

# CONGREGATION BETH AM

North Tampa's Reform Synagogue



"House of the People"

## Calendar & Event Digest

February 2013 - Shevat - Adar 5773

Community  
Spirituality  
Tradition



### February Service Times

Friday, February 1	Shabbat Service & Oneg <i>Oneg hosted by the Congregation Beth Am Board of Directors in honor of the Superbowl Volunteers</i>	7:30 pm
Saturday, February 2	Café Shabbat Shabbat Service	9:00 am 10:30 am
Friday, February 8	Shabbat Service, Vegetarian Potluck dinner & Oneg <i>Oneg will be hosted by the Caring Committee</i>	6:30 pm
Saturday, February 9	Making Prayer Real Shabbat Service	9:30 am 10:30 am
Friday, February 15	Tot Shabbat Service Shabbat Service & Oneg <i>Oneg will be hosted by the Tiller family in honor of Evan's Bar Mitzvah</i>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Saturday, February 16	Torah Study & Bagels Shabbat Service Even Tiller, Bar Mitzvah Havdallah on the Beach	9:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm
Friday, February 22	Learners Shabbat Service, Vegetarian Potluck dinner & Oneg <i>Oneg host needed</i>	6:30 pm
Saturday, February 23	Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Friday, March 1	Shabbat & Oneg <i>Oneg hosted by the Cooper family in honor of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah</i>	7:30 pm
Saturday, March 2	Café Shabbat Shabbat Service Hannah Copper, Bat Mitzvah	9:00 am 10:30 am

### Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rosenberg

Thursday, February 7 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!

### Purim is coming!

The Religious School Purim Carnival will be on Sunday, February 24 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Come in costume and have a celebrate with us!

### Update from Joy Katzen-Guthrie, Cantorial Leader

#### **Beth Am's Annual Purimspiel February 23 at 6:30 pm**

Our Purimspiel this year will be *SO MUCH FUN*, with all your favorite melodies from "Fiddler on the Roof!"

#### **Purimspiel Rehearsals:**

We invite you to be part of the production! **Rehearsals** are **Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm** and **Monday, February 18 at 7:00 pm**. We'll also meet early on **February 23 at 4:30 pm** for sound checks, warm ups, and last run-throughs before the event begins at **6:30 pm**. Please contact Joy immediately at [joy@bethamtampa.org](mailto:joy@bethamtampa.org) to let us know you'd like to participate as an actor or volunteer within our production.

### Café Shabbat

#### **February 2 at 9:00 am**

Please join us on Saturday, January 5, 2013 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 Cafe Shabbat. This month, Rabbi Rosenberg will be leading Torah study and Mel Tockmann will be presenting a music program, "Verdi and the Jews; Mutual Admiration." Verdi's chorus of the Hebrew slaves in the 3rd act of Nabucco (Nebuchadnezzar) is one of the most beautiful moments in opera. The haunting melody and the words of longing to have their homeland restored resonated with the Italians, occupied by the Austrians before Italian independence. Verdi captures the great drama surrounding the destruction of the Temple and ignites Italian resistance. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING  
PEOPLE FOR THEIR  
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*In memory of Dr. Lester Persky*

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*In memory of Tom Sixt*

**Cantor Discretionary Fund**

**Leslie Lefkowitz**

*In honor of Vikki Silverman*

**Caring Fund**

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*In memory of Flora and Leon King*

**Susan & Richard Guess**

*In memory of Sam Alter*

**Youth Fund**

**Mary Young**

*In memory of Joshua Stern*



**Through the Ages in Jewish Music and  
Songs of Zion with Joy Katzen-Guthrie**

**Course #2: Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm (each session 1.5 hours) - "Songs of Zion and the Modern State of Israel: 1880 to Present," a lecture/live music course at the piano featuring history, songs, and stories from the settlers and European societies making Aliyah to Israel from the first wave of immigration in the 1880's through the Sixth Aliyah of the 1940's, years of early Israeli statehood, the Six Day War, and other transformative events in Israeli history to the present.**

**Congregation Beth Am Choir**

In February, our Shabbat Choir will sing on **Friday, February 15, 7:30 pm**. Please join us for this joyous and enriching musical service.



**Making Prayer Real**

**Saturday, February 9 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](mailto:RabbiRosenberg@BethAmTampa.org)

**WE PROMISED EVENTFUL**

As the Religious School year is in full swing so is the EVENTS Committee. We want to thank everyone that joins our events, and volunteers at our programs. Every bit of what we do benefits the Religious School and we are quite grateful for your support.

We hope that you enjoyed the Melting Pot. We will be looking for some more fun and exciting options to bring our families together.

We had the Superbowl 50/50 Raffle that took place with winnings as credits toward your membership or religious school fees.

Don't forget the Purim Carnival this Month WHA00 someone get that H&\*^% Guy. Yeah you know who I mean. Fun for the whole family so please come and join in, in all the fun.

Lastly a big question do you like Challah? Do you like Challah enough to have it every Friday for your Shabbat meal? Would you like to purchase it and have it delivered to the Synagogue for your pick up after Religious School on Wednesday Night? We are trying to get an idea if we offered this option would it be beneficial to the congregation and would enough folks be interested for us to make all the arrangements. The Challah's are Kosher and come 2 to a package. So please email me and tell me if you would be interested in such an option.

This pretty much concludes all the activities the Events Committee has going on at the moment. We're always open to new ideas and suggestions.

Jay and Francine Frenchko

[jjj2020@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjj2020@bellsouth.net)

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, February 24**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

While you're dropping off students for Religious School or attending the Purim Carnival take a few minutes to donate some blood. IT'S A MITZVAH!!!

### Sisterhood Events

**Sunday, February 17** 9:00 am - 10:00 am Sisterhood board meeting at CBA followed with a Sisterhood Field Trip to Holocaust Museum in St Pete, leaving CBA approx. 10:30 am. More details to come via emails to Sisterhood members.

**Wednesday, February 20 6:45 pm** Sisterhood Book club at CBA

Also please Save The Date, March 1, Very special Sisterhood Shabbat Service!

### Zahav Group - Adults at Leisure

**Tuesday, February 12 at 12:30 pm**

Zahav's guest speaker for our February meeting will be Hillary Rosenberg. Her topic is "The Difficulty of Representing the Holocaust on the Stage" We will meet at the temple on Tuesday, February 12, at 12:30 pm for a brown bag lunch to be followed by her talk and questions. This will certainly be a most interesting subject. Plan to attend and invite your friends to join us. Our meetings are open to anyone who has free time on the second Tuesday of each month.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Maxine Gourse, Coordinator

### Tot Shabbat

**Friday, February 15 at 6:30 pm**

Join us for Tot Shabbat on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 pm! Our youngest members (aged 0-5) and their families welcome in Shabbat with music, prayer and a story. Our casual, joyous service is followed by an Oneg Shabbat, and lots of laughter!

### Congregation Beth Am is on Facebook!

Did you know that Congregation Beth Am is on Facebook?

If you want to get updates on CBA activities, just go to the

"Congregation Beth Am of Tampa" group and join up! If you're

having trouble finding it, try clicking on: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/95315745634/)

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**Caring Committee** is setting up storage space in a freezer at CBA kitchen for soups and casseroles that can be used for providing meals for families in need. Volunteers will be needed to provide food as well as to deliver meals. Thanks to Jan Kernis for organizing the space for us. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help.

### Men's Club Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 10**

Men's Club Breakfast Meeting beginning at 10:00 am. We will be selling hot dog to benefit our Hebrew School starting at 12 noon.

### 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.

February 24 - Purim

March 23 - Passover (Saturday)

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

[www.BethAmTampa.org](http://www.BethAmTampa.org) or email Amy Rothman at

[Adamyshoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Adamyshoe@yahoo.com)

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

### Social Action Committee is collecting the following items year round:

Non-perishable food items

Children's books (new/used)

Clean blankets/towels

Hotel size toiletry items

Tabs from cans

Pet items (dry dog/cat food)

Dog Shampoo - Oatmeal

Copy Paper

10" Shabbat Candles

**Gift Cards**

Visa, Mastercard

Pet Stores

Publix, Sweetbay, Walmart, Target Gift Cards

Please notify us of your family

LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

email Irma Polster at [IPolster@TampaBay.rr.com](mailto:IPolster@TampaBay.rr.com)

Caring Committee Chair

### Help save money on office supplies!

Please donate your used toner cartages to the office.

Victoria will take care of the rest!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 am Religious School 9:45 am Steering Committee Meeting 10 am JCC Food Bank 5:30 pm Tampa Federation's Annual President's Dinner	28 7 pm The Arab Spring: How, Why & Why Not? @ Kol Ami	29 7 pm BACA Concert	30 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm The Book of Job w/Rabbi Rosenberg	31 9:30 am Talmud Study	1 NFTY-STR Hatikvah Kallah Weekend 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg	2 9 am Café Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Pre-K/K & 1st Grade Family Education 8 pm Academy Havdallah on the Beach
3 9:30 am Religious School 9:30 am 5th grade Israel Day @ JCC-Community Wide 9:45 am Social Action Committee Meeting/Mitzvah Day planning - All are welcome to join in the planning!	4 7 pm The Arab Spring: How, Why & Why Not? @ Kol Ami	5 7 pm Israeli Dancing 7 pm Purim Rehearsal	6 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm The Book of Job w/Rabbi Rosenberg	7 9:30 am Talmud Study 12 noon Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Rosenberg 7:30 pm Songs of Zion and the Modern State of Israel: 1880 to Present w/ Joy Katzen-Guthrie	8 6:30 pm Shabbat Service, Vegetarian Potluck Dinner & Oneg	9 9:30 am Making Prayer Real 10:30 am Shabbat Service 12 noon 5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Workshop
10 9:30 am Religious School & 3rd Grade Family Education Program 10 am The Academy @ Kol Ami 1 pm Confirmation Lunch and Learn 2:30 Teen Spirituality Time	11 7 pm I speak Fluent Israel: Young Adult Advocacy @ CBA	12 12:30 pm Zahav Adults at Leisure @ CBA 7 pm Israeli Dancing	13 5:30 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Executive Board Meeting	14 9:30 am Talmud Study 7:30 pm 7:30 pm Songs of Zion and the Modern State of Israel: 1880 to Present w/ Joy Katzen-Guthrie	15 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg	16 9 am Torah Study & Bagels 10:30 am Shabbat Service - Evan Tiller, Bar Mitzvah 7 pm Havdallah on the Beach
17 9 am Sisterhood Board Meeting followed by Joint Trip w/Men's Club - Holocaust Museum 9:30 am Religious School 4th Grade Family Education Program 1 pm Confirmation Lunch & Learn	18 7 pm Purim Rehearsal 7 pm Join the Party: Israel's Political Landscape @ Rodeph Shalom <b>Presidents' Day Office Closed</b>	19 7 pm Israeli Dancing	20 5:30 pm Hebrew School 6:45 pm Sisterhood Bookclub 7:30 General Board Meeting	21 9:30 am Talmud Study 7:30 pm 7:30 pm Songs of Zion and the Modern State of Israel: 1880 to Present w/ Joy Katzen-Guthrie	22 6:30 pm Learners Shabbat Service, Vegetarian Potluck Dinner & Oneg	23 10:30 am Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Annual Purim Play
24 9 am Blood Drive @ CBA 9:30 am Religious School 11 am Purim Carnival 1 pm Confirmation Lunch & Learn	25 7 pm Israeli Economic Isolation & Iran @ JCC	26 7 pm Israeli Dancing	27 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Rehearsal	28 9:30 am Talmud Study 9:30 am TBJEC 7:30 pm 7:30 pm Songs of Zion and the Modern State of Israel: 1880 to Present w/ Joy Katzen-Guthrie	1 7:30 pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service & Oneg	2 9 am Café Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service - Hannah Cooper, Bat Mitzvah