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BETH AM

Bulletin

December 2018

Kislev - Tevet 5779

HAVDALAKAH

- .Great Food*
- .Great Songs*
- .Great Games*
- .Great Fun*
- .Great Memories!*

**Saturday evening,
December 8, 7 p.m.**

Bring your Chanukiyah and 8 candles
\$5.00 pp

Put on your yarmulka
It's time for Havdalakah

We really, really wanna - kah
have you join us for Havdalakah!

RSVP - Shalom@congbetham.org





A message from
Nina Fine
Education Director

Well, here we are mid-year already! We have gotten used to our new schedule and it's going well. Soon, we will be reassessing the children on their Hebrew and seeing where they stand in comparison to the start of the year. I will be sending home report cards with their progress.

Virtual school is going well and we hope to add some new students next semester. Please let friends and family know that we have a virtual-only Hebrew school option for kids in kindergarten through 7th grade! They don't even have to live in Florida!

Looking forward to 2019, we will be starting some new Havdalah programming on Saturday evenings to say goodbye to Shabbat.

Once monthly we will be doing a family friendly Ha-Ha-Havdalah, starting with our first outing to SAK comedy club. We will also be adding a once-monthly Jewish chant circle using words and prayers from our rich Jewish History. These events give you more opportunities to engage with Beth Am and find your place in our Family!

Looking forward to our Havdalakah Hanukkah party on December 8, where kids will get to make a menorah, and all generations will light our menorahs and sing songs together. We still need donated materials for the DIY menorahs:

Toilet paper and paper towel rolls, small blocks of wood, nuts (the metal kind), tiles and mosaics, and anything else you can think of. We also need raffle items- we will group like items to raffle off at our party.

Looking forward to our last month of 2018 and a new exciting 2019 together !

Yours,
 Nina



Religious School Break:
 December 23 - January 5
 Religious school will resume
 on Sunday, January 6

Tot & Family Shabbat

December 8
Havdalah & Hanukkah Party

January 11
Led by grades K, 1 & 2

February 1
Led by grades 6 & 7

March 1
Led by grades 3, 4 & 5

April 5
Led by grades K, 1 & 2

May 3
Led by our entire school



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JOIN US ONE SATURDAY A MONTH! LEARN ABOUT PART OF THE SHACHARIT SERVICE AND HELP PLAN AND LEAD JUNIOR CONGREGATION FOR THE YOUNGER STUDENTS. GAIN EXPERIENCE AS A LAY-LEADER AND BECOME A SUPER SERVICE LEADER!

ALL TEENS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND REGARDLESS OF SYNAGOGUE AFFILIATION. ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE AND INCLUDE A BAGEL BREAKFAST!

ALL SESSIONS START AT 9:30 AM WITH A SHORT LESSON AND THEN THE TEENS WILL LEAD JUNIOR CONGREGATION. EVERYONE WILL JOIN THE SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TORAH SERVICE AND CLOSING PRAYERS.

Session Dates:

SESSION 3: DECEMBER 8	SESSION 6: MARCH 2
SESSION 4: JANUARY 19	SESSION 7: APRIL 13
SESSION 5: FEBRUARY 16	SESSION 8: MAY 11

**Bar Mitzvah
Isaac Lewis
December 15, 2018**



Isaac is the son of Gail and Jonathan Lewis, and younger brother to Jacob. He is an honors student in the seventh grade at Wolf Lake Middle School in Apopka.

He excels at math and engineering, but his favorite classes are wind ensemble and Jazz band, where he plays trombone and piano. Isaac has played piano since third grade and has even composed his own pieces.

He enjoys music, reading, and playing video games with his friends. He loves animals, from the smallest birds to his own feline family members. Isaac has an adventurous soul and loves to make people laugh.

Sharing in the family's simcha are his grandparents Micki and Richard Lewis, his grandmother Petey Norton, his uncle Brian Norton, his uncle David Lewis and cousins Julie and Benjamin, his cousin Rose Neidich and his great aunt and uncle, Brenda and Donald Lewis, along with many family and friends from central and south Florida

**CBA MEN'S CLUB!
What we do:**

- *Sponsor the Sunday Connection*
- *Provide Kiddush cups for B'nai Mitzvah*
- *Kasher the kitchen for Passover*
- *Build and disassemble the Sukkah*
- *Help with Purim Carnival/Hanukkah Party*
- *Hold various Fundraisers*
- *Sponsor the Man of the Year awards celebration*

And So Much More.....

**Contact Mark Lichtenstein
407-687-0521
for additional information!**

Let Us Know

We are eager to share in your times of joy and support you in times of sadness.

Please contact us
so we may extend timely friendship
and comfort to you and your family.

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

TOM MAYER

**CLICKETY CLACK: MAH JONGG WAS BACK
CBA FOURTH ANNUAL MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT**

Our CBA Mah Jongg tournament was a huge success. The social hall was alive with 32 women from our synagogue and the community! Catered lunch, snacks, door prizes, stress ball give away and a 50-50 raffle on top of an afternoon of competitive play was definitely the winning ticket, or tile!!!

A tremendous amount of work went on behind the scenes. A big thank you is extended to the committee of three:

- Debbie Davids Chair
- Joanie Mayer Co-Chair
- Sheri Rosenberg Co-Chair

AND

Our CBA SUPPORTERS

- Mindi Antelak
- Barbra Bernstein
- Jodie Blattner
- Louise Brown
- Beth Burpee
- Bernice Davids
- Mark Davids
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- Elyse and Alan Jacobs
- Tom Mayer
- Elaine Pasternack
- Marcia Rosen
- Lois Smith
- Debbie Zelkowitz

**CHECK THE WEEKLY BLAST FOR INFORMATION
ON OUR NEXT FUND RAISER:**

BINGO AT CBA on December 16

We Thank Our 2018 Board of Directors

As your time on the CBA Board of Directors draws to a close, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your service. Board service is the toughest volunteer role, and you took on your duties and responsibilities with dedication, grace, and seriousness.

- PRESIDENT: Kevin Colley
- TREASURER: Dan Williams
- VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION: Gail Lewis
- VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP: Joanie Mayer
- VICE PRESIDENT FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Greg Alman
- VICE PRESIDENT FOR WAYS AND MEANS: Tom Mayer

- DIRECTORS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO:
- Aaron Davids
- Jeff Golub
- Alan Jacobs
- Tobe Lev
- Mark Lichtenstein
- Robert Rosenberg
- Michael Wilensky

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Our annual CBA Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, November 18 at 10 a.m. There were three items which required a vote. This was followed by discussions on the status of the rabbi search and security.

Your voice counted and your voice was heard. All three items requiring a vote were passed.

1. Bylaws: The proposed changes were explained and with the suggestion of changing one minor word for clarity, we now have a new document. The revised bylaws are available for review in the synagogue office.

2. The Slate of Officers for 2019 passed. There was a nomination from the floor for a President-Elect. Sheila Rashy nominated her husband Morris. There were no other floor nominations. For the first time in awhile, we will have a complete Board of Directors. Congratulations to our new board and we end the year by saying THANK YOU to our current Board of Directors and especially Kevin Colley who led the way during very challenging times.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Kevin Colley
PRESIDENT: Joanie Mayer and Dan Williams
PRESIDENT-ELECT: Morris Rashy
SECRETARY: Joseph Berrios-Zaborsky
TREASURER: Steve Gordon
VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION:
Gail Lewis and Stacy Williger
VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP: Caryn Levin
VICE PRESIDENT FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:
Greg Alman and Debra Kira
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3. The Proposed Change in the Dues Structure was discussed, concerns and input were heard and the changes were approved with the suggestions of changing one minor statement for clarity. The new dues structure

decreases membership dues for young adults and families up to the age of 40. On the other end of the spectrum, the age required for senior dues has been lowered from 70 years of age to 65 years of age.

Family (Age 20-24): \$195.00
Family (Age 25-29): \$290.00
Family (Age 30-39): \$595.00
Family (Age 40-64): \$1590

Single (Age 20-24): \$100
Single (Age 25-29): \$190.00
Single (Age 30-39): \$395.00
Single (Age 40-64): \$870.00

Senior Single (Age 65 or older): \$750.00
Senior Couple (Older spouse is age 65 years or older): \$990.00

4. The status of the Rabbi Search was discussed. Dan Williams shared all of the options which have and continue to be open for consideration. Most important, in order for us to start the process, we need YOU. In January, there will be a training session by our representative from United Synagogue to get us on the right track. The training will assist us in organizing and running effective focus groups. We need to hear from you. What are you looking for in a Rabbi? What direction would you like to see our synagogue go in? The Board of Directors and Rabbinic Search Committee can not proceed without the valuable feedback from our Beth Am Family. When you get the call to join one of our small groups, please say YES. It is also not too late to join the steering committee as we move forward with this and other projects this coming year.

5. Security is PARAMOUNT on everyone's mind. We are so pleased that one of our long time members, who is highly skilled in training members in shul security, has agreed to head up our Security Committee. He and his hand selected group will be assessing and addressing the needs of our synagogue. You will not hear much of what they are doing but please be assured that they are working behind the scenes for all of us.

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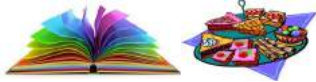
SUNDAY FUNDAY BINGO



WIN UP TO \$350

Sunday, December 16: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Pages & Pastries



Book Club

**Monday,
December 10**

6:30 p.m. - dinner

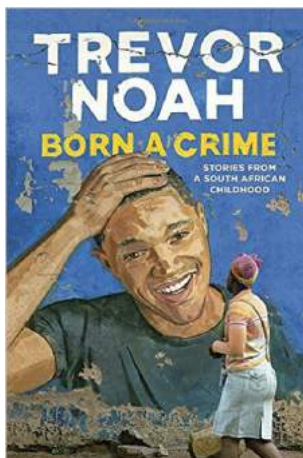
7 p.m. - book discussion

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(NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)

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We Remember December Yahrzeits



- 1 **Ralph Laub***, first husband of **Flory Kahn**
- 1 **Ralph Laub***, father of **Robyn Colley**
- 1 **Annalee Elman-Rowley**, cousin of **Simon Mendel**
- 2 **Irving Greenwald**, father of **Sherril Bracco**
- 4 **Arnold Butnick***
- 5 **Shirly Kaplan***
- 5 **Joe Fraden**, father of **Wendy Payne**
- 5 **Max Kristel***
- 6 **Bea Finkelstein***
- 7 **Jeanette Lack**, mother of **Ilona Sheplan**
- 8 **Charles Bernstein***
- 9 **Ruth Loeb**, mother of **Carol Francis**
- 10 **Meyer Handler**, grandfather of **Barbara Bernstein**
- 11 **Barbara Knapp***
- 12 **Florence Olicker**, mother of **Jackie Levine**
- 12 **Irving Davids**, uncle of **Mark Davids**
- 15 **Irving Aaron Fishman***, father of **Sheri Rosenberg**
- 15 **Ruth Williams**, mother of **Dan Williams**
- 16 **Bessie Zang***
- 18 **Jacob Tulip**, grandfather of **Cyndie Elman**
- 18 **Rachel Tenenbaum**, grandmother of **Nyles Teicher**
- 19 **Frances Bergman**, mother of **Donna Gardner**
- 19 **Lorraine Goldstein**, mother of **Michael Goldstein**
- 20 **Donald Porter**, brother-in-law of **Herb Weissman**
- 21 **Ronald Alman**, father of **Greg Alman**
- 22 **Bertha Gussow**, grandmother of **Irving Gussow**
- 24 **Steven Zlatkiss**, son of **Jerrod & Linda Zlatkiss**
- 25 **Alvin Hugh Harris**, father of **Tanna Harris**
- 26 **Aaron Zelkowitz**, son of **Debbie Zelkowitz**
- 28 **David Goldfarb**, father of **Marcia Rosen**
- 30 **Sheila Gordon**, wife of **Ira Gordon**
- 30 **Sheldon Howard Jacobs**, brother of **Alan Jacobs**
- 30 **Beral Teicher**, father of **Nyles Teicher**

*** Indicates a plaque on our Memorial Board**

If we have inadvertently omitted a birthday, anniversary or yahrzeit or published incorrect personal information about you in this bulletin, we apologize. Please let us know about the error so that we may correct our records.

**Our Congregation GRATEFULLY acknowledges
and appreciates the following contributions**

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In memory of **Shelley Weissman**

Yahrzeit Fund

Mindi Antalek

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In loving memory of **Jeanette lack**



- 4 **Dan Williams**
- 5 **Robert Rosenberg**
- 13 **Miriam Grabish**
- 13 **Jackie Levine**
- 17 **Mark Lichtenstein**
- 24 **Mindi Antalek**
- 27 **Isaac Lewis**
- 29 **Wil Robbins**
- 30 **Jerrod Zlatkiss**

- 10 **Sandy & Steve Weisstein (31)**
- 17 **Elyse & Alan Jacobs (35)**
- 18 **Gail & Jon Lewis (24)**
- 20 **Candace & Steve Jaffe (33)**
- 25 **Jackie & Mark Lichtenstein (35)**

Opportunities For Giving

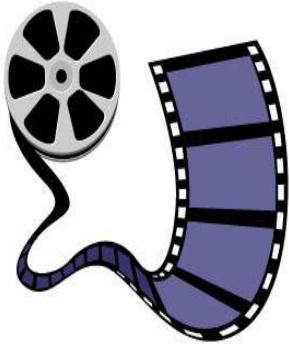
Our tradition teaches us the importance of tzedakah. What a wonderful and lasting way to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, yahrzeit, recovery from illness or hardship, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding, new baby or other occasion.

Or give just because... !

We maintain various funds, donations to which are used to support our many activities and to make Beth Am the Synagogue we want it to be.

Show you care!

Make a contribution to the fund of your choice.



**CBA Sociables
Save-the-Date**

**Movie and Dessert Night
at the Winter Park Village**

Saturday, January 12th

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