

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

JUNE 2016



Chai Lites

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Welcome Bryan To Temple Beth Shalom



■ Mazel Tov to proud parents Michelle and David Wilson on the birth of their son, Bryan Matthew Wilson on May 24, 2016, at 3:43 pm. Bryan weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

A lovely Brit Milah conducted by the Mohel Rabbi Barzak of Ft. Lauderdale, was held on Tuesday, May 31st at the home of David and Michelle Wilson. Honored guests included Michelle's sister Jan Katz, her mother and father Arthur and Leslie Brown and David's mother Jean Wilson, as well as other family members, Rabbi Garson Herzfeld and several congregants from Temple Beth Shalom. A wonderful reception followed the ceremony. Welcome to our youngest member *Bo-az Ma-tit-yahu Ben Leevah Ahoovah!*



Calendar

JUNE

June 5 – 9:00 a.m.	Executive Meeting
June 7 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
June 9 – 8:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
June 10 – 8:00 p.m.	Shabbat
June 12 – 10:00 a.m.	Calendar Meeting
June 14 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
June 21 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
June 24 – 8:00 p.m.	Shabbat
June 28 – 10:30 a.m.	Needlework
June 28 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg

Dinner With The Rabbi

Meryl Crews is hosting dinner with the Rabbi scheduled for Friday, June 10th, at Azteca D'Oro in Winter Haven at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by June 8th to Sandi Grinker at Sandi@tampabay.rr.com or call her at 863-207-7440.

Diana Kramer is hosting dinner with the Rabbi scheduled for Friday, June 24th at the Outback Steakhouse in Winter Haven at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by June 22nd to Sandi Grinker at Sandi@tampabay.rr.com or call her at 863-207-7440.

JULY

July 3 – 9:00 a.m.	Executive Meeting
July 5 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 8 – 8:00 p.m.	Lay led Shabbat Service
July 12 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 14 – 8:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
July 19 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 22 – 8:00 p.m.	Lay led Shabbat Service
July 26 – 10:30 a.m.	Needlework
July 26 – 12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg

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

Behind the Scenes



Rob Lerner getting a work out cleaning the cobwebs from the Temple entrance.



Steve Chayt, Ralph from Publix and Janis Koike with the amazing pantry goods donated by Publix.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Robert and Pat Lerner on the engagement of their son Brian Lerner to Perri Cohoes. Brian and Perri currently live in San Francisco and their wedding is planned for Fall of 2017 in Napa Valley.

Thank You

- Thank you for hosting an Oneg: Lloyd, Michelle and Morgan Chain and Meryl Crews
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for being our #1 recruiter for temple membership!
- Thank you to Robert and Pat Lerner for repairing sinks and changing fluorescent bulbs in the men's bathrooms, and cleaning wasp nests and cobwebs from our driveway.
- Thank you to Janis Koike and Steven and Meryl Chayt for picking up donated Kosher food items from the Publix at SE Plaza, and to Pat Lerner for helping them unbox and organize all the contents.
- Thank you to Rabbi Herzfeld for another wonderful year as our spiritual advisor and friend.
- Thank you to Janis Koike for maintaining our yartzeit list and mailing our yartzeit notices throughout the year, monitoring our temple email and our temple phone.

Yartzeit Donations

- Arlene Greenberg in memory of her mother Bessie Browde and her mother in law Beatrice Greenberg
- Beatrice Briklod in memory of her husband Jules Briklod
- Herb LeShay in memory of Alex LeShay
- Janis Koike in memory of Richard Weiss
- Sandy Gasson in memory of her family members
- Myrna Soberman in honor of Janis Koike who so beautifully and eloquently put together and conducted the unveiling ceremony for Stephen Soberman

- Arlene Greenberg in memory of Lila Held, mother of Rabbi Herzfeld
- Marcia Liebman in memory of Lila Held
- Rob and Pat Lerner in memory of Lila Held
- Sharon Shuller in memory of Lila Held
- Janis Koyke in memory of Lila Held

From the Rabbi:

Dear Friends,

This card and so many others from our Temple family with messages of condolences have been a source of comfort for me as well as my siblings. They truly are appreciated.

L'Shalom,

Garson

June Yartzheits

Alexander Mayer grandfather of Max Mayer
Sylvia Mervis mother of Allan Mervis
Arlene Levine wife of Morton Levine
Claire Poller grandmother of Robert Poller
Olive Hewitt grandmother of Valerie Spiwak
Irving Tarnower grandfather of Jett Segal
Carolyn Goldblatt wife of Jeffrey Goldblatt
Rose Granison perpetual yartzheit
John Cornell father of Diane LeShay
Maida Lamoureux Spadaro mother of Michelle Chain
Leonard S. Kogan, Ph.D. uncle of Brenda Poller
Sarah A. Lerner Hightower perpetual yartzheit

Temple Dues

Invoices have been sent out for 2016-17 membership dues. We are very happy to announce that dues payments are rolling in at a steady pace. Thank you to everyone who has responded.

Welcome New Members

Next time you are at Shabbat services please make sure that you say “Shabbat Shalom” to our newest members, Jake and Lee Martinez. We are so pleased to have them join our Beth Shalom family!

Summer Services

Rabbi Herzfeld’s last service of the season is scheduled for Friday, June 24th at 8:00 pm. As always, we will have lay services throughout the summer. If you would like to lead a service, do a presentation on a topical subject, or have any other ideas, please contact our president Margo Fleisher. Summer service dates are listed on our calendar on the website.

Get Involved! Volunteer Now!

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



Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery

Included on the next page are the contents of the new Beth Shalom cemetery brochure and regulations which the Board of Directors introduced at the annual meeting on May 1. Thanks to Steven and Meryl Chayt for the new design and layout.

First, we have streamlined and clarified the regulations. We no longer refer to “rights of burial” which we now think may have been a misspelling of “rites of burial.”

Second, we have simplified and updated the price structure. The pricing structure is described below.

Third and most important, we have emphasized the services that Temple Beth Shalom provides to its members in time of need.

Take a look. . .

As indicated in the brochure, the cost of a cemetery plot for a member is now \$1,000; for a non-member, \$1,500. The member cost is in line with the city rates for Rolling Hills Cemetery. The cost is for the plot of land only; it does not include services provided by the city, funeral costs, or any fees owed to the clergy. However, the price does include a \$50.00 transfer of deed fee.

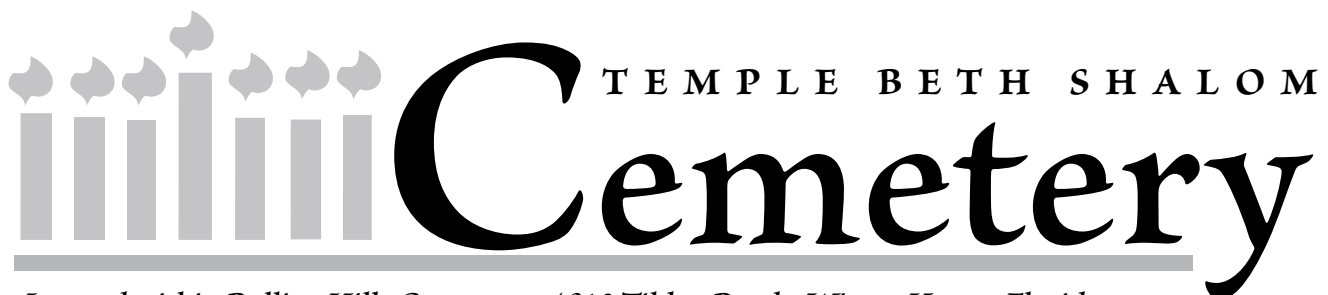
To ease the transition, the Board has established a 60-day grace period. Through June 30, 2016, members can purchase plots at the previous rate, \$700.00 plus \$50.00. Members who choose this option will have one year to complete payment. A deed will not be issued until payment is complete. If full payment is not received by the due date, then the new rate will apply.

Non-member spouses are subject to non-member pricing.

Questions may be directed to any member of the cemetery committee: Janis Koike, Meryl Chayt (treasurer), Steven Chayt. You may also email us at web@TempleBethShalomPolk.org or leave us a message at (863) 292-0722. Your call will be returned.

To download the complete printable version of the brochure go to:

<http://www.templebethshalompolk.org/0000newstuff.6.30.2014/Cemetery%20Brochure%202016.pdf>



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Fulfilling Tradition

Through the ages, Jewish communities, large and small, have provided for one another. As a community, we share in life's events. Together we celebrate the joys of birth, B'nai Mitzvot, and weddings. Inevitably we mourn together the death of loved ones.

Jewish communities have historically purchased land for a cemetery and provided a school for their children before building a sanctuary. In keeping with Jewish tradition, Beth Shalom fulfilled that sacred trust and purchased land for a Jewish cemetery even before we built our Temple.

The Jewish cemetery is located within the Rolling Hills Burial Park of Winter Haven and is marked by two stone pillars donated by Beth Shalom families, Dr. Robert and Pat Lerner and Major (Ret.) Jesse and Betty Mehrlust. The cemetery is regulated by the city of Winter Haven and congregational policy.

Jewish funeral and burial rites honor the deceased and provide comfort to the mourners. All members of Jewish families are welcome to be buried in our cemetery, regardless of their religious background.

At time of death, thoughtful considered decisions are essential. Jewish families who want to follow tradition often seek the help of a nearby Temple or Synagogue to assist them through this difficult time.

by Offering Assistance

Beth Shalom will assist members with funeral arrangements and ritual, whether or not burial is in the Jewish Cemetery. Temple facilities are available to members for funeral services. We will help procure rabbinic services and a minyan for shivah. Members of the congregation are also available to lead memorial services and shivah, and to officiate unveilings.

Cemetery plots must be purchased directly from Temple Beth Shalom. The cost of a plot is \$1,000 for members and \$1,500 for non-members. Non-member spouses are subject to non-member fees. The transfer of title fee is included in the cost of the plot. Fees payable to the funeral home, to the city (for opening the gravesite), and to the rabbi are not included. All fees are subject to change.

Temple Beth Shalom maintains a yahrtzeit list for members as well as a perpetual yahrtzeit list of those who died while members of the congregation. The deceased need not be of the Jewish faith. Names are read aloud at all services held during the anniversary month of the death. A reminder notice is sent to the family. Beth Shalom also prepares a Yiskor list, which is distributed at the Yom Kippur Yiskor service. In addition, Temple Beth Shalom has placed a memorial board in the main sanctuary. Memory plaques may be purchased for \$150.00. The plaque is lit during the month of the yahrtzeit.

and Support

The authority and responsibility for all cemetery affairs is vested in the Cemetery Committee appointed by the President of the Congregation. This committee consists of a chairman and additional members.

All money pertaining to the cemetery is to be kept in a separate general ledger account by the treasurer of the congregation. Plots must be purchased from Temple Beth Shalom. Payment is due at the time of purchase; extended payments may be arranged. A deed will be issued when payment has been made in full.

Plots may not be sold except back to the Congregation for the original purchase price less a transfer of title fee and any obligation owed by the seller.

Inquiries may be directed to the Cemetery Committee. Please call the Congregation at 863-292-0722. A member of the Cemetery Committee will return your call.

Our goal is to be of comfort and assistance to those in mourning.



Temple Beth Shalom Yahrtzeit Plaque Order Form

\$150.00 contribution.

Arrangement for payment to be made with the Temple Treasurer, Meryl Chayt, 294-6976

Requested by _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____



Actual size sample shown.

■ **Line One** English date of death _____

■ **Line Two** Memorial Name in English _____

■ **Line Three** *optional, please check.*

_____ Memorial Name in Hebrew.

_____ or Memorial Name in Hebrew transliteration.

_____ son / daughter of _____ and _____
Hebrew name Father's Hebrew name Mother's Hebrew name

(If you do not know the Hebrew names we will gladly look them up)

■ **Line Four** *optional, please check.*

_____ Date of death in Hebrew.

_____ Date of death in Hebrew transliteration.

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

(If you do not know the Hebrew date we will gladly look it up)