



THE SHOFAR

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

The Hebrew words for angels and messengers share the same root letters. Often both can be found in the oddest of places. As I sit under a cloudy sky overlooking the ocean I am in a quiet, restful and peaceful environment. This may seem to be a statement of cognitive dissonance. Should we not hope for a sun kissed sky to set the stage for the perfect opening vacation day? Not always, sometimes there are opportunities that arrive when plans need to change.

Such was the case when “Jazzie” the water aerobics instructor pivoted to yoga adjacent to the cold pool. I spent an hour with Jazzie and just one other participant as we stretched, raised and lowered and circled various limbs and of course ‘breathed in and breathed out.’ Without loud music pumping through the airwaves over a normally crowded pool, we three ended our session with a guided meditation complete with many ‘neshamot amukot/deep breaths.’



The meditation urged us to think of a special place and special person. So I thought of my dad and I thought of how many bulletin articles he wrote over his decades of service to the Jewish people from a scene such as this. Perhaps not from a yoga class, but he would often write of beautiful oceanside scenes as enduring testaments of God’s creation. I am thinking about this and how I must set a similar scene as a testament to my father and how he often saw and therefore taught about the world. So I am thinking of how this instructor is a messenger and reminder of how my father mentored me (and how his frequent flyer miles made it possible for us to be in this spectacular place!)

So back to my Hebrew lesson of milachim and malacim- messengers and angels. While concluding that her guided meditation Jazzie encouraged us to prepare to turn the page of this year and leave the hurt and pain behind us. She then invited us to introduce ourselves and say something about letting go. My fellow classmate then introduced herself as Lily and began to cry. She apologized and said that she was from Israel and that she lost so much. Jazzie and I move close to listen and be present. When I start to speak to Lily in Hebrew, we both cried. In that moment our yogi messenger helped me be a temporary angel for my Israeli friend. We spoke how this was a beautiful Hanukkah present to share.

Had we jumped along to music in the pool, this moment would never have happened. As Jews, 2025 presents a second opportunity to turn the page for a second time. Take the time for neshama amukot, for deep breaths and unexpected connections.

B'Shalom, Rabbi Shinder



January and February erev Shabbat services will be on Zoom.

bit.ly/tbsservices 45 minutes for: candles, Mi Shebeirach,

conversation, Kaddish and Kiddush. Our first Friday on 1/10 will include the chance to talk about the adult themes of Hanukkah we missed on 12/20. Included will be seduction, assassination, embezzlement and elephants. See you then!

FROM RABBI SHINDER: If you happened to miss our pre-Hanukkah Preparation Celebration, you missed a great evening of music, games, reunions and mitzvot. I thank the many volunteers who made this evening possible especially those who shopped, chopped, schlepped, played, set up and cleaned up. Shout outs should go to many families, especially these three who had at least two generations of volunteers: Goodman, Kleinman, Shinder, Cedar/Trinco and Hannes (3 generations!).



Rebecca Kleinman & Jacob Shinder

Jeremy Shinder & Zach Goodman One of the highlights of the mini service for me was the participation of current and past students of mine who lead the congregation in V'ahavta. My personal emails and texts may have helped get many members of the gang together! Above are 2 pictures from 2 of my kids' classes. Other fellow classmates left before I could get the shots! Thank you to Caleb & Jeff Hannes for turning my game into a live action game show complete with monitor and buzzers. See how well you would have done at the Hanukkah Gameshow:

According to the Hebrew calendar, when does Hanukkah begin?

- On the evening before the 25th day of the month of Kislev
- On the evening after the 5th day after the holiday of Sukkot
- On the morning of the 11th day before Purim
- On the night before the 1st day of the Roman calendar

The first Hanukkah was celebrated after:

- The biggest latke of 118 pounds was fried
- The longest dreidel spin of 118 seconds was spun
- The Temple in Jerusalem was re-built
- The Temple in Jerusalem was rededicated

The story of Hanukkah is told in:

- The Book of Numbers
- The Book of Seivon
- The Book of Maccabees
- The Book of Mattatheias

The Book of Maccabees appears in:

- The Hebrew Bible
- The Apocrypha
- The New Testament
- The Goldfarb Family Files

According to the teaching of Beit Shammai:

The 1st night of Hanukkah, light 1 candle

The 1st night of Hanukkah, light 8 candles

The 1st night of Hanukkah, light 9 candles

The 1st of Hanukkah, light 2 candles

The story of Hanukkah takes place:

- Immediately after the Israelites escape Egypt
- Immediately before Queen Vashti gets kicked out of the palace
- During the 8 days of Sukkot
- During the reign of the Syrian King Antiochus

The Hebrew word for lamp is:

- Menorah
- Lulav
- Afikomen
- Hanukee-kee torch

The Hebrew word for a Hanukkah lamp is:

- Hanukee-kee torch
- Harmonica
- Hanukkiah
- Hava Nagila

The helper candle used to light the Hanukkah candles is called:

- The Shaman
- The Shamash
- The Shamoo
- The Shamwow

Judah was 1 of 5 brothers who led a rebellion against the invading forces. This family escaped to the village called Modi'in to train. This family was called:
The Maccabeats
The Mandelbaums
The Maccarenas
The Maccabees

In modern Israel, the oil-fried treats to eat on Hanukkah are called:
Oznai Haman
Teras Cham
Sufganiot
Bamba

Mattathias ben Yochanan was this role in The Temple in Jerusalem
The low priest (Kohein Katan)
The high priest (Kohein Gadol)
The mild minister (Kohein Tam)
The rowdy rabbi (Rav Ra)

Adam Sandler's Hanukkah movie is called:
Harmonica for Hanukkah
You're So Not Invited to My Hanukkah Party
8 Crazy Nights
Put on your Yalmuke

Judah Maccabee is often referred to as:
The Closer
The Misfit
The Stapler
The Hammer

Representing: A Great Miracle Happened Here, the Hebrew letters on sivion (dreidels) in Israel are:
Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Lamed
Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Bet
Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Pay
Nun, Gimmel, Hay, Lamed

The Hebrew word for miracles is:
Oy veh
Nissim
Poisson
Nissan

In 2020, Hamilton star Daveed Diggs partnered with Disney to create a new Hanukkah anthem called
"Hanukkah Harry's House"
"Micky Mouse Diggs Hanukkah"
"The Founding Fathers' Star of Daveed"
"Puppy for Hanukkah"



~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

Our sincerest condolences to Scott Dunn on the loss of his dear friend Ed Bieber

~ May Ed's memory be for a blessing ~

We thank the following for their generous donations IMO Irene Schacher:

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Doree & Jon Gottlieb

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2024 comes to an end and 2025 begins, we get ready for another year of firsts - and some of those rather unusual firsts have already taken place. We've already celebrated our first night of Hanukkah in 2025. Of course, it's still the same Jewish year... and we don't say the shehechyanu. (Unless of course you did!) But lighting the menorah in the new calendar year is a reminder that every year brings something different, and we never know quite what to expect.

There is great uncertainty in the coming year. What will happen with the hostages in Gaza? How will the new presidential administration affect our lives? What will TBS look like when Monroe completes the sale of their building and we begin the process of sharing space and eventually merging?

There is no way to answer any of these questions concretely. We can theorize, we can speculate... But perhaps the best way to approach a new year is with an open mind. Ultimately the only things we can control are, well, the things we can control. We've kindled the lights of the miracle of Hanukkah, but now we turn the page and begin to light new lights. There will be times of sadness, and times of joy. Through it all, let us each be the light we wish to see in the world. Treat others with kindness and compassion, but most importantly, treat yourself with kindness and compassion. Don't let the uncertainty rule you; try, at least some of the time, to go with the flow.

And through whatever may come, know that you have a stable community at TBS. Let us be your rock. Know that we can move together through whatever may come, and hopefully have many more times of joy than of sadness, but that in times of sadness - and uncertainty - you will have support.

B'shalom, Jeff



❧ JANUARY YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS ❧

1/3/25

Roberta Resnick	Dec. 28
Shendel German	Dec. 29
Jim Rogers	Dec. 29
Sally Fischman	Dec. 29
Joseph Sherer	Dec. 30
Essie Rubinstein	1-Jan
Abraham Toltzis	2-Jan
Theodore Mayer	3-Jan
Samuel Heller	26 Kislev
Evelyn Gerin	27 Kislev
Etta Bendick	28 Kislev
Mimi Ocko	28 Kislev
Sonia Mack	30 Kislev
Leonard Pallor	30 Kislev
Arthur G. Heller	30 Kislev
Norman Shinder	1 Tevet
Steven Steiner	2 Tevet

1/10/25

Inez Peterson	Jan. 4
Lillian Lulkin	Jan. 5
Leo Glickman	5-Jan
Lois Hunn	Jan. 8
Barry Hart	8-Jan
Anna Plumser	10-Jan
Milton Wiener	4 Tevet
Elias Muhlrاد	4 Tevet
Herman Pollack	4 Tevet
Ilse Braun	4 Tevet
Max Cohen	6 Tevet

1/17/25

Joseph Mukamal	12-Jan
Irene Baydarian	12-Jan
Michael Meyer	11-Jan
Richard Neugesser	12-Jan
Alan Kaufman	Jan. 11
Jerry I. Cohen	14-Jan
Jean Warren	14-Jan
Frank Glaz	15-Jan
Arnold A. Barlet	16-Jan
Tillie Rosenberg	11 Tevet
Minnie Cohen	13 Tevet
Joseph Nick	15 Tevet
Marvin Blanes	15 Tevet
Murray W. Posner	16 Tevet
Byrdie Sklar Romanick	17 Tevet

1/24/25

Jack Karr	18-Jan
Nathan Barlet	Jan. 21
Ann Montone	22-Jan
Joel Schenkman	24-Jan
Phillip Cooper	24-Jan
Alexander Appelbaum	18 Tevet
Theodore J. Marks	18 Tevet
Jacob Baltuck	19 Tevet
Louis Neustadt	20 Tevet
Arthur Golomb	22 Tevet
Solomon Sommer	22 Tevet
Joseph Sherer	23 Tevet
Bernard Heller	23 Tevet

1/31/25

Harriet Dimm Barlet	26-Jan
Helaine Brodie Strauss	27-Jan
Saul Kobrick	27-Jan
Marcia Siegel	31-Jan
Norman Snieder	31-Jan
Fannie Cohen	25 Tevet
Sidney Schiff	25 Tevet
Betty Weinstock	25 Tevet
Harry Kislovitz	25 Tevet
David Solomon	26 Tevet
Melvin Buchner	27 Tevet
Wilma Neustadt	27 Tevet

2/7/25

Dr. Marvin Ackerman	1-Feb
Daisy Weintraub	2-Feb
Norma Katz	3-Feb
Roberta N. Frischman	6-Feb
Adele Lois Mallkin	6-Feb
Mary Saffer	3 Shevat
Stanley B. Essner	7 Shevat
Mildred Cahn	8 Shevat
Sarah Kaplan	8 Shevat
Barbara Brown	8 Shevat

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 the office, tbs-ny@optimum.net.

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



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Sun 12	Beit Sefer
Tue 14	IP Hebrew School
Thu 16	Z Hebrew School
Sun 19	NO SCHOOL
Tue 21	IP Hebrew School
Thu 23	Z Hebrew School
Fri 24	BS Friday Night Service - Monroe
Sun 26	Beit Sefer – Chavayah
Tue 28	IP Hebrew School
Thu 30	Z Hebrew School
Tue 30	IP Hebrew School

**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Interested in learning Hebrew? Never had a Bar/bat Mitzvah?

Classes are on Sundays according to the Beit Sefer schedule above, from 10 to 11ish AM, our own Michael Melasky will be teaching a beginners Hebrew Prayer course with possible preparation for a B'nai Mitzvah experience. The only requirement is to bring appetite for learning and of course bagels with a schmear. If you are interested, please contact Michael through the temple office, 845-651-7817.

**JANUARY 12TH
AT TBS IS THE ONLY
HEBREW CLASS
THIS MONTH.**

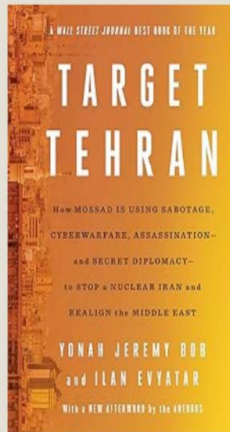
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SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2025

On Sunday, December 8th Sisterhood gathered for an early Hanukkah celebration at Copper Bottom. It was such an enjoyable evening. Dinner was delicious and the conversations filled the air with warmth and friendship. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who brought donations for Roots & Wings. They were overwhelmed with gratitude from our generosity.



I hope everyone had a lovely time with their families over Hanukkah enjoying the glow of the menorah and delicious latkes.

Sisterhood is planning to meet at **Allan's Falafel Thursday, January 23rd at 5:30** for dinner and General Knowledge Trivia! We need to make a reservation so please reach out to Wendy Wayman, wwayman5285@gmail.com or text 845-781-0629 if you are interested in joining us that evening. Allan's Falafel brings the tastiest FREE TRIVIA NIGHT to Chester with Anthony Largar hosting and there are great prizes for the winners! Tivia starts at 6pm and we are meeting for dinner at 5:30.



Scrabble, Snacks and Sundaes

Calling all scrabble players, join us on Sunday January 26th from 1 to 3PM for an afternoon of game playing at Temple Beth Shalom. We will have a light lunch, snacks and sundaes. We ask that you bring some food items to donate to the food pantry. If there is interest in another type of game please reach out to me as well Please RSVP if you are going to play scrabble so we have enough food and players Robin Bordman 845-699-6460 or thebordmans@aol.com.

Sisterhood is also 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 hope to move towards weekly games. Please let me know if you have any interest in playing or teaching either game.

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

TBS MEN'S CLUB

Temple Beth Shalom ROCKS!

Here are photos from a recent Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club Co-Ed Evening Out! A great night with our TBS Family of Families! Joining in on the fun was our new friends from Monroe Temple Beth-El! Thank you so much for joining us and making this a successful event!

Rich Schwartz, Jon Gottlieb, and Eric Goodman



Pictures taken by
Eric Goodman and
Gail Conklin





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**SAFETY
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On December 13th, we were treated to a Shabbat Experience featuring David Wilde. His presentation started with a contemplation of the oneness of the SHEMA. David then described a path to cultivating a thought system based on “Love” (or oneness) rather than “Fear” (or the experience of separateness). This was followed by a guided meditation and then discussion. Pictures by Gail Conklin



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December 20th was a Pre-Hanukkah Prep Shabbat. Many congregants cooked, served and helped to set-up and clean-up. In addition, loads of gently used or new gloves and scarves were donated. We invited our friends from the Monroe Temple. A brief Shabbat service was held with Rabbi Shinder accompanied by her sons, Jeremy and Jacob. There was donut making with 3 generations of the Hannes family and a Trivia Game Show also facilitated by Jeff and Caleb Hannes. Hannukiaot were lit with all candles blazing. We enjoyed a sing-along with Rabbi Lerner, Scott Dunn, David Schiff and Jacob Shinder on guitars and Jeremy Shinder on the drums. Gail Conklin took the pictures, of course.







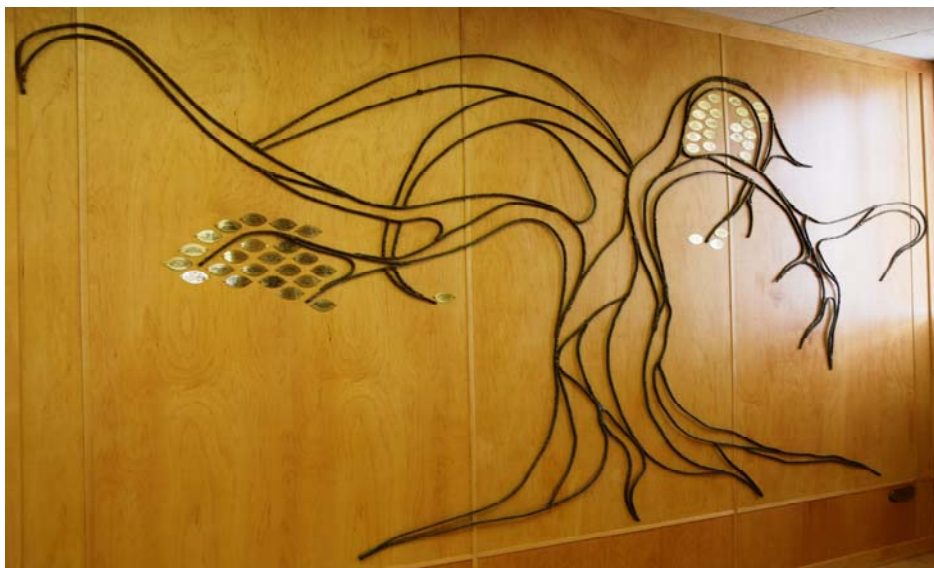


Donated scarves
and gloves



Our last event of 2024 was joining with the Monroe Temple on December 27th for Shabbat Hanukkah. We enjoyed a very musical service and a delicious oneg featuring jelly donuts and latkes. Everyone participated in a grab bag of wrapped gifts to end the evening. Gail Conklin took the pictures, of course.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>HAPPY 2025! We will be virtual for erev Shabbat services until March 1st. bit.ly/tbsservices</p> <p>Save the date for Shabbat Shira, in-person at TBS Saturday, 2/8/25, 10AM.</p>			<p>1 1 tevet</p> <p> NEW YEAR'S DAY ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH</p>	<p>2 2 tevet</p> <p>NO Zoom Hebrew School</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>3 3 tevet </p> <p>7PM Shabbat at Monroe</p>	<p>4 4 tevet </p> <p>Vayigash</p>
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<p>26 26 tevet</p> <p>9:30AM Beit Sefer at TBS 10AM Security Training</p>	<p>27 27 tevet</p>	<p>28 28 tevet</p> <p>4:30PM In-Person Hebrew School at Monroe</p>	<p>29 29 tevet</p>	<p>30 1 shevat</p> <p>4:30PM Zoom Hebrew School</p>	<p>31 2 shevat </p> <p>7PM Shabbat via Zoom</p>	