



THE SHOFAR

Temple Beth Shalom Florida, New York
May 2022 Nisan/Iyar/Sivan

From the Desk of Rabbi Rebecca P. Shinder

Ma nishtana ha-SHANA hazot mikol ha-sha-not?

With the melody of the four questions still ringing in my ears, I ask us all - "Why is this YEAR different from all other years?"

There are many answers to this one question, but I believe that the overarching theme is adaptability. We learned from what has worked in the previous 2 years of covid restrictions, and have adopted those successes for our TBS programming. We marked time and worked toward a new normal. This passage of time and working toward a goal is much like what Jews have done for generations in this season of marking time from the 2nd night of Passover to the Day of Shavuot. Our people call this *sefirat ha-omeir*, or the counting of the Omer. What is the significance of counting the Omer? The idea of counting (a grain of wheat) each day represents spiritual preparation and anticipation for the giving of the Torah by God on Mount Sinai at the beginning of the month of Sivan, around the same time as the holiday of Shavuot. Another way of looking at this period of time is acknowledging a gestation period from the Israelite liberation from Egyptian servitude to the revelation of the Torah.

One may take issue with a comparison of slavery to covid lockdown, but we all can agree that both yielded human suffering and caused yearnings for freedom. Just as our people evolved from their first moments after crossing Freedom's Sea, TBS has had to figure out what worked and what has resulted from the mandatory adaptations we needed to make.

Although many in these past 2 years have complained of Zoom fatigue, many more have celebrated what freedoms Zoom has given us. Some examples include how Hebrew School attendance has improved, how we no longer need to cancel Shabbat services due to a snowstorm, how much easier it is to gather for Shabbat morning Torah study, and how we can include out of town congregants and their family members in a variety of programming.

Another adaptation that has included and transcended Zoom is our Yachad program. As I have written in many formats that the Hebrew word Yachad means together. These monthly educational experiences are for TBS members of all ages. Yes, if your child or grandchild is a student in our Hebrew School, s/he is expected to attend with you! However, we have had tremendous fun with games, cooking, dancing and mitzvah projects for all. Our congregants have spoken and the old model of "drop your kid off" Sunday school no longer works. Moreover, congregants of all ages have articulated a desire for more learning and more connections.

Therefore, I encourage you all to attend our final Yachad program of the year on Sunday, May 15th from 10-12 for an Interactive Jewish American History Museum experience. You'll solve puzzles, meet some amazing Americans, and learn that our story started here long before throngs came through Ellis Island and populated the Lower East Side. Of course, there will be music, food, and a mitzvah element. As for the food, you know the drill, please RSVP.

In this counting of weeks (*sefirat ha-omeir*) before the summer Festival of Shavuot this June, we have many reasons to gather in person with our family of families. We have returned to in-person/hybrid Shabbat evening services and will have one more in-person Yachad program. We invite you to come home to shul again. You will see ads for various events throughout this edition of the Shofar.

As we mark time together, let us come together as much as possible.

L'Shalom, Rabbi RP Shinder



SPRING FLING

FEATURING

**Saturday
June 11th
at TBS
4 to 8PM**



We're gearing up to make sure we have a successful event. Let's get together outside and enjoy each others company and delicious dinner choices. BYO beer and wine, no hard stuff.

Want to help us organize the event? We'd love to have you. Contact catherinegreenblatt@gmail.com and tell her what you'd like to do. We are charging a reasonable admittance and welcome sponsorship. Those details will follow soon.

TIYULIM = HIKING/TOURING

We'll try to meet once a month for a walk or a hike. **Weather permitting, our next meet is Saturday, May 28th 11AM at Mason's Store, 550 County Rd 50, New Hampton, NY.** 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.



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of you knew my mother, Karen Cooper z"l, and fewer of you knew my father, Hank Cedar z"l. As is the case for most of us, my parents influenced me significantly.

My father was president of TBS in the 1970's. He taught me that, although our community is small (even back then!), we are all strengthened by the connection to our shared history. He taught me persistence, optimism, and the power of a strong connection to Judaism.

My mother was the first woman invited onto the Board of Trustees at TBS as the treasurer. She held that position for many years while working as the bookkeeper for the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick. There, she helped hundreds of teenagers' families find ways to afford Jewish summer camp and Israel programs. She was so passionate about this aspect of her job that, when she would tell people what she did for a living, she would say "I'm saving the Jewish people." She ended her career over 32 years later as the comptroller of, not only the Kutz Camp, but the entire URJ. She also taught me persistence, the power of family and friends-who-are-like-family, and how to stand up for myself.

My Father's 2nd yahrzeit was last month, and my mother's 8th yahrzeit is this month. That, combined with being a parent, and seeing the instability in so many aspects of today's world, has really brought my parents' teachings into focus. We're taught that Judaism is generational; L'dor V'dor. As I look toward the next generation here at TBS and in Orange County, I wonder: What will Jewish life look like when I'm gone? I am not a wealthy person, and while I try to donate my time to help the community, I am quite cognizant that, no matter how much I can do, none of us can help forever.

So, I will be setting up an Endowment fund, through the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, in each of my parents' names to help support Jewish life here at TBS and in Orange County, for generations to come.

The Hank Cedar Memorial Endowment will send its eligible funds here, to TBS. **The Karen Cooper Memorial Endowment's** eligible funds will be used to support youth programming in the county. That way, even if TBS does not have enough young people to sustain a viable youth group, our children and grandchildren will still be able to be connected to other Jewish kids throughout the county.

What will you do to help support Jewish life for generations to come? If you'd like to help me carry on my parents' legacies and help "save the Jewish people", at least here at TBS and in Orange County, then please donate to either of these Endowments at JewishOrangeNY.org once they are established. Or, honor a loved one in your life by setting up an Endowment in their memory or honor. Let's keep TBS and Jewish life in Orange County vibrant,



L'dor V'dor. B'ahava v'shalom (in love and peace), Wendy

~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

We thank the following for their generous donations:

- ✧ Shari Rake and Richard Schwartz in loving memory of Bryna Schwartz
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- ✧ Sondra and Mark Tuckfelt in honor of Kristin and Ken Korn's first grandchild, Edith Florence Korn.

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- ✧ Kristin and Ken Korn on the birth of their first grandchild, Edith Florence Korn.
- ✧ Catherine Greenblatt on the birth of her second grandson, Isaac Vega Greenblatt

Todah Rabbah to:

- ✧ Murray Spiegel's engaging program. 300 Ways to Have a Passover Seder, which was underwritten by a grant from The Jewish Federation.
- ✧ Shannon Pollock, Catherine Greenblatt and the many volunteers who cleaned out the temple in preparation for Spring Cleanup.

The family of our beloved Roberta Frischman z"l, will be holding an unveiling ceremony for Roberta's monument at Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery on Sunday, May 22nd at 11AM.

If you would like to join the family for the ceremony and luncheon following the service, kindly reply to their RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/oQd4p5DJFp6jmQDw9>

Since we are now having in-person services, how about hosting an Oneg Shabbat for the few Fridays we have left:

May 6th will be hosted by Catherine Greenblatt

May 13th, 20th June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

***If you have something to celebrate
anytime, do it with an oneg!
Contact the temple office, 845.651.7817.***



MAY YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS

Shabbat for Kaddish: May 6, 2022

| | |
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| Minnie Savitt | 2 Iyar |
| Ruth Sacks | 4 Iyar |
| Rebecca Sachat | 4 Iyar |
| Max Plumser | 3-May |
| Marcia Kleinman Edelstein | 3-May |
| Mordecai Cohen | 6-May |

Shabbat for Kaddish: May 13, 2022

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| Murray Goldman | 6 Iyar |
| Howard Lee Romanick | 7 Iyar |
| Samuel Sachat | 7-May |
| Carl Peterson | 7-May |
| Alfred Montone | 12-May |
| Fay Karr | 13-May |

Shabbat for Kaddish: May 20, 2022

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| Roxanne Westler | 14 Iyar |
| Jacob Gottlieb | 15 Iyar |
| Arnold David Hirsch | 17 Iyar |
| Elaine Jose | 17 Iyar |
| Belle Heller | 17 Iyar |
| Albert Conjura | 17-May |
| Nathan Leiman | 19-May |

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

Shabbat for Kaddish: May 27, 2022

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| Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, PhD | 20 Iyar |
| Rev. Barnet Rudnick | 20 Iyar |
| Sheldon Ocko | 21 Iyar |
| Henry Aguado | 22 Iyar |
| Emma Shulman | 22 Iyar |
| Jack Cohen | 23 Iyar |
| Anna Mack | 23 Iyar |
| Ida Schneider | 25 Iyar |
| Samuel Levy | 25 Iyar |
| Rose Paymer | 26 Iyar |
| Gertrude Seiderman | 21 May |
| Millie Plumser | 22-May |
| Karen Cooper | 25-May |
| Marilyn Spitzer | 25-May |
| Harry Kossower | 27-May |

Shabbat for Kaddish: June 3, 2022

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| Dr. Marvin I. Ducker | 29 Iyar |
| Benjamin Lieberman | 29 Iyar |
| Tobias Tobias | 2 Sivan |
| Hana Magasiner | 3 Sivan |
| Martin Parker | 4 Sivan |
| Debra Klein | 29-May |
| Arnold Frischman | 30-May |
| Benjamin Schrager | 30-May |
| Perry Greenblatt | 30-May |

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



EDUCATION



May Yachad: Sunday, May 15th 10AM to Noon In-person at TBS

Interactive tour through Jewish American History, from colonists to composers, from peddlers to philanthropists, from settlers to scientists. All TBS Families are encouraged to come together (YACHAD!) to experience how our story didn't begin at Ellis Island! Through games, song, and nosh let's take the tour together - no tickets required, but RSVPs are encouraged to (what else?) make sure that we have enough food! This is your last chance of the year to participate in this multigenerational learning - DON'T MISS OUT!



Saturdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st at 10AM Via Zoom

The Book of Ruth is a beautiful example of how God can take a hopeless situation and turn it into something glorious. The story begins in tragedy – with famine, and the death of Ruth and Naomi's husbands. But because Ruth is loyal and faithful, God rewards her. Come to class and learn more about these two extraordinary women.

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Make sure you come to the first
erev Shabbat service of the
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Pictured here are Rich Ball and
Gail Conklin, who both have
April birthdays, reciting
Kiddush and Motzi.



**The Board of Trustees invites
you to a Round Table
Discussion at TBS**

**Sunday, June 5th 3PM
in person**

OR

**Monday, June 6th 7PM
in person**

We're interested in what our congregants want/ need and how we can stay relevant in the future.

Think about what TBS would look like if we were just starting out today, in 2022.

The Board will be making phone calls to see which day is more convenient for you. In these days of dwindling membership in all synagogues, it's important that we come together as a family to do what's best for TBS in the years to come.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sisterhood plans on holding a clothing drive so get moving on your Spring cleaning. More information will follow. We are all about meeting new friends, sharing a laugh with old ones, and making great memories. 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 to gather again.

Robin Bordman thebordmans@aol.com

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Due to the restraints of the past two Covid years, donations are down and many congregants are having difficulties paying full dues. We ask that you try to dig deep and make a gift of any size, no gift is too small. Replacing the roof is not something we can wait to do any longer.

Any questions may be directed to Catherine Greenblatt, catherinegreenblatt@gmail.com or Wendy Cedar, wendybc@optimum.net. Thank you so much!



PASSOVER YACHAD AT TBS





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Gail Conklin



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Office for the Aging

Yom HaShoah Remembrance at West Point April 24, 2022

This amazing hybrid program was held at the West Point Jewish Chapel. Planned by NJCC Director Stefanie Kostenblatt and the joint Orange County Planning Committee, the event was attended by 75 in-person and over 80 via Microsoft Teams. It was sponsored by all the Orange County synagogues and the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. Thanks as always to our intrepid photographer, Gail Conklin.



Above: Outside and inside the Chapel

Left: Congregant and Survivor Joyce Mizrachi recited a poem with her granddaughter Allyson Levin.



Top Left: Rabbi Shinder recites the Holocaust Kaddish



Above: The Mizrachi/Levin and Mayer families light a memorial candle



Below: Shari Rake and Richard Schwartz with a cadet and Major David Frommer, Jewish Chaplain



Left: TBS co-president Wendy Cedar, also Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Stefanie Kostenblatt, Director of the Newburgh Jewish Community Center.





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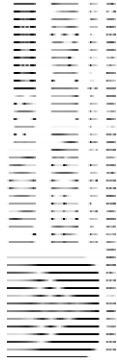
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| 1 30 nisan ROSH CHODESH | 2 1 iyar ROSH CHODESH | 3 2 iyar | 4 3 iyar | 5 4 iyar 4:30PM Hebrew School Via Zoom YOM HA'ATZMAUT | 6 5 iyar 7PM Hybrid Shabbat Service with Birthday & Ann'y Blessings | 7 6 iyar Schmooze 'n Learn 10AM Ruth & Naomi Kedoshim |
| 8 7 iyar MOTHER'S DAY | 9 8 iyar | 10 9 iyar | 11 10 iyar | 12 11 iyar 4:30PM Hebrew School Via Zoom 7:30PM Zoom Board of Trustees | 13 12 iyar 7PM Hybrid Shabbat Service | 14 13 iyar Schmooze 'n Learn 10AM Ruth & Naomi Emor |
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| 22 21 iyar 11AM Unveiling of Roberta Frischman's Monument | 23 22 iyar 7:30PM Executive Board via Zoom VICTORIA DAY CANADA | 24 23 iyar | 25 24 iyar | 26 25 iyar | 27 26 iyar NO Shabbat Service | 28 27 iyar TIYULIM 11AM Bechukotai |
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