



Temple Beth David

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# *Chai Lights*

*Cheshvan-Kislev 5783 / November 2022*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Thanksgiving Dinner at TBD, Nov 24!*

*Check out for more details, in this edition!*



**Temple Beth David**

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# NOVEMBER 2022

| SUN  | MON   | TUES   | WED  | THURS   | FRI   | SAT  |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|  |   | <b>1</b> Tai Ji Quan<br><b>11:00am</b>   | <b>2</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew<br>classes<br><br>Ritual Mtg<br><b>1:00pm</b>  | <b>3</b> BNI<br><b>7:00am</b><br>Weekend<br>Blessings<br><b>10:00am</b><br>Tai Ji Quan<br><b>11:00am</b><br>Sisterhood<br>Board Mtg<br><b>7:00pm</b>                          | <b>4</b> Erev Shabbat<br>Service w/<br>Rabbi<br><b>7:30pm</b>                               | <b>5</b> Torah Study<br><b>09:00am</b><br>Shabbat<br>Service w/<br>Rabbi<br><b>10:00am</b>   |
| <b>6</b> Holiday<br>Bazaar<br><b>10:00am</b>   | <b>7</b> Election<br>Equipment<br>Setup<br><b>10:00am</b> | <b>8</b> Election Day<br>at TBD<br><br>Fundraising<br>mtg<br><b>7:30pm</b>             | <b>9</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew classes<br>Election<br>Equipm.<br>Pickup<br><b>11:45am</b><br>Caring Com.<br>Mtg.<br><b>1:00pm</b><br>Cultural Arts<br>mtg.<br><b>7:00pm</b> | <b>10</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew<br>Classes<br>BNI<br><b>7:00am</b><br>Weekend<br>Blessings<br><b>10:00am</b><br>Tai Ji quan<br><b>11:00am</b>                                      | <b>11</b> Exec. Board<br>Mtg.<br><b>11:00am</b><br>Erev Shabbat<br>Service<br><b>7:30pm</b> | <b>12</b> Torah Study<br><b>09:00am</b><br>Shabbat<br>Service<br><b>10:00am</b>  |
| <b>13</b> TBD<br>Religious<br>School<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Sisterhood<br>Art party<br><b>1:00pm</b>  | <b>14</b> Building &<br>Grounds<br>Mtg.<br><b>7:30pm</b>  | <b>15</b> Tai Ji Quan<br><b>11:00am</b><br><br>Brotherhood<br>Meeting<br><b>7:00pm</b> | <b>16</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew<br>classes<br><br>TBD board<br>Mtg.<br><b>7:30pm</b>  | <b>17</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew Classes<br>BNI<br><b>7:00am</b><br>Weekend<br>Blessings<br><b>10:00am</b><br>Tai Ji Quan<br><b>11:00am</b><br>M-ship Com.<br>Mtg.<br><b>3:00pm</b> | <b>18</b> Traditional<br>Erev Shabbat<br>Service w/<br>Rabbi<br><b>7:30pm</b>               | <b>19</b> Torah Study<br><b>09:00am</b><br>Shabbat<br>Service w/<br>Rabbi<br><b>10:00am</b><br>Footloose<br>fling special<br><b>6:30pm</b> |
| <b>20</b> Religious<br>School<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Education<br>Com. Mtg.<br><b>9:30am</b><br>PR & Mark.<br>Mtg.<br><b>12:30pm</b><br>Brotherhood<br>Comedy Show<br><b>7:00pm</b> | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b> Tai Ji Quan<br><b>11:00am</b>  | <b>23</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew<br>classes  | <b>24</b> Thanksgiving<br>Day Dinner<br><b>5:00pm</b>   | <b>25</b> Erev Shabbat<br>Service<br><b>7:30pm</b>  | <b>26</b> Torah Study<br><b>09:00am</b><br>Shabbat<br>Service<br><b>10:00am</b>  |
| <b>27</b> No<br>Religious<br>School<br><br>Cultural<br>Arts<br>Committee<br><b>2:00pm</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b> Tai Ji Quan<br><b>11:00am</b>  | <b>30</b> ONLINE<br>Hebrew<br>classes  |   |   |  |

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# Save the Date!

We have many events planned throughout the year, so start saving the date on your calendar for some of these fun upcoming events at Temple Beth David:

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| November 20, 2022 | Motivation & Magic Variety Show (charge) |
| November 24, 2022 | Thanksgiving Dinner (charge)             |
| December 18, 2022 | Night of Hundred Menorahs (charge)       |
| March 2023        | Food Fest (free)                         |



## 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.

# THE YAD CONNECTION

## Temple Beth David's Live Streaming Service!

Our service times are as follows:

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!



Top three reasons why you should log in to our live streaming service.

1. There is no synagogue in your area.
2. You are curious as to what a TBD service looks like.
3. You are unable to travel for any reason.

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

5783 began with a bang here at Temple Beth David. Between Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Taschlich, Yom Kippur, Break the Fast, Sukkot, Shavuot, a Bat Mitzvah and a beautiful concert, some folks may have gotten a little “temped-out.”

Cheshvan has begun, a month with **no** Jewish holidays. Now is the time we can try to absorb all that the High Holidays and festivals taught us. Now we can put into action all of the intentions we formed during those very special days. It is the time to think about the mitzvot we can perform, how we can increase our Jewish knowledge, how we can strengthen our ties to the Jewish community and our own friends and families. Now we can enjoy the beauty of “normal” Shabbat services.



If you have not had the opportunity to meet and chat with our amazing Interim Rabbi Karen Tashman, come to a service, and stay for the Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush.

I had a conversation recently with someone who has been mainly watching our services on Zoom. If you have fallen into this habit, try to make it **in person**, if at all possible. Remind yourself of how special it is to actually **touch** the Torah as it comes around in the Hakafah, how much more alive the service seems when you are singing or reading with your fellow congregants, how tasty that homemade challah is at the Oneg.

Utilize the month of Cheshvan to come back to the beauty that Temple Beth David offers. Be sure not to miss our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bazaar and Thanksgiving Dinner with your Temple family and support our Brotherhood's **Motivational & Magic Variety Show** with Fran Capo and **our own amazing magician, Elliott Smith.**

**Have a great month!!**

*L'shalom,*

*Marlene Shaw,  
President*

## *A message from the Rabbi*

*November, 2022.*

*Shalom Temple Beth David Friends,*

It's hard to believe that November is just around the corner. Time flies by so quickly.

Recently we welcomed in the month of Cheshvan, which comes after the busyness of the fall holiday season. Cheshvan, is also known as Mar-Cheshvan. The "mar" in Mar-cheshvan means "bitter". Think of the Passover Seder, we have "maror", the bitter herbs, that represent the bitterness of the time in Egypt.



So why is Cheshvan referred to as Mar-Cheshvan? Is there something sad or extremely difficult about this Hebrew month? Not necessarily. It is known as Mar-Cheshvan solely because it is the only month on the Jewish calendar in which no Jewish holiday falls. I don't think that's a bad thing. Sometimes we each really need downtime; to regroup, refocus, catch up on sleep or reading, redirect ourselves back to an unfinished project or a favorite hobby. Truly, this time can be a blessing for us.

An additional bonus of the month of Cheshvan is that it provides the gift of time for self-reflection. The lack of holidays offers plenty of time for us to make changes in ourselves. During the High Holidays, we speak of our resolutions and what we'd like to change in our words, actions, behaviors and relationships. This month provides time to own those resolutions, to focus on taking steps, even baby steps are fine, and work toward those self identified big picture goals. In a world where we often feel rushed and pressed for time, I especially welcome time to focus on resetting my internal GPS system and work on bettering myself. Here at Temple Beth David and in congregations across the country, you will see that Cheshvan is also the time of year when programming ramps up. When you look at the TBD calendar for the month, you will see that we don't need a Jewish holiday to bring us together and keep this holy community as connected as ever!

Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah kept us busy with ritual, prayers and holy day gatherings. Cheshvan continues with the Holiday Bazaar, the Sisterhood Arts party, Brotherhood events, Religious School, Torah Study, Hebrew studies, and the Thanksgiving Dinner. While these are not ritually holy programs, they are absolutely focused on our obligation to continue to build and strengthen Jewish community.

It is evident to all who enter the doors of this Kehillah Kedosha, this holy community, that we are committed to mitzvot. The mitzvot of continued education, of holding and supporting one another, and of making a difference in the world around us, speak loud and clear in our daily actions. May we each be blessed to continue to make a beautiful and loving difference in all that we do.

*L'hitraot,*

*Rabbi Karen Tashman*





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

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

**Below is a summary of issues which was up for discussion, at the TBD October Board meeting.**

Text: Nava Cohen, Publicity & Outreach Committee

- Good news items:
  - Sukkah construction was completed by TBD Brotherhood.
  - Religious School kids successfully decorated the Sukkah and enjoyed participating in Simchat Torah.
  - Beautiful Yizkor service lead by Moshe Plagler.
  - Beautiful High Holiday season with Rabbi Tashman and Cantor Bill.
- President's remarks regarding encouraging more attendance at services and events.
- Buildings & Grounds is currently trying to find a new gas company as there are issues with our current company.
- Buildings & Grounds installed a garbage disposal in the kitchen and the reserved spot in the parking lot for the police security.
- Publicity & Outreach will need 8 weeks lead time for all external fliers for events with the Temple, 4 weeks lead time for internal fliers. Any fliers created external to the committee will require the same time for approvals. The Committee is wanting to continue to maintain TBD's brand and level of respect for its publicity within the community.
- Heartland Company will soon be up and running, more information will be available in the coming weeks.
- Keys are ready to be distributed for those on the approval list, please see Buildings & Grounds or Security subcommittee for more information.
- Please note the following upcoming events:
  - Holiday Bazaar 11/6
  - Art Party with Sisterhood 11/13
  - Brotherhood Comedy Night 11/20
  - Thanksgiving Dinner 11/24
  - Night of 100 Menorahs 12/18
- Approval of new members, Cheryl Goldberg, and Stephanie Goldberg Ayala.



## LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL !

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

### Our Religious School's Busy Months!

With the High Holidays In both September and October, and Religious School in Full Swing, some great activities were enjoyed by students and teachers.

Students continue to learn the meaning of the holidays; in addition to our curriculum program, students read stories, sang songs, and made crafts related to the holidays. Crafts included making apple prints with cut apples, cutting out and coloring decorations for our Sukkah, and making a craft etrog and lulav.

Rabbi Karen Tashman gave a lesson on Sukkot to the students and included them in her Sukkot service. The students also helped decorate the Sukkah. For Simchat Torah, many students stayed after Religious School to participate in the joyous service. Many more meaningful activities are yet to come this year.

Karen Moore  
Education Director





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

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### *A special message from TBD Caring Committee*

*Our Caring Committee has been truly dedicated to contacting all of our TBD members throughout these past 20 months of social isolation due to the Pandemic. Our message has been sincere and hopefully appreciated by all. In many ways it has brought us all closer to those we may have never spoken to or known prior to this challenge. We want to share these beautiful written thoughts by Edgar Allen, Founder of Easter Seals, that reflect our mission.*

*"We have but one Life. We get nothing out of that life except by putting something into it. To relieve suffering, to help the unfortunate, to do kind acts and deeds is, after all, the one sure way to secure happiness or to achieve real success. Your life and mine shall be values not by what we take... but by what we give."*

*Please notify the Temple, a TBD member, or Marty Reiman, with any concerns, health issues, be it mental or physical. We have resources to help.*

*Marty Reiman phone: 352-442-2828*

*TBD office phone: 352-686-7034*



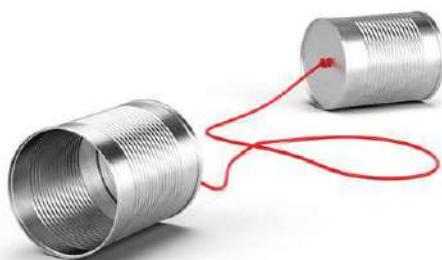


## **LETZTE NEUES\* FROM YOUR COMMITTEES !**

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**From The Ritual Committee.**

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



***Please, Turn Off or Silence Your Cellphone.***

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.

Your observance of this request will preserve the sanctity of the service and make it more gratifying, fulfilling and enjoyable for all.

*Thank You,  
The Ritual Committee*



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



*Welcoming our new members:*

*Cheryl Goldberg*

*Stephanie Goldberg Ayala*

*We hope that you will enjoy our friendly family.*





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## A DAY IN CRYSTAL RIVER



On Thursday, October 13, nine Sisterhood women carpooled to Crystal River which is not far from Spring Hill.

Upon arriving on Citrus Avenue, we discovered Historic Sites, places to eat and stores to shop in. Of course, the women's shops were a definite attraction, and we did find some good bargains.

Several of us ventured into the Franklin Anderson Gallery which exhibited beautiful paintings for sale and many unusual items.

After checking out a few more stores we all met at Kane's Cattle Company for a delicious lunch. We made our way back to Spring Hill after a fun day in Crystal River.

*The Sisterhood of TBD*



# **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar!**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> — 10am-4pm**

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## **Perfect Holiday shopping !**



**FREE PARKING & FREE ENTRY!**

**Vendors, Food Court, Fresh Produce,  
Bakery and much more...**

**Come and meet HCSO K9 Unit and  
HCSO Mounted Patrol!**



# TBD SISTERHOOD



Come to our **fun** ART PARTY

Presented by Traveling Art Party

SNACKS & WINE SERVED

**\$30** includes all materials

Sunday Nov 13 1-4 PM

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Checks to **TBD Sisterhood** must be received by Nov. 8





## FRAN CAPO AND ELLIOTT SMITH

STARRING IN THEIR  
**MOTIVATIONAL & MAGIC VARIETY SHOW**  
Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 pm

**\$25 PER TICKET!  
RESERVE NOW!  
SEATING IS LIMITED!  
FOR INFO/TIX  
CALL (352) 686-7034**



**Fran Capo** is not only a 9-time Guinness Book World Record holder the World's Fastest Talking woman at 603.32 WPM but an actress, comedienne and motivational speaker.

Fran combines her standup comedy, daring adventures around the world and motivational messaging in a down-to-earth, humorous, meaningful performance that will have you laughing, crying and inspired.

**Elliott Smith** will be performing his hilarious interactive magic and comedy antics for all ages that will keep you laughing the whole way through.

You have seen magic on TV, come and see it live ... no camera tricks!

Don't miss this spectacular show! For more information on each of these spectacular performers, check out their websites:

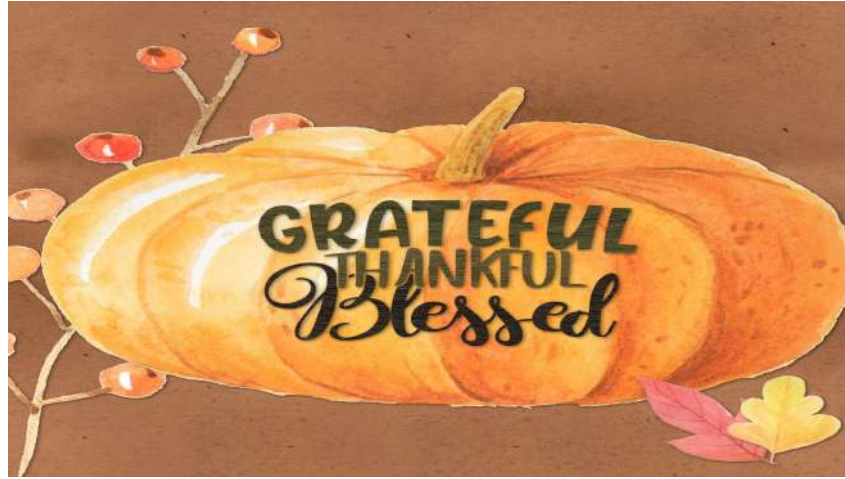
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Fran — <https://francapo.com>

or at <https://www.tbdf.org/events>



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## TBD THANKSGIVING DINNER

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**NOVEMBER 24, 2022 AT 5PM**

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**JOIN YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY FOR A TRADITIONAL  
THANKSGIVING FEAST WITH ALL THE FIXINGS**

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**Adults \$20 Children 5-13 \$8 Children under 5 FREE**

Send your check to TBD or make your reservation online at  
[tbdfi.org/events](http://tbdfi.org/events)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CHECK \_\_\_\_\_







*Your link to Jewish life on the  
Nature Coast!*

## **NO REASON TO BEAT AROUND THE BURNING BUSH! 10 REASONS TEMPLE BETH DAVID IS FOR YOU.**



- 1] Warm, Friendly, Welcoming Jewish Congregation
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- 10) Affordable Dues. Check Out Our Dues Compared to Others



TBD is a great place to make friends and it's within 30 minutes of most residents of Hernando, Citrus and Pasco Counties.  
(Another two reasons to join the congregation!)

For further information, please contact Temple Beth David at:  
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## Thanksgiving – something Jewish...?

*Dear Chai Lights Newsletter reader,*

When I was trying to find a theme for the cover page of this edition of the Chai Lights Newsletter, I was wondering what I should look for. There are no Jewish holidays in November, at least, not around where I live....  
So, I was googling around on the Internet, but nothing came to my mind.

Then I got a suggestion from Eileen Beaman, with whom I am in a regular contact with, when editing the CLN.

“ -Does it need to be a Jewish theme?” she asked me, when we had a short conversation, via email.

“ -What about Thanksgiving?”

Of course!

I realized, that since we don't celebrate Thanksgiving over here in Sweden, even if we have a lot to be grateful for, that never struck me, since it doesn't belong to my traditions.

Thank you so much, Eileen!

And there seems to be a connection, between Judaism and Thanksgiving.  
At least for an amateur observer of American holidays, like me.

So, I made the cover page, and meanwhile, I started to wonder – what is this “Thanksgiving” all about?

Yes, of course, I know the typical oven baked turkey, filling the table, as well as filling the stomach of all participants, but really – what is the real history behind the holiday?

And now, the really interesting part, started to unfold.

So, when making the cover page, I, as I mentioned earlier, wondered if there were any connection between Thanksgiving and Judaism.

Being an editor for a Jewish newsletter, this thought slipped through my mind, sort of, automatically...

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And after googling around, I got more than I wanted.

There seems to be some connections, and there are tons with articles for you to read, but one page I stumbled over, especially caught my interest.

***Rabbi Eric Eisencramer***, from Brunswick, NJ, has written a piece, which summarizes the story with the interesting parts, which might indicate a Jewish connection. You have a link in the end of the article. I have made shorter summary, below.

It all started – of course - with the Pilgrims.

When they celebrated their first Thanksgiving, most of them were “Puritans,” which was a branch of the English protestant faith.

The Puritans wanted to eliminate all aspects of Catholicism from religious practices.

The Puritans strongly believed in the historical traditions and customs of the Israelites, in the bible.

The Puritans viewed their journey to America, as exact analogous to the exodus by the Israelites, from Egypt. The Red Sea was the Atlantic, and they were the Israelites, and America was their promised land.

Even more interesting, was the fact, that the Puritans often had biblical names, and they had proposed to make the Hebrew language as the language for the colonies (!)

However, the initial Thanksgiving celebration seemed to be far from a festive dinner. The puritans settlers in New England originally celebrated days of "thanksgiving" in prayers, thanking the Good Lord for various successes in the New World.

Many people believe that the Pilgrims modeled Thanksgiving after the holiday of Sukkot, as these harvest festivals both take place during the autumn. However, the practice of celebrating a good haul was popular throughout Europe long before the Mayflower touched down on Plymouth Rock. Native North Americans, like the Wampanoag, often held similar events come harvest time.

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In Jewish tradition, Sukkot has a dual significance: historical and agricultural. We dwell in booths to remember how our ancestors lived in temporary shelters for 40 years, in the desert. As close readers of the Bible, the Puritans would have known about Sukkot which may have inspired them to celebrate Thanksgiving.

So far, about the Puritans, and the “mishpochology” of Thanksgiving and Sukkot...

If you want to read more about this connection, just google on the Internet.

Well, you should always be critical when someone presents something as “facts.”

Could there really be any truth, in the connection between Thanksgiving and Judaism?

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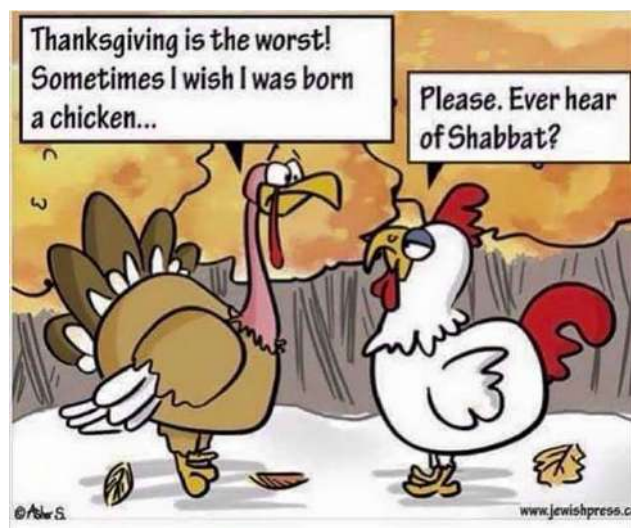
I just wanted to forward to you, some interesting information, when it comes to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Feel welcome and in a traditional Jewish fashion, discuss it around the Thanksgiving table!

In a few weeks, you folks will, hopefully, gather around a festive table with an oven baked turkey, and be grateful for what you have. So, I just want to wish you a pleasant Thanksgiving, and forward to all of you, my humble “Gobble Tov.”

Enjoy.

Your Editor,  
*Ken Becker*



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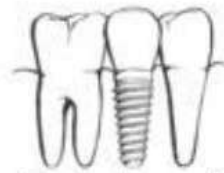
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