



THE SHOFAR

Temple Beth Shalom Florida, New York
January 2022 Tevet/Shevat 5782

From the Desk of Rabbi Rebecca P. Shinder

I have a confession: I love saying “Merry Christmas!” Please don’t misunderstand me. I do not long to celebrate the Christian interpretation and observance of the Winter Solstice. I have neither desire to decorate a tree, nor have to hang a stocking. However, I revel in the shared sense of community - whether real or imagined - during the “holiday season.” Of course, it is fabulous that Hanukkah has become more and more recognized by the general population, but that shift in the mainstream is for another article, for another time.

I would like to talk about the shift in individualism during this time of year. I would like for us all to be mindful of and remember how it feels when a stranger takes the time to look us in the eye, smile (hopefully behind his/her mask), and wish us well. 2021 has been yet another painful, dark, and difficult year. Yes, in this past year, we have seen that Covid-19 numbers still are on the rise, fires and tornados have raged, and we still see no evidence to the end of racial injustice perpetrated against our fellow human beings. With this acknowledgement, there is the possibility for us to act differently and make individual contributions to ameliorate the world in which we live. In other words, we can do what we Jews call tikkun olam, work actively to repair our broken world. Where to begin? We each can do our part to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in the new year, we each can do our part to reduce our carbon footprint in the new year, we each can do our part to stand witness and speak out against injustice when we can.

As a young climate activist has said, “no action is too small.” This can mean making sure that we, our family, friends, and neighbors are vaccinated and boosted, this can mean rebooting our commitment to that powerful trio of reuse/reduce/recycle AND being sure that elected officials (both local and national) acknowledge the scientific data that tells us that our climate is in crisis, and that can mean when you see evidence of racial injustice, you say and do something. This last point, no doubt, will be challenging. Not many of us have easy access and opportunity to do this holy work. Members of TBS began this process with dialogues during a Havdalah Hangout when our fellow Americans took to the streets in protest during the previous summer, and in an Adult Education Series called How to be an Antiracist. In order to continue this conversation, I suggest that you read a book by that same title by Ibram X. Kendi and Caste by Isabel Wilkerson.

I began this article by writing about a shared sense of merriment during the holiday season. I strenuously encourage congregants of all ages to participate in our next **Yachad program Sunday, January 9th 10-12 on Zoom-bit.ly/tbsschool** in order to learn about the shared legacy we Jews and African Americans once acknowledged and that motivated a movement demanding civil rights for all. We do this in advance of honoring and remembering the prophetic and important work of both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Via our Zoom stained glass windows, we will watch the groundbreaking documentary Shared Legacy and learn about and join in the advocacy done by our Union for Reform Judaism for racial justice. This will be a program for our school aged students, post B’nei Mitzvah seeking Confirmation, teenagers who want to learn more about this past and prescient issue, and for adults who once marched and demanded change when they were teenagers. Moreover, especially since this film and conversation will be shared on Zoom, feel free to welcome guests of any age, race, or religion. Guests are absolutely encouraged and invited, but due to zoom security, they will need to follow some prompts to register in advance of the screening. The zoom room will open at 9:45 am.

To learn more about this important film, go to youtube.com/watch?v=017JdOUXdIc. You, your children, and grandchildren need to know these stories!! See you on 1/9!!
“Merry” 2022! Rabbi Shinder



Sunday, January 9th 10AM - Noon via Zoom

Use this link: bit.ly/tbsschool

Movie & Discussion: Shared Legacy!

Watch the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/460690426>

Filmmaker Shari Rogers shares often forgotten stories of the coalition and friendship between the Jewish and African American communities during the civil rights movement. Jewish tradition teaches us that the selection of leaders is not a privilege but a collective responsibility. Rabbi Yitzchak taught that “a ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted” (Babylonian Talmud, B’rachot 55a). In keeping with the insight of this teaching, it is the duty of all who cherish democracy to ensure that all Americans are afforded the opportunity to vote and have their votes counted. The Reform Jewish Movement, long believing that the freedom to vote is fundamental to American democracy, strongly supports legislation that protects the rights of all citizens to exercise the right to vote. Our Mitzvah for this day will be focused on advocacy for voter rights.



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022... Wow.

Time sure does fly! My father once explained to me that, as we age, one year represents a smaller and smaller percentage of the life we've lived, which is why time seems to fly quicker as we get older! Well, without revealing my age, let's just say that the past two years have certainly flown by quickly for me!!

Have they for you too?

As we enter the secular new year, as Jews, we are given a second opportunity to reflect on the past and prepare for the future. What will be important to us in the new year? What will we value as individuals and as a community?

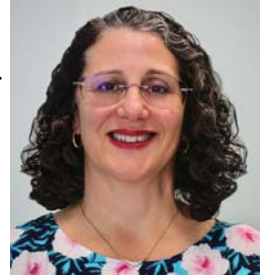
If you're reading this, you probably value Temple Beth Shalom to some degree! This year brings us yet another opportunity to reflect on where we've been and where we're going, since it represents TBS's 75th year in existence. Our community has hung on during the pandemic and hopefully, we'll be able to welcome our 75th year with a great party in the fall.

As we look forward, we also have the opportunity to create ongoing financial stability for this community that has been here for you and your family for decades. By setting up a financial endowment, or including TBS in your will for an after-life gift, you can help ensure that future families and individuals can continue to find a home here at TBS.

If you have interest in, not only being a part of TBS's present, but of her future as well, please reach out to me to discuss what that might look like for you.

In the interim, may you and your loved ones have a safe, happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022 and beyond!

B'shalom, Wendy



TIYULIM = HIKING/TOURING

We'll try to meet once a month for a walk or a hike.

Weather permitting, our next meet is Sunday, January 23rd 11AM, location to be announced.

Walk as long or as far as you want, talk, schmooze, connect with old friends and make some new friends.

RSVP with your cell number to wendybc@optimum.net so she can call to cancel if necessary.



~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

We warmly welcome the family of Mariah Adin and Benjamin Greenwald of Montgomery to Temple Beth Shalom as new members.

Our Sincerest Condolences to:

- ☆ The family of Adrienne Snyder, a past member of Temple Beth Shalom.
- ☆ The family of Warren Rosanoff of Goshen, New York.
- ☆ The Barsky family for their loss of Harold Engerow.
- ☆ The Koff family for the loss of Alfred Levine, Cheryl's uncle from Houston who read our Shofar from cover to cover each month.

~ May their memories be for a blessing ~

We thank the following donors for their generosity:

- ☆ Norma Susswein Saks in loving memory of her parents, Max and Frances Susswein, her sister, Carol Susswein, and husband Richard Saks.
- ☆ Larry and Kim Sumner Mayer in appreciation of Andy Hannes and Wendy Ceder, for enhancing the experience of Avery's Bar Mitzvah.
- ☆ Caryl and Michael Melasky and family in memory of Warren Rosanoff.
- ☆ The Minisink Valley Teachers Association in memory of Adrienne Levin.

Todah Rabah to:

- ☆ Caryl Melasky for teaching us how to make mezzuzahs during our December Yachad program.
- ☆ Hanukkah program volunteers
- ☆ New TBS website designer Sharon Ball and her editors; Beth Kalet, Eric Goodman, Catherine Greenblatt. Watch for the new site very soon!



We are now accepting names for the Mi Sheiberach list, read at Shabbat services.

Please email names of those who are in need of healing to the office, tbs-ny@optimum.net or call 845-651-7817.

We only ask that you keep track of those names and have them taken off the list at the appropriate time.

❧ JANUARY YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS ❧

Shabbat for Kaddish: January 7, 2021

Mary Saffer	3 Shevat
Essie Rubinstein	1-Jan
Abraham Toltzis	2-Jan
Theodore Mayer	3-Jan
Inez Peterson	4 Jan
Lillian Lulkin	5 Jan

Shabbat for Kaddish: January 14, 2021

Stanley B. Essner	7 Shevat
Mildred Cahn	8 Shevat
Sarah Kaplan	8 Shevat
Barbara Brown	8 Shevat
David Lapoff	11 Shevat
Shirley Buchner	12 Shevat
Barry Hart	8-Jan
Anna Plumser	10-Jan
Michael Meyer	11-Jan
Alan Kaufman	11 Jan
Irene Baydarian	12-Jan
Richard Neugesser	12-Jan
Jerry I. Cohen	14-Jan
Jean Warren	14-Jan

***May the Source of peace
send peace to all who
mourn, and comfort to all
who are bereaved.***

Shabbat for Kaddish: January 21, 2021

Isaac Saretsky	13 Shevat
Sophie Markowitz	15 Shevat
Irving Parker	17 Shevat
Irving Osias	17 Shevat
Frank Glaz	15-Jan
Arnold A. Barlet	16-Jan
Jack Karr	18-Jan
Nathan Barlet	21 Jan

Shabbat for Kaddish: January 28, 2021

Adina Epstein-Bialas	20 Shevat
Jennie Cohen	20 Shevat
Herman H. Rudnick	21 Shevat
Frances Nathan	22 Shevat
Leon Montag	22 Shevat
Roberta N. Frischman	24 Shevat
Louis Ezra	25 Shevat
Ann Montone	22-Jan
Joel Schenkman	24-Jan
Phillip Cooper	24-Jan
Harriet Dimm Barlet	26-Jan

Shabbat for Kaddish: February 4, 2021

Minnie Kantrowitz	27 Shevat
Isadore Helper	28 Shevat
Miriam Entin	29 Shevat
Lena Cohen	30 Shevat
Marcia Siegel	31-Jan

A candle may be lit at home the evening before the yahrtzeit date. These names will be read during the Zoom erev Shabbat service before kaddish is recited.

If you have a loved one you wish to add to our yahrtzeit list, or if you have not been getting yahrtzeit reminders from us, please email tbs-ny@optimum.net.



Please let us know what we don't know!!

This is a friendly reminder that we encourage you to email the temple office to keep us informed of any health issue you, your spouse, your child, or your parent may be facing. Vital information such as this can never be over communicated. Please do not assume that if one congregant knows what is happening that the entire community knows. Please tell us if you'd like to include that loved one on the Mi Shebeirach list, or, conversely if someone should be removed from it.

-With thanks, Your TBS Family

JANUARY

EDUCATION



**Shabbat Zoom Torah Study with Rabbi Shinder
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conversos while hoping to secretly preserve their Jewish practice. The outside environment threatens Isabel, tensions at home, which mirror the multiple responses of the Jewish community, also impose their own painful reality. Gordon's narrative emphasizes the interplay between external and internal pressures on a strong and gifted young woman as she tries to navigate the terrors of her time.

Register: jewishorangeney.org/JBC-2021-2022

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Register: jewishorangeney.org/LevineSpeakerSeries



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SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Welcome 2022!!!

Sisterhood gathered in December for a lovely evening at the 110 Grill. It was so wonderful to see old and new friends. We all loved catching up and sharing a laugh together. We also collected many pairs of warm pajamas to be donated to a local shelter. See the pictures below.

Sisterhood is planning to gather for a Ladies Night Out on Sunday, January 23rd, 4:30 at Frontera Restaurant in Middletown.

Save the Date for Psychic Medium Lisa Morrison on Tuesday, February 22nd 7 to 8:30PM at TBS. \$40.00 a person paid in advanced / \$45 at the door. Coffee and desserts served. RSVP, or for information contact Wendy Wayman, thewaymans@optonline.net

We all need to stay strong, stay healthy and stay safe. We need to look to 2022 as a bigger, brighter year. One in which we will be comfortable and safe to gather again. As the new year approaches find inspiration around you, and motivation within you, to be all that you can be.

Happy New Year! Robin Bordman thebordmans@aol.com

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Ladies Night Out - Sisterhood Hanukkah Dinner, December 7th. We had a delicious dinner, basket raffles and lots of laughs. We collected new pajamas and brought them to Jewish Family Service for families in need. Thanks to Gail Conklin for these pictures and for taking the pjs to JFS.



TBS MEN'S CLUB

TBS Men* (and women) of The Bagel & Schmear met at Equilibrium in Middletown on December 11th and had a fine time. Please note, *You do not need to be a paid member of the TBS Men's Club to attend these outings. You just need to be a man, and we don't enforce that rule either!!



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Our Tail-Gelt Chanukah party on 12/4 was attended by 70 people. We welcomed some new families into our family, lit candles, sang songs, ate latkes and smores and had a great

time! Thanks to everyone who made it possible and to Gail Conklin for these fine photos.







YACHAD 12/9/21 - Making Mezzuzahs with Caryl Melasky, with a lesson on mezzuzahs from Mike Melasky and Rabbi Shinder. Mitzvah project was collecting children's books for the Hispanic Ministry. Thanks to Gail Conklin for these pictures!



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