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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

Purim: A Time to Come Together, Masquerade, and Celebrate

Why do Jews dress up in costumes on Purim?

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is the center for Reform Jewish religious life in the entire West Valley, so our members often get asked a wide range of questions about different aspects of Judaism. These inquiries come from a broad spectrum of individuals, many of whom are not Jewish and want to know about specific books of the Bible or a holiday they may have heard about. As rabbi of the temple, I have recently received several calls from people living in different parts of the area about Purim — which one inquisitive soul referred to as "the Jewish equivalent of Mardi Gras."

Purim falls this year on March 6th and 7th. We will also celebrate with special Purim readings on Friday night, March 10th.

The Jewish holiday of Purim centers on the reading of the Scroll of Esther, which tells the story of how a young Jewish girl wins a beauty contest, becomes the wife of King Ahasuerus (possibly Xerxes I or Artaxerxes I), and saves the Jewish people of Persia. According to the scroll, the Day of Deliverance should be celebrated with gladness and celebration. There should be feasting (what religious holiday is complete without a good meal?) and there should be as much partying as possible.

According to Reform Rabbi Emil Hirsch in the Jewish Encyclopedia, "The object of Esther is undoubtedly to give an explanation of and to exalt the Feast of Purim, of whose real origin little or nothing is known". That is to say, the holiday came first, and the scroll came after in order to provide context for a popular celebration that was already well established.

Jews who celebrate Purim dress up in costumes, which may be based on one of the characters from Esther's story or something more modern like superheroes or princesses. This may be based in part on Chapter 2 verse 10: "Esther had not made known her people nor her kindred; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not tell it." Esther was essentially masquerading as someone she was not and so too do we dress up in a fictional identity to celebrate Esther's successfully hiding of her true identity, which allowed her to save the entire Jewish community of Persia from destruction.

We read the scroll out loud and cheer every time one of the "good guys" is mentioned, and boo or twirl our noisemakers vigorously every time Haman — the 'bad guy' — is spoken from the text. In this story, Haman wore a distinctive three-point hat, which has been transformed into an iconic three-cornered pastry called a *hamantaschen* (literally translated "Haman's ear.") We are trying to build up the number of families with children and this holiday provides a great vehicle for tasty baking. Our children and young people at the temple have been busy baking these triangular, pocket-filled cookies in a variety of flavors. I asked the students in my bar mitzvah class to tell me which flavor they liked best, and most of them chose chocolate. Personally, I prefer the raspberry ones.

CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

In these difficult times in which so many have been forced to seek assistance, it is important to note that one of the central practices of Purim is to donate to those in need, called in Hebrew, Matanot L'evyonim. Here also there is a connection to masquerading. The sages felt that Purim was a perfect opportunity to give Tzedakah because everyone was in costume and therefore no one knew who anyone else was, thereby providing the perfect chance to personally give to those who may be needy without embarrassing them. We also give presents of food to everyone, called Mishloach Manot, and that too makes it less embarrassing to receive economic assistance since everyone is carrying all sorts of food presents.

On the day of Purim, a person is obligated to give one gift each to at least two people who are less fortunate. At minimum, the gifts should be either the food eaten at a regular meal, or the amount of money required to buy that meal. However, it is preferable to give more than this. In the rabbinic writings, the sages say that there is no greater joy than gladdening the hearts of orphans, widows and needy people. One who does this is compared to God who, according to the Book of Isaiah, "revives the spirit of the humble and revives the heart of the downtrod-den" (57:15).

What makes Purim so well-known and so beloved is the custom of masquerading in costumes. Although the holiday itself goes back at least 2,000 years, according to the historical reconstruction of late 19th century scholar Moritz Steinschneider, the practice of dressing up may have originated among Italian Jews at the end of the 15th century. The Jews of Rome witnessed the practice of Carnival, which was part of the Christian festive season before Lent, and they adapted masquerading for their own holiday festivities.

The theory certainly sounds logical. This celebration was observed in February or early March, exactly at the same time that Purim was celebrated. Carnival included parades just like you would see during Mardi Gras today in New Orleans and numerous other cities around the world. Costumes and even masks allow us revelers to exchange our normal, personal identities for those of religious, historical, or popular figures.

We dress up on Purim as an act of transgression. Transgression involves a deliberate violation of moral or social boundaries. But in this case, it is not done to do wrong but rather to temporarily upset the natural order of things in order to give us the ability to gain perspective on what is considered normative as opposed to what is considered social deviance.

Everything that is normally true in the regular world is turned upside down on Purim. Fortuitous events just happened. People overhear things that they're not supposed to overhear. Nothing is as it seems. But how far can we take it? There's even a halachic dispute over whether it's permissible to cross-dress on Purim. On one hand what could be more transgressive? On the other hand, the sages did not want to be so transgressive as to destroy normative behavior during the rest of the year. Times have changed and what is considered transgressive has shifted considerably. We still aim to flip everything over —temporarily — just for a day in order to put everything back together again in a better, more logical, more meaningful manner.

While we each may dress up as vastly different characters, the impact of everyone being dressed up altogether paradoxically heightens our sense of communal unity. At this time when we feel that our society is at risk of fracturing, anything that can create more social cohesion is of potentially great value to all of us. Purim is one of the most joyous of holidays in the Jewish calendar, and yet it also includes some important lessons about familial loyalty, communal cohesion, and how good people can band together to stop evil in its tracks.



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Can you imagine if singing and the playing of instruments in our temple were totally banned? That is what transpired after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Then, in exile, those aesthetic restrictions were retained for a time. Exceptions filled the musical silence only on Simchat Torah and Purim, when joy would burst forth with unbridled enthusiasm bordering on hilarity. Being saved from Haman's genocidal decree is not a laughing matter, but recalling it annually certainly warranted outrageous and very musical celebration.

Amalek was the first enemy of the Jews after leaving Egypt and Haman was, supposedly, his descendent. After them, those enemies *kept* (I like having used the past-tense here) coming. In13th century France and Germany, our ancestors drowned out his name with *groggers* at Purim. A combination of 'bullroarer' and 'scraper,' it encompassed a long stick at the top, with which was attached a string, and at the end of the string was a thin board. When twirled, it made a weird noise, and when the grogger was twirled faster, the tonal pitch rose – and that's just the 'bull-roarer'. The 'scraper' consisted of a notched bone, gourd, or shell which was scraped with a rigid object. Together, these sounds were almost guaranteed to scare off any evil spirits, dead or alive. This was a custom of primitive peoples at the outgoing and incoming of new seasons. Purim, ushering in Spring, most likely adopted the grogger from those ancient practices. It took a long time for Jews from Asia minor, which encompasses Israel, to change their ceremonial habit of knocking two stones together and stomping their feet at the mention of Haman's name. Coming full circle, today's groggers are usually made in China.

Another fun part of Purim is singing parodies of popular songs, changing the words to relate to the Book of Esther. Since the 14th century, the familiar melodies with adapted lyrics were full of humor and caricatured the wicked characters in the Megillah and idealized its heroes. Visually this is still played out by wearing costumes of those characters and any other that will add to the gaiety.

The birth of opera in the 16th century soon influenced Jewish music in and out of the synagogue. Cantors began to indulge in excessive vocal pyrotechnics during their chanting. While the congregation delighted, the rabbis were disgusted. Some things evolve.

George Frederick Handel's first of many oratorios was, "Esther," written in 1720. It wasn't funny nor meant to be. He wrote numerous works based on our history rich in fabulous stories, i.e., "Judah Maccabaeus." However, back at the synagogues, *Purim spiels* thrived with *Meshorerim* (choir singers), and already would include klezmer musicians, sometimes included Gentile musicians, and folk musicians, adding diverse glee to the festival.

The Hasidic rabbis of the 18th century believed that all the Rebbe's prayers were granted to him in heaven at the conclusion of his Purim dance. It was also believed that the Divine Presence rested on a joyous and happy face. Naturally, we still believe that!

I trust that my message is clear: Purim embraces passionate and transformative fun, joy by just being alive, especially when you'd been targeted for elimination by an evil living-devil who gets caught in his own trap. Is our lot not something to love, laugh, dance, and sing about?

Raruch Koritan

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fay Henning-Bryant

An Update on the Use of Our Building

Temple Beth Shalom is planning to hire a commercial real estate broker to help us find a renter for space in our building. After a lengthy search, we identified two brokers who are associated with a large commercial real estate business – Shell Commercial Investment Real Estate. These two brokers actually specialize in finding space to lease to churches looking for space that will be their church.

In my December 2022 message to the congregation, you learned that this past year the Budget and Finance Committee learned that due to the slow decline in temple membership over the past 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 asked repeatedly to cover the shortfall, so the Endowment became a piggy bank. Because it had to use the fund's principal (interest on our investments did not cover the shortfall), our Endowment has gone from having over \$400,000 in it to just over \$100,000. In 2020-2021, due to COVID-19, TBS did not attempt to undertake any fundraising activities, so that year and again in 2021-2022 we totally depleted our savings which had been well over \$50.000, even though we were successful in fund-raising last year.

In that same message, I wrote that after serious discussion about our options, our Board of Directors concluded 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 on a long term basis.

A small task force has spent many hours trying to identify the names of commercial brokers who are even interested in working with "houses of worship" who wish to lease space. We learned that most commercial brokers only want to represent clients who are wanting to SELL. They make much more money and do not have to work as hard to sell a property than to lease! Task force members eventually met with 6 different commercial brokers – some multiple times - in order to find a broker who we believed met our concerns and needs. Some of the brokers we met with were just not interested in us! We were either too small a client, i.e. the work they would have to commit to us wasn't worth what they would earn in commissions or they had no experience working with houses of worship.

As a result of all these efforts and meetings, we are much "smarter and wiser" than when we started this process last summer! Perhaps the most significant thing we learned (eventually) was that due to our zoning, we are limited to the kind of tenant we can lease space to. It must be a not-for-profit client - a church, but possibly a child care or adult day care center.

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By the time we had met with the last 4 brokers, it became very obvious that leasing to a church would be best for us. To cause the least disruption to TBS and bring in the most revenue, we will need to "close off" a portion of our building – the auditorium and adjacent rooms for a church to lease on a 24/7/365 days a year basis. In all likelihood, we will share the use of the Social Hall and the kitchen, all of which will have to be spelled out in a lease. But we will ensure that we have use of both of these areas for all important religious and social functions. We have a very large building with space we can use that we do not fully utilize.

No one knows how long it will take to find a tenant. When we asked that question, the brokers from Shell Commercial told us that based on their experience, the right client might be found in a month...or it could take a year. It depends on who is looking and what they are looking for. Once they find a client who is interested in what we have to offer, the client has looked at our space and decided they are interested, we have conducted "due diligence" on the client and we have determined that they are a "good fit" for us, it could take 3-4 months to negotiate a lease and see any income. We can certainly hope it is sooner rather than later.

Our Board of Directors wants every member of the temple to have an opportunity to have questions answered or concerns addressed, if they wish. We will hold an informational meeting on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel for that purpose. Jonathan Werbel, our Treasurer and a member of the building task force, and I will address your questions/concerns. Please call the temple office by March 8, to let us know if you plan to attend.

While this course of action may not be ideal or what we would like, every member of your Board of Directors is committed to ensuring the long term future of our congregation. We believe this is an important step.

BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH 2023

Wednesday 3/1 11am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan 1 pm Caring Committee Friday 3/3 Office Closed 5:15 pm Shabbat Potluck 7 pm Shabbat Services Kavod Awards Sunday 3/5 10 to 11:30 Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast **BJE** Learning Monday 3/6 **Erev Purim** 10 am Passover Haggadah Class Tuesday 3/7 1:30 pm Grief Group 6:30 pm TBS Membership Committee Meeting Wednesday 3/8 10 am Hadassah Meeting 11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan Thursday 3/9 10 am Where Americans Find Meaning Class 3:30 pm Executive Board Meeting Friday 3/10 Office Closed 7 pm Shabbat Services Purim Readings Sunday 3/12 1 pm Brotherhood Chili Cookoff 10 am Building Rental Information Meeting Monday 3/13 10 am Passover Haggadah Class 1 pm Website Meeting Tuesday 3/14 1:30 pm Grief Group 2:00 pm Budget Meeting 11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

Wednesday 3/15 11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan 1:30 pm Outreach Comm. Meeting Thursday 3/16 10 am Where Americans Find Meaning Class 11 am Religious Practices Meeting Friday 3/17 Office Closed 7 pm Shabbat Services Saturday 3/18 10 am Shabbat Guitar Service Sunday 3/19 10 am General Board Meeting Monday 3/20 10 am Passover Haggadah Class Tuesday 3/21 1:30 pm Grief Group Wednesday 3/22 11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Thursday 3/23 10 am Where Americans Find Meaning Class Friday 3/24 Office Closed 7 pm Shabbat Services Sunday 3/26 2 pm Klezmer Concert Monday 3/27 10am Passover Haggadah Class 12 pm Sisterhood/Hadassah Woman's Seder Tuesday 3/28 1:30 pm Grief Group Wednesday 3/29 11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan Thursday 3/30 10 am Where Americans Find Meaning Class Friday 3/31 Office Closed 5UN CITY, AZ

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM SHOFAR

TBS SPECIAL SERVICES BLESSING FOR MEMBERS OVER 90 YEAR OLD



SY Perlis Joan Rosen for Jerry Rosen Miriam Hirschl Geraldine Travis Evelyn Dragiff

Holding Torah's Bernie Arum Steve Siegel





Bonnie & Denny Cutler

OUR MEMBERS OVER 90



Bernard Brownstein served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954. He moved to Arizona in 1999 and loves to go to Las Vegas. He has two children and five grandchildren. Pesach is his favorite Jewish holiday with all the delicious food! Bernie feels he has found paradise living in Arizona! He is 92!



Evelyn Dragiff joined Temple Beth Shalom shortly after moving to Arizona about 39 years ago. She was born in Brooklyn N.Y. and was an elementary school teacher. She has two children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Passover is her favorite Jewish holiday because the family all come together. Evelyn's favorite place to visit is Paris!

<u>Miriam Hirschl</u> has been a TBS member for over 35 years. She moved to Arizona because she loves the warm climate. She was married in 1942 and has three children, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren with one more on the way in March. Her favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah because it is joyful, and the family all get together. Her absolute favorite place to visit is Japan because of its beauty.

Miriam wins being the oldest member at 103!



OUR MEMBERS OVER 90-CONT'D



<u>Sy Perlis</u> grew up in Pennsylvania. He has lived in Arizona for 21 years and loves the climate here. He married Joan in 1999 and has been a member of TBS for 21 years. Antarctica is his favorite place he has visited because it is entirely different from the other places he has been, and his favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah because it is so joyous. Sy just turned 101 in January!

<u>Geraldine Travis</u> has lived in Arizona for 32 years and loves the winters here! She was born in Albany,Georgia. Her husband was in the military for 25 years and they lived in England, Paris, Germany, and Morocco. She and her husband retired in Montana. She has four children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her favorite place is Paris, where she and her husband lived for two years.

<u>Jerry Rosen</u> has lived in Arizona for 29 years, and loves the weather, friends and the way of life here. He lived in Brooklyn when he was younger. He manufactured pet products for a living. He has been married to Joni since 1978. Passover is his favorite Jewish holiday when he can celebrate with his friends. Italy has been his most favorite place to visit because of the people and wonderful food. Jerry is only 98!

<u>Phyllis Jacobs</u> has lived in Arizona for over 35 years and likes the climate and people. She lived in the Bronx, N.Y. when she was young. Her favorite Jewish holiday is Purim because she feels it has both warm and happy aspects as well as difficult times. Yugoslavia was her favorite place she visited. Phyllis has four children, seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



February 2023 Torah Discussions – Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Zoom

Our next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The reading is Parashat Tetzaveh, Perek Alef, *What Is the Ner Tamid?*, pages 71-74 of A Commentary for our Times, Volume Two: Exodus and Leviticus.

March Torah Discussions

March 1, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Tetzaveh, Perek Alef, What Is the Ner Tamid?

March 8, 2023 Exodus, Ki Tisa, Perek Alef, Why Did They Build the Golden Calf?

March 15, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Vayakhel-Pekude, Perek Gimel, Accountability of Public Officials

March 22, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Vayikra, Perek Alef, The Meanings of Sacrifice and Prayer

March 29, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Tzav, Perek Alef, Finding Meaning in Obsolete Traditions

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 <u>charlottetbsaz@gmail.com</u> and a copy of the weekly text will be emailed to you.

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





K'vod Award

As we get back to some sort of normalcy, we are awarding the K'vod Award to two of the most dedicated volunteers in our congregation. The awards are presented yearly to members who have given time and effort above the typical congregant relationship, supported the Temple and contributed to the good and welfare with continuing work.

This year, on Friday, March 3, during services, following a Pot Luck dinner at 5:15 PM, we will honor Pam Katz and Bonnie Longmire. Please join us on March 3rd as we thank them for their outstanding service and dedication. This is a special day for both Pam and Bonnie and all of the congregation.







Join in on a special Purim Service. Wear a costume and get ready to laugh! Purim songs and stories will be provided by Rabbi Kaplan and Cantor Koritan

Temple Beth Shalom

is having a

PANCAKE

BREAKFAST

Sunday March 5, 2023 10 to 11:30

> \$18 per person and \$14 kids under 13 open to all.

Includes:

Pancakes Syrup Bagels Different cream cheeses Danishes Jea Coffee Orange Juice Apple Juice join & st" Fresh fruit

"So get off your couch and join us for a wonderful breakfast"

> Reservation deadline is February 22nd Contact Lane Ginsburg at: bethshalombrotherhood@gmail.com or call TBS at 623 977-3240 12202 N101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351



PASSAGES is BJE's annual fundraising learning series. Your support enables the BJE to continue to promote Jewish life and literacy from Jewish Baby University, to Hebrew High, and Adult learning. Consider becoming a PASSAGES *Patron* (\$250), *Benefactor* (\$500), *Sage* (\$1800), or *Underwriter* (\$5000)

Breaking Glass Ceilings: Israel's first Druze woman in Knesset

Presenter: Gadeer Kamal-Mreeh

K Sunday, March 05, 2023 | 12:30 PM

Temple Beth Shalom, 12202 N 101st Ave, Sun City

Sunday, March 05, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Temple Kol Ami, 15030 N 64th St, Scottsdale & Live Streamed

Individual Tickets: \$20

Breaking several glass ceilings in Israel as the "First Druze Woman", Gadeer Kamal-Mreeh became the first Druze member of Knesset, the first Druze anchorwoman to host a prime time Hebrew-language news program, and the first Druze Senior Envoy of The Jewish Agency for Israel to The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. She will share her unique story, which is full of achievements and challenges that represent the beauty, complexity, and diversity of Israeli society. Come to connect with us to explore another facet of Israel you must meet.

SPECIAL RATE FOR TBS MEMBERS \$10.00 PER PERSON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 623-977-3240. PAYMENT OF \$10 CAN BE PAID TO BJE AT THE DOOR.







Chili Chefs and Talent entries deadline: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 Entry fee for Chili Chefs is \$25. No entry fee for the talent show. For further information, or to signup, call TBS at 623 977-3240 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351

Awards: Grand Champion, Best Meat, Best Veggie, Best Kid, and Best decorated booth entries. Days events: Lunch, Games, Raffle Prizes, & Music. Voting is \$1 per vote. Be sure to vote for your favorite chili





RURAL STREET KLEZMER BAND SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 FROM 2:00 TO 3:30PM Guest Appearance by TBS Cantor Baruch Koritan

Klezmer is Jewish folk music. Perhaps most familiar as the music of the 19th and early 20th century Eastern European shtetl, it has its origins in the Middle Ages as an important element of the Jewish wedding. The term "klezmer", originally used to describe the itinerant musicians themselves, is a contraction of the Hebrew words kley-zemer and can be translated as "vessel of song".

Temple Emanuel of Tempe is home to the Rural Street Klezmer Band. Audiences from across the Phoenix metro area, including the MIM, and beyond have experienced the joy of the Rural Street Klezmer Band's unique brand of Jewish soul music at family simchas, synagogue and community events,

Concert is open to the public

Pre-sale concert tickets by check: \$20 (Mail check or deliver to TBS) Concert day tickets: \$25 (Purchase at the door)

Temple Beth Shalom 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351623 977-3240Concert will be inside, masks are optional.



"Rabbi Moss will be our Guest of Honor" Reservations are a must and need to be made no later than Wednesday, March 22nd

And special thanks to the Brotherhood for volunteering as the servers Call TBS at 623 977-3240 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351 www.tbsaz.org Co-leading the Haggadah reading will be Nan Rubin Lieber and Lael Summer

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CELEBAATE MATZOU TIME UITU US

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





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

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM SHOFAR SUN CITY, AZ



The Committee is asking you to bring a food item each month and place it in the designated space in the lobby

All of this will be benefiting the Valley View Food Bank

Item to bring this month



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



accordance with IRS tax laws, only the amount of your gift that exceeds the value of goods and services received in consideration of your gift is tax deductible as a charitable contribution and income tax purposes. The amount of the individual ticket to the event that is tax deductible is \$0. Charitable deductions are allowed to the extent provided by law, please consult with resonal tax advisor. Hadassah shall have full dominion, control, and discretion over all gifts (and shall be under no legal obligation to transfer any portion of a gift to or for the use or benefi

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/2 Anne Burris
- 3/2 David Gratz
- 3/2 Dr. Janice Sodos
- 3/6 Deborah Liebman
- 3/18 Linda Palmer
- 3/19 Maxine Daitzman
- 3/20 Lane Ginsburg
- 3/25 Lauren Abramowitz
- 3/26 Bobbie Zelkind
- 3/28 Evelyn Dragiff
- 3/28 Elizabeth Keyles
- 3/30 Judith Neigoff
- 3/31 Leon Miller
- 3/31 Joan Sheffield



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES





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

<u>Bereavement "Meal of Consolation</u>" 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	Send in this coupon to join TBS Sisterhood for 2022-2023
Vice president	Marsha Gratz	Dues are \$25.00/yr.
Recording Secy	Mary Gill Savoren	
Membership / Corresponding Secy	Phyllis Hibben	NameAddress
Treasurer	Sharyn Helbon	Email
Bima Flower/Food Baskets	Evelyn Dragiff	Phone
Program Committee	Sharon Gadless Bonnie Longmire Ellen Winderlich	Check # Mail check to:
Publicity	Shari Young	TBS Sisterhood, Temple Beth Shalom, 2202 N 101st Av
Hospitality Committee	Yolanda Schatz	Sun City AZ 85351 Please email Phyllis at <u>tbssisterhoodconnection@gmail.com</u>
Judaica Boutique	Judy Fagen	with your email address changes
Sunshine	Nancy Urbach	
Directors	Brenda Bochner Maxine Daitzman	
Emails	Phyllis Hibben	

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

General Operating Fund cont'd

In Memory of: Robert Gurne Alice Gurne Sonia Sophie Savage Miriam S. Burdette **Silas Jacob Howard** Lena Dublin Gloria & Steve Bold Sylvia Berkowitz Arnold Berkowitz **Minnie Fischer** Helene Fox Dr. Armando Susmano Phyllis Hibben Seymour Rosenberg Reva Litt **Belle Kalish** Larry Kalish **Boris Sodos** Jan Sodos Jean Greenbaum Anne Burris Joseph Lara Carmen Berkowitz

In Appreciation of: TBS Joan Rothfeld TBS Lawrence Dworkin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: In Loving Memory of Albert Nappen Joan Nappen

Security Fund:

Happy Birthday to: Sy Perlis Sharon & Lou Gadless Diane Freilich Sharon Gadless

In Memory of: Frances Gadless

Lou Gadless

Education Fund:

In Loving Memory of: Mildred Grappel Robert Grappel Ruth Turk Goldenberg Rose Turk Meyrowitz Abraham Goldenberg Lael Summer

Prayer Book Fund

In Memory of: Jack Sol Halperin

Linda Barad

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 OFRELA	TIONSHIP	CONTRIBUTOR	BIMA FUND	FRIDAY NIGHT DATE
Sherman Goldberg	Husband	Sue Goldberg	Food Basket	1/27/23
Sylvia Beck	Mother	Sharon Gadless	Flower Basket	2/3/23
Alex Harris	Father	Sue Goldberg	Food Basket	2/10/23
Ben Beck	Father	Sharon Gadless	Food Basket	2/17/23
Shirley Jacobs	Mother	Phyllis Jacobs	Food Basket	3/3/23
Alfred Neumann	Boss	Phyllis Jacobs	Food Basket	2/24/23
Samuel Schuver	Father	Fred Schuver	Food Basket	3/17/23
Frances Gadless	Mother	Lou Gadless	Flower Basket	3/17/23

Many People contribute to the Flower Bouquet & Food Basket Funds "in memory of", but did you know that you can also contribute to these funs "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

Judy Fagen: 623-210-1084

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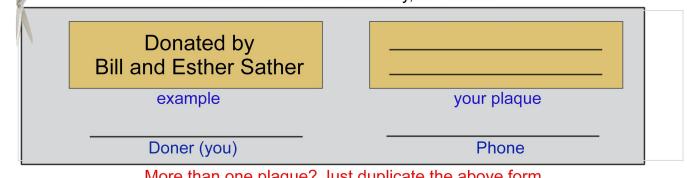
Chair plaques are available for purchase for \$200 each. We only have 30 sanctuary chairs left that don't have sponsor plaques on the back of them.

Plaques are 3" x 3/4 " and there is room for two lines.

Note: Sponsorship does not include private rights to the use of the chair, it will always be open to all.

Members may call the Temple at 623 977-3240 to place their order, or call Nan Rubin Lieber at 623 933-1412 or return this form along with payment to TBS 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351

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More than one plaque? Just duplicate the above form.

NAME BADGE INFORMATION

It was recommended by the Membership Committee and voted on by the Board of Directors that the board members, trustees and committee chairs, as well as, TBS staff wear a personalized name badge to all temple functions. Any member of the temple who wishes to purchase a name badge may do so at the cost of **\$10**.

The name badge will be made of hard plastic with the TBS logo and magnetic backing to affix to clothing. There will be room for your name and underneath it your title, if you have one. You will have a choice of the type of clasp you wish to order; a pin clasp or magnetic clasp.

ANYONE WITH A PACEMAKER OR ANY OTHER MEDICAL IMPLANT DEVICE SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP FOR YOUR NAME BADGE. DO NOT GET A MAGNETIC NAME BADGE AS IT CAN INERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF A PACEMAKER AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES. YOU SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP NAME BADGE.

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name badge and the type of clasp you would like, on the form below

NAME:

TYPE OF CLASP:

MAGETIC BACKING: ______ PIN CLASP: _____

COST: **\$10** EACH

DUE: ASAP

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT TO THE TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OFFICE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL CARMEN 623-444-6156

Become part of the backbone of Temple Beth Shalom. Join a group that knows how to help. Join the Brotherhood today.



First year members of TBS are given a free membership in the Brotherhood. Just submit this form and let us know you are a first year member of TBS.
Returning members need to submit this form and a \$25 payment for the year.
You can bring it in to the office or mail it to: Temple Beth Shalom 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351.
Make sure you write "Attention: TBS Brotherhood" on the envelope, and that your checks are made out to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood.



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

Guest Speakers __; Welcome back Cookout __; Dinners planning __; Spring training Game __; Once a month Usher __; Key Committee __: Helping set up and take-down for events __;

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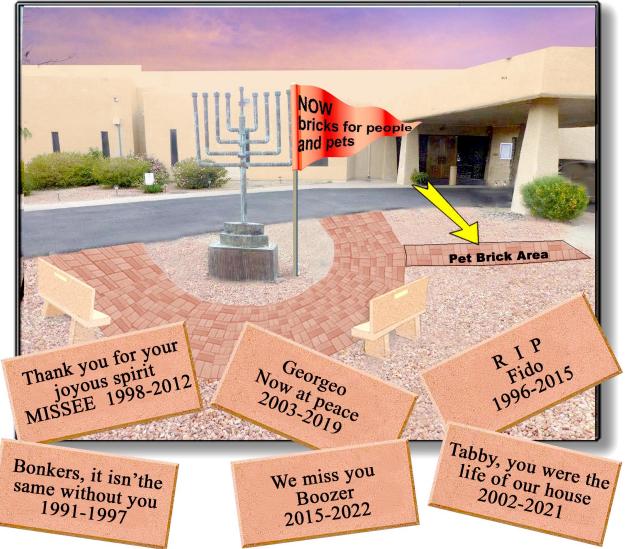
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Thank you for your participation in this important project. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dave Katz at 623-980-2196 or <u>dave@katzaz.com</u>

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Total amount enclosed \$_____

To expedite your order, enter your information at <u>www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/tbsbricks</u>

If you prefer, please fill out the form below and return it to the office

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Please print.		

Inscription #2

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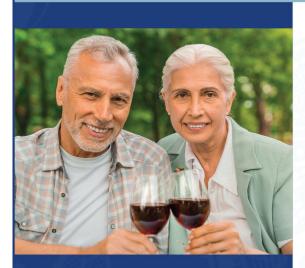
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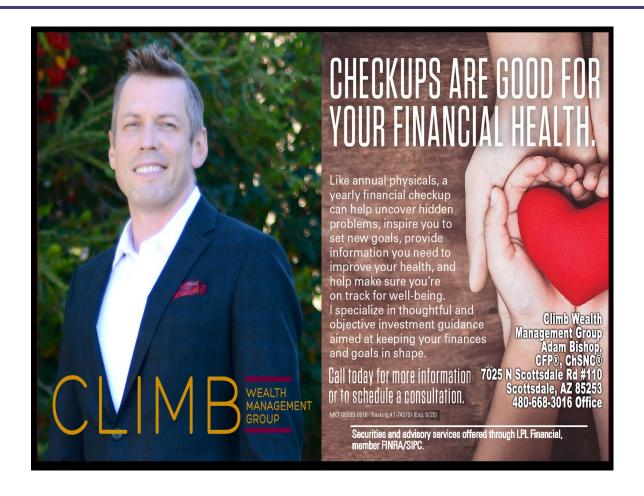


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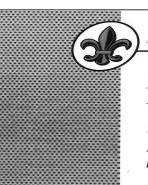
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