

# SHOFAR

November 2024 156 –Treshrei- Creshvan 5785



## TBS Welcomes New Members

**Susan Abramson**

**Pedro Baez**

**Cheryl Bookman**

**David Laufer**

**Ramona Luckman**

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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>

### November 2024 Our Commitment to Interfaith Dialogue

Our interfaith service in solidarity with the people of Israel was held October 7, 2024 in our sanctuary. There was an overflowing response from people of many faiths and backgrounds to an invitation that was spread exclusively via neighboring congregations.

Eleven Christian ministers, one Buddhist leader, three rabbis, and one cantor participated in the service. In addition, several members of our Temple also made short presentations. There were several other religious leaders in attendance.

I wanted to explain the theoretical underpinnings of this event. Creating an interfaith service is part of interfaith dialogue. Interfaith dialogue is important to me as a rabbi. We live in a country where we Jews are a small minority and therefore interacting with other religious groups is of critical importance. We want to understand what they are thinking and feeling and convey to them how we think and feel.

Interfaith dialogue is important because it can help build understanding between people of different religions. We need that understanding more than ever. Understanding doesn't always mean agreement, of course. Almost by definition, different religions are going to disagree on what we believe. If we didn't, then we would all be of the same religion. But there are ways to discuss who we are and what we stand for in a respectful manner that acknowledges these differences while seeking to build bridges between our communities.

We Jews have been traumatized by the massacres that were perpetuated by Hamas and others from Gaza on October 7, 2023. We need the emotional support that we can get from knowing that so many of our neighbors understand what we are going through and support us. We need them to understand how important it is to support the State of Israel in its time of need.

It was so gratifying to see the outpouring of support from so many ministers and clergy and their congregations. It was very clear that many of them are also in need of emotional reassurance. As supporters of Israel, they too have felt the tremendous antagonism from much of American society over the past year. They too have been surprised by the lack of support from many of the pillars of American society that we expected would support our just cause.

It was not an easy task to put together such a service in the middle of the high holy days. Patti Weiner and Helene Fox of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley played a crucial role. Many of our Temple members volunteered their time to help plan and then to help organize the service on the day of the event.

## Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

Each religious leader was asked to choose a text that they would be able to read. In this particular context there was no restriction on religious content. We were coming together as representatives of different religions to support Israel and so it would be perfectly legitimate to speak in the name of that religion.

We raised a significant amount of money for Magen David Adom. Our congregation has an ongoing relationship with this organization and we recently heard one of their leaders speak of his work on October 7th rescuing the wounded by helicopter until his helicopter was shot down. Fortunately, he and the other people on the helicopter survived. I think that everyone felt a sense of satisfaction being able to contribute to Israel's medical needs at such a critical time. Doing this as a united community of Jews, Christians, Buddhist and others was a very special feeling.

Reverend Bruce Scott, the director of program ministries for the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, gave the keynote speech on how you can commemorate such a tragedy. He told of how he took a group of volunteers to Israel this past March to show support. He told of the Israelis that they had encountered and the stories of heroism and tragedy that they had heard.

There was Unfortunately, too much tragedy. They volunteered at the Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot where the CEO Amos Shavit had lost a nephew in Gaza. But there was also a tremendous amount of heroism. They heard the story of how two brothers had driven into a very dangerous area to find and rescue their sister. They were able to locate her and to bring her to safety. Bruce spoke about how it is important to both remember what has happened and to resolve to stand in solidarity with the victims in defiance of the evildoers. Finally, he spoke about the need to remind oneself and others of the faithfulness of God.

I spoke briefly of having been able to visit the Gaza envelope area on my visit to Israel this past July. On my very first day in Israel, I went with a survivor of the Nova music festival to see the memorials that have been placed there. Each of the 364 almost entirely young adults who were murdered there have a memorial location with a large photo. Some of these memorials are lovingly cared for while others stand as they were created without any additions. The visit was unbelievably sad.

Later in my trip I was also able to visit Kibbutz Nir Oz. I could see that this had been an unbelievably beautiful place but it now was filled with destroyed houses and the aftermath of what obviously had been a brutal attack. About 100 members of the kibbutz had been killed and 80 taken captive of whom 29 are still unaccounted for. We then went to a nearby town where the survivors of the kibbutz had been relocated and were able to meet with one of the people who had been taken captive and freed in November.

We have faith in the God of Israel and we take comfort in the tremendous outpouring of support that we feel from our Christian neighbors and many others of various faiths and creeds and backgrounds. Coming together to commemorate such a sad occasion was nevertheless gratifying and helped to build relationships with our neighboring congregations on the basis of shared beliefs and mutually felt emotions. For the ability to do that, I am grateful to God. To have such wonderful neighbors, I'm grateful to God. For all of the blessings that we have been given, we all thank God.



## NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

This past October 24th at TBS, I was singing, "Bei Mir Bist Du Sheyn," a popular song from the 1930's, for the dancing with the Torahs on Simchat Torah. Somehow, while playing the keyboard and singing, my mind suddenly drifted back sixty years. I sat in the Mills Music, 1629 Broadway, the core of 'Tin Pan Alley,' splitting a huge pastrami sandwich with the legendary composer of that song, Sholom Secunda. He was a mentor to me in composition as I was considered a budding composer at sixteen. My choral piece, "I Pledge My Allegiance to our Glorious Flag," had been recently published by Mills. They also handled Secunda's compositions and many other Judaic musical works. Norman Warembud, author of the now classic book, "Great Songs of the Yiddish Theater," had asked the Maestro to work with me. So I sat, chewing and gleaning little gems from the famous man whose latest show my parents and I had just seen on Second Avenue. One of the last big Yiddish musicals, "The Kosher Widow," starring Molly Picon (a native Philadelphian as am I), was partly in Yiddish and partly in English, depending on how the actors felt the crowd reacted in the first scene or two. After the show, I met the composer, the star, and many of the show's cast. They autographed the sheet music to one of their songs, 'Am Yisrael Chai,' with lyrics by Ms. Picon. It was very exciting and the memory of that night still delights me.

*Nu?* So how did a boy from Ukraine (then Russia), after suffering pogroms in 1905, come to America as a child and already have a name that drew people to come hear him? Sholom was a child cantor and was known enough to perform concerts in New York after his family arrived at Ellis Island when he was almost thirteen in 1907. Mother Nature did her thing and his voice soon began changing. He studied music, taught piano, and later enrolled in the Institute of Musical Arts, the predecessor to the Juilliard School. By 1914 he was co-writing Yiddish shows, directing choirs, and orchestrating. He studied under Swiss-Jewish composer Ernest Bloch, one of the most revered 20th-century composers. Perhaps he turned down what might have been his biggest break: He was approached to co-write a Jewish-themed opera with a young George Gershwin. He turned the offer down. Secunda spent the next several decades writing, conducting, and then during the Great Depression, starving. So, he sold that song which became his most commercial song, "Bei Mir Bist Du Sheyn," for grocery money to feed his wife and two sons. The Andrews Sisters recorded it and even the Nazis liked it in Germany. He never repeated such a huge hit but, "Donna, Donna, Donna," a 1940 metaphoric song (a calf being brought to slaughter, birds flying free, and winds laughing) is still sung, especially for Holocaust events and Passover. Secunda was in nine Yiddish-Hebrew-themed films, and he arranged and conducted cantorial albums for Richard Tucker and Jan Peerce, among others. He died in 1974. His liturgical music, quite respected, recorded, and often performed, lives on.

I hope by now, you wonder what some of the things are that I learned from this prolific composer. Well, first of all, he told me that one has to work every day, not waiting for inspiration to hit you on the head: If nothing comes to mind, write music to one of the psalms. He said he'd written for the same ones many times, always with different results. He didn't seem too thrilled with very contemporary classical composers who were extremely discordant, no matter what the theme or subject. He felt a beautiful rose still has to be expressed in beautiful terms. Period.

Secunda was very gracious and gentle. Years later, I heard that he'd been a very temperamental conductor (threw a chair at a rehearsal), but I wouldn't have guessed that. He told me I had a natural gift for melody, which gave me added confidence. Two years later, I wrote the unaccompanied choral piece, "Har Zion in the Desert," for the groundbreaking ceremony of that synagogue on Lincoln Road, Scottsdale. Not long after I'd arrived at Beth Shalom in 1992, Rabbi Kligfeld, whose brother was the renowned cantor, Samuel Kligfeld, asked me if I would compose a new V'ne-emar/Bayom haHu for our use as he did not like the one most shuls use. Ya' know, the one that begins with the melody to, "The farmer in the Dell, the farmer in the Dell..." , So I wrote the one we've been using for over thirty years.

Perhaps you've heard my song, "Al Tidom, Never Again," most recently performed at the October 7th Remembrance Interfaith Service. Blessings of more than a few giving, sharing, and very memorable mentors do live on for me. Now you know one of them: "Thank you, Sholom"

*Baruch Koritan*



## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE

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

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

#### ***When Carrying or Holding a Torah or Reciting a Blessing***

It is the practice at TBS to wear a tallit when carrying or holding a Torah. Similarly, many at TBS choose to observe this practice when reciting the blessing before or after the reading of the Torah or the Haftorah. Rabbi Kaplan thinks it is a practice we should observe. However, it is not a mandate to do so.

#### ***When Sitting on the Bimah***

Members of TBS who accept the honor of sitting on the Bimah (with or without responsibilities) during a service are not expected to wear a tallit. However, Rabbi Kaplan thinks it would be nice for Bimah participants to wear one and for our Temple community to see members on the Bimah wearing a tallit. We hope that members who accept Bimah honors will give serious consideration to doing so.

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

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

# BULLETIN BOARD

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**11/1**

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

**11/4**

10:00 AM Archeology in Israel Class

**11/5**

11:00 AM Program Committee Meeting  
1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

**11/6**

11:00 AM Torah Study  
4:30 PM Religious School —Food Bank Field Trip

**11/7**

10:00 AM Character Development Class

**11/8**

7:00 AM New Member Shabbat Service &  
Veterans Day Tribute

**11/9**

10:30 AM Shabbat Service —Potluck Brunch

**11/10**

10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting

**11/11**

10:00 AM Archeology in Israel Class

**11/12**

10:00 AM Outreach Committee Meeting  
1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group  
3:00 PM Tuesday Trivia Competition

**11/13**

11:00 AM Torah Study

**11/14**

10:00 AM Character Development Class

**11/15**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
8:30 PM Special Oneg—Jennifer Marton 70th B-Day

**11/16**

5:00 PM Havdalah Evening Religious School

**11/17**

9:00 AM Mah Jongg Tournament-Palmbrook  
10:00 AM General Board Meeting

**11/18**

10:00 AM Archeology in Israel Class  
1:00 PM Sisterhood—Getting to Know You

**11/19**

12:00 PM Brotherhood Meeting  
1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

**11/20**

11:00 AM Torah Study  
3:00 PM Religious School on Zoom  
4:30 PM Religious School

**11/21**

10:00 AM Character Development Class  
11:30 AM Religious Practices  
1:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting  
2:00 PM Team TBS Meeting  
5:30 PM Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at  
First Presbyterian Church (next door)

**11/22**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service &  
Thanksgiving Prayers

**11/26**

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

**11/27**

11:00 AM Torah Study

**11/28**

Happy Thanksgiving—Temple office is closed

**11/29**

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service  
8:30 PM Special Oneg—Steve Siegel-75th B-day

# Saturday Shabbat Service

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

Please join us on November 9th for Saturday Shabbat Service at 10:30 AM at the Temple, followed by a potluck brunch.



Ellyn Ventura is our New Caring Committee Chair.

If you are ill or know someone who is ill and needs our prayers,  
please contact Ellyn at 602-595-9303 or [1bronzgal@gmail.com](mailto:1bronzgal@gmail.com).

## Torah Discussions

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

Our next Torah Discussion Zoom meeting will be at 11 a.m. November 6, 2024.

The reading is Parashat Lech-Lecha Perek Hei, "Berit Milah-The Covenant of Circumcision" Pages 41-43 in the Torah Portion of Genesis of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume One: Genesis.

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

Meeting ID: 870 0078 4481

Passcode: 079190



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

## Ritual Assistant (s) Wanted

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



# ARCHEOLOGY IN ISRAEL

PALACES, FORTRESSES AND WARS  
FROM THE SECOND TEMPLE PERIOD

**A 4-HOUR COURSE COVERED IN 3 SESSIONS**

**NOVEMBER 4: 10-11:30 AM**

**NOVEMBER 11: 10-11:30 AM**

**NOVEMBER 18: 10-11:00 AM**

This adult education course presented by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan is designed to explore through photography and lecture/discussion some of the most exciting archeological sites in Israel- mostly from the first century CE (about 2000 years ago). All of them are sites the Rabbi has visited, and include sites in the Galilee he had never seen before this past summer. With the help from an extraordinary tour guide, he spent 3 days touring the Galilee, visiting archaeological sites including ancient Jewish cities which are barely known outside of limited circles who are hobbyists and a few others.

Some of the sites the Rabbi will be presenting are biblical and second temple archaeological sites that are quite famous, and include:

- the Western Wall
- the Temple Mount
- some areas in Jerusalem where archaeologists have managed to dig in specific areas and uncover quite a bit of interesting history
- Masada, including an area where archaeologists have recently uncovered quite a bit of new information which changes the story that was told by the ancient Jewish historian Josephus.

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



The cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members. Coupon books which cover any 4 courses are available in the Temple office for \$65 (members) and \$120 (non-members).

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 4:00 PM ON OCTOBER 30.**

Call the Temple office at 623-977-3240 to register and pay.

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# CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

## AS A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN RELIGION

**4-HOUR COURSE**  
COVERED IN  
**3 SESSIONS**

**NOVEMBER 7:**  
**10 – 11:30 AM**

**NOVEMBER 14:**  
**10 – 11:30 AM**

**NOVEMBER 21:**  
**10 – 11:00 AM**



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Religion is generally conceived to be focused on God, prayer and practice. According to the common understanding of religion, we need to believe in God and come together to pray. In addition, there are usually other religious practices which are considered central to religion that can be called rituals, if they are obligatory and rigid in nature, or ceremonies if they are voluntary and more flexible.

What is sometimes not stressed, however, is the central role that character development can play in religion. Although there are different systems for analyzing and developing character that can be used in a religious context, in this new course by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan, he will teach the participants to rely upon positive psychology as pioneered by Professor Martin Seligman of the University of Pennsylvania and others.

According to positive psychology, there are six virtues and 24 strengths as follows:

- Wisdom and knowledge: creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning, perspective, innovation, prudence
- Courage: bravery, persistence, vitality, zest
- Humanity: love, kindness, social intelligence
- Justice: citizenship, fairness, leadership, integrity, excellence
- Temperance: forgiveness and mercy, humility, self-control
- Transcendence: appreciation of beauty, gratitude, hope, humor, spirituality

This 3-part series is going to look at these virtues and strengths and see how they might be useful for understanding our behavior, improving our responses to various challenges, and living life to the fullest.

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

To enroll in this course or to purchase a coupon book call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 between 9 am & 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs. by **4:00 PM on November 1.**

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## Upcoming Events

### COMING SOON! DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Upcoming events for Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley are:

Nov. 12: Trivia Tuesday

Nov. 17: Mahjong Tournament

Nov. 21: Interfaith Service at First Presbyterian Church

Dec 5th, 12th & 19th –Adult Ed Class (Hanukkah–The Clash Between Greeks & Jews)

Dec. 25: Menorah lighting & Chinese food

Dec. 27: Hanukkah Dinner & Candle lighting at TBS

Jan.26: Klezmer Concert

March: Golf Tournament

April: Seder at TBS

For more information, call the TBS office at 623.977.3240.

## HELP NEEDED



### TBS March Golf Classic

We are building a team of volunteers to help with the 2025 Golf Classic to raise money for Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley. In particular, we need individuals to help secure outside hole sponsorships, which are a key to our success. We need to go out and sell the event! We're hoping to beat last year's numbers by having more TBS members provide hole sponsorships and more golfers sign up to play. Please contact Warren Bentkover at [wbentkover@gmail.com](mailto:wbentkover@gmail.com) or 623.308.5379 if you can help.



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN A

# MAHJONGG TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

4 ROUNDS OF TOURNAMENT PLAY WITH CASH PRIZES  
SILENT AUCTION, CASH OR CHECK ONLY



REGISTRATION STARTS  
AT 9AM  
PLAY BEGINS  
PROMPTLY AT 10AM

FORMS ARE  
AVAILABLE ON  
OUR WEBSITE:  
[TBSAZ.ORG](http://TBSAZ.ORG)



\$55 PER PERSON  
WHICH WILL  
INCLUDE A FULL  
TACO BAR LUNCH  
AND A DELICIOUS  
DESSERT BAR

LOCATION: PALMBROOK COUNTRY CLUB  
9350 W GREENWAY BLVD.  
SUN CITY, AZ 85351

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I am willing to be EAST

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I'm willing to bring my Mahjongg set

Send checks made out to "Temple Beth Shalom" by November 1st to

Judi Bourd, 22118 N Arrellaga Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375

Questions? Please call the Temple at 623 977-3240



## Brotherhood members decorating the sukkah





*Everyone had a fun time at our Western BBQ and Hoedown fundraiser*





## TREE OF LIFE



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

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

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

## Grief Recovery Group

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

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



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

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

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

# Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



**This looks wonderful and most likely your taste buds are watering. But there are a lot of people that cannot afford to purchase a turkey for Thanksgiving. **This is where you come in.****

**We can't collect uncooked turkeys, so we will be collecting money to give to the Valley View Food Bank for purchasing turkeys for the needy.**

## NOVEMBER



## TURKEY DRIVE

**Please make your check out to "Temple Beth Shalom" and write in the notation line on the check "**Turkey Drive**" so the funds will go to the correct place.**

**Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the Temple office.**

**Donations should be \$10 or more. Thank you.**

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



# Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee

## NOVEMBER

**These items will benefit the needy  
and will be sent to the Valley View  
Food Bank for distribution**

**The Committee is asking you to bring  
these items and place them in the  
designated space in the lobby**



# Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

# Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



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

**THANK YOU !**

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Howard Kirschner 11/5  
 Sharon Gadless 11/6  
 Mary Gill Savoren 11/6  
 Joan Rosen 11/7  
 Barry Kipnis 11/9  
 Meredith Singer 11/9  
 Shirley Beaser 11/15  
 Jennifer Marton 11/15  
 Jack Tobey 11/16  
 Judy Fagen 11/17  
 Helaine Feldman 11/18  
 Judith Sirrine 11/18  
 Marilyn Meyerowitz 11/20  
 Sheila Lovinger 11/22  
 Ruth Brand 11/25  
 Lori Baker 11/27  
 David Lovinger 11/30



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Hannah Seplow-Groves	11/1/2024	24th Anniversary
Drs. Miles & Dinna Rosenthal	11/7/2024	29th Anniversary
Scott & Melissa Goldenhersh	11/8/2024	16th Anniversary
Max & Froma Allen	11/10/2024	62nd Anniversary
Stephen & Miriam Lent	11/12/2024	57th Anniversary



## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

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

### General Operating Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Lawrence Tucker**

Linda Tucker

**Bernice Beaser**

Ray Beaser

**Frank Gerber**

Cliff & Barbara Gerber

### Happy Birthday:

**Judy Helderman**

Marilyn & Alan Meyerowitz

### Speedy Recovery:

**Lila Hauptman**

Sharon & Lou Gadless

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**William A. Travis, Jr.**

Geraldine W. Travis

### Social Action Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Jeffrey Hauptman**

Lila Hauptman & family

### Mattal Memorial Library Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Kalman Seawald**

Sylvia Brown

### Security Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Tommy Beck**

Sharon Gadless

**Allen Koch**

**Lucille Koch**

**Edwina J. Koch-Broadhead**

Bob Koch

### Education Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Saran Hirshman**

Fay Henning-Bryant

**Bess Meyerovitz**

Herbert Meyerovitz

**Robert H. Roberts**

Riva Meyerovitz

### Biblical Garden Fund

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Rosalyn Abramowitz**

Marc & Lauren Abramowitz

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

## BIMAH FLOWER & FOOD BASKET FUND

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



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

Emma Ouzan	Mother	Yvette Schuver	Flower Bouquet	10/11/24
Jeffrey Hauptman	Husband & Father	Lila Hauptman & Family	Flower Bouquet	10/17/24
Tommy Beck	Brother	Sharon Gadless	Food Basket	11/22/24
Sherye Weinbach	Wife	Myron Weinbach	Flower Bouquet	11/22/24

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. Last, 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 \$30.00 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

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week 4 T-Z  
week 5 A-Z.**

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Temple Beth Shalom  
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# *TBS Sisterhood Meetings*

*Sisterhood program schedule for 2024 — 2025. They will begin at noon or 1 pm, check the dates and times below. Meetings at noon include lunch, meetings at 1 pm include snacks*

*1 pm, November 18, 2024 (3rd Monday) Getting to Know You, welcome s all women of the congregation. Hors d'oeuvres a plenty, (NO CHARGE). (Plus a blow out sale of everything left in the Judaica Shop.)*

*12 noon, December 16, 2024 (3rd Monday) Hanukkah Celebration with Joanne Gorelick, accompanied by Daisy Anderson. Latke Lunch (\$20).*

*1 pm, January 20, 2025 (3rd Monday) Let's Go To the Movies — "Golda" will be the feature, popcorn with other snacks and drinks galore, (\$10).*

*12 noon, February 17, 2025 (3rd Monday) Bonnie Longmire—The True Story of Ethel Rosenberg, a fresh and delicious lunch will be served before the meeting (\$20).*

*1 pm, March 17, 2027 (3rd Monday) Shamrock Bingo, Bingo cards included, we will have plenty of snacks and drinks (\$20)*

*12 noon, April 7, 2025 (1st Monday) In Memory of Rebbetzin Barbara Moss, Community Women's Seder presented by Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood, (\$20).*

*May 19, 2025 Mystery May Time and program to be announced.*

*Watch for emails from the Sisterhood and TBS for updated information.*



# Brotherhood

of Temple Beth Shalom

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

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

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

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



# Brotherhood

**B**ecome part of the backbone of Temple Beth Shalom.  
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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.

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

**2024-2025**

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

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

Guest Speakers \_\_\_\_; Welcome back Cookout \_\_\_\_; Dinners planning \_\_\_\_;  
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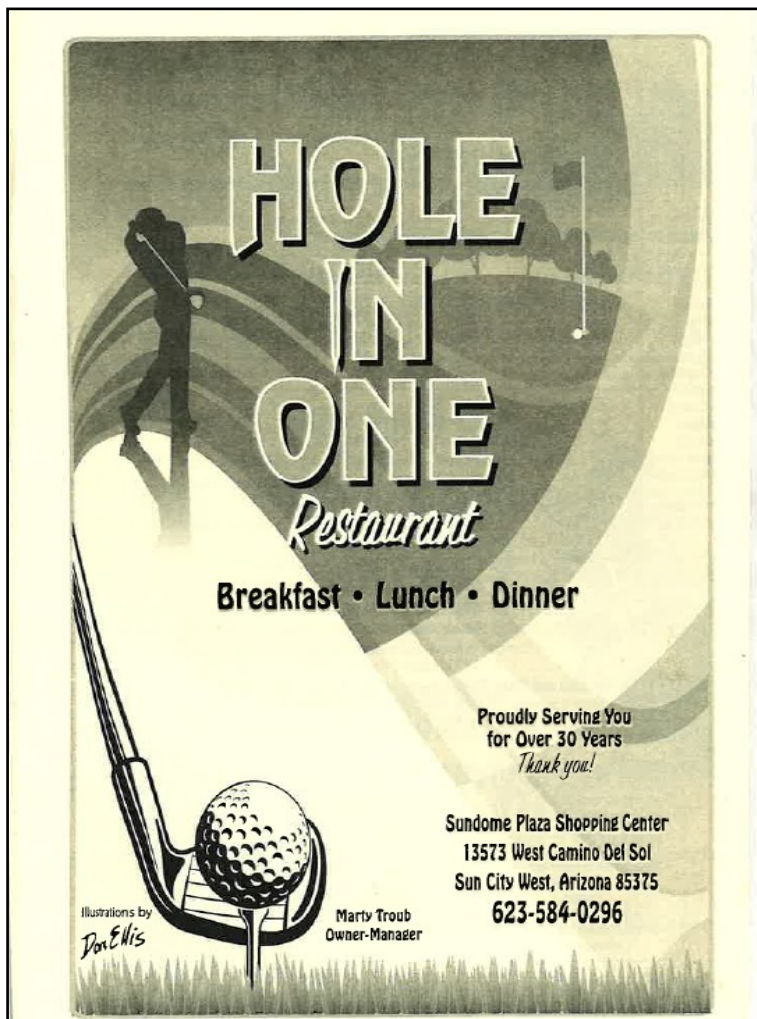
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