



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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*

***We thank the following for their generous donations:***

- ✧ Shari Rake and Richard Schwartz in loving memory of Bryna Schwartz
- ✧ Julia Calderon for a High Holiday donation
- ✧ Sondra and Mark Tuckfelt in honor of Kristin and Ken Korn's first grandchild, Edith Florence Korn.

***Shofar Simchas, Mazel Tov to:***

- ✧ 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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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 Schragar	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](mailto: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



**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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<i>Temple Sinai</i> 75 Highland Ave MIDDLETOWN 9:30AM May 1	<i>Temple Beth Shalom</i> 13 Roosevelt Ave FLORIDA 10:30AM May 15	<i>Kol Yisrael</i> 290 North St NEWBURGH 10:30AM May 1	<i>Monroe Temple</i> 314 N. Main St MONROE 9:30AM May 1	<i>Cong. Beth Hillel</i> 20 Pine St WALDEN 10:00AM May 22
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Make sure you come to the first  
erev Shabbat service of the  
month to get your Birthday or  
Anniversary Blessing.  
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.

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## 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.

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Here's the story: our school addition was built in 1999 and is about 23 years old. The roof is leaking and in fact, some worry that it may not survive another bad storm.

So...in preparation for our 75th Anniversary Gala, scheduled for October 29th (SAVE THE DATE) we have begun a major fundraising campaign to replace the roof. This capital campaign is not to be confused with our Spring Fling on June 11th.

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](mailto:catherinegreenblatt@gmail.com) or Wendy Cedar, [wendybc@optimum.net](mailto:wendybc@optimum.net). Thank you so much!



## PASSOVER YACHAD AT TBS



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the Orange County Office for the Aging and the Town Warwick.



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 Mizרחי recited a poem with her granddaughter Allyson Levin.



Top Left: Rabbi Shinder recites the Holocaust Kaddish



Above: The Mizrahi/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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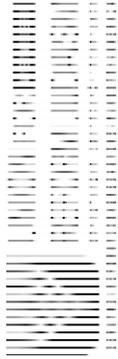
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>8 7 iyar</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>9 8 iyar</p>	<p>10 9 iyar</p>	<p>11 10 iyar</p>	<p>12 11 iyar</p> <p>4:30PM Hebrew School Via Zoom</p> <p>7:30PM Zoom Board of Trustees</p>	<p>13 12 iyar</p> <p>7PM Hybrid Shabbat Service</p>	<p>14 13 iyar</p> <p>Schmooze 'n Learn</p> <p>10AM Ruth &amp; Naomi</p> <p>Emor</p>
<p>15 14 iyar</p> <p>10AM in-person YACHAD</p>	<p>16 15 iyar</p>	<p>17 16 iyar</p>	<p>18 17 iyar</p>	<p>19 18 iyar</p> <p>LAG BA'OMER</p>	<p>20 19 iyar</p> <p>7PM Hybrid Shabbat Service</p>	<p>21 20 iyar</p> <p>Schmooze 'n Learn</p> <p>10AM Ruth &amp; Naomi</p> <p>Behar</p>
<p>22 21 iyar</p> <p>11AM Unveiling of Roberta Frischman's Monument</p>	<p>23 22 iyar</p> <p>7:30PM Executive Board via Zoom</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</p>	<p>24 23 iyar</p>	<p>25 24 iyar</p>	<p>26 25 iyar</p>	<p>27 26 iyar</p> <p>NO Shabbat Service</p>	<p>28 27 iyar</p> <p>TIYULIM 11AM</p> <p>Bechukotai</p>
<p>29 28 iyar</p> <p>YOM YERUSHALYIM</p>	<p>30 29 iyar</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>31 1 sivan</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>			<p>APRIL</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p>