

CONGREGATION BETH AM

North Tampa's Reform Synagogue



"House of the People"

Calendar & Event Digest

January 2013 - Tevet—Shevat 5773

Community
Spirituality
Tradition



January Service Times

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| Friday, January 4 | Shabbat Service, Choir & Oneg | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Oneg hosted by the Himmelgreen family in honor of Elyas & Hanna's B'nai Mitzvah</i> | |
| Saturday, January 5 | Café Shabbat | 9 am |
| | Shabbat Service | 10:30 am |
| | Elias & Hannah Himmelgreen, B'nai Mitzvah | |
| Friday, January 11 | New Tampa Shabbat Service, & Oneg | 7 pm |
| | <i>Oneg will be hosted by the Buddy Run Volunteers</i> | |
| Saturday, January 12 | Making Prayer Real | 9:30 am |
| | Shabbat Service | 10:30 am |
| Friday, January 18 | Tot Shabbat Service | 6:30 pm |
| | Shabbat Service & Oneg | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Oneg will be hosted by Stacy Handman</i> | |
| Saturday, January 19 | Torah Study & Bagels | 9 am |
| | Shabbat Service | 10:30 am |
| | Havdalah on the Beach | 7 pm |
| | The Academy—Family Experience | 8 pm |
| Friday, January 25 | Shabbat Shira Service & Choir | 6:30 pm |
| | followed by a Vegetarian Potluck dinner & Oneg | |
| Saturday, January 26 | Shabbat Service | 10:30 am |
| Friday, February 1 | Shabbat & Oneg | 7:30 pm |
| | <i>Oneg hosted by the Jasper family in honor of Craig's 10th birthday</i> | |
| Saturday, February 2 | Café Shabbat | 9 am |
| | Shabbat Service | 10:30 am |
| | Pre-K/K/1st Grade Family Ed | 5:30 pm |

Café Shabbat

January 5 at 9 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!

New Tampa Shabbat

January 11 at 7 pm

Pebble Creek Community Center
18715 Bent Tree Lane
Tampa, FL 33647

Please join us in New Tampa as we celebrate Shabbat!

Holding a Friday Night Service in New Tampa allows us to reach out to a neighborhood where we have been drawing many new members from.

It's a wonderful atmosphere and a lively Oneg following.

Please bring a dessert for the Oneg and of course a prospective member with you!

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rosenberg

Thursday, January 3 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!

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

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**The Book of Job with
Rabbi Jason Rosenberg**

Wednesday, January 23 & 30 at 7:30 pm

"The Book of Job" is one of the most challenging, troubling books of the entire Hebrew Bible. A righteous man is tested by God (and Satan!) leading to a powerful discussion of one of the fundamental questions in religion: why do the righteous suffer?

We'll learn about this fascinating book, while trying to explore the eternal questions it raises. No previous knowledge is needed - just a willingness to learn, and to discuss.

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

Course #1: Mondays, January 7, 14, 21, 2013 - 7 -9 PM - (each session 2 hours with a ten-minute break) -

"Through the Ages in Jewish Music," a lecture/live music course at the piano, with highlights of Jewish experience over the centuries as described in secular and liturgical music over the centuries from Sephardic, Ladino, Ashkenazic, Yiddish, Israeli, American songs. An eclectic course offering a human experience of Jewish life and tradition as told through Jewish music.

Course #2: Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013 - 7:30 - 9 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.

Making Prayer Real

Saturday, January 12 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

BACA Concert at Congregation Beth Am

Tuesday, January 29 at 7 pm

The Bay Area Cantorial Association (BACA) presents its tenth annual cantorial concert, **AROUND THE WORLD OF JEWISH MUSIC IN 80-ISH MINUTES**.

This year's program features cantors and cantorial soloists currently serving the Tampa Bay and Sarasota Regions in an eclectic concert of songs by Jewish composers and Jewish styles of music from around the world.

Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested donation of \$18 each; no one will be turned away. Proceeds benefit scholarships for cantorial students of both Reform and Conservative Sacred Music Study.

Participants for the 2013 concert are Riselle Bain, Paul D. Goldstein, Deborah Jacobson, Joy Katzen-Guthrie, Harold Orbach, Judith Ovadia, Colman Reaboi, Joel Reznick, Mordechai Schram, Jonathan Schultz, Jodi Sered-Lever, Vikki Silverman, Jeffrey Weber, and pianist Tara Schwartzberg.

Help Us Feed The Need At The TJFS Food Bank

On the first Sunday of each month (and a few other special dates) we will be helping out at the food bank for about 2 hours. They are in need of volunteers to pack bags full of food for distribution throughout the bay area. There are many more hungry people out there than ever before and the food bank is having a hard time keeping up with the demand for these bags. This is a great way to involve kids in volunteering!

The dates and times we are scheduled to help out at the food bank in January are listed below. Contact Jennifer Allan at jallan10@verizon.net to sign up.

Sunday, January 6 10 am -12 noon
Sunday, January 27 10 am -11:30am

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, January 13

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

Zahav Group - Adults at Leisure

Tuesday, January 8 at 12:30 p.m.

The Zahav Group of Adults at Leisure will meet on Tuesday, January 8, at 1 P.M., at Gino's Italian Restaurant, located at 10006 Armenia just north of Linebaugh (Phone-933-1089). Please respond to me so that I can give the restaurant an "head count". You may email at Jergo@Aol.com or call 813-962-3863.

In February we will meet on the second Tuesday (Feb. 12) at the temple for a brown bag lunch and speaker. Kindly mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Maxine Gourse, Coordinator

Israeli Dancing

Join us for Israeli Dancing Lessons **every Tuesday evening** at Congregation Beth Am! **7 pm**

For more information contact Irma Polster at

lpolster@TampaBay.rr.com

or call the temple office at 813-968-8511

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 or email Amy Rothman at

Adamyshoe@yahoo.com

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

Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 18 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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Please notify us of your family

LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

email Irma Polster at IPolster@TampaBay.rr.com

Caring Committee Chair

WMNF 88.5FM Community Radio "Sunday Simcha Program"

The Sunday Simcha is heard every Sunday in the Tampa Bay area and beyond on WMNF - 88.5 FM from 12-2 PM.

The show is hosted by Kevin Frye and Marc Rosenwasser.

Hosts: Marc Rosenwasser, Kevin Frye.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 December No Religious School | 31 December Office & Building Closed | 1 New Year's Day 10 am Outback Bowl Fundraiser Office & Building Closed | 2 No Hebrew School | 3 9:30 am Talmud Study 12 pm Lunch & Learn | 4 7:30 pm Shabbat Service, Choir & Oneg | 5 9 am Café Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service – Elias & Hannah Himmelgreen, B'nai Mitzvah |
| 6 No Religious School 10 am JCC Food Bank | 7 7 pm Through the Ages in Jewish Music and Songs of Zion with Joy Katzen-Guthrie | 8 12:30 pm Zahav Group 7 pm Israeli Dancing | 9 5:30 pm Hebrew School 6 pm Executive Board Meeting | 10 9:30 am Talmud Study | 11 7 pm New Tampa Shabbat Service & Oneg | 12 9 am Making Prayer Real 10:30 am Shabbat Service 6 pm Sisterhood Game Night |
| 13 9:30 am Religious School & 6 th Grade Family Ed 9:30 am Men's Club Meeting | 14 7 pm Through the Ages in Jewish Music and Songs of Zion with Joy Katzen-Guthrie | 15 7 pm Israeli Dancing | 16 5:30 pm Hebrew School 6:45 pm Sisterhood Bookclub 7:30 pm General Board Meeting | 17 9:30 am Talmud Study | 18 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg | 19 9 am Torah Study & Bagels 10:30 am Shabbat Service 7 pm Havdalah on the Beach 8 pm The Academy - Family Havdallah Experience |
| 20 No Religious School 5 pm Fondue & You – The Melting Pot – Carrollwood (Religious School Fundraiser) | 21 7 pm Through the Ages in Jewish Music and Songs of Zion with Joy Katzen-Guthrie Office Closed Martin Luther King Day | 22 7 pm Israeli Dancing | 23 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm The Book of Job with Rabbi Jason Rosenberg | 24 9:30 am Talmud Study 7 pm Caring Committee Meeting | 25 Office Closed 6:30 pm Shabbat Shira Service, Choir, Vegetarian Potluck Dinner & Oneg | 26 9:30 am Family Ed - Pre-K/Kindergarten 10:30 am Shabbat Service |
| 27 9:30 am Religious School 10 am JCC Food Bank 5:30 pm Tampa Federation's Annual President Dinner | 28 7 pm BACA Concert | 29 7 pm BACA Concert | 30 5:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm The Book of Job with Rabbi Jason Rosenberg | 1 February 9:30 am Talmud Study 12 pm Lunch & Learn | 2 February 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Oneg | 3 February 9 am Café Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service 5:30 pm Pre-K/K/1 st grade Family Education |