



# Chai Lites

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# MEET THE NEW BOARD



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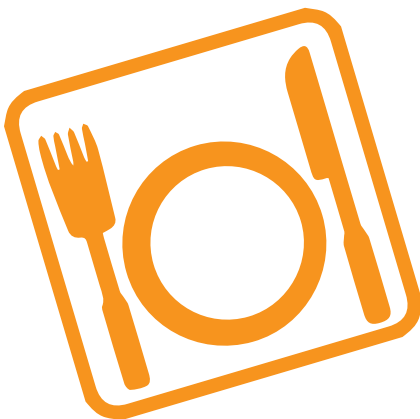
## Dues are due!

# Calendar

## May

May 3	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services
May 4	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study
May 5	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood Breakfast at the Hamptons
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Hebrew
May 7	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
May 14	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
May 17	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Services
May 18	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study
May 19	9:00 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Hebrew
May 21	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
May 28	10:30 a.m.	Needlework
	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg

## Dinner With the Rabbi



**Diana Kramer will be hosting Rabbi Herzfeld for dinner on May 3rd at Longhorn Steakhouse in Winter Haven at 5:30 p.m.**

**Please RSVP by May 1st to [dfkramer58@yahoo.com](mailto:dfkramer58@yahoo.com) or call 964-732-0253.**



# A Word From The Pres.

*Lorraine Mixer*

**M**y history with Temple Beth Shalom begins as a new arrival looking for a spiritual connection, and what do I find, but a small group of Jews who meet in a nondescript building in Winter Haven, Florida. This group of Jews attracts little attention (in fact few people even know that there is a Jewish congregation in Winter Haven).

Over the last two years I've been rewarded with friendship, spiritual fulfillment, contentment and a feeling of being home within this Jewish congregation.

Today I take over as president of the board, following a long list of past presidents.

I'd like to thank Meryl Crews for her service as president over the past two years. She was my example and I'm proud to follow her as your next president. She had to contend with a hurricane and a slew of security issues, but she pulled us through. A leader's legacy is not just about setting up a particular program or process but also leaving the association in a condition that allows the next leader to effectively carry on its mission. Meryl leaves me an association well on its way to tackling the next set of policies and programs.

Serving as the president of our board is a personal honor for me, and it is a deeply personal responsibility that I do not take lightly. I welcome the opportunity, with the help and support of

my fellow board members, to carry on the long traditions of our faith and community.

Some of the things I hope to accomplish in my tenure:

- Begin the task of reviewing our Bylaws and Policies with the Board and propose changes to the parts that no longer are relevant. In addition I'd like to review our website for more current photos and information.
- Realizing that all our Board members are volunteers, I would like to encourage those who volunteer for our new Security program to set forth standards for our new program so that we continue to feel safe as we observe the Sabbath and our holidays.
- This summer I hope to see the restoration and cleaning of our Holocaust torah.
- And later this fall I hope to assist Rabbi Herzfeld in the implementation of the new prayer books donated by Temple Anshe Shalom of Chicago.

This is a time to commit to new goals and new possibilities. I hope you will all join me in embarking on keeping open minds and open hearts to keep the spirit of Temple Beth Shalom strong.

# Howard Kerner to Speak on Heroes Who Saved Lives of Jews During Holocaust



Retired professor and lecturer Howard Kerner will give two presentations titled “Heroes of the Holocaust – Noble Tales Emerging from the Darkness” at the Florida Holocaust Museum and will also give a similar talk at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon. Kerner will spotlight the generally unknown but inspiring acts of goodness that were performed by altruistic heroes during the Holocaust – deeds that ask the following questions:

- What are we to learn today for ourselves, our children and grandchildren from the goodness that was done when goodness was illegal?
- If people chose goodness during the horror of the Holocaust, what is our excuse today to treat each other so poorly?

The presentations at the Holocaust Museum will be on Wednesdays, May 22 and June 19 from 2-4 p.m. The museum is at 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg. Tickets to the museum presentations are \$12 for each date and space is limited. For tickets and more information, call the museum at (727) 820-0100, Ext. 230 or go to [tours@thefhm.org](mailto:tours@thefhm.org)

There is no charge and the public is invited to his talk about “Goodness in the Face of Evil” at Beth Shalom, 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, on Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m. His presentation cites many Christians, Muslims and Jews who risked their own lives and those of their families to save thousands of Jews from annihilation. For more information on that talk, email [chinadolljp@verizon.net](mailto:chinadolljp@verizon.net) or call (813) 748-8042.

Kerner taught for 47 years at the high school, community college and university levels, including at Polk State College, Syracuse University, Nova Southeastern University, Stetson University, Barry University and the University of South Florida and has written analyses of literary works, often focusing on the Holocaust. When he was asked to write a short biography of Anne Frank, he became interested in Holocaust rescuers and altruism. That also led him to create courses on the goodness in people.

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## Donations

- Bob Lefkowitz has made a donation in honor of Jimmy Crews, and wishes him a speedy recovery.
- Edwin and Sharon Mitchell have made a donation in honor of Torah Study with Rabbi Herzfeld.

## Thank You's

- To Bobby and Diane Baum for hosting the Oneg April 5th.
- Passover Thank You's: to Lorraine Mixer for her success in organizing the Seder, to Sandi Grinker for providing written directions for the entire Seder - from purchasing items to set-up, to Judy Richter for making a vegan option for the meal and for shopping and helping set-up, to Diana Kramer for her delicious matzah balls and helping set up, to Jeffrey Goldblatt for helping set up, to Rob and Pat Lerner, to Meryl Crews and family for setting up and cleaning up, to Varda Rotenberg for helping set up and to everyone else who cleaned up and put tables and chairs away.
- To Rabbi Herzfeld for leading our Annual Congregational Seder.
- To the Temple Board of Directors for planning the Annual Meeting and providing snacks.

## Change of Address

Lorraine Mixer  
4611 Alvamar Trail  
Lakeland, FL 33801

Phone is the same: 863-409-8509, Email is the same: lorrainemixer@aol.com

## Oneg Hosts Needed

Arlene Greenberg is looking for Oneg Shabbat hosts for the following Summer Shabbat Service dates: June 21, July 5, July 9, August 2, August 16, August 30. Please contact Arlene at: arlenegreenberg@gmail.com or call her at 561-374-0266.

## Mazel Tov

- To Meryl and Jimmy Crews on the birth of their newest grandchild, Ila Jade Cliett, born to Emily Crews on 3/18/19. Ila Jade weighed 7lbs 4oz and was 19 inches long.

## Get Well Wishes

- To Jackie Korn who recently had knee surgery.
- To Renee Cohen who is recovering from back surgery.

# May Yartzeits

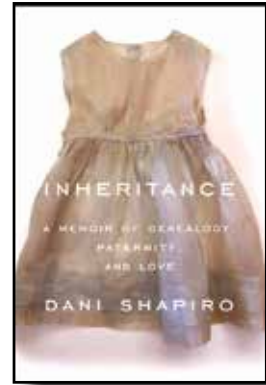
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Irving Ort.....	father of Michael Ort	Bessie Browde.....	mother of Arlene Greenberg
Lillian Zwerling.....	mother-in-law of Susan Zwerling	Theresa Baum .....	mother of Robert Baum
Gay Hill .....	mother of Linda Small	Aharon Bromberg.....	father of Varda Rotenberg
Lila Held.....	mother of Rabbi Garson Herzfeld	Robert Poller, PhD .....	husband of Brenda Poller
Janet Miller .....	mother of Steve Miller	Belle Ross .....	mother of Dick Ross
Abraham Meyer .....	father of Lee Ann Martinez	Edith Weiner .....	mother-in-law of Dick Ross
Evelyn Goldstein .....	grandmother of Lorraine Mixer	Rabbi Frank N. Sundheim .....	Rabbi Emeritus husband of Adrienne Sundheim
Victor Golfman.....	grandfather of Sharon Shuller	Natalie Lubin .....	mother of Edward Lubin
Louis Jay Masters .....	son of Korina Masters	Leslie Peckman .....	brother of Renee Cohen
Beatrice Greenberg.....	mother-in-law of Arlene Greenberg	Alex LeShay.....	father of Herbert LeShay
Yudell L. Luke .....	father of Janis Koike	Martin N. Kogan .....	father of Brenda Poller
Alan Treister .....	son of Ken and Helyne Treister	Stephen Soberman .....	husband of Myrna Soberman
Jules Briklod.....	father of Meryl Chayt husband of Beatrice Briklod	Bernard Masters.....	husband of Korina Masters
Miriam Gessner .....	perpetual yartzeit	Stephen Shuller .....	brother of Sharon Shuller
Elizabeth Kohen .....	grandmother of Margo Fleisher	Sarah Gripp.....	mother of Jacqueline Korn
Mark Miller.....	perpetual yartzeit		

# Condolences

- To Irwin and Jackie Korn on the recent passing of Rae Korn, a Temple member and mother of Irwin Korn.
- To Carol Neuberger on the recent passing of her mother, Mae Kalus, who was 101 years young. She lived a long and fruitful life and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Donations in Mae's memory can be made to Life Path Hospice of Sun City Center, 3723 Upper Creek Drive, Ruskin, FL 33573.
- Our temple family mourns the passing of Milton Geller. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Claire Geller in 2011. Both Milton and Claire were active members of our synagogue for many years. Donations may be made to American Kidney Fund, 11921. Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

# TBS Book Club May 14:

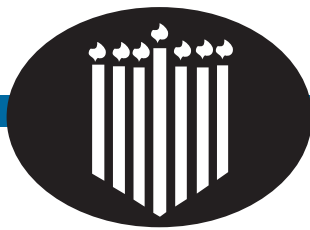
**Inheritance:**  
a memoir of genealogy,  
paternity, and love, by Dani Shapiro



## Brotherhood News

### Brotherhood Meetings

*First Sunday of the Month  
The Hamptons at 9:30 a.m.*



### Brotherhood Dinner

*Saturday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.  
MIZU Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Restaurant*

*809 Cypress Parkway  
Kissimmee, FL 34759  
(407) 530-5759  
[www.mizukissimmee.com](http://www.mizukissimmee.com)*

If you have an interest in volunteering for the Usher Program please email Rob Lerner at [RKL228@aol.com](mailto:RKL228@aol.com). Be aware even if you only want to do one service a year you will need to join the Usher Program as a formal member. Thank you for your continued support of Temple Beth Shalom.



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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**Line One** English date of death \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ or Memorial Name in Hebrew transliteration.

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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.*

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