



# THE SHOFAR

Temple Beth Shalom Florida, New York

May 2023 Iyar/Sivan 5783

*From the Desk of Rabbi Rebecca P. Shinder*

In the revival of the Broadway musical Camelot, Queen Gwenivere, played by Philippa Soo cheerily proclaims to the inhabitants of her kingdom, "It's May, It's May!" She encourages her subjects to dance and revel in a colorful celebration of Spring. I am happy to proclaim that our own version of a congregational Camelot, has a great deal to celebrate this May, as well.

We will begin May 5th at the 7PM Shabbat service with elements led by students in our first level of Hebrew class. We chose to pick Hebrew colors to name our classes this year. Thus, our **Adom** class, under the leadership of their teacher, Scott Dunn, will start the month off with a terrific, musical service and a fun one to follow.

The next element that will take place on at TBS on Sunday, May 7th at 9:30AM, brings me to another one of Philippa Soo's professional gigs - the mega-hit, Hamilton. This will be our final Religious School/Sunday School/Yachad of the year. No matter what you call it, this will conclude our learning and continue the partnership already begun with the Torah School of The Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism. We will begin at our new time of 9:30 am in our sanctuary. I implore students and their parents and/or grandparents to be, "in the room where it happens." That is to say, you must come to TBS to experience this partnership, meet new kids and teachers, and hold the Torah as you transition to your new grade level. After the opening ceremony in the sanctuary at 9:30AM, students will go to classrooms for a lesson and the parents will stay in the sanctuary to receive details of what next year's program will look like. Among the headlines, we will discuss how we will return to weekly school on Sundays AND a once a month Chavaya, the Hebrew word for experience. These events will range from field trips to mitzvah outings to the bringing in of Israeli artists. After the parent meeting and classroom learning (yippee, our rooms have been empty for almost 3 years), we will go outside for schmoozing and a BBQ.

May 7th will be another day we invite our newly formed Playgroup for young pre-school aged children. Our playroom will be open at 10AM and families will then join us for our BBQ.

On Friday, May 12th at our 7PM service, we will continue the theme of L'Dor Vador as we have baby namings for three girls. They will all receive their Hebrew names, be blessed and welcomed into the Covenant of Abraham and Sarah, and we invite you to be present to welcome them and their parents into our Temple Beth Shalom family of families.

May also begins our Spring B'nei Mitzvah season. We invite you to share in these Shabbat morning services at 10AM. If you, and especially your children, have never attended a TBS Bar or Bat Mitzvah, you simply must attend as many of these three services as you can. In addition to leading the Shabbat morning service, chanting Torah and Haftarah, and delivering a speech, our students also help to led the Friday night service before their big day. We send advanced well wishes and hearty Mazel Tovs to the following B'nei Mitzvah and their families:

**May 20th-Hilary Kleinman June 10th-Steven Weinberg June 24th-Jason Henze**  
Please come to support and learn from our kids!

*L'hitraot, (I'll see you soon!) Rabbi Shinder*

**PLEASE JOIN US THURSDAY, MAY 11TH**

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**TBS ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

**6:30PM-FOOD & SCHMOOZING, 7PM-MEETING**

Please attend this important meeting to review and approve the 2023-2024 budget and the nominated trustees. The budget will be available to review at the meeting. Below is the slate of Trustees. Note that **only those highlighted** require your vote of approval, the others are seated officers and trustees whose terms expire as noted.

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**We are in the process of training Kelly, our new office assistant. Her hours are Monday 10AM to 3PM, Wednesday & Thursday 9AM to 2PM.**

If you need assistance at other times, please call or text Catherine, 845-978-3899. Meanwhile, the weekly email and other electronic communications will continue to be taken care of by Sharon Ball. If you have an event or simcha to share, please let me know, [shaz@hvc.rr.com](mailto:shaz@hvc.rr.com).

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## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After hearing a certain parasha (a few times) with God's directives to Moses about building a place (the "mishkan") where God can hang out with the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, I wanted to learn more. So I found some commentary on it at: [MyJewishLearning.com/article/parashat-terumah-hidden-gifts](http://MyJewishLearning.com/article/parashat-terumah-hidden-gifts). Thank you, internet, and thank you Rabbi Shinder, whose live commentary over the past few years is what stimulated me to want to learn more!

As co-president of our congregation, of course, this parasha speaks to me because it's about building a space where Jews can dwell together and be in God's presence. An easy analogy to a synagogue.

Yet, in the 21st century, we're finding that people are less likely to feel compelled to dwell together in a synagogue. Perhaps they'll want to dwell together with other Jews, but not necessarily in a synagogue. That's where more interpretation of this parasha has opened my eyes. God says to Moses, "Tell the Israelite people to bring me gifts; you shall accept gifts for me from every person whose heart so moves them."

Traditionally, we have interpreted this as "everyone should give as much money as they feel is appropriate." Of course, to maintain the physical space of our "mishkan", there is value to that! However, Rabbi Nicole Auerbach, the author of the aforementioned commentary also suggests this:

A few verses after identifying the acceptable material for the construction of the mishkan, God says that the ark that will hold the stone tablets containing God's covenant with the people should be topped by two gold-winged figures, the cherubim. The cherubim are to "confront one another" *ish el achiv*, God says, literally like a man to his brother. And it is between these two faces that God promises to make God's presence known. How fitting that at the heart of this communal building project, which will take the gifts of everyone's hearts, God will appear between two precious faces placed across from one another as though in conversation.

To identify our most precious, hidden gifts we need to spend some time face to face with our fellow community builders, to listen deeply and with curiosity, open to the possibility we will find a unicorn hiding in the pocket of the person across from us. And when we find one, to reflect back what we see. Because nothing feels better than someone else pointing out a gift that you didn't know you had.

This, ultimately, is the recipe for building a community, to see one another and allow ourselves to be seen. In this way we can help one another find the hidden gifts we each hold, and then share them with open and generous hearts, allowing God's presence to shine through and fill the space between us.

In a world in which people spend less time face-to-face, and so many of us have less desire to dwell together in a synagogue, this interpretation really speaks to me. Perhaps, if we remember that community is, by this definition, people coming together with "two precious faces placed across from one another... in conversation", listening "deeply and with curiosity" with the goal of identifying each other's hidden gifts, then our community will continue to grow and stay strong.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our congregational meeting, in-person or via Zoom, on 5/11 in the evening at TBS. We'll have food, conversation, and some very important discussions about the very future of our community.

***Ever forward, Wendy***



## ~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

### ***Our Sincerest Condolences to***

☆ Eric Goodman, his mom Donna and his entire family on the loss of "Big Al" Silverman, step-dad, husband and grandfather. Al was blessed with his lovely wife, 5 children and 10 grandchildren.

☆ Geerd Mattheus and family on the passing of his brother Onno.

*~ May "Big Al's and Onno's memories be for a blessing ~*

### ***Todah Rabah to***

☆ Catherine Greenblatt and Gail Conklin, who along with their crew, put together our Passover 2nd Night Seder for over 60 people. See the photos in this Shofar.

### ***We thank the following donors for their generosity***

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We thank the following for hosting an Oneg Shabbat:

May 5th...Adom Class families

May 12th...Hebrew naming families

May 19th...Kleinman family IHO Hilary's Bat Mitzvah

May 26th...NO SHABBAT SERVICE

***If you have something to celebrate anytime,  
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## MAY YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS

### ***Shabbat for Kaddish May 5th***

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Max Plumser               | 3-May  |
| Marcia Kleinman Edelstein | 3-May  |
| Zulma Ronda               | 3-May  |
| Minnie Savitt             | 2 Iyar |
| Ruth Sacks                | 4 Iyar |
| Rebecca Sachat            | 4 Iyar |

### ***Shabbat for Kaddish May 12th***

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Mordecai Cohen        | 6-May   |
| Samuel Sachat         | 7-May   |
| Carl Peterson         | 7-May   |
| Alfred Montone        | 12-May  |
| Jacob Gottlieb        | 15 Iyar |
| Arnold David Hirsch   | 17 Iyar |
| Elaine Jose           | 17 Iyar |
| Belle Heller          | 17 Iyar |
| Rabbi Aaron D. Panken | 20 Iyar |
| Rev. Barnet Rudnick   | 20 Iyar |
| Sheldon Ocko          | 21 Iyar |

### ***Shabbat for Kaddish May 19th***

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Fay Karr       | 13-May  |
| Albert Conjura | 17-May  |
| Nathan Leiman  | 19-May  |
| Karen Cooper   | 25-May  |
| 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 |

### ***Shabbat for Kaddish May 26th***

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Gertrude Seiderman   | 21 May  |
| Millie Plumser       | 22-May  |
| Marilyn Spitzer      | 25-May  |
| Dr. Marvin I. Ducker | 29 Iyar |
| Benjamin Lieberman   | 29 Iyar |
| Tobias Tobias        | 2 Sivan |
| Hana Magasiner       | 3 Sivan |
| Martin Parker        | 4 Sivan |
| Edith Halpern        | 6 Sivan |
| John Milne           | 6 Sivan |

### ***Shabbat for Kaddish June 2nd***

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Harry Kossower        | 27-May   |
| Debra Klein           | 29-May   |
| Arnold Frischman      | 30-May   |
| Benjamin Schrager     | 30-May   |
| Perry Greenblatt      | 30-May   |
| Connor Eck            | 1-Jun    |
| Isadore Markowitz     | 1-Jun    |
| Sarah Beth Abramowitz | 2-Jun    |
| Edna Polin            | 9 Sivan  |
| Jacob Moses Bendick   | 11 Sivan |
| David Werner          | 12 Sivan |
| Yetta Kaufman         | 13 Sivan |
| Charles Finkelstein   | 13 Sivan |

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

A candle may be lit at home the evening before the yahrtzeit date. These names will be read during the 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!!** Just a friendly reminder to 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

Zoom Hebrew School: 5/4, 5/11  
End of year BBQ 5/7

**FRIDAY, MAY 5TH  
7PM**

**SHABBAT SERVICE  
FEATURING ADOM CLASS  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 7TH  
9:30AM-NOON**

**CLASSROOM LEARNING  
END OF RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL/YACHAD BBQ  
PARENT MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 11TH  
4:30PM VIA ZOOM**

**LAST DAY OF  
HEBREW SCHOOL  
[BIT.LY/TBSSCHOOL](https://bit.ly/tbsschool)**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12TH  
7PM**

**SHABBAT SERVICE  
FEATURING HEBREW  
NAMING OF  
SUSANNA & MAE MARKEY  
KORYNNE HALSTEIN**

**B'NEI MITZVOT 10AM**

**MAY 20TH  
HILARY KLEINMAN  
JUNE 10TH  
STEVEN WEINBERG  
JUNE 24TH  
JASON HENZE**

### ***From Rabbi Rebecca Shinder:***

- ◆ Students in our Adom class will be featured in our May 5th service. Whereas I encourage Shabbat attendance throughout the year, this will be a special Shabbat evening. If you have not brought your kids to temple in a long time for services, I suggest that you make every effort to do so on 5/5 not only for the practical use of Hebrew but also for the important socialization and Jewish community.
- ◆ Our final Religious School/Yachad is Sunday, May 7th, with students and teachers from The Monroe Temple. We are partnering our schools and there will be simultaneous classroom learning AND a parent meeting to learn more about how this partnership will work. This day is not optional. We will have a brief year-end ceremony in the sanctuary and finish the day with field games and a BBQ.
- ◆ The final day of Hebrew School is May 11th. There are only 2 Hebrew School sessions left this year. I encourage you to do your best to have your kids maximize this time with not only stellar attendance but also with the best possible Zoom etiquette they can muster. Please check in with them to make sure they are ready to go with the opening assembly at 4:30pm. Our [bit.ly/tbsschool](https://bit.ly/tbsschool) opens at 4:15 for them to get settled, say hello. We begin teaching when "the school bell" chimes. The kids have been fabulous this year and our teachers are first-rate.
- ◆ The goal of our school is to educate Jewish children so that they have the tools necessary to become educated Jewish adults. A highlight of that journey takes place when a child is called to Torah as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We encourage you and your children to attend the 10 am B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies of: Hilary Kleinman on 5/20, Steven Weinberg on 6-10 and Jason Henze on 6/24 .

We are at a period of transition for our school, the more you and your family put in, I assure you, the more your children will get out.



## Ava Gell announced as a winner in the Jewish Federation's Stop Hate Challenge at the recent Stop Hate Symposium

Pictured are Ava Gell and her English teacher Marilyn Brozyki from Warwick Valley High School. Ava's work, entitled 'Nisim' was based on her creation of a literary response to Jewish attempts at immigration during the Holocaust and the Modern Global Refugee Crises.

***MAZEL TOV, AVA!***

### **Nisim**

Murder.  
Calculated, cold, and quick.  
German soldiers descend upon a sunny  
seaport town in Russia.  
And swiftly orphan every child.  
Forced to labor by day,  
And tied to trees by night,  
My great-grandfather - a ten-year old  
Jewish boy-----  
Among them.  
His escape was a miracle,  
One of many nisim to come;  
And as he became a man,  
He became the tree that held him captive.  
Uprooted, his escapade through Europe  
taught him seven languages,  
Until finally he was transplanted here.  
He grew roots that radiated far and wide,  
A network of family and friends that kept  
him grounded  
As he weathered hatred and began anew.  
They say half of a tree is beneath the  
surface,  
And such was the extent of his mind,  
Though few words were spoken from  
stoic soul.  
His age a secret, well-kept by his bones,  
A memory imbued only in the rings-----  
Yet he became an upstanding figure,  
Proud, tall, and strong;  
His tempest-tost past could neither bend  
nor break the fortitude of his trunk.  
He branched out,  
Ever reaching toward others to ensure no  
one went hungry;

Like lichen, insects, and birds live in  
harmony,  
All were welcome to partake in the fruits  
of his labor----  
The fruit at his grocery store.  
But just as my great-grandfather is a tree,  
So too is he only one contributor  
To this expansive forest of America.  
Trees of all kinds have taken root here,  
Grasping for the sunny skies of greater  
aspirations,  
Composing a dense, rich, and lively  
wood.  
Yet each new generation of saplings  
endures the age-old axe of hate,  
A looming threat that sharpens with each  
passing day;  
The eldest trees overshadowing all in a  
thick canopy of time,  
Inopportune for new branches and  
saplings,  
Diversity often stifled for the sake of  
survival.  
Our forest must withstand each dark and  
frigid winter,  
Until we can celebrate the dawn of spring  
The lengthening of the light,  
The rebirth of hope,  
And the warming of the heart;  
Rays of sunlight penetrate, illuminating  
the ground beneath,  
Reminding us of all our roots;  
And through the canopy and streaks of  
brightest blue-----  
The sky toward which we now ascend  
together.

**Hilary Kleinman will be called to Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 20th at 10AM.**



Hilary is a 7th grade student at Warwick Valley Middle School where she is a Student Youth Ambassador assisting others. Hilary is an honors math student and enjoys spending time with her friends, playing soccer, reading, art, and working/playing with animals. Hilary has two older siblings, Aidan and Rebecca as well as a younger sibling, Gavin.

Through volunteering with Temple Beth Shalom members Hilary has discovered a great fulfillment in assisting at our various community food pantries. As a part of Hilary's Mitzvah Project, we are

collecting specific high request items for the Florida Ecumenical Food Pantry. All donations are welcome but preferred items include:

- chunky peanut butter
- feminine hygiene products
- tomato sauce
- spaghetti sauce
- applesauce cups
- cat and dog food
- cereal
- canned ravioli
- crackers
- salad dressing

Please continue to add to the donation box on the first floor at temple. All is appreciated! Melissa and David Kleinman look forward to seeing our Temple Beth Shalom extended family on Friday, May 19th at 7PM for Shabbat Services and at Hilary's Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 20th at 10AM.

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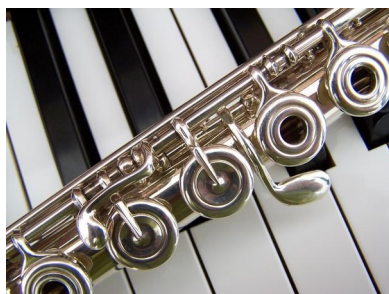


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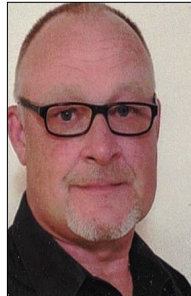
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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY              | TUESDAY     | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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|   | 110 iyar            | 211 iyar    | 312 iyar   | 413 iyar   | 514 iyar<br>7PM<br>Shabbat Service<br>featuring<br>Adom class<br>Oneg: Adom class<br>families                       | 615 iyar  |
| 716 iyar<br>9:30AM<br>Classroom learning,<br>End of year BBQ,<br>Parent meeting | 817 iyar            | 918 iyar    | 1019 iyar  | 1120 iyar<br>4:30PM<br>LAST<br>Zoom Hebrew<br>School<br>6:30PM<br>Annual Meeting | 1221 iyar<br>7PM<br>Shabbat Service<br>Hebrew Namings<br>Oneg: Naming<br>Families                                   | 1322 iyar   |
|   |                     | LAG BA'OMER |            |  |   | Emor  |
| 1423 iyar   | 1524 iyar           | 1625 iyar   | 1726 iyar  | 1827 iyar  | 1928 iyar<br>7PM<br>Shabbat Service<br>Oneg: Kleinman<br>Family   | 2029 iyar<br>10AM<br>Bat Mitzvah of<br>Hilary Kleinman  |
| MOTHER'S DAY  |                     |             |            |  | YOM YERUSHALYIM   | Behar-Bechukotai  |
| 211 sivan   | 222 sivan           | 233 sivan   | 244 sivan  | 255 sivan  | 266 sivan<br>NO<br>SHABBAT<br>SERVICE   | 277 sivan   |
| ROSH CHODESH  | VICTORIA DAY CANADA |             |            | EREV SHAVUOT   | SHAVUOT   | YIZKOR<br>SHAVUOT   |
| 288 sivan   | 299 sivan           | 3010 sivan  | 3111 sivan |  | APRIL<br>S M T W T F S<br>1<br>2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>9 10 11 12 13 14 15<br>16 17 18 19 20 21 22<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29 | JUNE<br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>25 26 27 28 29 30 |
|   | MEMORIAL DAY        |             |            |  |   |   |