



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

SUN CITY, AZ

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February 2023 140

10 Shevat....7 Adar



February 20, 2023

Temple Beth Shalom members who are
90-Plus years old

will be honored during Friday Shabbat Services on
February 10, 2023.

Please join us for this very special evening service.

If you are over 90 we will be honoring you, so please
R.S.V.P. by February 5, to the Temple office

623-977-3240

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Michael Waage



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 and Celebrate

By Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan
Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

Purim — perhaps the Jewish equivalent of Mardi Gras — falls this year on March 6 and 7. We will celebrate it on Friday night, March 3, with special Purim readings at our Friday night Shabbat services. 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 (Xerxes), 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. Jews celebrate Purim by dressing up in costumes, which may be based on one of the characters from Esther's story or something more modern like superheroes or princesses. 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"). These triangular, pocket-filled cookies are baked in a variety of flavors. Personally, I prefer the raspberry ones.

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. 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.

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 downtrodden" (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, the practice of dressing up probably originated among Italian Jews at the end of the 15th century. The Jews of Rome observed the practice of Carnival, which was part of the Christian festive season before Lent. 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.

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

“I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.”

That is such a corny, dated, and far fetched line! So then, how can it be so true? Since the time of the Garden of Eden, our connection with trees has been paramount for survival: food, clothing, shelter, (the big three!) all in one gift from our Creator. Also, we can't downplay their inspiration.

The second day of the month of Shevat (Tu b'Shvat) is our New Years for trees, the Jewish Arbor Day. No other living creation besides humans has its own holiday in Judaism. Many species have Yiddish songs which refer to their particular imagery. “Di Verbe” (willow tree) - love; “Voysl is dem beyemele (happy is the tree) - motherhood; “Oyfn veg Sheyt a boym” (on the wayside stands a tree) -vulnerability. Some are in Ladino: “Arvolicas d'almendra” (Almond trees) -happiness; “ala ya shijara” (the pistachio tree) - endurance; and some even are imagined because our people wished that trees had actually lived there as in “Belz, mayn shtetele,” in which a line refers to the beautiful trees. In reality, Belz was an ugly factory town devoid of trees. However, all our wistful memories should include dreamy trees.

In my youth, I absorbed the breathing ambience of an arboretum for an afternoon, watching the synchronized bending of many species of trees. I reveled in their blissful obedience to the breezes. One could compose music about it. I did, and it was performed in concert by a flutist and a pianist (your guess as to who played).

The oldest tree on Earth is well over 5,000 years old and is named, “Methuselah.” It's location is kept secret for obvious reasons.

Sometimes it appears that tall branches of many species are reaching up to the sky and praising God, which is the subject of other songs. In climes that have four seasons, the new buds on trees after a hard dead looking winter are considered a rebirth of life altogether. Many great poets have heralded that happening.

I will be singing New Jersey born Joyce Kilmer's poem and song with which I began this article. Sure, the lyrics are old fashioned and predictable, yet true: “Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.” (So there!)

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fay Henning-Bryant

How the Jewish Free Loan is Helping TBS

By Fay Henning-Bryant

A few months ago I shared with the membership that last summer TBS applied for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide funding for several projects that would enable us to upgrade our building to make it more secure. While it is our greatest hope that we never experience any serious incidents of violence against our building or our members, we knew we had to do more than just hope. After completing a thorough safety and security assessment of our building, we realized we had to make several improvements or additions to our equipment and the building itself.

Late in October we were notified by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) that we would receive a grant award of about \$125,000 through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) to fund everything we requested. This will include such things as: improving our building security system by upgrading all the existing cameras on the exterior of the building and installing four additional cameras with 360 degree capability; installing an upgraded entry system on our double front doors; replacing the existing double front doors with metal double doors that are resistant to penetration by gunfire; treating the stained glass windows on each side of the front doors and on each side of the ark with a material that will make them resistant to being easily shattered by a flying object; installing additional bollards or similar devices in the front portico area, and in front of other doors all around the building to prevent a door from being broken down by a truck or other vehicle; upgrading the locks on all our exterior and interior doors; and installing additional floodlights in certain areas on the exterior of the building. In addition, the grant will pay for building security for several months.

This was great news. However, although DHS approved all these projects and will pay for them, unlike many organizations that award grants and provide the money up front, DHS does not operate that way. DHS **reimburses** grantees (that's us) after the grantee has paid for the work to be done for each project. We do not have the capability of or the equipment to do this highly technical work, so we are in the process of getting quotes/bids from companies to perform this work.

The work will cost around \$100,000. But TBS does not have that kind of money to pay these vendors to perform the work and then wait for weeks to get reimbursed by Arizona DOHS. As you recall, the congregation approved a deficit budget for 2022-2023, so your Board of Directors is working very hard to find income to meet our regular operating expenses through June 30, 2023. So how were we going to pay for this work to be done?

Continued Message from President Fay Henning-Bryant

Those of you who were at Friday night services in December will remember that a representative from Phoenix Jewish Free Loan, Jessielyn Hirschl, spoke to us about the services Jewish Free Loan (JFL) provides – interest free loans to Jewish persons and organizations in the metro Phoenix area. Late last summer, the Executive Director of JFL and Jessielyn asked to meet with Rabbi Kaplan and me to tell us about JFL. The Rabbi and I knew at that time that TBS had applied for the Homeland Security grant and we also knew TBS would not have the cash available to pay for all the expenses associated with the security projects until we would be reimbursed from AZDOHS. So we asked the JFL representatives who met with us if synagogues were eligible to borrow from JFL. The answer was YES. That was good news.

When we were notified in October that we were awarded the Homeland Security Grant, we immediately contacted JFL about applying for an interest free loan. We knew all the money would not be going out to vendors at the same time, because we had to get bids, and we knew there would be significant lead times for some of the work. Also, some of the projects would take much longer to complete than others. If we could obtain an interest free loan from JFL, we could borrow an amount of money we would need to pay a vendor for a specific project, pay the vendor, submit the appropriate paperwork to AZDOHS for reimbursement, and then pay JFL back as soon as we received a reimbursement check from AZDOHS. This would continue until all the projects were completed. We just had no idea how much money might be needed to pay vendors at any one time. This would enable us to have vendors working on multiple projects at the same time.

In November, the Board of Directors passed a resolution authorizing the temple to apply for a \$99,000 loan from JFL. The Board also learned that because TBS is an institution applying for a grant, the Board would be required to “secure” the loan by finding three members of the Board of Directors who were willing to personally guarantee the full amount of the loan. (If any of these “guarantors” were married, their spouses also had to sign as guarantors.) It took a while, but three Board members did come forward as guarantors, and all their personal information was submitted to JFL along with the temple’s application for the loan. The process for reviewing our application took a while, the backgrounds of the guarantors were investigated and the guarantors had to be interviewed by members of the Jewish Free Loan Board of Directors.

On January 8, we were notified that the loan was approved. All the documents have been signed and submitted. We are still obtaining bids/quotes for the various projects, and we will be submitting our first request for the first loan as the money is needed.

TBS is very fortunate to have a Jewish organization, such as Phoenix Jewish Free Loan, that not only assists private individuals with a financial need to secure interest free loans, but “needy” synagogues as well. We are most appreciative of the support TBS has received from the staff and members of the Board of Directors of Jewish Free Loan.

BULLETIN BOARD

FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday 2/1

11am Torah Study with Rabbi
1 pm Caring Committee

Thursday 2/2

10am America's Four Gods Class

Friday 2/3

Office Closed
5:15 pm Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner
7 pm Shabbat Services

Tuesday 2/7

10 am Gratitude Class
12:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting
1:30 pm Grief Group
6:30 pm TBS Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2/8

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi

Thursday 2/9

10 am America's Four Gods Class
3:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday 2/10

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services
Celebration of all Members over 90

Sunday 2/12

10 am Brotherhood paid up Membership Brunch
Meeting at Royal Cafe

Tuesday 2/14

10 am Gratitude Class
1:30 pm Grief Group

Wednesday 2/15

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi

Thursday 2/16

10 am America's Four Gods Class
11 am Religious Practices Meeting

Friday 2/17

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services

Saturday 2/18

10 am Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday 2/19

10 am General Board Meeting

Monday 2/20

Office Closed
12 pm Sisterhood Luncheon
The Current Estate of Jewelry

Tuesday 2/21

10 am Gratitude Class
1:30 pm Grief Group

Wednesday 2/22

11 am Torah Study with Rabbi

Thursday 2/23

10 am America's Four Gods Class

Friday 2/24

Office Closed
7 pm Shabbat Services with Hadassah

Tuesday 2/28

10 am Gratitude Class
1:30 pm Grief Group

Nominating Committee Searching for Trustees

The Nominating Committee which is responsible for nominating candidates for positions as Officers and Trustees of the Temple for terms beginning on July 1, 2023, has been appointed by the President of the Temple. The members of the committee, in addition to myself as chair, are: Sharon Gadless, David Katz, Sue Rankin, and Meredith Weisman-Amaral.

The ultimate governing authority of Temple Beth Shalom is the membership of the congregation. The temple Board of Directors is comprised of officers, trustees, and the presidents of Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Officers and trustees are democratically elected by the membership. The Board is responsible for upholding the mission of TBS, making policies that govern the daily life of the congregation, setting long-term planning goals, and developing good plans of implementation to support these goals.

It is an honor to serve as a member of a Board of Directors of any organization. In the case of a synagogue Board of Directors it is also a sacred honor.

We have many new members of TBS, and we don't know what kinds of experiences our new members have had in leadership positions with other synagogues or organizations before joining TBS. If you have these experiences and you are interested in getting involved at TBS, including in serving on the Board of Directors as a Trustee, please contact me, or any Nominating Committee member, and let us know about your interest.

Our Constitution requires that someone must have been a member of TBS for twelve (12) consecutive months before assuming an elected office on the Board. If you are interested in a leadership position, but you won't have been a member for 12 months by July 1, 2023, you can still contact me because we may have vacancies that need to be filled later during the year.

Please contact me at 623-933-1412 or nrubin57@yahoo.com by Feb.10 if you need additional information or you would like to express your interest in being considered for a Trustee position.

Nan Rubin-Lieber

SHABBAT SERVICES JANUARY 6, 2023



Judy Fagan

Cantor Baruch Koritan

President Fay Henning -Bryant

Pam Katz

Dave Katz



Ilene Samuel-Daughter of Carolyn Edlin

Denny Cutler

Bernie Arum

Nan Rubin-Lieber

President Fay Henning -Bryant



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

February 2023 Torah Discussions

Our next Zoom meeting is on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The reading is Parashat Beshalach, Perek Alef, *Was Israel's Escape from Egypt a "Miracle"?*, pages 34-36 of A Commentary for our Times, Volume Two: Exodus and Leviticus.

February Torah Discussions

February 1, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Beshalach, Perek Alef, *Was Israel's Escape from Egypt a "Miracle"?*

February 8, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Yitro, Perek Bet, *What Happened at Mount Sinai?*

February 15, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Mispatim, Perek Alef, *Ethical and Ritual Mitzvot*

February 22, 2023 Exodus, Parashat Terumah, Perek Alef, *The Sanctuary in Jewish Tradition*

New participants are always welcome to our free and lively study of Torah. Our discussions are led by Rabbi Kaplan. We read the text in English and consider the individual topics in each parsha. Throughout each section we cover the most important themes and present the varying, and often clashing, opinions of Jewish interpreters throughout the ages. With each session we ask two basic questions: ‘What is the Torah session about?’ and “What meaning can this portion have for us?”

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





Led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and
Temple President Fay Henning-Bryant



THURSDAYS FROM 10 - 11 A.M.
FEBRUARY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH AND 23RD

The Classes will be held at
Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley
located at 12202 N 101st Avenue, Sun City, AZ

This program is based on the book, *America's Four Gods: What We Say About God -- And What That Says About Us*, written by Paul Froese and Christopher Bader. The authors developed a self-administered survey instrument that enables each person to answer a series of questions that provides them feedback about how they conceive of God and the role God plays in their daily lives. Individual survey results are private - they are not divulged to the other participants or the program leaders. Drawing on their study of American religious beliefs the authors found that regardless of one's religious tradition (or lack thereof), Americans worship four distinct types of God: benevolent, authoritative, distant or critical.

This survey instrument findings will enable the participants to see how the belief matrix works (based on their own beliefs), and how they compare with millions of other Americans. Through discussion led by Rabbi Kaplan and Ms Henning-Bryant, participants will be able to see how these findings are relevant to current conditions in America and to better understand how perceptions of God are powerful predictors of how we feel about some of the most contentious issues in America today.

\$18 FOR MEMBERS

\$36 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Advance registration and payment is Required by January 30th.
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Email: templebethshalomaz@gmail.com



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GRATITUDE

Led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Ms Reva Litt

February 7th, 14, 21st & 28th on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Classes will be held at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley,



People of all faiths are welcome to participate in this four-week interactive program

The program will draw from many sources including *The Psychology of Gratitude* and *The Little Book of Gratitude: Create a life of Happiness and Wellbeing by Giving Thanks*.

This 4-week program we will explore gratitude from many perspectives. Throughout history and around the world, religious leaders, philosophers, psychologists and research scientists have extolled the virtue of gratitude
“Who is rich? Those who rejoice in their own portion,” Maxim from Rabbinic Jewish Tradition, *Pirke Avot 4:1*
“The single best predictor of good relationships and emotional well-being is gratitude”, *Scientific American 2015*
“Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet”, Buddhist, *Thich Nhat Hanh*

Advance Registration and payment is required by February 2nd 2023

CONTACT: Temple Beth Shalom office at (623) 977-3240 or

Email: templebethshalomaz@gmail.com

Cost: \$18.00 for members of TBS and \$36.00 for non-members

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



“CAN



DO”

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

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

**FEBRUARY
CANNED
VEGETABLES**

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

Join the conversation with Rabbi Michael Beyo

Come chat with Rabbi Michael Beyo, CEO of the East Valley Jewish Community Center in Chandler, while he's visiting Temple Beth Shalom at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. Please call the Temple office at 623.977.3240 to RSVP.



Rabbi Beyo has over 25 years of professional, entrepreneurial and rabbinical experience. He earned three rabbinical ordinations of the highest honor and focused his undergraduate and graduate level studies at universities in the United States and Israel in political science, Jewish history and Jewish philosophy.

Before transitioning his entrepreneurial expertise and passion to Jewish nonprofit community work, he worked in other industries, including toys, high-tech and renewable energy. Since 2015, Rabbi Beyo has served as the CEO and rabbi of the East Valley JCC. Under his leadership, the EVJCC has experienced unprecedented growth in community outreach, partnerships and program expansion.

COMING TO TEMPLE BETH SHALOM-SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, AT 10:00 AM, OUR MONTHLY MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE AND POT-LUCK BRUNCH FEATURING GUITAR PLAYER EREZ KESSLER. WE WILL MEET IN A MEMBERS HOME. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE RSVP TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE OR CONTACT SARA JANE FELDMAN, RELIGIOUS PRACTICES CHAIRPERSON AT 623-248-4482.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH FROM 10AM TO 11:30AM, BROTHERHOOD PANCAKE BREAKFAST. \$10.00 DONATION IS REQUESTED. LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN.



SISTERHOOD

The Current (E)state of Jewelry



Monday

Feb. 20, 2023

Lunch and program
are at 12 noon.

\$12 for members

\$15 non-members

**Our own Lauren
Abramowitz, a
Certified**

**Gemologist, will
be talking about:**

What should be
done for appraisals
and what is worth
what. How to divide
items between
family and what
values are given to
specific items. She
will go over
diamonds, gems
and pearls. Also

Q&A for questions that people may have about anything
and everything. **So bring your questions and be prepared
for a very informative discussion with Lauren**

**Lauren Abramowitz, GIA GG and jewelry expert, will discuss items to look out for,
including large liquidations of personal collections that may have issues. Lauren
was hired by Tiffany in 1998 to open the Scottsdale, Arizona location and grew
with the company to become the assistant store manager of the newly opened
Tucson location in 2006. While working for Tiffany, she was an award-winning
employee and studied gemology at GIA, earning her GG in 2008. She also holds
degrees from the Fashion Institute of Technology, the State University of New York
at Albany and a Master's of Science from Long Island University.**

RSVP no later than February 15, 2023

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

Presenter: *Gadeer Kamal-Mreeh*

✦ **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.



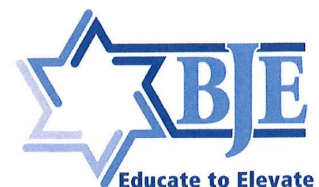
SPECIAL RATE FOR TBS MEMBERS

\$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.**



The Brotherhood of Temple Beth Shalom presents our

6th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, March 12, 2023
1pm-4pm



In advance, cost is \$10 for adults,
\$5 for children 5-13.
At the door, adult tickets are \$15



Lunch included:*
chips
drink
hot dog

50/50 Raffle*
Talent Show*

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 CBS 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



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

PRESENTS



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 85351

623 977-3240

Concert will be inside, masks are optional.

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Sy Perlis
2/5 Sharon Young
2/6 Monica Arum
2/6 Sharyn Iris Helbon
2/12 Warren Bentkover
2/12 Janiie Stein
2/13 Bernard Arum
2/15 Stephen Bold
2/19 Steven Kleinman
2/27 Arlette Kramer
2/28 Dr. Joyce Gold
2/28 Baruch Koritan
2/28 Laura-Julieta Ponce



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/18 Dennis & Bonnie Cutler 56th
2/26 David & Sheila Lovinger 57th



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.



TBS Sisterhood



All women Temple members are invited to join the Sisterhood. First year Temple members receive a complimentary membership to Sisterhood

WE:

- ◆ Are a group of Jewish women supporting our Temple
- ◆ Are an active, friendly group offering many opportunities for women
- ◆ Share our many talents and interests
- ◆ Provide activities that enable caring and bonding experiences
- ◆ Maintain the [Judaica Boutique](#)
- ◆ Send Yahrzeit reminders
- ◆ Raise funds all year to benefit Temple Beth Shalom through our many activities
- ◆ Meet the 3rd Monday of each month from October thru May
- ◆ Sponsor the [Oneg Shabbat after the Friday night service](#)

President	Judy Fagen
Vice president	Marsha Gratz
Recording Secy	Mary Gill Savoren
Membership / Corresponding Secy	Phyllis Hibben
Treasurer	Sharyn Helbon
Bima Flower/Food Baskets	Evelyn Dragiff
Program Committee	Sharon Gadless Bonnie Longmire Ellen Winderlich
Publicity	Shari Young
Hospitality Committee	Yolanda Schatz
Judaica Boutique	Judy Fagen
Sunshine	Nancy Urbach
Directors	Brenda Bochner Maxine Daitzman
Emails	Phyllis Hibben

Send in this coupon to join TBS Sisterhood for 2022-2023

Dues are \$25.00/yr.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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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

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IN MEMORY OF.....RELATIONSHIP.....CONTRIBUTOR.....BINA FUND.....FRIDAY NIGHT DATE

William Savoren	husband	Mary Gill Savoren	Food Basket	12/30/22
Toby Maiman	Mother	Joel Maiman, Bonnie Gomez, Bobbie Glanz,	Food Basket	1/27/23
Carl Hoffman	Brother	Evelyn Dragiff	Flower Basket	1/27/23
Randy Justeson	Son	Mary Gill Savoren	Food Basket	2/3/23
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Many People contribute to the Flower Bouquet & Food Basket Funds “in memory of”, but did you know that you can also contribute to these funds “in honor of” to help someone special celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any kind of Simcha?

This is Sisterhood’s major fundraiser. We use it to make donations to local food banks, but the major portion is given to our temple whenever a need arises, such as a copier, a computer and new kitchen appliances like a refrigerator and dishwasher. We are always there to help.

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Experiencing Grief and Recovery Group

This weekly group will begin
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Times: 1:30pm to 3pm

Location: Temple Beth Shalom
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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

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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.

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

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

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example

your plaque

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Phone

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

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TYPE OF CLASP: _____
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Make sure you write "Attention: TBS Brotherhood" on the envelope, and that your checks are made out to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood.



**Please enroll me as a member of Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood for the year:
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I have some expertise in the field of _____, and/or am willing to help in other ways for the benefit of the Brotherhood and Temple.

Suggested areas that we can always use help: (✓ if you feel you can help)
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In Appreciation of _____	Speedy Recovery _____
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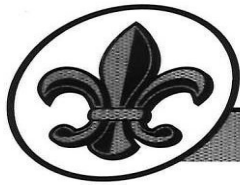
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