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Bulletin

June 2019

Iyar-Sivan 5779

Guess
WHO'S
coming
to Dinner



Mentalist Mark Stone July 14

\$45.00 per person

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Fish or vegetarian entrée, salad, oven roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Glass of red or white wine included (additional drink tickets available for purchase)
Dessert

Unique, interactive, jaw-dropping show by nationally known Mark Stone: 7:00 p.m.

Sponsorship opportunities:

POWER LEVEL: \$500

Table for 8, recognition in the program and promotional event information, table signage featuring sponsor, 1 bottle each of red and white wine for the table and 1 wine ticket per guest, VIP time with Mark Stone

PSYCHIC LEVEL: \$400

Table for 6, recognition in the program and promotional event information, table signage featuring sponsor, 2 wine tickets per guest

RSVP by July 8 to Shalom@CongBethAm.org

May 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.



Joanie Mayer & Dan Williams

for the building space so that we don't have to deal with this hurdle once we secure a renter.

- As of this printing, eight members have come forth and will be contributing to the Rabbi Fund. Rabbi Bernstein has been compensated for May with one such donation. If you would like to contribute, please

contact Tom Mayer.

FINANCIAL

- 2019 statements have been mailed out. If you did not receive one or if you have a question/concern about your bill, please contact the office.
- Thank you to everyone who has been providing financial support to the synagogue. Your generosity is greatly APPRECIATED and NEEDED.
- Calls are currently being made to members who have not started to pay dues.

RITUAL

- CBA experienced our first Shabbat with Rabbi Bernstein. The showing of support was wonderful. We had 40 attend our Shabbat dinner, 61 attended the Friday night Shabbat service, 40+ attended Saturday service and kiddush luncheon and the majority of those in attendance stayed for the study session. Rabbi will be back for a second Shabbat in August. Please take the opportunity to meet Rabbi Bernstein on a more personal level before he leads us in services for the High Holy Days. More information will be coming in the near future.
- We thank our lay leaders and especially Mark Davids who has been designated to be the liaison between CBA and the rabbi.
- A tip of the kippah is extended to the CBA Steering Committee for taking on the responsibility of planning and preparing all of the food. In CBA style, so many people took time out of their busy schedules to make kugels, bake cookies, prepare specialty salads, cook pasta, decorate and set the tables, etc. You get the picture. It takes a village, or in our case a community, to make things happen.
- Plans are in place for Shavuot services. Please see the weekly blast and monthly bulletin for specific information on our services.
- Thank you to Joanie and Tom Mayer for hosting the May Chavurah and to Mark Davids for leading services.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Follow Up)

- Plans are moving forward for our bathroom renovation to meet the requirements of our proposed school tenant. Word from our contractor, Scott Halperin, is that we are a few weeks away from being able to submit the plans to the county. If we are able to get the plans approved and the renovation completed by the end of July, our proposed tenant will occupy the space in August.
- To ensure that we are not solely dependent on that school as a tenant, we will continue to advertise our space. Since the congregational meeting, two other schools have made inquiries about renting space. We do want to assure all that we will not move forward with funding or construction unless we have a signed lease contingent on the completion of the restrooms. We are going to do what is needed to get approval from the county or a change in use

EDUCATION

- Summer is the time for planning for the new school year. Parents, Nina Fine and Board members have been meeting to put together an action plan.
- Thank you to the teachers and our amazing Education Director, Nina Fine, for a very successful year.
- Please watch for exciting school news in upcoming weekly blasts, on our website and in monthly bulletins.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The word is out. Our first major fundraiser dinner and show with nationally known mentalist Mark Stone is only six weeks away. The event flyer with all the information accompanies the weekly blast. Please share it with your friends, put together a table, sell tickets and sign up now. This will be a night you won't forget. Please see the weekly blast, monthly bulletin and our website for more information on menu, sponsorship opportunities and cost for tickets.
- *Ghost the Musical* is coming to a theater near you on June 23 and we have thirty tickets. There are still a few seats available but it is filling up fast. Don't miss out on this fun CBA Sociable event. Specific information is available in the weekly blast and the monthly bulletin.
- Our newly formed Past Presidents Circle had its first meeting. We are so fortunate to have twelve past presidents currently at our shul. They will serve as an advisory group and, as their first challenge, they will be working on strategic planning. The focus is what we can do to keep our Beth Am moving forward.
- Mother's Day at the Ronald McDonald House was a big success! A very special thank you is extended to Becky & Michael Goldstein for organizing this event and to Beth & Bruce Burpee, Elyse Jacobs and Joanie & Tom Mayer for handling the food prep, set up and clean up and to all who supported this effort with your generous donations. It was greatly appreciated.

WHAT IS COMING UP

- During the summer months, it may be difficult for us to make minyans. Why do we belong to a synagogue? One main reason is to be able to daven and say Kaddish for our loved ones. How would you feel if you needed to say Kaddish and you couldn't because there was not a minyan? As a community we can keep this from happening. If you would attend services once a month, this would make such a difference. We always say that Beth Am family helps family. What better way than being at shul to support each other?
- HOT OFF THE PRESS: We are currently in negotiations with a tenant who wants to rent space from us for the summer months, which would bring in some much-needed revenue. Watch for more information regarding the status of this opportunity.



**A message from
Nina Fine
Education Director**

Another great year in our CBA Religious School has come to an end!

All our students from grades three and up are reading Hebrew! Our younger students know their Alef Bet and are getting ready to or have already started to read!

The Shalom Learning curriculum has been beneficial in helping coordinate our curriculum between Sundays and Wednesdays. Families really appreciate the convenience of a virtual mid-week class, given their hectic lives.

I'm very proud of the progress our children have made since last year and I hope they and their families feel pride as well. It's very gratifying to see the improvement in Hebrew decoding and reading and prayer recitation.

A special shout out goes to our graduating student, Isaac Lewis, who has been enrolled in Beth Am's Religious School since kindergarten! We are so excited for you, Isaac, and hope that you will continue to contribute your skills to Beth Am after graduation — you will always have a place here as part of the Beth Am Family.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers, parents and volunteers who helped us make this a great year. Thanks to our Board members who work tirelessly behind the scenes and to Elyse Jacobs, our office manager, for supporting us through it all.

Looking forward to next year, we have some exciting possibilities and ideas to make our school even better, but we need your input and your energy so please consider jumping on a committee to help make the decisions that will shape the school and Beth Am for the future!

Have a wonderful summer and please have your child read Hebrew for 30 minutes a week minimum this summer —

just log in at my.shalomlearning.org or by going through the siddur.

Come to services and become an integral part of the Beth Am Family!

Wishing you Shalom/peace :)
Nina

**Shavuot:
The Least-Known Major Jewish Holiday**

Shavuot occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. This year, Shavuot begins Saturday evening, June 8. The name "Shavuot" (Weeks) reflects the fact that there are precisely seven weeks — a week of weeks — between the first day of Passover and Shavuot.

Shavuot is just as holy and just as important as Passover. It is the Festival of Torah, which celebrates the completion of the freedom that our ancestors were granted on Passover: **true freedom comes when one is able to study Torah, to use one's intelligence to create a better world.** Accordingly, the Torah reading for Shavuot is the Theophany at Sinai, the giving of the Ten Commandments to the Israelites gathered in the desert.

Unlike Passover, there are no specific rituals to mark the observance and celebration of Shavuot. There are two "minhagim" (customs) associated with the holiday: (1) to eat cheese blintzes or other dairy foods celebrating Israel as the "Land of Milk and Honey" and (2) to wear bright colors on the holiday in celebration of summer's arrival.

It is a Yom Tov, a major holiday alongside Sukkot and Passover, and it should be observed as such. It should be a day marked by attendance at worship services and gathering together with friends to study in the evening or through the day.

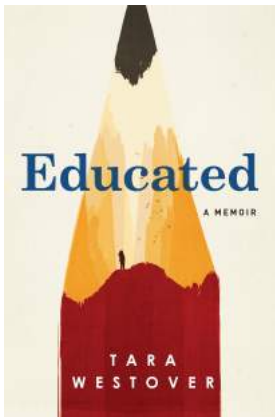
Please join us for these Shavuot services:

Community Shavuot: Saturday, June 8, 9:30 p.m. at Temple Israel, (50 S Moss Rd, Winter Springs, FL 32708) Words of Torah rain down! Do you grab an umbrella or dance in the rain? Join the Orlando community as we celebrate Tikkun Leil Shavuot for a night of passionate learning and delicious cheesecake. We will have teachers from all over the Orlando area. If you would like to enter the cheesecake competition, please contact Rabbi Neely for more information at rabbi@tiflorida.org.

At Congregation Beth Am:

Sunday, June 9: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 10: Morning Service & Yizkor - 9:30 a.m.



**Summer read!
Educated
by Tara Westover**

**Pages & Pastries Book Club
will resume in
September**

"Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag". In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

"Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent.

"Then, lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

"*Educated* is an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes with severing the closest of ties. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes and the will to change it."



For the sixth year in a row, the CBA Mitzvah Brigade sponsored a Mother's Day share-a-meal dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Our volunteers prepared and served a wonderful meal, which was greatly appreciated!

This year's volunteers — Mike (chef) Goldstein, Tom & Joanie Mayer, Beth & Bruce Burpee, Elyse Jacobs and I — brought such joy to the families staying at this facility. These volunteers are to be commended for giving their time so that others could celebrate Mother's Day while their children receive treatment at local hospitals.

The donations we received from our members covered the cost of the event.

This year again, we raffled off a beautiful gift basket prepared and donated by Debbie Zelkowitz. The mom that won this beautiful basket was so thrilled and shared that she had never won anything in her life.

The RMH manager and residents are always grateful for what we do, so let's put this mitzvah on our calendar for next Mother's Day.

The Mitzvah Brigade will take a break for the summer and regroup in time for the High Holy Days.

But, please remember to look for our ongoing Wish List Project in the Tuesday CBA blast.

Yasher Koach to everyone for supporting our CBA projects.

Becky Goldstein
CBA Mitzvah Brigade Coordinator



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JUNE 28



**Sunday,
June 2 & 30**



7:00 p.m.



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\$1 for daubers



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June

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
2 BINGO 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	6	7 Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m.	8 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m. Community Shavuot Service
9 Shavuot Morning Service 9:30 a.m.	10 Shavuot Morning Service & Yizkor 9:30 a.m.	11	12 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	13	14 Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m.	15 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
16	17	18	19 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	20	21 Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m.	22 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
23 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Ghost 2 p.m.	24	25	26 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	27	28 Chavurah 6:30 p.m. No 7 p.m. service at Beth Am	29 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
30 BINGO 7 p.m.						

***We Remember
June Yahrzeits***

- 1 **Benjamin Milavetz**, grandfather of **Naomi Morris**
- 1 **Harry Bear***, father of **Becky Goldstein**
- 3 **Uphee Porter**, mother-in-law of **Herb Weissman**
- 3 **Dorothy Golub***, mother of **Jeff Golub**
- 3 **Dorothy Golub***, grandmother of **Dara Miniard**
- 4 **Irving Gordon**, father of **Ira Gordon**
- 4 **Richard Antalek**, husband of **Mindi Antalek**
- 4 **Sabby Hazen***
- 6 **Endre Ruben***
- 6 **Harry Alman**, grandfather of **Greg Alman**
- 12 **Harry Bernstein**, husband of **Barbara Bernstein**
- 14 **Sadie Davids**, grandmother of **Mark Davids**
- 19 **Mollye Rosenberg***, mother of **Robert Rosenberg**
- 20 **Louis Kornick**, grandfather of **Mark Davids**
- 21 **Ernest Lefkowitz***
- 22 **Emanuel Cohen**, father-in-law of **Shlomith Cohen**
- 22 **Tillie Patek**, grandmother of **Naomi Morris**
- 24 **Harold Jaffe**, father of **Steven Jaffe**
- 25 **Greg Seligman***, son of **Don Seligman**
- 26 **Doris Brown**, mother of **Phil Brown**
- 29 **Fred Pearl***
- 29 **Gita Grunberg***
- 29 **Peter Gussow**, grandfather of **Irving Gussow**
- 30 **Beatrice Batwin**, mother of **Howard Batwin**
- 30 **Jack Patek**, father of **Naomi Morris**
- 30 **Patty Pollack***

** Indicates a plaque on our Memorial Board*



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Mark Davids | 17 | Barbara Bernstein |
| 5 | Shlomith Cohen | 18 | Phil Brown |
| 8 | Evan Alman | 22 | Naomi Morris |
| 11 | Michael Goldstein | 23 | Simmie Golub |
| 13 | Zachary Williger | 28 | Melanie Brooks |
| | | | |
| 07 | Anne & Tobe Lev (10) | | |
| 12 | Carolyn & Larry Kaplan (54) | | |
| 14 | Becky & Michael Goldstein (38) | | |
| 16 | Donna & Rick Gardner (48) | | |
| 22 | Ilona & Ed Sheplan (39) | | |
| 25 | Kate & Miles Landis (41) | | |
| 26 | Luci Belnick & Jeff Cohen (36) | | |
| 26 | Holly Roark & Ira Gordon (14) | | |

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

Kiddush Fund

Becky & Michael Goldstein

In loving memory of **Marvin Goldstein**

Carolyn & Larry Kaplan

In loving memory of **Betty Kaplan**

In loving memory of **George Kaplan**

Yahrzeit Fund

Wendy & Alan Payne

In loving memory of **Sylvia Payne**

Jerrod & Linda Zlatkiss

In loving memory of **Louis Wilkins**

General Fund

Betsy Batwin

Thank you to Joanie Mayer for all the time commitment she has made teaching Mah Jongg

Phil & Louise Brown

In honor of **Robert Rosenberg** officiating the Pidyon Haben for Calvin Elliott Guider

Robbie & Tracy Mayer

In honor of Norm Levin. Thank you for being such a special part of our day and helping us start our lives together.

Seth & Erica Payne

In honor of Norman Levin officiating at their wedding

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