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Shabbaton Recap and Thanks

Shabbaton 2017 is now behind us. Despite a major weather event we managed to have well over 130 people attend. The event nourished our souls with Rabbi Joel and Rabbi Kaplan from Mobile leading us in a morning **worship service followed by Torah study and later an "Ask the Rabbis" discussion group.** The event also nourished our stomachs with a light breakfast, catered lunch, wine tasting and a lovely catered dinner, not to mention a number of cooking demonstrations for our youngest to oldest cooks. We enjoyed all the food that was prepared during the cooking demonstrations. We had the opportunity to learn more about our Jewish heritage through sessions on Jews in Music, Jews in Sports, the History of Jews in Pensacola and a Yiddish lesson to boost our less than ample vocabulary. Our interest in Israel was addressed with Israeli dancing, Israeli games and an Israel update from our local Schlicha. The health of our bodies was not ignored. In addition to the Israeli dancing, there was a more up to date Dance Party, as well as Tai Chi and Yoga to soothe our mind and body. There were wonderful crafts for all ages and for those who wanted just plain fun, there was Poker (an effort to recruit new people to our annual Poker tournament), Mahjong, Ping Pong, Foosball, a movie and TV show. The day was made extra special by our visitors from the Springhill Avenue Temple in Mobile. They had to dodge tornadoes to get to TBE. The event was advertised for people from 2 – 102. We did have some attendees even younger than 1, but could only manage to get our oldest at 95! We think it is fair to say that the event besides just being fun helped build new friendships and strengthen existing ones.

We would like to thank the following people for making the Shabbaton a success:

Rabbi Joel Fleekop	Bill Zimmern	Terry Gross	Carol Rosenblatt
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Worship and Torah Study

Friday, Feb. 3
4:00 Azalea Trace
6:00 Shabbat/Pot Luck

Friday, Feb. 10
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Feb. 17
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Feb. 24
Service 7:00 pm

Torah Study
Please note special
dates this month

Saturday, Feb. 11
9:30 am

Saturday, Feb. 25
9:30 am

Bagel, schmear and
coffee will be served.

Thank you, Ray Engel!

Huge thanks go to Ray Engel for a super successful Shabbaton! His attention to detail and organizational skills are to be applauded. Ray diligently led a group of hard-working committee members and activity leaders to create a day of learning, worship, food and fun.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday May 21, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El
Max L. Bear Auditorium

We're on the web!
templebethelofpensacola.org



Join Temple Beth El Sisterhood and our wonderful Rabbi Joel Fleekop in an exciting discussion about Jewish Views on Love

February 15, 2017
11:30 am
Temple Beth El
800 N. Palafox Street

Catered by Four Seasons
Please RSVP Janet Levin
850-994-9469 or
email
tbesisterhood@gmail.com

Please RSVP by Sunday,
February 12, 2017

Cost: \$15.00



Sisterhood News

February already? Time flies, ladies. Our year is rapidly moving along and we only have 4 more months to this Sisterhood year. January saw a very successful Sisterhood Shabbat. If you weren't there, you missed a fun filled evening with a near full house. A special thank you goes to Ellen Deaver and Pat Braunstien who organized our readers; Andrea Fleekop for her beautifully chanted Torah reading; Sid Braunstien for lifting our Torah; and, of course, a big thank you for Victoria and her piano and Sonia and her lovely voice. Most of all thank you to all the participants and all of those who attended. It is YOU who make Sisterhood so successful! B'nai Israel Sisterhood thanked us on Saturday morning when a group of us joined them. Our oneg, with all the wonderful goodies (thank you ladies...you never disappoint!) was especially appreciated.

February's luncheon will be on Wednesday the 15th and our program will be from Rabbi Joel. Send your RSVPs in now! Anytime that Rabbi Joel leads our program, we have a great time!

Don't forget that on Saturday, February 11th from 6:30 pm to **8:30 pm, we'll be "Painting with a Twist". \$35 will bring you a night of fun and a painting to take home and hang!** Just ask anyone who went last time...this is a not to be missed opportunity for a great evening with great friends.

Have a wonderful month. See you at Sisterhood and at Temple. Remember, without you, we are one woman short!

Alice

A special thank you to Alice Klein for compiling the service!

Sisterhood Night Out

Join Sisterhood friends for a night of fun, laughter, and painting.

WHAT? Celebrate Tu B'Shvat & Take Home a Lovely Tree Painting (yes, all of them will turn out lovely!)

WHEN? Saturday evening, Feb 11, 6:30-8:30pm. Please arrive by 6:15.

WHERE? Painting with a Twist, 4771 Bayou Blvd (In the Winn Dixie/Target Shopping Center, across street from the mall)

WHY? Because whether or not you think you can paint, it is a FUN TIME!

FEE: \$35 (includes all supplies and 2 hours of fun and friendship)

HOW DO I SIGN UP? To RSVP and pay online, please enter the class link below and follow the prompts OR you can call Painting with a Twist at (850) 972-1724 to make a reservation with our group (and either pay over the phone or in person that night)

Class Registration/Info Link

<http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewEvent.aspx?eventID=940156>

Registration Password
SISTERHOOD2017

Board Decision on Flowers

At last month's Sisterhood Board meeting, a motion was made and unanimously approved to discontinue weekly bimah flowers.

However, if you would still like to place flowers in the sanctuary to honor a special event or to memorialize a loved one, you may do that. You will have to contact your florist of choice and make sure you arrange delivery for a time which is **convenient to Kathy's** schedule. In order to eliminate the possibility that more than one person is reserving a particular date, please email Janet Schilling at:

janetschilling54@gmail.com, who will be keeping requested dates on a calendar. Sunshine Designs, the florist we used for January and February can be contacted, but is under no obligation to offer special pricing. If you have any questions regarding this decision you may direct them to: tbesisterhood@gmail.com.

Thank You Shabbat Sponsors

Bimah Flowers
1/27 Lee Sear
February - Jane Kugelman

Onegs
Feb 3 - covered dish
Feb 10 - Cindi Montero
Ellen Deaver
Nellie Hinchee
Feb 17 - Lynn Cacace
Feb 24 - Janet Levin

Contact Hynda Rome to reserve a date: 479-2701

Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Helen Belsky from Myron and Sandy Rosenthal
 In memory of Maks Katsnelson, Rasi Katsnelson and Peisah Alshuts from Inessa Katsnelson
 In memory of Michael Eilen from Jeff and Deborah Buchalter
 A donation was made to the Rabbi's fund by Nathan and Myra Kahn

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:

In memory of Jane Starr Seilgman from Louis and Denise Rosenbloum
 In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Jane Kugelman
 In memory of Helen Belsky from Jane Kugelman
 In memory of Michael Eilen from Jane Kugelman
 In memory of Miriam Simmons from Jane Kugelman
 In memory of Rita Orenstein from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

Temple Beth El General Fund:

In memory of Carmela Salpeter from Alan and Connie Bookman
 In memory of Michael Eilen from Nestor and Laura Arguea
 In memory of "Tiny " and Emma Berlin from Rochelle Simpson
 A donation was made by Cindy Pinhas

Trees Planted in Israel:

A tree was planted in memory of Michael Eilen by Charles and Shirley Kraselsky
 A tree was planted in memory of Jaqueline Fleekop by Charles and Shirley Kraselsky
 A tree was planted in memory of Helen Belsky by Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

Temple Beth El Renovation Fund:

In honor of Matt Dannheisser from Michael Stebbins and Pam Moine
 In memory of Carmela Salpeter from Bill and Beverly Zimmern
 In memory of Carmela Salpeter from Charles and Janet Kahn

Collections and Exhibitions Fund:

A donation was made by the Lewis Bear Family Foundation
 A donation was made by Rodney and Cricket Rich

Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund:

In memory of Helen Belsky from Bettie Kahn
 In memory of Carmela Salpeter from Bettie Kahn



From Yael....

Hello Dearest Community,

This month was definitely tough on Israel; 2 and a half weeks ago, in a glimpse of a second, 4 young lives were taken. In a fragile moment, the dreams, hopes and future of 4 young Israeli soldiers and their families were cruelly cut. In no time, the lives of 4 families changed forever. A Palestinian truck driver rammed his vehicle into a crowd of Israeli soldiers. Nothing can describe the heart-breaking feeling of families and friends who have to bury their loved-ones in these circumstances. No one can explain how in our world, 4 young adults are killed just because they were wearing uniforms that represent a state some have learned to hate. During these difficult times one can't help but wonder why does it have to be this way. That takes me back to a very famous short story that was written by Yair Lapid (currently a politician and a former journalist).

They Say There is a Country

'Sometimes I wonder – what it would be like to live in New Zealand.

To be born on an island in the Pacific Ocean, in a country that is hard to find on the map.
 To grow up in a little town, to roam around a green field, and watch the farmers shearing the white sheep.

To live in a house my grandfather built, to be the grandson of a grandfather who died a natural death and study a history of 200 years.

To be a New Zealander and make plans for 5 years in advance.

To worry about the local soccer team.

To join the army, and leave it with a hope to live a life with more tension and excitement.

To read the newspaper and not understand what's going on in the Holy Land – why are people getting killed on every piece of barren land, when the world is big and life is precious.

To believe that all human beings are brothers and with a bit of a good will it is possible to solve any human problem.

To be a New Zealander and know that a cannon shoots only on the birthday of the British queen.

To know a grenade (same word for pomegranate in Hebrew) is a fruit that leaves a stain on a white cloth, and a sleeping bag is only for field trips.

To know that a widow is an old lady and when a parent tells you his son fell (which in Hebrew means died) to ask him if he didn't get a bruise.

God, you who have chosen us from all the nations, I don't mean to complain. I accept my fate with love and pride; I would not exchange Jerusalem for Wellington and the difficult life in Israel with an easier life anywhere else on the globe. This is my land, the land of my children, this is our fate and we will be able to deal with it.

But don't you get mad, Lord of the Universe, if sometimes I wonder, if it is fair that in New Zealand people die out of boredom?

May no one have to deal with this reality, ever, no matter what their religion is and where they come from. And may these heartbreaking memories be a passing episode in the long life of Israel.

Love to you all,
 Yael



Torah on Tap
 Tuesday, February 7, 2017
 5:00 pm
 Gulf Coast Brewery on Heinberg Street
Topic: "Judaism & Infrastructure: What to Build and Who Pays?"

Manna Food Bank

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for the Manna Food Bank. Place your bagged food donations in our beautiful wooden collection box which you can find in the lower lobby.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays	10th	Lewis Bear, Jr.	22nd	Sydney McAbee	
1st	Leah Dannheisser Fishbein	11th	Carol Brown	23rd	Claire Ades
	Logan Schilling	12th	Rhett Gross		Louis Rosenbloum
	Dana Gamel		Wendy Rutland	24th	John-Daniel Sullivan
	Nick Neisler	13th	Ray Engel		Forrest Faulkner
	Cait Gross		Kerlani Flores	26th	Frank Segal
2nd	Julianne Lewis	15th	Inessa Katsnelson	27th	Myra Kahn
	Liz McCulley		Jeff Buchalter		Rebecca Soloway
3rd	Harry Kahn		Lynn Cacace	28th	Leonid Yanovski
	Jeffrey B. Trattner	16th	Isaac Haims		
4th	Janet Schilling	17th	Bill Zimmern		February Anniversaries
5th	Joyce Dannheisser		William Sackheim	8th	Rose and Bill Kuhhirte
6th	Sue Levin	18th	Sara Schlesinger	22nd	Celeste and Alan Krys
7th	Hannah Zimmern	20th	Charlotte Morris	28th	Kym and Martin Lewis
8th	Rivka Velikanova	21st	Elizabeth Haims		

Community Volunteer Request from Cindi Montero

I began volunteering at **Our Lady of Angels St. Joseph's Medical Clinic** in April of 2016. The clinic has served the underserved of Escambia County with an all-volunteer staff for 13 years. In 2015, the metabolic clinic, began specifically targeting the overweight/obesity epidemic in underserved/uninsured residents, through classes. Classes address physical reactions including pathology, nutrition, and exercise, including their benefits, all with a goal towards giving patients what they need to reach a more normal state.

Numerous barriers to successful achievement exist. Among these obstacles are transportation issues, difficulties with mental health, inadequate housing, acquiring needed laboratory testing, insufficient resources for nutritious food options (for some, an inability to acquire food at all), etc. In my time at the clinic, I have seen many needs left unmet due to these, and other difficulties.

I decided that perhaps some of my Temple family might be willing to help. Before submitting this for your consideration, however, I asked around to see what other needs the clinic had. Some of these are:

Laptop Computers, 2 or more (not PCs or iPads), Pulse Oximeters, "Spanish Diabetes Phrasebook" from American Diabetes Association, Oral Nutritional Supplements (Glucerna, Ensure, Boost, Myoplex, etc.) and/or Protein Bars or other nutritious snacks (to be given to patients in need of food), Exercise/Healthy Living DVDs (in English and/or in Spanish) for patients to view during wait times, and grants to provide insulin to patients in need.

Any help you may be able to provide would be gratefully appreciated. Our desire is to serve our community in the best way possible. And thank you. Any help we can give to the clinic will go a long way toward helping a lot of very needy people.

I want to thank the Board of Directors and everyone who came out to wish me a happy 15 years at Temple Beth El. It has been a wonderful experience for me to be with an organization for so long. Thank you to everyone for making this so special! Kathy Smith

Man Talk Recap:

The Man Talk group met Dec. 6th at the Temple with over a dozen men present plus guest speaker Dr. David Bernstein.

Every attendee had questions for Dr. Bernstein, who answered questions, distributed literature and used plastic models to demonstrate his answers. Every person present commented on how much he learned from the experience.

We ask everyone who attended the meeting to share the experience with their friends, family and fellow congregants. Please remember: the only qualification to attend this get-together is to be male and over the age of 21.

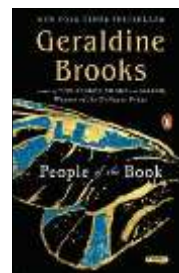
The next Man Talk meeting is set for February 21 at 7 PM. The topic will be heart health and Dr. Steve Eilen will answer questions.

We welcome topic suggestions as well as names of guest experts to invite. Kindly call or text (850 598-9715) or e-mail (sidandpatb@earthlink.net). I will keep your suggestions confidential.

Thanks - Sid Braunstien

Next Book Club Review
February 9, 2017, 7:00 pm
"People of the Book"
By Geraldine Brooks

February's book discussion reflects on People of the Book. As we approach Passover this timely read hints at the history of the Sarajevo Haggadah which was created in the mid-fourteenth century and has survived to present time. The novel paints pictures of events from which the Jewish people have survived and endured. Please join us for the discussion even if you have not read or completed the book.



Yahrzeits

To be read on February 3:
 28th Madelaine Gordon
 29th Elizabeth Quest
 Renee Bershadt
 30th Samuel Hyams
 Helen Heinberg
 Edie Zimmerman
 Rhonda Wach
 JaAnn Sewell
 31st Sadie G. Bloch
 Maurice Finman
 Frank Tucker
 Joyce Finney
 Alvin Joseph Fogelman
 Richard G. Cohn
 1st Philip Bodziner
 Celia Brunstein
 2nd Bernice Herr
 Evelyn Needle
 Shirley Pearlman
 3rd Anna Cirola
 Julian Lewis
 Sam Hyams

To be read on February 10:
 7th Fred Levy
 Nettye Woolenberg
 Rachel Levin
 8th Annie E. Gerhardt
 Reuben Smith
 9th Philip Jaffe
 Gerson Mayer
 Sidney Steinberg
 Berta Livshits
 Erna Reischer
 10th Bennie Rumpfelt
 Maxine Lee

To be read on February 17:
 11th Dora Herschkovitz
 Berdena Branberg
 Ira Miller
 Anna Brown
 Caroline Kahn
 12th Henry A. Morris
 Mildred Block Klein
 13th Lewis Bear, Sr.
 Robert John Orth
 William D. Pollak
 Irving Steinberg
 14th Leonty Yanovskiy
 15th Adolph Greenhut
 David Malca
 Sara Abitbol
 Matilda Levin
 16th Tillie Cohen
 Harry Vigodsky
 17th Charles Reischer
 John Frenkel, Sr.

To be read on February 24:
 18th Rose Gitenstein
 Henry Alpheus Morris
 Pat Marcus
 19th Meir Lachman
 Arnold Grossman
 Jack Kugelman
 Gilbert Leavitt
 20th Hilda Bear Kahn
 Joseph M. Levy
 Dr. Mozart A. Lischkoff
 Eleanor Weiner
 Hylde N. Eitel
 Marian Baer
 Mildred Stone
 Eva Frances Miller

To be read on February 24
con't:
 22nd Joseph Feig
 Mary Ester Curland
 David Rosenbloum
 Pearl Ann Silverstein
 23rd Etta Cohen
 Florence Lehman
 Joseph Reed
 24th Rena Cohen
 Fannie Frenkel
 Eddie Zukrow

To be read on March 3:
 25th Horace Stern
 Gloria Whitsit
 26th Nathan Berlin
 Ada Gerson
 Fannie Lesser
 Max Krumbain
 Vicki Feinstein
 Ethel Klein
 27th Edward Finkelstein
 (Adar 8)
 Anita Prout
 28th Betty Samson
 Harry Levin

With sadness we share the news that Carmela Salpeter, mother and mother-in-law of Zvi and Judith Salpeter, passed away last month in Hadera, Israel. Our deep condolences go out to the Salpeter family. Zichrona L'Vracha May her memory be for a blessing

JAZZ SHABBAT
SAVE THE DATE
 4th Annual Jazz
 Shabbat Service
 Friday, March 31
 7:30 pm
 Stay tuned for details



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- ___ Fannie W. Frenkel Perpetual Care Fund
- ___ **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
- ___ Brenda Vigodsky Mitzvah/Caring Fund (checks payable to TBE Sisterhood)
- ___ Collections and Exhibitions Fund

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February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dead Man Walking Discussion 5:30-6:30 pm	2 Scanning the Heavens Jewish Theology 7:00 pm	3 4:00 pm Service @ Azalea Trace 6:00 pm Shabbat Service/Covered Dish TBE	4
5	6 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	7 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm Torah on Tap 5:30	8	9 Book Club 7:00 pm	10 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	11 Torah Study 9:30 am Painting w/a Twist 6:30 pm
12 SJL 9:00 am	13 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Café Israel 6:00 pm	14 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm	15 Sisterhood Luncheon 11:30 am TBE	16 TBE Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	17 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	18
19	20 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	21 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm Man Talk 7:00 pm	22 PJF UWF Lecture Dr. Steven Fine The Arch of Titus Menorah Panel	23 Lunch and Learn Dr. Steven Fine Menorah from Bible to Modern Times	24 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	25 Torah Study 9:30 am
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