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From Virtual to Reality

Hand in hand we continue to move forward toward our dream of a new building and spiritual home! Thanks to your support, the Rosh Hashanah capital campaign appeal raised close to an additional one million dollars. We are continuing the fundraising effort with almost one half of all congregational families having made a commitment to the new building.

We have come far from our original home on East Church Street.



We look forward to moving forward from our current home...



to our future home.



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Friday Evenings 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Mornings 9:00 a.m.
Minyans:
Mon-Fri at HDS Chapel 7:45 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Call for weeknight schedule.

Candle Lighting Times

November 7 5:18 p.m.
November 14 5:14 p.m.
November 21 5:12 p.m.
November 28 5:10 p.m.

Candle Lighting Prayer

Baruch ata Adonai elohainu melech ha-
olam asher kidshanu bemitzvotav, vitzie-
evanu l'hadlik ner shel shabbat.
Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the
universe, who has made us holy by your
commandments and commanded us to
light the Sabbath candles.

Rabbi Aaron D. Rubinger's Message



Dear Friends,

Politics. What a political season it has been, yes? A great deal of passion. Too much nastiness. Ugly accusations back and forth. And, everyday literally dozens upon dozens of emails that people would like me to read either in support of their candidate or in opposition to the other candidate. Our synagogue email network has been flooded with such emails – many of which are repetitions, everyone forwarding an article or a link to an article which each seem to imagine will change someone's vote.

This year the intensity within the Jewish community has been stronger than ever. Particularly because we live in Florida, we may end up having a significant impact on who wins the state and – who knows- maybe, in turn, the election. So, the battle has been fierce. Sometimes dividing family members, other times dividing friends.

The positive side of such a situation is that it shows that we care a great deal about our nation, its problems and are not apathetic to the major issues facing our world. We Jews are, I believe, under God's command to be involved, to care and to help to make our world and nation a better place.

The down side is that as the contest heats up so do our feelings. Our view of the "other side" becomes not only less objective but we fall victim to the inevitable tendency to demonize those whose world view or policies differ from our own. The more committed we become to our own candidate the more wrong and "ugly" does the other candidate become in our eyes.

In a few days the election is over. I have no idea if it will be a close election or a landslide. Should it be close we may not even know on election night whom the winner will be.

In either case, we will soon know the person who will be the newly elected President of the United States. And when that happens let us all put aside our differences, our biases and all pledge to support the new President, who ever he will be.

My prayers will be with this new president as he will soon take over the most important and critical job in the world. May his presidency be one of success and lead to a more blessed and peaceful future for the U.S., for Israel and for the world at large.

*With Affection,
Aaron D. Rubinger
Senior Rabbi*



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A Note from Your Cantor



Dear Friends-

It's election time! What could be more Jewish than a loud discussion about issues followed by a non-unanimous decision? If I have learned anything during this year's campaign, it is how far some people will go to demean others. I know that name-calling and mud-slinging are part of politics, but this year's talk has been more distasteful to me than I ever remember.

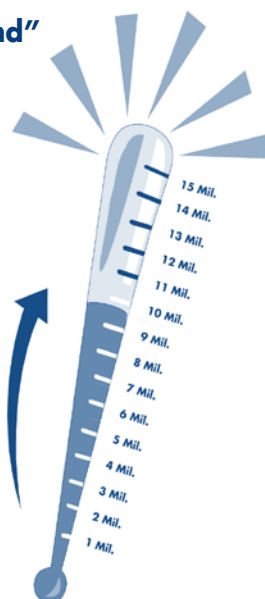
Whatever or whomever you have decided to support, I pray that we will all be able to sit down together and go forward harmoniously after the votes have been counted. This relates not only to politics, but to our personal relationships as well. Far too often I have seen unpleasant comments lead to hostility between people who had earlier been friends. This is even more true in our conversations with our own family members. We must never let our disagreements lead to anger. The Rabbis teach that the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, in part, due to *sinat chinam*, causeless hatred. As we go forward together as a synagogue family and a holy congregation let us always remember to speak to each other kindly. It is acceptable to agree to disagree. Besides, if we all agreed all the time, our synagogue's congregational meetings would lose their fun! I look forward to seeing you all in synagogue – ready for some peaceful discussions and joyous prayer.

L'shalom,
Cantor Allan Robuck

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at \$9.6 million or
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Rabbi David Kay's Message

*Haveirim Y'karim –
Dear Friends –*

This month, in the weekly Torah-reading, we retrace the origins of our ancient tradition. Beginning with the sons of Noah, we'll follow the generations of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs as they bring a revolutionary new theology to the world. I never cease to be amazed and inspired by these well-worn and dearly-loved tales. There is always a new angle, a new wrinkle, a previously unnoticed subtlety to find in their retelling.

I'll also confess that I have a particular fondness for one of the parshiyot in this section of the year-long cycle of Torah-readings: Lekh-L'kha. This is the call of Abraham, God's sudden request that a 75-year-old man and his 65-year-old wife leave hearth and home and head for an undisclosed location.

For many years, there has been a tradition in the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for each student to deliver a "senior sermon" in his or her final year of the program. The joke among JTS students is that this is your "pre-ordination Bar/Bat Mitzvah speech" – true in a way, because family and friends often come, as well as classmates and teachers. But it's also a very serious moment. Some of the greatest scholars in modern Judaism are there, waiting to see if you have some worthwhile insight.

I don't think I impressed the scholars – but I did learn a lot in preparing my senior sermon. What stuck with me the most was the interpretation of why God says to Abraham, "Get yourself out from your land, from your birthplace, from your father's house, to the land I will show you." The classical commentators notice that this is exactly the opposite of what you do when

you leave: first you leave your house, then you leave your home town, then you leave the country.

There is a marvelous explanation offered for the Torah's seemingly getting it backward: it is listing in increasing levels of emotional attachment.

"Home" is that small bit of a much larger concept – a city, a state, a country – which we know best. It's the hardest of all to leave. Another commentator picks up on this idea and applies it to habits: of all the possible ways of doing things in life, the one we do most often is the one we know best. Even if it isn't the best way, we tend to stick with it. Even if it used to be the best way, but we'd now do better to change, we're still reluctant, still resistant.

But the story of Abraham and Sarah shows us that change can be good, that we may never reach our full potential without breaking away from the familiar and stepping out into the untried and the unknown. A fresh perspective, a new approach, a different way of thinking about something – these can be the key to transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary.

With that in mind, I'd like to invite you to experience a fresh perspective on the concept of kosher, as we continue with our daytime adult education program, "**Mondays at 1:00.**" The newest series is called "**Beyond Kosher**" and will explore the social, economic, and humanitarian concerns which, from the Jewish perspective, should influence our consumer choices as much as the more well-known dietary laws.

Inspired by the Conservative movement's Hekhsher Tzedek initiative, "Beyond Kosher" begins on **Monday, November 10, and will continue for four weeks (11/17, 11/24, 12/1).**

*L'shalom,
David Kay*


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by Rabbi David Kay

Dear Rabbi –

I know the Hebrew word “shalom” is an all-purpose greeting. Over the years, though, I’ve noticed that some people will also close a note, e-mail, or letter with “B’shalom” and some will use “L’shalom.” Is there a difference between these two forms?

- Farshimmelt

Dear FARSHIMMELT –

The use of the word *shalom* as a greeting dates back to Biblical times. While we most commonly translate *shalom* as “peace,” the root meaning is probably closer to the English “integrity” – in the more literal sense of “all the pieces put together properly.” So when someone in the Hebrew Bible enquires about another person’s *shalom* or we use the modern Hebrew greeting, *Mah sh’lom’kha?*, we are really asking if everything is as it should be.

The Hebrew prefix *b’* generally has the force of the English “in” or “with,” while *l’* is the equivalent of the English “to” (and sometimes “for”). A literal translation of *b’shalom* – “in peace” or “with peace” – makes solid sense in English, then. On the other hand, *l’shalom* – “to peace” or “for peace” – seems almost nonsensical.

As it turns out, both versions appear in the Torah and elsewhere in the Hebrew Bible to mean “in peace.” However, there seems to be a trend associated with each form, particularly when combined with the verb *holeikh* (“to walk” or “to go”).

The first appearance of the concept of *holeikh l’shalom* appears in Exodus. Moses

has just heard the voice of God at the burning bush, and been charged with his responsibility of leading the Israelites out of Egypt. He returns to his father-in-law, Yitro, and asks permission to leave his responsibilities with Yitro’s flocks and “see how my kinsman are faring” in Egypt. Yitro’s response: *Leikh l’shalom* – “Go in peace.” This is the beginning of Moses’ rise to become perhaps the most influential person in human history.

By contrast, the first time we find *holeikh b’shalom* is Isaac’s encounter with the Philistine chieftain, Avimelekh. An uneasy truce is made between the two leaders, after which the Torah says, *vayeil’khu mei’ito b’shalom* – “They [Avimelekh and his captain, Fikol] departed from [Isaac] in peace.” The very next thing the Torah tells us about is Isaac being old and blind, and the plot to give Jacob the blessing Isaac had reserved for Esau – in other words, the start of family troubles that plague us to this very day.

In fact, virtually every use of *holeikh l’shalom* in the Hebrew Bible is followed by positive events, and virtually every use of *holeikh b’shalom* is followed by negative events (often including the death of the person who “went in peace”). As a result, there is a tradition to use *l’shalom* exclusively in parting from a person or closing a letter.

Of course, *b’shalom* is still perfectly good and acceptable Hebrew. But many traditionally-minded Jews prefer to use the phrase *B’virkat shalom* (“With a blessing of *shalom*”) instead . . . just to be sure!

Religious School News

From Amy Geboff, Director of Youth and Family Education



The months of September and October were filled with activity and November looks to be just as active. I hope that your family can take advantage of the many events and programs we have taking place. In addition to the High Holy Days we had a 6th grade Shabbaton in September and

a 7th grade Shabbaton in October.

The newest addition to our program line up is "Coffee, A Schmear and Conversation." This is an opportunity for parents to come together and share issues of raising Jewish children and is being underwritten by the Joseph and Frieda Ross Foundation. We had a wonderful turnout of 36 people. Our conversation started by looking at the Vidui prayer, the confessional prayer of the High Holy Days. I asked the parents what behavior jumped out as an issue for them as parents. The one that seemed to be the biggest concern was respect. Time flew by and we were not able to complete our discussion. The feedback from many of the parents present was that this is something they would like to continue and were glad to know that other parents face the same issues. So as not to disappoint we are meeting again on November 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Realtor's building. Anyone is welcome even if you didn't attend in September. I am open to hearing topics that are of concern that we can address together.

Over the years, I have watched trends in education and society change and in turn impact how we do what we do. My greatest concern that is facing our children today is that they are not allowed to be kids and just play. They are so programmed and each of the programs expects 100%. Playing is a very important means for children to learn to problem solve, to develop conflict resolution skills, develop creativity and learn about themselves by unstructured interaction with others, not to mention exercise. I know that the world has changed and that the days of playing outside in the neighborhood until mom calls us in for dinner is long gone. I never had Barbie furniture. We used boxes, thread spools and other materials to make furniture. When I was in elementary school in the 60's and early 70's we started our day at 9 a.m., had

recess from 10:15-10:30, lunch and recess time from noon-1 and afternoon recess from 2-2:15 and then dismissal was at 3:10. This did not include our P.E. period. We all were successful in school and managed to graduate college and become productive adults. I truly believe that many of the attention deficit issues and behavioral issues come about because we are asking so many of our children to do what they are not able to do for long periods of time. We know that children learn in different modalities. Being gifted should not just be how we learn facts but also encourage children who are artistically or musically inclined as well.

Often, the Cantor, Tracey, Ela and anyone else who happens to wander into our neck of the woods will get into conversations about the state of our youth and families. In a recent discussion with Tracey and the Cantor we talked about our children being so programmed and the concern we all had but Tracey did add a component that neither Cantor nor I had not thought about. She pointed out that since our world is so crazy and our children have the ability to be exposed to bad influences certainly more than when we were growing up, parents feel secure in knowing who their children are hanging out with by having them in so many programs.

Putting it this way, I still would like to see kids have more down time but at the same time I would love for COS to become one of those safe activities that parents choose to have their children participate in regularly with the same commitment that they show to their sports teams, bands or dance classes. We offer so many programs and activities in addition to school for our children that parents can be assured they are not only safe, but enhancing their Jewish life experiences. We have the strongest USY chapter in our region, our Kadima and Olim groups are having incredible turnouts at their events and we will soon be sending out information about our annual youth theatre production for grades 4-12. Please place COS on the list of must do activities for your children!

L'Hitraot, Amy

P.S. We invite you to come, shop and browse at our Jewish Bookfair, November 16-21. We will have a selection of all Jewish books and novelty items mostly for children and teens but some adult books as well.

Thank you!

This High Holy Day season, we served approximately 280 toddlers and children through 8th grade plus another 35-40 teens who worked with our children. This type of program cannot possibly go as smoothly as it did without the help and commitment of so many people. Here is a complete list of those people and to all of them we say a huge Todah Rabbah!

Children's service leaders:

PreK-1st grade:

Betty Monroe

2nd and 3rd grade:

Diane Bloom

4th and 5th grade:

Eric Geboff

6th-8th grade:

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Heather Concklin

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Nov. 1	COSUSY SATO/ Social program 6:30-10:30 p.m. Minyan Yashar 9:30 a.m.	Nov. 15	Family Shabbat 10:15
Nov. 2	Gesher Pre K class 9:15 a.m. K'ton ton 11 a.m. Second Grade Family Siyum 10 a.m. Olim Corn Maze in Zellwood 12:30-4:30 Ronald McDonald House 4:30 p.m. Arnold Palmer	Nov. 16 -21	Jewish Bookfair Coffee, a Schmear and Conversation 10-Noon Realtor's building 3 rd grade park clean up 1 st grade Family pizza lunch Noon
Nov. 5	COSUSY Social event	Nov. 19	5 th grade Family pizza dinner 6 p.m.
Nov. 9	Kadima Preconvention meeting and corn maze	Nov. 20	Sweet Tomatoes
Nov. 14	COSUSY Kabbalat and Kibbitz location to be determined	Nov. 21	Friday Night Chai Musical service
Nov. 14-16	Kadima convention in Jacksonville	Nov. 23, 25 and 30	- No School

november events



COS Men's Club Update



HIGH HOLY DAYS

The COS Men's Club would like to thank the more than 40 men and women who, so effectively, assumed the important task of ushering during the High Holy Day Services. Through their efforts, respect and decorum were maintained at all times. The appreciation of their dedication and support is beyond measure.

Breakfast Meeting

On October 12th, 35 members of COS gathered to enjoy another Arnie Sager "catered breakfast" and a presentation by Irwin Feldman, a long standing member of COS, on Genealogy. It was a most informative "how to" talk, defining step by step the process to research family history. Many thanks to Bart Neuman for arranging this timely program.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

The second meeting of the COS Business Alliance Group was held on October 2nd at the Winderly Cafe in Maitland. Seventeen were in attendance including four new members. It was reported that several individuals have already begun to utilize the services and businesses of

this group, giving emphasis to the importance and relevance of such meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th at the Winderly Café, which is owned by Mark and Dyan Goodman of COS. This meeting will feature Amy Ganson, Vice president of Regions Bank, addressing the "Banking Crisis" and Dean Faracchio discussing insurance and investments.

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues to 9 a.m. with a Buffet Breakfast being offered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Club is off to the Enzian Theatre the weekend of November 16th and 17th to enjoy the Jewish Film Festival. Watch for specific information.

Again, what would Super Bowl Sunday be without the COS Men's Club Raffle? Watch for "exciting details!"

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Wheeler
Eric Schwartz
Co-presidents

Thank You! from page 9

Special Todah Rabbah to Lori Brenner and the Sisterhood for providing a wonderful light lunch for the children

A huge Todah Rabbah to the Dr. Nathan Ambinder Fund for underwriting the cost of our 7th grade Shabbaton.

Todah Rabbah to the following families who have made a donation to underwrite the 7th grade Shabbaton

Eddie & Lori Brenner

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Zimmon Family
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Todah Rabbah to the parents who drove and shopped for the 7th grade Shabbaton

Lisa Parks

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Laura Abramson
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Elise Bloom
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Special Todah Rabbah to the staff:

Sindi Ackman
David Brent
Ralph Crespin
Janet Friedman
Laia Umansky
Francisco Vargas
Ellen Zollman
and our USYers:
Eddie Abramson
Hana Green
Brad Hersch, Alana
and Rebecca Geboff





Executive Director's Message

We are very excited about the arrival of our cookbook, Recipes and Remembrances, a Kosher Collection. Thank you to our fundraising co-chairs, Megan Rubenstein and Tracey Levy Smith. Your persistence and perseverance is greatly appreciated and it certainly paid off. These beautiful books are available in the Judaica Shop during regular hours. In addition, we will have the pre-ordered books available for pick up on Sunday Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Additional books will also be available for sale at \$25.00 each for those of you who did not pre-order your copy. These will make beautiful gifts for those special cooks on your holiday list, so pick up several copies for you and your loved ones.

Young Chefs Academy hosted our cooking program on Thursday Oct. 30; a good time was had by all who attended. We had the opportunity to try several new recipe ideas; good food, good wine and good company...what a great combination. Thank you to Robin Kaplan for coordinating this event.

Monday, November 17 will be our general meeting with an interesting program which will be announced shortly. Please join us at COS from 7:15-8:45 p.m. for an informative and fun evening. For those of you that have teens at Beit Hamidrash, the timing allows for you to drop off and pick up.

Mark your calendar for our annual chocolate extravaganza at Farris and Foster's on December 11 at 7 p.m. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on Friday and Saturday Feb. 6 & 7. Renee Roberts and Susan Drukman will be chairing this event. Please save these dates. In order to participate in Sisterhood Shabbat, you must be a paid up member in Sisterhood. It is never too late to join us. We welcome your membership and participation. Please contact Diane Goldberg and /or Fran Friedman for additional membership information.

We look forward to additional exciting programming for the remainder of this year and into the beginning of 2009. Join us, get involved and be part of our Sisterhood family.

*Fondly,
Lisa and Helene*

This month of November
Our thanks we can share
This month of November
A time to show care

A time to be helpful
Let's help those in need
This month's about giving
And not about greed.

The Pearlman Food Pantry
A place to bring food
When I help out others
It picks up my mood.

It may work for you
I imagine it will
There are plenty of shelves
So many to fill.

To JFS on Lee Road
Bring your foods, dried or canned
Let's fill up the shelves
Oh that would be grand.

Perhaps you have heard
Of our Ma-asim Tovim
A group of fine people
A truly great team.

If you want to be active
You can gather or cook
Or serve at the shelter
But there is one hook.

If you do want to help
Then please get in touch
I'll forward your info
And thank you so much

So those are two options
Please answer this "call"
And Happy Thanksgiving
I wish to you all.

*B'shalom
Phil Wolgel*



Tikun Olam, repairing the world, is the unifying force throughout Judaism. From Orthodox to Reconstructionist, Israel to the Diaspora, the one thing anybody can truly agree on is the need to fix this planet that we live on. USY is no different.

Social Action/Tikun Olam (SA/TO) plays a major role in USY. At every convention, USYers participate in a SATO project. Cleaning up a local beach, collecting canned foods, even volunteering at organizations for senior citizens, becomes a standard and expected activity. Coin challenges promote the collection of Tzedakah, and USY raises thousands upon thousands upon thousands of dollars each year for various charities. Our region of HANEDEV has, for over twenty years now, been the region that collects the most money in all of USY.

However, SATO is not only a regional activity. Even at the chapter level, Tikun



Olam (TO) is emphasized in numerous ways. The SATO coin box goes around at every COSUSY event to continuously raise money. We even have complete programs dedicated to SATO. For example, on October 12, USYers met at Camp Thunderbird, a camp for children and adults with disabilities, to help out. For three hours, teens raked, swept, vacuumed, mopped, and made the camp a better place. Everybody had a great time, and left the camp with a feeling of accomplishment, knowing that they had directly made a profound impact.

SATO is a major component of USY. From year-long fundraisers to book drives to volunteering around the community, Jewish teens take the initiative to make a difference. Tikun Olam is no longer just a mitzvah. It is expected.

*L'shalom
Ariel Brent*

New Members

Meredith Apter

Ira Bellinkoff

Beth Davalos

Amy Darrow

Brad & Kimberly Fain

Matthew & Orly Feldman

Kate Fried

Michael Gross & Reyhaneh Tabarrok

Aaron Huberfield

Bradley Jacobs & Eve Homburger

Paradise Kafri

Ehren & Frank McMichael

Adam & Jacqueline Pollack

Caroline Raijer

Jessica Rosenblatt

Jason & Stephanie Rottenberg

Steven & Rosanne Singer

Dustan & Marjorie Smith

Carol Stern

Rebeca-Ann Weinstock

Jonathan Witt



COS Seniors Message



Berny Raff,
President

Dear Friends,

It appears to me that some of our members have wrong ideas about our entertainment that is provided every month along with our refreshments. So I thought this month would be a good month to explain.

Let's start with the refreshments and the \$2.50 that we charge for most of our meetings. On average, we spend between \$150 - \$250 a meeting, and the \$2.50 per person never seems to cover the cost. This means we lose money. In addition, we keep all of our members alerted to our functions via first class mail at the cost of .42 cents each.

That brings us to our entertainment. All of our monthly programs consist of paid professional entertainment, and under no circumstances do we solicit these entertainers to perform for COS Seniors at no charge. We pay a lot of money to keep our Seniors entertained. So please try to remember we never even have unpaid entertainers, and in today's market with the cost of everything going up, so does the cost of good talent. So my friends there are many months that the fees are very high, and again, we lose money.

The next step is to tell you all where we get the money to keep doing this. At the beginning of

the season I personally go out to do some fundraising, and because of that money that I bring in, we have been functioning going into our 20th year. We really do not want to raise the dues. I sure hope you all understand why we pay every entertainer.

Now, let us go to the December 7th entertainment. I have found Allan Lieberman, who comes from Chicago. His program is "Experience the Joys of Being Jewish" in song and Jewish humor – side splitting parodies & whimsical looks at our Jewish way of life. We will tie in this program with a hot dog roast starting at 2 p.m. sharp, and I tell you it will be your loss if you miss this one. You do not need reservations, so please bring friends and relatives. The cost is only \$5 per COS Senior, and \$7.50 for all others. We expect a full house and seats are limited, so please mark the date now, December 7th at 2 p.m. sharp in the Social Hall.

Next we start 2009 in real style on Sunday, January 4th at 2 p.m. sharp. We will be featuring our very own *Clergy Boys*. So again, mark your calendars and come early because the seats will be at a premium. Don't forget that we have the production of *My Fair Lady* at Ohev on March 2nd - Theatre Day.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 407-657-8215.

Regards,
Berny Raff, President COS Seniors

Christopher Geiger

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>2 <i>4 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 am Hebrew School 9:00 am Geshet Program 10:00 am 2nd Grade Sijum 10:30 am K'von Ton Program 11:00 am Senior Flu Shots 2:00 pm Senior Group Event 4:30 pm Ronald McDonald</p>	<p>3 <i>5 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 pm Discover Judaism</p>	<p>4 <i>6 Cheshvan</i> 10:30 am Hadassah Luncheon</p>	<p>5 <i>7 Cheshvan</i> 4:00 pm Hebrew School 6:30 pm USY Program</p>	<p>6 <i>8 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 pm Adult Bral Mizvah 8:00 pm Adult Conservative Yeshiva</p>	<p>7 <i>9 Cheshvan</i> 7:30 pm Shabbat Services and Oneg 'In Search of God'</p>	<p>1 <i>3 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Weinstein 9:30 am Minyan Yeshar 10:00 am Babysitting 10:00 am Jr. Congregation 7:00 pm USY SATO Program</p>
<p>9 <i>11 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 am Hebrew School 12:30 pm Kadima Event</p>	<p>10 <i>12 Cheshvan</i> 1:00 pm Mondays at 1:00 "Beyond Kosher" 7:00 pm Discover Judaism</p>	<p>11 <i>13 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting</p>	<p>12 <i>14 Cheshvan</i> 4:00 pm Hebrew School 7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting</p>	<p>13 <i>15 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 pm Adult Bral Mizvah 7:30 pm Family Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Adult Conservative Yeshiva</p>	<p>14 <i>16 Cheshvan</i> 7:30 pm Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Green and Oneg</p>	<p>15 <i>17 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Green 10:00 am Babysitting 10:15 am Family Shabbat Celebration</p>
<p>16 <i>18 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 am Hebrew School 10:00 am Coffee, Schmear and Conversation at Realtor's Building 12:00 pm 1st Grade Pizza Lunch 12:30 pm Ma'Asim Tovim Cook</p>	<p>17 <i>19 Cheshvan</i> 1:00 pm Mondays at 1:00 "Beyond Kosher" 4:00 pm Ma'Asim Tovim Warm Meeting 7:00 pm Stairhood General Meeting 7:00 pm Discover Judaism</p>	<p>18 <i>20 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>19 <i>21 Cheshvan</i> 4:00 pm Hebrew School 6:00 pm 5th Grade Pizza Dinner</p>	<p>20 <i>22 Cheshvan</i> 5:00 pm Sweet Tomatoes 7:00 pm Adult Bral Mizvah 8:00 pm Adult Conservative Yeshiva</p>	<p>21 <i>23 Cheshvan</i> 7:30 pm Shabbat Services and Oneg Musical Service</p>	<p>22 <i>24 Cheshvan</i> 9:00 am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Adam Wekman 10:00 am Babysitting</p>
CHILDREN'S JEWISH BOOKFAIR						
<p>23 <i>25 Cheshvan</i> No Hebrew School</p>	<p>24 <i>26 Cheshvan</i> 1:00 pm Mondays at 1:00 "Beyond Kosher" 7:00 pm Discover Judaism</p>	<p>25 <i>27 Cheshvan</i> 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>26 <i>28 Cheshvan</i> No Hebrew School</p>	<p>27 <i>29 Cheshvan</i> Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28 <i>1 Kislev</i> 7:30 pm Shabbat Services and Oneg</p>	<p>29 <i>2 Kislev</i> 9:00 am Shabbat Services 10:00 am Babysitting</p>
<p>30 No Hebrew School</p>						

Flu shots

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1 Charlotte Schulman	8 Lisa Zeffren	16 Sam Fuchs	22 Jacob Littman
1 Jules Cohen	8 Joshua Ackman	16 Eric Hernandez	22 Adam Layish
2 Karen Arace	8 Caitlin Plotkin	17 Miriam Cohen	22 Samuel Nebel
2 Gracia Smith	9 Marilyn Williams	17 Herbert Darvin	22 Lisa Spector-Wayne
2 Jamie Smith	9 Vic Tauber	17 Steven Resnick	23 Lila Hruby
2 Janice Kagan	9 Brooke Kramer	17 Jason Hochstadt	23 Marcia Kadetz
2 Wendy Aidif	9 Angela Glover	17 Amy Turner	23 Ivy Wolfe
3 Sophie Libow	9 Ellie Einhorn	17 Richard Schwartz	23 Eran Goldstein
3 Olga Hughes	10 Richard Lerner	18 Hymie Ackerman	24 Robert Charles
4 Marcia Tabak	10 Carol Lefkov	18 Alice Gamson	24 Adam Crasnow
4 Kelly Ginsburg	10 Adam Zollman	18 Mardi Shader	24 Hilton Geartner
4 Jacob Senderowitz	10 Andrea Berman	18 Mildred Smith	25 Jessica Klahr
5 Morris Blaher	11 Joshua Levine	18 Jennie Huse	25 Matilda Lefkowitz
5 Yael Brener	11 Myra Liboff	18 Hillary Bressler	25 Brian Etzkin
5 Geoffrey Block	11 Matthew Wolfe	18 Stephen Goldware	26 Bradley Freed
5 Melanie Weinstein	11 Alex Brenner	18 Nathan Eyal	26 Shammai Sanabria
5 Jay Alpert	11 Scott Sokoloff	19 Deborah Gendzier	27 Alan Harrison
5 Gregory Haller	12 Jan Glassman	19 Danielle Miller	27 Christopher Geiger
6 Peter Wish	12 Scott Levin	19 Barry Rosen	28 Rosanne Singer
6 Alexandra Nebel	12 Mark Scheinblum	20 Allison Gindi	28 Vivian Gottesman
6 Lillian Braverman	12 Brenda Kamenoff	20 Max Weiss	28 Seth Schwartz
6 Neal Blaher	12 Ida Haber	20 Madeline Weiss	28 Lynda Garber
6 David Pollock	12 Suzanne Mercer	20 Julie Auerbach	29 Carla Sisselsky
6 Jonathan Greenberg	13 Lillian Spiegel	20 Rachel Garber	29 Elliott Layish
7 Ron Ezring	13 Benjamin Schneider	20 Malcolm Katzen	29 Ronald Schwartz
7 Nathaniel Reiff	13 Jackie Rossman-Reich	20 Frances Hoffen	29 Joseph Berman
7 Richard Cohen	13 Helene Markovitz	20 Howard Kichler	29 Robin Berger
7 Pearl Lefkowitz	14 Jonathan Einhorn	20 Harvey Titen	30 Joe Wolfe
8 Robyn Kast	15 Ruth Zemel	21 Adam Webman	30 Adam Amar
8 Mark Goodman	15 Oren Barak	21 Alvin Levy	30 Aaron Crespino
8 William Shujman	16 Yoni Robuck	21 Joanne Berman	30 Lynn Resnick
8 Callie Geartner	16 Isabel Kilman	21 I. Richard Weiner	30 Patricia Lepon

If we missed your birthday, please call the office and we'll add you to the list...and please accept our apologies.

Happy Anniversary

1	Howard & Leah Levinsky
1	Michael & Beth Shader
2	Marc & Linda Brenner
3	Jeffrey & Marci Gaeser
3	Alvin & Rosalie Levy
4	Sherman & Marilyn Miller
5	Albert & Annette Goldwasser
5	Wayne & Julie Bilsky
5	Barry & Sharon Jacobson
6	Jerry & Dena Luxenberg
7	Jeanne & George Janas
7	Michael & Robyn Brehne
7	Howard & Barbara Gold
9	Geff & Toby Myers
10	Steven & Leslie Halpern
10	Daniel & Nancy Layish
11	Irwin & Patricia Weinstein
12	Neal Crasnow & Susan Drukman
12	Doron & Linda Gorshein
14	Steven & Lynn Resnick
15	Curtis Smith & Tracey Levy
15	Anthony & Robin Berger
15	Jonathan & Susan Zimmon
16	Phillip & Robin Senderowitz
16	Steven & Emily Newman

18	Jeffrey & Allison Gindi
19	Gary & Robin Reilly
20	Harvey & Gloria Titen
20	Adam & Jacqueline Pollack
20	Harvey & Rachel Gordon
20	Lawrence & Karen Kolin
22	Bruce & Debra Hoffen
23	Alan & Diane Bloom
25	Jason & Alyson Toll
25	Larry & Claire Sandler
25	Sandy & Melissa Masin
25	Steven & Risa Attermann
26	Richard & Esther Cohen
26	Larry & Renee Pitt
27	Michael & Joy Zerivitz
27	Mark & Jodi Ackerman
28	Robert & Rachel Slavkin
28	Mark Schenkel & Jodi Rubin
28	Edward & Phyllis Zissman
28	Ivan & Sandra Applebaum
29	Eric & Diane Rosenbaum
29	Lawrence & Deborah Gendzier
30	Gary & Karin Grossman
30	Tom & Shirley Wolfe



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and we'll add you to the list...
...and please accept our apologies.



Saturday, November 8th
at 9:00 a.m., we will
celebrate the Bat
Mitzvah of Gaby Bloom,
daughter of Elise &
Warren Bloom of
Winter Park.



Friday, November 14th
at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday,
November 15th at 9:00
a.m., we will celebrate the
Bat Mitzvah of Alexa
Green, daughter of
Carolyn & Dr. Adlai
Green of Longwood.



Saturday, November
22nd at 9:00 a.m., we will
celebrate the Bar Mitzvah
of Adam Webman, son of
Marcia Tabak & Edward
Webman of Winter Park.



Yahrzeits

The names listed below will be recalled at the indicated Friday evening services for Yahrzeit observance during the following week (Saturday through Friday).

November 1-7

Yona Ben Tov
Ruth Berger *
Joseph Caplan *
Sarah Chasnov *
Birdie Damus
Mildred Delinsky
Letvin
Michael Epstein *
Abraham Fox *
Harry Gamzon *
Harry Gardner
Lillian Geartner
Jerome Goldstein *
Joseph Gross
Rory Guttentag-
Weinrob
Marvin Jacobs
Leo Katz*
Morris Kerben *
Fairy Kopf
Jacob Kurland
Meyer LaBellman *
Joseph Lehman *
Irving Levin
Abraham Levy *
Miriam Ludman *
Simeon Miller
Gertrude Peretz
Charles Pinsky
Ida Provus *
Julius Rapoport
Paula Record
Esther Reznick *
Albert Rosen
Lillian Rubin *
Suzanne Salamy *
Celia Schulman
Moshe Segev
Emily Starr
Abraham Warowitz
Joseph Wolff

November 8-14

Herman Berger *
Sarah Cohen
Bernard Felson
Bessie Forman
William Green
Lili Greenspan
Joseph Greenspun *

Murray Kaufman *
Gerald Klafter
Aaron Kornicki
Esther Landau
Michael Lanxner *
Bernard Mayer *
Esther Medinkowitz *
Morris Miller
Leah Miller
Helen Miller *
Jeanne Moss
Joseph Ossin
James Osteen
Joan Price *
Linda Richardson
Jack Rifkin
Jacob Riseman
Mollie Siskind
Meyer Wax

November 15-21

Nellie Agee
Phyllis Amiga *
Janet Bach *
Abraham Baisuck
Thelma Berman *
Herman Brown
Adolph Chernack *
Anna Cohen *
Ilene Cohen
Edith Elkes
Samuel Friedman *
Lev Geller
Alice Gold
Bernard Goldberg
Max Goldsmith
Julian Haas
Marjorie Herman *
Bernard Hersch
Ruth Honey
Leo Jacobs
Arnold Lehrman
Abraham Leshinsky *
Lee Linderbauer *
Mendel Ostroff
Samuel Peckler
Adele Platzer
Zara Rosen
Jennie Schwartz
Herbert Slaiman *
Morris Steinman *

Everett Wax
Paul Wexler
Sigbert Wolf

November 22-28

Janice Abrams
Jacob Amdur *
Irving Berkowitz
Estelle Brenner *
Patricia Brown
Charles Chaskes
Benjamin Cohen *
Arthur Collman *
Rivca Cutler
Julius Dolinsky
Jack Drazen
Dorothy Drickey *
Bernard Fischer
Anna Fishkin
Harold Fogel
Allan Fox
Blanche Fox
Pauline Friedman *
Fannie Friedman *
David Friedman *
Charles Friedman
Eugene Greenberg *
Leon Greenspoon *
Edward Halpern *
Gussie Hershbeim
Abraham Kaplan
Ida Kaufman *
Harry Kruman *
Benjamin Miller
Edward Peisner *
Soleyman Rashti
Florence Rickles
Sophia Rubin *
Abraham Sabbah
Harry Shefner
Michael Siegel
Esther Sulksy *
Henry Taylor *
Florence Wax
Harold Wolfson *
Helen Zuvich

November 29- December 5

Joe Abrams *
Raymond Alhadeff

Irma Andelman
Arnold Benjamin
Morris Berger
Norman Cohen
Seymour Cohen
Arthur Davis *
Karl Drucker *
Art Drucker *
Stella Ettinger *
Rae Friedman
Harry Gill *
Sadie Goldberg *
Nathan Golden
Rubin Greenbaum
Howard Gurvitch
Julius Harris *
Lillian Harris *
Annie Holtsberg *
Sara Kadetz
Hannah Lev *
Abraham Levy
Anna Mantel
Joseph Matlin
Beatrice Michael
Anna Michelson
Seph Norwood
Baby Norwood
Yetta Ostroff
Nathan Parnett *
Albert Peiper
Isidor Pincus
Rose Rabinovich *
Ida Reback
Estelle Ritter-Leral *
Harry Rosen
Yecheil Rubinstein
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Phyllis Shapiro
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 Shirley & Al Michael in memory of Helen Weiss, mother of Shirley
 Estelle Wheeler in honor of Greg Anderson

General Fund:

Joel & Melissa Bornstein in memory of Dr. Burton Bornstein, father of Joel
 Bernice Diamond in memory of my sister, Harriet Landau
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 Rabbi Rudolph & Rose Adler in memory of Sophie Adler, mother of Rabbi
 Helen Brown in memory of my husband, Charles Brown to the honor of Rose Adler
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Rita Bornstein in memory of my uncle, Jacob Peisner
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 Thelma Alexander wishing a speedy recovery for Shirley Meltzer
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