

# SHOFAR

December 2024 156 –Cheshvan 30–Kislev 30 5785



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TBS WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

**Gayle Tichauer**

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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>

**December 2024**

### **Hanukkah – The Struggle Between Judaism and Hellenism**

Americans love to celebrate Hanukkah more than any other holiday other than possibly Passover. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire.

We know about the miracle of the purified sanctified Galilean olive oil that was only enough for one day but burned for 8 days. We love to celebrate Hanukkah but what does it really mean?

We all know that there was a war between the Syrian Greeks and the Jews which we celebrate today in a holiday called Hanukkah, the festival of lights. We won the war and were able to re-purify the temple. But what led up to this war?

The answer is our insistence on monotheism. Today it seems obvious that for those who believe in God, there is one God. But that wasn't so obvious 2,200 years ago!

What pushed many Jews into rebelling against the Syrian Greeks was the King's insistence on offering sacrifices to the Greek gods in the holy Temple in Jerusalem. This was crossing a red line that could not be tolerated.

Most Jews wanted to bring the best of Greek culture into our Jewish religion and culture. We wanted to incorporate the best of our religion Judaism as well as the best of secular knowledge. Much of our Western civilization comes from the Greeks including the thinkers Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. We Jews want to incorporate truth into our understanding of the world no matter where we might find truth.

Hellenistic Judaism was a form of Judaism in classical antiquity that combined Jewish religious tradition with elements of Greek culture. Hellenism brought with it the promise of intellectual enlightenment. Many Jews embraced Hellenistic culture and combined it with their Jewish religion.

So in theory it should be possible to combine Hellenism with Judaism in order to make something that is profound and meaningful. Someone wanted to incorporate just a little bit of Hellenism into their Judaism and someone to incorporate a medium amount of Hellenism and someone wanted to incorporate a great deal of Hellenism. Just like today, different Jews have different approaches to how to integrate wisdom from non-jewish sources into Judaism.

If we take in too much from the secular culture around us, we risk losing our Jewish identity. That's why we base Judaism on the performance of the mitzvot. This allows us to do distinctly Jewish acts of religiosity on a daily basis.

Judaism is based on The Torah which included the stories and laws that shaped Jewish life. Practices like circumcision, eating kosher food, and observing the Sabbath helped Jews maintain a distinctive identity under Hellenistic rule.

There was a universalistic element to Hellenism that encouraged people to see themselves as citizens of the world and not just as members of their tribe. Many of us see this as a good thing, at least in moderation. We want to be citizens of the world as well as members of the Jewish community.

But not all Jews were so accommodating to Hellenism. Many felt that it was a threat to purely monotheistic conception of the Jewish religion and indeed to the continued existence of the Jewish people. The conflict between those who embraced Hellenism and those who rejected Hellenism broke out in the second century BCE in what we now know as the Maccabean wars.

The Syrian Greek king Antiochus intervened in an internal civil war between the Maccabean Jews and the Hellenized Jews in Jerusalem over who would be the High Priest. As the conflict escalated, Antiochus took the side of the Hellenizers by prohibiting the religious practices the traditionalists had rallied around.

Hellenistic Judaism led to the development of both rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity. Jews and Christians interpreted scripture differently, in large part based upon their degree of reliance on Greek translations. The Torah, of course, was written (mostly) in Hebrew. To keep it accessible to Jews who no longer spoke Hebrew, it was translated into Greek by a group of 70 (or perhaps 72) scholars. Therefore, this translation of the Hebrew Bible was called the Septuagint, a word based on the Greek word for seventy.

If the Greek king had not pushed radical Hellenism on us we would have been happy to work with him to integrate Greek culture into our lives. But once he insisted upon forcing us to offer sacrifices to the Greek gods in the Jewish temple, it was a threat to our religious beliefs and to our core Jewish identity. The only possible response was rebellion.

On the 8 days of Hanukkah, we celebrate our commitment to monotheism and to the continued vitality of Judaism in a world that can sometimes be hostile to us. It is both a religious holiday and a national holiday and that it celebrates both our commitments to Judaism as a religion and Jewishness as an ethnicity. We fought for both of these parts of our identities and we were victorious.

And so I want to wish everyone a very Happy Hanukkah!



## NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

### **"Don't let the light go out — it's lasted for so many years!"**

Who among us supposes this lyric to Peter Yarrow's song refers to an old incandescent bulb? Okay, we all know what 'light' really is, don't we? Before revisiting that wonderful song this month, let us reexamine what we truly encompass when it is sung.

Historian Yosef ben Mattityahu (better known as Flavius Josephus), c. AD 37 - c. 100) chronicled the Maccabean revolt through the Hasmonean dynasty. In his book Jewish Antiquities XII, Judas Maccabeus proclaimed there would be eight days of festivities annually after the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. It had been profanely decimated by Antiochus IV Epiphanes. Josephus does not say the festival was called 'Hanukkah' (Dedication) but rather the "Festival of Lights." He wrote: "They had regained the freedom of their worship; they made it a law for their posterity... And from that time to this we celebrate this festival and call it 'Lights.' I suppose the reason was because this liberty, beyond our hopes, appeared to us." The celebration included feasts, splendid sacrifices, hymns, and psalms.

The story of Hanukkah is also alluded to in the book of 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees. The Book of Judith, not in the Tanach, records that an Assyrian General, Holofernes, had surrounded the village of Bethulia as part of his campaign to conquer Judea. After intense fighting, the water supply of the Jews was cut off and the situation became desperate. Judith (*Yehudit*), a pious widow, told the city leaders that she had a plan to save the city. She went into the Assyrian camps and pretended to surrender. She met Holofernes, who was quite taken by her beauty. She went back with him to his tent where she plied him with wine and cheese. When he fell into a satiated, drunken sleep, she severed his head and escaped the camp with it. He had cut off the Jews' water, so she cut off his...well, anyway, this chapter is the reason why we not only eat fried foods at Hanukkah, remembering the *midrash* of the oil that lasted for eight nights, but we also eat dairy foods to remember the story of Judith and her culinary skills. More things to sing about. Loudly!

The thoughts I've shared are overlapping convictions, reasons to take so seriously the lighting of the candles when we sing (translated): "We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and battles that You waged for our forefathers and foremothers, in those days at this season."

When we sing our prayers and songs, we reconnect with our long history, rekindling our passion for the *first* light. And as Genesis states, before there was light, there was sound: "God *said*: "Let there be light!"" May this holiday, so closely aligned on the calendar this year with the dates of other folks' celebrations, keep the light shining brightly in peace for all God's children.

*Baruch Koritan*





## **MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

**Stephen Bold**

### **Why Being Thankful Is Important**

Many days we are so busy living that we forget to stop and think about what we are thankful for. But at this time of year, what better time to reflect on this!

As I sit and think about the many things I am thankful for, my lists overflow. Being close to my kids has been something that keeps joy inside me. I feel thankful for the many trips we have been able to take around the world. Closer to home, I am full of gratitude for finding a place to worship and develop wonderful friendships.

After reading several articles about gratitude, it reminds the reader to focus on what you already have, not what you feel you lack. It also says that grateful people have more personal happiness and stronger feelings of purpose and meaning.

Many of us are at the age that we tend to concentrate on our health and overcoming pain, and wonder how we can face tomorrow. This is when positive thoughts and thinking of all we are grateful for could lead to better sleep & health, and reduce our stress and sadness.

At this important holiday of Thanksgiving, share how you are thankful for so many things in your life. Hopefully being a part of Temple Beth Shalom is one on your list. Decide now to become more active at temple and support it financially. Continue reaching out to others and help us grow!

I am grateful for all your care and concern about my health and the many prayers for a full remission. Now it's your turn to think about all you have to be thankful for!

# 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

**DECEMBER 2024**

**12/3**

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

**12/4**

11:00 AM Torah Study

12:00 PM Brotherhood Meeting-BYOL

1:30 PM Program Committee Meeting

**12/5**

10:00 AM Hanukkah Class -clash between Greeks & Jews

**12/6**

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner -Brotherhood

7:00 PM –Shabbat Evening Service

8:30 PM Special Oneg

**12/7**

5:00 PM Havdalah Evening Religious School

**12/8**

10:00 AM Private Event

**12/9**

10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting

**12/10**

10:00 AM Outreach Meeting

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

3:00PM Tuesday Trivia

**12/11**

11:00 AM Torah Study

1:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

4:30 PM Religious School

**12/12**

10:00 AM Hanukkah Class - Clash between Greeks & Jews

1:30 PM Team TBS Meeting

**12/13**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

7:00 PM Special Guest Speaker—Kathy Rood

**12/14**

10:30 AM Saturday Shabbat Service

**12/15**

10:00 AM General Board Meeting

**12/16**

12:00 PM Sisterhood Luncheon

**12/17**

12:00 PM Brotherhood Meeting-BYOL

1:30 PM Grief RecoveryGroup

**12/18**

11:00 AM Torah Study

3:00 PM Religious School on Zoom

4:30 PM Religious School

**12/19**

10:00 AM Hanukkah Class - Clash between Greeks & Jews

11:30 AM Religious Practices Meeting

**12/20**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

**12/24**

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

**12/25**

11:00 AM Torah Study

5:00 PM Chanukah 1st Night—lighting outdoor menorahs

5:30 PM Chinese Restaurant Outing

**12/26**

1:00 PM Security Meeting

**12/27**

5:30 PM Chanukah Potluck & celebration

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

**12/29**

5:30 PM Rabbi Kaplan will lead Hanukkah services at Sun City  
Grand

**12/31**

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

## 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. December 4, 2024.

The reading is Parashat Veyetze Perek Alpha, "Who and What are Angels?" Pages 73-74 in the Torah Portion of Genesis of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume One: Genesis.

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.





# HANUKKAH:

## The Clash Between Greeks and Jews

### DATES

**DECEMBER 5:**  
**10 - 11:30 AM**

**DECEMBER 12:**  
**10 - 11:30 AM**

**DECEMBER 19:**  
**10 - 11:00 AM**



Rabbi Kaplan is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley in Sun City. He has been traveling for years to Israel -most recently in July - where he studied for his rabbinic ordination as well as for his PhD in history.

A war between the Syrian Greeks and the Jews over 2200 years ago which resulted in a miraculous military history led to the holiday called Hanukkah. Americans love to celebrate Hanukkah more than any other holiday other than possibly Passover. But what led up to this war and why was it so important for the history of Judaism and Christianity?

Hellenistic Judaism was a form of Judaism in classical antiquity that combined Jewish religious tradition with elements of Greek culture. Most Jews embraced Hellenistic culture and combined it with their Jewish religion. But many felt that it was a threat to the continued existence of the Jewish people. The conflict between those who embraced Hellenism and those who rejected Hellenism broke out in the second century BCE in what we now know as the Maccabean war.

This 3-part/4-hour course will be led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley. The course will enable Jews and Christians to look at the Maccabean war and analyze what were the values of the opposing sides as well as what were the consequences of the Maccabean victory.

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 12:00 PM on December 2.

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# Saturday Shabbat Service

## **SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH**

Please join us on Saturday, December 14, 2024  
for Shabbat Service at 10:30 AM at the Temple,  
followed by a potluck brunch.



## **1ST FRIDAY POT LUCK DINNER**

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

The next dinner will be Friday, December 6th.

Please do not bring any desserts to this dinner as there will be a very special Oneg  
after services in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Arnold & Carmen Berkowitz  
and the 70th Birthday of Mariane Anderson.



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](mailto:1bronxgal@gmail.com).



## Upcoming Events



### "Spring Training"

Paid Reservations are required

(\$38/ticket due by 12-4-24 – Price **includes** a \$5 Brotherhood donation – checks: "Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood")

### TBS Brotherhood presents – Annual Spring Training Game

*Members, family and friends welcome!*

*Surprise Stadium, Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 @ 1:05pm*

(Section 110, first base lower dugout seats)

## Sisterhood Hanukkah Celebration on Dec. 16



You're invited to the Sisterhood Hanukkah Celebration at noon Monday, Dec. 16, including songs performed by Joanne Gorelick accompanied by Daisy Anderson. The Latke luncheon is \$20. Please RSVP by Thursday Dec. 12 by calling the Temple office at 623.977.3240.



## Upcoming Events

### Menorah Lighting and Chinese Food on Dec. 25



Dec. 25 is the first night of Hanukkah so Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is having a menorah lighting at 5 p.m. at the Temple, 12202 N. 101st Ave. in Sun City. Since it's also Christmas Day, a group will be going to a Chinese restaurant. If you're interested in joining us, please call the Temple office at 623.977.3240 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Hanukkah Potluck Dinner on Dec. 27



Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley will be hosting a Hanukkah potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 27, followed by Menorah lighting and Shabbat services at the Temple, 12202 N. 101st Ave. in Sun City. If you plan to attend, please call the Temple at 623.977.3240 with the number of people attending and what you'd like to bring for the potluck. You should plan for 12 to 18 people.



## Sisterhood Getting to Know You Event on November 18, 2024







**THEY'RE Back**

**TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESENTS**

# **The Rural Street Klezmer Band**



**JANUARY 26, 2025**

**2:00 TO 3:30**

**EVENT LOCATION: TEMPLE SANCTUARY**

**20 MINUTE INTERMISSION WITH REFRESHMENTS**

**COST; \$20 FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS  
\$10 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13, FREE FOR KIDS UNDER 5**

**PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD, CHECK, CASH, OR ZEPHY**

**\$25 AT THE DOOR BY CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

**RSVP deadline is Jan. 23rd      Contact Temple Beth Shalom  
12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351**

**623 977-3240    TBSaz.org    TempleBethShalomAZ@gmail.com**

**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.**





# 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**

Temple Beth Shalom  
12202 N 101st Ave  
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  
"Temple Beth Shalom"  
12202 N 101st Ave.  
Sun City, AZ, 85351  
623 977-3240**



## 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

**This weekly group will begin  
on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024**

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 **DECEMBER**



**"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**

**SOUPS WITH  
POP-TOP LIDS**

**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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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Siegel	12/1
Mariane Anderson	12/2
Ray Beaser	12/5
Max Kelley	12/5
Frederick Cohen	12/7
Eric Saikin	12/7
Therese Michael	12/13
Michael Zager	12/14
Miles Rosenthal	12/17
Marlene Green	12/18
Arnold Berkowitz	12/30
Leonard Mandel	12/30
Alan Meyerowitz	12/30
Karen Carnow	12/31



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold & Carmen Berkowitz	12/6	60th anniversary
Ray & Shirley Beaser	12/24	52nd anniversary
Michael & Bonnie Longmire	12/28	20th 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:

**Alan Oppenheimer**

Neil Oppenheimer

**Frieda Lara**

Carmen Berkowitz

**Janet Howard**

**Martha Dublin Howard**

Gloria & Steve Bold

**Bill Stein**

Edward Lawrence

**Adrian Fox**

Helene Fox

**Grace Hauptman**

**Mike Hauptman**

The Hauptman Family

**Leah Center**

Carl de Almeida

**Robert Gerber**

Cliff & Barb Gerber

**Emma Coran**

**Dr. Lewis Rubinowitz**

Lori Baker

**Irving Katz**

Pam & Dave Katz

### Happy Birthday:

**Abe & Halle Mondlick**

Gloria & Steve Bold

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Harry Weiss**

Morris Weiss

### Biblical Garden Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Harry Schneider**

Judy & Larry Feinstein

### Social Action

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Jeffrey Hauptman**

Lila Hauptman & Family

### Security Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Edward Polis**

Dennis Cutler

**Irene Reiss**

Minia Kalish

**Tommy Beck**

Sharon Gadless

### Chair Plaque Fund:

#### In Honor of:

**Meredith Singer**

Carol Zingale-Dandoy

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**

Emma Ouzan	Mother	Yvette Schurer	Flower Bouquet	10/11/24
Jeffrey Hauptman	Husband & Father	Lila Hauptman & Family	Food Basket & Flower Bouquet	11/17/24
Sherye Weinbach	Wife	Myron Weinbach	Flower Bouquet	11/22/24
Lance H. Perlis	Son	Joan & Sy Perlis	Food Basket	11/29/24
Mitchell Helbon	Husband	Sharyn Helbon	Food Basket	12/6/24
Theresa Marten	Mother & Grandmother	Judy & Larry Feinstein	Flower Bouquet	12/6/24
Grace Hauptman	Mother In Law	The Hauptmans	Flower Bouquet	12/13/24
Mike Hauptman	Father In Law	Hauptman Family	Flower Bouquet	12/20/24
Harry Weiss	Father	Morris Weiss	Flower Bouquet	12/20/24

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



# SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS FOR 2024-25

A welcoming event for Monday all women in our Nov. 18 at 1:00 pm Congregation. **GETTING TO KNOW YOU** Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there is no charge for this event. A blow-out sale will be at the Sisterhood Judaica store for all items Please RSVP your reservation at Temple Beth Shalom ☺ 623-977-3240 no later November 14th.



Monday Dec. 16 at 12 noon **HANUKKAH CELEBRATION**

Will include songs performed by Joanne Gorelick, accompanied by Daisy Anderson. Our Latke Luncheon is \$20. Please RSVP for your reservation by Dec. 12th. 623 977-3240

**GOLDA** will be our featured film. Cost is \$10 which includes popcorn, a variety of snacks and hot and cold drinks. Please RSVP your reservation no later than Jan. 16th to Temple Beth Shalom.

Monday 1:00 pm  
Jan. 20  
**GOLDA**



Bonnie Longmire Monday 12:00 pm  
will be giving a Feb. 17 at  
presentation on Ethel Rosenberg  
Ethel Rosenberg. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$20. Everyone is invited to this event. Please RSVP your reservation no later than Feb. 13th



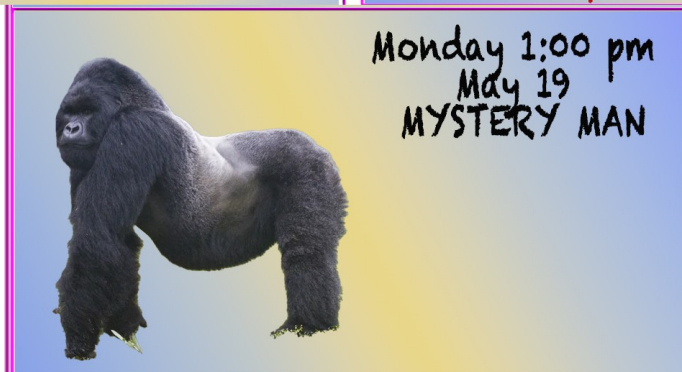
Monday 1:00 pm  
March 17  
**SHAMROCK BINGO**

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost is \$20. Please RSVP your reservation no later than March 14th. Everyone is invited to this event.



Community Women's Seder presented by Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood. Cost is \$20 and please make your reservations no later than April 3rd.

Monday 12:00 pm  
April 17  
In Memory of  
**REBBETZIN BARBARA MOSS**



Monday 1:00 pm  
May 19  
**MYSTERY MAN**



# 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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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to:

TBS Sisterhood  
Temple Beth Shalom  
2202 N 101st Av  
Sun City AZ 85351



# 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

**B**ecome 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 \_\_\_\_;  
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## 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.

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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.

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**P.S. Bricks are still available for people too**

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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.

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Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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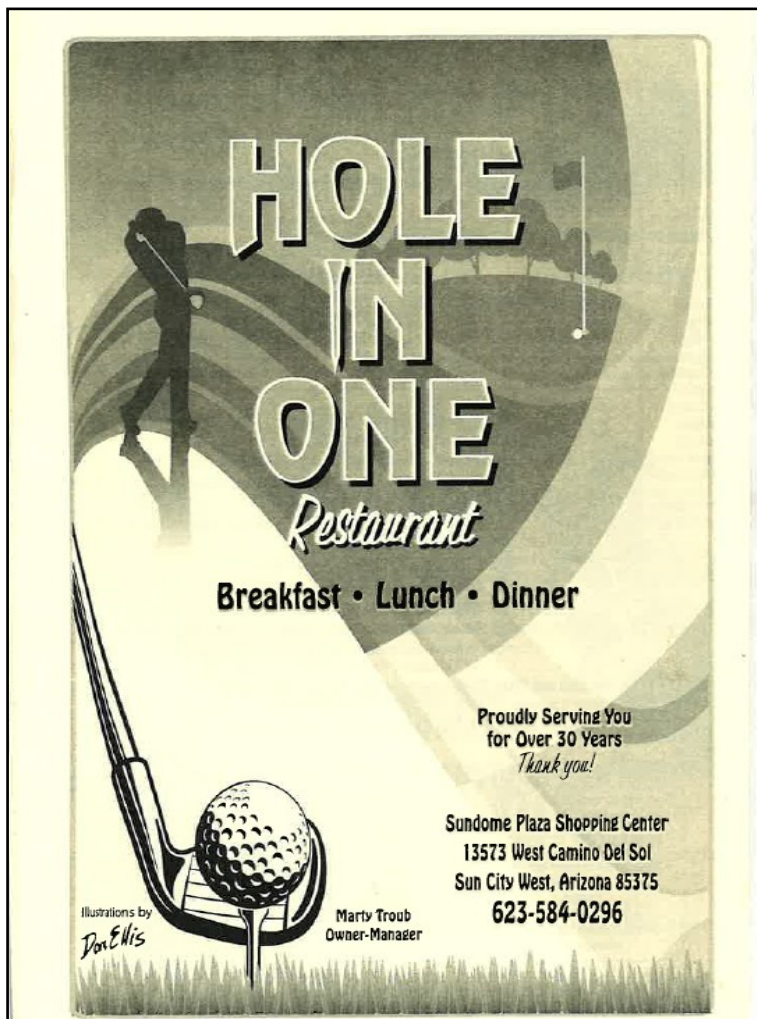
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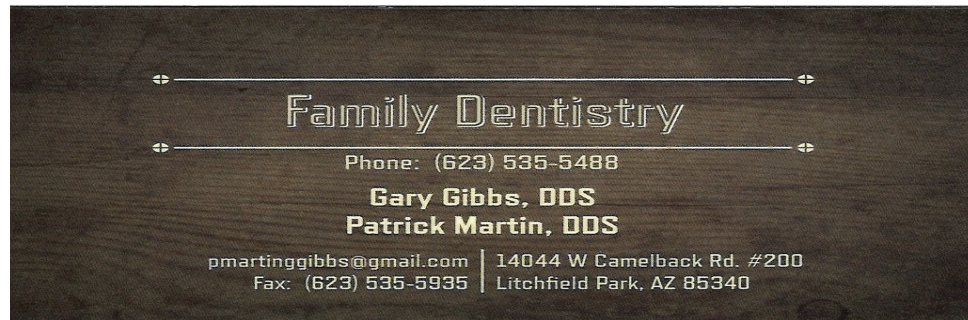
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