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TBS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Mark & Phyllis Silberstein

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

**Please check out Rabbi Kaplan's Blog
for photos, interesting notes and more at:**

<https://www.danakaplan.com>

We Are Hoping to Go On a Trip to Israel!

We are hoping to go on an adventure this October. This is your chance to go with a friendly group to Israel! In this column, I want to tell you a little bit about the trip and how I feel about it.

I also want to mention that we're going to be running adult ed programs in both February and March to help you prepare for the trip so you can get the most out of it.

My first trip to Israel was with a tour group. There were 40 teenagers from Waterbury Connecticut and Atlantic City New Jersey when I was 16 years old. We spent 6 weeks traveling up and down Israel including the Sinai desert which was still part of Israel at that time. It was a wonderful trip and I'm sure it played some role in my later career decisions. It was an exciting country then and it's an even more exciting country now.

I studied for both my rabbinic degree and my PhD in Jewish history in Israel so I spent quite a bit of time in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. We're going to start out the trip in Tel Aviv and spend time in Jaffa as well. Jaffa is one of my favorite places in the country. If you are able to fly in a few days early you may want to rent an Airbnb in Jaffa and just walk around the area and stopping into the various cafes and art galleries and perhaps visiting the beach.

I went back with the Wisconsin Jewish community for a mission trip during the second intifada, which gave me a chance to see what a tour for adults might be like. It was a one-week tour so that people that worked could just take off 5 days and boy was it intensive! we're going to take a little bit easier because our tour is intended for people who are just a little bit older and don't want to be rushed! There'll also be options to make things easier if you don't feel like walking or seeing a certain thing but you'd rather sit down in a comfortable hotel lobby or a nice cafe.

I'm a big believer in experiences rather than just seeing certain things. So we're trying to avoid the "If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium" kind of whirlwind tour. Rather we're hoping to interact with people in meaningful ways and be able to engage in activities rather than just looking at things and being told what they are. we're hoping to have a hummus making competition for example. You won't be able to bring home any of it with you because it would spoil but you'll be able to grind the chickpeas and put in the spices and mix in the olive oil and taste it with fresh pita!

I will be going on the trip and participating in all activities. So I'll be available day and night if anyone needs anything. The tour director and guide is a very nice guy from England named James McKeever. He moved to Israel and served in the Israeli Army in the Infantry and lives on Kibbutz Ein Gev with his wife and two children. I worked with James to set up the itinerary and last summer spent 3 days with him having him guide me in the Galilee. So I have personal experience with him and I was very satisfied.

Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

A word about safety. No one can guarantee anything but we are very hopeful that the wars with Hamas in Gaza and the Lebanese Hizballah are over. Both groups have been severely degraded and a cease-fire has been signed with the Lebanese proxy. Many Israelis who live along both the northern as well as the southern border are starting to return home. There has been a revolution in Syria and a new government is just starting to organize itself. their leader has declared that they will not allow student territory to be used for any attacks against Israel. Israel has taken preventive measures that should insure the security of the Golan Heights even if this turns out not to be the case. Israel also has very sophisticated self-defense measures to protect the civilian population even if there were to be additional attacks. We are hopeful and optimistic that everything will be peaceful and we are sure that the Israeli government is capable of defending us in the worst case scenario.

I do want to say a word about cars. Far more dangerous than missiles are Israeli cars! So when you are walking around any city, especially on your own, be very careful to look both ways and to make sure that you can get out of the way of any car that may suddenly appear! The culture of driving in Israel is very different from Arizona and so it is up to us to be vigilant.

It's a 15-day tour which includes the arrival and departure days so that means 13 nights. we are only going to be staying in three hotels the whole time which means Tel Aviv, the Galilee and then Jerusalem so you won't have to be packing and unpacking too often. James will be personally guiding our trip and as I have mentioned he and I know each other quite well so anything that we need or want he's going to try to help make sure that we get it. He also knows Ellyn and Fay. We were very happy about this because it means that the person making the itinerary and picking the hotels with us and the person actually doing the guiding and being with us staying in and day out is the same person. This made us feel very secure and that we are in good hands.

As the date of our departure comes closer, we will finalize all of the details and know exactly where we're going and what we're going to do in each place. I will be able to then convey to you what would be good for you to know before we get there so you can get the full experience!

if you have any questions, just let me know and I'll try to answer them. the trip itself is under the auspices of the adult education committee which will be putting together a task force specifically for this purpose. we're also planning to have at least one Zoom discussion with James which should be fun.

Next year in Jerusalem!



Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan delivered messages to God at the Western Wall, including ones from Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley members.



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

The feeling of a shared experience, a congregation coming together in Shabbat warmth and spirit: When does this blessed sense of community begin to unfold? For me, it's when we stand up, join hands, take a life-giving breath, and sing, "*Shalom Aleichem*," the literal finale of Kabbalat Shabbat on page 142 of our Mishkan T'Filah.

Whom may we thank for this enduring yet eternally fresh musical gem? The Brooklyn-born brothers, Samuel and Rabbi Israel Goldfarb. Silent movies needed music to bring the picture show alive, thus, Sam made up melodies to accompany the action on the silver screen. His talent induced his wife's sister to encourage him to explore his musical roots, which were liturgical. She happened to be the grandmother of Sylvia Plotkin, founder of the Judaica Museum in Phoenix which bears her name. She was the wife of Rabbi Albert Plotkin, who signed the charter for Temple Beth Shalom. I mention this to show how this anthem we sing is not ancient nor far removed from our current lives. I sang my first complete Shabbat Service with Rabbi Plotkin at Temple Beth Israel almost thirty-five years ago.

Now, returning to the Goldfarb story: It was during a Pesach visit to Seattle where Sylvia's family lived that Sam met Rabbi Samuel Koch of Temple de Hirsch, now the largest reform congregation in the Northwest. He was offered the position of Music Director and over the following three decades there, Sam organized choirs, including the first children's choirs. He also composed, "I Have a Little Dreidel," adopted by the Seattle Public Schools before it became internationally renowned. "*Shalom Aleichem*," is from his, "Friday Night Melodies," one of the collections composed during his long and happy marriage, career, and life.

Over fifty years ago, he presented a musical and lecture program at Temple Beth Israel in Phoenix. Rabbi Plotkin shared his recollections with me: Sam's family would sing together on Fridays to create the Shabbat ambiance before lighting the candles. Before publicly presenting a new composition, Sam always tried his melodies at home with the family, endeavoring to know if the songs were easily sung. That is how "*Shalom Aleichem*" was born. Just as everyone greeted one another with *Shalom Aleichem* or *Aleichem Shalom*, this singable song would create a genuinely warm feeling, an affirmation of welcome to all. After the song, everyone would shake hands in friendship or embrace affectionately ---remember, this was not for an orthodox congregation.

The Goldfarb brothers believed, as in the Kabbalistic teachings, that Shabbat is open to all and that upon their participation, God sends angels to bless each one. The angels go from house to house and from synagogue to synagogue, greeting us and renewing our souls. Sam said that he wanted to create a unifying song because once we unite in Shalom and save just one, we save the world!

It is reasonable to state that this song has become the standard bearer of sharing the Shabbat feeling of a loving Presence in our midst. How could any thoughts be more ennobling than the opening lines of this now classic song?

"Peace be to you, O ministering angels, messengers of the Most High,
Majesty of majesties, Holy One of Blessing."

Baruch Koritan

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE

Wearing a Tallit for Honors at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

Members of Temple Beth Shalom – or any other Reform Jewish congregation – are not required to wear a tallit or kippah at any time during religious services, although many of our members do so – especially during the High Holy days. Neither the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) nor the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) require persons who hold or carry a Torah, or who recite the blessing before or after the reading of the Torah or the Haftorah, to wear a tallit.

Dress Code

At the Board meeting of November 17, the Board unanimously passed a dress code for those sitting on the Bimah and carrying the Torah. Honorees should be wearing synagogue appropriate clothing. No shorts will be allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

When Carrying or Holding a Torah or Reciting a Blessing

TBS provides a tallit rack with tallitot in the lobby just before the entry doors to the sanctuary. These tallitot are available to anyone to borrow for wearing during a service. We just ask that if you borrow one, you fold it and return it to the rack after the service. There is usually a “spare” tallit or two folded up and sitting on the top of a bookshelf along the wall leading to the sanctuary. Any of these can also be borrowed for wearing during a service.

Please let the Rabbi know if you would like to discuss anything related to this matter of wearing a tallit at TBS.

BULLETIN BOARD

February 2025

2/1

5:00 PM Religious School Havdalah & potluck

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10:00 AM America's Four Gods class

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10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew class

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

2/5

11:00 AM Torah Study

3:00 PM –Religious School on Zoom

4:30 PM –Religious School

2/6

10:00 AM –Radically Changing Middle East class

12:30 PM Lunch Bunch—Olive Garden

2/7

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner—Brotherhood

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

7:00 PM Shaliah speech

2/8

10:30 AM Saturday Shabbat Service

2/9

10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting

2:00 PM Festival of Parties Sign Up

3:00 PM Brotherhood Meeting

2/10

10:00 AM America's Four Gods class

2/11

10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew class

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

3:00 PM Tuesday Trivia

2/12

11:00 AM Torah Study

1:00 PM –Adult Education Committee

4:30 PM –Religious School

2/13

10:00 AM –Radically Changing Middle East class

2/14

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

2/16

10:00 AM General Board Meeting

2/17

Office closed—Presidents Day

10:00 AM America's Four Gods class

12:00 PM Sisterhood Luncheon & Program

2/18

10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew class

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

2/19

11:00 AM Torah Study

3:00 PM –Religious School on zoom

4:30 PM –Religious School

2/20

10:00 AM –Radically Changing Middle East class

11:30 AM Religious Practices

1:00 PM Outreach Meeting

2:00PM Team TBS Meeting

2/21

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

2/23

1:00 PM Brotherhood—Spring Training Game Outing

2/25

10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew class

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

2/26

11:00 AM Torah Study

3:00 PM –Religious School on zoom

4:30 PM –Religious School

2/27

1:00 PM Security Meeting

2/28

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

Torah Discussions

Torah Discussion Group – Every Wednesday at 11:00 AM via Zoom

Our next Torah Discussion Zoom meeting will be at 11 a.m. February 5, 2025.

The reading is Parashat Beshalach Bet, "Why All the Complaints against Moses and Gods?"
"Pages 36-39 in the Torah Portion of Genesis of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume Two: Exodus.

Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87000784481?pwd=ZodLTkIvSEFHU2NjOWM5ZHpKdnpnQTo9>

Meeting ID: 870 0078 4481

Passcode: 079190



New participants are always welcome to our free and lively study of Torah. Please contact the TBS office at 623.977.3240 to register for the discussions if you have not previously done so.

Ritual Assistant (s) Wanted

The Religious Practices is looking for one or more individuals who will be willing to serve as Ritual Assistants on Friday night Shabbat Services. Duties would include helping to unwrap and wrap the Torah, sitting on the Bimah to open the ark, and help setting up the Shabbat candles. If more than one person would like to do this, it can be done on a rotating basis. Please contact Rabbi Kaplan or Religious Practices Chair, Nan Rubin-Lieber at 480-215-8006.

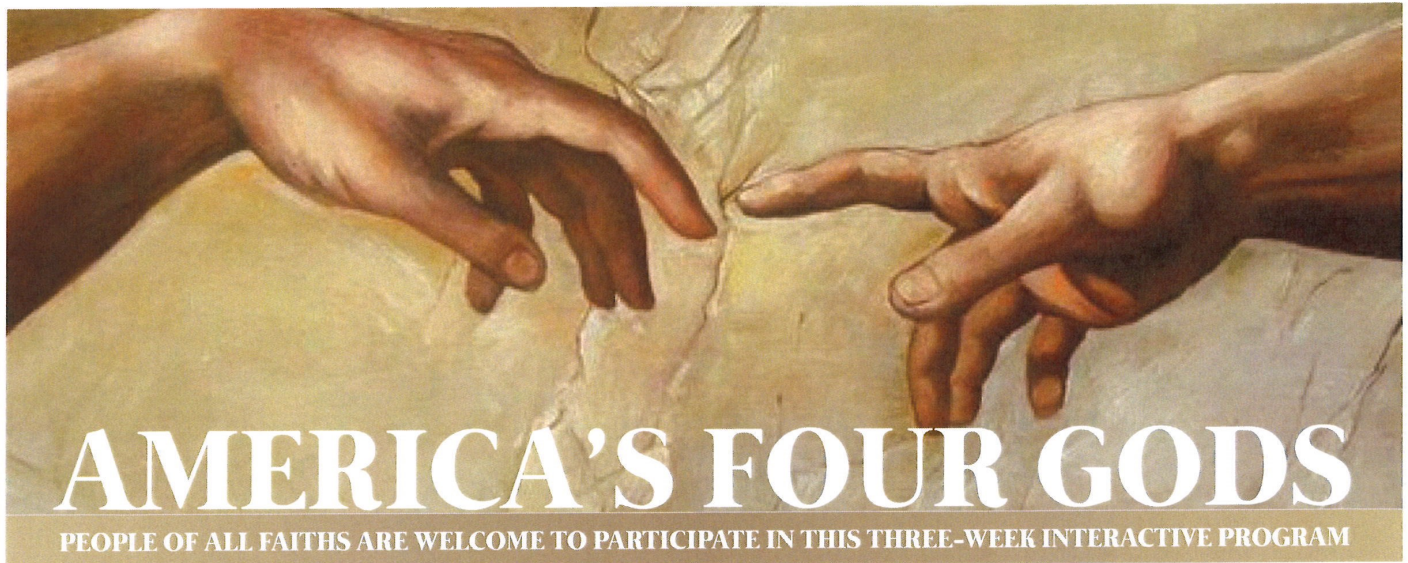
Adult Education

Would you like to be Bar/Bat Mitzvahed?

We are looking to start an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. If interested, please contact the Temple Office at 623.977.3240 to sign up.

Conversion

We will be starting a conversion class. If you are interested, please contact the Temple Office at 623.977.3240 to sign up.



Led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and
Temple Past President Fay Henning-Bryant



**MONDAYS FROM 10 - 11:30 A.M.
FEBRUARY 3RD, 10TH & 17TH**

The subject matter of this course is based on the book *America's Four Gods: What We Say About God -- and What That Says About Us* -- written by Paul Froese and Christopher Bader. They found that that based on two questions, almost all Americans could be divided into one of four categories. These two questions are:

To what extent does God interact with the world?
To what extent does God judge the world?

Drawing on their study of American religious beliefs today the authors found that regardless of their religious tradition (or lack thereof), Americans worship one of four distinct type of God: benevolent, authoritative, distant or critical.

This course will address why knowing what an individual believes about God is important, and an explanation of the four Gods. Participants will be given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire in complete confidence, which will help each person better understand which of the four Gods they come to closest to believing in. Lastly, we will discuss the impact that ones personal beliefs in one of the four Gods may have in our world today.

Course fee \$20 for members or \$35 for non-members or 1 coupon from TBSWV coupon books.
Book of 4 coupons for TBS members is \$65 and a book of 4 coupons for non-members is \$120.

To enroll in this course or to purchase a coupon book call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240
between 9 am & 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs. by **12 noon on January 29, 2025.**



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The Radically Changing MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL, SYRIA, LEBANON, IRAN, GAZA & THE WORLD

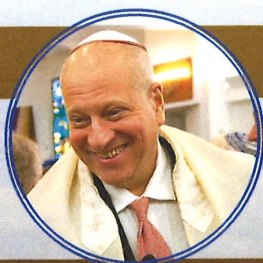
THURSDAYS • FEBRUARY 6, 13, & 20, 2025 • 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Events in the Middle East are taking place at such a rapid rate that it is difficult to keep track of everything that's happening. The last year and a half have seen such rapid changes and so many surprises that are completely unprecedented not only in the Middle East but anywhere in the world.

This short series will survey each country or region or territory bordering Israel including Iran which is a bit further away and provide analysis as to what is actually going on among the various interest groups.

An unknown number of hostages are still being held by Hamas in Gaza and various governments and non-governmental groups are busy planning additional initiatives which are sure to continue to shake up the Middle East and the entire world. We will look at some of these groups and try to predict what may happen in the coming weeks and months.

Much has happened in the last several weeks and we anticipate that there will be additional surprises by the time that the series starts. Just when it seems that things are calming down and we can take stock of what has happened, a completely new surprise comes out of left field and we are left with our mouths hanging open!



Persons of all faiths are invited to attend this popular series
led by Dana Evan Kaplan, Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

\$20 FOR MEMBERS | **\$35** FOR NON-MEMBERS
or 1 COUPON FROM BOOK

TBSWV now has coupon books for its Adult Education courses that can be used for any 4 courses beginning September 2024 through June 2025.

The cost for a book of 4 coupons for TBS members is \$65 (a 19% discount) and a book of 4 coupons for non-members is \$120 (a 17% discount). Coupon books are available at the TBS Office.

Persons who are interested in enrolling in this course should call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 between 9 am & 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs. by Tuesday, February 4th to register and pay the course fee.

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IF YOU CAN'T READ THIS,
YOU NEED CLASSES!

ALEF – BET: BEGINNING HEBREW FOR ADULTS

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS - JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH -
WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN BASIC HEBREW

MONDAYS • FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18 & 25
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Here is your chance to learn how to read the letters and the vowels in Hebrew. Beginning from scratch, we will go through each of the Hebrew letters as well as each vowel and explain how you put together sounds and eventually words.

This will be a basic simple course for those who would like to read prayer book Hebrew. It will require some practice at home and some perseverance after the course ends but it is definitely possible to learn to read the Hebrew letters from the prayer book. Even if you are not entirely successful, the familiarity with Hebrew that you will acquire will make you feel more connected to the Friday night prayer service and Judaism as a whole.

This four-week course will be taught by Temple Beth Shalom member Mariane Anderson. Besides her experience teaching religious school for 15 years, Mariane was motivated to learn siddur Hebrew herself so she could teach beginning Hebrew to her daughter and the other fourth graders so they would be prepared to become B'nai Mitzvah.



MARIANE SAYS

"Teaching adults is no more difficult than teaching a room full of fourth graders who would rather be playing video games."

\$25 FOR MEMBERS | **\$35** FOR NON-MEMBERS

INCLUDES COURSE MATERIALS

Advance registration and fees are required in advance by Monday, February 3 at noon.
Contact the Temple Beth Shalom office to register and pay fees between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays.



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Saturday Shabbat Service

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH

Please join us on Saturday, February 8, 2025
for Shabbat Service at 10:30 AM at the Temple,
followed by a potluck brunch.



1ST FRIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Please see the enclosed flyer

**Join us the 1st Friday of every month at 5:30 pm for the
Brotherhood sponsored potluck dinner.**



Ellyn Ventura is our New Caring Committee Chair.

If you are ill or know someone who is ill and needs our prayers,
please contact Ellyn at 602-595-9303 or 1bronxgal@gmail.com.

The Temple Brotherhood is presenting a Potluck Dinner



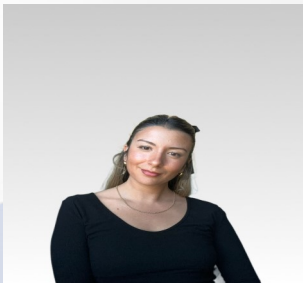
Join us at 5:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 7th

**and meet our special speaker,
Sapir Tiram, our Phoenix
Community Shlichah from Israel.**

Sapir, who recently moved to Arizona from Israel, is an educator and was an event producer in Israel. She recently worked at Beit Dani, a community center in South Tel Aviv. During our Shabbat services, Sapir will speak about growing up in Israel, diversity within the Israeli community and current happenings.

**In order to make this a successful event,
please call the Temple at 623.977.3240
by February 5th and let us know what you
will be bringing and make your
reservation.**



THANK YOU



Festival of Parties Fundraisers

Throw a party and raise money for Temple Beth Shalom!

The TBS Festival of Parties gives you an opportunity to host or participate in a wide range of parties, such as an elegant dinner, a beautiful hike, miniature golf and more. Because this is a fundraising event for TBS, the price people pay will be donated by the host to TBS. The cost of hosting the event is your contribution.

If you would like to host a party, fill out the information sheet and find more details on tbsaz.org or at the Temple office, by Friday, Jan. 31. A list of parties, dates and hosts will be emailed to members.

From 2-3 p.m. Feb. 9, members can attend the Festival of Parties presentations in the TBS social hall to sign up for the parties they want to attend. Appetizers, deserts and wine will be available!

Thank you for your interest and hope we have a lot of fun parties to offer! For more information, please contact Gloria Bold at 302.245.0049 or ghbold.de@gmail.com or Dave Katz at dave@katzaz.com.

News from the Board of Directors: Ombudsman can help you!

Do you have a suggestion or a concern about Temple Beth Shalom but don't know what to do next?

Ellyn Ventura can help! As our Temple's new volunteer Ombudsman, Ellyn will advocate for you to help you resolve whatever it might be by leading you to the right person or going to that other person either with you or on your behalf to solve the problem at hand. All interaction with the Ombudsman will be strictly confidential if that is your wish.

The TBS board created the new volunteer Ombudsman position to increase everyone's engagement with the congregation in as many areas as possible, and to ensure that any member who perceives a problem can receive confidential advice and help. Occasionally, you may have an issue here at TBS that you may be hesitant to discuss, or you might not know the best person to reach to resolve the issue could be a disagreement with the office, with the Board President, with the Rabbi, with another committee person or on the bright side a recommendation or idea that you don't know who to bring it to.

A TBS member since 2018, Ellyn is a member of the Board of Directors, and previously was the president of Hadassah here in the Valley. She's a member of our Outreach and Membership committees and chairs the Caring and Chavurot committees. Along with Jon Green, she started Team TBS, the group of TBS committee chairs, who meet monthly to ensure all committees are communicating and offer each other help. Ellyn, who currently owns a travel agency, previously worked in management and human resources where she used her education, training, and skills in mediation, problem solving and conflict resolution.

You can reach Ellyn at 602.595.9303, or 1bronxgal@gmail.com.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST



BY March 12th

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**Monday 1:00 pm
March 17
SHAMROCK BINGO**



**Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Cost is \$20. Please RSVP your
reservation no later than March 12th.
Everyone is invited to this event.**

**Bingo Cards are included
When was the last time you had a good time
playing BINGO. Well, here's your chance to
try you luck and skill.**

Bonnie Longmire **Monday 12:00 pm
Feb. 17 at
Ethel Rosenberg**

**will be giving a
presentation on
Ethel Rosenberg. Lunch
will be served. Cost is
\$20. Everyone is invited
to this event. Please
RSVP your reservation
no later than Feb. 12th**



**Join the Sisterhood for this informative presentation
about Ethel Rosenberg. Both Ethel and her husband,
Julius were convicted of spying for the Soviet Union.**

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom
hosts

The Barbara Moss Women's
Community Passover Seder

12 Noon Monday, April 7, 2025



In
Memory
of
Rebbetzin
Barbara
Moss



Cost is \$20

To make your reservations,
call the temple at 623 977-3240

Reservation deadline is April 3rd

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Join us for Temple Beth Shalom's Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Sunday, March 2, 2025
1:00 Shotgun



A fun outing for golfers of all abilities

Fees: \$130

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Sun City, AZ

**Application and further
details call**

Warren Bentkover

(623) 308-5379

tbsgolf2025@gmail.com

RSVP

**as soon as you can, for
the deadline is
February 17, 2025**



**Awards party after
No host wine & beer.
Free appetizers**

**T-Sponsorship
(get advertising in our
monthly newsletter)**

PAR - \$100

1/4 page for 3 months

BIRDIE - \$250

1/2 page for 6 months

EAGLE - \$500

full page for 8 months



March 2, 2025 Golf Tournament Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley*

T-Sponsorship Categories

Level	Cost	Benefits for Sponsor		
		Name at T box (1)	Free Basic Ad Benefit (2)	Optional Purchase Benefit
PAR	\$100	Yes	¼ page for 3 months	\$50 for 3 additional months
BIRDIE	\$250	Yes	½ page for 6 months	\$185 for 6 additional months
EAGLE months	\$500	Yes	1 full page for 8 months	\$300 for 8 additional

*TBS members live in all the west valley cities: Buckeye (from original Buckeye, through Verrado to Sun City Festival), Goodyear, Avondale, Litchfield Park, El Mirage, and Surprise (including Sun City Grand), Sun City West, Peoria, Sun City, and Glendale, as well as parts of Phoenix. Although physically located in Sun City, it is not a 55+ congregation. It is also the ONLY synagogue in the entire West Valley that is multi-generational (with a K-10) Religious School, is egalitarian, and has a diverse membership.

- (1) Business name appears on a large 36" golf ball poster near the T-box. Will be seen by **all** the golfers competing in the event
- (2) Advertising in The Shofar, the congregation's monthly full-color newsletter that is sent electronically to over 200 members, is posted on our website every month, and is provided to those person's inquiring about membership. A page size is 8 ½" x 11".
- (3) All sponsors will also be identified in the Awards Ceremony Booklet which will be provided to every golfer as well as other Temple Beth Shalom members who will be attending the awards ceremony

**Send a check to
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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
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PRESENTS

Nicole Pesce

Sunday, March 30, 2025
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

*Refreshments will be served
following the concert*
*Enjoy an absolutely
enthralling afternoon
listening to the
piano mastery of
Nicole Pesce.*

She's back

World-renowned and a master of most music genres, Nicole Pesce plays keyboards, organ, accordion, guitar and electric bass. As a composer with a catalog of over 300 songs, she wrote and recorded the original music for the "Beams" singer/songwriter series at the ASU Kerr Cultural Center in Scottsdale. Nicole was commissioned to write the title track to the compilation CD "Amada" dedicated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Following the CD release, her original music was featured in a documentary film for the Komen Foundation.

Cost is \$20 with a paid reservation by 3 p.m. March 26th or \$25 at the door on March 30th payable by check or cash.

You can make reservations by going to our website at tbsaz.org, and follow the link to "Zeffy" to pay online or you can call the temple at 623 977-3240 from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

*For everyone's safety, **PLEASE**, no backpacks or purses will be allowed in the concert. You can utilize a clear purse or clear plastic bag. Otherwise, please leave your items in your car. There will be a security guard on site.*

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The Rural Street Klezmer Band performed at Temple Beth Shalom on January 26.



TREE OF LIFE



Consistent with our belief, our Tree of Life on the Lobby wall next to the office commemorates simchas and life cycle events, such as special birthdays, anniversaries, or Bar & Bat Mitzvahs with an engraved leaf. We look forward to members making a contribution to the Temple and honoring their loved ones or commemorating an event by adding a leaf to the tree in their name.

Each leaf is a **\$200.00 donation to the synagogue**. This is a lovely way to commemorate a special milestone for your family and support Temple Beth Shalom.

Please call Nan Rubin-Lieber at 623-933-1412, or the Temple office at 623-977-3240, to order your

Grief Recovery Group

Times: 1:30pm to 3pm
Location: Temple Beth Shalom
12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ



THIS IS A TEMPLE BETH SHALOM GROUP. IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP US LET GO OF SORROW AND TAKE HOLD OF LIFE. THIS GROUP IS AVAILABLE FOR TEMPLE BETH SHALOM MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS AND IS OPEN TO ANYONE EXPERIENCING GRIEF. THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING GROUP.

A suggested monthly \$20 donation to help with temple expenses is also welcomed.
Call TBS at 623 977-3240 for further details

Your facilitators are:
Joyce Gold, Ph.D
MaryGill Savoren, BSN

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



FEBRUARY

"CAN



DO"

The Committee is asking you to bring a food item each month and place it in the designated space in the lobby

All of this will be benefiting the Valley View Food Bank

Item to bring this month



The Committee thanks you, the Food Bank thanks you, but most of all, you will be helping those that are really in need.

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



The Social Action Committee is collecting the pop tabs from aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House boxes are available in the Temple lobby. Fill them up with your tabs and return the R.M. house box to the Temple.

THANK YOU !

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sy Perlis	2/3
Jeff Tobey	2/3
Michael Chartrand	2/5
Melissa Goldenhersh	2/5
Sharon Young	2/5
Monica Arum	2/6
Sharyn Iris Helbon	2/6
Linda Saperstein	2/8
Warren Bentkover	2/12
Janice (Janie) Stein	2/12
Bernie Arum	2/13
Stephen Bold	2/15
Froma Allen	2/24
Arlette Kramer	2/27
Dr. Joyce Gold	2/28
Baruch Koritan	2/28
Laura Julieta Ponce Ross	2/28



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Phyllis Silberstein	2/25	57th Anniversary
David and Sheila Lovinger	2/26	59th Anniversary

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

You may donate to the Temple in many ways. The designated Temple Funds are listed below with a brief description of each. When making your donation, please designate your fund of choice.

General Operating Fund

In Loving Memory of:

Sam Bentkover

Warren Bentkover

H. Richard Grauman

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Dr. Morton S. Rosen

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Charles Wilens

Edward Wilens

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Jeffrey R. Lehman

Jerry Raymond

Joyce Gold

Libby Rymaszewski

Ervin Rymaszewski

Sandra Walters

Bruce Shanis

Myrna Shanis

Education Fund

In Loving Memory of:

Samuel Abraham

Sharon Gadless

Grace Gardner

Sharon Candelise

Julius Meyerovitz

Herb Meyerovitz

In Honor of :

Rosie Camille Shanahan

Lori Baker

Happy Birthday:

Denny Cutler

Jan Sodos & Harvey Gordon

In Appreciation of:

Temple Beth Shalom

Jeffrey Goldstein

Honor the memory of a beloved family member or friend with a **memorial plaque** mounted in the Sanctuary. You may also celebrate a simcha with a leaf on our Tree of Life displayed in the lobby.

BIMAH FLOWER & FOOD BASKET FUND

Contributions are always appreciated. Make checks payable to
TBS Sisterhood and send them to the office.



IN MEMORY OF.....RELATIONSHIP.....CONTRIBUTOR.....BIMAH FUND.....FRIDAY NIGHT DATE

Samuel Abraham	Grandfather	Sharon Gadless	Food Basket	01/24/25
Grace Gardner	Mother	Sharon Candelise	Food Basket	01/24/25
Libby Rymaszewski	Mother	Sandra Walters	Food Basket & Flower Bouquet	01/24/25

Many People contribute to the Flower Bouquet & Food Basket Funds “in memory of”, but did you know that you can also contribute to these funds “in honor of” to help someone special celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other kind of Simcha?

This is Sisterhood’s major fundraiser. We use it to make donations to local food banks, but the major portion is given to our temple whenever a need arises, such as a copier, a computer and new kitchen appliances like a refrigerator and dishwasher. We are always there to help.

Please help by contributing.

Sisterhood

Roz Goldstein, Sisterhood President

Do you know about all the wonderful services and programs Sisterhood offers during the year?

Sisterhood and its members provide all the desserts and beverages for Friday night Oneg Shabbats. We also supply the synagogue with paper goods and plastic utensils and we are responsible for the coffee, lemonade and tea used daily by the congregation for meetings and other events.

Another sacred responsibility of Sisterhood is to ensure that every Temple member who has a death in the family will be comforted with a "Meal of Consolation" after the funeral, memorial service or Celebration of Life ceremony. By joining Sisterhood you could be a part of performing this mitvah.

On the third Monday of every month, Sisterhood offers a luncheon program. This year, we are planning a diverse menu of fun and informative activities. See the listing below.

About a week before Passover, Sisterhood holds a "Women's Seder," which is always fun for everyone. This Seder is based wholly on the women in the Torah. There is singing and dancing and of course, food.

Sisterhood also participates in creating a complete High Holy Days experience for each Temple member through a Selichot program in which we will get together for discussion and pastry with Rabbi Dana Kaplan before a short service. After Yom Kippur evening services and Havdalah, Sisterhood prepares and serves a wonderful Break the Fast in our Social Hall.

Sisterhood tzedakah includes support of the Temple Food Bank project fund by collecting donations for food baskets and flower baskets in memory of someone or in celebration of milestones. Money is donated to the Temple operating fund and used for new equipment or repairs. Sisterhood also helps the synagogue pay for our weekly security guard.

As president, I invite all Temple Beth Shalom women to join us and engage in an exciting, enjoyable and at times sacred organization. Dues are free for your first year as a new Temple member and only \$30 every year thereafter. Please join me, and the members of Sisterhood, in the support of our synagogue and the enrichment of its members.

Roz Goldstein



TBS Sisterhood



All women Temple members are invited to join the Sisterhood. First year Temple members receive a complimentary membership to Sisterhood

WE:

- ♦ Are a group of Jewish women supporting our Temple
- ♦ Are an active, friendly group offering many opportunities for women
- ♦ Share our many talents and interests
- ♦ Provide activities that enable caring and bonding experiences
- ♦ Send Yahrzeit reminders
- ♦ Raise funds all year to benefit Temple Beth Shalom through our many activities
- ♦ Meet each month from October thru May, usually the third Monday
- ♦ Sponsor the Oneg Shabbat after the Friday night service

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Recording Secy Shari Young

Membership /
Corresponding Secy Mariane Anderson

Treasurer Sara Jane Feldman

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Baskets

Program Committee Sharon Gadless
Bonnie Longmire

Publicity Shari Young

Hospitality Yolanda Schatz
Committee Shari Young

Sunshine Meredith Weisman-
Amaral

Director

All Temple members are asked to bring in some goodies each month according to the first letter of their last name:

**week 1 A-F
week 2 G-L
week 3 M-S
week 4 T-Z
week 5 A-Z.**

Send in this coupon to join TBS Sisterhood for 2024-2025
(New TBS members are free during their first year.)

Dues are \$30.00/yr.

Name _____

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Phone _____

Check # _____

Mail check to:

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Temple Beth Shalom
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Brotherhood

of Temple Beth Shalom

We would like you to be involved in all of our Brotherhood events by joining. First year temple members are free.

Planned dinners, outings, brunches, helping the temple, and working with Sisterhood are only part of what we do. But most of all, we can all enjoy a great camaraderie. We are all from different parts of the country with different and wonderful ideas and it is our communal efforts that make TBS great.

This year we have brand new officers and they are energetically planning for an eventful year.

For further information,
please call the Temple at
623 977-3240



Brotherhood

Become part of the backbone of Temple Beth Shalom.
Join a group that knows how to help.
Join the Brotherhood today.



First year members of TBS are given a free membership in the Brotherhood. Just submit this form and let us know you are a first year member of TBS.

Returning members need to submit this form and a \$25 payment for the year.

You can bring it in to the office or mail it to:

Temple Beth Shalom 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351.

Make sure you write "Attention: TBS Brotherhood" on the envelope, and that your checks are made out to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood.



Please enroll me as a member of Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood for the year:

2024-2025

I have some expertise in the field of _____, and/or
_____ am willing to help in other ways for the benefit of the Brotherhood and temple.

Suggested areas that we can always use help: (✓ if you feel you can help)

Guest Speakers ____; Welcome back Cookout ____; Dinners planning ____;
Spring training Game ____; Once a month Usher ____; Key Committee ____;
Helping set up and take-down for events ____;

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or return this form along with payment to TBS
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example

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More than one plaque? Just duplicate the above form.

NAME BADGE INFORMATION

It was recommended by the Membership Committee and voted on by the Board of Directors that the board members, trustees and committee chairs, as well as TBS staff wear a personalized name badge to all temple functions. Any member of the temple who wishes to purchase a name badge may do so at the cost of **\$10**.

The name badge will be made of hard plastic with the TBS logo and magnetic backing to affix to clothing. There will be room for your name and underneath it your title, if you have one. You will have a choice of the type of clasp you wish to order; a pin clasp or magnetic clasp.

ANYONE WITH A PACEMAKER OR ANY OTHER MEDICAL IMPLANT DEVICE SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP FOR YOUR NAME BADGE. DO NOT GET A MAGNETIC NAME BADGE AS IT CAN INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF A PACEMAKER AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES. YOU SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP NAME BADGE.

On the form below, please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name badge and the type of clasp you would like.

NAME: _____

TYPE OF CLASP: MAGNETIC BACKING: _____

PIN CLASP: _____

COST: **\$10** EACH DUE: ASAP

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Call Helene at the temple at 623 977-3240 or email TBS at templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

P.S. Bricks are still available for people too

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BRICK PATHWAY PURCHASE A BRICK FORM



Thank you for your participation in this important project. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

I/We are purchasing _____ (number of bricks). The cost of each standard sized brick is \$100. **You can also add a logo / graphic for an additional \$36 or order an 8"x 8" brick with 6 lines for an additional \$100 each. Contact the Temple Office for more information.**

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

To expedite your order, enter your information at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/tbsbricks

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Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____
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Thank you _____ Happy Birthday _____
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Mazel Tov _____ Thinking of you _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Fund		

Send card to _____ Address _____

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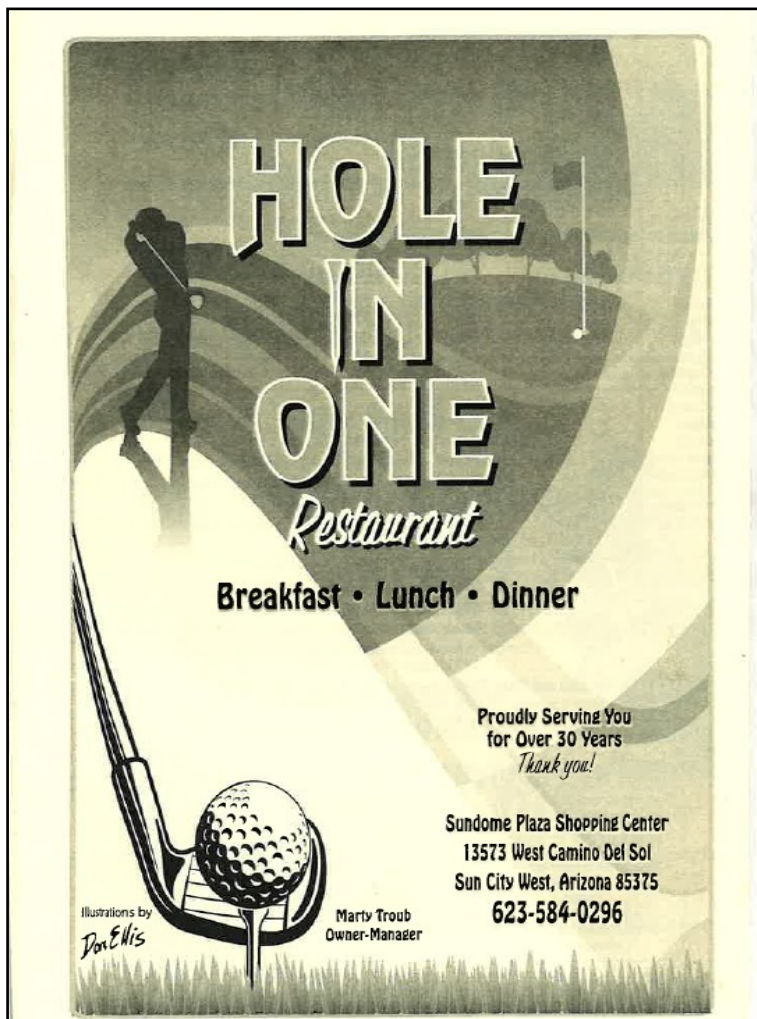
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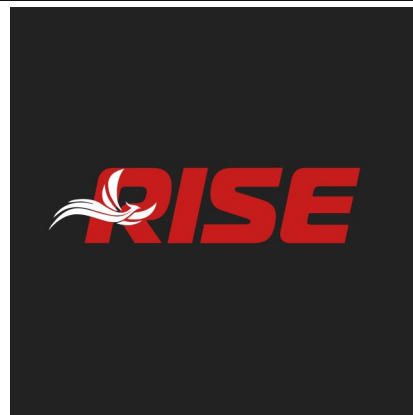
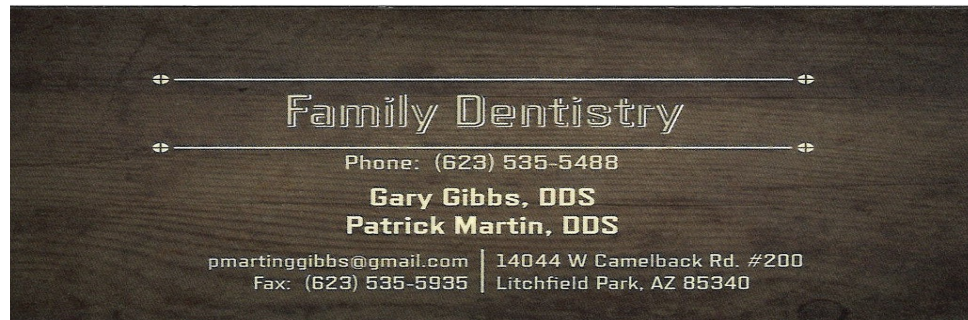
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Thanks for your cooperation

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