



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY

SUN CITY, AZ

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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

**Ray & Shirley Beaser
Jonathan & Marlene Green
Norman & Rhonda Krinsky
Richard Lieber**

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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>

The Mitzvah of Outreach

First I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Purim. Purim this year Falls on The 17th of March which is a Thursday and we'll be celebrating it at Shabbat services on Friday night the 18th. In addition we are going to have a megillah reading on Thursday at 10 a.m. for those who would like to hear the scroll of Esther being read.

In January I wrote about the concept of a covenantal community and in February I spoke about the spiritual quest. This month I would like to talk about what would probably be the most important of our topics for our immediate purposes which is Outreach. Outreach refers to the practice of reaching out to people who are not currently practicing Judaism in the context of a synagogue. They may be lapsed Jews or they may not be Jews at all but they are people who have the potential to become involved with and committed to Judaism.

This past year we've taken some initial steps toward reaching out to people living north and south east and west everywhere west of Central Avenue. We've taken our Shofar on the Shofar Shuttle and our Hanukkah Menorah on the Eight Nights of Light. What was amazing about both of these efforts and other similar activities is just how much fun it was. We had an opportunity to share something very precious, something very close to us. Those who came to these activities seemed curious and eager to participate. They didn't have to commit their entire lives to the pursuit of holiness but rather could just absorb a little bit of Jewish spirituality in the context of a particular holiday celebration.

I argue that we have a Mitzvah to do Outreach. It is a Mitzvah to help people to see what Judaism can contribute to their understanding of their lives and of the world, of their relationships and of their work experiences, of their lives and of their death. It is also a Mitzvah to do Inreach, which is to do the same thing for those who are current members but may not quite understand what Judaism can offer them in terms of personal enrichment and the acquisition of religious wisdom. So Inreach and Outreach are two sides of the same coin. In both cases the goal is the same, engagement with the sacred tradition of the Jewish religion. Our goal is to prepare a carefully constructed set of steps to identify potential members and offer them a series of opportunities for interaction that can interest and Intrigue them as part of our Outreach planning. At the same time, we can evaluate them and decide which ones are sufficiently serious to warrant a greater outlay of energy and resources and then offer them more intensive programming that can dovetail with programming that we are offering for our own members to help us engage in successful Inreach.

CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

The Mitzvah of Outreach

If we understand that what we are doing in our Temple is not just socializing but also doing something important connecting to the Jewish religion and taking the wisdom from Judaism and applying it to our lives, then we have a sacred mission to help others to also connect. Of course before we can reach out to others we have to be able to reflect ourselves on questions of purpose and meaning. If we're too busy putting out fires, we can't think about the existential questions that are so important in the larger scheme of things.

So we'll come back again and again to these existential questions. I'm not going to answer any of these questions right here now other than to say that we need to discuss and debate them. Some of these issues come up in a natural context in Torah study on Wednesday morning. others emerge out of informal discussions. Clearly we have to be together either physically or digitally for these interactions to occur because interaction requires more than one person communicating thoughts from different perspectives. so communication is key.

Once we can do that we're on our way, we don't have to wait till we solve all of the problems of the universe because we all know that we won't be able to solve even the smallest issue 100%. what is important is discussion dialog and problem-solving abilities. That is enough to begin to get out there and to see who is interested in participating in a covenantal community. That means doing a lot of listening as well as a little bit of talking. It means doing a lot of programming and not just in our building but throughout the entire West Valley.



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



“There are gates in heaven that cannot be opened except by melody and song.”

—Attributed to Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liady (1745-1812), founder of the Chabad Lubavitch movement and one of its most famous composers. For this Rebbe, a melody was an outpouring from the individual human soul, whereas words only interrupted the stream of emotions. Furthermore, melodies with texts were limited in time because they ensued only as long as the words did. Conversely: “The song of the souls consists of tones only, dismantled of words.” The notes’ freedom allows them to reach a higher realm, the true cosmic level of the universe. The Hasidic *nigun* (wordless melody) has become a fundamental part of all Ashkenazi culture (of which the Reform Movement is a part) and is, in the words of one Hasidic master, “the pen of the soul.” A *nigun* has been described as a mystical musical prayer or a language beyond words. It is still vocal music but often with repetitive sounds such as “Bim-Bim-Bam”, “Lai-Lai-Lai”, “Yai-Yai-Yai” or “Ai-Ai-Ai” instead of formal lyrics. Sometimes, Bible verses or quotes from other classical Jewish texts are sung repetitively to form a *nigun*.

Nigunim are also performed in a distinctive expressive vocal style with dramatic inflections, as in cantorial music referred to by the Yiddish words *krekhts* (moan, sigh, or sob) and *kneytsh* (pinch). Hasidism regenerated the use of pure melody in Jewish music, most of which would be composed by the leader or *rebbe* of each distinct Hasidic group. There are *nigunim* for holidays, meals, dances, and others for individual meditation. When one intones a *nigun* individually, the act is called *devekus* or *devukut* (connecting with God). Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov (1698-1750), founder of Hasidism, is credited with emphasizing the importance of vocal music as a form of personal confession and spiritual expression called *devekus nigunim*, “songs that transcend syllables and sound.” Some tunes attributed to him are still being sung today.

The Hasidim also employed non-Jewish tunes, such as France’s *La Marseillaise*, Near-Eastern dances, Cossack songs, and German drinking songs. They believe that those melodies in their secular form, are in spiritual exile. By adapting them for liturgical use, the rabbis are “raising Holy Sparks.” They use the concept of *tikkun* (fixing), redeeming the songs to their religious state. This also was in keeping with system of *Kabbalah* system of Rabbi Isaac Luria (1534-1572) and continues in our own time. Yes, the medieval Jewish mystics had developed complex ideas about the theological and even magical power of music in the universe. However, subsequent rabbis generally took a decidedly cautious and negative attitude towards music for its own sake. Out of concerns about piety and the role of music in gentile religious and cultural traditions, they also generally discouraged the use of instrumental music in the synagogue and banned it altogether on *Shabbat* and holidays. Most crucially, they insisted that text mattered more than melody. Thus, in traditional liturgy and medieval religious poetry, individual melodies were frequently changed but the Hebrew and Aramaic texts were considered sacred and unalterable. With the emergence of the Hasidic movement in the 18th century, the elevation of music unfolded. The Hasidim turned to music and dance as powerful forms of Jewish religious expression.

Of course, the connection between music and Jewish prayer was not a wholly Hasidic invention. Music had always played a central role in Jewish religious life, a fact to which both ancient biblical texts such as The Book of Psalms and *piyyutim* (medieval liturgical songs) testify. The resurgence of song as a ‘shortcut on the path to God’ is as old as it is new. Reverence for the *nigun* and belief in its great spiritual power continues through the generations of Hasidic rabbinic dynasties, as encapsulated by Rabbi Nachman of Breslov (1772-1810): “Music originates from the prophetic spirit, and has the power to elevate one to prophetic inspiration” and “Song is the soul of the universe.” Accordingly, *nigunim* are usually sung at large gatherings of Hasidic rabbis when they come to sing together and discuss spiritual concepts. It is believed that when a specific *nigun* is sung, the rabbi who created it appears in the room. I can’t argue with that. I always get that ‘butterflies going in circles inside of me’ feeling when we sing a *nigun* together, ushering in love with The Light. There we have it!

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fay Henning-Bryant

What's All This Talk About Fundraising, Anyway?

Surely God is present in this place, and I did not know it!
Genesis 28:16

The above quote from the Torah refers to the place where we, as Jews, assemble to study, pray and meet – the synagogue. Initially, synagogues date back to the Babylonian Exile and were founded to house prayer meetings. It was there, during the beginning of the Diaspora, that the guidance and teachings of the prophets helped to form the basis of congregational life. Eventually the synagogue became the exclusive location for worship and a communal center for assembly and study. We don't have any precise information in the *Tanach* about who paid for the building and support of the early synagogue, but presumably it was through taxes of one kind or another. For this reason we must talk about why fundraising is so important for TBS at this time.

For those of you who have been contacted and have made a pledge (and, in many cases have already paid the pledge), we again thank you for your generosity and your continued caring about and support for our temple. If you haven't been contacted yet, you will be. The Fundraising Committee will be meeting in the next week or so to finalize how the remainder of the solicitation will be done.

We can skip forward a few thousand years to Germany in the 19th century where the roots of the Reform movement were taking place during the Age of Jewish Emancipation, and in the mid 1900's spread to the United States. Reform Judaism recognizes that our sacred heritage has evolved over the centuries and that in order for Judaism to survive, it must continue to evolve while also fulfilling its mission to be a center for worship, communal life, education, social action, and social service.

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), an organization of the Reform movement to which over 850 Reform congregations across North America – including Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley has published a useful guideline for synagogue leaders: *Managing the Sacred: A Guide for Synagogue Board Members*. It identifies five traits – things we believe in or do - of the most successful Reform synagogues. None of these “traits” speak of the physical role of the synagogue building.

Synagogue members expect that a building will be part of a congregation. When we think “building,” we think of such things as a structure that is clean, comfortable, and safe (unfortunately, in today's world of antisemitism, this includes security guards at worship services and religious school); a Rabbi who has been successful leading the religious/spiritual/ritual aspects of a congregation and was ordained by one of our Reform rabbinic schools; a religious school for our children with qualified teachers; stimulating adult education programming; a well-managed administration; weekly Shabbat services, which includes good music lead by a cantor or professional song leader with a good voice; stimulating programs for adults; etc. The list could go on.

As I wrote above, in the early days of the synagogue, we assume the synagogues were initially financed and built, and then maintained by taxing the worshippers. The high priests may have had to survive from the sacrifices and offerings required of the worshippers, but it is unlikely they lived off of food stamps.

Continued Message From President Fay Henning-Bryant

Today we aren't too excited about the thought of being taxed to build and maintain our synagogue, or to pay for the educated and talented staff we want to make our synagogue a place that we find stimulating, welcoming, and appealing. We certainly know that in modern America there is no "Jew tax" that is levied against everyone who is ethnically, religiously, or culturally Jewish as a means of paying for the costs of our synagogues. It is left up to the diminishing numbers of us who continue to find value and meaning in synagogue membership.

Synagogue dues to help support our building. Some will argue that what we have traditionally called "dues" is a form of taxation, even though the type of dues programs in synagogues throughout the country is beginning to vary greatly. Most of us have resigned ourselves to the fact that dues, regardless of the type of program, are necessary. What many of us fail to accept is that in most Reform synagogues, including TBS, dues only cover 50% or less of the expenses required to maintain our synagogues. The balance has to come from donations – either outright giving or supporting congregational fundraising events.

So why is fundraising so important for Temple Beth Shalom now?

The COVID-19 virus has taken its toll on us in many ways, but a very serious effect of the virus is a significant loss of members. Although we are welcoming new members every week – people who want to get involved – we estimate that our income from dues will be approximately \$55,000 less than budgeted this year. In addition, we have an old building, and since last fall we will have to spend over \$31,000 more for building and equipment repair than we budgeted. Almost no fundraising was done the previous two years, during which time over \$100,000 was taken from our savings account to pay temple expenses. Your Board has been very careful and is watching our expenses carefully this year, to be good stewards of your money given to TBS.

For this reason, we have engaged in a comprehensive fundraising program this year that has been very successful so far in keeping our doors open. Besides conducting fundraising events like the fantastic Klezmer Concert on February 20, the Junk-in-the-Trunk (congregational yard sale in our parking lot) coming up on March 3 and 6, and the Mah Jongg tournament on April 24 (co-sponsored with Hadassah Tikvah-West Valley), we are in the middle of a very important, person-to-person appeal to every member of the congregation to make a cash donation to TBS by the end of June.

100% of the members of the Board of Directors committed to support this effort with their cash gifts before the campaign began. (I am pleased to report that 100% of these Board members also pledged to support the annual Yom Kippur appeal...and honored their pledges by December 31.) The 30% or so of our members who have been contacted so far have been overwhelmingly supportive of the effort and many have pledged more than was asked. I don't think we can even count on one hand members who had to decline to pledge or make an immediate donation. No one is being pressured to give. We understand that everyone's circumstances are different and there will be times when you want to give, but are unable to do so at this time. For those who can give, we consider every gift to be important, regardless of the amount.

I opened this monthly message with information about the significance of the synagogue in the history of the Jewish people, being recorded as early as in the Book of Genesis. It is our legacy and responsibility as modern Jews to ensure the existence of the synagogue for our members today and for the generations that will come after us. Mundane and cold as it may sound, it does take money to sustain our synagogues, and for all who are able to pay dues and make donations to sustain Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley, you are accepting and continuing a sacred responsibility.

BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH 2022

Tuesday: 1

- 10am—Staff meeting
- 7 pm—Membership meeting

Wednesday: 2

- 11am—Torah Study

Thursday:3

- 8am—Junk in the trunk
- 3:30pm—Executive meeting
- 6pm—Judaism 101

Friday :4

- Office closed
- 7pm—Shabbat services

Saturday: 5

- 10am—Shabbat School Services

Sunday: 6

- 8am—Junk in the trunk
- 11am-Fundraising Committee Meeting

Monday: 7

- 10am—Hadassah Meeting

Tuesday :8

- 10am—Staff meeting
- 1:30—Grief Group

Wednesday: 9

- 11am—Torah Study
- 2pm—TBS Book Club
- 3pm—Budget meeting
- 6pm—Verrado Leadership

Thursday :10

- 6pm—Judaism 101

Friday :11

- Office closed
- 7pm—Shabbat & Hadassah service

Sunday :13

- No Religious School
- 10am—Board meeting

Tuesday: 15

- 10am—Staff meeting
- 1:30—Grief Group

Wednesday: 16

- 11am—Torah Study
- 3pm—Budget meeting

Thursday: 17 PURIM

- 10am—Megillah reading
- 6pm—Judaism 101

Friday :18:

- Office closed
- 7pm—Shabbat services

Sunday :20:

- 9am—TBS Religious School
- 12pm—Pet Memorial Service
- 2pm— Purim Carnival

Monday :21:

- 10am—Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 12pm—Sisterhood Program

Tuesday :22

- 10am—Staff meeting
- 1:30—Grief Group

Wednesday :23

- 11am—Torah Study
- 3pm—Budget meeting

Thursday :24

- 10am—Religious
- 6pm—Judaism 101

Friday:25

- Office closed
- 7pm—Shabbat services

Sunday:27

- 9 am—TBS Religious School

Tuesday 29

- 10am—Staff meeting
- 1:30 pm—Grief Group

Wednesday :30

- 11am—Torah Study
- 3pm—Budget meeting

Thursday :31

- 3:30pm—Executive Board meeting
- 6pm—Judaism 101

INVITATION TO JOIN THE WEEKLY TORAH DISCUSSION GROUP CURRENTLY ON ZOOM

March's Weekly Torah Discussions - every Wednesday in March at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

This month we end the book of Exodus and begin the Book of Leviticus. Our weekly Torah Discussion group will be meeting every Wednesday in March on Zoom from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will be reviewing:

From the book of Exodus:

March 2nd Parashat Pekedui, Perek Bet, *The Obligation of Giving Charity, Tzedakah*

From the book of Leviticus:

March 9th Parashat Vayikra, Perek Bet, *Defining "Sin" is Jewish Tradition*

March 16th Parashat Tzav, Perek Bet, *The Holiness of Blood*

March 23rd Parashat Shimini, Perek Alef, *What Did Nadab and Abihu Do Wrong?*

March 30th Parashat Tazri, Perek Alef, *Biblical Medicine, Ritual and Ethics*

New participants are always welcome to our free and lively study of the Torah. Led by Rabbi Kaplan, we read the text in English and consider the individual topics in each parashat. Throughout each section we cover the most important themes and then 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 Torah portion have for us?"

Please contact the TBS office to register for the discussion if you have not previously registered, Phone: 623-977-3240. A copy of the weekly text will be emailed to you.

Reva Litt





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Beth Shalom
623 977-3240

JUNK-IN-A-TRUNK

SALE

Thursday March 3
AND

Sunday March 6
From 8am to 11am

(NO PRE-SALES)

Parking lot will
open at 7:30am
for vehicles

Location
12202 101st Ave
Sun City, AZ
(Temple Beth Shalom)

Temple Members and other interested sellers:
Show up with your vehicle on either or both of
these days, and you will be directed to a parking
spot to sell your wares out of your trunk.
ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO TBS

**UPON SALES CONCLUSION, ALL OF YOUR ITEMS
LEFT OVER MUST BE TAKEN AWAY BY YOU.**

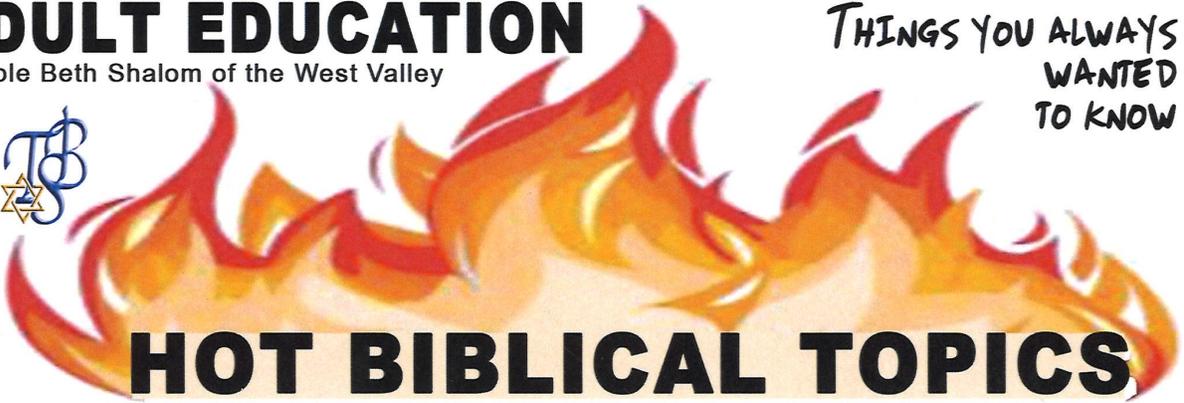
Common courtesies and rules will be strictly enforced by on site authorities

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley



THINGS YOU ALWAYS
WANTED
TO KNOW



HOT BIBLICAL TOPICS

In this 3-week course we will explore:
Controversial Issues as seen in the Bible

Class led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan

Based on *The Bible Now*, Richard Elliott Friedman & Shawna Dolansky

Every Tuesday for 3 weeks

March 15th, 22nd and 29th From 10-11:00 AM on Zoom

We will look at what the ancient Bible teaches us about contemporary controversies. It includes fresh interpretations of texts that have been misused to justify both stringent and lenient positions on such topics capital punishment and a choice by class participants of additional topics such as homosexuality, abortion and environmental issues. Historically the bible has frequently been misunderstood, misquoted, mistranslated and misused. These hot topics will be discussed with particular respect for all attendees.

The Hot Issues in the Bible class will discuss & explore how we can – and cannot—use this ancient source of wisdom to address our most current and pressing issues.

Registration is open:

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

Email: templebethshalomaz@gmail.com

\$18. For members and \$25. For non-members

A Temple
Beth Shalom
Sisterhood Event



Fascinated with Fascinators?

A very special workshop just in time for Purim

Join Diane Shapiro in creating your very own Fascinator like the Royals wear to weddings and special events. You can create a kippah, a hat or a headband. It's all up to you.

WORKSHOP: Monday, March 21, 2022 from Noon to 3PM

FEE: TBS members \$5 • Non-members \$7 Includes Coffee, tea and sweets

PAYMENT: Checks payable to "Temple Beth Shalom". Tuition benefits future TBS programs and services.

MATERIALS: Please bring your own basic kippah or head band and if you have an extra glue gun or special jewel, great!

CLASS SIZE: Minimum 6 - Max 18 Registration ends March 12, 2022

INSTRUCTOR: Diane Shapiro

Diane is well known throughout the West Valley and greater Phoenix for the "fascinating" headwear that she designs and makes herself. A longtime member of Temple Beth Shalom in Sun City and Opera buff as well, she has been active in Jewish communities throughout the country.



**RSVP to
Temple Beth Shalom
by March 17th to
623 977-3240**



*Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood presents
The Community Women's Seder*

12 NOON

on MONDAY, April 11, 2022

**Nan Rubin will lead the
Seder again this year.**

**Call Temple Beth Shalom
(623) 977-3240 to make your
reservation, reservations
required by April 4.**

**Cost is \$18, all women are
welcome to celebrate the
contemporary roles of
women in the celebration of Passover.**



MONDAY, April 11 at 12 noon

Reservations \$18

For reservations call Temple Beth Shalom by April 4

12202 101st Ave., Sun City AZ 85351

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM SHOFAR

SUN CITY, AZ

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1st ANNUAL PET MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sunday, March 20, 2022
12:00 noon

Conducted by Rabbi Kaplan

Each family will get a copy of the service, which they can keep



Appropriate readings and prayers



An opportunity for personal remembrances of your beloved pet
from family and friends



Appropriate for families with children



The service will be held outdoors in the Biblical Garden



Bring lawn chairs if you want to sit down (the service is only about 15 minutes
long, excluding the “remembrances” from the family and friends)



Reservations are necessary - we need to know how many people will
be attending so service booklets can be printed



Deadline for Reservations: March 16th at noon - call TBS 623 977-3240



LEAVE AN
EVERLASTING DEDICATION
BY PURCHASING A BRICK WITH YOUR
PERSONAL INSCRIPTION ENGRAVED AND
PLACED OUTSIDE SURROUNDING THE
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM MENORAH.



In a separate adjacent section, you can now purchase a memorial brick for your pet. This may not be mixed in with other bricks for individuals. It is purely for remembering a lost pet that you were close to. You can have 22 characters (including spaces) per line,
Cost per brick is \$100

For answers to your questions, call Dave Katz at:
623 980-2196 (dave@katzaz.com)

P.S. Bricks are still available for people too

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

12202 N 101st Ave Sun City, AZ 85396

BRICK PATHWAY PURCHASE A BRICK FORM



Thank you for your participation in this important project. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dave Katz at 623-980-2196 or dave@katzaz.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"x8" brick with 6 lines for an additional \$100 each. Contact dave@katzaz.com for more information.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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

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

Inscription #1 Maximum of 21 characters per line including spaces. All wording will be centered.

<u>Please print.</u>

Inscription #2

Dated: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PRINT NAME: _____

Temple Beth Shalom Biblical Garden

March 2022



The Biblical Garden has served as a way to share the knowledge of plants and trees mentioned in the Bible. We also honor relatives and members of the Congregation whose donations started the Garden and who help to maintain it. In addition, our Religious School uses the Garden as an outside classroom.

Recently, we had our first “event” in the Garden. “Shabbat, Schnaps and Shekels” with Havdalah which took place in February. It was a small fundraiser. We brought in the round tables and chairs and placed a long table in the arbor for food and drink.

For me, the event was also a pilot project whether we can have future gatherings in the Biblical Garden. Microphones for a gathering and string patio lights in the trees for an evening event are options which could be used.

If you think of events for warm evenings and cool days where any aspect of the Temple can use the Garden, please let me know and I can help make it happen.

Pam Katz



Claims Conference ועידת התביעות
Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

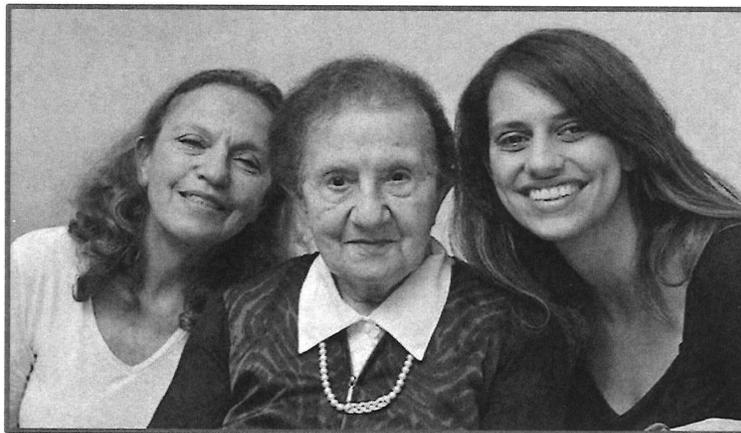
CLAIMS CONFERENCE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Are you a Holocaust Survivor, or do you know any survivor of the Shoah who has not contacted Claims Conference yet?

If so, you/they might be entitled to financial compensation

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany is reaching out to your community in an effort to locate and contact all Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. Over the past year, Claims Conference has been working towards providing compensation to **all** survivors of the Holocaust. **In 2021, all survivors should have received either an ongoing or one-time payment through either the Claims Conference or the German government.** We are determined to find those Survivors who have not yet reached out to us for payment.

We need your help finding all Holocaust survivors who have not received payment in 2021. If you know of any survivors who have not received compensation, have not submitted a form to us, or may not be aware of payment through Claims Conference, contact us today!



Please email us at HFSoutreach@claimscon.org or call us at (646) 536-9157

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1—Suzanne Shilian	25— Lauren Abromowitz
2—Anne Burris	26— Bobby Zelkind
2- David Gratz	28— Evelyn Dragiff
2- Dr. Janice Sodos	30— Judith Neigoff
6- Carolyn Ruth Edlin	31— Eleanor Berman
6— Deborah Liebman	31—Leon Miller
9— Elizabeth Keyles	31— Joan Sheffield
10— James P. May	
14— Adrienne Kirschner	
15— Andre Ivory	
19— Dr. Abraham Cohen	
19- Maxine Daitzman	
20— Lane Ginsburg	
20— Erin Juarez	
21— Rebecca Bolnick	



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Martin & Valerie Gitter	71 years
Jerry & Joni Rosen	44 years



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH FROM 2 TO 5 PM

TBS PURIM CARNIVAL

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

FRONT DESK HELP

IS NEEDED TO GREET AND CHECK GUESTS IN 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

Do You Like to Write? How About Taking Photographs?

If you enjoy writing and would like to help us with writing up publicity for our various programs, classes, events on a very part time basis, we have a crucial need for your assistance. For the most part, the information will be provided to West Valley newspapers, but you don't have to do that (unless you would like to). We already have a listing of all the media sources and contacts. We need to get our name and our events out to more people in the West Valley. We are also looking for members who like to take photographs – your cell phone photos will work – of any and all temple events. If you are at an event and see an interesting photo, snap it and send it in.

Adult Bar and Bar Mitzvah Program

For many different reasons, many Jewish adults did not become a bar or bat mitzvah at age 13, but now as adults would like to do so. Not only the ceremony itself, but the educational and social process of preparing can be a religiously rewarding experience for participants.

The adult bar and bat mitzvah program at Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) is actually a blend of bar or bat mitzvah and confirmation. Although the curriculum is somewhat flexible, it includes a substantial amount of study about Judaism as a system of thought and a way of life - an approach that would be consistent with a confirmation program. It also includes the development of certain ritual skills, so that each participant can read part of the service in Hebrew as well as read directly from the Torah itself, skills which were part of the traditional bar mitzvah educational program.

All TBS members over the age of 18 who have not previously become a bar or bat mitzvah are eligible for this program. This may include those who were raised in a classical Reform temple where there was no bar or bat mitzvah program, those who converted to Judaism as adults, women who were raised in a traditional synagogue where they were not allowed to become a bat mitzvah, and people in all sorts of other situations where they did not celebrate a bar or bat mitzvah as a child but would like to do so now as adults, or became a bar/ bat mitzvah as a child but would like to do so again as an adult. Participation in the program is limited to members of TBS.

The goals of this 9 month program are:

- Explore Jewish spirituality and religiosity in a mature context
- Learn about the Jewish worship service and how to lead Shabbat services
- Learn about the history and contents of the Torah and how the Hebrew Bible fits into historical Judaism and Reform Judaism today
- Improve knowledge of Hebrew and learn to read or chant from the Torah scroll
- Formulate personal thinking about Judaism and write a vision statement that can form the core of a speech or sermon to deliver

While there are no formal prerequisites, we would expect that a person beginning this nine month program will have a basic background in Judaism. They should be familiar with Judaism as a religion and the Torah as the foundational sacred document of our tradition.

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Sponsor Oneg for Friday night services

Decorate the Sukkah for Sukkot

Financially support the Temple

Sponsor speakers and other programs

Social Activities

Baseball-Spring training games

Arizona Cardinals football game

Sunday morning brunch

Other events, as suggested by members

Join our Group

Complimentary membership for first year temple members

Open to fathers of religious school children

Other Activities

Torah study (weekly) with Rabbi Kaplan

Friday night Brotherhood Shabbat

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Please check your interest in assisting in the following:

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Decorating the Sukkah _____ Food Prep _____

Spring Training game _____ NFL game _____

DUES: \$25.00 per year; all checks should be made out to TBS Brotherhood.

Returning members: Mail your renewal to the Temple Office with “ATTN: BROTHERHOOD” on the envelope.

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Any questions?? Contact: Glen Zelkind, President- Cell (303) 514 - 2895

Email - gzelkind@aol.com

INFORMATION FROM YOUR TBS SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT JUDY FAGEN



The Sisterhood meets the 3rd Monday of the month. Check your calendars for dates and bring your lunch and join us. The link will be posted in the weekly bulletin. If you don't have access to the TBS weekly bulletin, please call the office for the phone number, link and password that you can use.

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.

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- 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.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom

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Experiencing Grief

No person has the right to condemn you on how you repair your heart or how long you choose to grieve, because no one knows how much you're hurting. Recovering takes time, and everyone heals at his or her own pace.

Times: 1:30pm to 3pm

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Call TBS to RSVP at 623 977-3240



Starting Tues., Nov. 16, 2021 and every Tuesday thereafter.

Facilitators:
Joyce Gold, PhD
and
Mary Gill Savoren, RN

This is the Temple Beth Shalom's ongoing course designed to help us let go of sorrow and take hold of life. This group course is available at no cost for Temple Beth Shalom members and is open to anyone experiencing grief. **In this group, complete confidentiality is required.**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CARING COMMITTEE AND CARING FOR CAREGIVERS COMMITTEE

OUR CREED: Temple Beth Shalom is responsive to the needs of its members spiritually and personally through our Caring Committee. This TBS Committee reaches out to our members who are ill and in need of a gentle caring phone call.

The people that are contacted are listed in our Friday Night Bulletin MiShebeirach List.

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HOW DO I OR MY LOVED ONE GET ON THE LIST: The guidelines for being listed on the MiShebeirach List are as follows:

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2. The person(s) must be a spouse, immediate family member or close relative.

Friends or neighbors needing our prayers are prayed for when the Rabbi asks you to raise your hand and announce their names at the services.

YOUR CARING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE: Rabbi Dana Kaplan, Bea Eisenberg, Sunny Altman, and Phyllis Jacobs.

IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH WE GIVE SUPPORT THROUGH THE CHEVRA KADISHA

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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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For details or further information, contact **Nan Rubin at 623-933-1412.**



BIMAH FLOWER & FOOD BASKET FUND

Contributions are always appreciated. Make checks payable to TBS Sisterhood and send them to the office.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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Sharon Gadless
Flower Fund 02/04/22

Toby Gold—Husband

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Food Basket 02/04/22

Robert Gurney—Husband

Alice Gurney
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Anne Schuver—Mother

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Sharon Gadless
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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?

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As most of you know, the success of Temple Beth Shalom has always been dependent on the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Please don't wait to be asked! Schedules can be flexible and you will have the satisfaction of contributing to the greater good . . . Tikun Olum.

Temple Beth Shalom invites you to participate in the life of our congregation by being a volunteer. Every successful congregation has special people who give of their time and talent. While we are grateful for financial contributions, we are equally grateful for the dedicated volunteers who offer their valuable time and energy. To volunteer, to be active, is the way to meet people and be part of our Jewish family community.

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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. As in the past years, each leaf remains as a \$300.00 donation to the synagogue. This is a lovely way to commemorate a special milestone for your family, and support Temple Beth Shalom.

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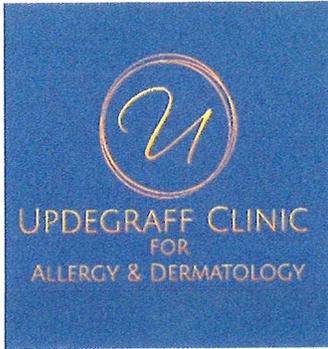


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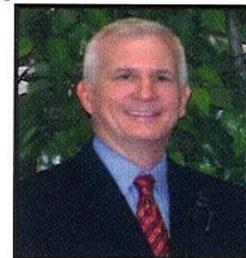
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