

CONGREGATION BETH AM

North Tampa's Reform Synagogue



"House of the People"

Community
Spirituality
Tradition



Calendar & Event Digest

December 2012 - Kislev - Tevet 5773

December Service Times

Saturday, December 1	Café Shabbat	9 am
	Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Friday, December 7	Shabbat & Oneg	7:30 pm
	<i>Oneg hosted by the Cotton & Himmelgreen Families in honor of Danielle Cotton and Elyas & Hanna Himmelgreen's 13th birthdays</i>	
Saturday, December 8	Making Prayer Real	9:30 am
	Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Friday, December 14	Shabbat Service, Chanukah Vegetarian Potluck dinner and Oneg	6:30 pm
	<i>Oneg hosted by the Social & Membership Committees</i>	
Saturday, December 15	Torah Study & Bagels	9 am
	Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Friday, December 21	Tot Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
	Shabbat Service & Oneg	7:30 pm
	<i>Oneg host needed please contact Victoria</i>	
Saturday, December 22	Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Friday, December 28	Learner's Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
	followed by a Vegetarian Potluck dinner & Oneg / <i>Oneg host needed please contact Victoria</i>	
Saturday, December 29	Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Friday, January 4	Shabbat Service & Oneg	7:30 pm
	<i>Oneg hosted by the Himmelgreen family in honor of Elyas & Hanna's B'nei Mitzvah</i>	

Please notify us of your family

LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

email Irma Polster at IPolster@TampaBay.rr.com

Caring Committee Chair

Café Shabbat

December 1 at 9 am

Please join us on Saturday, December 1 for Beth Am's nationally recognized Cafe Shabbat! Enjoy bagels, gourmet coffee, and fun-filled interactive programs for both adults and kids. Relax with newspapers and schmoozing, or join a discussion group - there is always plenty to do and see at Café Shabbat. This month, in addition to Torah study, Lili Kaufmann will be leading a group discussion about her experiences becoming an Israeli citizen and we will have an activity for the kids. We hope to see you there!

December Dilemma

Sunday, December 2, 2012

9:30 am Bagels and Coffee

10:00 am Discussion

Come join in our interfaith panel led discussion on the often-called December Dilemma.

Many interfaith families find the holiday season a bit challenging.

How do interfaith families make the holidays work for them? Come learn and share!

Congregation Beth Am and Israel Bonds Tampa are honoring

Lili & Barry Kaufmann

Sunday, December 2 at 6 pm

Please come join in as we honor the Kaufmann's at the Cocktail Supper held at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay located at 2900 Bayport Drive Tampa, FL

Call Vikki Silverman at 813-920-3551 or email at VikkiShira@verizon.net for more information or you can register by contacting Monica DiGiovanni at 727-539-6445 or Tampa@IsraelBonds.com

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS AND GENEROSITY**

Capital Campaign Fund

Joe & Marilyn Lehman
In honor of Barry & Lili Kaufmann
In honor of Mindy Bursten
In honor of Art Meier

General Fund

Art & Rhoda Kaiser
In memory of Rose Cohen
In honor of Barry & Lili Kaufmann
In honor of Mindy Bursten
In honor of Art Meier

Prayer Book Fund

Barry & Lili Kaufmann
In memory of Betty Kaufmann



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rosenberg

Thursday, December 6 at 12 noon
 Location: Sweet Tomatoes - Carrollwood
 Join Rabbi Rosenberg and others as we discuss a range of topics, from Judaism to current events, and anything else that comes up. Congregation Beth Am members and non-members always are all welcome!

Sunday, December 9 at 1:30

All High School Kids are invited as we continue our new Teen Spirituality Time. A chance to learn more about what "spirituality" really is, and try to find some in our own lives. A powerful, meaningful hour - come join us!

Sisterhood Events

December 2nd - 9:30 - 12 - Judaica Chanukah Gift Fair
 Women's Torah Study Group 3 pm - off site
 December 9th - 9:30 - 12 - Judaica Chanukah Gift Fair & Homemade Bake Sale
 December 12th - 6:45 pm - Book Club - "Sima's Undergarments for Women" Author: Ilana Strangler-Ross

Making Prayer Real

Saturday, December 8 at 9:30 am
 A monthly exploration of spirituality and personal prayer. No experience needed - feel free to join us!
 For more information contact Rabbi Rosenberg at 813-968-8511 or RabbiRosenberg@BethAmTampa.org

Talmud Study

Thursday Mornings 9:30 am
 Location: Congregation Beth Am in Rabbi Rosenberg's Office.
 For more information contact Rabbi Rosenberg at 813-968-8511 or RabbiRosenberg@BethAmTampa.org

**Outback Bowl 2013
WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!!!!**

Beth Am is privileged once again to sell programs for the Outback Bowl game. This is Beth Am's biggest fundraiser this year. Those of you who have worked in the past know what a fun day of work and socializing this is. This will be our **22nd Outback Bowl** and as always our success depends on YOU!! Last year we were able to raise in excess of \$12,500 for Beth Am.

We need at least 110 people to volunteer to make this unique fundraiser a success. Most people only work 3 or 4 hours. Please make a note that the date is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 1**. Volunteers can include congregants, your friends and children **at least 13 years of age**.

The work is fun and you even get the chance to watch the game after your shift is over, if you want. It truly is a great one day fund-raiser. The people who volunteer have a good time and enjoy the day while they are helping the synagogue. Everyone gets plenty of instruction weeks before the event and will be assigned to a group of about eight to ten people.

The day starts approximately 10 am and most volunteers are done by 2 pm. For those of you who are new, or did not know about this volunteer effort, please put New Year's morning aside to help out.

If you have any questions, please call Ken Young at 963-2019 or email Victoria at Admin@BethAmTampa.org

Itty Bitty

Sponsored by the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Am

Calling all children 4 years old & younger!

Come learn about the holidays, sing a song, have a snack & meet new friends.

December 9 - Chanukah
 February 24 - Purim

March 23 - Passover (Saturday)

All sessions are 9:45 am - 10:45 am

www.BethAmTampa.org or email Amy Rothman at Adamyshoe@yahoo.com

Of course... You HAVE to bring a parent or grandparent with you!

**Congregation Beth Am's
Annual Winter Arts Festival**

Beth Am is having our Annual Winter Arts Festival on Sunday December 16th. This is open to the community and will have many vendors with a wide variety of craft items. We will also have children's activities to include a bounce house and face painting. Also included is a wide variety of food items. The festival will run from 9 am till 3 pm and will include raffles and prizes! Admission is free so come and enjoy while finishing your holiday shopping.

Chanukah Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, December 14

All are welcome to attend a family friendly Shabbat service at 6:30 pm followed by a vegetarian pot luck dinner and Oneg. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share, and your menorah. Social and Membership Committees will provide drinks, and also desserts for the Oneg.

If you have any questions, please email Dana Terrigino at shanamacher@gmail.com

Zahav Group - Adults at Leisure

Tuesday, December 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Zahav will meet at Congregation Beth Am for a brown bag lunch in the Oneg Room. We will be showing the film "Yiddish Gauchos of Argentina".

Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions please call Maxine Gourse at 962-3863 or email jergo@aol.com.

Religious School Events Committee Update

EVENTFUL - That is what this year is - Eventful.

Why you ask? Because your Events Committee have been busy bees, planning fun events for your family to enjoy.

Dates to remember:

December 9 - Chanukah Dollar Sale. Each child has the chance to shop for their families for the holidays (**all items are \$1.00**) and the kids love doing their own shopping.

December 16th - The Winter Arts Festival.

Upcoming Events:

*A Night Out for Parents at the MELTING POT with Babysitting (details to come)

*A Family Bowling Day

*Purim Carnival

And several more in the works.

For further information, please contact Jay or Francine Frenchko at JJJ2020@bellsouth.net

Christmas at Joshua House

Tuesday, December 25

Each year, members of Beth Am do something Jewish for Christmas by spending Christmas morning with the children of Joshua House. Joshua House is a therapeutic, residential foster program for abused and neglected children ages 6 through 17. We spend the morning helping the children open and assemble their gifts, creating arts and crafts projects, decorating cookies and playing games. We do this to distract the children from their harsh reality of having no family while the rest of the world gathers with their families and loved ones. Members and friends 18 and over are welcome to join us for a very inspirational morning of T'Kun Olam.

Please email Victoria at Admin@BethAmTampa.org for more information.

Continuing Education w/ Rabbi Rosenberg

As A Driven Leaf

Wednesday, Dec 5 and Thu Dec 11 at 7:30 p.m.

As A Driven Leaf, a novel by Milton Steinberg, is about one of the sages of old - a Rabbi who leaves Judaism. It's a story about faith and heresy, and how to lead a life of belief while also living in the modern, rational world. A wonderful novel with relevance for anyone who tries to balance mind and soul.

Reading the book in advance is suggested, but not required.

Men's Club Upcoming Events - Call for Volunteers!

All men who are part of Congregation Beth Am are invited and requested to take part in the following Men's Club events.

Dec 2 - 9 am Breakfast meeting in the Oneg Room - Bagels, Lox, Eggs. Joint breakfast with Membership Committee. This will be a brief meeting to discuss logistics for Dec 9 & 16 that should end by 10:15am so that everyone that wants to can take part in the panel discussion "The December Dilemma". - Holidays for interfaith couples and families.

Dec 9 - 8 am Latke Bash - We need 2-3 people there at 7:30am to get set up and the rest for cooking & serving at 8 am. Please let Milt Orkin know if you can bring a food processor. Latkes will start being served by 10 am. This is a great annual event for the kids in Hebrew School!

Dec 16 - WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL - **Men's Club Call for Volunteers**

Men's Club (teen age kids welcome) will be urgently needed for set-up, parking and to sell food. Please sign up with Larry Jasper at lmjasper@aol.com or Joel Poiley. jpoiley@tampabay.rr.com.

We need 6 - 8 early bird men to help with set-up for the vendors at 6:30am. We will have coffee and bagels available. If you can stay on and do the early shift with parking would be outstanding.

We will also need 6 volunteers at 9 am- noon to handle food sales for Men's Club. Men's club is the only food vendor at the festival and we will need help with prep. We also need 4 volunteers to handle sales and clean-up from 12 -3pm, and 6 more volunteers to help with parking and tear down from 11 am - 3pm. A total of **14-16 persons** are needed for this event from the Men's Club. Your teen age kids are welcome as well.

Dan and Joel will be coordinating on the ground for this one as Milt Orkin will be out of town.

PLEASE let Joel Poiley know ASAP that you are able to volunteer. Even 2 hours (particularly in the early AM) will be of immense help to the success of this event. Please email Joel at jpoiley@tampabay.rr.com

Christmas at Metropolitan Ministries

Tuesday, December 25 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

This year we continue Beth Am's tradition of helping feed those less fortunate than ourselves on Christmas Day. Every year our Congregational family meets at Metropolitan Ministries and helps serve lunch for families that live in the shelter and those people who live on the streets. Families are invited to come and help on Christmas Day. If you have children 12 and older, they can come and participate. Our teenagers can obtain community service hours required for High School graduation and Bright Future Scholarship opportunities. Please contact Joe and Marilyn Lehman for more information and to sign up at JoeMarLehman@Netzero.com or 813-245-4619.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 25 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	November 26 Building & Office Closed	November 27 7 pm Israeli Dancing	November 28 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Continuing Ed w/Rabbi Rosenberg-As A <i>Driven Leaf</i>	November 29 7 pm Women of Distinction <i>honoring Mindy Bursten</i> at Congregation Rodeph Sholom	November 30 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg	1 9 am Café Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service
2 9 am Sisterhood Chanukah Judaica Shop Sale 9:30 am December Dilemma 9:30 am Men's Club Meeting 9:30 am Religious School 9:45 am RS Steering Committee Meeting 11 am RS Events Meeting 3 pm Sisterhood - Women's Torah Study - Off Site 6 pm Israel Bonds dinner	3 Building & Office Closed	4 7 pm Israeli Dancing	5 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Continuing Ed w/Rabbi Rosenberg-As A <i>Driven Leaf</i>	6 9:30 am Talmud Study 12 noon Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Rosenberg 7 pm Caring Committee Meeting	7 12 noon Rabbi Rosenberg /Lunch at University Village 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg	8 Chanukah: 1 Candle 9:30 am Making Prayer Real 10:30 am Shabbat Service
9 Chanukah: 2 9 am Sisterhood Chanukah Judaica Shop Sale & Ity Bitty 9:30 am Men's Club Latke Bash 9:30 am Religious School/Chanukah Dollar Sale 1:30 pm Teen Spirituality Time	10 Chanukah: 3	11 Chanukah: 4 12:30 Zahav Adults at Leisure @ CBA 7 pm Israeli Dancing 7:30 pm Continuing Ed w/Rabbi Rosenberg-As A <i>Driven Leaf</i>	12 Chanukah: 5 5:30 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Executive Board Meeting 6:45 pm Sisterhood Book Club	13 Chanukah: 6 9:30 am Talmud Study	14 Chanukah: 7 6:30 pm Shabbat Service, Chanukah Dinner & Oneg	15 Chanukah: 8 9 am Torah Study & Bagels 10:30 am Shabbat Service
16 Chanukah: 8th Day 9 am 7th Annual Winter Arts Festival 9:30 am Family Ed - 2nd & 3rd Grade & Religious School 10 am The Academy	17	18 7 pm Israeli Dancing	19 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm General Board Meeting	20 9:30 am Talmud Study	21 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg	22 10:30 am Shabbat Service
23 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	24 Building & Office Closed	25 Building & Office Closed Christmas Day at Joshua House & Metropolitan Ministries	26 NO HEBREW SCHOOL	27	28 6:30 pm Learners Shabbat Service, Vegetarian Pot Luck Dinner & Oneg	29 10:30 am Shabbat Service
30 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	31 Building & Office Closed	1 Building & Office Closed 10 am Outback Bowl	2 NO HEBREW SCHOOL	3 9:30 am Talmud Study	4 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg	5 9 am Café Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service - Elias & Hannah Himmelgreen, Bnei Mitzvah