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BETH AM

Bulletin

February 2019

Shevat - Adar 1 5779



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

Another great event from the CBA Sociables!



President's Corner

January has been a very busy month. Here is a summary of what we have accomplished, what we are working on and what to stay tuned for. We

welcome your suggestions and thank you for supporting our Beth Am. Together, we are Beth Am Strong.

COMMUNICATION

- There is a new streamlined look for the blast.
- Board Liaison Initiative: Each member of the CBA Board has been assigned members of our CBA community with whom to stay in touch this year. This person will be your personal connection to the board.
- We have initiated e-mail alerts through Constant Contact, Evite, etc. to share important information.
- Our yahrzeit letter has been revised. Notice will be sent by e-mail the month prior to the date for saying kaddish for your loved one. In the week of observance, you will be notified again by e-mail and there will be a listing of names in the Tuesday blast. Our hope is that you will attend services to say kaddish and to ensure that your friends have a minyan so that they can recite the Mourner's Kaddish.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Board of Directors and members of the Steering Committee participated in a United Synagogue training session. The focus was to identify and address challenges of a small synagogue.
- Follow up by our United Synagogue representative will be provided to assist us with ideas for running an effective focus group. Once done, you will be contacted to participate in one of the groups. We need YOUR input regarding what YOU are looking for in a spiritual leader and in what direction YOU would like to see our synagogue move.
- A CBA Security Committee is being organized and an emergency plan will be developed.

RITUAL

- Saturday service now starts at 9:30. The D'var Torah is back!
- A monthly Shir Adati program has begun.
- A service booklet is being developed for Chavurah and minyan.
- A short minyan will be held prior to business and committee meetings at the synagogue.

FINANCIAL

- 2019 statements have been mailed out. Please contact the office if you have any questions.
- Bingo will be held twice each month. We will be introducing a spaghetti dinner prior to play for a donation of \$5 per person.
- The Super Bowl Raffle is in full swing. We are getting good response from members and the community.

WHAT IS COMING UP

- The 2019 Board installation is scheduled for Friday, February 8. Please join your CBA community in celebration. Our very own Mitzvah Brigade will be leading the way by preparing their favorite dessert items for the Oneg Shabbat. It isn't too late to be a part of the cooking party!
- We are working on our CBA Greeter Program. Don't be surprised if we contact you to accept the honor of serving as an occasional greeter for Shabbat this year!
- We are making plans for Purim and Passover. The Ritual Committee and Board of Directors are also starting the process to secure a spiritual leader for the High Holy Days.
- Office and school staff, children and board members will be wearing name badges for identification.
- We have been adding social programming, in particular to include family friendly events.

Joanie Mayer & Dan Williams



**A message from
Nina Fine
Education Director**

I hope everyone is having a good 2019 so far. We have a lot of new events at Beth Am including our Havdalah programming — Ha-Ha-Havdalah — that started on January 19. We had 21 participants at SAK Comedy Lab for a night full of laughter. We hope to get a good turnout for Shir Adati, our communal song circle, which debuted on January 26. Bingo, West Side Story, Chavurah... Beth Am has a lot to offer this year!

The children are working hard on Hebrew reading, tefilah and tikkun olam, repairing the world. We have a used marker recycling program, so bring your dried out markers and drop them in the box at the entrance to the shul. We are putting together a recycling program at Beth Am to reduce, reuse and recycle to help our planet. We started at our Tu B'Shvat Seder this month by brainstorming ideas to help our planet and ended with volunteers taking home the paper plates to be recycled and the fruit waste to be composted!

The older children are joining to help Dylan with his Bar Mitzvah project called All Cats Matter, which is a program to help get black cats adopted. They will be raising funds to help with costs, donating cat supplies and volunteering with Candy's Cats to get people to come to an adoption event on February 3. Donations are encouraged and can be added to the tzedakah box in the lobby.

Virtual school is going well — we have four non-affiliated students participating so far. Please spread the word that we have an online-only option for K-7th and are still accepting new students. Children do not have to live in the area to attend. Report cards will go home shortly.

Wishing our CBA Family a happy and healthy 2019!

Nina

Board Installation Shabbat

February 8 - 7:00 p.m.

Any organization is only as strong as its leadership, and Congregation Beth Am is fortunate to have such superb lay leadership.

Our Board of Directors diligently plans and organizes to ensure Beth Am has direction and focus.

Join us for a lively Kabbalat Shabbat and the Installation of Beth Am's Officers and Board members for 2019.

Adding to the spirit of this special Shabbat service, our very own Mitzvah Brigade will be preparing their favorite desserts for everyone to enjoy at the Oneg immediately following the service.

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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Gail Lewis and Stacy Williger

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP: Caryn Levin

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Greg Alman and Debra Kira

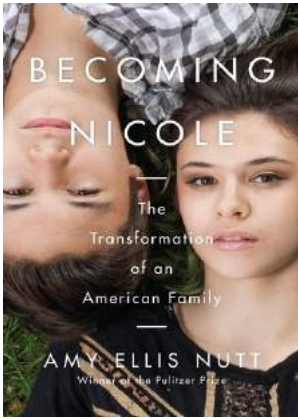
VICE PRESIDENT FOR WAYS AND MEANS: Tom Mayer

DIRECTORS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO:

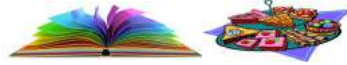
Jeff Golub	Mark Lichtenstein
Alan Jacobs	Michael Wilensky
Tobe Lev	



There will be no Religious school on Sunday, February 17 in observance of President's Day



Pages & Pastries



Book Club

Tuesday,

February 19, 7 p.m.

Book discussion at the
home of Flory Kahn

The inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all.

When Wayne and Kelly Maines adopted identical twin boys, they thought their lives were complete. But it wasn't long before they noticed a marked difference between Jonas and his brother, Wyatt.

Jonas preferred sports and trucks and many of the things little boys were "supposed" to like; but Wyatt liked princess dolls and dress-up and playing Little Mermaid. By the time the twins were toddlers, confusion over Wyatt's insistence that he was female began to tear the family apart.

In the years that followed, the Maineses came to question their long-held views on gender and identity, to accept and embrace Wyatt's transition to Nicole, and to undergo an emotionally wrenching transformation of their own that would change all their lives forever.

Becoming Nicole chronicles a journey that could have destroyed a family but instead brought it closer together. It's the story of...

- a mother whose instincts told her that her child needed love and acceptance, not ostracism and disapproval,
- a Republican Air Force veteran father who overcame his deepest fears to become a vocal advocate for trans rights,
- a loving brother who bravely stuck up for his twin sister,
- a town forced to confront its prejudices, a school compelled to rewrite its rules

Becoming Nicole, by Amy Ellis Nutt, is the story of an extraordinary girl who fought for the right to be herself.



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- **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!**

Congregation Beth Am's
Shir Adati Communal Song
Saturday evening, February 23

6:30 p.m. - Vegetarian Potluck Snack, Meet & Mingle

7:15 p.m. - Havdalah, Chant, and Song

7:45 p.m. - Shalom

The soul full Cantor Nina Fine will lead us in song and prayer.
Rhythm instruments will be provided to enhance the experience!

For additional information, please contact:
Cantor Nina Fine(nina@ninafine.com)

Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night



BINGO

**WIN UP TO
\$350
Sunday,
February 10**

**DINNER - 6 p.m.
\$5 per person suggested donation**

**BINGO - 7:00 p.m.
7 games - \$10**

**Bring a friend and receive a free BINGO card!
Next BINGO date - February 24**



Havdalah

Saturday Evening

February 16

Comedy Movie & Popcorn Night

7:00 p.m. - CBA

Saturday evening

March 16

7 p.m. - CBA

Pajama Havdalah

Learn about Havdalah,
make your own havdalah set

Contact Nina Fine

nina@ninafine.com

for additional information



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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 5: FEBRUARY 16

SESSION 7: APRIL 13

SESSION 6: MARCH 2

SESSION 8: MAY 11

Tot & Family Shabbat

Tot Shabbat - 6:30 p.m.

Family & Congregational Shabbat service - 7:00 p.m.

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

Tu B'Shvat Seder!



Planting parsley
for Pesach and
collecting etrog
from our etrog
tree!





*We Remember
February Yahrzeits*



- 2 Anne Grumbach*
- 2 Walter Seidler*
- 3 Muriel Patek, mother of Wayne Morris
- 4 Jack Simon*, step-father of Linda Zlatkiss
- 4 Dina Evans, grandmother of Herb Weissman
- 4 Lee Finkelstein*
- 6 Jennie Tulip, grandmother of Cyndie Elman
- 8 Moshe Salzhauer, father of Shlomith Cohen
- 13 Florence Goldfarb, mother of Marcia Rosen
- 27 Leon Goldfarb, grandfather of Mark Lichtenstein
- 27 Roslynne Bloom*, mother of Gwen Bloom

** Indicates a plaque on our Memorial Board*



- 12 Michal Cohen
- 12 Isaac McGee
- 14 Rebecca Kira
- 15 Howard Batwin
- 16 Lois Smith
- 17 Kate Landis
- 18 Michelle Kucaba
- 20 Ella Colley
- 21 Dan Solomon Cohen

14 Susan & Isaac Vacnin (36)

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

Kiddush Fund

Herb Weissman

Thank you for upgrading our Friday evening Onegs

Carolyn & Larry Kaplan

In celebration of Debra Kira reading the Haftarah

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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Shalom@CongBethAm.org

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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 your care!
Make a contribution to the fund of your choice.

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

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

Jewish Academy of Orlando

February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Tot Shabbat 6:30 p.m. Family & Congregational Shabbat Service led by grades 6 & 7 7:00 p.m.	2 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
3 Religious School 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Super Bowl Party 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m.	5 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	7	8 Board Installation Shabbat 7:00 p.m.	9 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. West Side Story 8:00 p.m. West End Theater
10 Religious School 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner & Community BINGO 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	11	12 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m.	13 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	14	15 Happy Hour Shabbat 7 p.m.	16 J-GEN 9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. Ha-Ha-Havdalah Comedy movie & popcorn night 7:00 p.m.
17 No Religious School	18	19 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>	20 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	21	22 Chavurah at the home of a CBA member 6:30 p.m.	23 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. Shir Adati (communal song) Starts at 6:30 with potluck snack
24 Religious School 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Community BINGO 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	25	26 Virtual Religious School Grades K-3 5:30 p.m.	27 Virtual Religious School Grades 3-5 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Grades 6 & 7 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	28	1 Tot Shabbat 6:30 p.m. Family & Congregational Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.	2 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.

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