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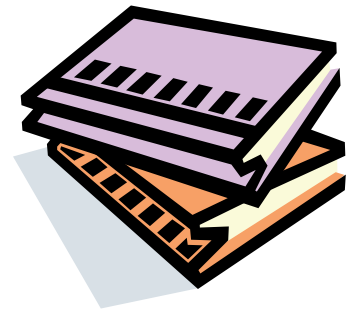
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CONNECTION



Back to School August 9



Free supplies available at the Federation Office

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Casino Night & Silent Auction

Saturday August 21st
Radisson
Oceanfront
7 PM



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The mission of the Federation is to support and further the common interest of the Jewish Community through Jewish Education, Social Services and Support of Israel.

CAMPAIGN 2010 – WILL YOU STEP UP TO THE PLATE?

Please forgive the baseball analogy, but this is baseball season and I am a diehard baseball fan. Our Federation has always been fortunate to have some real sluggers on our team. These Federation members are our home run hitters. They are the members who generously pledge their financial support to our annual fund raising Campaign, year after year. Without them our Federation could not fulfill its role as the ONLY umbrella organization for the benefit of all Jews in our community, no matter what affiliation, or if no affiliation. We are Jews, each taking care of the other.

Our 2010 Campaign is falling short of our modest fund raising goal, which is only about half of what it has been in years past. The members of our Jewish community who encounter temporary hard times and occasionally need our social services assistance are counting on us. Those who visit our food pantry and who receive Publix food cards are counting on us. The Jewish kids who receive Jewish books through our PJ Library program are counting on us. The Jewish kids who attend the youth activities we sponsor are counting on us. The needy Jewish kids who receive the Jewish camp scholarships we award are counting on us. The needy Jewish families who receive our Chanukah and Passover outreach packages are counting on us. Those who attend and enjoy Federation's annual Jewish Heritage Festival, the only opportunity for all the Jewish organizations in Brevard to get together and demonstrate our unity to the residents of Brevard County, are counting on us. Those who attend Federation's annual Yom Hashoah remembrance are counting on us. I could go on and on, but space does not permit.

We are in extra innings and running out of time. Will you step up to the plate and hit a home run by pledging your financial support to Federation today? You can use the pledge form on the back cover of The Connection, or call the office at (321) 951-1836. Be an all-star by pledging \$1,000 or more, which qualifies for membership in our Major Donors Society.

Jerry Trachtman
Campaign 2010 Chairperson

School Supplies Needed: please donate or send a check today!

Backpacks	Pencil bags	Yellow highlighter
Glue sticks	Colored pencils	Copy paper
Elmers Glue	Spiral notebooks	Stereo headphones for computer
Pencils	Rulers	lab
Pink erasers	Facial tissues	Index cards
Pens	Safety scissors	Klenex
Binders, 1"	Crayons	Band-aids
Colored markers	Anti-bacterial wipes	Dry erase markers
Plastic school boxes	Folders with prongs	
Ziploc bags,	Folders with pockets	
quart, gallon	Composition notebook	
Hand sanitizer	Notebook paper, wide ruled	

FOOD PANTRY:

The summer months are difficult for the needy. Please continue to donate all non-perishable food items especially tuna, chicken, soups, cereal and peanut butter.

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BREVARD COUNTY

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A Reform Congregation
Rabbi: Fred Natkin
Address: 415 Riviera Dr.
Palm Bay, FL
(Riviera United Church of Christ)
Telephone: 768-6722
Services: Second and Fourth
Fridays at 7:30p.m.
Web: www.matchchaim.org

Temple Israel

Affiliation:
Union of Reform Judaism
Spiritual Leader:
Cantor Patricia Ernest Hickman
7350 Lake Andrew Drive
Viera, FL 32940
Telephone: 631-9494
Fax: 321-631-9495
Email: pcatalano@tiofbrevard.com
Services:
Family Service First Friday 6:30 p.m.
all other Fridays 7:30 p.m..
Torah & Tefillah:
every Saturday 9 a.m.
Web: www.tiofbrevard.com

Congregation Beth-El

Affiliation: Conservative
Spiritual Leaders: Eric Smitt
and Craig Frank
Cantor: Richard Frank
Address: 2185 Meadowlane Ave.,
West Melbourne, FL 32902-1144
Telephone: (321-779-0740)
Services: First and Third
Fridays at 8 p.m.
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:30

Temple Beth Sholom

Affiliation: Conservative
Rabbi: Richard J. Margolis
Address: 5995 N. Wickham Road,
Melbourne, FL 32940
Telephone: 254-6333
Fax: 254-0607
Minyan Services:
Tuesdays 7:30 pm &
Thursdays 10 a.m.
Services: Friday 6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.
Web: www.BethSholomBrevard.com

Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coast

Affiliation: Chabad Lubavitch
Rabbi: Zvi Konikov
Address: 1190 Highway A1A,
Satellite Beach, FL 32937
Telephone: 777-2770
Email: contact@jewishbrevard.com
Services:
Fridays 15 minutes before sunset
Saturdays 9:30 AM
11:00 AM Rabbi's Torah message
12:30 PM Kiddush
Web: www.jewishbrevard.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

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Affiliation: Reform
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Vero Beach FL, 32968
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All ads that are not camera ready will be subject to a small, one time art fee, for the layout of each individual advertisement. Price for these changes depends on the amount of work involved and quotes may be given upon request.

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**Please send any information or stories that you would like us to consider placing in the
Connection to Connection@Bellsouth.net**

**The deadline for the next issue is Aug 20,
and will cover the period of Sept 1—Oct 15.**

All decisions remain subject to discretion of the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties, Inc.

Mt. Hebron Garden at Florida Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home

5950 South US Highway 1 Rockledge, FL 32955



**For Information please call Eileen Pollard,
Family Advisor and member of the Jewish community
Phone (321) 636-5054 or (321) 917-8547, eileen.pollard@sci-us.com**

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Jewish Federation of Brevard & Indian River Counties



2nd Annual
CASINO NIGHT
&
SILENT AUCTION



SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010

7 PM – 11 PM

at

Radisson Oceanfront

3101 North Hwy A1A Indialantic, FL

Donation: \$50.00

includes: Casino Chips, Dessert, Coffee & Soda
Prizes and more



Call the Federation office at 951-1836 for further details.

Proceeds to be used for Education programs.

Tickets may be purchased from any Board Member or Committee Member:

David Stoller, Jerry Trachtman, Rick Kneapler, Marvin Goldberg, Mike Slotkin, Lisa Pietruszewicz,
Debbie Woodard, Jeff Fishkin, Paul Licker, Martin Stern, Shlomo Fleischmann, Shari Daniel

Federation Scholarships

Jewish Religious School/Day School: Deadline September 1, 2010

TO APPLY:

- go to: www.factstuitionaid.com
- Select the Federation as the "institution"
- Fill out the application online
- If not already, become a member of the Federation.
- Call the Federation Office, 951-1836 with any questions



Abraham's Harvest **A Real Mitzvah**

The Jewish Federation of Brevard & Indian River Counties is sponsoring its 8th annual food drive in conjunction with the Temples, Synagogues, and other Jewish Organizations in our community. This food drive is called "Abraham's Harvest" and occurs between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

This is how Abraham's Harvest works:

Publix Supermarkets has supplied the Federation with paper grocery bags. These bags will be available in the local temples and at the federation office throughout the High Holy Days. Please take a bag (or two) home from Rosh Hashanah services.

Fill the bag(s) with non-perishable food items, paper goods, personal hygiene products, and/or household supplies.

Return the filled bag(s) to your Temple/Synagogue at Yom Kippur services, or to the Federation office during normal business hours.

The Jewish Federation of Brevard & Indian River Counties and those that are in need within our community are grateful to each and every one of you who fulfills this Mitzvah.

Rye Not?

When it comes to delis, TooJay's rises to the top! Reminiscent of New York's finest, TooJay's specializes in all your traditional favorites, just the way you remember them. Everything from piping hot chicken noodle soup to overstuffed deli sandwiches, to irresistible New York style cheesecake, is done to perfection. The service is friendly, the atmosphere casual, and we are open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so stop in soon for a "little taste of home".
Enjoy!



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Melbourne Square Mall
U.S. 192 & Evans Road
321 369-0450

2010 Sales Tax Holiday
Weekend of
Friday, August 13th to
Sunday, August 15th

Mazel Tov to Carol and Dan Roberts on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Grey Daniel Scheinman.
Grey is the son of Kathie and Rob Scheinman of Atlanta.

The Jewish Federation provides a certificate to each student at the time of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah to be redeemed toward the cost of an educational trip to Israel.

Below is an article from Darcy Fawcett and some pictures of her trip.

This May, I got the chance to spend 10 incredible days in Israel through Israel Experts and Taglit Birthright. I had always wanted to go but was still not prepared for just how much it would challenge my perspectives and strengthen my sense of Jewishness.

In a group of 40 American Jews, age 24-26, and eight Israeli "Mifgash" peers, we traveled the country, from Masada to the Golan Heights, to Bedouin tents, to Rabin Square, to Safed (artist community/center of Kabbalah), to Dgania (the first kibbutz), to the Dead Sea, to Yad Vashem (the Holocaust museum) to the Wailing Wall.

What I found surprising was that I immediately felt a connection to Israel, a sort of ownership. I am a huge proponent of peace, and I sympathize not only with Israel, but with the Palestinian plight as well. So my feelings for Israel had always been hesitant at best. I can now say that I love Israel! I am so, so, so glad that it exists, and that people are living vibrant lives there.

My group had some emotional discussions on topics like, "I am a Jew because..." Many people had been told in America that they "weren't Jewish enough," either because only their father was Jewish or because they didn't go to Temple. It was incredible to find that, in Israel, no one (except maybe some of the Orthodoxy) was judging their degree of Jewishness. We were all Jews and we were all free to express that in the way that felt right to us. Our guide told us that basically, if you were Jewish enough for Hitler to kill you, you were Jewish enough for Israel.

One of the most emotional experiences was on the last day, when 11 people from our group who had never been Bar/Bat Mitzvahed had a ceremony at a beautiful spot overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.

My other favorite experience (besides the food – Falafel! Hummus! Halvah! Olives! Fresh veggies at every meal!) was visiting the Hamama, or Greenhouse, in Kibbutz Ein Shemer (greenhouse.org.il). It's a school that brings together Jewish and Arab Israeli youth to study/solve ecological problems – so inspirational, and a great non-profit, if you're looking for somewhere to donate.

The trip wasn't all history and politics. We spent Friday afternoon at the shuk, or street market, in Tel Aviv where everyone was getting their last items before sunset, when most of the country shuts down for Shabbat. I enjoyed using the little Hebrew I know to read everything around me and to have simple conversations with Israelis. At sunset, my group welcomed in Shabbat with a service on the roof of our hotel, overlooking the Mediterranean.

A quarter of the people on my trip were from Seattle, where I live now. Who would've thought that I'd find my local Jewish community halfway around the world? We have plans to do Shabbat dinners together here. This trip has also inspired me to learn more Hebrew. I will always feel that Israel is another home for me, and I know that I will return there again and again.

Dairy Farm



Shabbat group picture



Eco-greenhouse



falafel in Safed



Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem



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ROSH HASHANAH

“GIFTS OF HONEY”

FUNDRAISER

Brevard Jewish Community School is proud to announce its annual Rosh Hashanah “Gifts of Honey” school fundraiser. This is a great way to wish all of your family and friends a wonderful New Year for 5771 by sending them a “sweet” handcrafted package of honey.

Along with the bottle of honey, each gift will include a festive card signed with your name and the blessing and meaning of this tradition. Each “Gift of Honey” is \$20 and includes shipping anywhere in the U.S.

Now is the time to place your orders for delivery by Rosh Hashanah. Orders forms are available at BJCS or call the school office at 757-0832. Please make all checks payable to Brevard Jewish Community School.

We thank you in advance for supporting this worthy school fundraiser, and assisting us with our school’s mission and goals.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joyce Parten
Director

Brevard Jewish Community School provides a superior, well-rounded academic education while integrating the basic beliefs and practices of Judaism.

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Chabad of the Space and Treasure Coasts

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jewish Learning Institute

One of a kind Jewish learning opportunity that will embrace your soul. Beginning this fall, Chabad will offer courses for those pursuing intellectual and spiritual growth. First-time learners or those with years of study will feel comfortable. More details coming.

Shabbat Services – Saturdays 11:00 AM

Join our warm and friendly weekly synagogue services just in time for Rabbi Konikov's contemporary message on the Torah portion and lively discussion. Our friendly, non-judgmental atmosphere offers a place to talk to G-d in Hebrew and English. Kids are encouraged and have a special place in our Synagogue. Membership or affiliation is never required. A delicious sit-down Kiddush follows the services at approximately 12:30 PM, a warm setting to socialize and meet new friends.

Rabbi's Tuesday Night Torah Class – Tuesdays 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

The Rabbi's class focuses on Jewish history, Tradition, Laws & Customs, the Torah & the Prophets, and Talmud through the eyes of Kabbalah. Free of charge for all Jews regardless of your level of knowledge and no matter what your affiliation...or if you have no affiliation at all. We promise to get you thinking on the relevance of the Torah in our modern lives. Try it out. You will be surprised how many newcomers like you are made to feel right at home!

Hebrew High

Each meeting features fabulous discussions, fun and interactive activities that promote Jewish values and friendship. Special emphasis is placed on Jewish customs and culture. Hebrew High for ages 12 through 14, meets twice a month on Sundays.

CJCC Hebrew School – Sundays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Open for any Jewish student and offering classes on Sundays and Wednesdays, this award winning, meaningful and accredited program allows the joys, values and traditions of Judaism to be brought to life. Our qualified staff lives what they teach and offers students the desire to learn and to look forward to returning each week. Our school instills in your children feelings of pride and affection for their heritage and will be an enjoyable chapter of your child's maturing process.

Torah Academy Brevard Jewish Community Preschool Ages 3 - 5

Torah Academy Brevard Jewish Community Preschool provides a warm environment that nurtures self-esteem and helps build the foundation for successful development and growth. Our comprehensive and developmentally appropriate program, integrated with Torah values and Jewish tradition promotes each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth.

*· Warm & Dynamic, Certified Teachers · Superior Curriculum · Low Child-Teacher Ratio
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Women's Weekly Study Group – Tuesdays 1:30 PM

Join women from all backgrounds and enjoy a round table discussion with Shulamit Konikov on interesting Jewish topics.

Confused about a date? Find a Jewish birthday calculator, Bar/Bat Mitzvah lookup, Yahrtzeit calculator and a general Jewish/Civil date converter at www.jewishbrevard.com.

Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) coming to Brevard

Rabbi Zvi Konikov has announced that beginning this fall Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts will be offering one of a kind courses as a local affiliate of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute.

JLI has been created in the tradition of teachers establishing bonds with students pursuing intellectual and spiritual growth in their adult years. JLI courses are designed for students ranging from first-time learners to those with years of prior study. The Institute follows a powerful path of discovery and depth, touching the Jewish souls of its learners. Participants in JLI courses share an experience of such magnitude that many form lasting ties of close friendship and community.

The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute is the largest institute of adult learning of its kind, teaching in over 300 cities around the world. Its professionally conceived courses are taught through interactive dialogue accompanied by dynamic textbooks and dramatic audio-visual presentations.

As the JLI teacher, Rabbi Konikov will lead students toward fresh thinking about the world. He will create an environment that inspires feelings of hope, purpose, meaning, and value. JLI's teaching is authentic and real. And it is all conveyed in a safe environment that embraces every student.

If you are an adult and are Jewish then you qualify for enrolment in Chabad's courses offered through the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

TOT SHABBAT AND FAMILY SHABBAT



Join us on the first Friday of every month for an all inclusive family experience. We will celebrate Shabbat with the youngest of our little people for a Tot Shabbat at 6:00 pm. This service is geared towards babies through Kindergarten. At 6:30 pm we will retire to the Social Hall for a Family Shabbat POT LUCK DINNER! At 7:15 pm our Family Shabbat Service that is geared towards Elementary Age children will begin. So stay after Tot Shabbat for dinner or come early for dinner before Family Shabbat – either way it will be a joy to celebrate together!

6:00 pm Tot Shabbat

6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner for whole congregation

7:15 pm Family Shabbat



MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations to Nathan Heard & Will Noble who will become Bar Mitzvah's this month.



BEIT MIDRASH!

Welcome back to all our students. Religious School starts on Sunday, August 22nd at 9:00 AM. If you have not yet registered or you are new to the community and would like to send your children to our school, please go to www.tiofbrevard.com and download our application for school.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!



A Contemporary style service of music, dance and reflections, Friday Night Live is a warm and inviting way to spend Shabbat. The service includes the Temple's Band and Choir and is held the third Friday of every month at 7:30 pm. The concept is simple – our prayers are music and dance. The music is a patchwork quilt of our new and old melodies. As Reb Nachman of Breslov used to say, "Get into the habit of singing a tune. It will give you new life and fill you with joy."

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Temple Israel Choir: Tuesday nights in August at 7 pm. Please join our choir for the High Holy Days.

Jewish Pearls of Wisdom: Join Cantor Hickman on the 4th Friday Night of every month for Jewish Pearls of Wisdom. Each month the Cantor will choose a topic to explore with the congregation. This August 27th come to learn about "How to pray for forgiveness."

TEMPLE ISRAEL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, August 8th

1:30—3:30 PM

Meet Cantor Pat, The Board of Directors and the Teachers
Register for Religious School
7350 Lake Andrew Drive, Viera, FL
321-631-9494

Warm People



Cool Treats



Girls Night Out party

Jewish Singles Social Club News



July 4th Party

If you are a Jewish woman or Jewish man ages 40-100 then we want you!!!

We recently had an amazing July 4th party where we played the TV game Minute to Win It. So many laughs and everyone were great sports for participating and there were prizes for all. We also recently had a girls night out where a psychic came and read our Tarot cards. Everyone was quite impressed with their readings. Above is a group photo from our July 4th party and a group photo from our Girls Night Out party. For more information about this group, call Kandi (321) 432-3655 or by email Momkandi@aol.com

PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME a social group for Seniors with a program or speaker meets the first Monday each month (next meeting Monday, August 2nd) beginning at 11:30 to be held in the Social Hall of Temple Israel 7350 Lake Andrews Drive, Viera.

Attendees bring brown bag lunch, dessert and beverages supplied.

Following the social and lunch time, a program begins at noon.

The next scheduled program will be presented by a representative from A.G Edwards dealing with Financial Cross Currents and Safeguarding Your Investments.

PRIME TIME programs are different each month throughout the year.

Meetings are open to all and all are welcome.

For more information please call 321-617-9102

SENIOR TALKERS

SENIOR TALKERS a discussion and social group for Seniors meets the third Monday each month (next meeting Monday, August 16th) beginning at 11:30 to be held in the Social Hall of Temple Israel 7350 Lake Andrews Drive, Viera.

Attendees bring brown bag lunch, dessert and beverages supplied.

Lunch and socializing time is followed at noon by an hour of open discussions on various current and other topics of controversial nature, giving stimulation to keep our minds alert.

Different moderators lead the discussions.

Meetings are open to all and all are welcome.

For more information please call 321-254-5143

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

JWV Completes Another Successful Year

Over the past year the Walter I Berlin Post 639 Jewish War Veterans has distributed over \$5000.00 in support of Active Duty personnel and Veterans groups. Among the recipients of grants were the VA Clinic in Viera, The Vietnam Veterans and All Veterans Rehab Facility in Melbourne, Family Support Center at Patrick Air Force Base, the USO, and we continued to provide phone cards to deployed service members. The funds are raised through our Veterans Day and Memorial Day Poppy donations.

We also have an on going project in which we serve coffee and pastries to patients at the VA Clinic twice a month.

Our meetings are the second Sunday (September-June) at the Alzheimers Center 4676 N. Wickham Road Melbourne. Meeting start with a light breakfast at 9am .

To inquire about membership contact Gary Stern at 639-3006 or Leonard Shaffer 453-6522. Membership is open to veterans (including National Guard and Reserves) as well as descendants of Veterans. We also have a patron category which is for non veterans who wish to support our activities

Visit us at our web site WWW.JWVPOST639.ORG

Company A Reunion

from Beth Shaffer

On Monday, May 3rd of this year, my sister, Lois Berlin, and I boarded flights from our respective home cities to go to our father's World War II unit reunion in Frankfort, Kentucky. We had several major reasons for going, foremost of which was to find out more specifically what Walter Berlin's role was in that conflict-because he was very reluctant to talk about his experiences there. We also wanted to meet "Shorty" Marsh and his wife. Shorty was our father's first sergeant during the war, and he was able to give us eye witness accounts of what transpired during the time they served together in Company A of the 36th Armoured Infantry Regiment. Lastly, although we hadn't ever met any of the men or their families involved in the reunion, we felt an affinity with them because of their shared histories.

The people at the reunion consisted of some of the actual veterans of the war, but since their numbers are dwindling, many of their families attended and participated in activities. Dan Langhans, whose now deceased father founded and edited the Spearhead Doughboy-the Company A monthly newsletter-contacted me about attending the reunion. Dan is now the editor and historian for the unit. He has compiled some amazing taped accounts from the veterans and their families.

Our parents never did attend a reunion, which we found to be very sad, as I know they would have loved it. The men of Company A were from the heartland of America-Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. One was from California. They were Cajun, Hispanic and most had only a high school education, if that. The lone Jewish member was our father. These men didn't have very much contact, if any, with Jewish people, so he provided an eye opening experience of another kind for them. He davened every morning that it was possible to do so. They were sure that his father was a rabbi-and still believed that, so we cleared up that misconception for them. He was just a very religious man. They had a great deal of respect for him, and told us that they felt as though his prayers (and good judgement) helped them survive. They said he never asked them to do anything that he wouldn't do himself. War makes strange bedfellows.

Shorty Marsh, whose memory was amazing, told us several stories about the ending days of the war, about house to house fighting in Belgian and German towns and how he might have been instrumental in saving our father's life. He also told us about the days after the hostilities had ended in 1945 and they were living in Bartenstein Castle in Germany along with the castle's prince and his family. My father went horsebackriding with the prince! How cool is that! My sister and I brought photo albums of the war years that our mother had organized in scrapbooks, and we shared those along with the memories and stories. Shorty and his wife had taken a trip back to Europe several years ago and retraced the path that Company A traveled, but at a much more leisurely pace. He has compiled a book of short stories of his war memories. He mentions our father in most of them.

We shared two very nice dinners and a tour of Frankfort which sits in some of the most beautiful, scenic, rolling bluegrass hills of our nation's horse country. We went to a local candy factory and stocked up on a supply of chocolate bourbon balls. We also visited antique stores in the lovely restored downtown area. All too soon the two days of our journey and participation in the reunion was over. We promised Dan and Shorty-who now felt like family- to attend again next year.



**TI Thrift Shop
is now OPEN!!**



Monday through Saturday
10:00am until 4:00pm

120 Forrest Avenue
Cocoa, FL
(321) 433-0705

Donations are accepted during business hours at the shop. If you cannot make it to the shop call the Temple Office and they will make arrangements for you to either drop it at the Temple or for someone to pick it up.
(TI 631-9494)

At this time we cannot accept the following: baby items other than clothing, intimate apparel or swimwear, or text books. We prefer electronics to be in working order and no computers older than 3 years.

We would love to have all kinds of household items, dishes, cookware, clothing, furniture, tools, toys, books, jewelry, etc.... Oh and we LOVE to get hangers]



**Temple Israel Golf Tournament
Sunday, August 15, 2010**

Tee off at 8:00 AM
Indian River Colony Golf Club
1936 Freedom Drive
Viera, Florida 32940

Lunch immediately following at
Temple Israel
7350 Lake Andrew Drive
Viera, Florida 32940

Single Player: \$65.00
Individual Hole Sponsors: \$50.00
Business or Professional Hole Sponsors: \$100.00

Additional Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact us at 321-631-9494 or pcatalano@tibrevard.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Israeli Folk Dancing at TBS 1:00	2 Prime Time at Temple Israel 11:30 AM	3 Womens Study Group at CJCC 1:30 PM TI Choir, 7 pm Torah Class at CJCC 7:30 PM	4 Bnai Brith Board Mtg Fishkins 7:30 PM	5	6	7 Ballroom Dancing 7 pm At TBS
8 Israeli Folk Dancing at TBS 1:00 Temple Israel Open House 1:30 PM Bnai Brith Golf Outing	9 <u>Back to School</u>	10 Womens Study Group at CJCC 1:30 PM TI Choir, 7 pm Torah Class at CJCC 7:30 PM	11	12	13	14 Ballroom Dancing 7 pm At TBS
15 TBS Rel. Sch. Begins Israeli Folk Dancing at TBS 1:00 Temple Israel Golf Tournament	16 Senior Talkers at Temple Israel, 11:30 AM	17 Womens Study Group at CJCC 1:30 PM Bnai Brith Gourmet Dining Club 6:30 PM TI Choir, 7 pm Torah Class at CJCC 7:30 PM	18	19 Federation Board Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21 Federation Casino Night & Silent Auction Fundraiser Radisson Oceanfront 7 PM
22 TI Rel. Sch. Begins Israeli Folk Dancing at TBS 1:00	23	24 Womens Study Group at CJCC 1:30 PM TI Choir, 7 pm Torah Class at CJCC 7:30 PM	25 TBS Sis Book Club 2 pm	26	27	28 Ballroom Dancing 7 pm At TBS
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