



THE SHOFAR

Temple Beth Shalom Florida, New York
May 2025 Iyar/Sivan 5785

From the Desk of Rabbi Rebecca P. Shinder

This month marks 77 years since the declaration of the modern State of Israel. The Jewish people have lived on this sacred space since antiquity, and throughout the millennia, we have known what Naomi Shemer penned in 1980 to be, “both the bitter and the sweet” realities of what life on this land can be. “Al Kol Ehleh, meaning” “For All These Things,” has been embraced as an expression of a deep desire to protect loved ones, understanding that terrible things may come, praying for God’s grace, alongside the ability to accept the good with the bad.

This month will mark another combination “bitter and sweet,” for the Pomerantz personal and congregational families. The first taste of bitterness came with the painful illness and death of my 30 year old bold and dazzling brother, Jeremy Daniel, z”l (may his memory be remembered as a blessing). One attempt to temper that void ever so mildly, was to build a Memorial Garden for him at dad’s previous congregation, Temple Beth El of Northern Valley in Closter, NJ. Another “sting” came when that building was sold and the promise to rebuild a similar space in their new and smaller space for a merged congregation was never fulfilled.

Many in our congregation have seen the beautiful images Gail Conklin took of my family in Jeremy Daniel’s garden just prior to the Bar Mitzvah service of our son, Jeremy Todd. Almost a decade later, my father told Flo & Andy Hannes about the stalled project and how the sculpture he commissioned to capture a bit of Jeremy’s essence remained in a storage locker. This conversation took place after one of dad’s jazz/folk-rock Sim Shalom sacred concerts right before the Covid lockdown, and much like so many aspects of life back then, a shared vision to bring the garden to TBS was once more put on hold.



Time passed and the idea evolved to build a much more expansive garden in order to create a beautiful place for services and receptions, for memory and music, for lectures and gatherings at Temple Beth Shalom – not just for our congregation, but for the greater community of Orange County, as well. When the relatively newly retired Flo was home recuperating from a healthcare procedure of her own, she felt that the time seemed right to reclaim this project a little over a year ago. However, dad’s health was fading and I knew that it was only a matter of time when he too would also be remembered for a blessing. That conversation took place in February and after multiple procedures, hospital and rehab stays, dialysis and so much more, on a sunny day in July, his light that once burned so bright ... dimmed.

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Rabbi Shinder, continued

It was during the second night of sitting Shiva when Flo spoke with me and my brother Josh (separately!!) and we decided that it was time to go ahead with planning and fundraising for this project. Although we did not at first announce to where people could send donations in dad's memory, once we did and TBS established a Pomerantz Memorial Garden Fund, thousands and thousands of dollars were sent to honor Rabbi Fred from friends and family, our temple members, and members of the three different temples my father served as their rabbi. Once word spread through various papers in NJ, Pittsburgh, and beyond, thousands more were sent in memory of both Rabbi and Jeremy Daniel Pomerantz. Since the establishment of the fund, many more have made donations in honor of simchas such as Sharon & Rich Ball's fiftieth wedding anniversary and Jeff Hannes' fiftieth birthday. Others still have made donations in memory of our administrator Kelly Gilliard's beloved late husband Tom.

Since July, Flo has made multiple dioramas based upon what she saw in the original garden, what she spoke about with my father, the suggestions that our resident congregational gardener extraordinaire and board member Shari Rake made, as well as her own creativity. The garden will bloom with flowering plants, will soar with Jeremy's dynamic sculpture, and will bubble with a removable water feature appropriate for all seasons. As of the publication of this Shofar, the Pomerantz Memorial Garden has garnered more than enough funds to build the first phase of this game changing project.

We look forward to the buzz that a renewed sacred space will bring. Please join our family of families for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sunday May 18th at 3pm. The final Beit Sefer session will take place that morning from 9:30 - 11:30 concluding with field games and an ice cream social. A formal invitation will go out to our temple members, to all the garden donors, and to various leaders within our greater community. The event will begin with cocktails & conversation during the garden's first concert given by the contemporary harmony-driven folk duo, The Levins, Ira & Julia, heightened worship alongside my dad at Congregation Agudas Achim for the past 10 years! The Groundbreaking Ceremony will be a sweet and creative way to celebrate, remember, and mark a new outlet for expression of community, Jewish joy and pride. Spread the word & I'll see you in the Garden!! More information with an RSVP will soon follow.

Please join us, Rabbi Rebecca Pomerantz Shinder



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I write this message from my couch...where I've spent most of my time the past month recovering from ankle surgery. I'm still non-weight bearing and need to have my leg up more often than not, and since it's my right ankle I can't drive... which is why you haven't seen me around the temple lately, and probably won't for at least few more weeks. However, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone on the board who has helped pick up the slack in my physical absence, especially my co-president Eric Goodman.



They say it takes a village, and we have a small, but very strong one. I've been able to participate in meetings via Zoom, but the real work has been done by those able to be present at the temple in person, to help organize and put on events, to continue to bring us together as a community. This month we've got some very special events coming, including the ground-breaking of the Pomerantz Memorial Garden on May 18th, and later this summer the celebration of Rabbi Shinder's 25 years in the Rabbinet and 20! years at our pulpit. And it's all being put together by volunteers, by members of our community.

The help of everyone on the board and these other volunteers has reminded me of just how valuable community support can be. I want to take this moment to encourage everyone to get more involved, in whatever way you can. Whether it's helping with a food give-away at the Goshen Presbyterian Church this on May 10th, helping to setup, serve or cleanup at our end-of-school-year picnic on May 18th, or even just coming to services on a Friday a little early or staying a little late to see if any help is needed, every bit of service is rewarding both to the people you help and to yourself as well.

It's easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, to clutch fast to those rare moments of free time of keep them to yourself. But take it from someone who's literally found themselves with too much free time and a limitation on what can be done with it... when opportunities to volunteer come your way, don't take them for granted!

SAVE THE DATE...

TBS Annual Congregational Meeting

Thursday, June 12th 7PM

Review and approve budget for 2025-2026

Elect Trustees - see June Shofar for specifics

Updates on Monroe Temple Sale and Merger

~ CARING COMMUNITY ~

Wishing Jeff Hannes a speedy recovery.

We thank the following for their generous donations:

Deena & Brendan King IMO Aiden King

Jill & Randolph Cohen IMO Honey Hirsch

Julia Calderon for her delicious freshly baked challah for upcoming events

We thank the following for their generous donations to Shabbat Shira:

Shari Rake & Richard Schwartz

We thank the following for their donations to the Passover 2nd Night Seder:

Glen & Ami Anton

Robert Mantica

Fredric Malkin

Shari Rake & Richard Schwartz

We thank the following for their donations to the Pomerantz Memorial Garden:

Lawrence Shinder

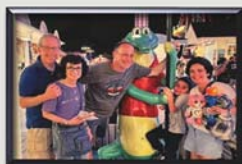
Scott Dunn

Joshua Pomerantz

Rachael Cook

PHIL is a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He wants nothing more than to be there for his family.

**HE IS IN
URGENT
NEED OF
A KIDNEY
DONOR**



Phil is a 45 year member of TBS and a Past President!



Donors do not need to take lifelong medication nor are they restricted with their diet.



Donors usually return to their normal lifestyle within 2-4 weeks post-transplant, with Renewal available to cover lost wages.



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   @renewalnews

Renewal is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives by helping kidney donors and recipients navigate all aspects of the transplant process.

❧ MAY YAHRTZEIT REMINDERS ❧

5/2/25

Allen Michael Cohen	28 Nisan
Bessie Butt	26 Nisan
Alexander Morrell	26 Nisan
Sarah Saretsky	29 Nisan
Minnie Savitt	2 Iyar
Ruth Sacks	4 Iyar
Rebecca Sachat	4 Iyar
Mary Gelfer	27-Apr
Phillip Myerson	27-Apr
Frances Susswein	28-Apr
Morris Rauchwerger	29-Apr

5/9

Murray Goldman	6 Iyar
Howard Lee Romanick	7 Iyar
Mordecai Cohen	6-May
Sheldon Ocko	6-May
Samuel Sachat	7-May
Carl Peterson	7-May

5/16

Roxanne Westler	14 Iyar
Jacob Gottlieb	15 Iyar
Arnold David Hirsch	17 Iyar
Elaine Jose	17 Iyar
Belle Heller	17 Iyar
Alfred Montone	12-May
Fay Karr	13-May

5/23

Rabbi Aaron 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
Ida Schneider	25 Iyar
Samuel Levy	25 Iyar
Albert Conjura	17-May
Nathan Leiman	19-May
Gertrude Seiderman	21-May
Millie Plumser	22-May

5/30

Rose Paymer	26 Iyar
Dr. Marvin I. Ducker	29 Iyar
Benjamin Lieberman	29 Iyar
David Robert Waldman	2 Sivan
Tobias Tobias	2 Sivan
Hana Magasiner	3 Sivan
Karen Cooper	25-May
Marilyn Spitzer	25-May
Harry Kossower	27-May
Debra Klein	29-May
Arnold Frischman	30-May
Benjamin Schrager	30-May
Perry Greenblatt	30-May

6/6

Martin Parker	4 Sivan
Edith Halpern	6 Sivan
John Milne	6 Sivan
Edna Polin	9 Sivan
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

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.*



EDUCATION



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**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**May 2025-TBS- Sundays
9:30AM**

4- Beit Sefer
11- NO Beit Sefer (Mother's Day)
18- Beit Sefer Closing Day/Ice Cream Social

**May 2025 Hebrew Classes, Tuesdays/Thursdays
4:00PM**

1- zoom
6- in person
13- in person
15- zoom
16- Beit Sefer Teacher Recognition Service (Fri)

S.O.S. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**TEMPLE BETH SHALOM HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GOSHEN
ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS!**

**It is your turn to join our temple members on Saturday, May 10, 2025,
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:

- **We arrive at 8AM to transport bags of goods from the church storage
loft, to their large entertainment hall.**
- **We are in charge of distributing the various types of available foods.**
- **Each recipient registers so we know how many people we are feeding.**
- **At the close of the giveaway, between 10:00 and 10:30, we must
transport anything that is left back up to the loft. (Rarely happens!)**

**Breakfast: We have a coffee maker. I will bring the milk and sugar and
some breakfast treats. Please let me know, if and what, you are bringing
to enhance our breakfast for our clients.**

**Please contact me in advance at (845) 294-7314 or (845) 699-8879, so
that we can be well organized.**

**All of our temple 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



TREASURER'S REPORT ~ Catherine Greenblatt

Shalom Chaverim,

It's the beginning of May which indicates that there is less than 2 months until the end of TBS' fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) and to be totally honest and transparent, we do not have enough income for us to meet our expenses through the rest of the year.

Temple Beth Shalom is a vibrant community and house of worship. I do not exaggerate when I write that we are the most thriving Jewish community in Orange County. Beit Sefer, our religious school formed with Monroe Temple, boasts the most students in Hebrew school of any Orange County synagogue.

We may be vibrant and successful, yet we do not have enough funds to pay our bills until the end of the year. Monroe has yet to sell their building, so renting to them while we continue the merge process will not be happening in the near future.

Your help is needed. If you have not met your financial responsibility to TBS please do so, or, if you have, and would like to make a tax deductible donation, we will be able to make it to June 30, 2025.

There are multiple ways to make a payment: send a check or go to tbsny.org/donate to make a secure payment through the website. You may also call Kelly in the office, 845-651-7817, and she will take your credit card information.

To the future of Temple Beth Shalom,
Catherine, Treasurer - 845.978.3899



A graphic with a yellow background. On the left, a purple box contains the text "BEIT SEFER" in yellow, above a yellow and orange ice cream bar. To the right, a yellow box contains the text "TEACHER APPRECIATION" in purple, above several colored pencils. Below these, a purple box contains the text "Shabbat Service" and "May 16, 2015" in yellow. The background of the entire graphic is decorated with various school supplies like paper clips and a spiral notebook.



The final Beit Sefer session will take place on Sunday, May 18th, 9:30 - 11:30AM at Temple Beth Shalom.

We will enjoy field games and an ice cream social.

See you there!

Please Join Us

for the

**Pomerantz Memorial Garden
Groundbreaking Ceremony
&**

Cocktail Reception

at

Temple Beth Shalom

13 Roosevelt Avenue Florida, New York

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 3:00 pm

*Music & Memories
Hearty Hors d'oeuvres
Luscious Libations
Delectable Desserts*

Ceremony at 3:45 pm

*Welcome · Blessings
Groundbreaking Ritual
Celebratory Kiddush Toast*



*Something
Great
is
Coming...*
the
**Pomerantz
Memorial Garden**
at
**Temple Beth Shalom
Florida, NY**

This kinetic sculpture by renowned artist Susan Pascal Beran was commissioned for a Memorial Garden in honor of Rabbi Shinder's late brother Jeremy Daniel Pomerantz. This focal point of the garden that the late Rabbi Fredric Pomerantz had built for Temple Beth-El of Northern NJ years before the congregation merged with another and moved locations. After remaining in storage since 2019, and upon the passing of Rabbi Pomerantz in July '24, both the sculpture and a new garden will adorn the grounds of Temple Beth Shalom.

This renewed and reimagined garden will be more than just a memorial...it will fulfill the shared vision of Rabbi Shinder and Rabbi Pomerantz to provide a space for either personal meditation or communal contemplation, as well as an environment for joyous and festive events ranging from concerts to services to lectures and receptions to benefit the greater community of Orange County.

Pricing to sponsor specific Garden items will be forthcoming.

You may make a general donation to the restoration of
the Garden at tbsny.org/donate

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Join sisterhood for 2 great events coming up in May and June



**Sisterhood Paid – Up Spring Dinner
Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00pm
Ana Restaurant**

22 Spring Street Warwick, NY 10990

R.S.V.P. BY May 29th to Robin Bordman, 845-699-6460 or thebordmans@aol.com

No charge for Sisterhood members.

Not a member but would like to attend, your dues payment of \$54 includes dinner

Enjoy dinner, laughs and basket raffles



**Learn to play Canasta
Join Sisterhood for a
Canasta lesson.**

- **May 21st, 2025 6-8PM**
- **Temple Beth Shalom**
 - **Taught by Kelly**
- **for any level player.**

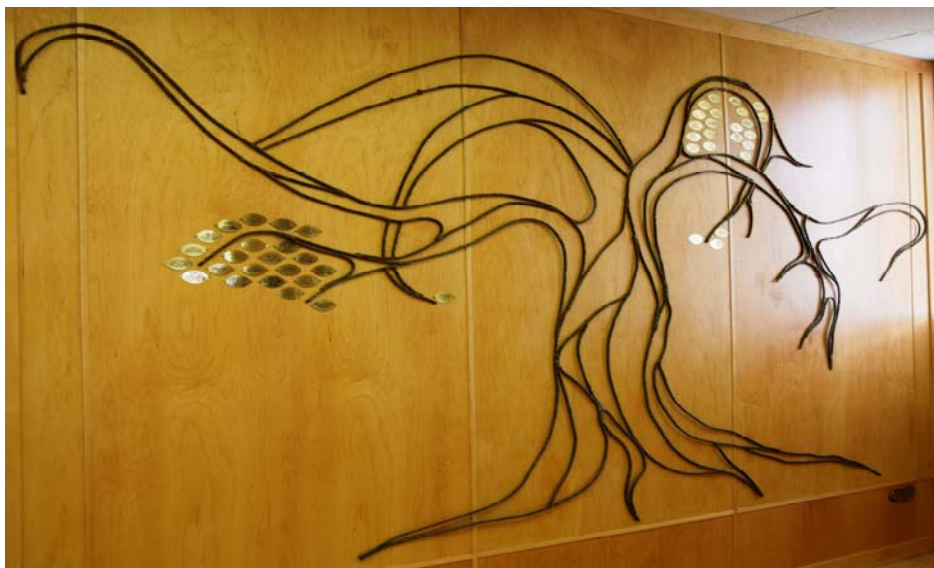
Snacks, drinks and lots of fun!!!

R.S.V.P. to Wendy Wayman 845-781-0629

2nd Night Passover Seder was held on Sunday, April 13th. It was Funded in part by Sisterhood and The Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County. As usual, we were led by Rabbi Rebecca Shinder with participation from the attendees. Than you to the crew for their creative planning and to Gail Conklin for these photos.







TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

NEW Tree of Life Leaf / Memorial Plaque

Acknowledge an occasion such as a *Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Birth, Birthday, Adoption, Confirmation, Memorial, Anniversary* by adding a leaf to the Tree of Life. The cost for a leaf is \$72 up to 9 words, \$5 for each additional word, includes engraving. To order a **leaf for the Tree of Life**, email tbs-ny@optimum.net with words for engraving.

IN THE SANCTUARY Memorial Plaques \$180

To order, email tbs-ny@optimum.net with your name and email, your address, the name on the plaque and the date of death either English or Hebrew date. If you do not know the Hebrew date, we can look it up but we need the time of death on the English date.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>4 6 iyar</p> <p>9:30AM BEIT SEFER TBS</p>	<p>5 7 iyar</p>	<p>6 8 iyar</p> <p>4:30PM In-Person Hebrew School at Monroe Temple</p>	<p>7 9 iyar</p>	<p>8 10 iyar</p> <p>4:30PM Zoom Hebrew School</p> <p>7:30 Board via Zoom</p>	<p>9 11 iyar </p> <p>7PM Shabbat Service Oneg: Gell Fam IHO Felicia's Mom's BD</p>	<p>10 12 iyar </p> <p>8-10AM Food Giveaway at Goshen Presby Church - see details in Shofar</p> <p>Achrei Mot-Kedoshim</p>
<p>11 13 iyar</p> <p>NO BEIT SEFER</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>12 14 iyar</p>	<p>13 15 iyar</p> <p>4:30PM FINAL In-Person Hebrew School at Monroe</p>	<p>14 16 iyar</p>	<p>15 17 iyar</p> <p>4:30PM FINAL Zoom Hebrew School</p>	<p>16 18 iyar </p> <p>7PM Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Service Oneg: Beit Sefer Families</p> <p>LAG BA'OMER</p>	<p>17 19 iyar </p> <p>Emor</p>
<p>18 20 iyar</p> <p>9:30AM FINAL BEIT SEFER TBS ice cream social</p> <p>3PM-GROUND BREAKING POM MEM GDN</p>	<p>19 21 iyar</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</p>	<p>20 22 iyar</p>	<p>21 23 iyar</p>	<p>22 24 iyar</p>	<p>23 25 iyar </p> <p>7PM Shabbat Service at Monroe</p>	<p>24 26 iyar </p> <p>Behar-Bechukotai</p>
<p>25 27 iyar</p>	<p>26 28 iyar</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27 29 iyar</p>	<p>28 1 sivan</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>29 2 sivan</p>	<p>30 3 sivan </p> <p>7PM Shavout Experience Shabbat Service</p>	<p>31 4 sivan </p> <p>Bamidbar</p>