

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

JULY 2016



# Chai Lites

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## Beth Shalom's Secret Resource by Margo Fleisher

If you've never visited our Temple Beth Shalom Library, or it has been a while, you owe it to yourself to stop by this Summer. The library itself is beautiful with its rich, stained-wood shelves and cabinets, and pieces of Judaic painting and sculpture as well as the variety of volumes it contains, many of them antique. It has all of the peace and elegance of a larger library in one room. In our modern world of soundbite technology and e-readers, how pleasing to reacquaint oneself with the satisfying and calming sensation of a good, thick book in one's hands; and the promise of hours of entertainment, education, contemplation, or escape.

Some of the titles at Temple Beth Shalom are favorites of mine: I love a long, well-written story, and I read James Michener's *The Source* when I was expecting my first son. The Source is a thrilling series of fictional accounts on a historical background, and it really galvanized my commitment to bring up my boys in the traditions of the synagogue. Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel's novels are very short, but incredibly compelling, and there are copies for you at Temple Beth Shalom with which to spend time and reflect. There is such diversity of Jewish

cultural works, such as Leo Rosten's books on Jewish humor and Yiddish lexicons, so much fun to read with a friend or family member! We have a copy of our Ken Triester's *The Fusion of Architecture and Art* for you to preview and appreciate. There are also cookbooks, histories of Israel and the Jewish people, philosophy and commentary, biographies, Hebrew study books, and novels from popular modern authors such as Belva Plain (another of my favorites). There are hundreds of books for children also, in the library and also in one of our classrooms, with stories about historical events, holidays, Jewish identity, and just great fun.

The library is possible because of our generous congregants and community members that donated books, periodicals, and other resources, and it is a blessing for us to derive knowledge and enjoyment from it. So come on down, stay for a while and read, take some books home to relax with, chat with us about your favorite books, and perhaps join our book club (stay tuned for details about that!). No library membership card is needed, and there is no stern librarian stalking about and shushing people -- but we can supply one if that is essential to your experience! :)

Anyone interested in a

## “Beth Shalom Book Club Revival”?

**When?** – late morning or early afternoon, monthly.

**Where?** – Temple Library or at participants' homes.

**What?** – we all read and discuss the same book

**OR** we each report on something we've read (more like a book review).

Please let us know your thoughts by [E-mail: web@templebethshalompolk.org](mailto:web@templebethshalompolk.org)



# Calendar

## JULY

July 5 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg
July 8 – 7:00 p.m.....	Lay led Shabbat Service
July 10 – 9:00 a.m. ....	Executive Meeting
July 12 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg
July 12 – 8:00 p.m. ....	Board Meeting
July 19 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg
July 22 – 7:00 p.m. ....	Lay led Shabbat Service
July 24 – 9:30 a.m. ....	Brotherhood breakfast
July 26 – 10:30 a.m. ....	Needlework
July 26 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg

## AUGUST

August 2 — 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg
August 5 – 7:00 p.m.....	Lay led Shabbat Service
August 7 – 9:00 a.m.....	Executive Meeting
August 9– 12:00 p.m.....	Mah Jongg
August 9 – 7:00 p.m.....	Board Meeting
August 13 – 5:30 p.m. ....	Games & Pizza Night
August 16 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg
August 19 – 7:00 p.m. ....	Lay led Shabbat Service
August 23 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg
August 28 – 9:30 a.m. ....	Brotherhood breakfast
August 30 – 10:30 a.m. ....	Needlework
August 30 – 12:00 p.m. ....	Mah Jongg

**Summer Services:**

**July 8th** — Barbara Brooks, Margo Fleisher and Meryl Crews will present a talk on our Czech Holocaust Torah Scroll.

**July 22nd** — Spot is available.

**August 5th** — Phil Grinker will lead the service and give a talk on a topic to be determined.

**August 19** — Spot is available.

*If you are interested in leading a service or talking on a subject of interest, please contact Margo Fleisher.*

**For more details visit the calendar on the temple website:** <http://www.templebethshalompolk.org>

## More Book Talk

*The synagogue has received a carton of beautiful books from a former member of our synagogue. Jerry Ullman currently lives in Miami, and has thoughtfully sent the following books to be put into our library.*

*Complete Works of Josephus*

*Every Spy a Prince*

*My Name is Asher Lev*

*Masada*

*Jewish America*

*The Jews and Europe*

*Union Haggadah*

*The Torah*

*Say It In Hebrew*



*Books recently donated by Steven and Meryl Chayt*

*The Yiddish Policemen's Union, a novel by Michael Chabon*

*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, a novel by Michael Chabon*

*Yiddishkeit – Jewish Vernacular and the New Land*

*Herzog, a novel by Saul Bellow*

*The Vanishing American Jew by Alan M. Dershowitz*

*Chutzpah by Alan M. Dershowitz*

*The Big Book of Jewish Humor*

*Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul*

*We invite you to bring your Jewish related books to our Temple Beth Shalom Library*

# Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Debbie Grinker on buying her first house.

## Thank You

- Thank you to Lois Levine for suggesting the Temple Beth Shalom Book Club Revival.
- Thank you to all the many members of Temple Beth Shalom for hosting Rabbi Herzfeld Shabbat dinners this past year: Meryl and Steven Chayt, Renee and Allen Cohen, Meryl and James Crews, Aase and Art Feder, Arlene Greenberg, Sandi and Phil Grinker, Marcia and Marty Halpert, Janis Koike, Diana Kramer, Pat and Rob Lerner, Elaine and Bernie Pincus, Judy and Michael Richter, Varda Rotenberg, Polly and Jan Weinmann, Deena Williams and Sue Zwerling
- Thank you to Shirley and Saul Siegel, Arlene Greenberg, and Margo Fleisher and Louis Jones for hosting June Onegs.
- Thank you to Meryl Crews and Diana Kramer for hosting the Rabbi's dinners in June.
- To two cool guys Marty Halpert and Mike Richter for repairing our AC and keeping us all from schvitzing during Shabbat Services and Mah Jongg.
- Thanks to Pat Lerner for packing up our remaining Passover food items donated by Publix.
- Thanks to Steven and Meryl Chayt for taking donated food items to Meals on Wheels.
- Thanks to Meryl Crews for taking donated food items to the Mission in Winter Haven.
- Thanks to everyone who responded to our recent cemetery sales drive.

## Donations

- From Herb LeShay in memory of John Cornell.
- From Arlene Greenberg in memory of Diane Baum's mother and in honor of Jerry Ullman and Anita Schulman for their generous donation of books to our temple.

## Welcome New Members

Louis and Carla Calabretta and Deanna and Jay Schwartz. We look forward to seeing you at services and our upcoming social events.

## Get Well Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jeanne Heyman who is recuperating from a recent fall. She is doing well and recuperating quickly.

To Polly Weinmann who recently underwent an emergency appendectomy. Thanks for your Facebook updates!

# June Yartzeits

Jesse Arfa	son of Rabbi Cyrus and Sherry Arfa
Ruth Bronstein	perpetual yahrzeit
Evelyn Case	mother of Carla Calabretta
Daniel Eisenberg	father of Sue Zwerling
David Friedmann	brother of Richard Friedmann
Ludwig Friedmann	grandfather of Richard Friedmann
Harry H. Gasson	husband of Sandy Gasson
Lucille Grinker	mother of Phil Grinker
Ethel Johnson	grandmother of Valerie Spiwak
Pearl M. Kogan	second mother of Brenda Poller
Pearl Kosten	mother of Jerry Kosten
Jerome Levine	brother of Art Levine
Edna Marcus	aunt of Brenda Kleinman
Arthur Markowitz	husband of Elaine Markowitz
Lawrence Peckman (Zeler Chuna)	father of Renee Cohen
Rabbi H. Leonard Poller	brother of Robert Poller
Clare Poller-Rosenthal	sister of Robert Poller
Myron Ravdin	father of Brenda Kleinman
Abraham Sandler	grandfather of Steven Chayt

## Chai Notes High Holiday/Directory Planned

We are planning to produce a combination of last year's *Chai Notes High Holiday Booklet* and our *Temple Directory*. This will be available at High Holiday services this year.

This booklet will include greetings from temple members for the New Year, a schedule of services for the High Holidays, the Yiskor list for Kol Nidre, names of current members with their phone numbers and emails and an additional section of business ads that are being solicited by Saul Siegel. Saul generously volunteered his time to sell business ads for this publication as a fundraiser for the temple.

We are attaching both the business ads form and the family ads form to this edition of Chai Lites. Please help Saul sell business ads by soliciting your favorite businesses.

## Get Involved! Volunteer Now!

**To keep our temple alive,  
we need YOU to fill committee openings!  
Please contact Meryl Crews 863-258-1462**





# 2016 Commercial Ad Order Form

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Please complete a separate form for each ad. We can provide limited design work for ads using your art.

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**Bill to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Print message clearly and/or attach "camera-ready" art.  
Please don't staple or fold business cards or other provided art.

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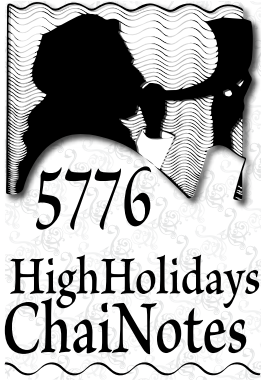
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**Please Choose One:**

- Full page (4¼" x 7½") / \$300.00
- Half page (4¼" x 3¾") / \$175.00
- Quarter page (4¼" x 1⅞") / \$90.00

Please send this completed form and art to:  
**Steven Chayt**  
3317 Old Thornhill Road  
Winter Haven, Florida 33880  
863-294-6976

For additional information, please contact:  
**Saul Siegel**  
863-221-6090



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## HighHolidays ChaiNotes Family Message Form

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The TBS Board of Directors is excited to announce a new High Holiday publication called HighHolidays ChaiNotes to be distributed during the High Holidays. Members are invited to express holiday greetings to the congregation. Please complete the form and return with your donation to:

*Temple Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 313, Winter Haven, Florida 33882-0313*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write your message here.

A large, empty rectangular box with a double-line border. The corners of the box are decorated with small, square, geometric patterns. The box is intended for a large message (double chai).

Large Message (double chai) \$36.00.

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Write your message here.

A smaller, empty rectangular box with a double-line border. The corners of the box are decorated with small, square, geometric patterns. The box is intended for a small message (chai).

Small Message (chai) \$18.00

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