A Message ...

FROM OUR TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT, HERB LE SHAY

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

Here are the links to Purim videos
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPaeNI8jz8&feature=youtube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bT8kAkbmk&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 Kolke, 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!

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**Mazel Tov!**

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

April 4: 6 p.m. Passover Seder.

April 17: 5:30 p.m. Dinner with the Rabbi hosted by Rob Lerner. Fire Restaurant, Winter Haven. RSVP by April 15 to Sandi Grinker (sandi@tampabay.rr.com).

April 14: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Marathon Mah Jongg. Get familiar with the new Mah Jongg card. Contact Sandi Grinker for more information (sandi@tampabay.rr.com).

April 26: 4 p.m. Annual Meeting.

May 1: Dinner with the Rabbi hosted by Elaine and Bernie Pincus. Asia Fusion Restaurant. RSVP by April 29 to Sandi Grinker (sandi@tampabay.rr.com).

May 15: Dinner with the Rabbi - Open.

June 12: Meryl Crews. Location to be announced.

**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.

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:**

Best Wishes for Good Health and Happiness in the New Year.
Marcia & Marty Halpert
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, 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)
Janice’s Best Hamentashen

4 C flour
1-1/2 t baking powder
1 t salt
1-1/2 sticks of butter, softened.
(12 Tablespoons)
1 C sugar
1-1/2 t vanilla
2 eggs
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 1-1/2 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
To assemble cookies, roll out dough one ball
at a time to 1/8th 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.
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

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**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.

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**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 Silverman
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 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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