

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

Sun City, AZ

# SHOFAR

April 2024 152 22 Adar -Nissan 5784



**TBS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

**Michael & Megan Chartrand  
and  
Helena Wroblowski**

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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>

### April 2024 Passover – the Ten Plagues

Passover is one of the three pilgrimage festivals that celebrates the Biblical story of the Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt. In personal terms, Passover is one of the most beloved Jewish holidays. This is true even though a central element of the holiday is remembering the ten plagues inflicted upon the Egyptians. It is of course very sad that the Egyptians had to suffer, but it is a necessary precondition for The Exodus from Egypt and the fulfillment of God's promises to the Children of Israel.

We love celebrating at the Seder. Not only is the haggadah a beloved ritual, but the seder meal is not only delicious but actually memorable. We hold some of our warmest family memories of Passover seders in recent times and in the distant past. We remember with love long lost relatives who interacted with us in meaningful ways in discussions over the meaning of various aspects of the holiday.

The Ten Plagues are recited during the Passover Seder. The God of Israel inflicts these plagues on Egypt in order to convince the Pharaoh to emancipate the enslaved Israelites. We dip our finger into the wine and drop a drop on to the plate for each of the ten plagues. Our fingers may get a little bit sticky and the plate may get a little bit messy, but it's a ritual that we remember.

Let's look at the biblical origins of this Jewish holiday. In the Book of Exodus, the Israelites are enslaved in Egypt. Adonai, the god of the Israelites, appears to Moses in a burning bush and commands Moses to demand that Pharaoh let the Israelites go. Pharaoh refuses and in response Adonai inflicts a series of ten plagues on the Egyptians.

The plagues serve as God's "signs and marvels" to answer Pharaoh's taunt that he does not know Adonai. "The Egyptians shall know that I am Adonai God." God and Pharaoh – who sees himself as a god– go head to head. Adonai our God comes out victorious.

Each plague is meant to challenge one of the Egyptian gods. For example, the first plague turns the water of the Nile into blood. This is designed to send the message to the Egyptians — who believed that the Nile was a god — that the God of Israel was able to reign supreme over the god of the Nile.

The ten plagues of Egypt and the biblical verse where each one is referenced are:

#### **Blood**

With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water. (Exodus 7:17-18)

#### **Frogs**

The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs. (Exodus 8:3)

#### **Lice or Gnats**

Stretch out your rod and smite the dust of the land that it may become gnats throughout all the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:16)

## Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

### **Flies**

If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies; even the ground will be covered with them. But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land. (Exodus 8:21-22)

### **Pestilence of Livestock**

If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back, the hand of the Lord will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses, donkeys and camels and on your cattle, sheep and goats. (Exodus 9:2-3)

### **Boils**

Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt and festering boils will break out on men and animals throughout the land. (Exodus 9:8-9)

### **Thunderstorm of Hail**

Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now. The hail will fall on every person and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field and they will die. (Exodus 9:18-19)

### **Locusts**

If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow. They will cover the face of the ground so that it cannot be seen. They will devour what little you have left after the hail, including every tree that is growing in your fields. (Exodus 10:4-5)

### **Darkness**

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt darkness that can be felt". So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived. (Exodus 10:21-23)

### **Death of the Firstborn**

About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. (Exodus 11:4-5)

The number 10 in the Bible symbolizes completeness or fullness. That is why there are 10 Commandments and similarly that's why there are 10 plagues. Seven plagues might not be seen as complete. Perhaps Pharaoh needed another few plagues in order to finally relent? But 10 plagues is complete. If Pharaoh continues to refuse after 10 plagues, that indicates a complete refusal to accept the Divine will.

Most importantly, the 10 plagues show the Israelites – meaning us – that God not only cares about us but is willing to intervene in history in order to redeem us from slavery. Today it's very hard to believe that God is willing to intervene on our behalf. We have all sorts of reasons to doubt that there is such a thing as divine intervention and there are certainly many good reasons for this doubt but on Passover we want to believe.

We want to believe that God is good and we want to believe that God is active in history, the other 364 days of the year we may see God as a philosophical concept or in any one of a number of other ways, but on Passover we come face to face with a God who is willing to bring not one but 10 plagues on our behalf. and that is something worth celebrating.

So let me wish everyone a very happy Passover. I'm sure I will see many of you at our community Seder and also at our Passover Shabbat services. May you find meaning in the Seder and the religious observances of the entire Passover holiday. May you find much joy and satisfaction during this week and may you come to understand

Liberation Redemption and Freedom not just as hypothetical abstract terms but as forces for good in each of our lives and let us say Amen.



## NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Our annual festivals (love fests), always incorporate some form of music and, of course, some form of food. They go so well together that Shakespeare had to summarize the synthesis of it all: "If music be the food of love, then play on. Give me excess of it". Passover takes the cake (made with matzah meal) as the favorite holiday because of all the excesses, including too many glasses of wine. Luckily, in the not so old days, a designated driver was unnecessary. The horse knew the way home.

It is no accident that we sing at Pesach. When the Israelites reached the banks of the Sea of Reeds, Miriam and Moses led the multitude of just-freed slaves in joyous song: "Mi Chamocho," sung every Shabbat, praises God. To this day, hymns and communal songs enumerate the events for which we give thanks to God for all the blessings bestowed upon us. After four centuries of servitude, we had put it all behind us. Through the singing of some woeful tunes that are later replaced by happy melodies, we relive the undaunted spirit of our people. We continually reshape ourselves through our faith's history, thus enriching our daily lives as well, but every day cannot be Passover. It needs to remain special and unique.

Each generation is recognized at our seder table. For a change, the youngest is given a prominent position, with the asking of the four questions: 1. Can we eat yet? 2. Why does this grape juice taste so weird? 3. Do I really *have* to sing? 4. Why don't gefilte fish have eyes? Then we take another hour and a half to answer the precocious one's questions. Slavery was also painful and seemed endless. This is all part of the re-enactment. "Let my people go..." eat. Actually, the singing of that particular song, rooted in the similar African American experience, helps to expand our consciousness by including one of the many other ethnic groups which have been enslaved, past and even presently.

Eventually, as we recount our abundant dinner, we sing that the chicken would have been enough, the brisket would have been enough, etc. We sing "Dayenu" Any one of the gifts God provided would have been enough. If someone can still manage to get up from the table, he or she opens the door for the Prophet Elijah. We need to sing "Eliyahu Hanavi" with gusto even if we're starting to get sleepy from all the prayers over wine, Elijah will turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents, before the coming of the great and awesome Day of God.

The celebration will be complete with hope, "L'Shana Haba-ah," an upbeat song with a wish to celebrate this precious remembrance next year in Jerusalem! In my lifetime, this long overdue dream of an official homeland became a reality. Okay, I'm several months older than the proclaimed State of Israel. However, I watched my hair grow whiter during some very long seders. The good news is that our Temple Beth Shalom seder this year will be just the right length for everyone. Now that is something to sing about!

*Baruch Koritan*



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

**Stephen Bold**

### **Saturday Morning Service**

We had our first Saturday morning Shabbat service at the Temple this past week. The service was led by Rabbi Kaplan with music by Sharon Friendly.

The sun was shining through the stained glass windows and the atmosphere was calm and spiritual. The service involved everyone in singing and reciting passages. It was a closeness felt by all. We then had a delicious potluck after the service, and people stayed for over an hour schmoozing.

Another Saturday Shabbat morning service will be held April 20th. Please mark your calendar and join us!

### **Constitution Amendments**

All the constitution amendments failed. I take the blame for this, as I did not do a sufficient job of educating the Temple members on the reason for the changes. The primary reason not communicated sufficiently was to align the constitution to put in place a Succession Plan for the officers of the Temple going forward. We need to make sure that we are giving the individuals who are interested in leading our organization, the training and resources to effectively do the job.

### **Temple Finances**

As I detailed in a previous article, cash flow becomes a problem for the Temple in the 4th quarter. That is what will now happen in April.

So how can you help? Please plan on attending the Nicole Pesce concert on April 14. Also, if you have made any fundraising commitments pay that now. Even paying next year's dues prior to June 30, (temporary help) will help us financially get to July .

Please know that we are diligently working to solve this non-ending funding challenge.

Shalom,  
Steve

# BULLETIN BOARD

**April 2024**

**4/1**

10:00 AM Antisemitism Class  
11:30 AM Coffee with the Rabbi

**4/2**

1:30 PM Grief Group

**4/3**

11:00 AM Torah Study  
.....1:00 PM Caring Committee Meeting

**4/4**

10:00 AM The Historical Jesus with Rev Bruce Scott  
4:45 PM Mini Religious School

**4/5**

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner -Brotherhood  
7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

**4/7**

10:00 AM Brotherhood Meeting

**4/8**

10:00 AM Antisemitism Class  
11:30 AM Coffee with the Rabbi

**4/9**

1:30 PM Grief Group

**4/10**

10:30AM Endowment Fund Meeting  
11:00AM Torah Study  
1:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

**4/11**

10:00 AM The Historical Jesus with Rev Bruce Scott  
1:30 PM Team TBS Meeting  
4:45 PM Mini Religious School

**4/12**

5:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

**4/14**

10:00AM Sisterhood Board Meeting  
2:30PM Nicole Pesce performance

**4/15**

10:00 AM Antisemitism Class  
12:00 PM Sisterhood Womens Seder

**4/16**

1:30PM Grief Group

**4/17**

11:00 AM Torah Study  
1:30PM Outreach Meeting

**4/18**

10:00 AM The Historical Jesus with Rev Bruce Scott  
11:30 AM Religious Practices Meeting  
4:45 PM Mini Religious School

**4/19**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

**4/20**

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service & Potluck Brunch  
At TBS

**4/21**

10:00 AM General Board Meeting  
2PM Ponce/Ross Wedding

**4/22**

10:00 AM Antisemitism Class  
5:30 PM Passover Seder –1st night

**4/23**

1:30 PM Grief Group

**4/24**

11:00 AM Torah Study

**4/25**

10:00 AM The Historical Jesus with Rev Bruce Scott  
1:00 PM Security Meeting  
4:45 PM Mini Religious School

**4/26**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

**4/29**

10:00AM Antisemitism Class

**4/30**

1:30 PM Grief Group

## Torah Discussions

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

Our next Torah Study Zoom meeting will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3. The reading is Parashat Vayakhel-Pekude Perek Alef, "The Sabbath Is for Celebration, for Rest, Not Work!", pages 88-90 of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume Two: Exodus.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89608882856?pwd=Q3VoTzhXWVpwZW5USGZpUWxuMUhZUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 0888 2856  
Passcode: 762386

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.

# 2024 Spring Adult Education Offerings at TBS

## **2024 Spring Adult Education Offerings at TBS - Update**

The Adult Education Committee has had to make some changes to the calendar of courses available to our members, due to the Rabbi's vacation schedule. Here is a quick overview of each, with the dates. Watch for a detailed flyer for each. All offerings are at 10:00 – 11:00 AM..

### APRIL

**Mondays: Antisemitism – lead by Rabbi Kaplan**

In recent months, antisemitism has increased dramatically. Many people have been shocked by this. Antisemitism, they reasoned, was an historical phenomena. In light of the Shoah, all civilized people were shocked and determined to avoid any type of anti-Semitism at all cost. But in the aftermath of October 7th, antisemitism seems to have made a dramatic resurgence. What has happened? This is a question that all civilized Americans need to ask. This four-part series will look at contemporary antisemitism and attempt to analyze its sources and likely results.

April 1, 8, 15, 29

**Thursdays: Two Perspectives of the Gospels: Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism – lead by Rabbi Kaplan and Bruce Scott, a Christian minister.**

These two religious leaders and educators will look at four Central topics in the development of Judaism and Christianity, as found in the Gospels. The course will be a great opportunity to compare Jewish and Christian perspectives on a variety of important foundational principles. The four topics they will cover are: 1) the mitzvah to love your neighbor as yourself; 2) the synagogue; 3) Shabbat; and 4) forgiveness.

April 4, 11, 18, 25

### MAY

**Mondays: Learning Hebrew – taught by Mariane Anderson**

More information available at a later date.

May 6, 13, 20, 27

### JUNE

**Mondays: Israel Update – lead by Rabbi Kaplan**

More information available at a later date.

June 3, 10, 17, 24

**Thursdays: The Spanish Inquisition and the Conversos – lead by Rabbi Kaplan**

More information available at a later date.

June 6, 13, 20, 27

Watch the Weekly Bulletin and The Shofar for additional information each week/month.





## antisemitism noun

an·ti·sem·i·tism ,an-tē-'se-mə-ti-zəm,

or less commonly antisemitism : hostility toward or discrimination against Jews as a religious, ethnic, or racial group

# antisemitism

**MONDAYS • APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22 • 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

After the murder of 6 million Jews by the Nazis during World War II, all civilized people have been determined to avoid any type of antisemitism at all cost. Antisemitism, they reasoned, was a historical phenomena. But then in the aftermath of October 7th, antisemitism seems to have made a dramatic resurgence.

### **WHAT HAS HAPPENED? THIS IS A QUESTION THAT ALL AMERICANS NEED TO ASK.**

The world seems to have shifted dramatically. Prior to October 7, no self-respecting person would have admitted to harboring negative feelings toward Jews, and certainly not desiring to murder large numbers of Jews. But this has changed; many are openly calling for the murder of Jews.



In April, Dana Evan Kaplan, Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (TBS) in Sun City, will be leading a four-part series which will look at contemporary antisemitism and attempt to analyze its sources and likely results. Prior to becoming the Rabbi at TBS in 2019, Rabbi Kaplan served congregations in Georgia, Alabama, Wisconsin, Jamaica, and South Africa. He is a recognized authority on Reform Judaism in the United States and the author of several noteworthy books on Reform Judaism.

**\$20** FOR MEMBERS | **\$35** FOR NON-MEMBERS

or 1 COUPON FROM BOOK

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: 12:00 NOON ON MARCH 27  
TO REGISTER AND PAY THE COURSE FEE, CONTACT THE TBS OFFICE AT 623-977-3240**



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# TWO PERSPECTIVES OF THE GOSPELS: CHRISTIANITY & RABBINIC JUDAISM

This 4-part series will be jointly taught by a rabbi and a Christian minister. Together they will look at four central topics in the development of Judaism and Christianity, as found in the Gospels. This will be a great opportunity to compare Jewish and Christian perspectives on a variety of important foundational principles.

THURSDAYS • APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25 • 10:00 - 11:00 AM

## THE FOUR TOPICS ARE

**The commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.** How have different Jewish and Christian thinkers analyzed this commandment and what were the differences between the perspectives?

**The synagogue.** When did it develop as a center for prayer as opposed to serving a more communal function? What can we learn from Christian sources about the synagogue?

**Shabbat/the Sabbath.** How does the Bible describe Shabbat observance and what did the rabbis add to this perspective? Jesus talks about Shabbat in several key passages, what did Christians decide to do vis-a-vis observance of the Sabbath?

**Forgiveness.** Both Jews and Christians believe in forgiveness but how do their views differ?



For this course, the leaders will be using the text of the Gospels and *Rabbinic Judaism: A Study Guide*. Excerpts from the book, which include primary sources, will be provided to students, but those who prefer their own copy will find it available from Amazon for about \$16.

These two religious leaders and teachers have very different approaches to the subject matter not only because they believe in and practice different faiths, but also because they have different viewpoints about religious studies. This will be an exciting and unique opportunity to learn about religion from contrasting points of view.

Author of the book *The Feasts of Israel: Seasons of the Messiah*, Bruce Scott is a graduate of Central Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. Bruce is the Director of Program Ministries of The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, a worldwide evangelical Christian ministry founded in 1938. In his current position, he oversees online educational programs, educational excursions to New York City's Jewish neighborhoods, and volunteer trips to Israel.

Dana Evan Kaplan is the Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley, a Reform Jewish congregation located in Sun City. While serving as a pulpit rabbi for 25 years, he is recognized as an authority on the history and development of Reform Judaism, challenging Reform leaders with respect to the future of the Reform movement. Among the several books he has authored, the most recent are *The New Reform Judaism: Challenges and Reflections* and *A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism's Sacred Path*.



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## SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH

Please join us on April 20 for Saturday Shabbat Service  
at 10:00 AM at the Temple followed by a potluck brunch

Details of service will follow

Please call the temple office to let us know what you would like to bring  
623-977-3240



TBS Caring Committee needs your help!

We are looking for a volunteer to Chair our TBS Caring Committee

*Interested?*

Get in touch with the office to help fill this important role in our temple

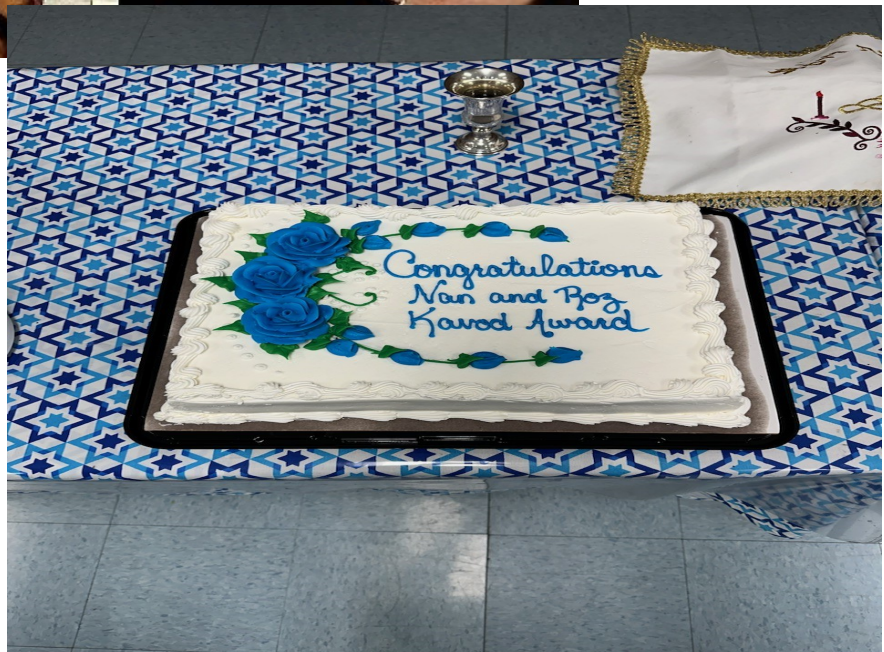
Call 623-977-3240



# KAVOD AWARDS

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

Congratulations to Nan Rubin-Lieber and Roz Goldstein who both were honored with Kavod Awards in appreciation of their exemplary service to the congregation of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley. They received their awards on March 1 during a special dinner.



# Third Annual Golf Outing

*Willowcreek Golf Course* March 3, 2024



*The winning team is shown in the photo (left to right) Gary Neumann, Rick Forester, Mike Cahill and Mike Meleskie.*

## Third Annual Golf Outing continued



*Fred Cohen, Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Bernie Arum.*



*Dr. Howard Lonn, Dr. Chet Cedars, Dr. Glen Zelkind, Rabbi Dana Kaplan and Michael Zager.*



# Spring Training Game

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Surprise Stadium

*Kansas City Royals/Milwaukee Brewers*



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM  
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PRESENTS



# Nicole Pesce

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**  
(no intermission)

**Enjoy an absolutely  
enthralling afternoon  
listening to the  
piano mastery of  
Nicole Pesce.**

**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. April 11th or \$25 at the door on April 14th payable by check or cash.**

**You can make reservations by going to our website at [tbsaz.org](http://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 Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom  
hosts

The Barbara Moss Women's  
Community Passover Seder

12 Noon Monday, April 15, 2024



Our own Nan  
Rubin-Lieber  
will lead the  
Seder this  
year.

We welcome  
all women to  
participate in  
the  
contemporary  
roles of  
women in the  
celebration of  
Passover.



Cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members

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

**Reservation deadline is April 10th**

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**Reserve Now**

# Passover at TBS

**Monday, April 22, 2024**  
**Seder starts at 5:30pm**

**SEDER WILL BE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF RABBI DANA KAPLAN**

TBS Members and family - \$45 per person  
Non-members and guests - \$50 per person  
Ages 6-18 - \$18 per person  
Children 5 and under - Free

**Deadline for Reservations is firm - April 17th.**  
**Also, there are no refunds or cancellations after April 17th**

**Reservations are not final until  
paid in full by April 17th**  
**Attendance to Seder is by  
pre-paid reservation only.**



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Methods of payment:  
In Mail - **CHECK**  
Call to Office - **CREDIT CARD**  
Online - **ZEFFY**

**Please return this section of Matzoh with your check**

Name(s): _____	Contact phone: _____
# of Members & family _____	@ \$45 each = _____
# of Non-members & Guests _____	@ \$50 each = _____
# of Ages 6-18 (under 6 are free) _____	@ \$18 each = _____
Totals: _____	# _____ \$ _____
I prefer to sit at the table with: _____	
If paying by check, please enclose this slip. If charging, please call TBS 623 977-3240	

# Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



# APRIL

**"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.**



## **Conservation—Awareness—Resources—Energy**

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is partnering with We Care Recycling

### **We Need Your Support**

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is hosting a clothing and shoe recycling bin to help keep textiles out of the landfills!

#### **How it Works:**

- 1) Clean out your closets and dressers.
- 2) Place all outgrown clothing and shoes into a bag.
- 3) Bring said bag to Temple Beth Shalom and place it in the **blue bin in the parking lot.**



It is estimated every human throws over 80 pounds of textiles into the landfill every year! Once in the landfills, natural fibers can take hundreds of years to decompose. Textile recycling has significant challenges—without community awareness and education our future generations will struggle more than ever!

Our clothes recycling programs reduce emissions and provide affordable clothes to people locally and abroad. The mission of our organization is to partner with local businesses, schools, places of worship, and property owners to help keep clothes and shoes out of the landfill and into homes that are in need.

## 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, Sept. 26th, 2023

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



A suggested monthly  
\$20 donation to help  
with temple expenses is  
also welcomed.

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

**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.**

Call TBS at 623 977-3240 for further details



## Do you know what a Chavurah is?...

A Chavurah is small groups within a large group. The large group being Temple Beth Shalom. In many instances the Chavurahs become extended families. They can be Social groups, Study groups, any type of group that you want. Chavurah is open to Temple Members only and the Spouse or Partner of the Member (whether they are members or not).

I have three questions for you:

1. Your name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your interests \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you interested in a Couples group, Single group or Mixed group. \_\_\_\_\_.

If you are interested or want more information, or want to be on the Committee, contact me. I am Sandy Shedroff 623-376-8737 or my cell phone 623-670-3725. My email is: [Shshedroff@aol.com](mailto:Shshedroff@aol.com)

The great thing about being in a Chavurah is, when you come to Temple or a function, you are not alone or sitting by yourself.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Gluck	4/6
Daniel Spedale	4/6
Alice Gurne	4/7
Sandra Pasik	4/8
Sandra Shedroff	4/11
Sondra Fox	4/13
Jean Rosen	4/15
Larry Gorelick	4/19
Roberta Ordovery	4/19
Eugene Neigoff	4/25
Nancy Urbach	4/29



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Rael & Michelle Bennett	4/3	19th
Brant & Linda Saperstein	4/4	49th
Marc & Linda Abramowitz	4/6	16th
Doug Pusateri & Helaine Feldman	4/15	11th

## 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.

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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 Schuver	Father	Fred Schuver	Food Basket	03/15/24
Frances Gadless	Mother	Lou Gadless	Flower Bouquet	03/22/24
Estelle Cohen	Sister	Evelyn Dragiff	Food Basket	03/29/24
Rose Perlis	Mother	Sy & Joan Perlis	Food Basket	04/12/24
Samuel Beck	Grandfather	Sharon Gadless	Food Basket	04/12/24

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.



## INFORMATION FROM YOUR TBS SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT ROZ GOLDSTEIN

On the third Monday of the month, Sisterhood has a luncheon program. Our lunches are delicious and the programs are always interesting and fun. In October we had a presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness conducted by Mary Gill Savoren, a long time Sisterhood member. In the following months there will be a Chanukah meeting with entertainment and our yearly women's Seder. Further discussion and details to be announced at a later date.

Every month we also help the synagogue pay for our weekly security guard.

Your TBS Sisterhood supports the area Food Bank. Any donations that we receive for Food Baskets or Flower Baskets in memory of someone, or celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, new babies, etc., are sent to the designated fund the donor chose and to the Valley View Food Bank.

At the end of our fiscal year, we donate a good portion of our funds to the temple operating fund maintaining the synagogue, or for new equipment or repairs, especially in the kitchen.

Please join us. If you are a new TBS member, the dues are free for your first year and \$25.00 in the years that follow, I'm happy to answer any questions or listen to any suggestions you may have about our group. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me.

Roz

[Bereavement "Meal of Consolation"](#) Families of a member can call Yolanda Schatz at (623) 566-6686 to make arrangements for a meal at the Temple.



# 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 and Break the Fast following Yom Kippur services.

President	Rosalind Goldstein
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Hospitality Committee	Yolanda Schatz Shari Young
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Directors	Brenda Bochner

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

**week 2 A-H**  
**week 3 J-R**  
**week 4 S-Z**  
**week 5 A-Z.**

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 Temple Beth Shalom  
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 Sun City AZ 85351

# Brotherhood

of Temple Beth Shalom

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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.

Contact me (Glen Zelkind) at (303) 514-2895  
or call the temple at (623) 977-3240 for an application.

*Looking forward to working with you.*  
*Glen Zelkind*  
*Brotherhood President*



# 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:**

**2023-2024**

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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Doner (you)

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Phone

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.

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TYPE OF CLASP:

MAGETIC BACKING: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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<b><u>Please print.</u></b>

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 Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ Happy Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
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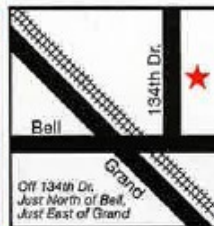
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