

On Saturday March 9th, Temple Beth Shalom was full of ruach (spirit), hospitality, mitzvah projects, trust games, song, dance, and prayer! Our Little Shul Than Can hosted a group of teens for a Shabbat full of fun, food, and friendship. A dedicated band of adult volunteers supported the teens' event with everything from shopping in advance for food and program supplies to decorating our social hall to cooking and serving food to cleaning up to joining the participants in the sanctuary for Havdalah.

I am so proud of our TBS teens Ava Gell, Hailey Potter, Allison Levin and their parents who added their time and talents to the regional board. This board of the North American Federation of Temple Youth-Garden Empire Region is under the stewardship of our Hannah Shinder. With the encouragement and support of Wendy and Catherine, Hannah oversaw the development of the program with everything from programming, baking cupcakes for the trust game, to completing the event with a NFTY tradition reserved for The Regional President.

In addition to the people power mentioned above, two very special graduates of our Religious School and Youth Group programs "came home" to lend a hand and staff the event. A big Toda Rabbah (thank you) goes to Loretta Trinco and Barbara Taubes for modeling to our teens what being and remaining a part of this amazing community means.

This was certainly a great way to ring in the Hebrew month of Adar II as we prepare in joy for Purim! By the time you read this article we will have had our Purim journey together. I look forward to sharing our Second Night Seder together.

Warmly, Rabbi Shinder





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- \$50 helps a family that cannot afford to pay
- \$180 helps pay for security
- \$180 helps pay our servers
- \$200 helps pay for the food

No gift is too small!

Following the tradition of providing a place for all to celebrate Passover, we invite the entire community to join with our TBS family.

Fully catered; salad, matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, potatoes, green vegetable, fruit and desserts. All the other Passover goodies provided by TBS.

> Adults-\$50 Kids 5 to 13-\$18 Under 5-FREE

RSVP by April 16th with check payable to TBS to Gail Conklin, 11 Weathervane Way Middletown, NY 10940 or pay online at tbsny.org/donate, indicate 2024 Seder

> Subsidized in part by a grant from The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County



SAVE THE DATE... SATURDAY, JULY 13TH ON THE LAWN AT TBS

A Summer Bash honoring our outgoing Co-Presidents Wendy Cedar & Catherine Greenblatt

Committee forming now. If you would like to help in any way, please email Sharon Ball, shaz@hvc.rr.com. Sponsorships available.

CO~PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The Jewish holidays are late this year". You have probably heard (or said) that already since it is not only a leap year on the Gregorian calendar, but also on the Jewish calendar! So, we get to celebrate Adar 2 this year, pushing everything back a month from last year. Yet, as Rabbi will tell us, the Jewish holidays are never late – they occur at exactly the right time each year on the Jewish calendar!

So, we move forward, not only with the right-on-time holidays, but with our work to ensure the future of Reform Judaism in Orange County for decades to come. Our merger



discussions with Monroe Temple march forward and our combined religious school, Beit Sefer, boasts the highest registration of all the Reform or Conservative religious schools in the county! Our teens are getting back into the swing of things with NFTY-GER following the amazing Disney-themed afternoon at TBS at the beginning of March, and hopefully even more-so with Jewish Orange Youth (JOY), sponsored by the Jewish Federation. *I'm proud to announce that my daughter, Loretta, will be the new JOY Teen coordinator for the county starting this month!*

As I watch my tenure as Co-President of TBS come to a close at the end of June (right on time?!), I want to take a moment to send a public thanks to **Catherine Greenblatt**, whose strength and partnership have helped to keep TBS strong throughout the pandemic and into the merger. Her deep love of this community is palpable in everything that she does and I am grateful to have been her co-pilot. I don't think I could have done this alone, especially through these tumultuous times! Jeff Hannes and Eric Goodman have rounded out our leadership team and have also been great partners. Each of us has brought a different strength to the team and I am confident that TBS is in good hands as Catherine and I take our seats as past presidents.

So, whether the holidays or leadership changes are early, late, or right on time, I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful community. I'm not going anywhere... Just trying to get a jump on some thank-yous since Catherine will be writing next month's article! I look forward to continuing to work on the merger team and to help advising the future leadership of this strengthened, combined community.

May we continue to move from strength to strength, together. *B'shalom, Wendy*

Please join us THURSDAY, MAY 16th in person 7PM <u>TEMPLE BETH SHALOM</u> <u>ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING</u>

Please attend this important meeting to review and approve the 2024-2025 budget and nominated officers and trustees. The budget will be available to review at the meeting. The slate has not yet been completed. You will receive more information in our weekly e-blasts.

~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

Sincere condolences to the Werner Family as they mourn the death of their matriarch and one of TBS's founding members, Deborah Werner. ~May Deborah's memory be for a blessing~

Speedy recovery to :

- George Prachil, husband of Diane, son-in-law of Caryl and Mike Melasky.
- Flo Hannes, Jeff Hannes and Rabbi Fred Pomerantz

We thank the following donors for their generosity

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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

APRIL YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS 03 2

Anril 5th

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Sally Lerner Russo	31-Mar	Edward Hochberg	12 Nisan
Herbert Kass	1-Apr	Sarah Chibnik	17 Nisan
Jerome Sommer	3-Apr	Karl Smolian	18 Nisan
Sabina Shapiro	3-Apr	Judie Lurie	18 Nisan
Raymond Cohan	4-Apr	Henry Eli Cedar "Hank"	22-Apr
Lou Berkman	21 Âdar II	Alvin "Big Al" Silverman	23-Apr

April 12th

Barnet Weintraub	28 Adar II	May 3r
Jerome Sommer	28 Adar II	Isidore
Grace Finkelstein	1 Nisan	Bryna S
Lillian Chiron	3 Nisan	Anne A
Phyllis Winaker	8-Apr	Evelyn
Saul Goldstein	8-Apr	Jennie I
Barnet Weintraub	9-Apr	Mary G
Ivy Gross	12-Åpr	Phillip 1

April 19th

Dr. Maurice Skyer
Mae Elkin
Anna Rauchwerger
Lillian Meyer
Dora Morrell
Israel Polin
Solomon Chibnik
Norman Shapiro
Anna Rauchwerger
Philip Stein
Evelyn Salman Moss
Onno Matheus
Dora Korn
Sarah Crawford

5 Nisan 7 Nisan 8 Nisan 8 Nisan 10 Nisan 10 Nisan 11 Nisan 13-Apr 14-Apr 14-Apr 15-Apr 15-Apr 18-Apr

18-Apr

Anril 26th

Edward Hochberg	12 Nisan
Sarah Chibnik	17 Nisan
Karl Smolian	18 Nisan
Judie Lurie	18 Nisan
Henry Eli Cedar "Hank"	22-Apr
Alvin "Big Al" Silverman	23-Apr
Jerome Spector	25-Apr

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Isidore Laskin	19 Nisan
Bryna Schwartz	20 Nisan
Anne Agress	24 Nisan
Evelyn Melasky	25 Nisan
Jennie Essner	25 Nisan
Mary Gelfer	27-Apr
Phillip Myerson	27-Apr
Frances Susswein	28-Apr
Morris Rauchwerger	29-Apr
Max Plumser	3-May
Marcia Kleinman Edelste	in 3-May
Zulma Ronda	3-May
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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 yahrtzheit date. From September through June 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 yahrtzheit list, or if you have not been getting vahrtzheit reminders from us, please email the office, tbs-ny@optimum.net.







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Many thanks to our #1 Moreh (teacher), Michael Melasky for shepherding another class through our Shabbat prayers. Michael has been teaching us for many years and we owe him a great deal of gratitude. *Todah Rabah, Michael!*

March was the month to prepare for Purim. Our Beit Sefer students sang Purim songs and made Purim cards for the IDF soldiers in Israel. We also enjoyed seeing our daffodils bloom again, welcoming Spring.



S.O.S. WE NEED YOUR HELP! TEMPLE BETH SHALOM HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GOSHEN ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS!

Saturday, April 13th is our turn to join with your temple members when we are in charge of the "Food Pantry Give-away". We distribute food to those in need of our support and provide simple breakfast at the First Presbyterian Church, located on the village green, in the center of the Village of Goshen.

We organize following these guidelines:

1. We arrive at 8AM to transport bags of goods from the church storage loft, to their large entertainment hall.

2. We are in charge of the distribution of the various types of available foods.

3. Each recipient registers in, so we know how many people they are feeding.4. At the close of the giveaway, between 10 and 10:30, we must transport anything that is left back up to the loft. (Rarely happens!)

Breakfast: There is a coffee maker. I will bring the milk and sugar and some little bagels. Please let me know, if and what, you are bringing. Please contact me in advance at (845) 294-7314, call or text (845) 699-8879, so that we can be well organized. All kids can get community service credit for their effort! (Have your kids bring a form from their school, if applicable.)

Helping others in need brings a great smile to us all! Respectfully, Marcia Mattheus

BOGO FOR MEMBERS

DID YOU KNOW that Temple Beth Shalom has one of the nicest cemeteries around, including a newly refurbished Interfaith Section, below right, amid fields of green, nothing in the area comes close. For a limited time, for TBS members only, we are having a BOGO, buy one plot, get one free. Yes, that's correct - 2 plots in our beautiful cemetery for \$850! The sale does not include perpetual care, which is a one time payment of \$600 each for opening costs, which you hopefully will not have to worry about for quite a while.

If you are interested in scoping out a plot, email Michael Melasky,

molas.1980@yahoo.com and set up an appointment soon.







SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On Thursday, April 11th Psychic Medium Lisa Morrison will return to TBS.. This is a fundraising event for Sisterhood. See the ad below for details.

Sisterhood Spring Paid-Up Luncheon is Sunday May 5th. A delicious luncheon is planned at The Landmark Inn in Warwick. There will be basket raffles. If you would like to attend and are not a sisterhood member the cost is \$54.00 which covers the cost

of brunch and dues. Sisterhood dues helps support many events at Temple Beth Shalom throughout the year. See the ad on the next page for details.

Sisterhood is looking for Mah Jongg and Canasta players. We are still interested finding a group who would be interested in playing Canasta. If you would be willing to teach beginners how to play Canasta, please let me know: thebordmans@aol.com or text 845-699-6460.

The Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood Executive Board: Robin Bordman, Ileene Cahn, Mindy Hazzard, Judy Potter, Holli Teshome and Wendy Wayman

Presented by The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom

Messages from Heaven with Psychic Medium Lisa Morrison Thursday April 11th 7PM at Temple Beth Shalom



With an open mind and an open heart, come spend an intimate evening with your host Lisa as she delivers evidential information and healing messages from your departed loved ones.

Please note that a reading is not guaranteed at this event, but Lisa will do her best to read as many guests as time allows.

\$40 per person in advance / \$45 cash at door Coffee & Dessert will be served

To Reserve a Ticket Contact: Wendy, 845-781-0629 or wwayman5285@gmail.com

Sisterhood Gift Shop

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP SALE! EVERYTHING IS 50% OFF PRICE MARKED PLUS ANOTHER 18%. STOCK UP ON GIFTS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

Please Join us for Sisterhood's Spring Luncheon

Sunday, May 5th 11:30AM Landmark Inn Route 94 Warwick

RSVP by May 2nd to Robin Bordman 845-699-6460 or thebordmans@aol.com

No charge for paid up Sisterhood members. *Not a member?* Your dues payment of \$54 includes the brunch.

On Friday, March 22nd, TBS hosted MoveMeant, a customized interactive workshop for participants from diverse spiritual backgrounds and physical abilities to feel more at peace and at home in their own body. We were guided through this unique Shabbat experience by Rabbi Yonatan Arnon and Rabbi Shinder. The workshop was funded by a grant from The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County.



Pictures by Rich Ball and Gail Conklin







NFTY-GER president Hannah Shinder organized a Disney themed get-together on March 9th at TBS, which attracted teens from around the region. Hannah applied for and received a micro-grant from The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County to fund the event. Photos taken by various photographers.























On March 17th, Rabbi Shinder and Rabbi Lerner presented a unique Megiallah reading for our Beit Sefer students. They also prepared and baked hamentashen.



Photos taken by Gail Conklin.

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This year's county-wide Purim extravaganza was hosted by Kol Yisrael in Newburgh on Sunday, March 24th.

This program was funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County





























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