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Bulletin

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Beth Am Family,

Thank you.

The end of 2018 marks the end of my two years as the Board President of Congregation Beth Am. These two years have been trying, fun, happy, sad – so many thoughts and emotions, but I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to help lead this fantastic congregation.

There are so many people to thank, I could fill the entire page with names, but in essence it's our entire congregation. Those who have served on the Board, on committees, met on Sundays, been on conference calls at 10 pm, helped clean up, helped prep for an event, attended services, supported a fellow congregant – I thank you all. Beth Am would not be what it is without YOU!

I am thankful to Joanie Mayer and Dan Williams for taking over the co-presidency in 2019 – we are clearly in great hands with you both! The 2019 Board is going to be a great one - you all give so much of your time and passion to CBA, we can't help but have our best year yet! And Elyse...our GLUE...Thank you for everything!

As we grow forward, we have some great stories to tell. These stories happen each week whether it's at services, in our school, through a phone call, a smile, a helping hand. Beth Am is what it is because of you and the way you make others feel. I encourage you all to continue telling and sharing your stories with others – those feelings, those moments are exactly what will help us continue to grow!

So I'll end where I started – Thank you. Thank you for all of your support, your guidance, your feedback and your involvement. I hope that I was able to give you even a small piece of what you have given me. CBA is a special place to me and to us all – thank you for being a part of it and making it our Spiritual home!

Kevin Colley



**A message from
Nina Fine
Education Director**

Happy New Year to my CBA Family! We have had quite a year in 2018, with a lot of great memories: Family Shabbats with our children leading us confidently from the bimah, really lovely and fun Sukkot and Chanukah parties, implementation of our online virtual school and Shalom Learning curriculum, which teaches through the lens of Jewish values such as *Betzelem Eloheem* — treating all people as being in the image of G-d and *Gevurot* — inner and outer strength. We are still trying to get the perfect balance on Sundays and we continually strive to ensure all children are challenged and engaged to the best of our ability. We will be sending out report cards after break but want to encourage all children to practice their Alef-Bet and reading during the break which can be done easily by logging into their Shalom Learning accounts. This way we avoid placing a child in a higher Hebrew level only to have them lose ground over break and be behind.

Looking forward to 2019, we have some new family friendly programming on one Saturday evening a month as part of Havdalah, which is the short ceremony separating Shabbat from the rest of the week.

One will be *Shir Adati*, which means communal song, and will include chanting phrases from Hebrew liturgy, psalms and blessings with drums and instruments as desired. Chanting will begin once Shabbat is over. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a kosher, vegetarian potluck nosh, meet and mingle, Havdalah and communal song at 7:15 p.m., spiritual enlightenment at 7:45 and blessings and shalom at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 26.

The other program will be Ha-Ha-Havdalah, a more social program where we join together for fun and comedy. Our first one will be off-site on January 19 at SAK Comedy Club in Orlando for a family friendly improv show.

Following events will include a family game night, movie night and talent show. Stay tuned!

The children and teachers have been discussing *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) as part of our values curriculum. The 3rd-5th graders have started a marker recycling program, so bring in your old dried up markers and donate them at CBA!

The 6th-7th graders are helping on a Black Cat adoption program. We are accepting donations at this time to help pay for black cats to get adopted. Cat supplies are also welcomed. Both classes are planning on working together to do a recycling program at CBA to reduce our waste, and we will do a school wide garden and beautification project in conjunction with Tu B'Shvat! Donations and help on any of these projects are happily welcomed!!

Mazel Tov to Isaac Lewis, parents Jon and Gail and brother Jacob on a stellar Bar Mitzvah in December. We look forward to Isaac continuing his leadership at our school by helping prepare classmates to follow in his footsteps.

Looking forward to a wonderful new start for CBA in 2019!

Nina



There will be no Religious school on January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day



The Mitzvah Brigade

is an active support group for CBA. Our members participate in various in-house and community projects.

As we welcome in 2019, let's look back at our 2018 accomplishments.

Our Mitzvah Brigade members continued to support community organizations such as the Jewish Family Services food pantry, IDignity and Safe House. A group of Mitzvah Brigade members, spouses and children prepared and served our annual Mother's Day meal at the Ronald McDonald House.

On our home front, we provided members with a special meal during their time of need and also made sure there was a minyan when needed. During the High Holy Days, we assisted in the Beth Am kitchen, preparing and serving apples and honey during Rosh Hashanah, and assisted in preparing the Break-the-Fast for Yom Kippur. Marcia Rosen presented our b'nai mitzvah children with candlestick holders at their bar/bat mitzvah.

Our newest project for 2018 was "Sneakers That Fit." CBA joined other area synagogues in purchasing sneakers for children in the Orange and Seminole County school systems who do not have money to buy shoes. The teacher completed a card with the shoe size and gender of each individual student in need. This year, over \$5,000 was donated and 65 pairs of shoes were collected from the three participating synagogues.

The monetary donations collected allowed the program coordinators to purchase 212 pairs of shoes and socks for the children.

Pam Levine of CRJ, program chairperson of "Sneakers That Fit," asked me to extend a very BIG thank you to CBA for joining forces. Fifteen pairs of sneakers and \$440 in monetary donations were collected through CBA. So, on her behalf, Yasher Koach to Congregation Beth Am and a warm heartfelt thank you to Inspire Church and the Casa

De Restauracion Misionera who contributed to this wonderful project.

CBA Mitzvah Brigade will remain strong in 2019. As we see re-growth in our CBA membership, we know that Mitzvah Brigade will gain new members. The first meeting for 2019 is scheduled for January 13 at 10 a.m. in the CBA library.

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!

We welcome our 2019 Board of Directors

- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Kevin Colley
- PRESIDENT: Joanie Mayer and Dan Williams
- PRESIDENT-ELECT: Morris Rashy
- SECRETARY: Joseph Berrios-Zaborsky
- TREASURER: Steve Gordon
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- VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP: Caryn Levin
- VICE PRESIDENT FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Greg Alman and Debra Kira
- VICE PRESIDENT FOR WAYS AND MEANS: Tom Mayer
- DIRECTORS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO:

Aaron Davids	Tobe Lev
Jeff Golub	Mark Lichtenstein
Alan Jacobs	Michael Wilensky



CBA Sociables

Movie and Dessert Night at the Winter Park Village

Saturday, January 12
RSVP: shalom@congbetham.org

Check your Tuesday blast for movie selection



CBA CHAVURAH

6:30 p.m.
Friday, January 25



Location: At the home of
Ilona & Ed Sheplan

RSVP: By January 22
ilona.sheplan@gmail.com
or hipsher44@aol.com (Sherry Williams)

Tell us what dairy appetizer you plan to bring!

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for a pickup appointment



Game Night

Sunday February 3- 6pm

Watch the game on our big screen tv!

For non-football lovers, come and play your favorite game!

Bring a synagogue friendly appetizer to share and BYOB!

RSVP: shalom@congbetham.org by January 25

Another great event from the CBA Sociables!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SUNDAY FUNDAY BINGO

WIN UP TO \$350
Sunday, January 20: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Pages & Pastries

Book Club

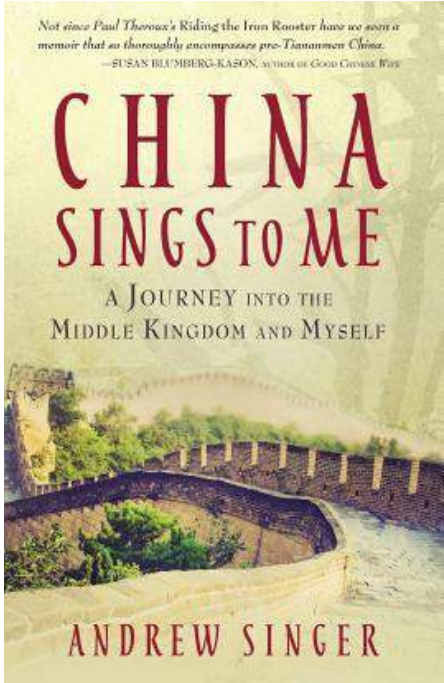
**Tuesday,
January 22**

7 p.m. - book discussion
at the home of Flory Kahn

For as long as he could remember, Cape Cod native Andrew Singer had been drawn to the rich culture and time-honored tradition of the mysterious land on the other side of the world. In the decade after the communist government reopened its borders to Americans, Singer follows his childhood dreams to the streets, alleys, and byways of the one-billion strong People's Republic of China. But the college junior soon finds himself paralyzed with culture shock and a staggering language barrier.

All around him, a nascent economic revolution holds the potential of ushering in an age of stability and prosperity after more than a century of suffering and stagnation. In the midst of China's seismic growing pains, Singer faces unexpected difficulties and obstacles with the heart of a traveler.

Through new friendships, new love and breathtaking expeditions from the majestic Great Wall to Confucius' final resting place, he undergoes his own transformation. Before closing the book on his study abroad, Singer must discover the courage to live his own life without boundaries.





*We Remember
January Yahrzeits*



- 1 **Rebekah Lynn Smith**, daughter of **Lois Smith**
- 3 **Benjamin Miller**, grandfather of **Cyndie Elman**
- 5 **Elaine Kneiz***, aunt of **Sheri Rosenberg**
- 7 **Marie Elrod***
- 8 **Abraham Mendelsohn***
- 8 **Annette Wallman**, mother of **Sherry Williams**
- 9 **Israel Katuna***
- 9 **Louis Zlatkiss**, father of **Jerrod Zlatkiss**
- 10 **Adolf Zelkowitz**, father-in-law of **Debbie Zelkowitz**
- 12 **Sydell Bass Kutner***
- 13 **Sol Cohen***
- 14 **Earl Wilensky**, uncle of **Michael Wilensky**
- 17 **Raphael Weisman**, father of **Sherwood Weisman**
- 19 **Murry Cohn***
- 19 **Sylvia Miniard**, mother of **Justin Miniard**
- 20 **Sylvia (Sibbie) Mills***
- 22 **Seymour Golub***, father of **Jeff Golub**
- 23 **Rose Rubinger**, mother of **Harriet Gair**
- 24 **Anna Ball**, grandmother of **Greg Alman**
- 24 **Cecil Coffindaffer**, father of **Susan Weisman**
- 25 **Ruth Butnick***
- 28 **Sydney Kuppe**, father of **Debbie Zelkowitz**
- 30 **Lillian Podolsky**, mother of **Elyse Jacobs**
- 30 **Rochelle Olivia Izzo***
- 30 **Steven Feld**, brother of **Debbie Davids**
- 31 **Jack Ebers***
- 31 **Martin Feuerstein***

** 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.



- 2 Wendy Payne
- 10 Michael Wilensky
- 17 Gabriella Davids
- 21 Randa Marder
- 23 Tom Shapiro
- 26 Norman Levin
- 27 Miles Landis
- 27 Tom Mayer
- 29 Maya Williger

- 5 Susan & Sherwood Weisman (44)
- 15 Dara & Justin Miniard (2)
- 19 Sheila & Morris Rashy (62)

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

Yahrzeit Fund

Elyse & Alan Jacobs

In loving memory of **Lillian Podolsky**

Jackie & Stan Levine

In loving memory of **Florence Olicker**

Wendy & Alan Payne

In loving memory of **Joe Fraden**

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.

Community Minyan
7:45 a.m.
Mon - Fri

Jewish Academy of Orlando

January

Tevet -
Shevat
5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 Office reopens	3	4 Kabbalat Shabbat 7 p.m.	5 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
6 Religious School resumes 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday morning minyan 9 a.m.	7	8 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m.	9 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	10	11 Family Shabbat 7 p.m. Led by grades K, 1 & 2	12 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. Movie & Dessert Night at Winter Park Village
13 Religious School 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday morning minyan 9 a.m. Mitzvah Brigade Meeting 10 a.m. Martin Luther King Day Commemoration 5:30 p.m. Orlando Regional History Center	14	15 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m.	16 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	17	18 Kabbalat Shabbat 7 p.m.	19 J-GEN 9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. Ha-Ha-Havdalah at SAK Comedy Club
20 No Religious School Community BINGO 7-8:30 p.m.	21	22 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m. Pages & Pastries Book Club 7 p.m. <i>At the home of Flory Kahn</i>	23 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	24	25 Chavurah at the home of Ilona & Ed Sheplan 6:30 p.m.	26 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. Shir Adati (communal song) Starts at 6:30 with potluck nosh
27 Religious School 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday morning	28	30 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m.	30 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5	31	1 Kabbalat Shabbat 7 p.m.	2 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.

*The Orlando Mayor's Commission on the Martin Luther King Holiday
and
The Interfaith Council of Central Florida*

Martin Luther King Day Commemoration 2019



"Discord Into Symphony"

Sunday, January 13, 2019

5:30 PM – Community Gathering
Orlando Regional History Center
64 E. Central Boulevard, Orlando

6:00 PM – March to First United Methodist Church
142 E Jackson Street, Orlando

6:30 PM – Interfaith / Multicultural Celebration
First United Methodist Church

Keynote: Rep. Val Demings
10th Congressional District (FL)
U.S. House of Representatives

*Join members of the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh,
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Questions? Need more information? Email: MLKOrlando2019@gmail.com.



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Session Dates:

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

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.

407.862.3505

Shalom@CongBethAm.org

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Tot & Family Shabbat

5:30 p.m.

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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