

Our tradition tells us that as the children of Israel prepared to enter the promised land in Deuteronomy 31:6. God first tells Moses to "be strong and resolute" in his resolve to lead the people. In the very next verse, he tells Moses's successor, Joshua, the very same thing that he too should "be strong and resolute" in his leadership of the people of Israel.

As we come to the conclusion of our dedicated and beloved Co-Presidents term. I am reminded of this phrase. For it was six years ago that Catherine Greenblatt took up the mantle of leadership as President of Temple Beth Shalom and modeled for us what it means to love the Jewish community and put in precious time, energy, and strength to support our family of families. Just as Joshua joined the ranks of leading our people, Wendy Cedar has also shared her talents and devotion with our community.

Each of these women have very different origin stories that brought them to their shared leadership. Yet each has been "strong and resolute" in guiding us toward our future. Through our *simchas* and our sorrows, during a pandemic and a period of financial uncertainties Catherine and Wendy have never wavered in their commitment to and support of our temple.

They say that it takes a village to get anything done, but the villagers often need organization, follow through, and management. Our Co-Presidents have provided us with those skills and so much more! Just as the children of Israel, prepared to enter the Promised Land at the conclusion of Deuteronomy, the families of Temple Beth Shalom are also poised to enter a new phase of our identity. Change can be difficult and frightening, but our leaders have been "strong and resolute" and we are poised to take on new possibilities together.

Please join us to celebrate the dedication and commitment of these two very special leaders on July 13th at the Hannes home for our Summer Bash. The best way to show your appreciation and gratitude for their tireless efforts is to volunteer and support this amazing community yourself.

May our beloved community continue to go from strength to strength, *Rabbi Shinder*



Please join the TBS community for an informal Shabbat Experience on Friday evening, June 21st at 7PM.

Hang out, light candles, "show up" to help fellow congregants say kaddish.

Bring a nosh to share!

We'll celebrate Shabbat "seder style" around tables in the social hall.

Mason Wertheimer will be called to Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June



Ist at 10AM. Mason started his Jewish education at Temple Beth Shalom on Zoom early in the pandemic, while he was living on a farm near the synagogue. (Donkeys and pigs and chickens, oh my!) For his mitzvah project, he hosted a video series about pet adoption and organized a marketing event for Best Friends Animal Society. Mason loves playing ice hockey, baseball, and soccer and voiceover acting: In fact, he played the role of Clod in Disney and Pixar's Elemental. He lives in NYC with his mom, dad, younger brother, Ryan, and two cats. He's very grateful to Rabbi and his teachers and the TBS community. The Wertheimer family invites you to join us at

Temple Beth Shalom for Shabbat Services Friday, May 31st at 7PM and Saturday morning at 10AM.



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

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

I've heard that saying as a motivation to help us realize that no matter where we've been, we can always create a better future. In just over a year we've marked the passing of so many dedicated TBS members; Debbie Werner, Howard Cohen and Robin Cohen, to name a few.

I also just marked the 10th anniversary of my mom's passing, and the 4th anniversary of my dad's. It's the end of an era, for sure.

As we come to the end of the school year and the end of

my and Catherine's co-presidency, we are certainly looking toward the positive future with our Reform brethren from the Monroe area. Eric, Jeff, Jonathan, and Felicia, along with the rest of the dedicated board and merger team will ensure a solid future for Reform Judaism in south-central Orange County well into the future. It may look different than it did when those dedicated past members were active, but it will be a positive future, just the same.

Those of you who attended the annual congregational meeting heard from Michael Melasky about conversations happening among several of the congregations in the county regarding how we can collaborate to ensure the future of Reform and Conservative Jewish communities well into the future. It's the first day of the rest of our lives.

As we move into the summer, a hearty congratulations to all of the high school and college graduates in our family of families. We will enjoy hearing about your travels and accomplishments from your families and look forward to seeing you in our midst again soon. I hope that you will take with you positive feelings and memories from your time at TBS and that your Jewish roots remain strong and help you flourish. Enjoy the first day of the rest of your lives!

Again, I thank Catherine for her partnership and thank you to the community for the opportunity to serve as co-president for the past 4 years. Have a great summer and see you soon.

B'shalom, Wendy

Brunch will be served, dietary laws observed. No solicitation. The event is free but registration is required: jewishorangeny.org

Sunday, June 9th 10am

Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave Middletown





~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

Shofar Simchas:

Mazel Tov to Sharon and Rich Ball on the birth of their grandson Silas Finn. Silas is the first child of Allie Ball Golan and Jordan Golan.

Mazel Tov to Anna and Jeff Horowitz and the birth of their grandson Gabriel Jude. Gabriel is the son of Aviva and Jeremy Horowitz.

Speedy recovery to:

Rabbi Fred Pomerantz

We thank the following donors for their generosity

- Sharon and Rich Ball in honor of the birth of Silas Finn Golan
- Paula and Evan Kujawski IMO Debbie Werner
- Wendy Wayman IMO Aiden King
- Werner Realty of Florida LTD to the TBS Cemetery IMO Deborah Werner

TBS is on an austerity budget, which means we have no funds to continue mailing the Shofar. To help us out, we can mail you a printed copy for \$18/year, otherwise this is the last printed issue of the Shofar that you will receive. A PDF version will be uploaded to our website, tbsny.org, monthly and a link will be provided in the weekly blast. If you would like to underwrite the cost of mailing to the congregation, please contact catherinegreenblatt@gmail.com for an applicable amount.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT...

Our office assistant, Kelly, will be on vacation July 1st through July 5th and August 12th through August 16th Please email tbs-ny@optimum.net if you need assistance.

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.





☞ JUNE, JULY, AUGUST YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS ☞

June 7th

Connor Eck	1-Jun
Isadore Markowitz	1-Jun
Sarah Beth Abramowitz	2-Jun
Mirjam Saltz	3-Jun
Sara Wright	3-Jun
Valerie Frankel	6-Jun
Jean Heffler	6-Jun
Ida Schneider	25 Iyar
Samuel Levy	25 Iyar
Rose Paymer	26 Iyar
Dr. Marvin I. Ducker	29 Iyar
Benjamin Lieberman	29 Iyar

June 14th

Walter "Jeff" Storey	10-Jun
Samuel Markowitz	12-Jun
David Robert Waldman	2 Sivan
Tobias Tobias	2 Sivan
Hana Magasiner	3 Sivan
Martin Parker	4 Sivan
Edith Halpern	6 Sivan
John Milne	6 Sivan

June 21st

Edward Gerwin	15-Jun
Gertrude Rothstein	15-Jun
Shirley Anthony	16-Jun
Edgar E. Moss	19-Jun
Edna Polin	9 Sivan
Jacob Moses Bendick	11 Sivan
David Werner	12 Sivan
Yetta Kaufman	13 Sivan
Charles Finkelstein	13 Sivan
Hyman Sacks	14 Sivan
Daniel Turchin	15 Sivan
Samuel Carlin	15 Sivan

June 28th

David Weinberg	23-Jun
Linda Wolff	24-Jun
Gail Moskowitz Barovick	16 Sivan
Beth Gottlieb	16 Sivan
Alfred Braun	17 Sivan
Bertha Cohen	17 Sivan
Dr. Michael Temchin	17 Sivan
Ernstine Braun	17 Sivan
Ruth Cohen	17 Sivan
Gertrude Marks	18 Sivan
Abraham Halpern	20 Sivan

July 5th

Rachel Dimm	2-Jul
Anne Moran	2-Jul
Ernest Bordman	24 Sivan
Hyman Feldman	24 Sivan
Samuel Markowitz	26 Sivan
Miriam Morell	28 Sivan
David Lasky	29 Sivan

July12th

Claire Posner	9-Jul
Morris Turchin	30 Sivan
Mildred Shulman	1 Tammuz
Sam Cohen	2 Tammuz
Ethel Cohen	3 Tammuz
Irving J. Pallor	3 Tammuz
Samuel Mann	3 Tammuz
Leah S. Mahlab	4 Tammuz
Richard Pomerantz	5 Tammuz

July 19th

July 17m	
H. Murray Blueglass	15-Jul
Anna Vorobiev	15-Jul
Gerald Lebenberg	18-Jul
Martin Melasky	7 Tammuz
Max Susswein	9 Tammuz
Joseph Romanick	9 Tammuz
Samuel Entin	10 Tammuz
George Braun	10 Tammuz
Fred Shulman	10 Tammuz
Fred Muhlrad	11 Tammuz
Jeanette Forman	11 Tammuz
Milton M. Marks	12 Tammuz
Jack Kaufman	13 Tammuz
Viola Rosenberg	13 Tammuz
Irving Denenberg	13 Tammuz

July 26th

Sharon Schroh	22-Jul
The Leiman Family	24-Jul
Jerry Afir	26-Jul
Lucreta Rubin	25-Jul
Stuart Gelfer	26-Jul
Alfred Koff	14 Tammuz
Louis Werner	17 Tammuz
Max Rosenblatt	17 Tammuz
Adolf Aron	18 Tammuz
Leo Tobias	20 Tammuz

August 2nd		August 23rd	
Arthur Winaker	27-Jul	Ruth Derevensky	21-Aug
Minna Glickman	28-Jul	Jerome Neustadt	22-Aug
Edie Seiderman Burcz	30-Jul	Joseph Goldstein	22-Aug
Lydia Nizewitz	31-Jul	Abraham Eisner	23-Aug
Linda G. Dworetzky	31-Jul	Nathan Werner	13 Av
Edith Bloom Kass	1-Aug	Rosalie Auerbach	15 Av
Irvin Herman	2-Aug	Esther Appelbaum	15 Av
Sophie Carlin	21 Tammuz	Eva Billick	15 Av
-		Herman Mack	17 Av
August 9th		Charlotte Schoenholz	17 Av
Nathan Werner	3-Aug	Seymour Gordon	17 Av
Nancy Hannold	3-Aug	Gloria Mann	18 Av
Ethel Barlet	7-Aug	Lucille Appelbaum	18 Av
Bob Margolin	7-Aug		
Charlotte Aguado	28 Tammuz	August 30th	
Irwin Auerbach	28 Tammuz	Murray Tischler	24-Aug
		Scott Russell Jackowitz	28-Aug
August 16th		Sandra Gayle Fishman	29-Aug
Iris HaasCohen plaque	10-Aug	Thekla Aron	21 Av
William Korn	10-Aug	Sidney Cohen	21 Av
Solomon Katz	11-Aug	Eva Cuttler	23 Av
Edythe Weintraub	13-Aug	Charles Palais	23 Av
Faith Krzywicki	13-Aug	Melvin Gelfer	24 Av
Annette Hochberg	13-Aug	Saul S. Mahlab	24 Av
Mark Tischler	15-Aug	Sarah Denenberg	25 Av
Patricia Westbrook Hope	15-Aug	Max Applebaum	26 Av
Mari Duda	16-Aug		
Sylvia Newman	16-Aug	September 6th	
Robert Nathan	7 Av	Lillian S. Hannes	1-Sep
Samuel Schneider	7 Av	Iris Burlock	5-Sep
Herbert Waldman	9 Av	Helene Weisbuch	30 Av
Rachel Block	12 Av		
Anna Kronitz	12 Av		
Issac Shulman	12 Av		

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 yahrtzheit reminders from us, please email the office, tbs-ny@optimum.net.



TREASURER'S UPDATE ~ Catherine Greenblatt

Change of Hats

I just got a little melancholy. As I begin this article to send to our Shofar editor, Sharon Ball, I titled the article Shofar Message vs. Co-President's Message. Please read Wendy's final Co-President message in this publication.

My (and Wendy's) tenure serving our community, our family of families, ends on June 30th. I have served you for 6 years, Wendy for 4. I can't put into words the relief it was to hear that Wendy was willing to step up as co-president – someone to share the many responsibilities of a synagogue president! The by-laws were changed to allow this position. I am happy to report to you that our next co-presidents will be Eric Goodman and Jeff Hannes. I thank them for "stepping up." They will make a great team.

I thank everyone for allowing and helping me to serve as your president. We work together for a common goal: to keep Reform Judaism alive in Orange County. I must offer a *hazzah* to our dear Rabbi Shinder for her verve in creating new experiences not only for Beit Sefer, but for our entire community. Rabbi, keep envisioning and we will make it happen! As I mention working together, we are short one person for the board. We can manage without a board member, but I ask you, are you interested in joining the board? What can you bring to the table? Do you envision making our shul stronger? If so, please contact Wendy, me, Eric or Jeff. Woo Hoo!

As of July 1st, I will take over the treasurer's position. Another *hazzah* to Jeff Hannes for his many, many years in the treasurer position. I will count on Jeff's assistance in moving into my new role. One of my goals is to report to TBS' membership in the Shofar on a monthly or bi-monthly basis our financial status.

Here is my first report (as an almost treasurer): We are on an austerity budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The budget is very tight. Robin Rosenberg and Howard Cohen Z"L have passed away. Both were so generous; their donations have always been part of our budget. Adding salt to this wound, this year we have had to repave the parking lot (otherwise our business insurance would have been cancelled) and now we have a sewer line problem which will cost a minimum of \$8,000. When we have an event, we ask for sponsors. Thanks to our sponsors, the event often comes in on budget. Today, I am asking you to help 'sponsor' our budget. Here is a short list for you to consider:

• \$360/year: URJ dues. Yes, we need to be a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. I am happy to explain to anyone why. This year, Jeff was able to receive an abatement, reducing our normal dues amount of \$2500.

• \$120/week or \$480/month: Security for Shabbat. We cannot cut this line item. The security assessment barely covers yearly security; thus, we are unable to make any security upgrades.

• \$175/cleaning: Cleaning our synagogue. We will be cutting back as the cleaning budget has been cut in half. James can assist, but he is not contracted as our caretaker to do a full cleaning of the synagogue.

• \$150/month or \$1800/year: lawn maintenance.

• Help "build" our Building Fund. The building fund has been depleted. Each member is assessed \$1000 per lifetime membership.

I am not going to drown you in our fiscal issues. If you would like to discuss anything regarding the budget, feel free to contact me.

Whether as president, co-president, or treasurer, I am here for you. I am confident we will continue to go from strength to strength.

L'Shalom and with Love, Catherine

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our sisterhood at Temple Beth shalom may be small in number, but we play an essential role in helping to make TBS a warm and welcoming community throughout the year. Our sisterhood is looking for a little renewal and rejuvenation.

Our Jewish Federation Volunteer of the Year is Wendy Wayman. She is devoted to sisterhood and Temple Beth Shalom. She is instrumental in organizing our successful fundraising event and being in the forefront of everything sisterhood. I personally would like to thank Wendy and the Sisterhood board for their continued support of me and all our events and fundraising. And a thank you to Catherine Greenblatt and Wendy Cedar for all their years of leading Temple Beth Shalom.

There are many ways sisterhood is woven into Temple Beth Shalom. Through your continued support with our various fundraisers, sisterhood is able to contribute to many events that have taken place at TBS over the years. We contribute to holiday celebrations, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur Break-the-fast, Purim Shalach Manot gifts. We gift each Bar and Bat Mitzvah child. We collect food for the food pantry. We collected various needed items such as diapers and toiletries at the Sisterhood Hanukkah dinner that were donated to Eva's Village. We had Game Night and played Scrabble. Thanks to Wendy Wayman, we had a very successful fundraiser with the Psychic medium Lisa Morrison.

Last month we had a delicious Sisterhood Paid up luncheon at Landmark Inn. The company was fabulous, everyone had a wonderful time. See pictures below.

Most of all we need you to help keep sisterhood going at Temple Beth Shalom. As our lives change and our children's' lives change, we all find that we have a choice to make and we are hoping that you choose to join sisterhood for an event, an evening out for dinner or just come and schmooze with us.

Please share any ideas you have for a sisterhood gathering. We are hoping to plan more events for next fall.

Your support of our fundraisers and contributing to sisterhood through dues helps us provide the temple with many things that are needed for events and activities throughout the year.

The Sisterhood board thanks you for your support and hopes to see you at events. **Robin Bordman** Ileene Cahn Mindy Hazzard Judy Potter Holli Teshome Wendy Wayman







Thanks to Gail Conklin for these pictures. Thanks to Gail and Robin Bordman who decided I (Sharon Ball) should be in the picture with my grandson, Silas, and sent it to Robin's cousin to Photoshop me into it. So sweet!

TBS MEN'S ELUR ()

ATTENTION TBS & MONROE TEMPLE MANLY MEN...

TBS Men's Club BBQ style!

Saturday, June 1st 4:30pm!

Longtime TBS Men's Club Member Rich Schwartz is graciously hosting! \$10 cover charge.

Let me know what you would like to bring; a side dish, drinks, paper goods and Eric will coordinate!

You do not need to be a paid member of the TBS Men's Club to join in on the fun!

RSVP to Eric Goodman, eric2112goodman@gmail.com or text 845-699-5705



L'Chayim! Eric!

Men's Club outing to Scranton Baseball game on May 11th.











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To our TBS class of 2024 High School and College Graduates.

Ava Gell is the Salutatorian for Warwick Valley High School. She will attend Brown



University. In addition to a multitude of awards and scholarships, Ava has played piano since she was 6 and has been teaching piano for the last year. She loves to cook and hang out with her sister, in addition to family and friends!

Elias Sumner Mayer is graduating from Warwick Valley High



School and from the OU BOCES-CTEC Construction Academy Carpentry Program, where he will receive an Achievement Award. He continues to fundraise toward building the new Warwick Skate Park. Eli loves to explore NYC, especially skate spots, thrift shops and live music.



Emma Pollock is graduating Minisink Valley High School. She is the Orange-Ulster BOCES Division of Career and Technical Education Salutatorian. Emma will attend the University of New Haven, majoring in Medical Laboratory Sciences. She will run Cross Country for the college. Emma has amassed many honors during High School and was a two year captain of the Cross Country Varsity team.

Zachary Goodman graduated from the State University of New York at Cortland



with a Master's Degree in Sport Management. Last summer he had an internship with US Club Soccer which took him all over the country from Chicago to California and to the National Championship in Denver. Zach is also an avid hockey fan and cheers on the New York Islanders with his family on game nights!

Josh Levin graduated from Muhlenberg College with a double major, Bachelor of Science (Neuroscience) and Jewish Studies.

Science (Neuroscience) and Jewish Studies. Josh is currently looking to enter the workforce.





Jeremy Todd Shinder is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts with a

B.F.A. in Film. As a member of the Renée Crown University Honors Program, Jeremy also earned Minors in Religion and

Drama. Throughout his college career, he has directed/written/produced four shorts that had extremely successful festival runs. When the time is right, Jeremy pledges to run a JereBear Film Festival for a TBS Fundraiser!

On Friday May 10th during an informal Shabbat service, Eleanora Horn discussed her recent trip to Israel, where she went to attend a family wedding and stayed to volunteer. Below are screenshots of the slide show she narrated and a picture of Eleanora with her certificate and her husband, Seth.

Most of the pictures in this Shofar taken by Gail Conklin.





This county-wide event, funded by the Jewish Federation and hosted at TBS on May 8th, welcomed Eden Gefner from Kibbutz Re'im where the Nova Music Event was held. She and her boyfriend were visiting her parents at the Kibbutz when terrorists took over. They hid in the attic and after 26 hours under fire, they were rescued by the IDF. Although her family survived, many of their neighbors and over 400 festival goers trying to escape did not. She told her story to a captive audience. Michael Melasy spoke about the many classes on anti-Semitism he has taught throughout the county. Allyson Levin spoke about her grandparents who are Holocaust survivors.





Teacher Appreciation May 17th.



To the tune of the Addams Family song: At the Beit Sefer Torah School Jess and Cheryl teach the youngest group. They keep them in the Loop. They're one inquisitive troop. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School. Chorus: Dada da da. Beit Sefer. Da da da da, Beit Sefer. Da da da da, da da da da, da da da da. Beit Sefer. A humble guy has the 4th grade. His students have got it made. The boobahs are not a charade. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School. Chorus. Scot teaches the 5th graders with glee. On Sundays and Thursdays to a tee. His classes are on the mark completely. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School. Chorus. Jeremy is Paul and Leslye's son. He educates everyone. His class is so much fun. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School.

Liz teaches Beit Sefervia Zoom. She doesn't have a room. She has Lots of va va voom. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School. Chorus. Betsy has a very mature class. The days go oh so fast. ALL her students will pass. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School. Chorus Our Rabbis Lead us all. They stand so proud and tall. When they speak, we heed the call. That's the Beit SeferTorah School. Chorus. I salute the staff at our school. We've followed the golden rule. Have a pleasant summer and stay cool. That's the Beit Sefer Torah School. Chorus 2x

Written by Craig Wernick







KADDISH D'RABANAN

For our teachers and their students, and the students of their students we ask for peace and loving kindness. And let us say: Amen

And for those who study Torah, here and everywhere may they be blessed with all they need. And let us say: Amen

We ask for peace and loving kindness. And let us say: Amen

Chorus.

Closing day of school and BBQ, May 19th.

























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