



Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley **SHOFAR**

Jan. 2026 TEVET-SHEVAT, 5786



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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI DANA EVAN KAPLAN

Please check out Rabbi Kaplan's blog for photos, interesting notes and more at danakaplan.com.

Your Voice Matters: Shaping Our Friday Night Worship Together

One of the great strengths of our Temple community is that we come together not only to pray, but to build something sacred collectively. Jewish worship has never been static. From the Temple in Jerusalem, to the traditional synagogue, to the Classical Reform temple, to the Mishkan T'fila siddur we hold today, our tradition has always evolved in conversation with the spiritual needs of the people who gather.

As your rabbi, I want to invite you into that conversation more intentionally.

Over the coming days, I would like to hear directly from you about what you hope to receive from our Friday night services as well as our Saturday morning monthly services — and what you most need spiritually and religiously at this stage of your life. I am asking not as a pollster or consultant, but as a partner in sacred work.

Different people come to services carrying very different hopes. Some are looking for inspiration. Others are seeking comfort, healing, or grounding after a difficult week. Some want to feel challenged intellectually; others want to feel held emotionally. Some are drawn to music; others to words, silence, or ritual structure. None of these needs are more “correct” than others—they are simply human and Jewish.

I would love to hear from you about questions such as:

- What spiritual or religious needs bring you to Friday night services right now?
- What moments in our services feel most meaningful or authentic to you?
- What parts help you feel connected—to God, to community, to yourself?
- Are there elements that feel less engaging, confusing, or distant?

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You may also wish to reflect on the practical details of our worship:

- Would you like more singing or less singing?
- More Hebrew, less Hebrew, or more explanation of what we are saying?
- Are there particular prayers that resonate with you — or others you struggle with?
- How do you feel about moments of silence or meditation during the service?
- Do you prefer a service that feels more structured, or more flexible and reflective?

I am especially interested in what is working for you right now, as well as what may not be. If something in our current approach helps you feel spiritually nourished, I want to know that. If something consistently misses the mark for you, I want to hear that as well — respectfully and honestly.

You are also welcome to suggest changes or ideas. Perhaps there is a ritual you experienced elsewhere that moved you deeply. Perhaps there is a theme, teaching style, or musical approach you would like to see more often. Perhaps you are not sure what you want—but you know how you want to feel when you leave services. That, too, is valuable feedback.

Please know that not every suggestion can or will be implemented, and that our services must balance a wide range of needs across backgrounds. But listening matters. And understanding how our worship is experienced by the people who show up is an essential part of nurturing a living, responsive Jewish community. You can email me directly at rabbidanakaplan@gmail.com. If you prefer, you may write at length or briefly, thoughtfully or intuitively.

My hope is that this process will help us continue to shape Friday night services that are spiritually meaningful, welcoming, and honest—services that meet us where we are, while gently lifting us toward something higher.

Thank you for being part of this sacred conversation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan



NOTES FROM CANTOR BARUCH KORITAN

The First Shabbat Service of the secular New Year is January 2, 2026. That in itself is exciting, but even more festive when it is remembered that Shabbat is truly the most important holiday of the year. First the Cantor introduces a *niggun* to entice the congregation to sing along, and the per-service starts gaining momentum,

The Rabbi's greeting officially welcomes everyone. We rise and join in the singing of *Shalom Aleichem*. The official start of the service is next....You guessed correctly!

The motif of the evening is truly set when a woman or a group of women blesses the *birkat hanerot* (Sabbath lights) and *yom tov* (every festival, if it falls on a holiday). This simple but defining act may be performed by a man... if a woman is unavailable! Ushering in the light (synonymous with "joy" in the Bible) is one of only three mitzvot that Jewish women of Orthodoxy are expected to fulfill. The other two are through ritual bath (*mikvah*) and the separation of the *challah* into two portions, of which the smaller is not kneaded but later is burned.

We can imagine our early Matriarchs initiating candlelight, performing this beautiful opening of Shabbat at home. However, this symbolic as well as physical act in shul was denied to women until almost a millennium ago. Until then, most rabbis, all of whom were male), considered the lighting of the Shabbat lamp as a woman's task simply because the men were in synagogue. By default, the ladies gained an honored tradition as their own.

Around the 11th century, Northern European Jewish women achieved more freedom and status in religious matters. They chose to fulfill the mitzvot previously denied to them, also gaining the right to recite the candle blessing. This ritual is documented, perhaps for the first time, by Rashi's granddaughter, Hannah, who described her mother performing it. In the *Mishnah*, only one light is mentioned. The custom evolved, especially among the wealthy, to two or even more candles; one for each child or family member: After the candles are lit, she closes her eyes and encircles the lights three times with her outstretched hands. This focuses attention and brings the true light of Shabbat to oneself.

At Temple Beth Shalom, after the recitation of the blessing and its English translation, the cantor leads the congregation in the melodic version composed by Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1966). A native New Yorker, Binder spent his life writing music to enrich prayer. The soothing minor tones of his setting enhance the mood already set by the woman's recitation.

May every woman come to know the joy shared by those who fulfill this spiritual act of honor. May we sing the praises and be enriched by the presence of these women who retain that afterglow created by such a meaningful act of devotion and love. On Shabbat, as we share each other's gifts, our individual prayers ignite one another in beautiful praise to God. May the year 2026 bring light to all seekers of love and peace.

Baruch Koritan



Jon Green

Board Treasurer

Marlene and I moved to Sun City from the Cleveland area in late 2021, a couple of years after I retired from the CPA firm I had merged my firm with in 2015.

We came to Arizona to be close to long-time friends, David and Sheila Lovinger, with whom we had shared many New Years holidays, and to plant new roots in the Jewish community here. We joined Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley, and were immediately welcomed.

In the Cleveland area, I was most recently the treasurer of Temple Emanu El, when we decided to purchase land and build a new facility south and east of our original Temple, to follow the migration of young Jewish families to that area, as our temple's demographics were changing.

In Cleveland, I also served as an officer and treasurer of the Foundation for Geauga Parks, which raises funds to support Geauga County, Ohio parks. I am still a member of its Finance and Budget Committee.

I am currently the treasurer and a member of our Temple Beth Shalom's Board of Directors and a member of the Brotherhood and the Outreach Committee. I also help manage our Temple's Arizona and Homeland Security grants. My goal is to help our congregation succeed in our mission of well-representing the Jewish population here in the West Valley.

Marlene is co-chair of the Social Action Committee. We have three daughters. Two families live in the D.C. area, and our youngest daughter's family lives in Dallas.

If you are interested in sharing your experience to help TBS grow, please email me at jmgreencpa@gmail.com.

TBS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: YOLANDA SCHATZ

This is one in a series spotlighting TBS members chosen by the Board.

By Mariane Anderson



Yolanda Schatz (left) celebrated her 90th birthday with her friends at TBS in 2024.

Way back in 1993, when we were all young and foolish, Earl Schatz and his wife, Yolanda, left the snow and humidity of Chicago behind and emigrated to warm, wonderful Arizona. Within a couple of years, after visiting various Valley synagogues, they settled on Temple Beth Shalom. They found the congregation to be warm and friendly and so became long-standing members.

Yolanda, now a widow, was born in Gary, Indiana, and moved to Chicago after she was married to Earl. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite food is pasta (yumm). She was married in 1957 and they had two daughters, Gayle and Beth. Beth is married to Mike (the son Yolanda never had) and they have a son, Lance, and two daughters, Molly and Kelly. Gayle has passed away, but had two daughters just like her mom, Kelly and Lindsey. Lindsey is married to Willie, but there are no great-grand-children so far.

Earl and Yolanda had joined the Temple to make friends; and they did. Things were different in the nineties than they are now, and the couple joined a Chavurah where they made fast friends; the kind you have for a lifetime. Yolanda muses that they are all gone now, but the flip side is that she has lived a long and active life, having just turned 91.

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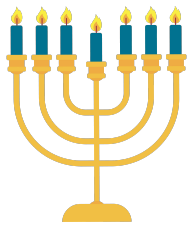
The members of the Chavurah did everything together and were like an Arizona family for all the members that had come from other places. They played cards and Mah Jongg, went to plays at the Broadway Theater and attended movies with the Cinema Society.

In the beginning, there were no Temple Oneg Shabbats after services, so the group all went over to McDonald's and schmoozed over ice cream together at connected tables instead of over baked goods in the Social Hall. (No one had to worry about the time the security guard would go home or locking up the building after they were done.) It was a friendly and enjoyable way to end the evening.

Yolanda and Earl would make Onegs for special occasions and Earl took care of arranging the Bimah flowers each week. Yolanda and Earl did a lot of traveling together, sometimes with friends and sometimes on their own. Yolanda particularly enjoyed a cruise on the Danube, seeing the cities and other sites along the way.

Now, Yolanda lives a quieter life and volunteers in the Temple kitchen as the Hospitality chair of the Sisterhood. It was fun getting to know something about Yolanda and I suspect I will continue the process for some time to come.





Hanukkah Potluck



What's Up At TBS?

1/6

9 a.m. Mah Jongg Tournament

1/7

9 a.m. Adult Ed: "Ancient Biblical Interpretation"

11 a.m. Torah Study

1 p.m. Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah Orientation

1/8

9:30 a.m. Brotherhood tour of the Martin Auto Museum

1/9

7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

1/10

10 a.m. Saturday Shabbat Morning Service with Erez Kessler

1/11

9 a.m. Brotherhood Mitzvah Day

1/12

10 a.m. Adult Ed: "God, Spirituality and Prayers"

1/14

9 a.m. Adult Ed: "Ancient Biblical Interpretation"

11 a.m. Torah Study

1 p.m. General Board Meeting

1/15

12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch

1/16

7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemorated

1/19

10 a.m. Adult Ed: "God, Spirituality and Prayers"

Noon Sisterhood Luncheon

1 p.m. Bingo

1/21

9 a.m. Adult Ed: "Ancient Biblical Interpretation"

11 a.m. Torah Study

1 p.m. General Board Meeting

1/23

7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

1/26

3 p.m. International Holocaust Remembrance Day

1/28

9 a.m. Adult Ed: "Ancient Biblical Interpretation"

11 a.m. Torah Study

1/30

7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

This and That

Sisterhood Bingo at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

Excitement is in the air! The Sisterhood is hosting Bingo at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley at **1 p.m. Jan. 19**. The \$10 fee covers cards, snacks and prizes. Please RSVP by Jan. 15th by contacting the Temple office at 623.977.3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

Online payments and registration can be made by using the Bingo Zeffy form on tbsaz.org.

Join the Lunch Bunch on Thursday Jan. 15

Our next Lunch Bunch get together will be at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at Babbo Italian Eatery, 16433 W. Bell Road in Surprise. Reservations are needed by **Jan. 9** by contacting Linda Abrams Tederman at 402.659.0286.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services on Jan. 10

Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Erez Kessler will lead the Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at 10 a.m. Jan. 10. Following the service there will be a potluck luncheon. Please call the office to RSVP at 623.977.3240 and let them know what you are bringing.

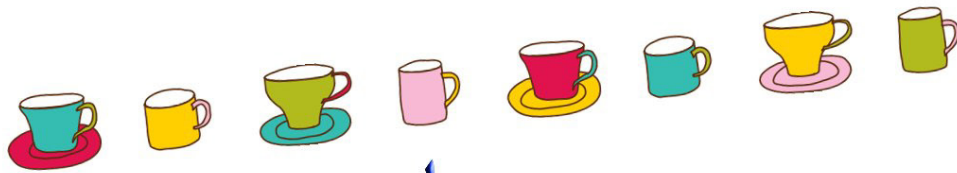
We need your help on Mitzvah Day Sunday, Jan. 11

Volunteers are needed to do cleanup and trimming landscaping outside the Temple building on Mitzvah Day on Sunday, Jan. 11. It is open to all.

The cleanup will start after a short Brotherhood meeting at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to bring work gloves and landscaping tools. Contact Steve Bold at 302.236.0717 or stbold@yahoo.com or Dave Katz, 623.980.2196 or dave@katzaz.com for more information.

Donations needed for Rummage Sale

We're getting ready for the Temple's Rummage Sale fundraiser! We're asking members to bring their donations between Jan. 5 and Feb. 26 to the Temple. We can arrange to pick up large items in good condition. Donations sought include household items in working condition; clean clothing (no shoes please), books, jewelry, artwork and dishes. Your donations will be tax-deductible. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information.



Upscale



Rummage Sale

March 5th and 6th

Time to collect your gently used, no longer needed, treasures and trinkets.

**BRING ITEMS TO TEMPLE
JANUARY 5TH THROUGH
FEBRUARY 26TH**



Please make sure all items are still in good working order, and are clean and ready for use. So, roll up your sleeves and edit those storage units and bulging garages. Save the best and brightest things for the

Upscale Rummage Sale.



Please contact the Temple Office,
623.977.3240, with any questions.



Would you like to be Bar/Bat Mitzvahed?

It's never too late to claim a moment that was missed. Our synagogue is launching a new Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for committed adult learners who did not have the opportunity to become bar or bat mitzvah earlier in life—and who are ready to do so now, with intention and depth. This is not a crash course, but a meaningful journey of study, community, and personal growth.

We are looking to start an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. We are having an informational meeting and discussion at **1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7**. Refreshments will be served. No prior knowledge of Hebrew is needed.

Over approximately 18 months, a small group of adults will learn Hebrew, explore Jewish texts and ideas, and prepare to lead part of a Shabbat service. More than a ritual milestone, this program offers the chance to stand fully inside Jewish tradition as an adult—bringing a lifetime of questions, experience, and reflection to a moment of profound affirmation.

If you are interested, please call the Temple office at 623.977.3240 to sign up.

CHECK OUT OUR TBS STUDY GROUPS

Ancient Biblical Interpretation

This weekly study group led by Rabbi Kaplan meets weekly from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Temple Beth Shalom. Cost is \$20 per person per month for Temple members and \$35 for non-members. Payment is required at the beginning of each month. You can join any time. More information is available on tbsaz.org or by calling the office at 623.977.3240.

Torah Study Group

Our next Torah Study Zoom meeting will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3. New participants are welcome. Please contact the TBS office at 623.977.3240 to get the Zoom information and to register for the discussions if you have not previously done so.

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS FOR '25-'26

December 15th 12pm
CHANUKAH LUNCHEON

There will be a medley of seasonal songs



\$20
All are
invited
RSVP by
Dec. 10th

January 19th 1:00pm
BINGO



\$10
covers
cards,
snacks &
prizes
RSVP by
Jan 15th

February 16th 1:00pm - \$20
Let's all bake Hamantaschen

We'll provide the ingredients plus
snacks for us. You'll take some
home and we'll have some for
Purim the next week.



March 23rd 12pm - \$20
COMMUNITY WOMEN 'S SEDER
RSVP by March 19th



Nan
Rubin
will be
leading
the
service

April 20th 12pm \$20

the art of Georgia O'Keefe
presented by a docent from the
Phoenix Art Museum

This is a **LUNCHEON MEETING**
RSVP by April 16th



May 18th 1 pm
MOVIE

to be determined

\$10



Snacks included.
All are welcome

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going to our website, tbsaz.org, and use the Zeffy form





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. 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 events that make TBS great.

For more information, contact the TBS office at 623.977.3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

Here are upcoming events:

Jan. 8: 9:30 a.m. Tour of the Martin Auto Museum in Glendale. Reservations requested. See flyer on next page.

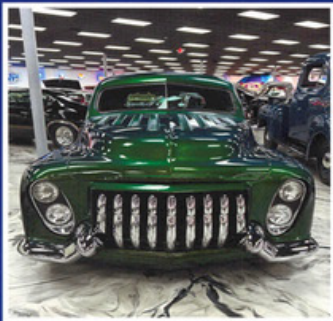
Jan. 11: 9 a.m. Mitzvah Day. Intended to assist in cleaning debris outside the building and any other items that may be necessary.

Feb. 1: 9 a.m. Brotherhood paid-up membership brunch. Location to be determined.

May 3: 4 p.m. Mother's Day Cookout



Arizona's Largest Auto Museum



**MARTIN
AUTO MUSEUM
AND EVENT CENTER**



1965 Shelby Cobra



1973 Volkswagen

Founded in 2008, the Martin Auto Museum is the brainchild of owner and founder Mel Martin. Mel's passion is sharing his collection that represents significant periods of time in automotive history.

The museum features more than 175 vehicles, including classic cars, hot rods, customs, imports, and much more. It also has enough auto memorabilia, antique gas pumps, and signage to fill our 107,000 square-foot building.

A trip to the Martin Auto Museum wouldn't be complete without taking photos sitting inside one of our vehicles, racing in our game room, riding the classic carousel, and picking up some memorabilia from the gift shop!



If you would like to go to their website to preview the wonderful collection, go to
www.martinautomuseum.org

Please **RSVP** no later than January 7th to
Dave Katz at: dave@katzaz.com or
(623) 980-2196



Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood

would like you to
join us for a tour
of the

Martin Auto Museum

located in
Glendale. It is
open to all Temple
members and
their guests.

Meet at the Temple

9:30 a.m. on

Thursday

January 8th

and caravan to the
museum.

\$20 cost,

which includes a
small donation to
the Brotherhood.

Address where the
caravan is going is:

4320 W

Thunderbird Rd
Glendale, AZ



50's thru 80's

MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES



FUN ????



**YOU BET YOUR
SWEET BIPPIE !**

Listening and singing to your old favorites,
dancing, best over all costume for the period
award, wonderful assortment of delicious foods,
along with beer and wine available for purchase, a
dessert bakeoff contest, and a "far-out" good time.
A massive listing of foods at the event will be in
the next flyer - stay tuned.



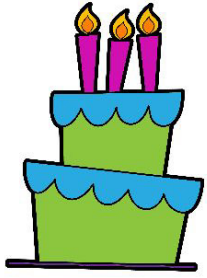
valentine colors are more than welcome



**Cost: \$25 per person includes wonderful
food, music, singing and contests.**



**Join us at 5 pm to 8pm+++ Feb. 14th
RSVP required along with payment by Feb. 11th
Use the online form at TBSaz.org or
call Temple Beth Shalom office for payment
(623 977-3240)**



Announcing



Desserts Through the Decades Bake-off

*February 14, 2026
5:00 pm*

Rules:

- 1) Choose a dessert from the list below.
- 2) Bake your dessert at home.
- 3) Bring your dessert to Temple kitchen one-half hour before the beginning of Music Through the Decades. (No later than 4:30 pm.)
- 4) Sampling and voting will be done by those in attendance at the event and will be anonymous.
- 5) The winner will be determined by the vote count. In the case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by a consensus of the event hosts and will be final once announced. No appeals will be entertained.
- 6) The winner will receive a monetary prize and a certificate of baking excellence.
- 7) The first runner-up will also receive a certificate.

Contest Desserts

Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Tunnel of Fudge Cake
Carrot Cake

Black Forest Cake
Coconut Cake
Cheesecake

You must be in attendance to win.





Westside films will be shown at Harkins Arrowhead 18, 16046 N. Arrowhead Fountains Center Dr. in Peoria. Tickets go on sale Jan. 20, 2026.

Sunday Feb 15th

3 PM *Once upon my Mother* (Drama) Determined mother finds a remedy for her child

7 PM *The Ring* (Drama) Recovering a ring stolen during WW2 in Budapest

Tues Feb 17th

3 PM *Everything Kosher* (Light Drama) Opening a Kosher deli in an antisemitic German town

Short: *A Jew Grows Up in Brooklyn*

7pm *Kill a Nazi* (Drama) Describing the Entebbe experience

Sunday Feb 22

3 PM *Henrietta Szold* (Documentary) Famous woman who founded Haddasah

7 PM *Bella* (Comedy) A chase traveling between Israel and Palestine to bring Bella back

Short: *The 10th man*

Monday Feb 23

3 PM *The Sea* (Drama) Palestinian child's determined quest to traverse Israel to the sea

7PM *Love of a Woman* (Drama) A quest for family history with a surprise to find 3 fathers

Tuesday Feb 24

3 PM *Swedishkeit* (Comedy) Comedy duo explore Stockholm Jewish community and culture

Short: *My Neighbors Ass*

7 pm *Sabotage* (Drama) Women's underground operation to sabotage Auschwitz

Sunday March 1st

3 PM *Tuve el Corazon* (Light drama) about the music scene of rock and tango in Argentina

7 pm *Hola & Ciao* (Light drama) Clash of Argentine and Israeli culture at a family reunion

God, Spirituality & Prayer

WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT ANYWAY?

Mondays - January 5, 12 & 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM

In this three-week course, we will explore these three topics - God, spirituality and prayer - that evoke a wide range of opinions and emotions among many people of all ages in recent years. It is our hope that there will be some answers for everyone. Persons of all religious beliefs are invited to join us for this course.

- Today, large numbers of Jews, Catholics and Protestants avoid speaking about God altogether. God has no relevance for many. Others wonder about God but really don't know what they think about the role of God in their lives.
- Others now search for something more meaningful - often spirituality. Spirituality can be found in many places and there is no end to the number of self-help books available to help the explorer.
- Lastly are those who are looking for a meaningful way to engage with God through prayer, but find it difficult to pray for various reasons. They are seeking ways to make prayer meaningful in their lives.

Fay Henning-Bryant is the Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley and a past President of the congregation. She brings many years of lay leadership experience through the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) combined with an extensive background in human resource development. She has a Master of Arts degree in counseling and psychology from the University of Iowa.



\$20 FOR MEMBERS

\$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS

COUPON BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE TEMPLE OFFICE.

Registration Deadline: Monday, December 29th at noon. To register, buy coupon books, and pay call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 (Monday through Thursday; 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)



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Temple Beth Shalom Times

FAMOUS 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN

THURSDAYS | FEBRUARY 5, 12 AND 19 | 10:00 TO 11:30 AM

Three famous American Jewish women changed the course of Jewish history: Golda Meir, Henrietta Szold and Emma Goldman. These three women had much in common, but also were very different. One was born in the United States and the other two in Russia. One lived her whole life here; another was deported for being an anarchist; and the third made Aliyah to Israel. All of them struggled with their desire to be leaders in a time when women were still expected to stay at home and cook and clean.



Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, which quickly became one of the most successful of all Zionist groups. In her work with Hadassah, Szold used a combined ethical and pragmatic approach aimed at improving the lives of both Jews and Arabs. After moving to Mandate Palestine, she helped shape education, health, and social services there.

Golda Meir was the first and only woman to serve as prime minister of Israel. Her many accomplishments – beginning as a teenager giving street-corner speeches in the pre-state Jewish community in Palestine – are too extensive to begin to list in this brief space. Prior to becoming Israel's fourth prime minister, she served as the labor secretary of the newly formed Jewish state, and the Israeli foreign minister.



Emma Goldman was a modern radical who took seriously the idea that inner liberation is the first business of social revolution. Her politics, from beginning to end, was based on resistance to that which thwarted the free development of the inner self.

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A DISCOUNT IS AVAILABLE BY PURCHASING A COUPON BOOK.

The registration deadline is Monday, February 2 at noon. To register, pay or buy a coupon book, call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 (Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.)



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HEAVEN & HELL

MONDAYS • FEBRUARY 2, 9, & 23 • 10-11:30AM

Note that the course will NOT meet on February 16.

More than any other question, people want to know that happens to me after I die? Is there a heaven and hell and how do we get to one or the other? If I want to get a reserved seat on Cloud 9, what do I have to do in this life? If I do make it to heaven, will I be reunited with my family?

Since Judaism does not stress Heaven and Hell nearly as much as some forms of Christianity do, many people are surprised that Judaism does have well-developed concepts of both. There are many different Jewish views of Heaven and hell.

In this three-part series, Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan will discuss Heaven and Hell in Judaism and how different forms of Judaism look at these concepts. In addition to being the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley, Rabbi Kaplan has authored several books and has developed a reputation for being an excellent teacher.

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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



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



JOIN US **TEMPLE BETH SHALOM** of the West Valley

We invite **EVERYONE** – Individuals, couples, and families – to be a part of our congregation. At Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley, we celebrate Shabbat together, study Torah together, volunteer for social action projects together, and connect to Israel through food, wine, and folklore.



We are a Reform Jewish congregation serving the entire West Valley, all the Sun Cities, and Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise and Tolleson, Tonopah, Waddell and Youngtown.

Whether you are single or partnered, were born Jewish, are a Jew-by-Choice, in an interfaith family or are thinking about or interested in Judaism ... there is a place for you to join our temple family.

Worship with our rabbi and our cantor as we celebrate Shabbat with inspiring Friday night services at 7 p.m. Following services, we flock to the social hall for an Oneg. Join us for our monthly Saturday morning informal Shabbat with guitar service and a potluck brunch. Sign your children up for our religious school.

With great joy we celebrate the holidays of the Jewish calendar from Sukkot to Chanukah and Purim to Passover.

Come and visit ... and stay! We'd love to hear from you! There's a place here that only you can fill. We are conveniently located near Grand Avenue in **Sun City: 12202 N. 101st Ave.**

Go to our website, tbsaz.org, or contact the Temple office at 623.977.3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com to learn more about what Temple Beth Shalom has to offer!

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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 other kind of Simcha?

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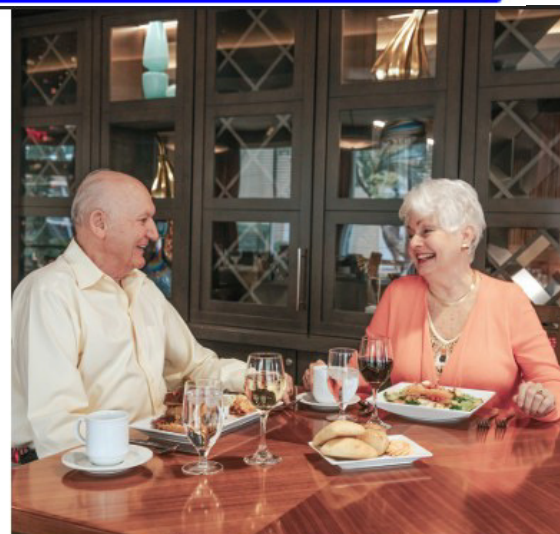
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