



THE SHOFAR

Temple Beth Shalom Florida, New York
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From the Desk of Rabbi Rebecca P. Shinder



When Hannah was a young girl, she learned a Passover song while a student at Solomon Schechter Jewish Day School. With limitless gusto she sang verse after verse about the ritual objects Jews use during a Seder. Much like the game of “I’m going on a picnic and I am bringing...” participants repeat and add items with each ensuing verse. This song goes on and on to list items such as a Seder plate, matzah, cups, candles, etc. as each verse begins with, “These are the things we need at our Seder table.” The tune is catchy and light, however this year the refrain provided a palpable lesson of thanksgiving and gratitude to our family.

These are the things we need at our Seder table:

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But the people around the table are what we need the most.

The image above was taken at The Jewish Home at Rockleigh. As you can see, the table was set with a plastic tablecloth, paper plates and disposable cups. This was not a triumph for the ecological kashrut to which I aspire, my profound apologies to the environment on this front. This was not a year to polish fine ritual objects or pack items Larry and I received as wedding gifts. This was a year to adapt our holiday observance to honor the spirit of Hannah’s song. Truly, all of the people around the table are what we need the most. We weren’t quite sure in what health care facility we would have our first night of Passover, but one thing was absolutely certain to me - we would spend it together. We actually made friends with the relatives of other residents and traded traditions and stories with one another.

In addition to all the themes of Passover, this was a year to give thanks for my father’s redemption from his almost three weeks in the hospital. This was also a year to reform the meaning of the Seder’s conclusion. Our “I’shana ha’ba-ah/next year in Jerusalem” is the aspiration that my father’s kidneys and heart function return to healthy levels.

Every Shabbat, we join with Jews around the world in prayer for the healing of body and spirit of our loved ones. My dad receives great physical care which includes dialysis, physical therapy and occupational therapy. Hopefully sometime soon, he will undergo a cardiac procedure to increase his blood flow. In the meantime, the support we all have received from so many members of the Temple Beth Shalom family of families has lifted the spirits of my entire family. The well wishes, prayers, cards, and paintings from our Beit Sefer students adorn his hearth and heart!

My prayer for us all is to value and appreciate our special spaces and places we and our loved ones share. Not all times of sanctity will occur during mountain top moments. However, I urge you to be open, make and take the time to be present with one another because, “the people around the table are what we need the most.”

Fondly, Rabbi Shinder

Please join us **THURSDAY, MAY 16th** in person **7PM**
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

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 will be presented as shown. Only those highlighted in red need to be voted for. The others are incumbents whose terms will continue.

Executive Board: terms expire 6/26

Co-Presidents: **Jeff Hannes**/**Eric Goodman**

1st Vice President: **Jonathan Winaker**

2nd Vice President

Treasurer: **Catherine Greenblatt**

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Recording Sec'y: **Beth Kalet**

3 year trustees: terms expire 6/27

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Gail Green

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2 year trustees: terms expire 6/26

Andy Hannes

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1 year trustees: terms expire 6/25

David Halper

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Shannon Pollock

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.
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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The daffodils which have been planted by our students the last 2 years have bloomed. Driving up, the yellow landscape just grabs me, and I can't help but smile and be rejuvenated. Yellow symbolizes friendship, happiness, and new beginnings.

At Temple Beth Shalom I have found a new beginning, friendship, and happiness. This month is the 10-year anniversary of my conversion to Judaism. Most of you know my story – I converted not for marriage or the children, but for me. I learned of Reform Judaism as my children learned; working in the office for 8 years also enhanced my knowledge of Reform Judaism. Rabbi Shinder's rabbinical leadership and her guidance "sealed the deal" and my love and commitment to this religion became official with my conversion.

As of July 1st, TBS enters a new beginning. Wendy Cedar and I will be stepping down as co-presidents. I began my presidency solo in August of 2018; I did not know if I was ready to be president from Morris Plains, NJ. I accepted the position and promised to do the best I could. In 2020 Wendy offered to work with me as co-president. It has been a fruitful collaboration. Who knew at that time where the following 4 years would take us? Covid, a rise in antisemitism, the creation of Beit Sefer with Monroe Temple, as well as a possible merger with Monroe. As I am the one with a more shoot from the hip personality, Wendy has talked me off the ledge many times. We both have our strengths, we took on different presidential commitments, and I couldn't have asked for a better partnership.

On July 1st, a new partnership begins with Eric Goodman and Jeff Hannes as co-presidents. I am confident they will be strong leaders of TBS. I will relieve Jeff, with his guidance, of the treasurer's position. I thank Jeff for his many, many years of service as treasurer and thank both Jeff and Eric for continuing to keep us TBS strong!

Please come to the annual congregational meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 7PM. At the meeting, the budget will be reviewed, a new slate of the Board of Directors will be voted on and you will have an opportunity to let us, your leadership, know how you feel and what you are thinking about what is going on at our shul.

Being a part of Temple Beth Shalom brings me happiness. Services, sitting in the sanctuary alone, or attending one of our many community events warms my soul. You are my family of families. I thank you all for your friendship.

L'Shalom, Catherine

**Mazel Tov, Catherine
on the 10th Anniversary of
your conversion to Judaism!**



~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

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~May Aidan's memory be for a blessing~***

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✧ Rabbi Fred Pomerantz

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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.



❧ MAY YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS ❧

May 3rd

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 Edelstein	3-May
Zulma Ronda	3-May

May 10th

Mordecai Cohen	6-May
Samuel Sachat	7-May
Carl Peterson	7-May
Bessie Butt	26 Nisan
Alexander Morrell	26 Nisan
Sarah Saretsky	29 Nisan
Minnie Savitt	2 Iyar

May 17th

Alfred Montone	12-May
Fay Karr	13-May
Albert Conjura	17-May
Ruth Sacks	4 Iyar
Rebecca Sachat	4 Iyar
Murray Goldman	6 Iyar
Howard Lee Romanick	7 Iyar

May 24th

Nathan Leiman	19-May
Gertrude Seiderman	21-May
Millie Plumser	22-May
Roxanne Westler	14 Iyar
Jacob Gottlieb	15 Iyar

May 31th

Karen Cooper	25-May
Marilyn Spitzer	25-May
Harry Kossower	27-May
Debra Klein	29-May
Arnold Frischman	30-May
Benjamin Schragar	30-May
Perry Greenblatt	30-May
Arnold David Hirsch	17 Iyar
Elaine Jose	17 Iyar
Belle Heller	17 Iyar
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

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

*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. 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 yahrtzeit list, or if you have not been getting yahrtzeit reminders from us, please email the office, tbs-ny@optimum.net.



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Thursday via Zoom: 2nd, 9th, 16th-last day Hebrew School



**Friday, May 10th 7PM
at TBS**

**Enjoy a Shabbat
Experience in our social
hall with candle lighting,
MiSherberach and more.**

**Eleanora Horn
will discuss her recent
trip to Israel.
Eleanora went to Israel to
attend a family wedding
and stayed to volunteer.**

Bring a nosh to share.



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

NEW Tree of Life Leaf / Memorial Plaque

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SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is Here!

On Thursday, April 11th Sisterhood held a very successful fundraising event, Psychic Medium Lisa Morrison. Thank you, Wendy Wayman, for organizing the event.

The 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. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Sisterhood dues helps support many events at Temple Beth Shalom throughout the year.

GAME NIGHT

6PM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH

Sisterhood will hold another fun game night at TBS. We will play Rummikub, Scrabble and other games. There will be dessert and beverages. So come join in the fun! RSVP Robin Bordman 845-699-6460 or thebordmans@aol.com

Sisterhood is looking for Mah Jongg and Canasta players

We are still interested in 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 if you have any interest in playing or teaching either game.

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

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.

ATTENTION TBS & MONROE TEMPLE MANLY MEN...

It's time to kick off summer with a BANG!

TBS Men's Club BBQ style!

Save The Date – Saturday, June 1st – 4:30pm!

Longtime TBS Men's Club Member Rich Schwartz is graciously hosting!

The guys from Monroe Temple will be invited!

Start planning what you would like to bring and I will coordinate!

NO ENTRY FEE - everyone contributes a side dish, drinks, paper goods and activities.

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

Can I place an exclamation point at the end of every sentence?! Yes!

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

L'Chayim! Eric!



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Our 2nd night Passover Seder was attended by more than 75 members of our extended Jewish community including members of TBS. As always, Rabbi Rebecca Shinder led us through escape from bondage, the plagues and finally through the Sea of Reeds. A delicious meal from Bagel Girls of Chester and our own fine bakers, charoset makers, egg boilers/peelers, shoppers and of course our servers, At Your Service by Christine.

A special thank you to our Seder volunteers:

Sharon Ball, Julia Calderon, Gail Conklin, Catherine Greenblatt,
Shari Rake and Karyn Winaker

The Seder was made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County and sponsors listed in the Caring Congregant section of this Shofar. Photos on these pages taken by Gail Conklin and Rich Ball.





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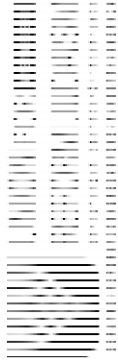
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<p>5 27 nisan</p> <p>9:30-11:30AM Beit Sefer at TBS</p> <p>11:30AM S/H Luncheon Landmark Inn</p>	<p>6 28 nisan</p> <p>YOM HASHOAH</p>	<p>7 29 nisan</p> <p>4:30PM In-Person Hebrew School at Monroe Temple</p>	<p>8 30 nisan</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>9 1 iyar</p> <p>4:30PM Last Day Zoom Hebrew School</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>10 2 iyar </p> <p>7PM Shabbat Experience Candles Lighting, MiSheberach Israel Presentation by Eleanora Horn</p>	<p>11 3 iyar </p> <p><i>Kedoshim</i></p>
<p>12 4 iyar</p> <p>NO BEIT SEFER</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>13 5 iyar</p> <p>YOM HAZIKARON</p>	<p>14 6 iyar</p> <p>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</p>	<p>15 7 iyar</p>	<p>16 8 iyar</p> <p>7:00PM Annual Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>17 9 iyar </p> <p>7PM Shabbat Service Teacher Appreciation</p>	<p>18 10 iyar </p> <p><i>Emor</i></p>
<p>19 11 iyar</p> <p>9:30-11:30 BEIT SEFER CLOSING DAY BBQ AT TBS</p>	<p>20 12 iyar</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</p>	<p>21 13 iyar</p>	<p>22 14 iyar</p>	<p>23 15 iyar</p>	<p>24 16 iyar </p> <p>NO SHABBAT SERVICE</p>	<p>25 17 iyar </p> <p><i>Behar</i></p>
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