

SHOFAR

December 2023 149 18 Kislev - 19 Tevet 5784



TBS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Maxine Daitzman

Howard & Barbara Kirschner

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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>

December 2023 Hanukkah

The Talmudic Debate over how many Hanukkah Candles to start with and how many to end with?

The Talmud is filled with debate. The rabbis however were not enamored with the holiday of Hanukkah and so they didn't really want to talk about it too much. This was because they remembered that the descendants of The Maccabees persecuted the rabbis for reasons that go beyond the scope of this short article in the Shofar. Nevertheless, the average Jew in the rabbinic times loved Hanukkah just like we do today.

So the rabbis eventually had to acquiesce and accept the existence of Hanukkah as a holiday. Then the rabbis did what they did best. They debated the details of Hanukkah. I'll tell you about one such debate – dealing with which direction we should light the candles of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah starts early this year – on the evening of December 7th. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar. So I guess it doesn't really start early since it's starting on the same 25th day of Kislev as it did last year! But for us who mostly follow the weeks and months using the Gregorian calendar, it certainly feels a little bit earlier than usual.

All of us know the basic rituals of Hanukkah. The most important one is to light the menorah called a hanukkiah, a candelabrum with nine branches using a Shamash meaning "attendant". Each night, one additional candle is lit by the shamash until all eight candles (plus the shamash) are lit on the final night of the festival, which this year is Thursday night the 14th of December (as well as the following day).

The name "Hanukkah" derives from the Hebrew verb "חנך" ch-ne-ch, meaning "to dedicate". On Hanukkah, the Maccabean Jews – later called Hasmoneans – regained control of Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple. They drove out the Greek Syrians and re-established Jewish Independence over the land of Israel.

So what was the debate over which way to light the Hanukkah lights? The word Hanukkah is also the Hebrew acronym for "Eight candles the halakha is like the House of Hillel". This is a reference to the debate between two of the most famous rabbis of the talmud: Hillel and Shammai on what number of candles should we start with and end with. Actually they used oil in those days, but whether oil or wax candles you still have to choose how many candles to light on the first night! But we know that it is one candle plus the Shamash, isn't it?

Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

Shammai was usually known to be the stricter one. He and his students felt that eight candles should be lit on the first night, seven on the second night, and so on down to one on the last night!!! This will be surprising to many of us who have grown up accustomed to following Hillel!

Shammai argued that the miracle was greatest on the first day when no one expected that there was any possibility of having a light in the temple and then the extra days were “just gravy,” as they say. Maybe we could change that expression from “just gravy” to “just a few extra latkes”!

In contrast, Hillel was in favor of starting with one candle and lighting an additional one every night, up to eight on the eighth night. His reasoning was that since the miracle of the single cruise of oil lasting eight days became more and more miraculous each day you should therefore increase the number of lights that you light.

The sages of the talmud had to make a decision and as we know they adopted the position of Hillel. So that's what we do today and it's such an entrenched custom that it would never occur to us to start on the first night with all eight candles lit.

I want to wish everyone a very, very happy Hanukkah!



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

"Who can retell the things that befell us?"

That opening line of *Mi' Y'Maleil* certainly appears to be up to the minute for singing this Hanukkah, what with the falling of rockets, missiles, and drones on Israel. Hanukkah, once conspired a minor holiday, always reminds us how decidedly delicate our existence is. However, this is not a new thought. In the first four stanzas of the medieval poem *Maoz Tzur* are listed 'things that befell us:' Slavery and subsequent exodus from Egypt; Babylonian captivity; and Haman's wicked genocidal plot.' It was written too early to include the Inquisition, which caused the further Diaspora. Then came the Crusades, the Holocaust, the modern Israeli wars, and, in this century, and again this year, attacks by Hamas. So, why should we sing?

The poetry and melodies of Hanukkah affect us, even move us, to realize the fragility of our people, be they in Israel or even in the United states. We see advertisements selling products that protect one's identity from being stolen. There do not appear to be products that protect one's identity from being wiped out completely. The Hasmonean victory celebrated at Hanukkah had been '*gorilla*' warfare, a civilian revolt led by the Maccabees, to resist the annihilation of Jewish identity by the Seleucid Empire. Our right to exist is always being challenged. So, is being Jewish worth all this fuss?

It is through prayer (often sung) and songs that we reconnect our passion and rekindle that inner fire of black on white: Torah, given to us by the Almighty, which enables us to create lives worth living. We are the 'people of The Book' and that may seem a heavy load to carry but it proves to be worth every step. We sing, "I have a little dreidl", which reminds us of its hidden importance: Learning Torah had been banned, so having a symbolic 'toy' inside a guarded, secret cave, enabled children to learn when Torah was hidden as guards warned of a soldier's approach. Well, it was a simple child's song, right? Now, of course, the days of book banning are gone forever.

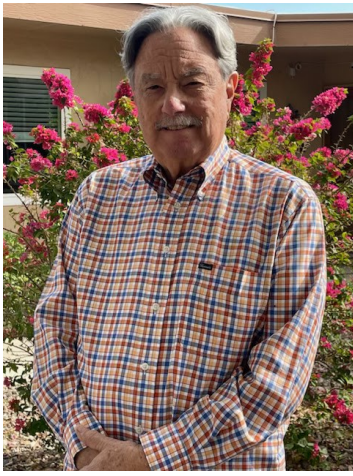
Yes, there are many dangers out there to be reckoned with and we must have sharp eyes to see what's underneath, just as gold-covered coins at Hanukkah are not filled with gold. So, perhaps, the real threat to our identity may come from within ourselves. Do we have the conviction of the Maccabees when we kindle our chanukiahs and sing in Hebrew? (translated):

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

If we are *not* destined to be an historical footnote, as it appears the Seleucid Empire is, we should enliven our inner strength this holiday. For me, that resolve is rekindled by singing Hanukkah's inspirational melodies such as Peter Yarrow's "Light One Candle:"

"Don't let the light go out! it's lasted for so many years. Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our hope and our tears."

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Stephen Bold

Hanukkah's True Meaning: Jewish Survival

December means the celebration of the eight-day festival of lights of Hanukkah for Jews everywhere. This Jewish holiday is perhaps the best known and most visible to many people. Although in recent years Hanukkah has become commercialized like Christmas materialism, Hanukkah brings families together to celebrate its history.

Early History

Hanukkah is one of Judaism's newest holidays even though it is over 2,200 years old. It doesn't even appear in the Bible. It began as a celebration in 164 B.C. to celebrate the victory of the Maccabees over the powerful army of King Antiochus of Syria. The celebration lasted eight days and was modeled on the festival of Sukkot, which was banned by Antiochus.

In following centuries, when Jews tried to do what the Maccabees had done, and much devastation happened. Rome controlled Israel in A.D. 68-70 and again in A.D. 133-135 and the Jews held many a revolt to rid their land of this foreign power. War no longer was a solution and a new ideology came about.

How Hanukkah Evolved

Rabbis rethought Hanukkah's origins as a celebration of a military victory. Instead, they felt Hanukkah should commemorate the miracle that occurred during the Maccabees rededication of the Temple. The story now told how one jar of oil, enough for one day, had burned for eight days in the temple's eternal lamp.

This story appears in the Talmud. From then on instead of celebrating the Maccabees war victory, Hanukkah celebrated God's miracle. This is symbolized by the lighting of an eight-branched Menorah. However, Hanukkah remained a minor Jewish holiday throughout the medieval period.

What Hanukkah Means Today

Hanukkah today reminds Jews how history reflects the value of religious freedom that Jews share with all other Americans. Bright decorations, favorite songs, family, and community celebrations keep everyone excited about Judaism. Yet, as we retell the story of war and persecution, our joy becomes sadness, for the death and destruction in Israel these past two months. Jews must face again, right NOW, a powerful enemy, who seeks to destroy them.

As we retell the Hanukkah story this year, may we pray for Israel and for all who are suffering. May God protect them and let them once again see the lights of the Menorah and the miracle of peace.

BULLETIN BOARD

November 2023

12/1

5:30 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM Shabbat Service

12/4

10:00 AM Adult Ed-The Ten Commandments

12/5

1:30 PM Grief Group

12/6

11:00 AM Torah Study
1:00 PM Caring Comm. Meeting

12/7

10:00 AM Adult Ed-Israel on the Edge
5:30 PM Chanukah Menorah Lighting

12/8

5:30 PM Chanukah Potluck Dinner
7:00 PM Menorah Lighting
7:00 PM Shabbat Service

12/10

10:00 AM Brotherhood Meeting

12/11

10:00 AM Adult Ed-The Ten Commandments
12:00 PM Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon

12/12

1:30 PM Grief Group
5:00 PM Religious School Field Trip

12/13

9:00 AM Endowment Fund Meeting
11:00 AM Torah Study
1:00 PM Adult Education Meeting

12/14

10:00 AM Adult Ed-Israel on the Edge
1:00 PM Team TBS Meeting

12/15

7:00 PM Shabbat Service

12/16

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

12/17

10:00 AM General Board Meeting

12/18

10:00 AM Adult Ed-The Ten Commandments

12/19

1:30 PM Grief Group

12/20

11:00 AM Torah Study

12/21

10:00 AM Adult Ed-Israel on the Edge
11:30 AM Religious Practices
1:00 PM Outreach Committee

12/22

7:00 PM Shabbat Service

12/25

5:00 PM Chinese Christmakah Dinner

12/26

1:30 PM Grief Group

12/27

11:00 AM Torah Study

12/28

1:00 PM Security Meeting

12/29

7:00 PM Shabbat Service

Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

5:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 7: Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan lights the first Hanukkah candle on the menorah outside the Temple. There will be songs and light refreshments afterwards. Friends and family welcome!

7:00 p.m. Friday, December 8th: Rabbi Kaplan & Cantor Koritan will light the menorah before Shabbat Services.

5:20 p.m. Monday Dec. 11: Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan will lead the Hanukkah menorah lighting at the Sonoran Plaza located at 19753 N. Remington Dr. in The Grand. (Formerly SC Grand)

ALL ARE WELCOME!



SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POT LUCK BRUNCH

Please join us for our monthly Saturday morning Shabbat Service

December 16th at 10:00 AM

WE WILL MEET IN A MEMBER'S HOME. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE RSVP TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 623-977-3240.



December Torah Discussions

Our next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The reading is Genesis, Parashat Vayigash, Perek Alef, *Judah's Speech-A Plea for Justice*, pages 110-112 of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Volume One: Genesis by Harvey J. Fields.

December 6, 2023 Genesis, Parashat Vayigash, Perek Alef, *Judah's Speech-A Plea for Justice*

December 13, 2023 Genesis, Parashat Vayechi, Perek Bet, *Jacob and His Sons-Honest Evaluations*

December 20, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Shemot Perek Alef, *Pharaoh's War against the Jews*

December 27, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Va'era Perek bet, *The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart*



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS DO THEY REALLY SAY WHAT WE THINK THEY SAY?

AN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

MONDAYS • DECEMBER 4, 11, AND 18
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Jews, Christians, people of other faiths, and non-believers alike have heard of The Ten Commandments and probably most of us tell people that we try to follow them. But, do we really know what they say?

This 3 week course, led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan, will take a look at the Ten Commandments and explore some startling discoveries about the actual nature of the text. We'll look at what the biblical verses may have meant and then discuss what they might mean for us today.

Dana Evan Kaplan is Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (Reform), where he teaches both adults and children. He completed his Rabbinic studies and was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religious (Jerusalem campus) and received a PhD in Jewish History from Tel Aviv University. He has authored numerous articles and several books, including *The New Reform Judaism: Challenges and Reflections* (2013) and *A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism's Sacred Path* (ed; 2018). Prior to becoming Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom in 2019, he held pulpits in South Africa, Georgia, Jamaica and Alabama. He has held adjunct faculty positions at various colleges and has served as a weekend Scholar-in-Residence for numerous congregations.

Persons of all religious beliefs, or of no religious beliefs, are welcome to attend this three-week course offering at Temple Beth Shalom.

\$15 FOR MEMBERS

\$25 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Please register by Thursday noon, November 30 and pay your fee by contacting the Temple Beth Shalom office between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday



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ISRAEL ON THE EDGE

AN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM • TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

THURSDAYS • DECEMBER 7, 14, AND 21 • 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Much has changed since our 4-week course – “Israel in Crisis” - was advertised and held. Little did anyone have an inkling of or thought that before the course was two weeks old Israel would be attacked by Hamas and soon at war. As this brochure is being printed we don't know what things will look like the first day of this course on December 7, but we know that Israel will be on the edge of something.

In this three-part series which is open to people of all faiths, Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan will explain and analyze the security crisis that Israel is facing. We will look at the ideology of the terrorist groups that are seeking to destroy the state of Israel and try to explain why Israel was caught so unprepared for the terrorist attacks of October 7th. Most importantly, we will try to explore what is likely to happen in the coming weeks and months and what the long-term prognosis might be.

Rabbi Kaplan is uniquely qualified to lead this discussion, having lived in Israel, spending time there again in June and July of 2022 and 2023, and having regular contact with numerous friends who currently live in Israel, and speaking Hebrew so he is able to follow live streaming Israeli television broadcasts. He is the Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (Reform).



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Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TBS, with the help of Jewish Family & Children's Services, is asking for your help to Adopt a Family for the Holidays. We have 5 families assigned to TBS. Pick up a card hanging from the Menorah located in the Temple Lobby with the families First Name, ages & gift items requested. Individuals or groups can adopt. Deadline is Dec. 8th. All gifts need to be wrapped..... So we're having a **Wrapping Party** at the Temple on Dec. 10th from 9-11am.

EVENT IS ALL MONTH UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2023

**Temple Beth Shalom, 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City 85351
623 977-3240 TBSAZ.org**

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee

DECEMBER



"CAN



DO"

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

**All of this will be benefiting the Valley View Food Bank
Item to bring this month**

**SOUPS WITH
POP-TOP LIDS**

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



The Brotherhood and Program Committee
of Temple Beth Shalom are presenting

**"LATKES, LIGHTS & LAUGHTER"
CHANUKAH POT LUCK CELEBRATION**

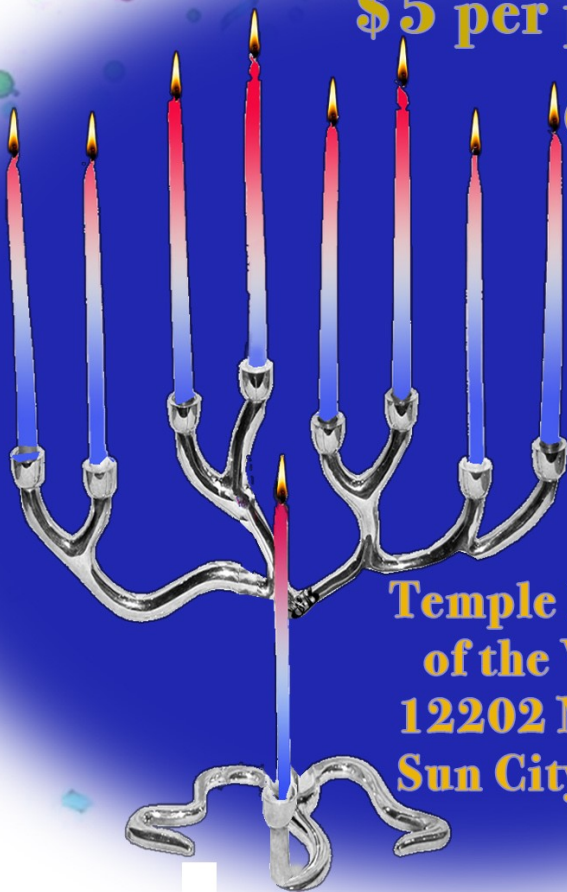
DECEMBER 8, 2023 5:30 - 7:00 PM

**MENORAH LIGHTING & SINGING
WE'LL SUPPLY THE BRISKET AND LATKES.
SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS NEEDED**

\$5 per person

Children free

**Reservations
required by
December 5th
call TBS at
623 977-3240**



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SISTERHOOD

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023

CHANUKAH PARTY



Joanne Gorelick will entertain us with Chanukah Music. She will be accompanied on the piano by Daisy Anderson. If you have a unique Menorah, you are welcome to bring it and tell us about it. Come and celebrate Chanukah with the Sisterhood....all are invited.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Please make them by Wednesday, Dec. 6th

Lunch and program are at 12 noon.

\$12 for members \$15 non-members

CALL THE OFFICE for reservations:

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



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
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"THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION"

**ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2024,
STEVE KATZ
WILL PRESENT YOU
WITH A VERY
ENTERTAINING AND
NOSTALGIC EVENT**

**Event
starts
at 2pm**

**Tickets
\$20 in
advance,
\$25 at the
door**



**This event
is a tribute
to and
dedicated
to our
beloved
friend and
late TBS
President,
Jonathan
Werbel z'l**

**Steve was an attorney to the stars and will guide you down memory lane with a medley of TV themes from the 50's and hilarious Golden Age memories from:
*Ed Sullivan, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Burns & Allen, American Bandstand and Rock music.***

**To purchase tickets go to tbsaz.org or
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Jo Anne Magden



Cantor Baruch Koritan



Sharon Friendly

BARUCH DOES BROADWAY

FEB. 18TH
2024
3:00 PM

Lorem Ipsum

Enjoy the music of Cantor Baruch Koritan, also featuring Jo Anne Magden & Sharon Friendly for an afternoon of memorable show tunes.

Cost is \$20 per person if paid in advance by Feb. 14th, or \$25 at the door. For advanced reservations, either call the Temple at 623 977-3240 or use our website at TBSaz.org and follow the link to "Zeffy" to pay.

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Jo Anne Magden

A native of Utica, New York, Jo Anne has performed leading roles in "Sound of Music," "HMS Pinafore," and "Die Fleidermaus" among others in Phoenix, Flagstaff and Iowa. She also sings in classical concerts and religious services.

Cantor Baruch Koritan

A Philadelphia-native, singing on stage since age 4, Cantor Koritan has sung opera, jazz, and regional Broadway shows, including the title role in the Arizona premiere of "Sweeney Todd" and was Lancelot in "Camelot." He sang Mozart in Vienna and at the Scottsdale Center. An award-winning composer and pianist, he has performed his own compositions at cantors' conventions internationally. He taught about Broadway for the Bureau of Jewish Education, Scottsdale for over a decade.

Sharon Friendly

A Toronto native, Sharon sang on the Canadian version of "Your Hit Parade" and square-danced with Gordon Lightfoot on the King Ganam Country Show. She was Senior Ms. Arizona in two different pageants, singing opera and Broadway hits, and is a cantorial soloist. Her motto is: "Be kind, be loving, and do life!"

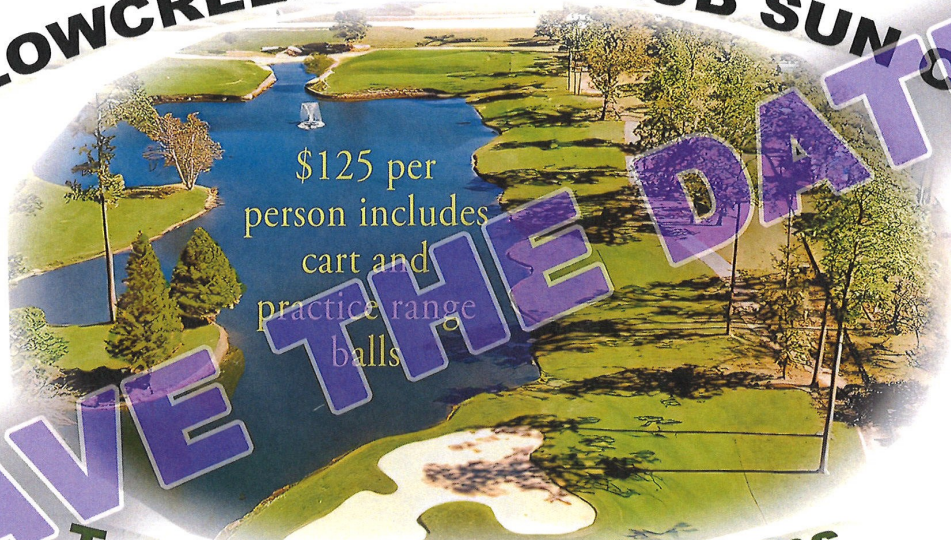


Join us for Temple Beth Shalom's THIRD Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Sunday, March 3, 2024



WILLOWCREEK GOLF CLUB SUN CITY



\$125 per person includes cart and practice range balls

SAVE THE DATE

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

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

12 Noon Shotgun
(limit of 72 players)

Application and further details to follow.
Questions: Glen Zelkind
(303) 514-2895
GZelkind@aol.com

RSVP deadline:
February 23, 2024



Please join us for a day on the golf course & the Awards Ceremony
Sunday, March 3, 2024

GOLF CLASSIC

Willow Creek Golf Course
10600 W. Boswell Blvd., Sun City, AZ
REGISTRATION BEGINS 10:30 AM
WARM UP BEGINS 10:45 AM
SHOTGUN START 12:00 PM

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sign-up deadline:
February 23, 2024

AWARDS CEREMONY 5:45 PM
(hors d'oeuvres, raffle, awards, dessert)

COST

- Entrance Fee Golf Cart, Bucket Range Balls, includes: Awards Ceremony, 1 Drink Ticket for **\$125/person**
- Mulligan Package – at event 6 Mulligans for \$25
- Mulligan – at event \$5 each
- Raffle Tickets – at event \$5 each OR 5/\$20
- Tee Sponsorship Levels (optional)

Par	\$100
Birdie	\$250
Eagle	\$500



GOLF CLASSIC COMMITTEE

Glen Zelkind (Event Director), Warren Bentkover, Bobbie Zelkind, Bob Koch, Sharon Gadless, Rabbi Kaplan, MaryGill Savoren, Steve Siegel, Bernie Arum



PAYMENT

Please send your completed Entry Form to:

Golf – Temple Beth Shalom
12202 N 101 st Avenue,
Sun City, AZ 85351

Please enclose your check for your entrance fee plus any additional packages you would like (list the items separately)

623-977-3240

To download this Entry Form/brochure, visit:
tbsaz.org
(Click on Entry Form button below Golf event flyer)

For last minute changes or questions, contact:
Glen Zelkind (303.514.2895)

GOLFING PARTNER & FOURSOME

Please list playing partners or foursomes below.

Divisions (circle one):
Men | Co-ed

- #1 _____
- #2 _____
- #3 _____
- #4 _____

Please pair me with another golfer

1ST PLACE MEN'S DIVISION

\$50 cash / per golfer

1ST PLACE CO-ED'S DIVISION

\$50 cash / per golfer

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

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TEE SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION

Tee sponsors will be recognized on sign and in Award Ceremony Program.

Sponsor Name for Sign _____ LEVEL* _____

Circle Choice *PAR, BIRDIE, EAGLE
\$100 \$250 \$500

PGA AND LPGA MEMBERS NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.

Third Annual TBS Golf Classic

Entry Deadline: Feb. 23, 2024

GOLF & AWARD CEREMONY ENTRY FORM

- Yes. I/we want to participate in the TBS Golf Classic on Sunday, March 3, 2024
 - Golf, Carts, Balls, Awards \$125x ____ = ____
 - Award Ceremony (non golfer) \$18x ____ = ____
- Tee Sponsorship
 - Par \$100x ____ = ____
 - Birdie \$250x ____ = ____
 - Eagle \$500x ____ = ____

Please enclose a check for the total amount.
Make check payable to Temple Beth Shalom.

Golfer's Name(s):

Award Ceremony Name(s):

Address:

Email: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____

Be sure to list your playing partners or foursome, along with tee sponsor on the back side of this form.

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10600 W Boswell Blvd,
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AWARD CEREMONY HOSTED AT
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Sun City, AZ

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

DEDICATED to the CHILDREN & YOUTH of
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
OF THE WEST VALLEY

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
TBS CHILDREN PROGRAMMING



Conservation—Awareness—Resources—Energy

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is partnering with We Care Recycling

We Need Your Support

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley is hosting a clothing and shoe recycling bin to help keep textiles out of the landfills!

How it Works:

- 1) Clean out your closets and dressers.
- 2) Place all outgrown clothing and shoes into a bag.
- 3) Bring said bag to Temple Beth Shalom and place it in the **blue bin in the parking lot.**



It is estimated every human throws over 80 pounds of textiles into the landfill every year! Once in the landfills, natural fibers can take hundreds of years to decompose. Textile recycling has significant challenges—without community awareness and education our future generations will struggle more than ever!

Our clothes recycling programs reduce emissions and provide affordable clothes to people locally and abroad. The mission of our organization is to partner with local businesses, schools, places of worship, and property owners to help keep clothes and shoes out of the landfill and into homes that are in need.

Grief Recovery Group

This weekly group will begin
on Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 2023

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



A suggested monthly
\$20 donation to help
with temple expenses is
also welcomed.

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

**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.**

Call TBS at 623 977-3240 for further details

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

Roz Goldstein: 623-972-3070

Larry Gorelick: 602.403.7775



Do you know what a Chavurah is?...

A Chavurah is small groups within a large group. The large group being Temple Beth Shalom. In many instances the Chavurahs become extended families. They can be Social groups, Study groups, any type of group that you want. Chavurah is open to Temple Members only and the Spouse or Partner of the Member (whether they are members or not).

I have three questions for you:

1. Your name and phone number _____
2. What is your interests _____
3. Are you interested in a Couples group, Single group or Mixed group. _____.

If you are interested or want more information, or want to be on the Committee, contact me. I am Sandy Shedroff 623-376-8737 or my cell phone 623-670-3725. My email is: Shshedroff@aol.com

The great thing about being in a Chavurah is, when you come to Temple or a function, you are not alone or sitting by yourself.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Siegel	12/1
Mariane Anderson	12/2
Ray Beaser	12/5
Max Kelley	12/5
Frederick Cohen	12/7
Eric Saikin	12/7
Kay Grossman	12/9
Therese Michael	12/13
Michael Zager	12/14
Susan Blum	12/16
Miles Rosenthal	12/17
Marlene Green	12/18
Arnold Berkowitz	12/30
Leonard Mandel	12/30
Alan Meyerowitz	12/30
Bernard Brownstein	12/31
Karen Carnow	12/31



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold & Carmen Berkowitz	12/6	59th
Ray & Shirley Beaser	12/24	51st
Michael & Bonnie Longmire	12/28	19th

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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.

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We are looking for volunteers to join the Building & Maintenance Committee.

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careerkid1@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Do you have a Tallit that is no longer being used? If you are cleaning out your closets, and have a Tallit that will not be passed down to family or is no longer being used, TBS would love to have them donated. It would be a mitzvah. Many of our Tallit's in the lobby are no longer serviceable. Please contact Nan Rubin-Lieber or the Temple Office.

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.

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

Sherye Weinbach-----Wife-----Myron Weinbach-----Flower Bouquet----11/17/23

Pearl Rogall-----Mother-----Stephanie Rogall-----Flower Bouquet----11/24/23

Edward Rogall-----Father-----Stephanie Rogall-----Food Basket-----11/24/23

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.



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. In 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 \$25.00 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.

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.

Contact me (Glen Zelkind) at (303) 514-2895
or call the temple at (623) 977-3240 for an application.

Looking forward to working with you.
Glen Zelkind
Brotherhood President



Brotherhood

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:

2023-2024

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

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

NAME: _____

TYPE OF CLASP:

MAGETIC BACKING: _____

PIN CLASP: _____

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Call Helene at the temple at 623 977-3240 or
email TBS at templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

P.S. Bricks are still available for people too

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Thank you for your participation in this important project. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

I/We are purchasing _____ (number of bricks). The cost of each standard sized brick is \$100. **You can also add a logo / graphic for an additional \$36 or order an 8"x 8" brick with 6 lines for an additional \$100 each. Contact the Temple Office for more information.**

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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

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Thank you _____ Happy Birthday _____
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Mazel Tov _____ Thinking of you _____

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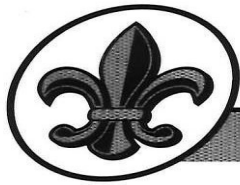
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******SHOFAR******

Helene Fox— Editor

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