



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

SUN CITY, AZ

# SHOFAR

December 2022 138

7 Kislev....7 Tevet



FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS, HAPPY CHANUKAH

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

HERB & RIVA MEYEROVITZ

DAVID & BARBARA RUDZIN

LLOYD JANOW

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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>

### Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

Hanukkah is the festival of lights. Light equates with goodness. Light serves as a symbol of life, happiness, prosperity, and, in a wider sense, of perfect being. As a symbol of life, light can also serve as a symbol of immortality.

Light symbolizes enlightenment, understanding of what makes the world go round. We seek light during times of darkness, meaning that we seek to understand how to make the world a better place at a time when things look like human beings are determined to kill each other and wreck the natural environment.

The holiday of Hanukkah, also called the Festival of Lights, actually commemorates not one but two celebrations: the stunning military victory of the Jews led by the Hasmoneans over the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE, and also the miracle of the menorah that was lit upon the Jewish restoration of the Temple, where the light that had enough oil to last one day lasted for eight days.

After a successful revolt against a tyrannical monarch, the victorious Jews could find almost no pure olive oil to light the Menorah. However, the oil lasted long enough to purify more oil and bring it to the Jerusalem Temple.

The military victory over the Greeks appears to be the earlier justification for the holiday. During talmudic times, the sages appear to have introduced the idea of the miracle of the single cruse of oil that lasted for 8 days. It was very important to keep the light lit in the temple at all times and this miracle allowed that to happen until more oil could be brought from the Galilee.

We celebrate the perseverance of the flames of the Hanukkah menorah, remembering the Jerusalem Temple which connects us to an earlier form of Judaism. The temple in Jerusalem was where all of the Jewish holidays were celebrated and all of the prayers to God were offered. Many of these prayers were delivered to God in the form of sacrifices. I don't want to see animal sacrifices restored in the Jerusalem Temple under any circumstances but I think the light of the fire can be used as a very powerful metaphor.

## CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

God created light before anything else. The book of Genesis records in Genesis 1:3 that on the first day of creation: “God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” God was taking the leap of faith in creating the world. There was a tremendous sense of hope and optimism that was symbolized by the creation of light at the very beginning of the process.

Light can bring us hope. Knowing that letting the light of faith shine can bring about real change for the betterment in our lives. Hope comes into its own when crisis looms, opening us to new creative possibilities.

Light can bring us wisdom. The word “enlighten” means to give knowledge to other people. Light stands for truth. Light gives us the wisdom to choose life over death, to choose good over evil. Transcendent wisdom lies in the heart of every religion, where it is often acquired through intuitive knowing, going beyond mere practical wisdom and includes self-knowledge, interconnectedness, conditioned origination of mind-states and other deeper understandings of subjective experience.

Today, we can look at Hanukkah as a holiday of Light. Light is a symbol of life that comes from a loving creator who cares about the creation of the world and the creation of living beings including humans. Just as all living things on Earth need sunlight to grow physically, people need the light of loving relationships with God as well as other human beings and other types of life to fully experience the beauty of the world in all of its manifestations.



## NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

*“When times are dark with much despair, we need the spark of those who’ll dare.  
Then comes a band of us who’ll fight to save the land and bring the Light!”*

Those opening lines of my song, “Be a Maccabi”, resonate with me even more this year, reminding me of what could be the most dreaded disease of all: apathy, abetted by disunity and misplaced values. Would it require a choir of angels to sing my song again? My personal belief is that the songs we sing on an annual cycle can renew our faith in God and in ourselves, firing up our core values into positive action fulfillment.

During Hanukkah, we review its history, as in “*Mi Y’Maleil*” Who can retell the things that befell us? In the medieval poem, “*Maoz Tzur*”, the middle four stanzas list events of our persecution and praise God for our peoples’ survival despite these tragedies: Slavery and subsequent exodus from Egypt; the Babylonian captivity, wicked Haman’s plot of genocide; and of this holiday, the Hasmonean victory that halted total annihilation of our Jewish identity. The poetry and melodies of Hanukkah move us, even drive us to that same realization we reached at this time last year. Our freedom as a people is always fragile, always requiring protection and devotion.

Yes, it is through songs and prayers that we may reconnect to the living passion of their composers and authors. We may rekindle their inner fire by singing with gusto and reverence. To think that spinning a dreidel was more than a simple game which inspired a very childlike song. Learning that it had been a disguised aid for studying Torah, an act which was banned, picturing our ancestors in caves with a watchman outside to alert them if the authorities came and the proceedings would then appear to be more playful: This is serious, and yet, in our own lifetime, “I have a little Dreidel” is relegated to its position as just a cute children’s song.

This holiday is much more than cooking foods in oil and sharing chocolate wrapped in gold foiled coins. Our identity was almost stripped before the rallying of our forces prevailed.

*“We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and  
The battles that You waged for our forefathers, in those days at this season.”*

Those words from, “*Hanerot Halalu (Al Hanisim)*” are not petty gilding to be tossed away. As much as the Chanukiahs’ candles, these songs are guiding lights, still active entities, keeping us *in* the Light of Torah, to be ourselves, enlightened. This implies that we will remain aware of the pitfalls of a chosen people. Yes there are dangers out there, but the greater threat may come from within. If we are destined to be forgotten, it could very well begin with our own disregard of who we are. All the tragedies, miracles, and wonders need only remind us. So, perhaps with more importance than meets the ear, again, on *this* Hanukkah, let us sing!

*Baruch Koritan*



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fay Henning-Bryant



### A Congregation at a Crossroads: Where Did All the Members Go?

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is a great congregation. I love being a member here, which is why I'm willing to donate my time as a volunteer. The history of our congregation is interesting, but I must admit that at first I couldn't believe it when I first learned that when Rabbi Arthur Abrams became our Rabbi in 1997, TBS had about 500 members. But, even then Russ Robbins told me the numbers had started to decline. Where did all the members go? What happened? This is not a "good news" message.

Much has changed in the west valley and across this country that has affected synagogue membership since TBS was founded. In the west valley, the number of "Shalom" clubs in the growing 55+ communities has been a significant source of "competition". Many retired Jews decided when they left their home communities in the Midwest and the eastern United States that they were tired of paying synagogue dues. Their children were grown, they adopted a new lifestyle in retirement, and they had an opportunity to "be Jewish" and meet other Jews through the Shalom Clubs. They decided they no longer needed membership in a synagogue. Over the years, we have had new members every year, but others moved away, passed away, or decided they just didn't want to pay dues every year and didn't have a need to affiliate.



At the same time, all across the United States, Catholic and protestant churches, as well as other Reform and Conservative congregations have experienced the same sociological change: people no longer felt an urge to affiliate or belong to a church or a synagogue. Membership numbers have slowly been declining in churches and synagogues throughout the United States.

Then COVID hit. That was the "frosting on the cake". TBS, like other synagogues and most churches throughout the US, had to tell our members to STAY AWAY. With few exceptions, the COVID pandemic forced us to avoid personal contact with our members. We learned to communicate by telephone and ZOOM, and while we are thankful we had ZOOM, the pandemic had devastating consequences on synagogue and church membership. When we reached a point when most people could feel comfortable, or at least somewhat safe in returning, many just didn't: they discovered they didn't need synagogue membership or activities anymore.

## Continued Message from President Fay Henning-Bryant

In the three years between March 2020 (when TBS had to “shut down” due to COVID-19) and July 1, 2022, our membership decreased from approximately 195 members to 180 members. From July 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2022, approximately 50 new members have joined TBS. That means approximately 65 people who were members between March 2020 and October 31, 2022 have left. There are multiple reasons: some moved away – either to be closer to their children in other cities or they didn’t like the weather in the valley anymore; many passed away; some didn’t like the annual dues increase; Religious School families left the congregation as soon as their child became a Bar or Bat Mitzvah; for some, we just weren’t the “right fit”; others just decided they didn’t need a temple any more. Some of the new members left for various reasons.

Whatever the reason, the decreasing numbers of members has had a gradual detrimental effect on the income needed to operate the Temple. This past year, the Budget and Finance Committee learned that for over 20 years, almost every year the temple has had an income shortfall (a DEFICIT) because the congregation did not raise enough money through dues, fundraising, and other activities to meet the costs of operating the temple. The TBS Endowment was never intended to be a piggy bank for congregation income shortfalls. It was designed to provide a source of income to pay for **capital repairs and improvements**. Because of the annual operating income shortfall just about every year and the Board of Directors’ dependence on the Endowment, the TBS Endowment has gone from having over \$400,000 in it to just over \$100,000.

During COVID, there was virtually no fundraising, dues income was reduced, and other income during the High Holy Days was negligible. In addition to turning to the Endowment for support, for nearly two years the Board of Directors had to authorize using the Temple’s saving account to meet our financial obligations, which reduced our savings account from \$150,000 to nearly \$0.

In 2021-2022, we raised more money through fundraising than had been raised in some time, but it still wasn’t enough. The Board had to request money from the Endowment again. We ended 2021-2022 with a \$90,000 deficit. For 2022-2023 (this year), the congregation approved a deficit budget of \$40,000. However, so many members dropped their membership this year, that the reduced income will add approximately an additional \$20,000 to the deficit. This has created an enormous problem.

The Board of Directors has not been ignoring this problem. We are concentrating significant program efforts toward “outreach” – bringing in new members. We know there are thousands of Jews living in the West Valley who don’t live in 55+ communities and aren’t affiliated with any synagogue. Part of the problem is they don’t know we are here! The Outreach Committee is working on that. We have also cut expenses in every way that doesn’t interfere with effective operations.



## Continued Message from President Fay Henning-Bryant

We did not hire a choir director/pianist; we did not fill the position held by the former Religious School/Program Director; we do not have any Religious School expenses (that was not planned and we are not happy about that) we did not hire the part-time position previously held by Helene Fox when she was promoted to Synagogue Administrator. Only recently we hired Charlotte Trujillo as a part-time Administrative Assistant to help in areas that weren't being addressed.

However, even with various fundraising events planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year, we will still end the year with a significant deficit. There is no savings account. The Endowment is not a Temple piggy bank.

The Board of Directors has discussed this in great detail and considered various options. The conclusion reached by the Board is that the most feasible and realistic path for us to increase our income to an adequate level is to rent out parts of our building long-term basis. We have taken square footage measurements in all parts of the building and have identified areas with high potential to rent out. Every effort will be made to minimize interfering with our Temple functions. A small subcommittee headed up by Russ Robbins has been interviewing commercial brokers, with the plan that the Board will select one which we think will be interested in working with us to find a good tenant to whom we can lease space.

Although this is not the path that we ever thought we would be taking, I can assure you that through my contact with other URJ Temple Presidents, TBS is not the only Reform temple having to rent out space. Reform congregations across the country are doing so, and as you drive around the valley, you will see signs all over in front of churches that another church is renting space there. Our Presbyterian neighbor to the west of us is renting to a Baptist church. Congregation Beth Emeth in Sun City West is renting space for worship services to a Christian church.

This has not been a monthly message that I wanted to write. It is not a "good news" message. However, I have been committed to being transparent about the status of our congregation. Every member has a right to know about this and a responsibility to do whatever each of us can. I want to assure you that the Board of Directors is committed to keeping Temple Beth Shalom a place we can continue to call our temple home. As more information becomes available, we will keep you informed. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board of Directors about this situation.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## DECEMBER 2022

### THURSDAY 1

10 AM Religious Practice Meeting

### FRIDAY 2

Office Closed

5:15 PM Potluck Dinner

7 pm Shabbat Services

### SUNDAY 4

12 pm Golf Outing

5:30 PM Awards Party

### MONDAY 5

10 AM Hadassah Meets

### TUESDAY 6

1:30 Grief Group

6:30 PM Membership Meeting

### WEDNESDAY 7

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

1 PM Caring Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY 8

9 AM Outreach Meeting

3:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

### FRIDAY 9

Office Closed

7 pm Shabbat Services

### TUESDAY 13

1:30 Grief Group

### WEDNESDAY 14

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

### THURSDAY 15

11 AM Religious Practices Meeting

### FRIDAY 16

Office Closed

7 pm Shabbat Services

### SATURDAY 17

10 AM Shabbat Service

### SUNDAY 18

10 am General Board Meeting

5:45 PM Light of the Menorah (1st Candle)

6:15 PM Potluck Dinner

### MONDAY 19

12 PM Sisterhood Chanukah Party

5PM 2nd Candle Lighting at Verrado

### TUESDAY 20

3rd Chanukah light tonight

1:30 Grief Group

### WEDNESDAY 21

4 th Chanukah light tonight

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

### THURSDAY 22

5th Chanukah light tonight

### FRIDAY 23

Office Closed

6th Chanukah light tonight

7 pm Shabbat Services

### SATURDAY 24

7th Chanukah light tonight

### SUNDAY 25

8th Chanukah light tonight

### MONDAY 26

Temple Closed-Christmas

### TUESDAY 27

1:30 Grief Group

### WEDNESDAY 28

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

### FRIDAY 30

Office Closed

7 pm Shabbat Services

### SATURDAY 31

New Years Eve





## **Welcome to Charlotte Trujillo!**

If you haven't been by the TBS office lately, you probably haven't met Charlotte, who joined us on September 19. Charlotte works part time, Monday through Thursday, as an Administrative Assistant.

A native of New Mexico, Charlotte has a diverse and interesting educational and professional background. She earned a B.A. in English Literature and an M.S. in Education, with a specialization in teaching and learning. She also holds the title of DSO, Designated School Official. She retired from Maricopa County Community College District, where she was employed at Glendale Community College from 1994 to 2016.

In her position at TBS, Charlotte is providing badly needed support and coordination in the areas of Outreach and programming, as well as relieving Helene Fox of several administrative functions. If you haven't met Charlotte, be sure to stop by the office and introduce yourself.

# Potluck Dinner



**JOIN US ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND AT 5:15 FOR OUR MONTHLY  
POTLUCK DINNER.**

**PLEASE BRING A SALAD, VEGETABLE, POTATO/PASTA DISH,  
MEAT/CHICKEN DISH OR DESSERT TO SERVE 6-8 PEOPLE.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO LANE GINSBURG AT:**

**[BethShalomBrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:BethShalomBrotherhood@gmail.com)**

December Torah Discussions –  
Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Zoom

Our next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The reading is Parashat Vayishlach, Perek Alef, *Jacob's Reunion with Esau-Dealing with Power*, pages 82-84 of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Volume One: Genesis.

*The reed, which is a humble plant, grows in the water, replenishing its roots which are many. No matter how hard the wind blows, or from which direction, the reed is not blown from its place. It simply bends away from the wind.*

Dec. 7th Parashat Vayishlach, Perek Alef, *Jacob's Reunion with Esau-Dealing with Power*

Dec. 14th Parashat Vayeshev, Perek Alef, *What Went Wrong Between Joseph and His Brothers?*

Dec. 21st Parashat Miketz, Perek Alef, *Joseph Knew What to Do with Dreams*

Dec. 28th Parashat Vayigash, Perek Alef, *Judah's Speech-A Plea for Justice*

New Participants are always welcome to our free and lively study of Torah. Our discussions are led by Rabbi Kaplan. We read the text in English and consider the individual topics in each parsha. Throughout each section we cover the most important themes and present the varying, and often clashing, opinions of Jewish interpreters throughout the ages. With each session we ask two basic questions: "What is the Torah session about?" and "What meaning can this portion have for us?".

Please contact the TBS office to register for the discussion if you have not previously registered. Phone 623-977-3240. A copy of the weekly text will be emailed to you.

Charlotte Trujillo

charlottetbsaz@gmail.com





# Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



**"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**

**DECEMBER  
SOUP**

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

**Join us on December 17<sup>th</sup> for our Saturday morning service featuring guitar music and a Shabbat potluck**



**Guitarist Eli Nelson will join Rabbi Dana Kaplan in leading a special Saturday Shabbat service from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on December 17th followed by a potluck brunch.**

**“I’m hoping members will bring potential members and this would be a great way to bring them into synagogue activities,” Rabbi Kaplan said. “This is a great example of how we’re trying to expand our activities to do things that are religious and fun. We’re hoping that it becomes a regular part of our monthly religious activities.”**

**Eli got involved with Jewish song leading at Camp Stein, a Jewish summer camp in Prescott. He started playing guitar at age 8 and is now an Arizona State University student majoring in jazz guitar performance. “I want to give back to the Jewish community and find some way to join Jewish folk music and jazz. I’m looking forward to leading a service for Temple Beth Shalom and I’m very excited to meet more people in the community.” Eli said.**

**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. Information will be provided about the location and other details. The Saturday morning services are at members' homes.**

**For more information about the Saturday morning services, contact Religious Practices Committee Chair, Sara Jane Feldman, at 623-680-9914.**

**Sponsors are needed to offset the expense of a guitarist. If you’d like to be a sponsor, please contact Helene at the Temple office.**

LIGHTS, LATKES, AND LAUGHTER



## HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Join Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley in celebrating the beginning of Hanukkah on **December 18, 2022**

**Lighting of the Menorah is at 5:00 PM  
Followed by a Pot Luck Dinner  
Latkes and fixings will be provided  
Bring a main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert**

**There will be a charge of \$5 to cover the costs of all the fixings**

**Reservations are necessary,  
so please RSVP to the TBS office  
623 977-3240 by December 15th**





# SISTERHOOD

Monday, Dec. 19, 2022

## Hanukkah Party



**On the first day of Hanukkah, Joanne Gorelick will lead us in song, dreidels will be on hand to play, and we will of course enjoy a lunch including Latkes. Come and celebrate Hanukkah with the Sisterhood, all are invited.**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

**Please make them by Wednesday, Dec. 14th**

Lunch and program are at 12 noon.  
\$12 for members    \$15 non-members

Temple Beth Shalom - (623) 977-3240  
12202 N. 101st Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85351

# Join us for Temple Beth Shalom's 2nd Annual Golf Outing

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**12 Noon Shotgun**

**WILLOWCREEK GOLF CLUB SUN CITY**



**To benefit youth programs  
A fun outing for golfers of all abilities.**

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



\$125 per person includes  
cart and range balls  
(limit of 72 players)

Application and further details to follow  
Questions: Warren Bentkover (623) 308-5379  
Email: [TBSAZgolf2022@gmail.com](mailto:TBSAZgolf2022@gmail.com)  
RSVP deadline: November 21, 2022







**WILLOWCREEK  
GOLF CLUB  
SUN CITY**

**10600 W Boswell Blvd.  
Sun City, Arizona, 85373**



# December 4, 2022 Golf Event 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 the 72 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 Golf  
Tournament" at  
12202 N 101st Ave.  
Sun City, AZ, 86351**



ON NOVEMBER 10TH CANTOR BARUCH KORITAN WAS ONE OF THE LOCAL ARTISTS  
EXHIBITING HIS WORK IN A COMPETITION AT THE SHEMER ART CENTER IN PHOENIX.  
THE SHOW RUNS UNTIL JANUARY 5TH.



# BARUCH KORITAN

## *The Water Came Back and Covered the Chariots*

Mixed media

2022

\$700

Since 2012, Baruch has been researching and applying Kabbalistic overtones into his artworks, and all their titles are Biblical references. "I enjoy giving form to abstract ideas and, conversely, reimagining the finite. Assigning new relationships between diverse elements fascinates me, feeling them coalesce." Cantor Koritan of Temple Beth Shalom, Sun City, AZ, he performed his composition, "20th Century Pictures at an Exhibition," at Phoenix Art Museum, and is recipient of Correlation of the Arts Award, Flagstaff Festival.





On November 11th & 12th Professor Rabbi David Frankel was our visiting scholar.

Veteran's Day was celebrated as well.



Rabbi David Frankel reading from our Torah

Julie Ponce talking with Rabbi Frankel



Sisterhood Angel, Meredith Weisman-Amaral cutting the Veterans Day cake. Judy Fagen, Yolanda Schatz & Sonny Altman, Part of our Sisterhood team



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Steve Siegel	12/30 Arnold Berkowitz
12/5 Ray Beaser	12/30 Leonard Mandel
12/5 Max Kelley	12/30 Alan Meyerowitz
12/7 Frederick Cohen	12/31 Bernard Brownstein
12/7 Eric Saikin	12/31 Karen Carnow
12/9 Joan Frankel	
12/9 Kay Grossman	
12/10 Bonita R. Bay	
12/13 Therese Michael	
12/14 Jerry Rosen	
12/14 Michael Zager	
12/16 Susan Blum	
12/16 Heather Johnson	
12/16 Rechelle Mruk	
12/17 Miles Rosenthal	
12/18 Marlene Green	
12/29 Benita Melnikoff	



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/6 Arnold & Carmen Berkowitz 58th  
12/24 Ray & Shirley Beaser 50th  
12/27 Justin & Rechelle Mruk 1st  
12/28 Michael & Bonnie Longmire 18th





## INFORMATION FROM YOUR TBS SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT JUDY FAGEN



The Sisterhood meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Check your calendars for dates and join us.

### *Judaica Boutique*

The Boutique is located in the main lobby. We stock a lovely selection of cards, holiday items, candles, jewelry, mezuzahs, tallit, and other gift items.

The Boutique is available:

- During the week the office staff will be happy to open the shop for your purchases anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Will open on Wednesdays, by appointment only. Please call Judy Fagen at (623) 210-1684 to set up your appointment.

### *Special Oneg*

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
- ♦ Maintain the [Judaica Boutique](#)
- ♦ Send Yahrzeit reminders
- ♦ Raise funds all year to benefit Temple Beth Shalom through our many activities
- ♦ Meet the 3rd Monday of each month from October thru May
- ♦ Sponsor the [Oneg Shabbat after the Friday night service](#)

President	Judy Fagen
Vice president	Marsha Gratz
Recording Secy	Mary Gill Savoren
Membership / Corresponding Secy	Phyllis Hibben
Treasurer	Sharyn Helbon
Bima Flower/Food Baskets	Evelyn Dragiff
Program Committee	Sharon Gadless Bonnie Longmire Ellen Winderlich
Publicity	Shari Young
Hospitality Committee	Yolanda Schatz
Judaica Boutique	Judy Fagen
Sunshine	Nancy Urbach
Directors	Brenda Bochner Maxine Daitzman
Emails	Phyllis Hibben

Send in this coupon to join TBS Sisterhood for 2022-2023

Dues are \$25.00/yr.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail check to:  
TBS Sisterhood, Temple Beth Shalom,  
2202 N 101st Av  
Sun City AZ 85351

Please email Phyllis at [tbssisterhoodconnection@gmail.com](mailto:tbssisterhoodconnection@gmail.com)  
with your email address changes



## **BIMAH FLOWER & FOOD BASKET FUND**

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

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

#### **Joseph Mirsky, Brother-in-Law**

Phyllis Jacobs                      Food Basket 11/25

#### **Grace Hauptman, Mother-in-Law**

Lila Hauptman                      Food Basket 12/9

#### **Mike Hauptman, Father-in-Law**

Lila Hauptman                      Food Basket 12/23

#### **Mitchell Helbon, Husband**

Sharyn Helbon                      Food Basket 12/2

#### **Jacob Weiss, Father**

Phyllis Jacobs                      Food Basket 12/2

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 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.

## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM GRIEF GROUP

# Experiencing Grief and Recovery Group

This weekly group will begin  
on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 2022

Times: 1:30pm to 3pm

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

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

### General Operating Fund

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### General Operating Fund

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Gregory Hagopian  
**David Gluck**  
Nan Rubin-Lieber  
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#### In Memory of:

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## 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.

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