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# *Chai Lights*

*Sivan - Tamuz 5783 / June 2023*

*June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Midsummer Shabbat  
in the light of the midnight sun  
Further information in this edition*



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# JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> ONLINE Hebrew Classes BNI <b>7:00am</b> Weekend Blessings <b>10:00am</b> Sisterhood Board Mtg <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>2</b> Erev Shabbat Service w. Rabbi Karen Tashman <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>3</b> Torah Study <b>09:00am</b> Shabbat Service w. Rabbi Karen Tashman <b>10:00am</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Camp Chesed Counselor Training <b>10:00am</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> ONLINE Hebrew classes Ritual Mtg <b>1:00pm</b> Board Calendar mtg. <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>8</b> ONLINE Hebrew Classes BNI <b>7:00am</b> Weekend Blessings <b>10:00am</b>	<b>9</b> Camp Chesed Counselor Training <b>10:00am</b> Erev Shabbat Service <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>10</b> Torah Study <b>09:00am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:00am</b>
<b>11</b> Sisterhood End-of-the-year Brunch <b>11:00am</b>	<b>12</b> Camp Chesed Week Building & Grounds Mtg. <b>1:00pm</b>	<b>13</b> Camp Chesed Week Caring Com. Mtg. <b>1:00pm</b> Fundraising Mtg. <b>3:00pm</b>	<b>14</b> Camp Chesed Week ONLINE Hebrew Classes Cultural Arts Mtg. <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>15</b> Camp Chesed Week ONLINE Hebrew Classes BNI <b>7:00am</b> Weekend Blessings <b>10:00am</b> Membership Mtg. <b>3:00pm</b>	<b>16</b> Camp Chesed Week Potluck dinner for Camp Chesed & congregation <b>6:00pm</b> Traditional Erev Shabbat Service <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>17</b> Torah Study <b>09:00am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:00am</b> Footloose Fling Special <b>6:30pm</b>
<b>18</b> Educational Com. Mtg. <b>9:30am</b>	<b>19</b> Rosh Chodesh Tammuz with potluck supper <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>20</b> Brotherhood Mtg. <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>21</b> ONLINE Hebrew classes Exec. Board Mtg. TBD Board Mtg. <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>22</b> ONLINE Hebrew Classes BNI <b>7:00am</b> Weekend Blessings <b>10:00am</b>	<b>23</b> Erev Shabbat Service w. Rabbi Karen Tashman <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>24</b> Torah Study <b>09:00am</b> Shabbat Service w. Rabbi Karen Tashman <b>10:00am</b>
<b>25</b> Cultural Arts Sunday Matinee <b>2:00pm</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ONLINE Hebrew classes	<b>29</b> ONLINE Hebrew Classes BNI <b>7:00am</b> Weekend Blessings <b>10:00am</b>	<b>30</b> Erev Shabbat Service w. Rabbi Jen Goldberg <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>1</b> Torah Study <b>09:00am</b> Shabbat Service w. Rabbi Jen Goldberg <b>10:00am</b>



# Save the Date!

We have many events planned throughout the year, so start saving the date on your calendar for some of these upcoming events at Temple Beth David. Follow our weekly information email "The Weekly Wrap" for more info !

June 25	Cultural Arts Movie
June 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Shabbat service by our new Rabbi
Aug 13	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Religious School
Sep 3	Michaela Shilensky's Bat Mitzvah
Sep 15	Rosh Hashanah
Sep 24	Yom Kippur



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## Chai Lights

### Contributions to the Chai Lights Newsletter

Contributions to the next Chai Lights Newsletter, should be at emailed to the email address [chailightsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:chailightsnewsletter@gmail.com)

**latest on the 20<sup>th</sup>, in the  
current month.**

/ Kindly, Your editor.

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the next Chai Lights Editor!**



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Friday nights at 7:30pm

Saturday mornings at 10:00am

To view any of our online live-streaming services, simply go to our website at [www.tbdf.org](http://www.tbdf.org)

On the top of the page, click on "*Watch Live Service*" and follow the directions. Then, sit back and ENJOY!



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1. There is no synagogue in your area.
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3. You are unable to travel for any reason.

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## THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS...

June will be a bittersweet month for TBD.

This month we will be saying Goodbye, to Rabbi Karen Tashman.

Rabbi Karen has done a masterful job as our Interim Rabbi for the past year. Though she was only able to conduct services two weekends a month, Rabbi Karen quickly became a stabilizing and comforting force for our Congregation.



She led us through the High Holiday services, coordinating beautifully with Cantor Bill for a most spiritual holiday season. All the festivals were celebrated joyously. Her Shabbat services were always thoughtfully designed, with poetry and beautiful music. She worked with the Religious School, and the Education Committee, putting together a monthly Intergenerational Shabbat, so that the entire congregation could be introduced to our students. She was called upon to do several memorial services for our members and other community residents. We also enjoyed a baby-naming in our Sanctuary recently.

When called upon, Rabbi Karen designed and led a Board Leadership seminar, using her skills for the benefit of our Congregational leaders. She also did some excellent adult ed Zoom teachings.

The Congregational Seder was one of the best we have ever had. Rabbi Karen got to know many of us well and was always there with a caring word or phone call if someone was going through a difficult time. (She was certainly there for me when Jim passed away, leading a shiva service at my home.)

Rabbi Karen accomplished a great deal for TBD, though she was super-busy with a full-time job and also experiencing some difficult physical and emotional traumas. Through it all, she was able to find the time and energy to keep our Congregation spiritually alive. Please come to as many of her final services as possible to express your thanks in person and to pay tribute to this remarkable woman and Rabbi.

**L'shalom,**

**Marlene**

## *A message from the Rabbi*

*June 2023*

*Shalom Temple Beth David friends,*

What a year it has been! It was one year ago at this time that I first met the TBD family. And now it feels like we have become family.



My initial phone call with Marlene Shaw was where I learned of the unexpected departure of your previous rabbi and we agreed to meet in person to discuss how I might be of help while your Temple conducted a rabbinical search.

While none of us could have projected that we would spend an entire year together, we have observed and celebrated the complete cycle of holidays and festivals throughout the year.

It has been my honor to have actively engaged with congregants, board leadership as well as the Religious School students and their families. Embracing conversations about the Divine, joyfully welcoming and naming a newborn into this holy community as one of the B'nai Yisrael, rejoicing as we gathered to celebrate as an adult became Bat Mitzvah and coming together to support mourners and bury loved ones have framed some of the most meaningful moments of our time.

My life has been focused on the cycle of the Jewish calendar. Living within the rhythm of the seasons, the holidays and the customs has always been my guide. Having this beautiful and unexpected opportunity to share that cycle with all of you has been a true gift.

Thank you for spending this year in relationship with me and for allowing me to serve as your interim rabbi. Jeff and I value the friendships that we've made and hope we can stay in touch.

*L'hitraot,*

*Rabbi Karen Tashman*





## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

### **TBD Board meeting, May 17<sup>th</sup> , 2023**

Misc. Notes from May 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Good News Items:
  - Ken Becker became a grandfather again.
  - New Carpet was installed on the B'Mai.
  - Mother's Day Brunch went well.
  - Lag B'Omer was a nice experience for all who attended.
2. President's Remarks:
  - Encouraged unity at TBD
3. Consent Agenda:
  - Education Committee will be submitting 23-24 calendar dates for Religious School and youth-related activities, camp planning is going amazing
4. Old Business:
  - Estimates for replacing flooring in Library and 2 classes has started, further discussion will continue at July Board meeting
  - Due to a generous donation, the dishwasher has been fully funded and will be purchased
5. Calendar Meeting reminder - June 7
6. New Member Approval:
  - Reva Walmsley
7. Fun fact – Membership has signed 19 new members since July 2022!

At the keyboard: Nava Cohen



## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

**TBD Congregational Meeting, May 21st , 2023**

Misc. Notes from May 2023  
Congregational Meeting:

(41 people in attendance)

- President Marlene Shaw welcomed everyone; she stressed unity as we move forward together in our congregation
- Eileen Beaman thanked the nominating committee for all their hard work getting new directors for the Board
  - o Nominating Committee Members: Nava Cohen, Mike Cooperstein, Cookie Goodman, Jan Humphreys
- Arlene Roth provided a treasurer's report regarding state of finances in the bank, including a breakdown of what is invested in CDs and iBonds
- Marilyn Rosenberg (outgoing Director of Budget & Finance) introduced the 2023-2024 Budget that the committee worked on, including a \$5 monthly increase in dues to offset some of the expenditures
  - o Budget for 2023-2024 was voted on and **\*PASSED\***
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- Arlene Roth provided the Rabbinical Search Committee update
  - o Search process started in December and committee met several times over the weeks and months to look at candidates, interview candidates, and invited three candidates to TBD for in-person services
  - o The committee had majority votes in favor with some restrictions of the rabbi they recommended to the Board
  - o Rabbi Jen Goldberg was voted as the proposed new Rabbi for TBD and the vote **\*PASSED\***



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- Committee Reports:

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○ Budget & Finance –

- Marilyn thanked her hardworking committee for all that they did to get the budget ready for next year
  - Committee members include: Nava Cohen, Jayne Greenman, Karen Moore, Moshe Plager, Henry Roman, Arlene Roth, Beth Wurzbacher

○ Fundraising –

- Mickie Fligleman mentioned several upcoming events and dates including the Holiday Bazaar & Food Fest on November 5, Horse Races on January 20, Mah Jongg tournament on February 21, and Food Fest & Spring Bazaar on March 10

○ TBD Babushka Babes Bakers –

- Jan Humphreys announced several opportunities to purchase baked goods. Monday-Friday during regular office hours (10-1) frozen challah will be available in 2 different sizes (please call the office first). The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, Challah fresh from the oven will be available to purchase from 12-4

○ Sisterhood –

- Becky Stewart announced the End of Year Sisterhood Brunch at Timber Pines on June 11 (flier to follow!)
- Sisterhood will also be doing cooking and serving with People Helping People for Father's Day

○ Membership –

- Ellie Catcher announced that in the last year we have 19 new members that joined TBD
- Tentatively planning on a new member/prospective member dinner sometime in October

○ First Vice President –

- Ronnie Cohen (outgoing First Vice-President) thanked everyone for all their support and help during his time on the Board. Encouraged everyone to continue with their support and help as we transition to a new First Vice-President

○ Publicity & Outreach –

- Nava Cohen thanked her committee and announced that they continue to make fliers – the month of May was extremely busy. Also, the committee is still looking for a new Chai Lights Editor and appreciates all that Ken Becker has done in his current editorial role.

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- Education –
  - Heidi Shilensky (Religious School principal) spoke on behalf of the committee. May 21 was Religious School's last day until August, lots of fun happened with activities. The Shoe Drive for Camp Chesed has officially ended. Planning has gone extremely well for Camp Chesed and focus will be on getting the counselors prepared and campers to have fun in June.
  
- Brotherhood –
  - Larry Jasper announced a lengthy list of events that Brotherhood has participated in including the Holiday Bazaar, Spring Bazaar & Food Fest, Horse Races, and Mother's Day Brunch to name a few.
  
- Buildings & Grounds –
  - Larry Jasper spoke on behalf of this committee, announced several things that have been upgraded in the last year. Upgrades include the carpet on the b'mai, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies' restroom with modifications to the handicap stall, a new coffee maker, new tile in the hallway and entry way by the office and gift shop. Future plans include purchasing a dishwasher (recently fully funded), raising funds to replace an older freezer, and cost to replace carpeting in the library and other two classrooms.
  
- Security –
  - Larry Jasper discussed why TBD did not receive funds for the FEMA grant that was submitted. FEMA prioritizes high risk areas, and TBD was at the time not considered one of these areas. 2 AEDs were installed along with training. Door locks have been replaced.
  
- Cultural Arts –
  - Moshe Plager announced the June 25<sup>th</sup> movie with food available for purchase
  
- Ritual Committee –
  - Judy Elkin discussed several of the different holiday events that took place this past year and the events for the upcoming year
  
- Misc. Updates –
  - Larry Jasper announced the new camera and computer set-up for the Yad
  - Judy Elkin thanked those who participate and donate to the "Weekend Blessings" as it serves approximately 60 students at Spring Hill Elementary. They are in need of several donations, especially peanut butter.



## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

### **THE TBD CONGREGATION APPROVES NEW RABBI**

The Spring Congregational Meeting was held on May 21.

At that time, officers and directors were elected, and the Congregational budget for 2023-2024 was passed, including a modest \$5.00 per month dues increase to meet rising costs.

As per our Constitution, the Congregation voted to approve the hiring of our new Rabbi, **Rabbi Jennifer Goldberg**.

Rabbi Goldberg will begin her tenure with TBD on July 1, 2023.

She will also conduct the Erev Shabbat service on June 30 on a volunteer basis.

We are looking forward to welcoming Rabbi Goldberg to our Bima.



## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

### **Lag BaOmer at TBD!**

**Lag BaOmer** was celebrated at TBD, on Saturday , May 6<sup>th</sup>, by a small but nevertheless a very happy crowd of members.

A small fire was setup on a portable fire pit.

Marlene Shaw told the story behind Lag BaOmer, which was followed by the members singing some celebrating tunes, accompanied by Jill Pfluke, violin, and Karen Moore on flute.

The celebration continued with burning the formal TBD mortgage, which finally, had been paid of a few weeks ago. As a final, some marshmallows were toasted over the warm fire.



### **Why Do We Celebrate Lag BaOmer?**

The Biblical source for counting the Omer period is Leviticus 23: 15-16.

"You shall count from the eve of the second day of Pesach, when an omer of grain is to be brought as an offering, seven complete weeks. The day after the seventh week of your counting will make fifty days, and you shall present a new meal offering to God."

The word Omer literally means sheaf, and, as you can see from the verse, refers to the offering of grain brought on the second day of Passover.

Agriculturally, the Omer period tracks the harvest from the beginning of the early barley harvest to the end of the later wheat harvest. Likewise, it also significantly tracks the blossoming of the Jewish people from the exodus from Egypt to the giving of the Torah on Har Sinai.

Since Lag BaOmer is a minor Jewish holiday, work and day-to-day activity is still permissible. That said, Jewish communities around the world celebrate Lag BaOmer with many distinct and special traditions. Chief among these is the lighting of bonfires, which makes Lag BaOmer an especially exciting and beloved holiday for Jewish children.

*Text Ken Becker*

*Pictures Nava Cohen*



## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

### **TBD Teens and Pre-Teens Gaming Afternoon, May 7, 2023**



Nine teens, pre-teens, and siblings joined us for our final spring 2023 TBD Gaming Afternoon and Painting!

Tons of fun took place with the board game 'Life', Nintendo Switch Mario Kart, musical chairs, and painting sponsored by Ronnie and Sara Cohen.

Everyone had a blast, fueled with lunch and kettle corn snacks. All were excited for the variety of activities and had fun seeing old and new faces.

We will be gearing up our Teens for counselors as they lead with Camp Chesed in June!

More Teen and Pre-Teen events to come this fall!





## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

### **Intergenerational Potluck Supper, May 12th**



Several different generations came together for our monthly potluck. A variety of food was offered and great conversation held with the tables.

Marlene Shaw and Lynn Budnick led the services, while children from Religious School participated throughout singing songs and reciting Shabbat prayers they have learned. Parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and older siblings also participated in the service with readings and honors.

A special treat was the Parsha-rap (or “Sha-Rap”) that Mark Land and Nava Cohen performed in lieu of the Torah reading.

Desserts were plentiful, as many congregants provided sweets for the oneg.

**Please join us next month, in June, as we celebrate the end of Camp Chesed with a special Israeli- and Jewish-style potluck on June 16<sup>th</sup>!**





## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR BOARD AND YOUR COMMITTEES !**

### **Last Day of TBD Religious School spring 2023**



May 21st was the last day of Religious School this year for our students and teachers. The day was celebrated with fun activities, including a jeopardy game with questions from what was learned over the year.

The students were rewarded for their efforts with a certificate presentation in the sanctuary.



Next on the calendar is the week of Camp Chesed, beginning June 12th. It is not too late to sign up! The next school year will begin August 13th. We look forward to continuing Jewish Education at Temple Beth David with our great students, teachers, and parents.

Above, some pictures from the activities, as well as a picture of all the teachers, to whom your humble editor now wish a enjoyable summer!

# Babushka Babes Bakers

**Fresh Challah now available!**



**First Wednesday of each month  
from 12 to 4 PM**

**24 ounce braided Challah - \$10**

**18 ounce braided Challah - \$8**



## TEMPLE BETH DAVID SUMMER CAMP !

Early Registration  
\$160 first child/  
\$100 second  
Ends May 15!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JUNE 12TH - JUNE 16TH 2023**

TEMPLE BETH DAVID WILL BE HOLDING **CAMP CHESED**,  
A FUN FILLED WEEK OF JEWISH THEMED ACTIVITIES AND  
LEARNING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

- CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGES 5-13
- TIME: 9 AM – 3 PM
- \$180 FOR THE WEEK (1<sup>ST</sup> CHILD).
- \$120 FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
**TODAY!**

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# L'Dor V'Dor Sponsorship

## Sponsor Camp Chesed 2023!

**\$36 sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$50 sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$75 sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100 sponsorship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Amount**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Our campers thank you for your generosity!**



Camp Chesed Campers, Counselors, and Adults 2022



# Family Shabbat Potluck & Services

**June 16, 2023**

***Dinner at 6  
Services at 7***

**Join our Camp Chesed campers  
and families as we celebrate the  
end of camp with an Israeli-style  
potluck!**

**All are welcome!**

**Please RSVP if you can cook a dairy Israeli or  
Jewish-style dish  
by June 14 to TBD Office at (352) 686-7034**



*Your Editors  
Voice...*

*Dear Chai Lights Newsletter reader,*

**When I am planning for the cover page for each Chai Lights Newsletter, I'm looking for an interesting Jewish or Israeli holiday, during the upcoming month in question.**

Most of the months, this is working fine, but for the June issue, it seemed like the Divine Holiday Planning Department decided to go on vacation.

No holiday during June. Nada. No. Njet.

Well, there has been at least one holiday each month, starting with January – The International Holocaust Remembrance Day. In February, we had Tu’ Bishvat, in March, there was Purim, in April we enjoyed the Seder during Pesach, and in May we celebrated Shavuot.

Maybe I just should humbly accept, that there is, at least, one month, where we have a chance to mentally recharge, before the autumn starts up, with the high holidays.

So let me present a somewhat off topic holiday, since we lack a suitable holiday, this month –

The Swedish Midsummer Eve.

I hear you. “ – Swedish Mid... what?”

And why on the “Eve”?

Well, Scandinavians celebrate the major holidays on the Eve, before the holiday in question. The reason is the ancient Nordic tradition to count the start of the next day, on the evening, and not at midnight.



Well, as you maybe know by now, your humble editor lives in the outskirts of the very northern part of Europe, at the same latitude as Anchorage, Alaska.

And then, I'm living in the eastern part of middle Sweden. The very southern part of Sweden is at the same latitude as Manitoba, Canada. The very northern part of Sweden is at the same latitudes as the northern coasts of Alaska.

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As you now understand, the nature is somewhat different up here, compared with Florida. According to me as a Swede, you guys have summer, all around the year.

We do have seasons, over here, and I love the way they change the nature, over the year.

When I state “seasons” above, I really mean “Seasons” - with a big “S.”



Northern Lights in north Sweden.

Real seasons. Real winter – snow, ice cold temperatures, but also sunny days. Spring and autumn, meaning rain, winds, and sometimes, if you are lucky, sunny, but with cold nights.

Summer - sunny, warm days, and then a few days of rain, and then sunny weather, again.

However, up north in Sweden, they have a saying: “Eleven months of winter, and one month of summer.” Guess why...

Now you might get a feeling of the importance of the summer, in this country.

Swedes are living in darkness with either rainy or snowy weather most of the time, and then we have a few months of warm weather, when the nature awakes, and everything has to happen, within one or a few months.



When the weekends are dominated by sunny and warm days, you see people suddenly start to smile and laugh, sit at tables outside the cafés, something which was totally impossible just a few months ago, and shorts, t-shirts and blouses are becoming the dress code of the day.

It is hardly that strange that the Swedes love the short summer period.

We have had a national holiday for some years, but if you ask any Swede which day they really consider to be their real Day of Independence, most Swedes will respond “Midsummer Eve.” “So, what is Midsummer ?

Midsummer is, from the beginning, a harvest celebration, similar to our Jewish Sukkot. However, when we celebrate Sukkot, the nature in Sweden is already on it’s way to enter hibernation.

The harvest period for the crops between June and August, is far gone.

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Midsummer is a pre-Christian tradition centered around the summer solstice. The Celts, Vikings, and other ancient peoples across Europe celebrated light reigning over darkness, as well as fertility and the blooming of summer, with bonfires, feasts, and dancing.



Midsummer Eve is celebrated across Scandinavia. While good weather is never guaranteed, a long, light evening is, thanks to the midnight sun. Outdoor celebrations including maypole dancing and seafood buffets are enjoyed in Sweden, while bonfires are a common sight throughout Denmark and Norway.

Historically, in peasant society, Midsummer marked a turning point in the working year, while Midsummer Night itself was considered full of magical powers and supernatural beings

By the way, since it is the longest day of the year, Shabbat in Stockholm starts at 09:51pm, and ends on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:50am...

So, in case you remember this small contribution, at the Shabbat starting June 23<sup>rd</sup>, get some pickled herring, some salmon, why not some gefilte fish, some kosher meatballs, potatoes, and a nice salad, and enjoy the desert of a strawberry cake. Since the Midsummer eve nowadays always is on a Friday, it is not totally wrong for a Jew over here, to call it the "Midsummer Shabbat."



If you need more information on this Swedish holiday, you could start with this short humorous video summary.

Enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8ZLpGOOA1Q>

*Your humble newsletter editor,  
Ken Becker*





## Sharing Simchas !



### *Elias just got a little brother!*

*Mazel Tov to my son Freddy Becker and his wife, Rita von Feilitzen, to their newborn son, born 5/15/23, at 1:09 am, 8 lbs. 4.6 oz. Ken Becker*



*Alexander Jeffrey Pfluke, grandson of James and Jill Pfluke, born 5/28/23 to Aaron Pfluke and Sydney DeValk at 7:06 pm, 7 lbs. 4 oz, 21"*

*James and Jill Pfluke*





*From all of us, at Temple Beth David!*



*Welcoming our new member:  
**Reva Walmsley***

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# TBD Sisterhood Invitation



**You are invited to celebrate our year-end brunch!**

**When: Sunday, June 11, 2023**

**Time: 11 am**

**Where: Timber Pines Country  
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**Cost: \$21**

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- *The Caring Committee's mission is to get in touch with any TBD member who needs any kind of support.*
- *The Caring Committee has been truly dedicated to contacting all of our TBD members during the covid-19 pandemic. Our message has been sincere and hopefully appreciated by all.*
- *Please notify the Temple Office, or the chairperson of the committee, Marty Reiman, with any concerns regarding health issues, be it mental or physical. We have resources to help.*

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Gayle Redding	June	16
Ken West	June	21
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Lisa Ryan	June	22
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Howard Nash	June	27
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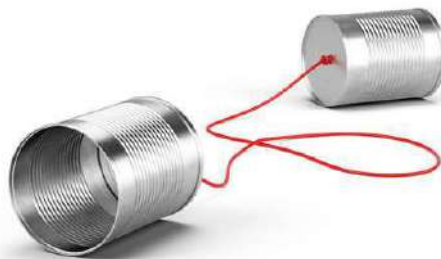


## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR COMMITTEES !**

\* "Letzte Neues" is Yiddish, means "Latest News".

**From The Ritual Committee.**

*Except praying together, this is the only allowed communication medium, in the sanctuary, during our religious services.*



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In accordance with an established policy of TBD, please refrain from social conversation, writing, use of cell phones for talking, texting and photography, once services begin.

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**For More information, please, contact Lynn Budnick.**

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*B'shalom, Lynn Budnick*



# PLANTING TREES IN ISRAEL

Judy Elkin has volunteered to order Trees in Israel from the JNF as a fundraiser for TBD. They are appropriate for any occasion, birthday, anniversary, wedding, birth or in memory of someone, to name a few.

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Indicate the occasion for sending the tree.

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Thank you,  
Your Fundraising Committee



## Regarding our Online Services – A message from the Ritual Committee

Since our services are being streamed online through Zoom and Facebook Live, we ask that you **remain muted** and **keep your camera and microphone turned OFF for the entire service** to preserve the sanctity of the service and make it more fulfilling, gratifying and more enjoyable for all. Thank you. / The Ritual Committee



## THE GIFT SHOP

**The Gift Shop is now open every Thursday, 11:00am – 1:00pm.**

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# Updating information for all members

**Bring or mail this form to the Temple Beth David office.**

Temple Beth David, 13158 Antelope St. Spring Hill, FL 34609

Phone (352) 686-7034

Email: [administrator@tbdf.org](mailto:administrator@tbdf.org)

Attention TBD Office – forward to the Membership Committee.

## **FAMILY RECORD INFORMATION**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Honoring or Remembering a Friend or a Loved One**

**At Temple Beth David, there are many ways in which you can honor or remember a loved one or a friend. With each donation an acknowledgement will be sent to the honoree or the family. Please contact the Temple Office for more information.**

**Beautification Fund**; For enhancement of the building.

**Cantorial Fund**: To fund cantorial guest soloists at temple services.

**Cultural Arts Fund**: To enhance Performing Arts at TBD.

**General Fund**; For the operation of the Temple.

**Library Fund**: For upkeep of our collection of books or to obtain additional books.

**Memorial Board**: (In Sanctuary) : A bronze plaque can be engraved with the name and date of death of a loved one for \$200.

**Mosaic Tile Wall**: (In Social Hall): A tile can be personalized for \$50.

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**Tree of Life**: A leaf can be engraved and added to the Tree of Life in the Lobby for \$50.

## TREE OF LIFE !

Leaves are available on the Tree Of Life in the temple lobby. Have your leaf custom engraved to honor a loved one. Call the TBD Office for details.



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### **A Message from the President...**

*Most Temple Beth David Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, at 7:30pm.*

*Congregants are encouraged to attend.*

*Limited time will be provided for individual participation only on the ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.*

*If you wish to speak, please call Marlene Shaw, at 352-650-4521. It is also possible to sign up on the meeting.*

*Marlene Shaw, President*



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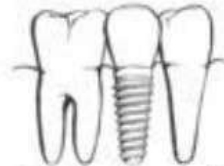
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