

# Temple B'nai Darom

*Florida's Second Oldest and Friendliest Congregation*

July 2025

5785 Tammuz -- Av



*Our new building and sanctuary at 7465 SW 38<sup>th</sup> St., Ocala, FL 34474*

## Services and Upcoming Events

### Services led by Cantor Alisa Forman

**Friday July 11 at 3 p.m.**

*Board Meeting*

**Friday July 11, at 7:30 p.m.**

*Oneg Shabbat is sponsored by Ilene Basan and Karen Stewart in memory of their father Harold Engelmyer*

**Saturday July 19 at 10 a.m.**

*Kiddush is sponsored by George Kaufer in memory of his mother Esther Kaufer, his father Woodrow Wilson and his brother Dr. Gerald Kaufer*

**Friday July 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Oneg Shabbat is sponsored by Howard Shiner and Sharon Michaelson in memory of Harry Shiner, Sam Musikar, and Minnie Michaelson.*

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## Cantor's Message

Alisa Forman

### The Israeli campaign in Iran – fighting for survival

Israelis and Americans alike are split in their opinion of Netanyahu's actions in Gaza. But when it comes to the war with Iran, Jewish Israelis are overwhelmingly in favor of it (recent poll shows 83% of Jewish Israelis support Israel's strike against Iran.) We in America do not acknowledge the threat Iran poses to Israel and the United States. I just learned about the "Destruction of Israel" clock that stands in the public square in Tehran. A clock like that shows Iran's seriousness in its plan to destroy Israel. Let's look at that and some of the other targets of the Israeli Defense Force explained by firstpost.com, June, 24, 2025. Then a few words from Sara Rigler on what it means.

### Explained: What does the 'Destruction of Israel' clock signify?

"The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said its fighter jets hit the headquarters and other buildings linked to Iran's internal security forces and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Tehran.

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said the strikes on "regime targets and governmental repression bodies" also hit the 'Destruction of Israel' clock in Tehran's Palestine Square.

The clock was installed in 2017 and counts down to the year 2040, the year Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei predicted that Israel would no longer exist.

Its message, displayed in Persian, Arabic and English, was meant to reinforce Iran's position as a central player in anti-Israel activities.

When it was first revealed, the digital clock showed that Israel had 8,411 days left.

After Israel claimed to have destroyed the countdown display, Iran's semi-official *Mehr news agency* shared a video it said showed the clock still running.

There is no way to confirm if the video is authentic or when it was recorded.

In the video, the clock showed 5,569 days remaining.

For Iran's hardliners, the clock stood as a constant reminder of their goal, the eventual destruction of Israel. For Israel, it was a provocation and a symbol of Iran's threat.

Among the sites targeted by Israel, the most notable was Evin Prison, which holds political prisoners, journalists, academics, human rights workers, and others seen as critics of the Iranian government. The strike is said to have hit the prison's entrance, possibly to allow prisoners to escape."

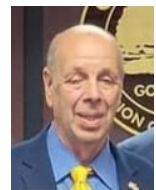
### The Reality of Evil in Iran (from aish.com, from "Iran and Blindness to Evil" by Sara Yoheved Rigler, June 18, 2025)

"...The tyranny and barbarity of the Islamic Republic of Iran is incontestable. The 2022 arrest by Iran's "morality police" of Mahsa Amini for not sufficiently covering her hair and her subsequent murder in custody led to protests in which dozens of protestors were killed by the police. According to a 2008 British WikiLeaks document, Iran's regime has executed between 4,000-6,000 gays and lesbians since the country's 1979 Islamic revolution.

Yet many Westerners who cherish the values being trampled in Iran cannot bring themselves to label the regime as “evil.” The illusion persists that a negotiated, monitored settlement where Iran promises to destroy its nuclear sites and not resume its nuclear program will solve the problem. Even the Iranian parliament’s chant a couple days ago, “Death to America! Death to Israel” is being ignored for what it is: a clear statement of Iran’s ideological commitment to destroy America and Israel by any means that work.

Those who today espouse dialogue and negotiations with the Iranian regime probably believe ...that with the right education and dialogue, everyone can get along. However, the insistence that evil dictators and regimes can be tamed into doing what is good for their own people, let alone the world, comes from a denial of the reality of evil.

It is blatantly clear that the Iranian regime is evil, so clear that the vast majority of Israeli Jews, from right to left, stand behind Netanyahu. Evil cannot be cajoled, convinced, or even threatened to forfeit its destructive designs. Its most vulnerable victims are those who, out of their own goodness, naivete, or willful blindness, refuse to recognize the monster that seeks to devour them.”



## **President’s Message**      *Howard Shiner*

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Here we are already six months into the year. We are having a good year here at TBD. We have many new members and are looking forward to seeing some old faces as well. As most of you have seen, our new Web Site is up and running. We also have a new Email address.

We are looking forward to having another movie day. We will be seeing “**Keeping the Faith**” with Ben Stiller, Edward Norton, and Jenna Elfman on Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. It will be catered by TooJays. You will have a choice of Corned beef, Pastrami, or Turkey on rye with potato salad and dessert. The cost will be \$25.00 PP. Please fill out the form that is in the Monthly Newsletter and get it back to us quickly.

We are making plans for the upcoming Jewish Holidays; more info will be in next month’s newsletter. When you see the information for the Book of Remembrance, please fill it out and return it. Please continue to make your generous donations to the synagogue. There are still premium plots available in our cemetery. For more information, please see me, or call me on 914-482-5326 for a tour.

In closing I want to wish everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup>, please be safe with any fireworks.

Howard Shiner

President



## **Spiritual and pastoral needs of congregants**

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In the event a member congregant is in need of speaking to Cantor Alisa for pastoral or spiritual assistance they should call the temple main phone number **(352) 624-0380** and **LISTEN TO THE FULL MESSAGE**.



## **NEW: Planned giving to Temple B'nai Darom**

Members and guests are very generous towards Temple B'nai Darom. As our president, Howard Shiner, frequently says, "the temple does not run on dues alone". Have you thought about making a planned gift to the temple after you have passed? Please think of us as you or your loved ones plan for continued or one-time giving through a bequest, gift annuity, charitable trust, life insurance, in your will, or via another estate-planning tool. Please speak to your financial advisor to determine if this would be possible under your individual situation. The temple and future generations will appreciate your generosity.

*L'dor V'dor. From generation to generation.*

## **NEW:** Lunch and a Movie

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Get out of the summer heat and join your Temple B'Nai Darom family on Sunday August 24th at 12 noon for a box lunch from TooJay's and a movie. Choose from four choices for lunch and sit back and enjoy "Keeping the Faith" starring Owen Wilson, Ben Stiller and Jenna Elfman. IMDB explains: "Two friends, a priest and a rabbi, fall in love with the same woman they knew in their youth, but the religious position of both men denies them romance." See flyer below and RSVP by Thursday August 14.

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### **TEMPLE BNAI DAROM**

**7465 SW 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, FL 34477**

### **BOX LUNCH & A MOVIE**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 – 12:00 PM**

***\$25 Per Person***

### **LUNCH CATERED BY **TOOJAYS** - CHOICES:**

***Corned Beef on Rye***

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***Pastrami on Rye***

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***Turkey on Rye***

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***Roasted Veggie on Wheat Wrap***

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***Sandwiches and veggie wrap served with: Potato salad & pickle***

**\*If you don't want to stay for the movie Box Lunch can be ordered "to go"**

**Call H@ 845-798-8200 to order lunch. Lunch orders must be received no later than August 14.**

**Please include this flyer with your lunch choice along with your check.**

**Mail to: Temple B'nai Darom, PO Box 773368, Ocala, FL 34477**



## Services schedule

### Oneg and Kiddush sponsorships

Want to sponsor a Friday night oneg or Saturday morning Kiddush in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, a yahrzeit or for no particular reason but do not know when to do it? Now you have the schedule of services through Yom Kippur. *You shop and bring the challah and food.* Contact Sharon Michaelson at [mycascades@icloud.com](mailto:mycascades@icloud.com) to select an available date.

Want to sponsor but do not want to do the shopping or perhaps you cannot attend? You can now sponsor an oneg or Kiddush and *have someone else* do the shopping, set it up and then clean up. We'd of course like for you to be there but you can now sponsor even if you can't be at services. Auto sponsorship is \$50 for an oneg or \$100 for a Kiddush. Contact Sharon Michaelson at [mycascades@icloud.com](mailto:mycascades@icloud.com) to select an available date.

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## Temple B'nai Darom

### Schedule of Services through Yom Kippur 2025

*All dates subject to change*

**Hang on  
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#### July

11th Friday  
19th Saturday  
25th Friday

#### August

2nd Saturday  
8th Friday  
16th Saturday  
22nd Friday

#### September

6th Saturday  
12th Friday  
20th Saturday  
22nd MONDAY *Rosh Hashanah Evening 7:30 pm*  
23rd TUESDAY *Rosh Hashanah morning 10 am*  
27th Saturday *Shabbat Shuvah*

#### October

1st WEDNESDAY *Yom Kippur & Kol Nidre 7:30 pm*  
2nd THURSDAY *Yom Kippur morning 10 am*  
*Yom Kippur afternoon and Yizkor 4 pm*  
*Break the Fast at conclusion*  
*RSVP details will be sent later*

*Friday services are 7:30 p.m. and Saturday services are 10:00 a.m. unless noted above*

# **TEMPLE B'NAI DAROM**

## **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM 2025/5786**

YOUR NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

In Affectionate Remembrance Of My Beloved:

FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_

BROTHER \_\_\_\_\_

SISTER \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

● **Please print names clearly**

● **\*Send \$5.00 for each name listed above**

● **Please send this completed form together with check to: Temple B'nai Darom  
P.O.Box 773368, Ocala, FL 34477**

**\*NO LATER THAN: SEPTEMBER 1, 2025**

TEMPLE B'NAI DAROM  
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*Book of Remembrance Advertisement Form*

Individual/Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ad Size \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to support Temple B'nai Darom by including the following ad/message

Full page \$60 \_\_\_\_\_      ½ page \$36 \_\_\_\_\_      ¼ page \$18 \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your message below. You may use a business card for ads larger than business card size. The printer will size your card to fit the size ad you choose.

I don't want to place a message but have included a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals/Families can place ads wishing the Temple well; honor family members or friends, memorialize loved ones, etc.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TEMPLE B'NAI DAROM**





## TBD is back on the World Wide Web

Following a period of maintenance the temple web page is back and better than ever. Ironically the new site launched just two days before Shavout, the commemoration of the Israelites receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai. The design of the site – still at [www.templebnaidarom.org](http://www.templebnaidarom.org) – is totally updated but still prominently displays the claim of being “*Florida’s Second Oldest and Friendliest Jewish Congregation*”. The monthly list of services and events as well sponsors for the Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be kept current so members and others know when to attend as well as giving extra thanks to the sponsors. There are quick links to the month’s current newsletter and the Facebook page as well as buttons to easily send email to the temple. The new temple email is [templebnaidaromocala@gmail.com](mailto:templebnaidaromocala@gmail.com). “The site should be more attractive to members, newcomers and potential members as we approach our temple’s 140<sup>th</sup> year,” remarked President Howard Shiner. The new site was designed by Ryan Gargiluo who runs a digital marketing and web design agency. His parents live in On Top of the World.



## We are on Facebook

We are updating our list of services, events, well-wishes, news, and the latest newsletter via Facebook. Like us and follow us at “Temple B’nai Darom”.



## Mazel Tov on Your Simcha

Are you having a Simcha in your family – i.e. new baby, engagement, wedding, graduation, retirement, honors and awards? Share your nachas with your Temple B’nai Darom family and we’ll gladly post it in the newsletter. Send an email to Bruce Kanner at [bmkaner@comcast.net](mailto:bmkaner@comcast.net) with the details. And please consider making a donation to the Temple as well.



## Genealogy Fundraiser

Have you ever wondered about your family tree? How your family got here? The ship they came over on? Where they resided? Military service? What they did for a living? If you don't have time to do the research yourself, Temple member Barbara Hamerling will do it for you as a temple fundraiser.

Barbara has been doing genealogy for the past 50+ years and has many genealogical sites to use to find this information. A basic search (with copies of what she finds) will cost \$25.00. **You do not pay until she gives you the info.** Your check should be made out to *Temple B’nai Darom, PO Box 773368, Ocala, FL 34477*.

If you want any additional research where she will send out for information, there will be an additional nominal fee.

**Please contact Barbara Hamerling at [barb4949@gmail.com](mailto:barb4949@gmail.com) or call her at 352-513-5169.**



# July Yahrzeit List

*\* INDICATES ILLUMINATION OF PERPETUAL MEMORIAL LIGHTS*

9	Esther Lieb Kaufer	14	Sarah Greenberg *
9	Celia Sulman *	17	Jesse Harris Pejko
11	Benjamin Levine	17	Harold Engelmyer
12	Robert Gorelick	20	Helen Hockhauser
22	Woodrow Wilson Kaufer	22	Harry Gerofsky *
2	Richard C. Schimmel *	24	Abraham Zimmer *
2	Regina Seidler	24	Lorraine Cohen*
3	Harold Videlock *	24	Sheldon J. Sacks *
5	Eli A. Burak	25	Dorothy Kleinsten *
5	Joseph Abraham Sapp *	26	Walter S. Videlock *
6	David Blaser	27	John Smith *
8	Jennie Lacow *	28	Morris Goldstein *
9	Jack Lebowitz *	29	Murrey Schneiderman *
9	Aaron Ira Goldman *	29	Muriel Kirschner *
11	Daniel Gurvich *	29	Sophia "Toots" Schwarz *
12	Harriet Sperling *	31	Sam Musikar *
12	Freida Alberts *		

## July Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays

1, Martin Hoffert  
21, Lori Guerra  
23, Jerry Hinrichs

### Anniversaries

# Your donations of support are a mitzvah

Here are some of the ways you can support Temple B’Nai Darom. *As Temple President Howard Shiner says while encouraging your generous donations: “The Temple does not run on dues alone”.*



## Rabbi Harold Jaye Security Fund

Even though Rabbi Jaye has retired, we can still honor his more than 30 years of service to Temple Bnai Darom through donations to the Rabbi Harold Jaye Security Fund. The Temple board has decided to provide a uniformed Ocala Police Department officer as security at all services and Temple events. These are troubling times for Jews around the world and here in the US. While this added security is costly to our Temple, it is unfortunately necessary to make sure as many congregants as possible feel comfortable coming to Temple. To make a donation, please send your check to Temple B’nai Darom, PO Box 773368, Ocala, FL 34477, and write “Rabbi Jaye Security Fund” in the memo section.



## Friday Oneg Shabbat and Saturday Kiddush

We are soliciting sponsors for our after Friday services oneg Shabbats and Saturday morning kiddushim. Sponsorship is easy and affordable. It is customary, at the conclusion of services, for congregants to enjoy a communal snack. On Friday night it is usually challah, cookies or cake and a fruit bowl and on Saturday it is a light lunch (egg, tuna, pasta, salad, bagels. etc.). If you would like to donate a dish or sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush for a special occasion such as birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one, contact Sharon Michaelson at [mycascades@icloud.com](mailto:mycascades@icloud.com) for available dates. You can sponsor in memory of or in honor of someone or just sponsor for no reason at all.



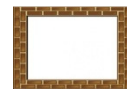
## Cards

Sending cards is a meaningful way to show you care for someone on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or feeling unwell. Donate to Temple B’nai Darom with a personal message, and we will send the card and acknowledge both your donation and the recipient in our newsletter, unless you indicate you or the recipient should remain anonymous. Contact Ilene at 352-861-0724 or [edandilene@gmail.com](mailto:edandilene@gmail.com) for more information.



## Memorial Board Plaque

Bronze Yahrzeit memorial plaques are available for purchase as perpetual and permanent tributes to your loved ones. Our Memorial Wall has individual lights that are turned on each year during the week of the Yahrzeit and on Yom Kippur. The price of a plaque is \$275. Contact Howard Shiner at 914-482-5326.



## Bricks for sale

Memorialize your loved ones or celebrate a special event. Thank your family or friends or honor an achievement. These are just a few of the life events you can highlight by purchasing a personalized engraved brick to be placed at our temple entrance. When Temple B’nai Darom left our old building the engraved bricks were removed, placed at the entrance of our current building and are visible when you enter and leave the building. Now we are expanding our “brick garden” and offering an opportunity to purchase a brick, including engraving, for only \$50. Contact Howard Shiner at 914-482-5326 for info.

# **June Donations**

## **Yahrzeit**

Ilene Basan in memory of Harold Engelmyer  
Karen Stewart in memory of Harold Engelmyer  
Barbara and Harey Hamerling in memory of Shirley Hamerling  
Barbara and Harvey Hamerling in memory of Minnie Madoff  
Miriam Reiter in memory of Rabbi Max Selinger  
Linda Heicklen in memory of Myer Heicklen  
Charlotte Biegelsen in memory of Roselyn Touff Epstein  
Lois Morone in memory of Abraham Zimmer

## **Donations**

Dave and Liz Stern in honor of granddaughter Jillian's 8th grade graduation  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of Gregory Shiner for graduation from Penn State  
Sharom Michaelson for Matthew Shiner for high school graduation and being on the football team  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of son-in-law Mark Hodkinson birthday  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of Joan Hodkinson birthday  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of grandson Levi Hodkinson Hebrew School confirmation  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of granddaughter Isabella Hodkinson high school graduation and acceptance to  
Piittsburgh University Honors Program  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of granddaughter Sophie Foodim high school graduation and acceptance to Wake  
Forest University  
Sharon Michaelson in honor of grandson Harry Foodim in honor of high school graduation and acceptance into  
Ohio State University business program  
Wayne and Raelynn Omel in honor of Temple Bnai Darom  
Joy Fish in honor of Cantor Alisa's one year anniversary

## **Rabbi Harold Jaye Security Fund**

Joel and Joann Rosenblum

# **Temple B'nai Daron's Memorial Gardens Cemetery**

Temple B'nai Daron purchased 2.6 acres of land in the Silver Springs Shores section of Ocala for the sole purpose of creating a Reform, Jewish Cemetery. This purchase, which began in 1982, was approved by the State of Florida as a non-profit, religious cemetery. This designation is forever. The first funerals were held in 1984.

Four sections of the Memorial Gardens Cemetery have been set-aside as Temple B'nai Daron's Memorial Gardens. Garden #1, available only to those of the Jewish faith, has 90 grave sites, and is full. Memorial Garden #2, also available only to those of the Jewish faith, has 110 grave-sites, and is available. Memorial Garden #3, available for those of the Jewish faith and for non-Jewish, immediate family members of those of the Jewish faith, has 80 grave sites and too is available. The fourth of these Gardens has not yet been opened for use.

When someone who has purchased Perpetual Care (which includes a grave site) in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery passes away, the family should contact Howard Shiner at (914) 482-5326, who will assist with the coordination of the funeral. For anyone desiring to discuss purchasing Perpetual Care in the cemetery or is interested in a tour, please contact Howard Shiner.

The cost of Perpetual Care in the Memorial Garden Cemetery is \$1,000 for Temple members and \$1,700 for all others. Members who purchase Perpetual Care as members agree to remain Temple members.



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**Cantor**                      **Alisa Forman**

**Rabbi Emeritus**            **Harold Jaye**

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**About Us**

Welcome to Temple B'nai Darom, where our warm and welcoming cantor and congregants foster a caring community. Here, people not only introduce themselves but truly connect; forging bonds that make every individual feel like family. At Temple B'nai Darom, we pride ourselves on open arms rather than closed circles.

Join us in a congregation that embraces you with genuine warmth and hospitality.

**A Storied History**

Ocala, established in 1846, saw its first Jewish residents arrive shortly before the Civil War. Jewish migrants, mainly from German-speaking lands, settled in Ocala during the 1860s. The United Hebrews of Ocala, formed in response to the growing Jewish population, built the town's first synagogue in 1888.

This began a period of organized Jewish religious life in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

In 1965 the United Hebrews of Ocala changed its name to Temple B'nai Darom, meaning "Children of the South."

Today, Temple B'nai Darom stands as a testament to Ocala's rich Jewish history, reflecting the community's growth, success and enduring legacy now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.