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BETH AM

Bulletin

November 2019

Cheshvan - Kislev 5780

Annual Meeting of Members

November 17, 2019

3 p.m.

CBA Social Hall

AGENDA:

1. Synagogue update.
2. Present the budget for the year ending December 31, 2020.
3. Elect the Officers and Directors who will constitute the 2020 Board of Directors.
4. Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Only members in good standing may vote at this meeting or any adjournments, continuations or postponements of the meeting.

PROXY FORM FOR 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

I, _____, being a member in good standing of Congregation Beth Am,

hereby appoint _____, of the County of _____, State of Florida, to be my proxy with full power of substitution and to vote as the proxy sees fit with respect to all matters that may come before the Annual Meeting of Members of Congregation Beth Am to be held at the Congregation, 3899 Sand Lake Road, Longwood, Florida 32779 on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 3 p.m. and at any adjournments, continuations or postponements of that meeting. Said proxy is hereby granted full power to vote and act for me in my name and place, in the same manner, to the same extent and with the same effect as though I might vote were I present at said Meeting.

I hereby revoke any proxy previously given with respect to this Meeting.

Signature _____ Date: _____

October 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 and Dan Williams

FINANCIAL

- Thank you to everyone who made a High Holy Days Pledge. Your support and investment in Beth Am are greatly appreciated.
- We are happy to share that we are current with Iberia Bank, Wells Fargo and all of our debts.
- The loan with the Jewish Capital Alliance has closed.
- The generosity of our members has been overwhelming. We are now at \$58,500 with guarantees for the loan. Our goal is \$66,000, so we are almost there. If you would like to be a guarantor, please contact one of us.
- A huge thank you is extended to Tobe Lev for the support and guidance he has provided throughout the loan process.

RITUAL

- A tip of the kippah is extended to our amazing lay leaders for leading our festival services. For those of you who were there, our Simchat Torah service was energized and the candy and shots of liquor made for a happy crowd!
- One more time, we recognize our Simchat Torah honorees, Michele and Stuart Bourne and Greg Alman, and thank them for all that they have done and continue to do for the good of our Beth Am community.
- As we begin a new year, please make a commitment to attend services at least once a month to support our members who need a minyan to say kaddish and to support the tireless efforts of our dedicated lay leaders. Join us and see firsthand the changes which have been made to our Shabbat services. You won't be disappointed and will come away spiritually uplifted.
- Our Chavurah is back. We thank Sandy and Steve Weisstein for hosting our Fall Flavors gathering and to Mark Davids for leading the service.



FUNDRAISING

- The time has come. Bingo is going weekly. Starting November 3, our crew will be there ready to welcome our growing number of followers.
- It is not too late to come on board as a Bingo Crew Worker. Three people stepped up to the plate this past week. Teams will be organized to combat worker burn out.
- It is time to start thinking about our winter/spring fund raiser. If you have a suggestion, please contact Tom Mayer, Ways and Means VP, and watch the weekly blast for news of our next fund-raising meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The roof repairs will be underway shortly. We are currently getting bids. We did have a mold assessment done and the good news is that there is NO MOLD.
- The building is listed for sale or rental. As pledged, we continue to explore options which would bring us the outside revenue needed to stay in our building while also continuing to try to sell the building.
- An update from our Education VP. Our children are shining stars with their Hebrew Reading. They are quite accomplished with their skills. One thing is sure, Nina's Hebrew Leveling Program worked the past two years and continues to be a true benefit and plus at the MAGAL School.
- Our Pages and Pastries Group is ramping up. The current and upcoming selections of books are provided in the Bulletin. Please join us for a short lively discussion and a chance to schmooze with friends.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT

- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. Anyone who attends the meeting will receive a bingo sheet and snack ticket. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. After the meeting, get a bite to eat and then come back and support our fund raising efforts. Put together a table and have a blast.
- In preparation for our downsizing, we will be forming a Transition Committee. There will be much to do and this effort will take a Huge Village. Please look for more information in coming weeks through our blast and email system.



**A message from
Nina Fine
Education Director**

CBA MAGAL UPDATE

We hope you enjoyed meaningful holidays with your family. Things are getting back to normal post-holidays at MAGAL. I am in the process of sending out updates to all parents about their children's Hebrew Reading levels and what they can do to work on it at home to "level up." Our kids are doing great and the Hebrew program is improving Hebrew reading across the board. We have some exciting events coming up soon. In this season of thankfulness, I am thankful to be able to continue working with our Beth Am Families at MAGAL!

Please note the following special events at MAGAL:

Sunday, Nov. 3 *6th and 7th grade* parents are invited to join us this morning as our students create their own tallitot. We are also looking for some volunteers to help with sewing hems (at home) over the two weeks after that. Please let us know if you can help out!

Sunday, Nov. 10 Kabbalat Siddur preparation for *3rd grade* parents. When our students begin their formal Hebrew studies in 3rd grade they are presented with a siddur from their synagogue. It is a lovely tradition for parents to create covers for these important books. (It also helps your child to quickly find their own siddur when there are so many identical copies.) Meet Cantor Kim in the social hall at 9:15 for a book cover refresher course! Supplies will be provided, although you're welcome to take the books home to work on a more intricate design.

Also on **Sunday, Nov. 10**
Bagels & Blocks, 11 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. (ages 5 and under with at least one adult)
Little SHFTY/Kadima event (grades 6-8) at 12:30

Saturday, Nov. 23 is our first MAGAL Shabbat Morning service for the year (the other will occur on April 11). All our students will have parts in the service, and lunch will be served afterwards. **Note: because of this event, we do not have regular classes on Sunday, Nov. 24!**

Thank you - תודה

We thank everyone who got involved and whose participation, both public and behind the scenes, ensured that our High Holy Days services were spiritually uplifting and ran smoothly (*with apologies to those we inadvertently omitted*).

- ✧ Those who helped with the set-up and clean-up
- ✧ Our ushers
- ✧ Our superb Shofar Squad
- ✧ The phenomenal lay leaders who helped make our services so spiritual and special
- ✧ Those who helped prepare and serve the apples and honey for a sweet New Year
- ✧ Those who helped build and dismantle our sukkah
- ✧ Those who helped make our Break-the-Fast a huge success

We could not have done it without you!

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| Eric Alpert | Tobe Lev |
| Lisa Alpert | Norman Levin |
| Mindi Antalek | Jackie Levine |
| Greg Alman | Stan Levine |
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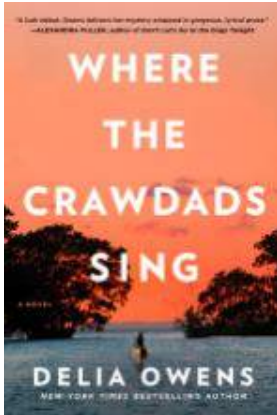
Pages & Pastries



Book Club

We will meet on
Tuesday, November 19
7 p.m.
Panera
434 near Montgomery Rd.

November Book Selection



For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say.

Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

We will take a break in December

January Book Selection: *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty

February Book Selection: *Things You Save in a Fire* by Katherine Center

March Book Selection: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee



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Every Sunday

at 7 p.m.

Be a part of the
BINGO TEAM

Please contact Tom Mayer: tmayer2027@gmail.com



For most children, it is the promise of running races, shooting baskets, feeling "cool" or just plain being comfortable! But, right here in our local community, there are children for whom this is only a dream. This is the reason that, over 20 years ago, Congregation of Reform Judaism began the project SNEAKERS THAT FIT.

This is Beth Am's second year joining the other area synagogues to provide NEW sneakers to these children. Teachers have identified the students in need and provided their shoe sizes. The sneakers will be delivered to the designated schools before the winter holiday break.

Between **November 1 and December 2**, there will be a display and box in the CBA lobby. The display will have ID cards which includes the child's shoe size and age.

Please pick a card and purchase a pair of sneakers and socks for that child. Please place the purchased sneakers and socks **along with the ID card** in our drop off box.

If you prefer not to shop but wish to participate, donations are accepted. Envelopes are provided. For as little as \$30, we will make sure each designated child will have a new pair of socks and sneakers.

Our partner, The Reebok Outlet, has loyally assisted us with securing the most product for our money. Please pick up an envelope and return your donation to the CBA office.

Remember, no amount is too little or too big!

Checks can be made out to CBA designated to Sneaker That Fit.
Last year CBA and our resident churches helped over 25 children!



If you have any questions please contact me, Becky Goldstein 321-438-9584 or Rebecca.goldsteinfla@yahoo.com



*We Remember
November Yahrzeits*



- 1 **Burt Rutkin**, cousin of **Norman Levin**
- 2 **Marvin Kornick**, uncle of **Mark Davids**
- 2 **Sophia Bear***, mother of **Becky Goldstein**
- 3 **Ianco Ben Haim Iehuda**, father of **Dan Solomon Cohen**
- 3 **Natalie Feld***, mother of **Debbie Davids**
- 5 **David Abels***, father of **Flory Kahn**
- 5 **Judge Harry J. Gardner**, father of **Rick Gardner**
- 10 **Dorothy Klein**, aunt of **Simmie Golub**
- 10 **Lillian Rosenberg**, grandmother of **Robert Rosenberg**
- 10 **Rose Polonsky**, grandmother of **Robert Rosenberg**
- 12 **Robert Cook***, father of **Joanie Mayer**
- 12 **Ruth Maysman**, mother of **Carolyn Kaplan**
- 12 **Ruth Maysman**, grandmother of **Debra Kira**
- 12 **Sophie Weissman***, mother of **Herb Weissman**
- 13 **Isadore Landau***, father of **Linda Zlatkiss**
- 14 **Gussie Weisman***, mother-in-law of **Susan Weisman**
- 14 **Leo Bial***
- 18 **Florence Rosenberg***
- 18 **Steven Glass**, cousin of **Norman Levin**
- 19 **Frances Schatzberg**, grandmother of **Nancy Mendel**
- 19 **Lila Cybul***
- 20 **Stanley Wallman**, father of **Sherry Williams**
- 21 **Janet Golden**, sister of **Sherry Williams**
- 22 **James Greene***
- 22 **Olga Bat Menahem**, mother of **Dan Solomon Cohen**
- 23 **Charles Seligman***
- 23 **Mitch Milavetz**, uncle of **Naomi Morris**
- 23 **Shelley Weissman***, wife of **Herb Weissman**
- 27 **Fanny Fineberg**, grandmother of **Nancy Mendel**
- 27 **Roslyn Brown***

** Indicates a plaque on our Memorial Board*



*Birthdays
of the
Month*

- 10 Samara Halperin
- 12 Leon Sheplan
- 19 Holly Roark
- 20 Sherril Bracco
- 23 Jacob Lewis
- 27 Gail Lewis
- 29 Linda Zlatkiss

*Our Congregation GRATEFULLY
acknowledges and appreciates
the following contributions*

Yahrzeit Fund

Steve & Sandy Weisstein

In loving memory of **Daniel Leon Ruby**

High Holy Days Bima Flowers

Steve & Sandy Weisstein

In loving memory of **Daniel Leon Ruby**

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.

Community Minyan
 7:45 a.m.
 Mon - Fri
 Jewish Academy of Orlando

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m.	2 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
3 BINGO 7 p.m.	4	5	6 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	7	8 Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m.	9 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
10 BINGO 7 p.m.	11	12	13 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	14	15 Happy Hour Shabbat 7 p.m.	16 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
17 Annual Congregational Meeting 3 p.m. BINGO 7 p.m.	18	19 Pages & Pastries Book Club 7:00 p.m.	20 Mah Jongg 1 p.m.	21	22 Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m.	23 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.
24 BINGO 7 p.m.	25	26	27 No Mah Jongg	28	29 Celebrate Shabbat at home No 7 p.m. service at Beth Am	30 Shabbat morning service 9:30 a.m.



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