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BARBARA ABRAMS "FAREWELL TO SHOMREI"

G-d doesn't tell usually people to stay put. In the Torah, G-d is frequently telling people to get up, go somewhere, and do something. Well, except for the commandment to sit and dwell in the succah, but it's pretty clear that that is temporary.

Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden.

Abram had to leave his birthplace, leave his parents' house. He and Sarai had to leave Haran and go to the land of Canaan.

Rebecca left Haran, and went to Canaan to marry Isaac. Isaac leaves Canaan and goes to Gerar, and from there to Beersheba.

Jacob leaves Beersheba and goes to Haran to stay with his uncle Leben. And, of course, it's there that he meets his wives, Leah and Rachel.

After the birth of Joseph, Jacob says to Leben, release me, let me go to my own place. Jacob, Leah and Rachel all leave Haran to go to Canaan.

Joseph leaves Canaan (albeit involuntarily) and ends up in Egypt after his brothers sell him into slavery.

Then, due to famine, Jacob and his sons leave Canaan and go to Egypt, where, thanks to Joseph's influence, they settle in the land of Goshen.

After killing the Egyptian taskmaster, Moses has to leave Egypt, and he ends up in Midian where he meets his wife, Zipporah.

Then, of course, we have the famous Exodus, with Moses, Aaron, Miriam, and all the Jews leaving Egypt.

All this leaving, and that's just in the Torah. What follows in Jewish history are many exiles and expulsions and immigrations as Jews leave where they are and go to a new, hopefully better place.

Of course, leaving is always difficult, it always involves sacrifices, it's always bittersweet. Even if we're going to a place we think will be better, we will always miss what we leave behind. Even though they had left horrible slavery, the Jews leaving Egypt cried that they missed the fleshpots. And who doesn't cry at the end of "Fiddler on the Roof" when the Jews have to leave Anatevka? Even though they were overworked and underfed, "Where else could Shabbos be so sweet?"

And that brings me to Shomrei Torah. Certainly, my leaving Tallahassee isn't without some regrets. Although I'm going for an incredible job, an incredible chance to advance professionally, I had to think long and hard about leaving the city and the shul that have been my home for 20 years. There is so

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TALLAHASSEE JEWISH FEDERATION
GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES
FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER 2012

Congratulations on your decision to attend a Jewish residential camp this summer! You will have a summer to remember!

The Tallahassee Jewish Federation is pleased to provide a limited number of need-based grants to encourage youth to participate in Jewish camps.

In cooperation with area synagogues and other Jewish organizations, the Tallahassee Jewish Federation strives to help each family fund the maximum amount of tuition possible. We do this by encouraging the family to combine Federation grants with grants from other sources. However, no funding level can be guaranteed. Funding is need-based.

Awards will be made by the beginning of March to give campers time to secure additional funding if necessary.

Application Criteria

1. Applicants must be Jewish.
2. Applicants must be residents of Tallahassee or the Big Bend area.
3. Applicant's family must be a member of Tallahassee Jewish Federation (TJF); i.e., a contribution to TJF must accompany the application OR must have been made within 12 months prior to the date of the application.
4. Scholarships will be awarded to children registered to attend a recognized residential Jewish camp.

5. The scholarship is granted for one camp session per camper and is based on the cost of camp tuition (excluding registration, transportation, canteen, and miscellaneous fees).
6. Campers must request funds from the camp they are attending **before** they apply to the Tallahassee Jewish Federation Camp Scholarship Fund.
7. Campers must also first apply to one additional funding source **before** they apply to the Tallahassee Jewish Federation Camp Scholarship Fund (see last page of Application Form for a list of sources).

Application Procedure

1. Submit a completed Application Form (see next page) by January 31, 2012 to: Tallahassee Jewish Federation, Attention: Camp Scholarships, P.O. Box 14825, Tallahassee, FL 32317.
2. Information submitted may be shared confidentially with other groups that offer Jewish camp scholarships for the purpose of scholarship distribution.
3. The Tallahassee Jewish Federation will notify families of awards as soon as possible.
4. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the applicant's camp on behalf of the camper.

Other Sources of Funding

1. The camp the camper plans to attend. This camp should always be contacted for possible scholarships, and contacted early.
2. Union for Reform Judaism (for Reform Movement's Summer Camps, such as Camp Coleman). Website: www.urjcamp.org Contact: Donald Cohen-Cutler: 212-650-4213.
3. Young Judaea (for Young Judaea Camps such as Camp Judaea in Hendersonville, N.C., or Camp Tel Yehuda in Barryville, NY). Contact Young Judaea camp of choice to receive application for the Campership Incentive Program.
4. Camp Ramah Darom. Website: www.ramahdarom.org Contact: Holly Fortson: 404-503-2133.
5. Jewish Children's Regional Service (JCRS). Website: jcrsnola.org
Phone: 1-800-SAY-JCRS (Toll free).
6. Foundation For Jewish Camp. Phone: 646-278-4500. Fax: 646-278-4501.
Email: questions@jewishcamps.org
7. If affiliated with a synagogue, apply to that synagogue for camp scholarship.

Tallahassee Jewish Federation Camp Scholarship Application Form (2012)

Today's Date _____

Camper's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parents' Address: _____

Parents' E-mail Address: _____

Parents' Phone Numbers: _____

Name, address, and phone number of the camp your child will attend:

Dates of the camp session for which you're requesting assistance: _____

Cost of camp tuition: _____ Amount you can provide: _____

Other sources of funding you have requested (at least one source, in addition to the camp, is required):

Approximate household income:

0 - \$19,000: _____ \$20,000 - \$39,000: _____

\$40,000 - \$59,999: _____ \$60,000 - \$79,999: _____

\$80,000 - \$99,999: _____ \$100,000 +: _____

Any special circumstances that may affect your ability to fund your child's camping experience:

Date of last contribution to Tallahassee Jewish Federation: _____

Signature of Person Completing This Form: _____

Please mail this form (postmarked no later than January 31, 2012) to: Tallahassee Jewish Federation, Attention: Camp Scholarships, P.O. Box 14825, Tallahassee, FL 32317.



Federation, Temple Israel, and Shomrei Torah Team Up to Welcome Israelis to Tallahassee



The Tallahassee Jewish Federation and the Israel Committees of Temple Israel and Shomrei Torah collaborated to arrange a November 13, 2011 “welcome to Tallahassee” brunch for several Israelis who recently moved to town. We had a wonderful turnout of Federation members and the two synagogues as well as several families from Israel that now live in Tallahassee.

In addition to providing a nice welcome to the new families, we took the opportunity to discuss life in Israel. There was a terrific discussion about the contributions Israel has made to human knowledge including a recent Israeli Nobel Prize winner. We also discussed some of the cultural and other opportunities in Israel with the arts and entertainment. In addition, we covered some of the challenges including the high cost of living, and the social movement that has emerged in recent months to elevate difficult questions about how to make homes affordable for young people. Another topic was the release of Gilad Shalit and how Israel should handle the challenge of freeing captured Israeli soldiers.

All in all, it was a very lively discussion and a wonderful opportunity to meet and welcome some new members to our community. Thanks are due Alvin and Susan Stauber for their work in arranging the brunch!

We hope everyone will consider contributing to our annual Chanukah Israel Fund Drive to help Needy Children in Israel.

TODAH RABAH!

Message from the Israel Committee:

2011 Chanukah Drive to Help Needy Children in Israel

Please contribute to our annual **Chanukah Fund-Raising Drive** to help needy children in Israel. Chanukah traditionally is a time of year when our children look forward to receiving gifts. This is the **ninth** year of a local community initiative to highlight the importance of mitzvot and tzedakah during Chanukah by sharing the holiday with needy children in Israel.

Some families have contributed the money they would otherwise spend on gifts for the children for at least one night of Chanukah to this effort to raise funds for the needy. In this way the entire family can share in this mitzvah. We hope each of you will consider the opportunity to share with those who are less fortunate.

Working closely with the Religious School, we've raised more than \$10,000 in past years, thanks to everyone's support, and we look forward to continuing this effort this year. Please make a contribution through Congregation Shomrei Torah Administrator, with a notation for Chanukah Drive on your check.

The Israel Committee has a number of activities on tap for this year and welcomes anyone interested to join us. Please contact David Markell (dmark123@comcast.net) if you would like to help out with the Israel Committee this year. We'll be organizing the 9th annual Israeli Independence Day Party this spring, on April 22nd, and look forward to working with Shomrei Torah members.

Thanks very much!

LATKAS, LATKAS AND MORE LATKAS

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, December 16

It's time for the Congregation Shomrei Torah Annual Latka Dinner!! Please make plans to join us on Friday, December 16 at 6:30 PM (before services).



Menu : Baked Fish, Salad, & an array of Delectable Latkes

*Vegetarian Friendly

Cost : Adults: \$12

Children 4-12: \$6

Under 4 years: Free

Please make checks payable to "Shomrei Torah Sisterhood."

RSVP to the Office by Dec. 12:

administrator@shomreitorahonline.org or call (850) 893-9674

Message from Jodi Chase:

This is my last column as Federation President. Okay, I know I did not regularly write a column, but we were busy. Federation had a very busy year in 2011. Please mark your calendar to come to the Federation annual meeting. You will get a review of the year, learn how much you gave as a community and what programs were funded. The meeting will be Sunday January 22nd at Temple Israel at 1:30pm.

The new Board, under the capable leadership of Allen Grossman will be elected. The new budget for 2012 will be presented and adopted. It is important that we have a quorum so we can complete this business.

I want to thank the Board members who have served with me for the past two years. It is sometimes hard to get to meetings but we always had a quorum. These people are always asked to pitch in, whether to shop for food for a reception, stuff envelopes, come up with a great idea or talk me out of a bad idea. They are a terrific group of people. We are lucky to have them in Tallahassee.

I look forward to supporting Allen and the new Board and seeing everyone at Federation events!

2010-2012 Board:

Jim Wolf	Allen Grossman
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Rhea Schwartz	Dave Markell
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Sam Kimelman	Fran Gomory
Sheilia Erstling	Irwin Kantrowitz
Steve Reznik	Jan Tanenbaum
Susan Bodell	

Upcoming **Shomrei Torah Youth Department** events for

DECEMBER

USY “Fro-Yo Friday”

Join us **Friday, December 2** at Fuzions Yogurt for our second “Fro-Yo Friday” of the year.

Come hang out with us from 3:00-4:30 at **Fuzions** on Kerry Forest.

2910 Kerry Forest Parkway

Cost for USY members **FREE/ \$3** for non-members



“Lunch N’ Learn” Youth Department Style

Shomrei Torah Youth Department is heading to services **Saturday, December 3**. Come sit with us during services, and following services during the oneg we will have our very own “Lunch N’ Learn” session led by Rabbi Drucker, Rebecca Geboff, and Alana Geboff. We will be discussing a modern youth topic and see how it relates to Judaism. Looking forward to spending Shabbat with you!

Youth Department Hanukkah Party

On **Sunday, December 11** from **1-2:30pm** at the synagogue, we will be having our first annual Shomrei Torah Youth Department Hanukkah Party! Come make your own edible *Dreidels*, stuff some *Sufganiyot*, and prepare for the awesome holiday with us. Cost for the event is **FREE**, but please bring with you an **unwrapped toy** to donate to “**Toys for Tot’s**,” for the upcoming holiday season.

Get ready to party!

RSVP to your Youth Advisors,

Alana Geboff and Rebecca Geboff at:

Youth@shomreitorahonline.org or Alana at 321-696-9599



Please note all events listed are for 6th-12th graders



THE TALLAHASSEE JEWISH FEDERATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT ITS

2nd ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

JEWISH JUSTICES OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

January 17, 24, and 31, 2012 (all Tuesdays) at 7:00 pm

Temple Israel

Tallahassee, Florida



Presenter: Mr. Al Sulkes



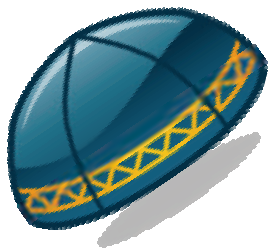
In 1916 Louis Brandeis became the first Jewish justice to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Brandeis was joined by the nation's second Jewish justice, Benjamin Cardozo, in 1932. Since then a total of eight Jewish justices have served on the Court, including the three currently serving. During our three weeks together we will discuss the biographies of these justices and some of the important cases they helped decide.

Al Sulkes was born and raised in Detroit. He received his bachelor's degree, with honors in History, from the University of Michigan.

Visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop!

*We have baby gifts, bar & bat
mitzvaḥ gifts,*

wedding gifts and birthday gifts too!



*The case is full of thoughtful
Judaic gift items!*

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much here that I will miss, and so many whom I will miss.

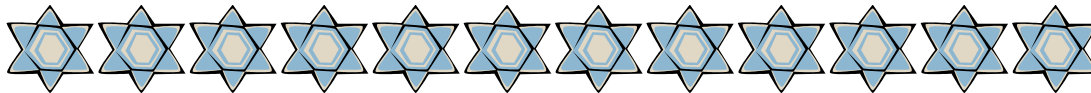
But I know I'm in good company. Just as Abram, Sarai, Rebecca, Isaac, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, it's time for me to leave and seek my fortune in a different place. For centuries Jews have left, sometimes willingly and sometimes not so willingly. But they always take their Judaism with them. That's why the Torah is in an ark, symbolic of the fact that we don't leave it behind. I will be taking my Judaism with me, and so much of that is Shomrei Torah and all of you. Just as Jews don't leave the Torah behind, I'll be taking Shomrei and all of you with me in my heart. And I leave you with my profound gratitude for allowing me to be part of something so wonderful.

It would be appropriate for me to say "Shalom", which as we know, is commonly used as the greeting in Hebrew for both "hello" and "goodbye." In reality, however, it means neither. It actually means peace and completeness.

Shalom is viewed as G-d's most perfect and most priceless blessing, the goal of all blessings. When "shalom" is missing, virtually none of the other blessings in life can compensate for it. Shalom means wellbeing of every conceivable kind. My parting wish for you is that the Holy One blesses you and guards you, shows you favor and is gracious unto you, shows you kindness and grants you shalom.

In the words of that famous sage, Garrison Keillor (who obviously knows about Shomrei Torah where all the children are above average!): Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.

- Barbara Abrams

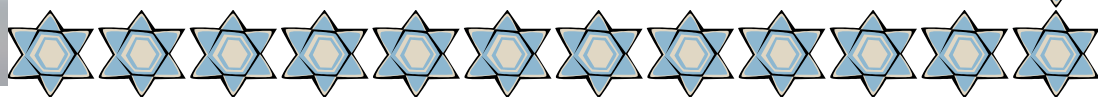


JAHRZEIT LIST

- *Harry Chester.....7 Kislev.....December 3
- Murry Levy.....7 Kislev.....December 3
- Evelyn Abrams.....9 Kislev.....December 5
- *Esther Epstein.....9 Kislev.....December 5
- *Edgar Meyer.....9 Kislev.....December 5
- *Ida Schpolsky.....9 Kislev.....December 5
- *Paul Leifer.....10 Kislev.....December 6
- *Beatrice Mayer.....12 Kislev.....December 8
- *Sidney Shamis.....12 Kislev.....December 8
- *Philip Kay.....13 Kislev.....December 9
- *Jacob Adelman.....14 Kislev.....December 10
- Abraham Bernstein.....17 Kislev.....December 13
- *Robert Levine.....18 Kislev.....December 14
- Hans Reiss.....18 Kislev.....December 14
- *Martin Issner.....18 Kislev.....December 14
- *Yetta Ashkenazy.....22 Kislev.....December 18
- Minnie Deutsch.....22 Kislev.....December 18
- Paul Deutsch.....22 Kislev.....December 18
- Rebecca Woloveck.....26 Kislev.....December 22
- *Leon Barcilon.....28 Kislev.....December 24
- Gerald Lake.....28 Kislev.....December 24
- *Florence Merlin.....28 Kislev.....December 24
- *Bernard Lerner.....2 Tevet.....December 28
- Irving Stroom.....5 Tevet.....December 31
- Cecelia Liebowitz.....6 Tevet.....January 1
- *Esther Perez.....7 Tevet.....January 2
- Saul Harris.....7 Tevet.....January 2
- *Sydney Ford.....8 Tevet.....January 3
- *Dorothea Meyer-Makowicz..8 Tevet.....January 3
- *Isadore Jaron.....11 Tevet.....January 6



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Donations

General Fund

Lori Holcomb for the New Year.

Barbara and Sandler Dickson in memory of Catherine Levy

Steve and Blanche Gordon

W J Vogel

Mirit Kagan

Susan (& Larry) Gordon "Thank you for welcoming our daughter Emily to Tallahassee with an aliya last week (and my aliya as well!)."

Larry Gordon for "your wonderful 'heimisch' schul. Being at Shabbat Services ... with Emily, was one of the highlights of my first visit to Tallahassee. It was a pleasure meeting Sue, Loren Dora (who's really in charge, right?!)."

Marshall Harris Scholarship Fund

William Graham and Shelley Hill in honor of Elaine Harris and Irwin Kantrowitz.

Education Fund

Fred and Patti Brownstein "In loving memory of Louis Schwartz."

David Edelson in memory of: his mother, Louise Edelson; and his brother-in-law, Walter Robinson

Visiting Rabbi Fund

Jodi and Charles Chase in memory of: Bibi Fishman; and Lou Schwartz.

Machzor Book Plates

Rabbi Jack and Audrey Romberg in memory of his father, Rudi Romberg.

Flowers for High Holiday Services

Sonia Cohen in memory of Stanley Cohen, and in honor of those who conducted the services.

Trees for Israel (via Jewish National Fund)

Brian and Carol Berkowitz

Dan and Mona Markell

(Donations received during the period of 10/23/11 through 11/20/2011)

Building Vice President Report

Dwight Kingsbury

By late November, the meadow that had been spangled with Gulf fritillaries and bees moving among morning glories, trumpet flowers, and passionflowers had mostly gone to seed. Mowing it now helps to remove invasive shrubs like nandina, to let the meadow grow back next spring. Irwin Kantrowitz remarked one Sunday that the person wielding the scythe looked like the Grim Reaper. To which the "Grim Reaper" replied something like, "Ho ho ho". Fact is, it's a great upper-body workout.

This month the Building Committee thanks Jon Lyons for all his assistance in painting the wooden play set in the yard. Mark Goldman identified the need. Members were becoming worn from the impact of little feet and exposure to rain and sun. Hearing of the project, Sam Kimelman and Avi Wygodski produced two dormer windows that they said needed to be installed on the play set roof. Jon installed the dormers. Then, with his handy paint sprayer, he applied a first coat to most of the structure. The play set is now a uniform Cape Cod Red.

Inside the building, a contractor installed a loudspeaker in the kitchen so that kitchen volunteers can hear services as they prepare the mazon. Thanks to Carol Chenoweth for suggesting this and to Men's Club for funding it.

The Interfaith Book Club had its third meeting attended by twenty people at St. John's Episcopal Church on Thursday, November 20. Adding to the discussion of *In The Garden of Beast* by Erik Larson, Linda Davey, History teacher at Maclay School, gave information to the group on the role historical timeline and anti-Semitism. *Night* by Elie Wiesel is the book selection for December and the meeting will be held at Temple Israel, Thursday, December 8 at 7 p. m. All who are interested are invited to become a part of this monthly group. The Interfaith Book Club is sponsored by the Holocaust Education Resource Council in partnership with Temple Israel and St. John's Episcopal Church. The purpose of the club is to foster understanding and good relations between the two congregations and to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust. Meetings alternate between the church and synagogue. The selected books are available for purchase at The Spinning Dreidel, Temple Israel's bookstore and the St. John's Bookstore. For more information contact Barbara Goldstein at hercfl@yahoo.com or 443-9649.

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Rose Leibow.....12 Tevet.....January 7
*Isadore Bodell.....13 Tevet.....January 8
*Samuel Goldstein.....13 Tevet.....January 8
*Toni Wertheimer.....14 Tevet.....January 9
Michael Kleinman.....15 Tevet.....January 10
*Mirian Neff.....16 Tevet.....January 11
Sophie Dickson.....17 Tevet.....January 12

Kaddish is recited on the preceding Shabbat *Yahrzeit lamp will be lit in the shul

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Candle Lighting Times

<i>Date</i>	<i>Latest Time to light candles</i>
<i>December 2</i>	<i>4:11 pm</i>
<i>December 9</i>	<i>4:10 pm</i>
<i>December 16</i>	<i>4:11 pm</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>4:14 pm</i>
<i>December 30</i>	<i>4:18 pm</i>

ברוך אתה, ה' אלקינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של-שבת.

שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם !

*Barukh atah Hashem melekh — asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav vitzivanu l'hadlikner shel Shabbat*

Praised are You, Hashem, our G-d, Who rules
the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitz-
voth by commanding us to kindle the light of
Shabbat.

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