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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>

Jewish Humor Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan

We all love a good joke. Especially in these times of political polarization and a dreaded sense that everything is going to start falling apart very shortly, we yearn for something funny to help us forget the problems of the world. This is a big topic so I will just make a few remarks to start off the discussion. Our course on Jewish Humor starts this coming week so I hope to see you there. I'll bring three examples of Jewish jokes; the first one is about squirrels in a synagogue, the second is about wearing an airplane and the final one is about reading an anti-Semitic newspaper in Berlin. These are just examples. Jewish humor is a vast field of inquiry!

But what you find funny, I may not find funny. Humor is very individualistic based upon our tastes and our sensibilities; it's also generational. Jewish humor is not the same as it was even 10 years ago and certainly not 50 years ago. So if we are over a certain age we may scratch our heads in puzzlement when we hear some of the more recent attempts to synthesize Jewishness and humor. Those who get the new way of thinking may find the classical American Jewish comedians – Jack Benny, Sid Caesar, George Burns, Eddie Cantor, Jack Carter, Henny Youngman, Milton Berle, and Jerry Lewis – completely incomprehensible.

Sigmund Freud wrote that Jewish jokes “are stories invented by Jews and aimed at Jewish characteristics.” He explained that “The jokes made about Jews by outsiders are mostly brutal comic anecdotes in which... the Jew counts as a comical figure.” Freud found it extraordinary that Jews were so willing to laugh at ourselves. “I do not know whether it often happens in other instances that a people should make fun of its own nature to such an extent.”

For a joke to be a Jewish joke, Freud argues that it has to be directed against ourselves. The jokes are self-denigrating but they are also self-praising in a certain sense. That's what gives the jokes a double edged element. If they were just self-denigrating, then they're just attacks against Jews and that would not be nice. If it was just self-praising, then it would just be bragging and that's also not nice. So the trick is to say something funny that both shows our weaknesses and our strengths at the same time!

Let's move on to our first example of an actual Jewish joke. As a rabbi, I have become extremely concerned about families disappearing from our synagogue immediately following their bar or bat mitzvah, so there's a string of jokes that try to take a very serious issue and spin it in a funny way.

Two Rabbis were discussing their problems with squirrels in their synagogue attic. One Rabbi said, "We simply called an exterminator and we never saw the squirrels again." The other Rabbi said, "We just gave the squirrels a bar mitzvah, and we never saw them again." Another version of the same joke involves a priest, a minister and a rabbi. The priest and the minister both complain about rats being in their churches and then the rabbi tells them how he single-handedly got rid of all the rats in the synagogue. The jokes are basically the same but the second joke places the synagogue in an Interfaith context that was probably comforting to American Jews of the 1960s and 1970s. We all face the same problems, the joke seems to be stating, but we just have a unique perspective because of our long history!

CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

Much of Jewish literature involves what is called Responsa – shealot ve-teshuvot in Hebrew, literally questions and answers – which is where rabbis or lay people write to rabbinic authorities to check on what should be done in a particular ritual situation. This can be used in a humorous manner but first let's give a straightforward case study to explain how it might work.

A classic situation from the shtetl in Eastern Europe involves a housewife who's cooking a large pot of chicken soup when somebody's running across the kitchen spilling some milk into the pot. The housewife runs to the rabbi and explains the situation and hopes that he can find a loophole to avoid declaring the entire pot of chicken soup treif. And indeed there is a concept in Talmudic discourse called bittul be-shishim, that something is nullified if it's less than one out of 60. So if the milk spilled into the pot of chicken soup is less than one out of 60 of the contents of the liquid of the soup, then it can be regarded as so small a quantity that it doesn't affect the essential nature of the chicken soup as a whole. The housewife is obviously extremely relieved and she can go back to cooking her Shabbat dinner for that night.

So you can see the concept of using loopholes to try to avoid being overly strict and making life almost unbearable for people without compromising the integrity of Jewish law as a whole. This is also used in Shabbat laws involving the prohibition of carrying things. Normally it is forbidden to carry something outside of a certain area but if there is a boundary around that area called a eruv, then it would be permitted. Riding in an automobile or certainly an airplane both of which involve the use of electricity, would normally be even more prohibited. So here's the joke that involves playing around with these concepts.

Q: Is one permitted to ride in an airplane on the Sabbath?

A: Yes, as long as your seat belt remains fastened. In this case, it is considered that you are not riding, you are wearing the plane.

I find the joke hilarious because on one hand it's so obviously ridiculous, but on the other hand it's actually applying the same Talmudic logic that is actually used to justify certain behaviors on the Sabbath!

And now to our final example, we're all worried about anti-Semitism. the number of anti-Semitic incidents this year in the United States has increased dramatically, and we have great reason to be extremely concerned because of our history. But precisely because we've been persecuted, we make fun of this. It's funny because we're joking about something so traumatic.

Rabbi Altmann and his secretary were sitting in a coffeehouse in Berlin in 1935. "Herr Altmann," said his secretary, "I notice you're reading Der Stürmer! I can't understand why. A Nazi libel sheet! Are you some kind of masochist, or, God forbid, a self-hating Jew?" "On the contrary, Frau Epstein. When I used to read the Jewish papers, all I learned about were pogroms, riots in Palestine, and assimilation in America. But now that I read Der Stürmer, I see so much more: that the Jews control all the banks, that we dominate in the arts, and that we're on the verge of taking over the entire world. You know – it makes me feel a whole lot better!"

The course on Jewish humor will hopefully also make you feel a lot better. It's going to be held over 4 Mondays in the month of April at 10:00 a.m. . All are invited.



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

“If music be the food of love, play on, give me excess of it that, surfeiting, the appetite may sicken and so die.”

That quote from Twelfth Night proves that Shakespeare was not Jewish, as we will never have too much of music or food. The proof of that is acted out every year at our Passover Seders.

Every generation is represented at our celebrations and for a change, the youngest is featured asking the four questions. As the story is *slowly* retold (I use the term very loosely as hungry people are not much fun, so we need to speed it up a bit), we revel in such upbeat melodies as *Dayenu*, which recounts that even one of the gifts granted by God would have been plenty, but no, even though we're getting hungrier, the song has plenty of verses. Naturally, we leave some out.

Avadim Hayinu is another rousing tune, which reminds us to remember how we were slaves in Egypt but asserts the awesomeness of our freedom (may it always be: Amen!) It was Miriam, along with her brother Moses, who originally led the joyous singing of *Mi Chamocha*, after the miraculous crossing through the parted waters. The former slaves praised God for all the blessings bestowed upon them and reveled in their newfound happiness. This tradition has been retained. We must never forget and should also raise our own consciousness to assure that no one else is enslaved. The singing of *Go down Moses* reminds us of other enslaved peoples, past and current, and even in our own country. I have often wondered if some Jews of the pre-Civil War South could have conducted a Seder that was being served by slaves. That would be no fact to sing about.

As the conclusion of our Seder looms, the front door is opened for the Prophet Elijah and we sing, *Eliyahu Hanavi* (he never uses the backdoor). If he likes the wine which we have poured for him, he will turn the hearts of parents to the children and the hearts of children to the parents, all that before the coming of the great and awesome Day of God. So, remember to sing loud and well, and be sure to use the *good* wine.

Our Seder and celebration winds down by, somehow, winding up an energetic version of *L'shana Haba-ah*. It needs that extra help because by now, we have eaten everything except the Haggadahs and have drunk the four cups of wine we are supposed to consume. Somehow, we find enough propriety and air to sing the climactic *Adir Hu* before we try to get up from the table. Is it over? Play on --- it's Passover!

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fay Henning-Bryant

Major Fundraising Event Set for April 2023

The Annual dues we pay at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (TBS) only covers about 50% of our yearly temple operating expenses. It costs us approximately \$30,000 a month to pay our staff and operate and maintain our building.

Our income basically comes from six sources: member dues, special appeals (i.e. the Yom Kippur appeal); donations from members and non-members for Yahrzeits, simchas, the Biblical garden, bricks, etc.; grants; fees for programs such as adult education classes and special events like our Passover Seder and the Klezmer Band; and fundraising activities. This year, we budgeted \$40,000 in income from fundraising events.

Our major fundraising event this year is a request to every member of our congregation to make an individual donation to the temple. We kicked this event off in February with an “early bird” campaign with approximately 25 of our members. They have responded generously by donations/pledges (to be paid by June 1) of over \$13,000. That leaves approximately \$27,000 which we will need to raise from the rest of our members.

Unless you are among the group of members who has already contributed the \$13,000 from the “early bird” campaign, within a week or so you will be receiving in the U.S. mail, a letter from the temple requesting your support for this very important fundraising event, and a pledge card.

TBS cannot survive without the support of all our members. We know some can give much more than others. We don't ask the same amount from everyone, like we do with our dues program. However, we do ask that every member donate or pledge to donate some amount to be paid by June 1. We want to maintain the level of services and programs for all our members, and through your support we will be able to do that.

So, please watch for a special letter in the mail this month, and respond by sending in a donation or a pledge. Every member of the Board of Directors has already made a donation to this effort, or has made a commitment to do so. Please join us in making this fundraising campaign a success. With your continued generous support, I'm sure we will exceed the goal of \$40,000.

Shalom.

BULLETIN BOARD

APRIL 2023

Monday 3

10 am Adult Education Class
Jewish Humor

Tuesday 4

1:30 pm Grief Group
6:30 pm TBS Membership Meeting

Wednesday 5

Erev Passover
11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan
1 pm Caring Committee
6 pm First Night Seder at TBS

Thursday 6

2 pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday 7

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services & Passover Prayers

Monday 10

10 am Adult Education Class
Jewish Humor

Tuesday 11

1:30 pm Grief Group

Wednesday 12

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

Friday 14

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services
7 pm Scholar in Residence

Saturday 15

10 am Saturday Services
3 pm Scholar in Residence Program

Sunday 16

10 am General Board Meeting

Monday 17

10 am Adult Education Class
Jewish Humor
12 Noon Sisterhood Luncheon

Tuesday 18

1:30 pm Grief Group
4:15 pm Life & Legacy

Wednesday 19

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

Thursday 20

9 am Trip to JCC

11 am Religious Committee Meeting

Friday 21

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services

Monday 24

10 am Adult Education Class
Jewish Humor

Tuesday 25

1:30 pm Grief Group

Wednesday 26

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

Friday 28

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services

**Our next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
This is an elective portion about Passover.**

April Torah Discussions

April 5, 2023 Elective-Passover Discussion

April 12, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Shemini, Perek Bet, *Different Views on Kashrut-The Jewish Art of Eating*

April 19, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Tazria-Metzora, Perek Bet, *The Sin of Slandering Others*

April 26, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Achare Mot-Kedoshim, Perek Bet, *Defining "Holiness" in Jewish Tradition*

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 discussions if you have not previously done so. Phone 623-977-3240 or email Charlotte Trujillo at charlottetbsaz@gmail.com and a copy of the weekly text will be emailed to you.

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Charlotte Trujillo
Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley
tbsaz.org





TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

PRESENTS AN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS JEWISH HUMOR

LED BY RABBI DANA EVAN KAPLAN



IN STAND-UP, FILM, AND TELEVISION, A DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF COMEDIANS HAVE BEEN JEWISH. TIME MAGAZINE ESTIMATED IN 1978 THAT 80 PERCENT OF PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN COMICS WERE JEWISH. SIGMUND FREUD WROTE OF JEWISH JOKES, "I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE MANY OTHER INSTANCES OF PEOPLE MAKING FUN TO SUCH A DEGREE OF ITS OWN CHARACTER."

FOUR-WEEK COURSE, MONDAYS, 10-11 AM

APRIL 3, 10, 17, AND 24

THIS CLASS WILL EXAMINE COMEDY WOVEN AROUND MORE THAN A HUNDRED OF THE BEST JEWISH JOKES ABOUT FAMILY LIFE, INTELLECTUALISM, ANTI-SEMITISM, AND GOD AND JUDAISM.

SO COME TO LAUGH AND LEARN WITH US! THE TEXTBOOK, RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN'S JEWISH HUMOR: "WHAT THE BEST JEWISH JOKES SAY ABOUT THE JEWS", WILL BE FEATURED, BUT IS OPTIONAL.

THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO
MEMBERS \$18 & NONMEMBERS \$36.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY
12202 N 101ST AVENUE, SUN CITY,
ARIZONA, 85351.

TO REGISTER CONTACT THE TBS OFFICE
**9AM-3PM, MON THURS AT
(623) 977-3240**

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TEMPLEBETHSHALOMAZ@GMAIL.COM



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PASSOVER SEDER



CELEBRATE MATZOH TIME WITH US

Adults \$45
Children 7-13 \$22
under 7 free



Wednesday
April 5, 2023
6:00pm

12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351
For Reservations
call 623 977-3240 **Deadline April 1st**



FRIDAY, APRIL 14 • 7 PM
Are You Your Sister's Keeper?

Schwartz will share this true story – a moral dilemma. An upper class Jewish-born woman with tenuous ties to the Jewish community in German-occupied France, who had a Document of Aryan Ancestry. She discovered that her sister had been turned in as a Jew and arrested for deportation. Would she try to help her, endangering her own status?

Presentation will follow a shortened Shabbat service.

A Q&A reception to follow.



SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 3 PM
How to Steal Priceless French Art

When German troops invaded France in 1940, they planned to seize about thousands of pieces of French-owned art for Hitler's planned National Museum in Linz. Schwartz will use true-life examples from historical records and true events. These events are included in her book.

RSVP REQUIRED

by Thursday, April 13 • 12 pm call 623.977.3240

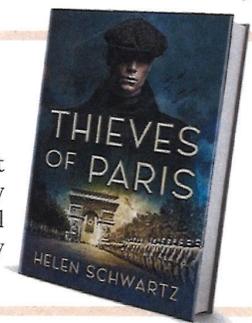
Join us for a "Nosh & Nip" while meeting Schwartz, who will sign her book, "Thieves of Paris". Donations are appreciated.

A Q&A reception to follow.



Helen Schwartz
Scholar-in-Residence

Helen Schwartz, Ph.D. has lectured and written about stolen French art by the Nazis during World War II. Schwartz, a retired Indiana University English professor, has written several books, including her historical thriller, "Thieves of Paris." She has lectured at universities, community centers, synagogues, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.



Presentations will be in person at Temple Beth Shalom

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**Phoenix Holocaust Association Invites the Community to
Holocaust Remembrance
Yom HaShoah Commemoration**
Nissan 25, 5783

Sunday, April 16 at 3 pm
Congregation Beth Israel
10460 N 56th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85253
Registration: phxha.com

We will honor the memory of those who perished during the Holocaust and recognize those who survived. Visitors will select one of two concurrent sessions which will be followed by a commemoration program including a procession of survivors, candle lighting in memory of the 6 million, presenting the Shofar Zakhor Awards to recognize those who educate the community about the Holocaust, and musical pieces organized by CBI Cantor Seth Ettinger.

Concurrent sessions preceding program:

Making an Emotional Connection to the Holocaust: Reflections of local survivors
or

Close Quarters: Victims and Perpetrators Sharing the Kitchen in Postwar Germany
Margarete Myers Feinstein, PhD, Loyola Marymount University

Community Partners:



**Rosenbluth Family Charitable Foundation
Genocide Awareness Week @ ASU**

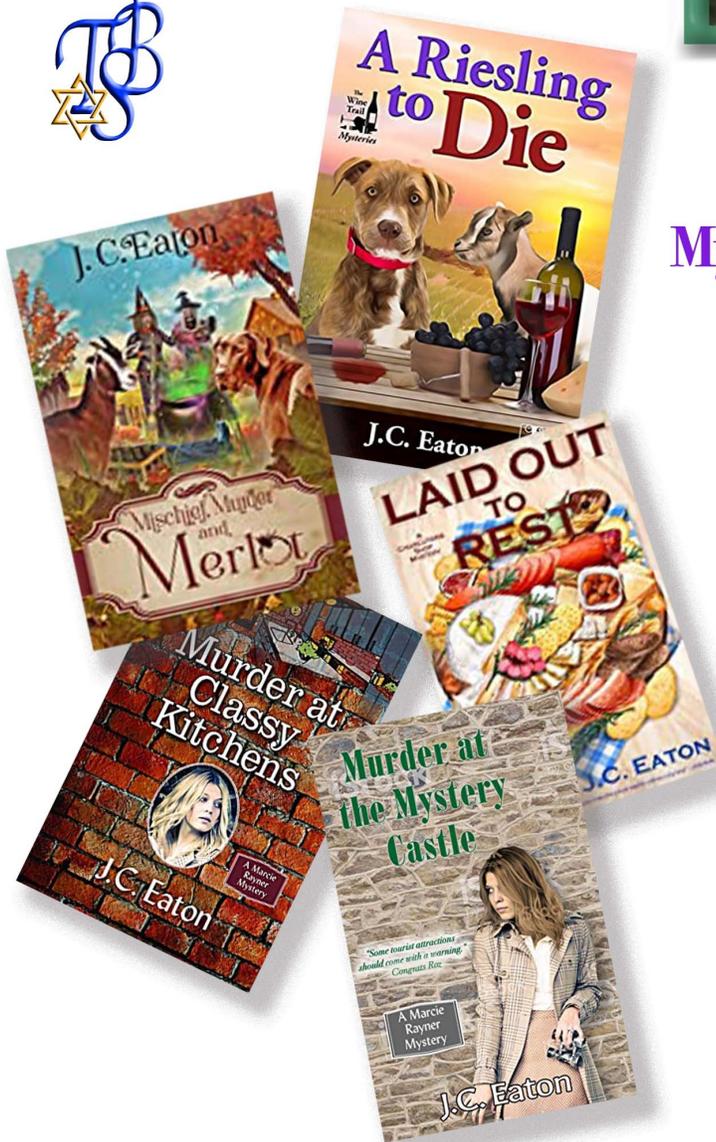
Temple Beth Shalom
SISTERHOOD

presents

J.C. Eaton

April 17, 2023

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



Ann I. Goldfarb
and
James E. Clapp
Mystery Writers from SCW

Ann I. Goldfarb, writing as J. C. Eaton, along with her husband James Clapp, have authored the Sophie Kimball Mysteries (Kensington), the Wine Trail Mysteries (Kensington Lyrical Underground), and the Marcie Rayner Mysteries (Camel). In addition, Ann has nine published YA time travel mysteries under her own name.

Reservations required Deadline - Wednesday, April 12th

Call TBS at 623 977-3240 for reservations

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K'VOD Awards March 3, 2023

Congratulations Bonnie Longmire & Pam Katz

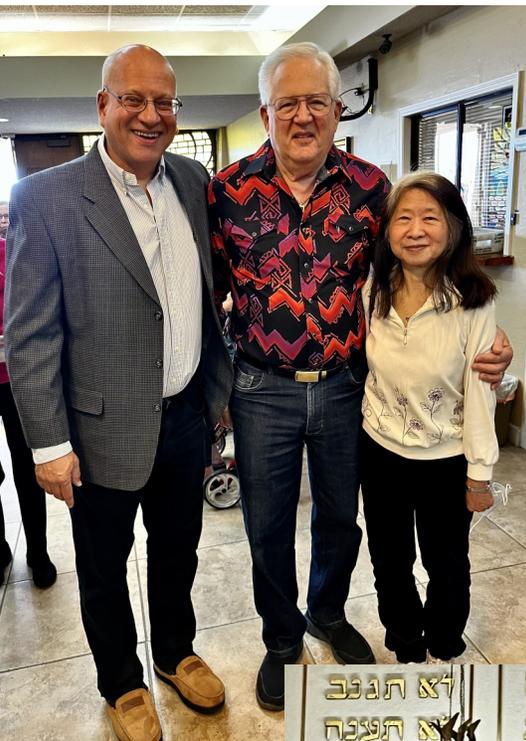


BROTHERHOOD PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2023



OUR KLEZMER CONCERT ON MARCH 26TH WAS A BIG SUCCESS.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO ATTENDED.



TBS SISTERHOOD NEWS



The **Barbara Moss Community Women's Seder** was a huge success.

Co-sponsored by Tikva West Valley Hadassah and TBS Sisterhood, about 70 participants, including Rabbis Kaplan and Moss, celebrated Passover from the Haggadah

prepared by our late Rebbetzin. Led by Nan Rubin and Lael Summer, we recited and sang. We then enjoyed a modified Seder lunch brought to us by our wonderful servers from the TBS Brotherhood. Rabbi Shelly Moss was the guest of honor, and to conclude the service, he led us in Chad Gadya, with all the appropriate sounds.



The TBS Sisterhood Hospitality Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped bring us this Seder: the women of Sisterhood and Tikva who came in to help prepare the luncheon, set the tables, and clean up; Nan and Lael for leading the service; and special thanks to Steve Siegel and Bob Koch who coordinated the Brotherhood in serving and clean up.

See the flyer for our next meeting Monday, April 17, mystery writer(s) JC Eaton, local writers in the Sun City area. They are excited to be speaking to us.

Shari Young

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

APRIL

CANNED MEATS

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



A chavurah is a small group of like-minded Jews who assemble for the purposes of sharing communal activities, experiences such as lifecycle events, or Jewish learning.

TBS members with similar interests, let's get together and create some Chavurots! Attend regularly and make your small group a priority. Work together to make the meetings something to look forward to. There are current TBS members who joined a Chavurah 20 years ago and are still connected to this day.

If there's sufficient interest, we'll have a large group meeting where you'll come together here at the temple then break off into small, like-minded groups. You'll take it from there, deciding the details about meeting times and places. Members will take turns hosting, planning, and executing. Enjoy!

Here are a few ideas:

- New TBS Member
- Cooking or Baking
- Photography
- Crafts
- Cards or Games (Bunco, Rummy Q)
- Illinois Bunch for Brunch
- New York Bunch for Brunch
- Duolingo Hebrew
- Coffee Connoisseurs
- Homemade Ice Cream Socials
- Tea Parties
- Music and the Arts
- Bowling

Please call the TBS office (623.977.3240) or email Charlotte Trujillo charlottetbsaz@gmail.com and let us know your ideas, suggestions, and interests.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/6 Michelle Gluck
- 4/6 Daniel Spedale
- 4/7 Alice Gurne
- 4/11 Sandra Shedroff
- 4/13 Sondra Fox
- 4/15 Jean Rosen
- 4/19 Larry Gorelick
- 4/19 Roberta Ordovery
- 4/24 Saran Hirshman
- 4/25 Eugene Neigoff
- 4/29 Nancy Urbach



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/3 Rael & Michelle Bennett 18th
- 4/6 Marc & Lauren Abramowitz 15th
- 4/15 Doug Pusateri & Helaine Feldman 1st



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

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Lael Summer

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Larry & Judy Feinstein

Prayer Book Fund:

In Memory of:

Beatrice Weiss

Hugo Hammerslag

Shelly Hammerslag

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.



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	Evelyn Dragiff
Directors	Brenda Bochner Maxine Daizman
Emails	Phyllis Hibben

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

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 with your email address changes

FRONT DESK HELP

IS NEEDED TO GREET AND CHECK IN GUESTS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES. IT IS VITAL THAT WE HAVE SOMEONE AT THE FRONT DESK.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE FRIDAY NIGHT. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THE HELP.

PLEASE CALL CARMEN BERKOWITZ 623-444-6156

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 special leaf.

INFORMATION FROM YOUR TBS SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT JUDY FAGEN



The Sisterhood meets the 3rd 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.

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.....	BIMA FUND.....	FRIDAY NIGHT DATE
Estelle Cohen	Sister	Evelyn Dragiff	Flower Basket	3/31/23
Rose Perlis	Mother	Sy & Joan Perlis	Food Basket	4/14/23
Jerry Farkash	Friend	Phyllis Jacobs	Food Basket	4/26/23

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

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 CARING COMMITTEE

Temple Beth Shalom has an active Caring Committee. We specialize in building connections to our congregants during times of health crisis and beyond.

Our connections are personal, physical, spiritual and caring. We do not wish any member to feel alone or afraid during illness. We have been dedicated caregivers for many, many years.

Our first response is to reach out via telephone calls. We will help to answer questions, finding the proper care and the right sources of professional help. We place our at-risk congregants on our Misheberach list on a weekly basis. Prayers have marvelous healing powers. The close contact and gentle embraces we provide help you on the road to recovery.

If you are ill or know someone who is ill, please contact:

Mary Gill Savoren, Chairperson at: 623-266-9707

Dr. Joyce Gold: 623-546-6376

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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 INERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF A PACEMAKER AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES. YOU SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP NAME BADGE.

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NAME: _____

TYPE OF CLASP: _____
MAGETIC BACKING: _____
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Returning members need to submit this form and a \$25 payment for the year.

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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:
2022-2023**

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)
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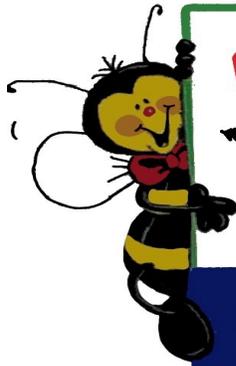
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