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Sunday Shul Update by Linette Sternlicht

On Sunday January 20, Cynthia Gingold and the children of the religious school led the congregation in a Tu B'Shevat seder. Afterwards, Tammy Marinuzzi had

everyone plant succulent cuttings in handmade ceramic pots (it was too cold to proceed with the original plan of planting a tree on the temple grounds).

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From the Treasurer

Your current Treasurer is still learning the ropes with QuickBooks – with the able assistance of our past Treasurer – so please be patient with your regular statements and IRS-friendly Statement of Donations forms.

If you would like to volunteer to be our next Treasurer, please contact me at treasurer.templebnaiisrael@knology.net.

From the Temple President
Mike Starkman



Let me update you on the status of our congregation as I know it. To my knowledge no one was injured due to the storm. Several families have sustained major damage to their homes and are in the process of repairing or rebuilding as necessary. I

know of two families that have left the area. Alma and Sonny Glass have moved to Tennessee and Lisa Rahn and Stephen Theberge have moved to Massachusetts. We will miss their presence and service to this congregation and we wish them well in their new homes.

Stephen's leaving has created a vacancy on the Board. Ric Strynar will be completing Stephen's term as a trustee on the board and he attended his first meeting in January. We welcome Ric and look forward to working with him to move our congregation forward.

We are waiting on an estimate for the necessary repairs to our building from a general contractor. Our SBA loan application has been approved and we are waiting for documentation from the SBA. I don't envision us needing to use this loan but the board decided to continue with the application in case we needed the

funds to repair the building. We will keep you informed as we progress through the process of repairing our building.

The board has decided to look into and then proceed into a lease agreement with Unity Spiritual Center of Panama City. Their building sustained significant damage from the hurricane and they have decided to sell their build and would like to lease our building. Robert Goetz is leading the negotiations with them to work out the details. This will cause some changes in the use of our building and the specifics will be worked out.

If you need some support or help from us, we have contacts that can provide the assistance you need. Please contact me with any concerns or requests you have.

B'shalom
- Mike

Sisterhood Update
by Judith Scott

It is a new year. Hurricane Michael has brought many changes to our little community. Most of us are working hard to restore our nests. A few have moved away. It is with sad hearts that we say goodbye to some dear old friends.

Alma and Sonny Glass were part of founding TBI. Most recently Sonny has been our ever present Gabbi and resident jokester. Alma was the dynamo that has driven our recent Passover celebration. She was a significant part of our Sisterhood. Alma we will miss your face, your energy, and your support. Good luck to both of you on your new journey.

Stephen Theberge and Lisa Rahn are in the process of selling their home. They are moving North to be near Stephen's Mother. Lisa was a founding member of our Sisterhood. She served as its President for many years. She was the kingpin for launching us into community connections that allowed us to participate in social action and healing the world. We wish you the best. You will both be missed.

Last, but not least, hats off to Sisterhood member and *Bat Mitzvah* Pearl Amromin. Not only did she master conducting a well directed service, she mastered her Torah and Haftarah portions under the tutorship of our own Mary Starkman. Sisterhood was glad to gift her with things she will need to welcome Shabbat as a Jewish woman. We thank Pearl and her family for offering a bright spot in our recovery process.

Special kudos to Tammy Marrinuzzi for planning a wonderful celebration for her daughter and our community. Additional kudos and special thanks to Tammy, for her leadership as Sisterhood President during these difficult times.

FEBRUARY JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

Y A H R Z E I T S - THEIR MEMORIES ARE FOR US A BLESSING

- 02/01 **JACK WETCHLER** – BROTHER OF GAYLE PAYNTER
- 02/04 **MOLLIE ROSEN** – MOTHER OF ALMA GLASS
- 30 SHEVAT **CECIL STARKMAN** – GRANDMOTHER OF MIKE STARKMAN
- 02/07 **DAVID STERNLICHT** – BROTHER OF DANIEL STERNLICHT
- 02/11 **JOSEPH WHEELER** – FATHER OF MARE WHEELER
- 02/12 **JEROME SHUMAN** – BROTHER OF MARILYN NATIONS
- 02/12 **BARBARA WEINSTEIN** – SISTER OF MARILYN NATIONS
- 02/15 **HOWARD LIST** – FATHER OF JUDITH SCOTT
- 02/15 **LEONARD GILBERG** – HUSBAND OF MIRIAM GILBERG
- 02/16 **YETTA NAGLER** – GRANDMOTHER OF ED NAGLER
- 02/16 **LOUIS GINGOLD** – GRANDFATHER OF ALVIN GINGOLD
- 02/20 **ROSE SHUMAN** – MOTHER OF MARILYN NATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

- 02/05 JOANNE GOETZ
- 02/13 ANITA SILVER SKOULA
- 02/15 GAYLE PAYNTER
- 02/19 DANIELLE NAGLER
- 02/23 BRANDI HAIMAN
- 02/25 DARREN HAIMAN
- 02/28 BOB PELL
- 02/28 NATHANIEL SICKERMAN

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02/06 JUDITH SCOTT & SARAH FARKAS
- 02/13 PAM SUTTON & MIKE STONE

If your Joy or Remembrance is missing or incorrect please e-mail The AZOY Editors at theazoy@gmail.com and let Sarah & Stephen know about it ASAP!

FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

SUN	02/03	9:00 am	Super Bowl Sunday Religious School: <i>How to lay Tefillin with Mike</i>
FRI	02/08	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner - <i>please bring a side dish</i> Lay-led Shabbat Service
SAT	02/09	12:00 pm 4:00 pm	Lunch & Learn - <i>bring a bag lunch, we'll provide beverages</i> Havdalah - location TBD f- <i>followed by dinner at local restaurant</i>
SUN	02/10	9:00 am	Religious School
WED	02/13	6:30 pm	Monthly Temple Board of Directors Meeting
THUR	02/14		Valentine's Day
SUN	02/17		No Religious School - <i>Presidents Day weekend</i>
MON	02/18		Presidents Day
WED	02/20	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting
SUN	02/24	9:00 am	Religious School

We are looking for a few good Volunteers!

Are you interested in serving on a Committee or the Temple B'nai Israel Board of Directors? Please contact any Board member listed at the bottom of page 5 for more information. Thank you!

February Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

Take a break from the hectic work week and mark the Day of Rest with lighting of the candles.

02/01 | 5:01 pm 02/08 | 5:07 pm 02/15 | 5:13 pm 02/22 | 5:18 pm



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