



# THE SHOFAR

Temple Beth Shalom Florida, New York  
November 2024 Tishri/Cheshvan 5785

*From the Desk of Rabbi Rebecca P. Shinder*

I am well aware that only some members of our family of families are able to attend every one of our services offered during The Days of Awe. In any given year, in addition to the countless months, weeks, days, and hours I spend studying, writing, editing, translating, collaborating, and deciding what texts we can skip - I never thought I might skip a service or two myself! Full Disclosure: I AM FINE! I inadvertently started my Yom Kippur fast the Friday morning of Kol Nidrei, and by Saturday afternoon became severely dehydrated. In my final push to make sure that my sermons were in top form, that our magnificent musicians (limitless shout-outs and thanks to Scott, Andy, Jeremy, and Hannah!!) received every updated cue, and that I noted every honor throughout our services that our amazing Ritual Chair, Sharon Ball, worked so tirelessly to fill, I may have forgotten to eat and drink very much the day before my fast even began.

Thanks to the adrenaline generated by leading the Yom Kippur morning worship, including preaching and teaching ways to think about Israel, the day started strong. However, toward the end of the service, I started to fade. Before things went South, I happily hugged and posed for a photo with 3 out of the 5 young congregants who attended the service from our famous 2015 B'nei Mitzvah Class of 14! I remember with such fondness sharing Children's Services back in the day when I was taller than them! Sadly, I wasn't well for this year's Children's Service or any other service after it, BUT our amazing TBS volunteers stepped in and followed my notes to a T!

I started to think that Hannah was the MVP, because she first noticed that I was having trouble and bought some time as she brought the kids into our coloring room. Then I realized Scott was the MVP because he led the service without me. Or then it was Andy who found the Kids Book of Jonah that I tossed onto a chair outside of my office. Then, Jeff and Eric were co-MVP's by leading the kids' Hakava with the Torahs without me asking. Andy and Michael actually were also co-MVP's in how they chanted and read Jonah so beautifully when it wasn't quite clear what was happening. Surely Gail Conklin was the MVP by her healing presence, touch, and compresses. Or Flo was by checking on me and setting the tone in the sanctuary that all would be well. And of course, Sharon Ball was the most, most valuable player when I gave up officially and asked Larry to hand her my book and cues and asked that she read the services. Yes, my Larry also gets an MVP nod for trying to figure out how to help, for holding my hand during Yizkor, and for following the directions of MVP Karyn Winaker. During the morning service, Karyn shared her inspirational story about her appreciation of Judaism in general and her admiration of TBS in specific, and later that evening, this nurse both gently and firmly, shared that it was time to go to urgent care. I listened and broke my fast at Crystal Run Urgent Care in Middletown with 2 IV drips and a Pedialyte pop. Although I give it 5 stars, I don't recommend checking it out for yourselves.

I called Gail Conklin as we headed home to thank her and to spread the word that I was fine. As she passed the phone around to the concerned congregants at the TBS Break-the-Fast, I realized that there was not an MVP, but truly an MVT - a most valuable team; actually, an MVTBS!! Temple Beth Shalom is a TEAM of caring menches and partners - a family of families.

On Friday, I made a bad decision by not properly taking care of myself in advance of Yom Kippur, but twenty years ago, I made the best decision ever by becoming your rabbi. Over the years, I have provided sermons in the Shofar, and although a printed text is never the same way it is preached from the bimah, I think these words from Rosh Hashana speak to a bit of our shared journey.

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*Rabbi Shinder...*

The Lord has given. The Lord has taken away. Blessed Be the name of God.

Although you do not know many biblical passages by heart, these haunting and heartbreaking verses, said before a funeral, are familiar. "In blessed service," for 20 years, I have guided and comforted so many of you and your families in reciting these 3 lines from the Book of Job. And before the recitation, I've ask you to stand, join hands, and form a circle as I teach the rabbinic notion that a circle can be a powerful source of healing. A circle is embedded in many of our rituals. We march our Torah in circles/ brides and grooms walk around each other. As you have stood in circles in advance of funerals, I tell you to: Rely on each other, Give what you can and take what you need. This is a ritual before the ritual of the cutting the ribbon that symbolizes physical separation. After my father died this summer, it was my turn to stand in a circle with my family, recite the words, cut the ribbon, and later receive comfort from you. And for that, we are eternally grateful.

The Lord has given. The Lord has taken away. Blessed Be the name of God.

The text appears in a book for Jewish life cycles with a decidedly dull title: *The Rabbi's Manual*. I received one with my name embossed upon my ordination. Why would I say one? Because my father always kept one at home, one in the car, one in the office, etc. and I do the same. Jeremy, much to his surprise and dismay - even found one in his car! I promise it wasn't a subliminal plant! As one does, I began sorting through books in my father's den, and I stopped counting manuals after I found 7. He had copies that were the same as mine - with egalitarian language and fewer "Thee's and Thou's;" he had older editions, including a well-worn one with his name embossed on it. I noticed that neither version included instructions for forming and explaining the circle. I thought it did. I just learned it . . . from him.

This may explain why I just couldn't turn the rabbinic switch off when planning his funeral. It just had to hit the right notes. Now, 30 years later, I understand both as a rabbi and parent, how my dad must have felt this exponentially when my brother, Jeremy Daniel, died in the days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This is why I asked Flo to speak of the Pomerantz Memorial Garden today and how this very personal project means so much to me, my brother Josh, Larry and our kids, and of course, my mother.

Thank you Flo for stewarding this project that connects communities whose epicenter will be here. Envisioning this sacred space for music and memory with a sculpture my father envisioned for his son is a tremendous comfort.

Over these past 20 years, many of you have gotten to know my father. I used to say that he was a de facto Rabbi Emeritus without first putting in the work! Jeff called him your bonus rabbi. He was a magnificent preacher and musical innovator, but today, I'd like to tell you a little bit about my brother, Jeremy Daniel Pomerantz who died 30 years ago this week. In his short life, my big brother lived a big life. As the Elton John song goes, "Daniel, my brother, was older than me," was an executive for Air Canada. Many of you speak to me about receiving "signs," during my year in Israel, the year after Jeremy died, one night while cantorial students sang by a campfire during an exertion in the desert, a plane flew overhead just as that song was sung. Jeremy flew all over the world - including to Spain, to France, and even to Israel. I say including Israel, because he was not destined to receive a Rabbi's manual of his own. Yet on this Rosh Hashana part of his story will teach us. Jeremy loved life, he loved travel, and he loved theatre. No doubt, he's the source of my kids' passion for performing. He lit up any room, in any country. Like the bird of the folksong Dona Dona and like the Evita lyric: He was high-flying and adored and like too many of his generation he was gone too soon. He passed away the year I was to start rabbinical school. His death was and still is devastating.

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## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *Shanah Tova!*

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees and your Co-Presidents Jeff Hannes and myself, we thank you for being here this evening to celebrate the New Year as a community. As Rabbi Shinder says, "Just show up!" and you did, and here we are!

For anyone that may not know me, I am Eric Goodman, Co-President, bird lover, and New York Islanders fan. Where to begin, at the beginning of course! I was born September 22nd, well, we do have more prayers to get to this evening so perhaps I'll jump ahead a bit. I assume you are all Ok with that as I heard a dessert Oneg awaits us! I really like baked goods. How did I end up on a bimah, as Co-President, giving a speech on Rosh Hashanah? I mean, there has been no shortage of advice along the way. A friend from Men's Club said – "Just say no." While yet another said, "It's a labor of love".

I have to thank my Grandparents Ruth and Nathan (Grandma Ruth and Grandpa Nat) who gave me a Jewish foundation growing up in Glen Cove, Long Island. I grew up attending Congregation Tifereth Israel, a conservative Shul where I knew my Grandfather was involved after seeing a plaque or two, but didn't really know the extent of it. I did a little digging on their website and found this, 'In the early 1950s, the synagogue once again blossomed enough to outgrow its surroundings. At that point, members Louis Goldberg and Nathan Zausmer were instrumental in purchasing the 14-acre property on Landing Road, which has been home to CTI ever since.' Yep, that's my Grandpa Nat, and the Temple has been at that location ever since! My Mom and Dad made sure I was schooled there with Hebrew School on Wednesdays and Religious School on Sundays. My Bar Mitzvah was with Rabbi Weisenberg and the training was under Cantor Casuto. My Mom and I plan on reaching out to our old Temple, attending a Sabbath service and perhaps learning more about our family's involvement there.

My wife Yvette and my son, Zachary Nathan (named after Grandpa Nat) are here this evening to celebrate the New Year. Zach was educated here at TBS and had his Bar Mitzvah here, class of 2015! I would like to take a moment to thank Scott Dunn and Rabbi Shinder for all of their help, with both Zach and my daughter Brooke achieving their Bnai Mitzvah's right here at TBS! And thank you both so much for all you do to make the High Holidays memorable and special here at Temple Beth Shalom!

My journey to this bimah certainly had twists and turns along the way. The guidance of two very special friends really has meant the world to me. This past summer at our TBS Summer Bash we honored our immediate past Co-Presidents Catherine Greenblatt and Wendy Cedar. Catherine, thanks for always telling it like it is and for being my dance partner at the back of the Synagogue. Wendy, thanks for your leadership and a special shout out for also being a fantastic leader of our Youth Group for Brooke and Zach and all the kids. And their efforts continue for TBS, thank you so much.

I mentioned twists and turns along the way. As my Grandpa Nat helped my childhood Temple, now it is my turn to help mine. This past Monday, our Congregation voted 72-0 to unanimously pass a resolution to merge with Monroe Temple Beth-El. Let's pause there for a moment, 72 Jews with the same opinion?! Holy Smokes! I am in a Synagogue after all. Your Co-Presidents, your Executive Committee, your Board of Trustees agree that this is the best path forward.

When passing along the news of the unanimous vote to someone rather high up at Monroe Temple Beth-El, the response was, "We are all Jews, doing Jewish things. This can work!" We have much work to do and a long road ahead of us, we will keep you informed as much as possible along the way.

As we work to build this new community, I ask that you support our "Little Shul That Can!" – NOW. Volunteer to help with an event, join a committee, take that little white card on the seat in front of you and make a donation to TBS. Join the Sisterhood or Men's Club. Join us for a Sabbath service or one of our many events. Just show up.

As I write this, missiles are once again flying in the Middle East. On this Rosh Hashanah we say an extra prayer of peace for Israel.

***Have a Sweet Year!***

~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

SAVE THESE DATES: Friday, 11/22 7PM-Shabbat experience/spiritual exploration. Meditative journey with David Wilde, [www.coachtherapist.net](http://www.coachtherapist.net).

Tuesday, 11/26 7PM-Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at TBS, including local churches and the Monroe Temple. Bring food or \$\$ donations for Florida Food Pantry.

***We warmly welcome to our newest members:***

- ✧ Marga and Kiowa Gordon
- ✧ Sarah Marpet and Brian Civatte, Everleigh and Madelyn
- ✧ Benjamin and Arlene Weintraud and Callie

***Shofar Simchas:***

- ✧ Mazel Tov to Sharon and Rich Ball who celebrated their 50th anniversary with a vow renewal ceremony on October 27th

***Our sincerest condolences to***

- ✧ Jerry Schacher and family on the death of our beloved congregant, Irene
- ✧ Beth Kalet and family on the death of her beloved father, Eugene

*~ May their memory be for a blessing ~*

***We thank the following for their kind and generous High Holiday Donations:***

Catherine Greenblatt	Marga Gordon	Loryn Sotsky & Eric
Randi & Bob Barlow	Melissa & Michael Wolff	Hudspeth
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***We thank the following for their generous donations to the Pomerantz Garden:***

Shari Rake & Richard Schwartz, Joshua Fein, Stu & Stacy Lulkin, Jan Sommer

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

Jerry Schacher to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Carole Liantonio Wendy Wayman Terri Bernshon & Steven Fox

Ilene & Steven Cahn

***We thank the following for their generous donations IMO Eugene Kalet:***

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# NOVEMBER YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS



## November 1, 2024

Morris Werner	25 Tishri
Amy Sheryl Auerbach	25 Tishri
Rabbi Regina Jonas	27 Tishri
Abraham Elkin	27 Tishri
Richard Parker	27 Tishri
Keith Mann	28 Tishri
Isador Sachat	28 Tishri
Philip Essner	28 Tishri
Barry Singer	29 Tishri
Arlene S. Shindler	26-Oct
Mark German	27-Oct
Esther Martha Goldsmith	27-Oct
Sylvia DeLorenzo	28-Oct
Adrienne Levin	29-Oct
Beatrice Acker	30-Oct
Martin Heller	1-Nov
Morris Mizrahi	1-Nov

## November 8, 2024

Irene Glaz	2-Nov
Brenda Korn	6-Nov
Johanna Mayer	6-Nov
Tony Orton Bruce	8-Nov
Gertrude "Goldie" Ross	8-Nov
Buddy Orbach	1 Cheshvan
Mollie Masour	1 Cheshvan
Mina Muhlrاد	2 Cheshvan
Morris Cohen	3 Cheshvan
William M. Cohen	3 Cheshvan
Murray Kittay	6 Cheshvan
Rabbi Philip Fried	7 Cheshvan

## November 15, 2014

Irving Plumser	11-Nov
Alan Rake	13-Nov
Tony Krzywicki	13-Nov
David Freed	13-Nov
Judith Morrow	15-Nov
Bertha Smolian	8 Cheshvan
Jenny Kislovitz	8 Cheshvan
Meyer J. Waxman	9 Cheshvan
Martyn F. Cominsky	9 Cheshvan
Julius Golomb	10 Cheshvan
Carol Ann Susswein	11 Cheshvan

## November 22, 2024

William Rosenberg	18-Nov
Shirley Cooper	21-Nov
Jennie Leiman	21-Nov
Adele Koff	22-Nov
Benjamin Neustadt	15 Cheshvan
Charles Billick	17 Cheshvan
Milton Kimpl	17 Cheshvan
Helene Auerbach	18 Cheshvan
Jerome Chiron	19 Cheshvan
Herbert Bernstein	19 Cheshvan

## November 29, 2024

Doris Schiff	23-Nov
Thomas DeLorenzo	23-Nov
David Rubinstein	25-Nov
Bea Barsky	25-Nov
Maxine Epstein Heredia	27-Nov
Ceila Stern	28-Nov
Maurice Acker	28-Nov
Eva Tobias	24 Cheshvan
Carol Kittay	26 Cheshvan
Abraham M. Agress	25 Cheshvan
Elaine Lurie	28 Cheshvan

## December 6, 2024

Joseph Smolinsky	1-Dec
Lillian Knoepfler	4-Dec
Alvin Strauss	5-Dec
Milton Blueglass	2 Kislev
David Katz	5 Kislev
Irving Sidney Schwimmer	6 Kislev

*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](mailto:tbs-ny@optimum.net).



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TBS = Temple Beth Shalom, Florida  
MTLJ= Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism  
Beit Sefer = SUNDAY Combined School –  
9:30am – 11:30am

DATES/TIMES  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**TUESDAYS @ MTLJ IN PERSON 4:30 - 5:45pm**  
**THURSDAYS ON ZOOM - 4:30 - 5:45pm**  
**JOINT ACTIVITIES LIKE SERVICES**  
**B'NAI MITZVAH – 10am**

## NOVEMBER 2024 - Florida

Sat 02	Ryen Lesser- bat mitzvah, MTLJ
Sun 03	Beit Sefer – Teacher mtg before school - Daffodil planting - Make Cards for the Jewish War Veterans
Tue 05	NO IP Hebrew School
Thu 07	Z Hebrew School
Sun 10	NO – Beit Sefer
Tue 12	IP Hebrew School
Thu 14	Z Hebrew School
Sat 16	BS Havdallah Service – Shul In Eben's Fire Pit? OR Eric Goodman?
Sun 17	NO Beit Sefer
Tue 19	IP Hebrew School
Thu 21	Z Hebrew School
Sun 24	Beit Sefer – OPEN HOUSE
Tue 26	NO SCHOOL

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# TBS MEN'S CLUB



October 13th was a Sukkah build extravaganza! Record turnout on a beautiful Sunday morning! Donuts and coffee were served! From generation to generation, we had three generations on the Sukkah team! See more pictures from Sukkot in this Shofar.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Saturday**  
**December 7th**  
**Torah & Taps!**



A fun co-ed evening out with our Monroe Temple friends at Aspire Brewery in Middletown. Organized by TBS Men's Club. More info coming soon.



# SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last month Sisterhood gathered to help plan the beginning of the new year. We had such a lovely evening catching up with one another and planting succulents. Wendy Wayman and I will be sharing the responsibility of sisterhood as co-presidents for this year. Sisterhood at Temple Beth Shalom has a very special place in my heart and I enjoyed every minute of it with so many of you. I encourage any new congregants to join our events. Please join sisterhood and renew your Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood membership today. Make a difference in your temple community, have fun, and develop life-long friendships through sisterhood. We welcome any ideas you have. Please remember that we are a group of women who care and support each other, our temple and community.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, November 7th** hosting Psychic Medium Lisa Morrison. This is a fundraising event for sisterhood. Spread the word for this event. Please look for the weekly blast with details for this event. To reserve a ticket contact Wendy Wayman [wwayman5285@gmail.com](mailto:wwayman5285@gmail.com) or text 845-781-0629

**Sunday, December 8th** Sisterhood Hanukkah dinner (a little early this year.) Please look for an invitation in the mail and information in the weekly blasts.

**January 2025** Scrabble Sunday

Sisterhood is looking for Mah Jongg and Canasta players. We are reaching out to anyone interested in teaching beginners how to play Canasta as well as Mah Jongg. We home to move towards weekly games. Please let me know if you have any interest in playing or teaching either game. [thebordmans@aol.com](mailto:thebordmans@aol.com) or text 845-699-6460 or [thewaymans@optonline.net](mailto:thewaymans@optonline.net)

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## Messages from Heaven

with Psychic Medium

Lisa Morrison



**Thursday November 7th**  
**7PM to 8:30PM**

**LOCATION:**  
Temple Beth Shalom  
13 Roosevelt Ave  
Florida NY 10921

**To Reserve a Ticket Contact:**

Wendy Wayman  
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With an open mind and an open heart, come spend an intimate evening with 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.

Refreshments served.

\$50 per person, advance ticket purchase only.

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*Rabbi Shinder...*

With the best of intentions and only a newly acquired undergraduate degree in Religion, the much younger me took a crack of comforting my mother by telling her about the Buddhist philosophy that life is suffering. She says it helped “a little.” Now as a rabbi soon with a Doctorate in Divinity, I can say that unlike Buddhism, Judaism is rooted in joy and loving-kindness, *naches* and *simchahs* and Judaism also acknowledges our suffering by providing structure alleviating it, while never pretending that our suffering can be eradicated. This is because our stories, (just like the separate cries of the *shofar*.) include pauses, and fragments and brokenness.

We do not mend the *k'ria* ribbon, We do show up, we are counted, and we bring baked goods. Most Jews never study the law code concerning death, burial, and mourning, but do know that we bury our dead - quick, we shovel dirt, we “sit *shiva*,” we light candles, we make *minyans*, we make donations, we unveil stones, observe *yahrtzeits*, and recite *yizkor*. These moments, prayers, and rituals comfort yet their structure is just a framework. Collective wisdom says that pain softens over time, but despite the easing of restrictions, Jewish law does not claim that when *Shloshim* ends, magic will happen on day 31 or even at the end of year 1. If you have felt this way, you are not alone.

The Lord has given The Lord has taken away Blessed be the name of God.

“Taking away” does not just refer to a physical death. According to Psychotherapist Stanley Keleman we all experience little deaths. “We are always dying a bit, always giving things up, always having things taken away.” Transitions, graduations, separations - these are little deaths. You might think our tradition does not provide for grieving these losses, it does. First, Jews pray. You know *Kaddish*, and earlier in this service we chanted *Nissim b'chol Yom*, a litany of blessings including prayers for comfort and help. Even for “our little deaths”

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam: Blessed are You who lifts up the fallen. Blessed are You who provides strength to the weary.*

Some of us are tired and weary. Not always, but at times this year, life WAS suffering. Some have struggled with addiction, others were forced into early retirement. Some have watched loved ones undergo painful infusions. Some relationships ended. Some lives changed – forever.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam: Blessed are You who lifts up the fallen. Blessed are You who provides strength to the weary.*

If these prayers don't comfort like *Kaddish*, now that your choice to be here today is a possible source of comfort. Members of our congregation haven't come to your home for a *shiva* call, they welcomed you into this one. There will be baked goods, and there is much more than a *minyan*.

Know that the book in your hands is a guide, and if you need to do so, you may close it and choose to lose yourself in reflection and remembrance. Some may be moved to tears. This is more than okay. Repeatedly in the Bible, figures of great strength, figures of faith, pour out their souls in tears. Jacob cries, Joseph cries, David cries. Some rabbinic legends say that even God cries. Be comfortable here let this space provide sanctuary for your soul.

A final source of comfort will come, when we study and reform a law from the *Mishnah* - that 2nd-century law code that gave us the *Passover seder*. Unlike the gastronomic retelling of the *Exodus*, today we can't fulfill the letter of this law, but its spirit is possible. It's about how the ancient Israelites went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, they were commanded to check in on one another. Over the years, I spoke about pilgrimage with my mediocre basket of first fruits, but Rabbi Sharon Braus, in her book, “*The Amen Effect*,” sets the scene much better with just 2 words: “think *Mecca*.” When the Temple stood, we were obligated to go with gifts to our sacred space.

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### *Rabbi Shinder...*

Before entering, most pilgrims were commanded to turn, lashuv, and walk around the outer perimeter to the right, but one who had suffered in the past year was to walk around to the left, against the current. Everyone else, upon seeing this person was to ask this simple question, “Mah l’cha?” what happened?” The one turning left would respond, I’m brokenhearted. My wife left. I found a lump.” The inquirer was commanded to stop and offer a blessing before they could continue. We’ll study The Amen Effect this year - There’s even a workbook - that’s not now. That ritual could be now, but you can only ask and be asked “mah l’cha?” “what’s going on?” when you see and are seen by a fellow pilgrim.

I’m not taking service attendance. But yes, do that, march our Torah in circuits around the shul. Stay here for Beit Sefer and turn to a parent you don’t yet know. I’m talking about community, come for a cooking class and when the garden is ready, come for a concert. Go to a brewery. Take a hike. Build the sukkah. You are most welcome here and if you live too far away, find another shul and still come when you can. and when you see someone walking against the current, YOU ask them “mah l’cha?” Listen to their story during oneg and offer them the blessing of being seen and heard. Teshuva does not just mean repentance. It’s from the Hebrew lashuv –to turn.

I found this on a notecard written by my dad. “You just need to take one step to make a turn.” Turn to one another. When you do, we can all say “Blessed be the name of God.”

**Amen**



Jeremy Shinder, Elissa Miller, and Zach Goodman. Aidan Kleinman and Zachary Smolder were also in attendance. Great to see you there!

### **Another Class of 2015 Reunion**

**Photo!** On Yom Kippur morning, 5 out of the Fabulous Fourteen members of their B’nei Mitzvah Class were spotted in our sanctuary. Flanked by their very proud teachers, Rabbi Shinder and Scott Dunn are

### **Piano Lessons and Flute Lessons**



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**Following our tradition of having a member of an interfaith family speak on Yom Kippur morning, we are proud to re-print Karyn Winaker's presentation.**



First of all, I would like to thank our esteemed Ritual Director, Sharon Ball for the absolute honor of asking me to speak today. I don't know what I did to deserve this honor, since, let's face it, my almond cake is good, but it's not THAT good.

My second guess was that y'all were running out of people to come up to make speeches and since Jonathan's already on the board, I'm the only one left.

I do want to share a bit about my journey and how a Catholic girl ended up on the bimah today.

I was born in Brooklyn to my Scottish mother and my Irish-American father. My dad was one of ten children, also born in Brooklyn. A side effect of that was several of my uncles marrying Jewish girls (shocking, but it was the 60s). So I have Jewish aunties and cousins a-plenty, and Judaism has never been unfamiliar to me. I also had the benefit of a very fine education by Carmelite nuns. Hippie Carmelite nuns. Quick sidebar: Catholics have their Confirmation at age 13, usually at the end of 8th grade. Now, in the education I received, we spent the entirety of 7th grade studying different religions. This included a Shinto tea ceremony, Hindu meditation, and yes, a Seder. Then we studied Catholicism in 8th grade and they asked us if we wanted to become Catholic. I always thought this was a great way to look at religion and I feel lucky to have had the exposure that I have to different ways of worship and exploring spirituality.

Fast forward to my college year (it was a year because it didn't take – I'm rectifying that now) and I met Jonathan. He was Jewish, had had his bar mitzvah, and we didn't seem to have any conflicts of interest as his mother once told me after ordering shrimp lo mein, "Honey, everything is kosher in a Chinese restaurant."

As most of you know, Jonathan and I are on year 38 of our almost 2-year marriage. When we decided to get married, we both knew we wanted a Jewish ceremony. The full megillah: the chuppah, the rabbi, the Sheva Brachot, all of it. The fact that we didn't belong to a synagogue didn't bother us. Until it did. We did find a lovely rabbi to marry us and it was everything we wanted, but as we moved along with our wedding plans, we started thinking about our marriage plans. After he got to know us, the rabbi who led our ceremony told me that he thought I was a ger toshav. I said, "Thank you?" A ger toshav is a non-Jewish person who lives in a Jewish community and follows Jewish practices without actually converting. So I suppose I am. On our wedding journey, we realized that we wanted to lean into our spirituality and finding a community, specifically a Jewish community, that would accept us both as we were became a goal. And we have found it.

I didn't know what to expect when we first walked into Temple Beth Shalom. It certainly wasn't a lovely Irish woman who introduced herself, welcomed us in and made us feel at home. (Hi Janne!) Unsure what to do, since I didn't know what an oneg was, I did what any self-respecting Brooklyn girl would do: I walked into the kitchen and said, "What can I do to help?" (Pro tip: This is a good strategy.) We felt welcomed and embraced and wanted and all of the happy, gushy things that you want to feel when you come into a community and that hasn't stopped since we got here. But more than just feeling wanted, we feel needed in this community. We feel that we are not just doing well here, we are doing good. You have allowed us to share in your joys and your sorrows. That is such a gift to us. I very often say, "Shared pain is lessened and shared joy is increased." The trust and love that this community shares are extraordinary. Everyone in this community wants it to thrive and we feel strongly blessed to be able to do what we can to help that.

I don't know where my spiritual journey is going to end. I don't know if it's going to end. Somehow, I hope not. I have learned so much since we found you all, and I hope to keep learning. Mike Melasky, I'm looking at you. This community, this family of families, is a warm, rowdy, inclusive, opinionated, loving, feisty, generous and eclectic fellowship. And it's home.

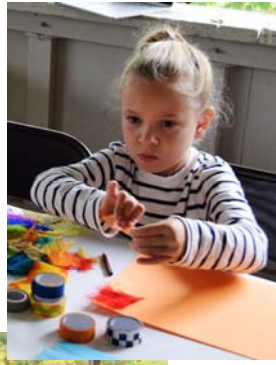
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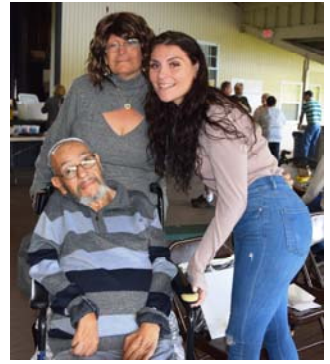














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<p>3 <sup>2 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>9:30-11:30AM</b> <b>Beit Sefer at TBS</b> <b>Daffodil planting</b></p> <p><b>10AM</b> <b>Sukkah takedown</b></p>	<p>4 <sup>3 cheshvan</sup></p>	<p>5 <sup>4 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>NO</b> <b>In-Person</b> <b>Hebrew School</b></p>	<p>6 <sup>5 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>7PM</b> <b>Haverim B'Shirim</b> <b>Rehearsal</b> <b>at TBS</b></p>	<p>7 <sup>6 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>4:30PM</b> <b>Zoom</b> <b>Zoom Hebrew</b></p>	<p>8 <sup>7 cheshvan</sup> </p> <p><b>7PM</b></p> <p><b>Shabbat Service</b> Oneg: Karyn &amp; Jonathan Winaker IHO 2nd Anniversary</p>	<p>9 <sup>8 cheshvan</sup> </p> <p><b>Lech Lecha</b></p>
<p>10 <sup>9 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>9:30AM</b> <b>Beit Sefer at TBS</b> <b>Parent Open House</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>Program with</b> <b>Jonathan Winaker</b></p>	<p>11 <sup>10 cheshvan</sup></p> <p>CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12 <sup>11 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>4:30PM</b> <b>In-Person Hebrew</b> <b>School at</b> <b>Monroe Temple</b></p>	<p>13 <sup>12 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>7PM</b> <b>Haverim B'Shirim</b> <b>Rehearsal</b> <b>at TBS</b></p>	<p>14 <sup>13 cheshvan</sup></p> <p><b>4:30PM</b> <b>Zoom Hebrew</b> <b>School</b></p> <p><b>7:30</b> <b>Board of Trustees</b></p>	<p>15 <sup>14 cheshvan</sup> </p> <p><b>7:30PM</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> <b>at Monroe Temple</b> <b>Kaddish will be</b> <b>read</b></p>	<p>16 <sup>15 cheshvan</sup> </p> <p><b>5PM</b> <b>County-Wide</b> <b>Havdalah and Shul</b> <b>In at TBS</b></p> <p><b>Vayera</b></p>
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