

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

1029 Bradbury Rd., Winter Haven, FL  
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# CHAI LITES

APRIL 2015

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT. APRIL 4

6 p.m.  
Passover Seder

SAT. APRIL 11

Deadline to pay for  
TBS Brotherhood  
Dinner/Auction

MON. APRIL 13

Deadline for items  
provided for TBS  
Brotherhood  
Dinner/Auction

TUES. APRIL 14

10 a.m.  
Marathon Mah Jongg

FRI. APRIL 17

5:30 p.m.  
Dinner with the Rabbi

FRI. APRIL 17

8 p.m.  
Pre-Yom  
Haatzmaut Services  
Dinner/Auction

SAT. APRIL 18

9:30 a.m.  
Torah Study

SAT. APRIL 18

5 p.m. TBS  
Brotherhood  
Dinner/Auction

SUN. APRIL 19

10 a.m.  
B'nai B'rith  
Bagel Brunch

SUN. APRIL 26

4 p.m.  
Annual Meeting

FRI. MAY 1

5:30 p.m.  
Dinner with the Rabbi

SAT. MAY 2

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
Dinner with the Rabbi

*Please see newsletter  
for more details.  
Report errors/omissions  
to Pixie Rubin  
pixdust@ymail.com*



## ANNUAL PASSOVER SEDER

6:00 p.m. • Saturday April 4

Menu: Brisket or Roast Chicken, Gefilte Fish,  
Chopped Liver, Matzo Ball Soup,  
Carrot Tzimmes, Potato Pancakes and Dessert.

For more information call or email

Sandi Grinker

863-207-7440 • sandi@tampabay.rr.com

or Judy Richter

863-551-9420 • mikerichte@aol.com

## A MESSAGE ...

FROM OUR TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT, HERB LESHAY

The Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood will hold its annual Dinner/Auction, Saturday, April 18, at the Vienna Square Clubhouse in Winter Haven.

The deadline to provide auction items to be cataloged is April 13.

This is a major fundraising event for our Temple and worthy of your support. Registration will be from 5-6 p.m. with wine and cheese from 5:30-6 p.m.

Dinner from 6-7:30 will be a choice of brisket or tilapia, salad and dessert included. All items up for auction will be on a silent or "Chinese auction" format.

There will also be a 50/50 and a prize raffle.

We ask all of you to not only come out and support us, but to secure items for us. This is not a yard sale, but gift cards, collectibles, artwork and the like are very desirable.

Please also talk up the event with neighbors and others in your community. Emphasize that you do not have to be Jewish to attend.

The cost is \$12.50 per person and is payable by April 11 to: Art Feder, Treasurer, TBS Brotherhood, P.O. Box 6346, Lakeland, FL 33807-6346.

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM now has a Facebook page

[https://www.facebook.com/bethshalompolk/photos\\_stream?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/bethshalompolk/photos_stream?ref=page_internal)

Here are the links to Purim videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPaeNl8ijz8&feature=youtube>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bT8fiaKbnk&feature=youtube>

## BASEBALL, APPLE PIE AND KOSHER HOTDOGS

The Polk County Chapter of Hadassah is organizing a spring outing at Joker Marchant Stadium, April 26 as the Lakeland Flying Tigers take on the Brevard County Manatees. The parking is free. Kids up to 14 are free. Adult tickets will be in the \$4-\$6 range. Food is available to purchase at the concession stands. Game starts at 1 pm. Gates open at 11. Souvenir shop will be open. Fun day at the ball park for all ages!

## DINNER WITH THE RABBI

April 17: Dinner with the Rabbi, hosted by Rob Lerner at Fire Restaurant in Winter Haven at 5:30.

May 1: Dinner with the Rabbi, hosted by Elaine and Bernie Pincus. **Asia Fusion Restaurant**

May 15: Dinner with the Rabbi - Open.

June 12: Dinner with the Rabbi, hosted by Meryl Crews. Location to be announced.

If you would like to host Dinner with the Rabbi May 15, please email Sandi Grinker (sandi@tampabay.rr.com).

## WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

The following for making the Purim party a success: Meryl Crews, Emily Crews, Arlene Greenberg, Debbie Grinker, Sandi Grinker, Phil Grinker, Janis Koike, Diana Kramer, Judy Richter, Michael Richter, Jan Weinmann, Polly Weinmann, Deena Williams and Michelle Wilson.

The following members for making The Purim Spiel a success: Elliott Bond, Josef Bond, Meryl Crews, Meryl's grandchildren Connor and Alyse, Margo Fleisher, Phil Grinker, Steve Horowitz, Louis Jones, Rachel Spiwak, Shana Spiwak, Michelle Wilson, Jeremy Yassen, and Josh Yassen.

The following members for hosting upcoming Onegs

April 17	Michelle & Lloyd Chain & Jennifer Morse & Erik Egensteiner
May 1	Helyne & Ken Treister & Beverly Lerner
May 15	Judy & Michael Richter & Sue Zwerling
June 12	Stephen & Kecia Horowitz

To **everyone** who donated items: housewares, tools, furniture, kitchen equipment, linens, sports equipment, art work and crafts, shoes and clothing, games and toys, jewelry, electronics, and more!

To **Richard Friedmann** for spearheading the endeavor, for providing a long flat-bed trailer for transporting items from the Temple to the corner lot, for arranging with the lot owner to use his property, for providing tents to cover the display tables, for placing ads in the local paper, for being the first to arrive at the Temple early Sunday morning at 4:30 and the last to leave at 5:00 p.m. heading off to Good Will to drop off remaining items. To **Lloyd Chain** who also arrived before the crack of dawn to transport items from the Temple to the corner lot to set up tables and sort the sale items. To **Deena Williams, Gary Brock, Diana Kramer (the "treasurer"), Sue Zwerling, Lois and Art Levine** for arranging items, selling the goods, chatting with our customers, and cleaning up and packing up the site when the event was over. And to **Margo Fleischer** for arranging to have someone pick up some of our remaining items.

Events like this help us pay the bills and maintain our building. Start saving now for next year!

## BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS 2014-2015

Richard Friedmann  
President

Margo Fleisher  
Vice President

Meryl Crews  
Treasurer

Judy Richter  
Secretary

Sandi Grinker  
Past President

Bobby Baum

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Diana Kramer

Herb LeShay

Judy Richter

Varda Rotenberg

Jeremy Yassin

## MAZEL TOV!



Marcia and Marty Halpert  
proud grandparents  
of their first  
grandchild Liam.  
He was born March 8.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Bylaws  
Michelle Wilson
- Budget and Finance  
Meryl Crews
- Cemetery  
Jeanne Heyman
- Chai Lites; Chai Notes  
Pixie Rubin
- Choir  
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- Publicity  
Phil Grinker
- Pulpit  
Rabbi Herzfeld
- Ritual  
Renee Cohen
- Social  
Arlene Greenberg  
Judy Richter  
and Sandi Grinker
- Social Action  
Margo Fleisher
- Temple Calendar  
Varda Rotenberg
- Ways and Means  
Herb LeShay  
(Brotherhood Chair)
- Youth  
Open

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- April 26: 4 p.m. Annual Meeting.
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MAH JONGG

Every Tuesday at noon (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 14) at the Temple.  
BYON: Bring Your Own Nosh - for yourself and/or to share!

CRAFTS

The last Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. to noon: knit, crochet, etc., your choice.



B'NAI  
RITH  
RUNCH

10 a.m. Sunday, April 19

President's Dining Room  
Florida Southern College

Speaker is Tammy Serebrin who will talk about "Her Life in Theatre." Bagels and Lox with all the trimmings for \$12. Email Bobby Baum for more information (rbaum@gte.net).

IN YOUR TBS DIRECTORIES:

Correct Marcia Liebman's home number: 863-229-7405.  
Add Sandi Grinker's: cell number: 863-207-7440.

Best Wishes for  
Good Health and Happiness  
in the New Year.

Marcia & Marty Halpert

# PURIM FUN FOR EVERYONE!

EXCEPT ... HAMAN!

The fun began with a Purim service after Shabbat services March 6. Purim culminated with the Purim Party March 8, featuring hamburgers, hotdogs, Purim Bingo, a Purim Spiel and other fun activities.

*Arrrgh, matey!*



The Pirates of Purim: Polly and Jan Weinmann.



Rabbi Garson Herzfeld displaying his theatrical side. Who knew?



The Shabbatones 1 & 2: Michelle Wilson and Meryl Crews.



Arlene Greenberg.

# PUFF THE KOSHER DRAGON

Puff the kosher dragon, lived in Palestine  
 And frolicked in the synagogue  
 And drank Schapiro's wine  
 Little Rabbi Herzfeld loved that kosher Puff  
 And fed him lox and matzah balls  
 And other kosher stuff  
 Now Puff became Bar Mitzvah, put on Tefillin every day  
 Wrapped up in his tallit, oh that's the way he prayed  
 Made brachot before eating, and he bentched after every meal  
 Imagine how religious it made that dragon feel. Oh ... (chorus)  
 Now, there were some people, who did things just for spite  
 They'd curse Jews and attack them, just to get into a fight  
 When Puff the dragon heard this, he roared a mighty ROAR!  
 Now those wicked people aren't with us anymore. Oh ... (chorus)  
 Puff the kosher dragon found himself a bride  
 Now little kosher dragons are his source of joy and pride  
 They'll grow up doing mitzvot, learning Torah and davening, too.  
 And Rabbi Herzfeld teaching him what kosher dragons do. (chorus)  
 Now, you who may be listening, may think we're making fun  
 But deep down in this story, there's a moral for everyone  
 If a dragon can wear a kippa, keep Shabbat and kosher, too.  
 Then you can learn like Puff did, how to be a real good Jew. (chorus)

Rabbi Herzfeld's  
 favorite Purim song

Want to see more  
 photo spreads like this  
 in your Chai Lites?  
 Grab your iPhone or  
 a good digital camera  
 and submit your photos to  
[pixdust@gmail.com](mailto:pixdust@gmail.com).



From left, Margo Fleisher, Josef Bond (Luigi),  
 Louis Jones, and Elliott Bond (Mario).



Standing proud: Pat and Rob Lerner in front  
 of the flags of the United States and Israel.

## JANICE'S BEST HAMENTASHEN

4 C flour  
 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  t baking powder  
 1 t salt  
 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  sticks of butter, softened.  
 (12 Tablespoons)  
 1 C sugar  
 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  t vanilla  
 2 eggs  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  C orange juice

Filling: Solo fillings like cherry, apricot, prune...  
 I use 3 cans of filling for a double batch of cookies

Cream butter and sugar in mixer.  
 Stir in vanilla and eggs.

Add dry ingredients and orange juice.  
 Form into 3 balls for easier handling and refrigerate for at least 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
 To assemble cookies, roll out dough one ball at a time to  $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch thickness. Cut 3-4 inch rounds with a cookie cutter or a drinking glass. Place a teaspoon of filling in the center of each round. Fold up cookies along 3 sides and pinch together to make a triangle. Cookies will look like a tricorn hat.

Bake for 12 minutes until lightly browned on the edges.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

I grease the cookie sheets before placing the raw cookies on them.

I had to bake mine for about 16 minutes before they would lightly brown.

Do not use jelly no matter what anyone else says. Jelly melts when warmed.

HAMENTASHEN,  
 ANYONE?



Sandi Grinker

## PURIM PARTY PICTURES

The celebration of Purim continued on Sunday with the Purim Party, March 8, featuring hamburgers, hotdogs, Purim Bingo, a Purim Spiel and other fun activities.. Counterclockwise from top to bottom are Alyse Barlow and Melanie

Friedmann; Melissa Greenberg; Polly and Jan Weinmann; Michelle Wilson, Meryl Crews; Sandi Grinker and Deena Williams; and Mike Richter.



SHABBAT DINNER WITH RABBI HERZFELD

Please sign up to host Shabbat Dinner with the Rabbi.  
The following date is still open: May 15.

Please contact Sandi Grinker: sandi@tampabay.rr.com

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

8 p.m. with Rabbi Herzfeld

We are collecting canned goods  
or non-perishable food for the food pantry.  
Please bring a bag for Shabbat.

YAHRZEITS

JEFF BRAND  
IRWIN COHEN  
WILLIAM COHEN VELVEL  
RUTH COOPER  
HENRIETTA EISENBERG  
SARAH GOLFMAN  
HENRY B GRINKER  
SOPHIE GUTTENBERG  
ANNE KASTNER  
REBECCA KOGAN  
NATE LESHAY  
DOROTHY ORT  
BERTHA POLLER  
ETHEL PINCUS  
MARGUERITE ROSENBERG BOWEN  
BETTY SIVERMAN  
MARILOU SCHWACHTER SNIDERMAN  
ROSE COHEN SMALL  
BESSIE STECKEL  
MATTIE WOLF

UNCLE OF MICHELLE WILSON  
BROTHER OF ALLEN COHEN  
FATHER OF ALLEN COHEN  
PERPETUAL YAHRZEIT  
GRANDMOTHER OF SUE ZWERLING  
GRANDMOTHER OF SHARON SHULLER  
FATHER OF PHIL GRINKER  
MOTHER OF SANDY GASSON  
AUNT OF MERYL CREWS  
MOTHER OF BRENDA POLLER  
UNCLE OF HERBERT LESHAY  
MOTHER OF MICHAEL ORT  
MOTHER OF ROBERT POLLER  
MOTHER OF BERNIE PINCUS  
SECOND MOTHER OF ROBERT POLLER  
MOTHER OF MYRNA SOBERMAN  
MOTHER OF BARBARA BROOKS  
MOTHER OF NORMAN SMALL  
GRANDMOTHER OF ROBERT POLLER  
PERPETUAL YAHRZEIT

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DONATIONS TO TBS

For donating her valuable collection of music and materials that she compiled when she taught Religious school

Arlene Greenberg

Donation to the Temple's General Fund  
Kim (Mayim) Hooker

In memory of Murray and Helen Handler, father and mother of Meryl Crews

James and Meryl Crews

In memory of Tillie LeShay, Aunt of Herb LeShay  
Gerald and Jeanne Heyman

In memory of Sadie Bergman, mother of Jerry Heyman  
Robert Baum

In memory of Brett Robert Devorsetz, son of Bert Devorsetz  
Janis Koike

In memory of Herman Baum, father of Bobby Baum  
Bobby Baum

In memory of George Feder, Art Feder's brother  
Art and Aase Feder

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