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Dedication Event

By: George Selis Co-Chair of Building & Grounds

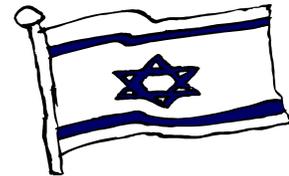
- Dedication Event
- Adult B'nai Mitzvah
- Federation Back Packs

You are invited to a terrific social event on Sunday, August 28th at 2 PM.

Starting at around 2 PM we will have a brief ceremony followed by delicious refreshments and shmoozing.

We will be gathering to dedicate our new decorative plaque and to honor some members of our congregation and the community who helped make our dream of a new home come true.

Don't miss this wonderful event !!!



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Adult B'nai Mitzvah Celebration

A group of men and women congregants have been preparing with Rabbi Kane for their adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This adult B'nai Mitzvah celebration will be at Shabbat services on Friday evening, September 3rd, and Saturday morning, September 4th (Labor Day weekend). Each person will participate in leading and conducting portions of the services. This will be the first Bar/Bat Mitzvah for most of the people.

Please come and help our congregants celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. The Friday evening Oneg and the Saturday morning Kiddush are being sponsored by the B'nai Mitzvot group in honor of the occasion.

Jewish Federation Back-Packs

The Jewish Federation needs help to put together the school back-packs. This will take place at Temple Beth El on Wednesday, August 3rd, beginning at 2 pm and on Thursday, August 4th, beginning at 9 am. Please call the Federation Office (672-0294) and let them know if you will be able to help. Wednesday is primarily a materials receiving, unloading, and staging day; and Thursday is a back-pack assembly day.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Should a Rabbi have office hours? I have heard lots of discussions about the subject over the summer. The fact that an idea like this is being debated reflects how far congregations' views of the role of Rabbi have changed in a generation or two. The concept of Rabbi as employee colors the whole debate. In previous decades, Rabbi as spiritual leader was the emphasis and putting a clock on him of any kind would result in the loss of a rabbi. As synagogues became more "business like" the idea of "office hours" was born. Theoretically, office hours are certain times during the week when the rabbi will be in his office and will take "walk in" appointments on a "first come first served basis."

The idea wasn't originally widely accepted because of three characteristics of the rabbinic experience. One, a rabbi is nearly always on call. The idea of waiting to talk to him until a specific time of the week seemed the opposite of the concept of a

spiritual leader. ("Rabbi, I was having a real crisis last Sunday, so I thought I would come in and see you on Wednesday.") Two, without an appointment system, the second person who shows up during office hours may or may not access the Rabbi during that time depending on the nature of the problem of the person who got there first. Finally, most Rabbis are in a constant time prioritization battle. Setting aside a certain number of hours each week and making them inflexible and unmoveable just in case someone wants to talk without an appointment seemed the opposite of efficient.

Notwithstanding those three elements, as congregants steeped in corporate culture rose to prominence in leadership roles, the idea of office hours appeared more and more frequently in the synagogue setting. The main reason given by the advocates of the idea was

the sense of professionalism it lent to the organization.

At this time, most Rabbis that I know have office hours. Since some people in the congregation have asked me about it, we are going to try an experiment this year. Starting August 1st, I am going to have office hours from 11-12 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. If they seem popular the hours will be expanded. If everyone ignores them, we will reevaluate them.

What I don't want, however, is for anyone to hesitate to contact me when they feel the need. Don't wait to talk things over. Also, I encourage everyone go ahead and make an appointment with me if they would like to talk. This way, Maybe we can get lunch together too. After all, we are Jewish and all issues are better with food.

CO-PRESIDENT'S Irv Abel & Charlie Moskowitz This months message by: Charlie Moskowitz

Dear Members and Friends:

Another month has gone by and here we are in August. Things have been very busy at the Temple and away from the Temple. Thanks to the hard work of Harry Lasris and Irv Abel and myself, we now have an updated computer complete with a CD writer; new hard drive and a jump drive for backing up files.

Our B'nai Torah travel group came back from Israel all pumped up and excited about what they saw, learned, who they met and the experiences they shared. If you ask any of our travelers, I am sure they would be willing to share stories and pictures as well.

Improvements continue to be made at our beautiful Shul. Check out our library. Harvey Singer worked hard to move it into the room to the left of the entrance of our school building. There is now room to grow and it is easily accessible to all. Thanks, Harvey. Also, keep an eye open for our beautiful new roof!

Harry Lasris, our treasurer, has put in many long hours setting up our Temple accounting on a new program. It should give us a more

detailed financial report. Please be patient and understanding as we work out all of the glitches, especially in our billing process. It takes time to fine-tune all the details. Thanks, Harry for all your time and effort on our behalf!

There are always little things around OUR Temple that need to be done. If you have a free hour, every now and then, let us know. We can always use a helping hand.

Believe it or not, the High Holidays are coming up already! When we have our final schedule, we will publish it in the Torah Times. Look forward to your participation.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact either Irv Abel or myself at any time. We are here for you.

On a personal note, a sincere thank you for all of your prayers, concerns, phone calls, visits, cards, donations and goodies that you sent my way during my recent surgery and recuperation. You lifted my spirits and made recovery a breeze. I'm on the mend now and look forward to getting back to all my activities (if Lea lets

me!). Thanks, Irv for manning the ship solo, while I was temporarily out to sea!!

Have a pleasant and safe August!

Shalom, *Charlie*

BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 18th
Executive Meeting 6:30 PM
Trustee Meeting 7:30 PM



Together we serve, your co-presidents.
 Irv Abel & Charlie Moskowitz

FUND RAISING REPORT
By: Chairman Charlie Shalett

Watch this space for up coming events.

SISTERHOOD NEWS Co-Presidents Jo Ann Singer & Lois Liebman

It's hard to believe this is August already! The summer is half over, and we're starting to plan the coming season of Sisterhood activities.

First of all, we're happy to tell you that our first meeting will be on September 18th, 10:00 AM, at the Temple. We hope to start getting together again regularly, and also hope everyone will be there as often as possible. Start thinking now about any suggestions for events and fundraisers!

By now you should have received your Sisterhood membership renewal notice. Many of you have responded already, and to those who haven't, we ask that you send in your check while it's fresh in your mind!

Our yearbook renewal forms have also been sent out, with replies also coming in nicely. Please try to think of any businesses or professional offices you visit that don't have an ad in our book yet. Most times you will get a positive response when you solicit their support. And if not, you have at least tried. We try not to

approach someone who may have already been asked and were not interested. If you have someone new in mind, please check with Jo Ann Singer to see if one of our members has already asked, and if not, it will be all yours.

For Onegs and Kiddushes, for any occasion, please call Jo Ann Singer at 677-7713 for information. We'll all be rested and ready to start the New Year!

Our Gift Shop is available every day from 10 AM to 2 PM, and by appointment for any other time. Please call Lea Moskowitz at 673-0526 for information and to arrange to do your shopping. Vicki at our office can help you if you call her at 672-1174 during office hours.

We also hope to have the Coupon books again and will let you know as soon as we know when they'll be ready. So save your order for B'nai Torah!

Don't forget we'll be meeting on September 18th at 10 AM at the Temple. We'll play some catch-up from last year, and discuss plans for the coming year. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there! If you need a ride, please call Lois Liebman at 672-8972 and we'll try to arrange one for you.

We're happy to announce that our Sisterhood meeting of September 18th will feature local author Marian Strong Tomblin. She has written two delightful books, *The Mystery at Ormond Hotel* and *Where's Capone's Cash?*, both of which are set in Ormond Beach. For our program, Ms. Tomblin has developed a presentation featuring many historic sites in the Ormond Beach area, with interesting, little-known facts about them. Don't miss it! Please note that due to other commitments of our speaker, the program will begin at 10 AM, with our business meeting to follow.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS: By Nancy Kisseloff & Saralee Morrissey, Religious School Co-Chairs

Dear Parents & Friends:

Your religious school board has been very busy this summer making plans for the upcoming school year. Attached you will find a registration form. It is important that we find out who is planning to attend religious school this year as soon as possible so that we may proceed to organize classes and order books.

Hebrew begins on August 24th. Students in 4th grade through B'nai Mitzvah should plan to attend Hebrew school. We will not be providing a snack or light meal. If you feel that your child will need a

snack during this time, please bring enough for the entire class and make sure that it is pareve or kosher.

Hebrew school will always be held at B'nai Torah from 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM. Last year we met each Wednesday. We are in the process of confirming teacher and student availability. We are exploring several options, including having a Tuesday evening class. If you have not already communicated with us and your child has a conflict on Tuesdays or Wednesdays please advise us immediately. If we do not hear from you we will assume your

child is available on either day.

Please note that Sunday school begins on September 11th at Temple Israel from 9:30 AM – 12:15 PM. Confirmation class will be held every other Sunday also beginning September 11th at Temple Israel. Second semester will be held at B'nai Torah.

We are trying to plan some fun events and field trips similar to last year and will be sending out our calendar shortly.

We look forward to seeing all of you in August.

Ritual Committee Report - Harvey Singer Chair

We have continued to hold Friday evening and Saturday morning services each week this summer. When the Rabbi has been on vacation we have had congregants who have run the services. Among these, to date, have been Sue Abel (who conducted 2 complete Friday evening services, including the D'var Torah), Jacqueline Flavio (who read from the Torah and conducted portions of the Saturday morning service each week), and myself. Though tight at times, we have had a minyan at each service so far. Each congregant is encouraged to attend at least 1 Friday evening service or 1 Saturday morning service each month,

and participate therein at whatever level may be appropriate. Please let me know (phone 677-7713) what you would like to do (training is available).

With the Rabbi back, we will start work on the High Holiday services. Please let me, or the Rabbi, or the Office, know if you would like to participate in any of the Ritual Committee's activity.

Though still about two months away, Sukkot quickly follows the High Holidays in October. As

part of the Sukkot services we use the Lulav and Etrog. While we order two of these Lulav and Etrog sets for general congregational use, some of you may want your own set. I will place our order on August 15th. Please let me know (677-7713) if you want to include a personal set for you in our order. These are from Israel and a "standard set" costs \$24.

The next "Nosh and Learn" (about one hour of study of the Torah portion for the week, immediately following the Saturday morning service) will be on August 6th. Please plan to attend.

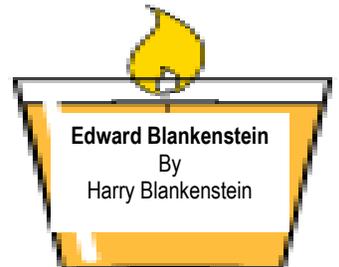
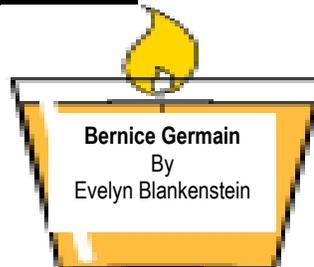
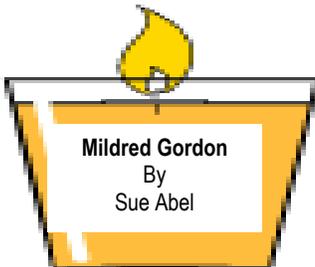
IN MEMORY OF



**A Leaf on the Tree of Life has been donated in honor of
Jay Sappington**
From: Lea & Charles Moskowitz



YAHRTZEITS



Get Well Wishes

Charlie Moskowitz
From

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Evelyn & Harry Blankenstein	Jean & Dr Harold Leonard
Melanie & Jay Dolan	Lois & Nat Liebman
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Lynn Hartman	Caryl & Charlie Shalett
Carol Hyman	Jo Ann & Harvey Singer

Vicki Goldberg
From

Jean & Dr Hal Leonard
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Debra Rodensky
From
Paula & Bruce Barenbaum
Jean & Dr. Harold Leonard
Eileen & George Selis

Allan Liebman
From
Mom & Dad

Roberta Golden
From
Eileen & George Selis

Lea Moskowitz
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From
Grandma & Grandpa Selis

Gerald Glickstein
From
Eileen & George Selis

Ilene Rotstein
From
Eileen & George Selis

CONGRATULATIONS & DONATION CORNER

Congratulations to Carol Hyman on her son Ron's marriage.
From: Caryl & Charlie Shalett

A generous donation was made to the Temple in honor of
Justin Goldsmith's confirmation
From: Ilene & Dr. Jack Rotstein

A leaf on the Tree of Life was donated by
Dorothy Handelsman
in honor of
The Amols family on the Bat Mitzvah of Dani

Congratulations to Bobbie Gordon
on the engagement of her daughter
Adrienne to Larry Cooperman
From: Carole & Jerry Miller
Eileen & George Selis

Congratulations to Adrienne Gordon
on her engagement to Larry Cooperman
From: Carole & Jerry Miller
Jo Ann & Harvey Singer
Eileen & George Selis

A donation was made in memory of Eleanor Fine from her children
and Morrisa Tiner, in appreciation of all the cards and donations
made in her name by the congregants. They thank the Rabbi for his
support. They also appreciate all the sweetness and concern shown
Eleanor by her fellow travelers during her trip to Israel. This fulfilled a
dream of a lifetime for a life that was nearly at its end. Special thanks
to the Chevra Kadesha for their caring.

Valerie Denner
From
Paula & Bruce Barenbaum
Caryl & Charlie Shalett
Eileen & George Selis
Jo Ann & Harvey Singer

Esther Kletz
From
Lois & Nat Liebman
Carole & Jerry Miller
Caryl & Charlie Shalett
Eileen & George Selis



August Birthdays

Adam Liebman (03)	Norman Feldman (14)	Hannah Elkin (24)
Lisa Rhodes (05)	George Selis (16)	Dr. David Turetsky (24)
Luke Haberman (06)	Bonnie Turetsky (16)	Harry Blankenstein (25)
Stephanie Myara (07)	Israel Niedzwiecki (18)	Lisa Thorpe (27)
Rabbi Kane (10)	Max Beggelman (19)	Ken Haberman (29)
Laura Haberman (13)	Marilyn Horn (23)	Vivian Nixon (29)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August Anniversaries

Mickey & Raymond Greene (10)
Paton & Dr. Jerry Axelrod (15)
Suzanne & Dr. Charles Stein (20)
Norman & Leslie Greenberg (25)
Jo Ann & Harvey Singer (28)
Ruth & Walter Kahn (31)
Suzanne & Robert Goldberg (31)



Lisa & Richard Rhodes
From
Eileen & George Selis

Harriette & Charles Flavio
From
Eileen & George Selis

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Michael Furman, President

Gloria Max, Executive Director

**GENERAL INFORMATION
CORNER**

New Members Wanted!

If you know of any unaffiliated or new Jewish families or Jewish singles in town call Manette Lasris at 767-0273 or Vicki in the office 672-1174. Our membership committee will contact them and invite them to one of our service and introduce them to the wonderful family of B'nai Torah and benefits of Congregation B'nai Torah membership.

Please help us grow as a Temple family!

Once again I am asking for your help to keep our records up to date. If you have any address, phone, Yahrzeit, etc. changes, please call me.

Thank you, Vicki

Dear Congregation B’Nai Torah:

The Jewish Federation’s phones are ringing off the hook from parents wanting to know if we are doing the backpack program again. For 9 consecutive years, a big mitzvah has been performed for youths, regardless of race or religion, in our local school system. This year we hope to help almost 5,000 students but we need your help.

We need some strong folks on the day of delivery which will be on August 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El. We also need some strong folks on August 4, 2005 at 9:00 p.m. We need you to bring the merchandise in on August 3, 2005 and take the merchandise out to the counselors on the 4th of August. Students, if you need volunteer hours, we can provide this for you.

We have had to turn down many more

requests because we did not have the funding. The Hispanic community asked me for 200 more backpacks and we had to put them on hold because the funds just did not come in. If you would like to donate to this project, please do so immediately. Time is of the essence. For \$25.00 you can adopt one child and they will receive a backpack filled with supplies.

This package is worth \$80.00 retail. 100% of the funds go towards buying the backpacks and school supplies. Make out your checks to School Supply Kits, c/o Jewish Federation, 470 Andalusia Avenue, Ormond Beach, Fl 32174. Live Generously – You will feel good.

**Gloria Max
Executive Director**

Miracle of Miracles

One day while doing library work together, Bobbie Gordon presented me with the idea of moving the library collection to a larger, more accessible room to the office in the office/school building. She had also discussed it with others who agreed it would then be more visible and useable as people came to pick up children in that building. The addition of a small children's collection was included in the new plans. Since Hebrew school was still on, this move was postponed until the mid summer. I invited Harvey Singer, then our President at B'nai Torah, to view the library at Aberdeen where I live, as we found bending down to shelve books on the bottom shelves in our library was too hard, plus the classification numbers were hard to see. He came to Aberdeen recently to check out the library, and said in moving this situation would be corrected. I waited for a call to come and help with the moving, shelving and set up in the new library room. An e-mail came one evening, telling me the move was an accomplished fact! The next morning I visited the "new library." What was accomplished left me speechless and as happy as can be. The book cases were moved, bottom shelves fixed to ease shelving and reading of book spines, the books were back on the shelves in correct order with shelf labels. Now the library is back in use for all of us to use. It leaves me with a deep appreciation for the task Harvey Singer undertook and completed. My heartfelt thanks to Harvey. It is indeed a miracle come true, done by a compassionate and caring gentleman.

Jean Leonard

Buildings & Grounds Report

George Selis and Bruce Barenbaum, Co-Chairs

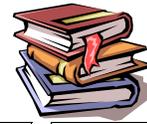
Landscaping (both buildings) - The property has been worked on – weeding done, plants and shrubs trimmed, and new mulch added. This is part of ongoing maintenance.

Roofing (both buildings) - Work on both buildings is expected to be done in August. The existing shingles will be removed, any needed roof repairs made, and new shingles, etc. installed. After the new roofs are completed, the gutters and leaders (downspouts) for both buildings will be modified to properly handle rain water.

School/Office building (minor changes): - (1) The library has been relocated to the room immediately to the left, opposite the Office, in the entry hallway, and (2) General cleaning, paint touch-up, and cleaning & waxing the tile floor will be done in August.

Dedication Event (August 28): - The contributors to the Buildings Fund will be recognized at the Dedication event. Refreshments will be served. See separate article on this event in this issue.

LIBRARY NOTES: By Jean Leonard



Harriet Rochlin, drawing on her research for *Pioneer Jews: Life in the Far West*, almost twenty years later, wrote her fictional "Desert Dwellers Trilogy." The first was *The Reformer's Apprentice: A novel of old San Francisco*.

The story unfolds in 1875, introducing us to Frieda Levie, oldest daughter of Polish Abram Levie, a dominating and controlling father. He came across the country, first from Virginia City, and then following the miners and becoming a partner in the dry goods store. Used to old values relating to girls, he reluctantly allowed Frieda to go to school. After completing an elementary education, he refused to allow her to continue high school, commenting, "Jewish girls don't need high schools. No high school." From then on her time was filled with household chores, preparing meals, assisting in caring for the younger children and an ailing mother. Her only escape was attending a group from the school called "Sisters of Service" and being mentored by Miss O'Hara, a very supportive teacher.

Unfortunately, her father Abram Levie is caught in a financial situation where he loses his prosperous business and must even vacate his fine home. An older sister offers him and his family

shelter in her boarding house, on the condition that Frieda will do cooking, serving and clean up, plus other household chores. Abram was to set up a chicken coop in the back yard. Frieda works from early morning to late at night doing her chores. In her time off, she "sneaks" to the meetings and also borrows classic books to read from her friend Miss O'Hara. It is amazing to read how this lovely young woman fights for her independence with energy and perseverance. Perhaps saddest is the marriage her father arranges for her to one of the basement border housemen. Frieda has ambitions to escape, but finds herself trapped and being prepared for a sorrowful marriage. How she manages to escape this situation, the boarding house and marry to resettle in Arizona territory, is gripping reading.

In reading this book there is much San Francisco background. It is also enjoyable to learn about the customs followed by these Jewish folks and their expressions of "Yiddish." This book will be found in the fiction section- FIC/ROC-Book 1.

More on Frieda Levie's adventures will follow in Book Two of the *Desert Dwellers*

when Frieda becomes Frieda Goldson and moves with Bennie Goldson to Dos Cacahuates.

When you next go to the B'nai Torah Library, you will find that it has moved to from the back room in the school/office building to the first large room, opposite the office as you enter the building. It was through the vision of Bobbie Gordon that this idea was born. Now while waiting for a student, one can just browse, sit down, read and sign out library books. Vicki is nearby and always willing to help with finding books and sign-out procedures. We now also have an additional bookcase, awaiting the receipt of children's books to set up a children's collection. So, please donate children's books of Jewish content or by Jewish authors that you feel our young folks will enjoy.



Members News, Notes and Letters

Valerie Denner along with her daughter and son have ventured to the land down under for a family vacation of a life time. We hope they have a great trip.



"Rena's Mom (Toby) is relocating to Port Orange, from Las Vegas, and looks forward to meeting her new Shul family."

We welcome back Jo Ann & Harvey Singer from their Disney cruise with their children and grandchildren. Harvey & Jo Ann stated they had a great time on the cruise and at the condo in Cape Canaveral when they returned.



Jean & Harold Leonard having been having a wonderful few weeks with their Granddaughter Anya. Anya is going to college in Scotland and came stateside on her summer vacation. We wish her a safe trip back to Scotland and good luck in school.



Jo Ann Singer is off again on her way to help her sister move into her new home in Massachusetts.

Mazel Tov to Sema Friedman on the birth of her new granddaughter Ava Rose. Sema's daughter Cheryl Rheinimer had the stork arrive on Monday, July 19th. Good wishes go out to them.

Paula Barenbaum has donated the following books to the library:
 Hadassah, by Tommy Tenney—Kabbalah, by Perle Epstein
 Chicken Soup for the Soul & Chicken Soup for the Women's Soul by Canfield & Hansen

Debra Rodensky has donated the following books to the library:
 My Life By: Golda Meir
 Heaven Help Us By: Herbert Harr
 Deborah, Golda & Me By: Letty Cottin Pogrebin

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

REMINDERS FROM THE RABBI

Congratulations to Justin Goldsmith on making his confirmation.

Religious school will be starting soon, have you been studying this summer?

We have moved the library into the front room. This will enable everyone to see our great collection of

books and perhaps take one home to read.

In August I will have regular office hours 3 days a week, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 11AM - 12 Noon

On Sunday, August 28th at 2PM we will have a special program honoring the contributors to our

new building. Please plan to attend.

Our adult B'nai Mitzvah class will be called to the Torah on the weekend of Sept. 2nd & 3rd. Please join us.

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation.

Rabbi S. David Kane