



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

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MAY 2023 143

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR-TBS ANNUAL MEETING

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

TBS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

JANICE REED

GERALD MELLIS

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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>

Controversies in Judaism Shofar May 2023

Monday May 1st we're going to be starting a new course called controversies in Judaism. What I would like to argue is that it's not the controversies themselves that are so important but rather the discourse around how we Jews debate those controversies. It is the discourse of disagreement in Judaism which is such a fundamental part of our religion and culture.

In the times of the Sages roughly 2,000 years ago, there were two very famous scholars named Hillel and Shammai. Both were prominent scholars but Hillel was known for being more tolerant and lenient and Shammai was known for being strict and impatient. Each had a group of students who were called respectively Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai. There were a series of disagreements between Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel that went unresolved. This was part of the process of talmudic discourse – it is the quality of the debate that is important rather than the end result.

According to the Jerusalem Talmud, Beit Shammai prevailed suddenly by using threats of violence, ignoring the need to hear other voices and debate civilly and focusing on the intellectual arguments rather than the desire to grab power. This had been their methodology for many years. But suddenly Beit Shammai prevailed by “using swords and spears”. Once Beit Shammai had grabbed power, they passed 18 laws that were particularly controversial.

In the Babylonian Talmud (Shabbat 17a), it is written that on this day: “They thrust a sword into the Beit Midrash... Whoever entered, entered, and those who wished to leave could not leave. On that same day Hillel was stopped – sitting before Shammai as if he was one of his students. It was as disastrous a day for the Jewish People as the day the golden calf was made.”

What the rabbis meant was that it was a tremendous catastrophe that one side resorted to force to get their way rather than their argumentation. Our intellectual tradition goes way back and we are expected to be able to marshal the force of argument using facts and analysis of those facts in order to persuade the other side.

With that in mind we're going to look at a number of controversial issues in Judaism. Of course anything that has an impact on American society can be seen as a Jewish issue as well. So for us to consider it, there have to be readily available Jewish sources that speak to the issue in theory or practice. As with the above story, our emphasis is not on resolving the issue and saying Judaism favors this side and not that side but rather the analysis and interpretation using sources from Judaism and other relevant sources.

We will decide together what will be some of the topics that we will cover so that should be interesting in and of itself. Everyone is invited to enroll and to come at 10:00 a.m.



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Lag BaOmer, this year coinciding with May 9th, is another way of saying “the thirty-third day of the Omer”. The Omer not only tracks the Spring agricultural cycle but also counts the period between Passover, marking our people’s exodus from Egypt, to Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Pesach and Shavuot are the times of harvesting barley and wheat. Torah accorded this period in between as a time for sacrifices of thanksgiving for seven weeks. “Omer” denotes the measure of grain being offered. The journey from slavery to freedom is also aspirational one, moving from the wilderness of the soul to preparation for receiving the Torah.

Historically, the period of Omer is a time of semi-mourning; weddings and other festivities are avoided, in memory of a plague that killed thousands of students of Rabbi Akia, a Talmudic scholar. Lag BaOmer was the day on which the plague ceased, and thus mourning ceased, and it became a day of great joy. It is also the celebration day of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the legendary author of the Zohar. Although Lag BaOmer is the anniversary of his death, in accordance with his wishes, it is treated joyfully. It has been called a ‘Jewish Woodstock,’ as hundreds of thousands gather near his burial site on Mount Meron in northern Israel. Amidst feasting and music, hundreds, or thousands of three-year old boys, Ashkenazic and Sephardic, receive their first haircuts and *peiyes*. People camp, picnic, and party; in the evening enormous bonfires are kindled on the roof of the domed building in honor of the shining light Rabbi Shimon brought into the world. For the entire 24 hours, groups of whirling Chassidim, with fervor unusual even for them, dance near the fires or in the courtyard below, singing over and over the infectious songs praising the enshrined Rabbi. Within the castle-like structure built upon his tomb, small groups of men and others of women study Zohar and recite Psalms. A strong tradition exists that anyone who prays sincerely “at Rabbi Shimon,” especially on Lag BaOmer, will be answered. At this late date, it might be wise to make travel arrangements for *next* year’s events.

Several traditional and popular songs are associated with the holiday; these are sung around bonfires, at weddings, and at *tishen* (gatherings) held by Hasidic Rebbes on Lag BaOmer. “*Bar Yochai*” was composed by Rabbi Shimon Labi (c. 1490-c.1584), a 16th century kabbalist, in honor of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. It is sung with great fervor. The seventh of ten verses is translated here:

“Bar Yochi...When you reached the Holy of Holies of the Supernal Tabernacle, you grasped the secret of the Green Line (the thread of measured light through which God created the world) through which He continually renews the works of Creation daily. The works of Creation are known as the Seven Weeks (Forty-nine Gates of Understanding). In order to go beyond this and grasp the secret Fifty, you bound (your thought to) the letter *shin* (on both sides of the Head-Tefilin).” Refrain: “Bar Yochai –fortunate are you, anointed with joyous oil (i.e. wisdom), over and above your companions.”

This is most likely deeper into kabbalistic practice than most of us will ever venture. However, it is enlivening to know how much kabbalah has meant and still means to so many. It *is* very deep. Just fathoming it all could take a lifetime or more. So, it may be enough at this point, to just make a joyful noise by singing with much appreciation for all the good that has been bestowed upon us.

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fay Henning-Bryant

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

One of the privileges and responsibilities each of us, who pays dues to be a member of a Reform congregation, has is to exercise the right of membership by voting at the Annual Meeting of the congregation. The Annual Meeting for Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (TBS) will be held at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 21, 2023. PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

By now, every regular member of TBS should have received a packet of important information that will be voted upon by temple members at this meeting. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION, which was mailed to your home, please contact Helene Fox in the temple office immediately. The information in the packet covers three general, but important areas: temple finances and a budget for 2023-2024 (that was approved by the Board of Directors on April 16, 2023) that must be adopted by the congregation; a slate of officers and trustees for 2023-2024; and various changes to the Constitution of the congregation. If there are two or more members in your home, there should be enough ballots for each member to vote their own wishes.

All of this information is very important with respect to the future of our congregation and I ask that you take the time to read all the information carefully.

Our Parliamentarian, Russ Robbins, spent a great amount of time explaining the various items being proposed as changes or additions to the Constitution. You will find that explanation on a sheet of paper with a heading in large print that reads **“Please, please read this page”**. Any proposed change to the Constitution must first be approved by the Board of Directors, currently by a majority vote, and then forwarded to the members of the congregation for voting on at the Annual Meeting, or a special meeting called for such purpose.

Most of these additions and minor changes were initiated by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and were approved unanimously by the Board of Directors at their meeting on April 16, 2023. They are identified on another enclosure which is identified by a VERY LARGE **“A”** in the left-hand corner. This two-sided document shows how a specific article of the Constitution will be impacted if you vote for the proposed changes (identified as numbers 1 through 12).

Four changes to the Constitution were initiated by seven (7) members of the congregation and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Three of these four changes were approved, but not unanimously, and are listed on another sheet of paper identified by a VERY LARGE **“B”** in the left-hand corner. They are identified as numbers 13 through 15. After a brief statement of what the proposed change is, the remaining information on this-two sided document illustrates for you how the proposed change will actually impact each Article of the current Constitution.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CONT'D

If you have any questions about anything related to the proposed changes to the Constitution, you may contact Russ Robbins by phone (602-370-2821) or email (russ.qed@gmail.com). He will be able to answer your questions.

The remainder of the information in the packet pertains to finances/budget and the slate of officers and trustees for the next two years. This information is equally important to all the constitutional changes and I urge you to read it carefully.

There are three members of the Board of Directors who, over the past 3-4 months, have committed many hours exercising patience and ensuring that all the information presented to you was developed carefully and with great thought and consideration. I cannot thank them enough for their leadership, dedication, and commitment to act in the best interest of the congregation. They are:

Russ Robbins (Trustee) – Parliamentarian; Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Nan Rubin-Lieber (Trustee) – Chairperson of the Nominating Committee

Jonathan Werbel (Treasurer) – Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee

If you are unable to attend the meeting on May 21, you can still vote by mail or by dropping your ballot off at the office BEFORE NOON ON THURSDAY, MAY 18. If you vote by mail or drop off ballot, you must **SIGN THE FRONT** of your ballot envelope if you want your vote to be counted. If your signature is not readable, please print your name below it.

You can also bring your ballot to the Annual Meeting on May 21. However, if you vote by mail or drop off, YOU MAY NOT VOTE AGAIN at the Annual Meeting!

I hope to see all of you on May 21, 2023, at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall at TBS.

The vote of every member of the congregation is very important.

YOUR VOICE – YOUR VOTE

BULLETIN BOARD

MAY 2023

5/1 Monday

10 am Controversial Issues in Judaism Class

5/2 Tuesday

6:30 pm Membership Meeting

5/3 Wednesday

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

1 pm Caring Committee

5/5 Friday

Office Closed

5:30 Brotherhood Pizza Party

7 pm Shabbat Services New Members

5/7 Sunday

10 am Brotherhood-Mother's Day Family Brunch

5/8 Monday

10 am Controversial Issues in Judaism Class

5/10 Wednesday

9 am Outreach Meeting

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

1:30 pm Programming Comm. Meets

5/11 Thursday

10:30 am Presentation at Advent Episcopal Church

2 pm Executive Board Meeting

5/12 Friday

Office Closed

7 pm Shabbat Services

5/15 Monday

10 am Controversial Issues in Judaism class

12 pm Sisterhood Luncheon

5/17 Wednesday

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

5/18 Thursday

11:30 am Religious Committee Meeting

5/19 Friday

Office Closed

7 pm Shabbat Services

5/20 Saturday

10 am Saturday Morning Services

5/21 Sunday

9 am General Board Meeting

11 am Annual Membership Meeting

5/22 Monday

10 am Controversial Issues in Judaism class

5/24 Wednesday

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

5/26 Friday

Office closed

7pm Shabbat Services

5/29 Monday

Office Closed for Memorial Day

5/31 Wednesday

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kaplan

Every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Zoom

Our next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The reading is Leviticus, Parashat Emor, Perek Bet, *The Jewish Festivals: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot*, pages 140-146 of *A Commentary for our Times, Volume Two: Exodus and Leviticus*.

May Torah Discussions

May 3, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Emor, Perek Bet, *The Jewish Festivals: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot*

May 10, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Behar-Bechukotai, Perek Alef, *Lessons from the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years*

May 17, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Bemidbar, Perek Alef, *Why Does So Much of Such Importance in Jewish History Happen in the Midbar-in the Desert?*

May 24, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Naso, Perek Alef, *The Case of Suspected Adultery: Can We Move from Suspicion to Trust?*

May 31, 2023 Leviticus, Parashat Beha'alotecha, Perek Alef, *Responding to Murmuring and Complaints*

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 classes about

“Controversial Issues in Judaism”



The four-part series, will be presented
in May by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan

Classes will be from 10-11 a.m. Mondays,
May 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the Temple

Participants will choose from the following topics:

- ✧ **Gun control**
- ✧ **Israel and Zionism**
- ✧ **Extraterrestrial beings and God**
- ✧ **Why do people find Jews so threatening?**
- ✧ **Abortion**
- ✧ **Capital punishment**
- ✧ **Transgender rabbis**
- ✧ **Did God write the five books of Moses?**

As society changes rapidly, views on religious and existential issues change as well. This four-part series will look at four different issues of various sorts that are controversial for different reasons. Some are cutting-edge new ones that would not have been thought about just a few years ago, and some are long-standing issues that have been in the forefront of debate for many years. Either way, we want to look at the individual issue and understand the factors that might influence decision making in Judaism generally, and Reform Judaism specifically.

Cost is \$18 for members and \$36 for non-members.

Registration is required

Contact the Temple Beth Shalom office
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Thursday at
623.977-3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley
12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351



Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood
is presenting a

Mother's Day FAMILY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 7, 2023 from 10-12

Join us for brunch, prizes, fellowship and more. Brunch includes bagels, lox and assorted cream cheeses, danishes, fresh fruit and vegetables, and coffee/tea/water.

There will be a 50/50 raffle.

Entertainment by "Ukeladies"

\$18 per person
\$10 for Children 12 and under



RESERVATION and payment
deadline is May 2nd
Contact the temple at 623 977-3240
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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY
PIZZA PARTY

OPEN TO ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS
AND WE WILL ESPECIALLY HONOR
NEW TEMPLE MEMBERS

MAY 5, 2023 AT 5:30PM
PRIOR TO FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES



IT'S
FREE
AND
BRING
A
DESSERT
TO
SHARE
IF
YOU
CAN



RESERVATION

deadline is May 3rd and let us know if
you're bringing a dessert.

Contact the temple at 623 977-3240
12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351

sponsored by **TEMPLE BETH SHALOM BROTHERHOOD**

SISTERHOOD

of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley presents

SWINGJUGEND

Monday, May 15, 2023

Lunch & Program are at 12 noon



The Swingjugend rejected the Nazi state, above all because of its ideology and uniformity, its militarism, the “Führer principle” and the leveling of Volksgemeinschaft (people’s community). They experienced a massive restriction of their personal freedom. They rebelled against all this with jazz and swing,

which stood for a love of life, self determination, non-conformism, freedom, independence, liberalism, and internationalism. They created their own culture by the way they dressed, their language, their love of jazz and their dancing.

MAKE RESERVATIONS
Deadline Thursday
May 11th



\$12 members - \$15 non-members

Contact TBS at 623 977-3240
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www.tbsaz.org

Presented by our own Bonnie Longmire



Everything You Wanted To Know
About Judaism But Did Not Know
Who To Ask
*Presented by Rabbi Dana Evan
Kaplan*

An informative presentation followed by a light lunch
Open to all members of Advent & Temple Beth Shalom

Advent Episcopal Church, Sun City West
Paine Hall
13150 W Spanish Garden Dr
May 11 at 10:30 AM

PASSOVER SEDER 2023



Scholar-in-Residence Helen Schwartz gave a wonderful presentation during Friday Shabbat Services on April 14th. On Saturday April 15th, she did a presentation on How to Steal Priceless French Art, as well as a book signing of her historical thriller book "Thieves of Paris".



LIBRARY NEWS

4/27/2023

CHECK OUT THE NEW LOOK AND NEW BOOKS IN THE TBS LIBRARY

Recently the library committee requested that the Larry Mattal Trust fund, established in honor of Larry's wife Edith, fund the purchase of two groups of National Jewish Book Award winners for the TBS Library. We're happy to report that the first group of new books is now on the shelves in the Edith Mattal Library. Books may be checked out for 2 weeks, except for reference materials.

Each of the new books listed below won a 2021 National Jewish Book Award (see <https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/>). The list does not include works for children or teens, but their needs can be addressed later. The purchase of the 2022 National Jewish Book Award winners is also being funded by the Mattal Trust. The 2022 award books will be available in the library later this summer. These 2 groups of books will provide TBS congregants with a broad selection of well-regarded current books.

THE BOOK LIST

2021 Award Name	<i>book name in italics</i> (includes a link to information on the book). Author, Publisher.
American Jewish Studies	<i>A Fortress in Brooklyn: Race, Real Estate, and the Making of Hasidic Williamsburg,</i> Nathaniel Deutsch and Michael Casper, Yale University Press
Autobiography and Memoir	<i>The Empathy Diaries: A Memoir,</i> Sherry Turkle, Penguin
Biography (Jewish Book of the Year)	<i>To Repair a Broken World: The Life of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah,</i> Dvora Hacoheh, Foreword by Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Harvard University Press
Book Club	<i>The Golem and the Jinni (Book 1), and The Hidden Palace (Bk. 2),</i> Helene Wecker, HarperCollins Publishers for both volumes
Contemporary Jewish Life & Practice	<i>People Love Dead Jews,</i> Dara Horn, W. W. Norton & Company
Debut Fiction	<i>A Play for the End of the World,</i> Jai Chakrabarti, Alfred A. Knopf
Education and Jewish Identity	Hardcover <i>Jewish Cultural Studies</i> 478 pages, Simon J. Bronner, Wayne State University Press
Fiction	<i>The Netanyahu's: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family,</i> Joshua Cohen, New York Review Books. (It also won the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for fiction)
Food Writing & Cookbooks	<i>Bene Appétit: The Cuisine of Indian Jews,</i> Esther David, HarperCollins Publishers India
History	<i>The House of Fragile Things,</i> James McAuley, Yale University Press
Holocaust	<i>The Ravine: A Family, a Photograph, a Holocaust Massacre Revealed,</i> Wendy Lower, Mariner Books (previously Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
Modern Jewish Thought & Experience	<i>Torah in a Time of Plague: Historical and Contemporary Jewish Responses,</i> Erin Leib Smokler, ed., Ben Yehuda Press

LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

Poetry	<i>The Book of Anna</i> , Joy Ladin, EOAGH Books
Scholarship	<i>Jews and Their Roman Rivals: Pagan Rome's Challenge to Israel</i> , Katell Berthelot, Princeton University Press
Sephardic Culture	<i>The Memory Work of Jewish Spain</i> part of a series, Sephardi and Mizrahi Studies, Daniela Flesler and Adrián Pérez Melgosa, Indiana University Press
Women Studies	<i>The Light of Days</i> , The untold story of women resistance fighters in Hitler's ghettos, Judy Batalion, William Morrow
Writing Based on Archival Material	<i>International Jewish Humanitarianism in the Age of the Great War</i> , Granick, Cambridge University Press

VISIT SOON. ENJOY THE MATTAL LIBRARY'S NEW LOOKS & NEW BOOKS
The Library Committee: Ellen Klingsberg, Roberta Jacobson & Beryl Jacobson





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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Gloria Bold
- 5/2 Vicki Goldstein
- 5/4 Sally S. Lonn
- 5/6 Ellen Klingsberg
- 5/7 Nan Lieber
- 5/9 Sara Jane Feldman
- 5/9 Janice Reed
- 5/12 Pamela B. Katz
- 5/12 Irma (Lee) Siegelson
- 5/13 Arnold Alpert
- 5/14 Leah Taddei
- 5/23 Rael Bennett
- 5/25 Barbara Rudzin
- 5/28 Kenn R. Finkelstein
- 5/30 Michelle Cohen



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/8 Jonathan & Marlene Green 58th
- 5/10 Frederick & Michelle Cohen 23rd
- 5/14 Terry & Barbara Walsh 29th
- 5/15 John & Cristi Cohn 37th



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 Memory of:

Doug Walker
Eve Arum
Bernie & Monica Arum
Charlie Spivack
Marilyn Meyerowitz
Bernice Rabinowitz
Lori Baker
Herbert Beaser
Ray Beaser
Walter Urbach, Jr.
Mortimer May
Golda T. Blum
Nancy Urbach
Barbara Chalfen
Howard & Sally Lonn
Jerry Rosen
Thomas Hakala
Pearl Schor
Bobbie Zelkind
Annette Klingsberg
Ellen Klingsberg
Michael Hibben
Barbara Chalfen
Phyllis Hibben
Louis Handelman
Kenneth Waxman
Gloria Waxman

General Operating Fund cont'd

In Appreciation of:

Saturday Shabbat Guitarist
Herb & Riva Meyerovitz
Sisterhood Kitchen Angels
Lael Summer
TBS
Joan Rothfeld

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In Loving Memory of:
Dean Hirshman
Saran Hirshman

Education Fund:

In Loving Memory of:
Elayne Medelsohn
Dennis Adams
David & Sheila Lovinger

Social Action Fund:

In Memory of:

Dana Wigutoff
Sharon & Edwin Wigutoff
Esther Harris
Sue Goldberg
Janet Howard
Lila Hauptman

Mattal Memorial Library Fund:

In Memory of:

David Leber
Shirley Berow

Biblical Gardens Fund

In Memory of:

Esther Harris
Sue Goldberg

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.

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
Judy Silverstein	Sister	Yolanda Schatz	Food Basket	3/24/23
Pearl Fogel	Mother	Sharyn Helbon	Food Basket	4/7/23
Samuel Beck	Grandfather	Sharon Gadless	Food Basket	4/14/23
Esther Harris	Mother	Sue Goldberg	Food Basket	4/21/23
Dean Hirshman	Husband	Saran Hirshman	Food Basket	4/28/23

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 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.

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

Judy Fagen: 623-210-1084

Roz Goldstein: 623-972-3070

Larry Gorelick: 602.403.7775

**TEMPLE BETH SHALOM'S GRIEF GROUP WILL NOT BE HOLDING
SESSIONS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.
THE GRIEF GROUP WILL RECONVENE IN SEPTEMBER**



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

SANCTUARY CHAIR SPONSOR PLAQUES FINALLY ON SALE AGAIN



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.

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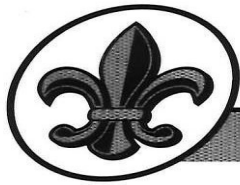
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