its heart the story and Chanukah raise serious questions -WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A JEW? ARE WE CONTINUING TO GROW JEWISHLY? And here is one final question for all parent and grandparents-What kinds of messages (or mixed-up messages) are we sending to our children/grandchildren via our religious behavior?

A late, but heartfelt, Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Simon's Office Hours:

Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

All other days, please make an appointment with Rabbi Simon, or call the office at 386-675-6615.

Family Renew Community



Barbara Steinberg
Trustee Representative
to Family Renew



Dot Brooking
Incoming Trustee Rep.
To Family Renew

The beginning of a new year has brought renewed hope for us as community partners of Family Renew Community. I had requested we get together with a 'big check' reflecting our total donations to

FRC and have a nice photo op to put into this article. When I spoke with Executive Director, Heidi Grunberg-Daniels, last month, she was very excited to have us do so.

When our Treasurer, Rodd Gould, forwarded monies collected here, and they added it to direct funds received by FRC, it came to the whopping total of \$11,875!!! I was so very proud of our congregation for stepping up to help support FRC and the working homeless, as well as pleased we had exceeded our goal by such a large amount.

However, when Barbara Steinberg and I next saw Heidi at



our December FRC Board meeting we were informed there was an even larger amount on our 'big check'...which she was keeping as a surprise for photo op day! When she arrived for our photograph, we were all stunned when the number had jumped up \$5,000!!! This brought the 2023 year to a resounding total of \$16,875 as of this writing! Barbara, Rabbi Simon & I would like to thank each and every one of our congregational contributors for making this grand total the best surprise ever!

We continue moving forward to keep FRC thriving for more homeless families with children. With your continued help, especially with TBE's Cottage #5, we have confidence that this will be accomplished.

Gratefully,
Dot Brooking
Barbara Steinberg
TBE Trustee Liaison
FRC Board Member At-Large
notdot2@juno.com
386-212-9826
www.familyrenew.org



TBE Brotherhood's New York Deli Dinner

Friday, January 5, 2024
Following 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

Join us for a delicious deli spread including...
roast beef, corned beef, turkey, salads and more.

\$10 per person, Brotherhood members \$8
\$5 for children under 12 years old

Reservations for dinner must be made by January 2nd
to the Temple Office at 386-675-6615 or natalie.dardick@templebeth-el.us



WRJ SISTERHOOD PRESENTS A MAH JONGG MARATHON & POT LUCK LUNCH

DATE: Sunday, January 28, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am TO 3:00 pm

PLACE: Beth-El Social Hall

WHO IS INVITED: Everyone! Bring a friend!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Breakfast: Bagels, Cream Cheese, Fruit, Coffee
- Lunch: Pot-Luck - bring your favorite dish
- Lessons for beginners
- Play for Regulars
- Prizes to win
- Raffles and 50/50 Drawing

WHAT TO BRING

- a Friend, A Mah Jongg Set and Card (if you have one)
- A dish to share for Pot-Luck lunch
- A new or gently-used white elephant item for the prize table

**R.S.V.P. to the Temple by Tuesday, January 23
at 386-675-6615 or natalie.dardick@templebeth-el.us**

Together for Peace



JANUARY 12TH

5:45 PM PRENEG

6:30 PM SHABBAT SERVICE

ONEG

On this Shabbat, we remember the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King. He was a champion of freedom, justice and faith.

RSVP by calling 386-675-6615 or
e-mailing natalie.dardick@templebeth-el.us

Temple Beth El
579 N. Nova Rd,
Ormond Beach FL 32174

**HONOR
OUR
HERITAGE
BUILD
OUR
FUTURE**



TEMPLE BETH-EL

Join Us for the TBE Bagel Business Breakfast

Sunday, January 7

10:00 am

Topics:

- Capital fund
- Security issues
- Rabbi plans
- Dues revenue
- Fundraising events
- Endowment fund



Religious School



Jonathan Frankel
Religious School
Director

Hats Off to everyone for providing a great Hanukkah carnival!

In January, the religious school will meet on Sunday, January 7, and Sunday January 14 at 9:00 am. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2024!





WRJ Sisterhood

TBE Sisterhood



Adrienne Grossman
President

Welcome to 2024! We have a lot of new Sisterhood members helping to start the new year off! We have lots of events planned for the new year; please come out and join us!

We want to give a huge Thank You to our Sisterhood members that

helped sell our Judaica items at both the Religious School's Hanukkah Festival and at the Hanukkah Festival at the Hard Rock. We sure couldn't have had such a huge success without you!

The excitement is building for the 50th Anniversary of WRJ's Cookbook Gala! Temple Beth-El is putting on a fabulous affair for us, and I hope you can be there on January 20 to help celebrate! The cookbooks will be available for sale both at the Gala and afterwards for \$36.00 each. I know you will all want to have this memorable edition!

Our next event is the 2nd Annual WRJ Mah Jongg Marathon on Sunday, January 28. The fun starts at 10:00am with Sisterhood providing the breakfast. Lunch is pot luck; bring your favorite dish to share. Bring a friend, a

dish to share, a gently used or new white elephant item for the prize table, and above all, HAVE FUN! You may never have seen a Mah Jongg set, but we will be having lessons for beginners and regular play for seasoned players.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 16 at 6:30pm is the WRJ Sisterhood Shabbat Service with Rabbi Simon and Jubilation! We will be asking our Sisterhood members to join us for a very special evening.

Let's start the New Year off right!

Adrienne Grossman
WRJ President



Save the Date!

Friday, February 16, 2024
6:30pm

*WRJ Sisterhood Shabbat Service
with
Rabbi Simon
Jubilation
and the
WRJ Sisterhood*



Donations

Temple Beth-El is sustained by the tzedakah of its members.

Thank you to all who have supported us in the past month.

Thank you

Building Fund

Rabbi Barry & Nancy Altman
in memory of Malka Altman

Rabbi Barry & Nancy Altman
in memory of Rabbi Israel Barzak

Erik and Emily Braslawscce
in honor of
Hannah Braslawscce

Martin & Anita Butensky
in memory of Jack Butensky &
Eva Gerlack

Martin & Anita Butensky
In appreciation of TBE providing zoom

Paul & Renee Gershen
in memory of Paul Blum

Paul & Renee Gershen
in memory of Robert Gershen &
Karen Henshaw

Building Fund

N. Annette Jenner
in memory of Carol Hurwitz

Anthony & Minna Kapinos
in memory of Lena Kapinos

Dr. Craig & Wendy Ruskin
in memory of Steve Ruskin

**Laurence & Cheryl
Tanenbaum**
in memory of Regina Pessach

Rabbi Search

Lewis & Angela Heaster

Israel Support

Christen & Kenneth Lewis
in honor of Ian Carrey

Endowment Fund

Gary Kessler & Gayle Belin
in memory of Leon Belin

Rita Lincoln
in memory of Howard Mintz

Judy & Brian Oppenheimer

Paula Votaw & Brad Miller

**Greg, Josie & The Wagner
Family**
in memory of
Lorraine (Larry) Wagner

In-Kind Donation

Andrea & Jack Wilson

Crafting Your Legacy Through a Donor Advised Fund

A donor advised fund (DAF) is a personal philanthropic fund that allows you to donate to multiple charities and causes over a period of years while receiving an income tax deduction at the time the fund is established. A DAF allows you to make charitable gifts to Temple Beth-El and the other charities of your choice when you feel the time is right.

A DAF can be established with TOP Jewish Foundation or the Community Foundation, a division of the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties. Temple Beth-El works well with both organizations and donations can be made in the form of cash, securities or other assets.

Here's how it works:

When you are ready to discuss your philanthropic goals, contact David Sacks at 386-561-7165 discuss your goals and objectives. These discussions are strictly confidential.

David will put you in touch with TOP or the Community Foundation who will draft a DAF agreement for you to review. The agreement documents your gift and ensures that your donation is directed to the Temple and other charities of your choice.

You can make donations to Temple Beth-El and the other charities of your choice from your DAF on a one-time or multiyear basis.

After your lifetime, your DAF can continue to operate and make distributions or the remaining assets can be distributed to the Temple and the other charities you designate as your final beneficiary.

We encourage you to speak with your attorney or tax advisor about establishing a DAF and other ways to ensure your legacy as this article should not be construed as tax or legal advice.

7 Concrete Ways You Can Help Israel

Following are ideas provided
by our Interim Senior Rabbi Jim Simon:

1. TZEDAKAH-There are many worthy organizations in Israel that benefit from your generosity. Before you donate to an Israeli charity, make sure you know who the primary sponsor is. Do not forget to use CHARITY NAVIGATOR . I personally recommend your gift be sent to the Volusia/Flagler Jewish Federation, since all Jewish Federations in the USA are currently raising funds via one single unified campaign. The Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements are also part of this unified campaign.
2. BROADEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ZIONISM, ANTI-SEMITISM and the MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL. **Two outstanding histories are Howard Sachar's, *A HISTORY OF ISRAEL*, and Walter Lacquer's *A History of Zionism*.** A great book on Anti-Semitism is Prager and Telushkin's *WHY THE JEWS? THE REASON FOR ANTI-SEMITISM*.
3. BUY ISRAELI PRODUCTS wherever/whenever you can. If it is made in Israel, you are helping Israel's economy.
4. STAY INFORMED ON DAY-TO-DAY DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL – Two good sources are the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) and the Jerusalem Post online edition. If you have Spectrum cable then you have the JEWISH BROADCAST NETWORK on Channel 198/199. JBN features many news programs from Israel
5. ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW GOING TO ISRAEL? Whether the trip is next month or in June, go online to find out how you can buy/send/bring scarce medical items very much needed in Israel. IF YOU OR A FRIEND ARE GOING to Israel there are many volunteer organizations that would be thrilled to have your help for a day, two or three.
6. ISRAEL BONDS!!!! A great way to help Israel. When you buy Bonds, you are making a moral investment in Israel. Go to the Israel Bonds website and discover many different options you have to buy Bonds. Why not buy an Israel Bond in honor of the upcoming 2026 *Bar Mitzvah of your (less than) favorite grand- nephew, SCHMENDRICK?*
7. WRITE YOUR US REPRESENTATIVE AND/ LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVE ...WHY? It can be very helpful. Congressional Representatives are the best to contact about Israel. Your state representatives in Tallahassee are the ones to contact about Anti-Semitism since they have oversight/authority whenever issues of anti-semitism arise. Since all elected officials get many phone calls and e-mails, a hand-written note may have more impact.

Brotherhood



Brotherhood
TEMPLE BETH EL
Stephen Barber

The Jewish Queens of Comedy

If Jewish men were the Kings of Comedy then, indubitably, the Jewish women were the Queens. Comedy has been a systemically misogynistic field both because of the

way men monopolized creative control and because the content of many comedian's acts are deeply disparaging of women. Consequently, comedy has been such a difficult field for women, especially Jewish



Fannie Brice

women. Remarkable Jewish women like Fannie Brice, Sophie Tucker, Gertrude Berg, Anne Beatts and Janis Hirsh defied the odds and

forced their way into a hostile industry leading the way for Joan Rivers, Roseanne Barr, Sara Silverman, Gilda Radner, Amy Schumer, Selma Diamond, Totie Fields, Belle Barth, Pearl Williams, Bea Arthur, Estelle Getty, Judy Holliday, Madeline Kahn, Lisa Kudrow, Elaine May, Molly Picon, Maya Rudolph, Phyllis Diller and others.

Arguably, the first famous Jewish Female comedian in America was Fannie Brice. She did not conform to American ideals of "white beauty". She modeled herself into a professional female Jew creating characterizations that reflected the difficulties of assimilation. Brice played on several major aspects of the Jewess stereotype.

In particular, the way she juxtaposed the staging of her infantile jesters, the erotic inappropriateness of her body and her glamorous sophistication in real life. She was an extremely popular star who set the template for generations of female entertainers.

Jewish women on stage emphasized the excessive flexible knowledgeable physicality of the Jewess in their public personae. They are remarkable for making spectacles of themselves and giving voice to women who have traditionally been silenced in and by mainstream entertainment.

The routines of these women were as a way to ridicule and deflate themselves and their mainly Jewish audience. They always referred to themselves as "Dirty" rather than obscene. Conventional wisdom says that as women, in our society, age, they disappear from the public sphere and effectively become invisible - but not Jewish comedienne. They gain, not only, the perspective to laugh, but also the freedom to do so, and in this laughter is the potential for transgressive cultural criticism. They constantly adapt and change their comic personae as they age and turn their routines outward challenging societal expectations about women's comedy.



Sophie Tucker

Like their male counterparts they have demonstrated a superb wit, wonderful verbal skills and the masterful use of irony, satire and mockery. Their heritage as Jews, especially the diasporic experience of living between the worlds has given them a sharp critical edge and the ability to express the anxieties and foibles

of contemporary culture.



Gertrude Berg

The Brotherhood wishes all a healthy Happy 2024 and may this New Year bring peace to all of us.

REMEMBER!

*Do you need to verify or update your family's yahrzeit list? Contact **Natalie in the Temple office** with any additions or changes.*

Cub Scouts

STEM Outreach at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Our Cub Scouts recently had the opportunity to learn more about science and engineering through hands-on activities and crafts when the STEM Outreach at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University came to visit us. Our Scouts had the chance to make amazing

STEM crafts like: 3D puzzles of the Saturn V rocket, the Apollo 11 lunar module, a Curiosity Rover, and a space shuttle; cars powered by balloons; a model of a Boeing 777x; and their very own water bottle rockets which they got to launch about 20 feet into the air.

Each child was engaged in building and learning during a nice evening dedicated to science.



Holiday Party

Our Cub Scouts and their families recently enjoyed our pack's annual Holiday Party, a tradition we celebrate with a dessert-only potluck. This year, we made our theme an Around-the-World Desert Party to celebrate all of our differences and the fact that Americans all came from somewhere else around the world. We

enjoyed a smorgasbord of pastries, cookies, chocolates, puddings, and breads from France, the UK, Canada, China, Israel, Colombia, and elsewhere. Some desserts we enjoyed were: Blinis from Russia; Chocolate Confection Twists from Israel; Linzer Cookies from Austria; Fiore di Pan Brioche from Italy; Zimtwaffeln and

Pfeffernüsse from Germany; and even Grinch Cookies from Whoville! By partaking in authentic desserts, our Scouts had the opportunity to share in a culture unique from their own in a very tasty way. They all had a great time!



More Cub Scouts!

TBE Cub Scout Pack 327 Scouting for Food

Our Cub Scouts participated in Scouting's annual Scouting For Food food drive in November to help families in need have food for the holidays. Cub Scouts Pack 327 teamed up with Boy Scouts Troop 468 over two Saturdays to walk through neighborhoods in Ormond Beach to distribute food drive bags, and then collect them when they were filled with donations.

In total, our Scouts were able to collect 307 bags of food which all went to a local food pantry. We are glad we had the chance to make a positive impact on families in our community.



Do YOU or do you know of someone who would like a call or visit?

If you know of a congregant who is ill, in the hospital, needs cheering up, or would like a call/visit from Rabbi Simon please contact the office at 386-675-6615 or office@templebeth-el.us



Temple Beth-El sponsored a luncheon for US Congressman, Mike Waltz, and guests. He spoke about and discussed what Congress is doing about Israel and how Congress is addressing antisemitism here in our country.



Simchas!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Miriam Staub	16	Sheila Cohen
3	Norman Seltzer	16	Haley Droker
3	Diego Handel	16	Penelope Gould
3	Jessica Prince	18	Roslyn Rogers
3	Mindy Heywood	20	David Epstein
4	Bailey Waigand	20	Marcy Spertus
7	Cindy Newman	20	Jacob Gorman
7	Michael Meyer	20	Warren Zundell
10	Kimberly Lache	22	Candace Feinstein
12	Victoria Weiner	22	Michael Furman
12	Jonathan Frankel	23	Alexander David Delgado
12	Murray Steinberg	25	Angel Epstein
13	Cheryl Tanenbaum	25	Robert Daly
14	Maxine Johnson	26	Ben Pickman
14	Russell Tanenbaum	28	Jeffrey Teitel
15	Marra Mackenzie		
15	Sharon Buxbaum		

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Laurence & Jessica Namdar 11th



Mazel Tov to Haley Barnett who converted to Judaism at the beginning of December!

Haley, and her fiancé, Chris Nawrocki, will be married at Temple Beth-El on New Years Eve of 2023. So that's a double Mazel Tov!

Welcome Haley!

January Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Memorial

Here we remember the loved ones of Temple Beth-El with yahrzeits in the month of January

Robert Altman
Philip Marcus Astor
Charles Bass
Leon Belin
Julia Bellish
Charlotte Blum
Belle Bolton
Hyman Borts
Bertha Breslauer
Bennie Bresnick
Alvin Yale Brust
Harry Buch
Rose A. Burre
Shmuel Canoonian
Irving Carrey
Lillian Cohen
Beatrice Cohen
Norman Cohn
Jacob Corson
Rabbi Norman H. Diamond
Irving Dinnerman
Lillie G. Doliner
Stephen S. Doliner
Jerome Doliner
Rita Doych
Irwin Duhl
Sarah Edelman
Edith Ehrlich
Isidore Ehrlich
Virginia Eichel
Elizabeth A Fainman
Pearl Feiner
Leroy Arthur Feist
Ana Adela Fenton
Sue Fox
Lena Frankel
Sidney Frazer
Ida Fuerst
Sylvia Furman
Seymour Furman
Yechezquel Ben Chayim Gedaliah
Nancy Gehrig
Victorine Fauque Gilly
William Goldberg
Jack Goldberg
Edmund L Goldberg

Pauline Goldberger
Irving Golden
Harry D. Goldstein
Elsie Goldstein
Walter Goodkind
Bertha Goodkind
Jack Gordon
David J. Gottlieb
Muriel Green
Bill Green
Henry P. Greenwald
Hannah Gross
Harry Gross
Henry Grossman
David Stuart Grossmann
Arnold Grunwald
Eva Halperin
Philip Hamberg Jr.
Jeanette Hersh
Dr. Alfred Hershfield
Ben Horn Jr
Benjamin J. Horn, Sr.
Isidore Horowitz
Leo Housknecht
Joseph Hymowitz
Bertha Siegall Jackson
Freda Jacobs
Norma Jacobson
Lynn Furman Johnston
Sylvia Kahn
Rose Katzin Kahn
Henriette Kan
Evelyne Kanter
Bernard Kapell
Joseph L. Kasin
Charles Katz
Anna B. Katzin
Alice Katzin
Matilda Kaufman
Dr. Morris Kaufman
Otto Kerpen
Kate Kimmel
Ira Kinder
Simon Klein
Sarah Kleinberg
William Kling
Isaac Kotler

Estelle Kravitz
Charles Kwitny
Franklin Kywi
Harriet Lashinsky
Harold H.C. Lasker
Brenda Levine
Barney London
Rachel Levy Martinez
Nathan C. Maulitz
Pat Max
Benjamin Meyer
Ghodrat Mikail
George Miller
Johanna Miller
Max Minkin
Isabelle C Morrison
Paul J. Myerson
David Namdar
William "Bill" Nelson
Lillian Newfield
Marga Kirschbaum Newman
Muriel Nicastro
Maurice Niditch
William Opelt
Henry Chune Ornstein
Louis Ossinsky
Louis Ossinsky, Sr.
Nell H. Pepper
Bella Pepper
Jakie Pepper
Frank Phillips
Arlene Pickman
Richard Pogosky
Leonard M. Price
Pearl Rabinowitz
Isaac Reed
Robert Rehmar
Marsha M. Remer
Dorothy Wepman Rill
Edna Rose Robbins
Leon Robert
Rene L. Roey
Golda Rosenblatt
Benjamin Rosenfield
Beverly Ross
Philip Rothenberg
Florence Rubin

Rebecca Sachnoff
Philip Schechter
Joseph J. Schiffer
Michael Schlossberg
Irving Schmeizer
Sol Schott
Seymour Sedacca
Sarah Share
Rose Shretter
Rebecca Sirota
Benjamin Soled
Margaret Soled
Dora Sorkin
Irving Sowbel
Lionel Sperber
Irving Spertus, M.D.
Woolf Stein
Irving Steinberg
Glenyce Stine
Leon F Sussman
Tilly Sussman
Nathan Sussman
Julius Switzer
Edna Toppino
Henrietta Tucker Goldberg
Abe Tuckman
Marvin Unatin
Nathan Vendeland
Sidney Weiner
Seymour Weiner
Jay Weiner
Betty Weinstein
Hyman Weinstein
William Weisberg
Morris Weissberg
Sylvia Weissman
Minnie Wepman
Israel Wepman
Edward J. White
Sarah White
Ethel Winston
Sidney Wolfson
Pauline Wolfson
Gussie Yanofsky
Saul Yanofsky
Samuel Yanofsky
Abe Yellin

Special Event Choir



If you would like to be a part of
TBE's Holiday Choir, please
contact Trienah Meyers at:
czarina52@live.com



The Jewish Federation
OF VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES



Cordially Invites You to Attend the
**2024 ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE
SHABBAT SERVICE**

Friday, January 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



TEMPLE BETH-EL

579 North Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Co-sponsored by:
Temple Beth-El, Congregation B'nai Torah, Temple Israel Deland,
and Temple Beth Shalom Palm Coast

Sermon presented by
Rabbi Dr. Rob Lennick, JFVF Executive Director
"We Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends"

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation
is pleased to host the special Oneg Shabbat following the Service

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(FULL SECURITY WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS EVENT)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 386-672-0294

www.JewishFederationDaytona.org



1st and 3rd Thursday of
Every Month @ 9:00 AM

Come join us at

Peach Valley Café (WEST)
1185 West Granada Boulevard
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



Engage in friendly group discussion
Let's get to know one another
Open to all faiths in the entire community

Please email your RSVP to:

laurie.jfvf.execassistant@gmail.com



Grant Writing

Do you have the time and experience to
research potential grants and help Temple
Beth-El write proposals?

If so, please contact the TBE office at
office@templebeth-el.us or 386-675-6615.

BEING OF SERVICE TO MY TEMPLE
FAMILY IN ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS.



MARTHA "MARTY" CAROL OPELT, PA
REALTOR®, CAM

386-846-4916 CELL

sayingyestotheaddress@gmail.com

www.MartyOpelt.com



2018
2019
2020



COLDWELL BANKER

PREMIER PROPERTIES

380 S Atlantic Ave | Ormond Beach, FL 32176



The Bulletin is mailed to over
200 households 11 times per
year and is featured
prominently on our website.

Contact Natalie in the Temple
office for more information or to secure
your ad space at 386-675-6615
or natalie.dardick@templebeth-el.us.

The Marketplace

Thank you to our sponsors!

Mt. Sinai Cemetery

340 White Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114



Online Burial Site Locator:

<https://mtsinai.volusia.fl.govern.com>

Website:

www.mtsinaicemeterydb.org

Contact Us:

askfl7@gmail.com

Supported in part by the Jewish Federation & the Jewish Federation
Endowment Fund

M A ASSOCIATES INC

RON ROBERT
PRESIDENT

752 BALLOUGH RD
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114

386-212-4799



Tommy Bahama[®]

HOME



At Kalin Home Furnishings, we believe that experiencing the casual comforts of the islands should be as easy as walking through your front door. Our 6,000 sq. foot Tommy Bahama Home Gallery offers everything you'll need to make life one long weekend.

Our talented design staff is here to assist you on any project, no matter how big or small, and our design services are always complimentary.


Stop in and check us out. Trust us, you'll be glad you did!


COMPLIMENTARY DESIGN CONSULTATION

Kalin
Home
FURNISHINGS

280 S. Yonge Street • Ormond Beach
Located one mile South of Granada Boulevard
in Ormond Beach

386.672.0100 • www.ShopKalin.com

 /ShopKalin

 /ShopKalin

Please Patronize our Sponsors



Cosmetic, Implant and Family Dentistry

106 N. Old Kings Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

(386) 672-2590

Haigh-Black Funeral Home

167 Vining Court
Ormond Beach FL 32176

386-677-0451

*It's Not What We Do, But How We Do It,
That Makes Us Different*

Serving the Halifax Area for over 90 Years

Licensed Funeral Directors

Norman R. Black

Hank Zirckel

Temple Beth-El

579 N Nova Road

Ormond Beach, FL 32174-4405

www.tbeob.com

Non-Profit Org.

U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

PERMIT No. 267

Daytona Beach, FL

ZIP+4



Nefesh Psychiatry

Child, Adolescent, Adult

Psychiatric Evaluations, Consultations,
Medication Management, Psychotherapy

386-400-3077

NefeshPsychiatry@gmail.com

www.NefeshPsychiatry.com

Seabreeze FINE JEWELRY



The Trachtman
Family

Daytona Regional
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JEWELERS OF AMERICA

BBB
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS

Largest Selection of
Engagement Rings,
Bracelets, Earrings,
Necklaces, Diamonds,
Colored Stones,
Waterford & Lladro

Expert Jewelry
Design and Repair

Highest Prices Paid
for Jewelry and Gold

Trades Welcome



386-252-6135

SeabreezeJewelry.com

529 Seabreeze Blvd., Daytona Beach

Open Mon - Sat 10:30am to 5:00pm, Friday 10:30am to 9:00pm



Appraisals by In-House GIA Graduate Gemologist

Family owned and operated for over 40 years



Commitment to Excellence

SMITH BIGMAN BROCK

"A full-service law firm providing trusted legal services since 1988"

We recognize that many individuals, and nearly every business, will face multiple legal issues through the years. In today's legal environment, matching your needs with the correct law firm is crucial.

As a full-service law firm, one of our strengths is the depth and breadth of our services. By offering a broad range of practice areas, we ensure that once our clients establish a relationship with us, they do not have to look elsewhere for their future legal needs. Our commitment to excellence in our individual areas of practice begins with the credentials and accomplishments of our named partners, each of whom is a Board-Certified Specialist in one or more areas of practice.

Call us, or visit our website, to receive additional information about our firm. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you in person.

Visit our website at www.DaytonaLaw.com

P.O. Box 15200
Daytona Beach, FL 32115
Telephone: (386) 254-6875

444 Seabreeze Blvd., Suite 900
Daytona Beach, FL 32118
Fax: (386) 257-1834