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Shalom Y'all!

Is it May already? When the Boxt family moved to Ocala in July 2022, there was so much to do and so much going on. Carlie was in Israel with Camp Coleman...the littles were getting ready for "A Taste of Coleman," a four-night program at Camp Coleman...and Batya and I were trying to figure out what to unpack since we knew we'd have to move again once our new home in Calesa was finished. Now, almost a year later and we are beginning to have to repack, get Carlie ready for a full summer at camp (as a Machon – Counselor in Training), and get our rental home clean and ready for our move out...to our new home on June 6!

Moving is exciting...and yet, it is also exhausting. The most important aspect of our new lives here in Ocala that we focus on is the amazing family we have here at Temple Beth Shalom. I can tell you that Batya has never been happier – with her job, our "almost" home, and of course with you, our TBS family! You have opened your hearts and souls to us, and we are so blessed and excited. When I interviewed here, I mentioned I would not make any major changes in my first year, as I wanted to get to know the community. Well, as we inch closer to our one year anniversary together, it is time to begin thinking about "what's next."

Is there an idea you have for a program or activity you would like us to do? How about adult education opportunities? Make an appointment with me: www.calendly.com/rabbiboxt and let's discuss. I want to be a rabbi for all of you...while this may be extremely difficult at times, it is my goal. So, if you feel something is missing, let's chat! Have you checked out the itinerary for our 2024 trip to Israel: <https://www.j2adventures.com/join/temple-shalom-ocala-fl-march-2024/>? It is going to be a fantastic trip and Batya and I are excited to travel to Israel with you!

As the summer is upon us, it may seem that life at TBS will begin to slow down a little. Don't be crazy! Emily Rochlin and I are going to be working together to create the best educational and fun learning experiences for our religious school students next year. I will be preparing for our 2nd High Holy Day experience together, and so much more. Stop on by the office and say hello...or let's go have lunch together!

Rabbi Erin Boxt

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The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,
May 16 at 6:30 PM**

2022— 23 Temple Board

- President:**
Kay Fleischaker
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- Sisterhood Representative:**
Joan Brand

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Happy May! A quick flashback of April. The Seder was fabulous! Thank you Michele, Naomi and Rabbi for coordinating! Also, while we don't want to think about it the active shooter training went well. Thank you Bob Levenson and to Katie Julien for doing the defibrillator training and CPR. I want to thank Emily Rochlin for a successful Sunday school year (last day this year is May 21st)! We doubled the number of kids in our Sunday school this year! One of our goals in moving into this building was to increase our young family membership so I'd say what a fabulous first year based on Sunday school enrollment (can you tell I was an educator). Gary Helfin will perform for us on May 21st. Gary is multitalented and this will be a wonderful event. I hope to see you there!

Let's talk about the congregational annual meeting which is on June 11th at 11:00. This year's meeting will be more of an open house with lots of information and communication. Committee chairs will briefly talk about their committee, we will talk about the structure of the Tree of Life Sanctuary (OTLS). Come, learn and ask any questions you have about Temple. The biggest item is all the bylaws changes we're proposing. Ted Schvimmer, Joe Switt, Thommie and Ted Williams worked hard at updating the bylaws. The board had a special meeting to go through and approve each suggested change. Also, please remember to vote for the slate of officers.

Highlights from the April board meeting...

We actually had two board meetings in April. Number one, was our regular monthly meeting. The other was a special meeting to discuss proposed bylaw changes. Trust me in telling you that each proposed change wasn't taken lightly. As the board voted on each proposal, we had lively discussions. The board did it's job to approve these proposals and now it's up to the congregation to decide. Please read the proposals and vote. Shelly Newman resigned in February (we wish her and Joel well) and, per the bylaws, the board had to replace her. Congratulations to Barry Hartman who joins the board in May as Shelly's replacement. We welcome David Gittess and Hayley Pierre, our newest members. Email addresses will be included in the Temple directory.

TAX BENEFITS FROM YOUR RMD

The IRA charitable rollover (also called a Qualified Charitable Distribution or QCD) is a smart-tax way to support the Temple. The IRS has declared that charitable donations made directly from one of your tax-deferred accounts will be exempt from taxation up to \$100,000 as long as the distribution comes from a qualified account and is donated to a charity that meets the IRS stipulation.

Temple Beth Shalom meets the requirements. This means that a Temple member who has a tax-deferred account and must take a Required Minimum

Distribution (RMD) may request the custodian of the account to send directly to the Temple whatever amount they request, and that payment will count toward the required distribution, but that amount will not be considered taxable income. This is a great way to make a donation, pay your dues, satisfy your RMD, and reduce your taxes at the same time.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Sisterhood News by Betsy Brody

Nosh & Nibbles

Call for more information

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom is delighted to announce that on Saturday, May 20, we will host a WRJ Southeast District Area Day. All Sisterhood members have received registration information via email. Any woman in the congregation who would like to participate should contact Joan Brand for information. Registration, \$36, must be prepaid as it includes the cost of a continental breakfast and lunch which has to be preordered. The day will include an abbreviated Shabbat morning service and workshops on a variety of items. Everything is being planned by the district. We are just hosting the venue. We expect women from area Sisterhoods as far away as Orlando, Tampa, and Southern Georgia.

On June 4, we'll be holding our annual end of the year luncheon, once again at the Country Club of Ocala. A menu and registration information will be distributed soon.

At the April regular meeting, in addition to a business meeting, there was a variety of fun in playing games and solving puzzles. Ruth Stern, the mistress of the "ice breaker", told some wonderful jokes. Her timing is spectacular! Everyone had a good time. As part of the business meeting the current Board was reelected for another 2 year term.

Sisterhood Reminders.....

Please don't forget that Uniongrams can be ordered from Toby Burros-Topiol. Trees in Israel can be ordered from Amy Schwartz. Contributions in honor of birthdays, anniversaries and other Simchas can be made to the attention of Joyce Levin Mark in the memo of your check (payable to "Sisterhood, Temple Beth Shalom") that your check is for Uniongrams or Trees or the Bimah Flower/scholarship Fund.

YOUR DONATIONS SUSTAIN US FINANCIALLY AND ARE VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION

There are various funds which are essential to maintaining a broad scope of activities and services, as well as continued growth.

General Temple Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Religious School Fund

Security Fund
Cemetery Fund
Harold Liberman Music Fund

For information on any of these funds, please contact our Treasurer. All unspecified donations go to the General Temple Fund. Donations in any amount may be sent to the Treasurer. Please note on the check or in an accompanying note what the donation is for and the fund, if you wish to designate one. We accept **VISA, MasterCard, and Discover** credit cards*

Janet Kreisman / **Treasurer**,
Temple Beth Shalom, 6140 SW 78 Avenue Road, Ocala FL 34474

100% of your donation goes right to work.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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* a 3% fee will be added to your credit card charge

BIMAH FLOWERS BIRTHDAYS

Susan Ahern in honor of Michael's birthday
Susan Bernstein in honor of her birthday
Michele Kolsky in honor of Meredith's birthday

ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne & Raelynn Omel in honor of their anniversary
Ted & Marcelle Schvimmer in honor of their 54th anniversary

SPONSOR AN ONEG

Betsy Brody in honor of Michael's birthday
Carolina Colen in honor of Robert's Birthday

Bimah Flower Coordinator
Joyce Levin email: joyceblevin@gmail.com

Remember to contact Thommie Williams to reserve Onegs.

Onegs can honor birthdays, anniversaries, life events or for any reason. You don't even need a reason to sponsor an Oneg.

Oneg Contact—Thommie Williams
(443) 742-2818



There has been some confusion about DIRECTED donations at Temple Beth Shalom. Sisterhood's Bimah Flower/camp scholarship fund goes only to honor SIMCHAS. The Temple's Tree of Life also goes only for SIMCHAS.

Sisterhood sells Uniongrams, has YES Fund cards and TREE certificates for trees in Israel which can be purchased for Simchahs or remembrance. The Temple has prayer book dedications, and accepts contributions to many funds which can be made for any type of occasion. The Temple also has Memorial Plaques and accepts Yahrzeit donations only in remembrance of a deceased loved one. Members who wish to donate for something specific must select one of the appropriate destinations for their money.

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Sunday School News

Last day of school is May 21.

Info for next year coming soon.

Call Emily Rochlin at
352-875-2070 for more information

Tree Certificates

Donations for 1 tree start at \$15.00, which includes a

TREE CERTIFICATE.

Amy Schwartz 854-9440

onlyamys421@embarqmail.com

Sisterhood JNF representative

Simchas for May

ANNIVERSARIES

Lawrence Singer & Ms. Rita
Lewison-Singer

BIRTHDAYS

Betsy Brody
Michelle Marcus
Rita Lewison-Singer
Edward Davis
Wayne Omel
Michael Jarosh
Erica Olstein
Jacqueline Kocot
Sarah - Rowan Wilson
Barbara Gorin
Jason Kroitor
Marlys Bernstein
Tanisha (Nisha) Cook
Robin Scheraga
Carol DeWitt
Blaise Bonaventure
Miranda Parness
Alan Eber
Roxanne Baron
Robert Fries
Meryl Peters
Benjamin Allen Rubin
Sharon Lawson
Lauren Klein
Theodore Schwimmer
Samaralee Flatt
Marc Stone
Ilene Boetger
Leonard Silverman

Francine Askenas
Selig Adler
Susan DiPaolo
Jane Siegel
Terri Stein
Josh Rutner

Help wanted

We have many committees and programs In need of volunteers. Share some of your time and make our Temple stronger. If you have time or expertise to share, See Julie Rochlin to find out how you can help.

Prayer Book Fund



These are new prayer books for the regular services

To order, please make your check payable to Temple Beth Shalom

Be sure to include a note stating how nameplates should be inscribed for the dedication.

You may dedicate the books as you always have in honor of or in memory of someone.

Bimah Flowers

Benefiting the Temple Sisterhood Summer Day Camp and Education Scholarship Funds

\$10 for each *simchah*

Contact

Joyce Levin
(845) 341-3559



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Be on our e-mail list!

Uniongrams

Send birthday and anniversary wishes to friends and family with a UnionGrams. Show them you were thinking about them while supporting the WRJ YES fund. Circle the name (s) of the friends or family from above that you would like to send a card. Tear out this page and send it to:

Enclose \$3 for each UnionGrams. Checks should be made out to Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood. Please include the address for anyone not in the Temple Directory. _____ Uniongrams @ \$3 Each.

Sign my card as _____
You can place an order by phone 352-509-7845 or by sending an e-mail to tobyburros@gmail.com but you still must mail a check.

Make sure that we have your e-mail address! If you did not receive an e-mail from the Temple in the last month, please let Ted Schwimmer know. This is the fastest way to let you know about Special Events!!

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Temple Beth Shalom Ocala

Donations 3/26~ 4/24/2023

Memorial Plaques

Linda Donaldson: Memorial Plaque for Fred W. Donaldson

Yearbook

Fred & Ann Conley
 Rochelle Gerofsky
 Michael & Linda Kroitor
 Larry & Cindy Stone
 Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros

Fundraising

Amy L. & Susan Schwartz

Capital Fund

Diane Gilmore
 Larry & Sarina Handelman:
 Robert (Bob) Levenson
 Leon Wohlfahrt: paid by John W Wohlfahrt
 Melissa Yarger

Donations

Ms. Dale Berman & Mr. Raoul Garfinkel: In memory of Dan Horton
 Wayne & Raelynn Omel: donation of closet shelving

Yahrzeit Donations

Larry & Sarina Handelman: yahrzeit for Robert Handelman
 Rita Hoffman: yahrzeit of Judith Beck
 Rita Hoffman: yahrzeit of Michael Hoffman
 Michael & Marcia Morris: yahrzeit of Arline Delman
 Eli & Sandra Rochlin: yahrzeit o Ruth Schneider
 Joseph & Kristine Switt: yahrzeit of Lisa "Dee" Berger

Camp Scholarship

Sisterhood provides **scholarship funds to Temple family children** who wish to attend a Jewish day camp programs or a session at Camp Coleman in Georgia.

If your children are interested, please work with them to write a request for some funds to help defray the costs. Letters expressing why a child wishes to attend such a program and what each hopes to gain from such a program should be sent a.s.a.p. to Sisterhood: Attention Joan Brand at the Temple or to her home address.

Temple Volunteer Services and Committee DIRECTORY

Rabbinic Duties	Rabbi Erin Boxt	(352) 329-2031
OTLS Admin Assistant	Vanessa Hunter	(352) 329-2031
President	Kay Fleischaker	(352) 895-4540
Treasurer	Janet Kreisman	
Membership	Carol DeWitt	(302) 377-9142
Bimah flowers	Joyce Levin	(845) 341-3559
Book Club	Betsy Brody	(352) 347-5597
Calendar	Naomi Berman	(352) 804-3301
Cemetery	Joe Switt	(352) 489-1855
Education	Susan Jarosh	(352) 361-3843
Fundraising & Script	Julie Rochlin	(352) 207-5385
Interfaith meals	Betsy Brody	(352) 347-5597
J NF Tree Certificates	Amy Schwartz	(352) 854-9440
Judaica shop	Rochelle Brauman	352) 509-7681
	Jackie Kokot	(352) 533-2976
Memorial Plaques	Elka Malever	(352) 732-7030
Newsletter & Publicity	Mark Rochlin	(352) 875-5062
Onegs	Thommie Williams	(443) 742-2818
Ritual	Ted Williams	(443) 471-6353
Sisterhood.	Joan Brand	(352) 566-4648
Social Action	Thommie Williams	(443) 742-2818
Sunday School	Emily Rochlin	(352) 875-2070
Tree of life (leaf / rock)	Rochelle Gerofsky	(352) 875-4223
Union grams	Toby Burros-Topiol	(352) 509-7845
Yearbook	Julie Rochlin	(352) 207-5385
NIFTY Sponsor	Arlene Matthews	



May Yahrzeits



Week of Saturday 4/29 to Friday 5/5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
Errol Marson Brother of Vinette Marson	Saturday, 4/29/2023	
Nathan Adler Father of Selig Adler	Sunday, 4/30/2023	
Blossom Blei Mother of Bruce DeWitt	Sunday, 4/30/2023	
Sherwin Newman Brother of Joel Newman	Sunday, 4/30/2023	
Susan *Froehling Congregation	Monday, 5/1/2023	
Libbie Newman Zalenko Sister of Joel Newman	Monday, 5/1/2023	
Frank *Goroff Father of Janet Kreisman	Tuesday, 5/2/2023	
Lucille *Press Congregation	Tuesday, 5/2/2023	
Michael *Zelkind Congregation	Tuesday, 5/2/2023	
Hyman *Reznick Congregation	Wednesday, 5/3/2023	
Gussie Walt Mother of Bernard Walt	Thursday, 5/4/2023	
Lottie Glazer Mother of Joyce Levin	Friday, 5/5/2023	

Week of Saturday 5/6 to Friday 5/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
Jack *Davis Congregation	Saturday, 5/6/2023	
Daniel J. Levenson Father of Robert (Bob) Levenson	Saturday, 5/6/2023	
Leonard *Kolsky Former Husband of Michele	Sunday, 5/7/2023	
Michael Sherman Brother of Dayle Silver	Sunday, 5/7/2023	
Jenny Becker Grandmother to Susan Bernstein	Monday, 5/8/2023	
Fred Brinker Father of Herbert Brinker	Monday, 5/8/2023	
John Selach Father of Roxanne Baron	Monday, 5/8/2023	
Laura *Diamond Mother of Diana Lawrence	Tuesday, 5/9/2023	

* Indicates a plaque has been placed on our permanent Memorial Board.

To add a name or relationship to our Yahrzeit list please contact Janet Kreisman or Julie Rochlin



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Rochelle *Prescott Mother of Rochelle Gerofsky	Wednesday, 5/10/2023
Ralph Klopper - Father of Barbara Wolinsky	Thursday, 5/11/2023
Lilo Stern Friend of Ruth Stern	Thursday, 5/11/2023
Leo *Lobel Fred & Ann Conley	Friday, 5/12/2023
Carl *Scott Brother-in-law of Marilyn T. Scott	Friday, 5/12/2023
Jane Ellen Rottenberg Mother of Lynn Harari	Friday, 5/12/2023

Week of Saturday 5/13 to Friday 5/19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
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Lillian *Tepper Mother of Marilyn T. Scott
Ephraim *Dobrin Congregation
Sarah Baron Grandmother of Michael Baron
Theodore Williams Sr Father of Ted Williams
Harry Gorin Father of Edward Gorin
Harry *Hantman Congregation

Week of Saturday 5/20 to Friday 5/26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
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Dorothy *Carey Congregation	Saturday, 5/20/2023
Tonya *Gerofsky Daughter-in-Law of Rochelle and Stephen Gerofsky	Saturday, 5/20/2023
Nathan *Holtzman Congregation	Saturday, 5/20/2023
Max *Reder Congregation	Monday, 5/22/2023
Thelma *Reder Congregation	Monday, 5/22/2023
Helen *Schneider Congregation	Monday, 5/22/2023
Sue *Tyler Congregation	Tuesday, 5/23/2023
Alexander Grasberg Father of Susan Ahern	Tuesday, 5/23/2023
Celia Toubail Mother of Sarina Handelman	Tuesday, 5/23/2023

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Louis Berman
 Father in law of Naomi Berman
Bernice Farrar
 Mother of Thomasine Williams
Lillian Zeleznik
 Mother of Chuck Zeleznik

Wednesday, 5/24/2023
Wednesday, 5/24/2023
Thursday, 5/25/2023

Week of Saturday 5/27 to Friday 6/2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
Fred *Shaymow Congregation	Saturday, 5/27/2023	
Jerold Bernstein Father of Barbara Gorin	Saturday, 5/27/2023	
Beatrice Sveidlin Susan DiPaolo	Saturday, 5/27/2023	
Harry *Kirschenbaum Congregation	Sunday, 5/28/2023	
Harry *Bernner Congregation	Monday, 5/29/2023	
Jessie *Goldberg Congregation	Tuesday, 5/30/2023	
Fred Donaldson Husband of Linda Donaldson	Wednesday, 5/31/2023	
Jack *Aptak Father of Dana Olstein	Thursday, 6/1/2023	
Olga Singer Mother of Larry Singer	Thursday, 6/1/2023	
Jeffrey Skyler Sam & Joanna Schuyler	Thursday, 6/1/2023	

Week of Saturday 6/3 to Friday 6/9

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
Arthur *Podell Congregation	Sunday, 6/4/2023	
Daniel Greenwald Father of Joyce Fox	Monday, 6/5/2023	
Jenny Cohen Mother of Allen Cohen	Wednesday, 6/7/2023	
Ethel *Russo Congregation	Friday, 6/9/2023	
Celia Kufsky Mother of Rochelle Adler Mother of Barbara Brauman	Friday, 6/9/2023	

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Interfaith Emergency Services Monthly Dinners

I am so very happy to report that every first Wednesday is covered through September. Particular thanks go to Bob Levenson and his wife Grace for hosting the May 3rd dinner.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a dinner should contact Betsy Brody as soon as possible so that you can get your first choice of nights as all First Wednesdays are available after September 6.



Graduation Season

If you have a family member who will graduate from High School, Vocational Program or College this spring, please contact Naomi Berman at 352-873-4328 or e-mail at naomi28berman@gmail.com with name and school so that our congregation family may acknowledge the accomplishment and share in your simcha.

We have many committees and programs In need of volunteers. Share some of your time and make our Temple stronger. If you have time or expertise to share,

See Julie Rochlin to find out how you can help.

Temple Beth Shalom Book Club News

On the 19th of April we had an excellent discussion about Madeline Albright, a biography had been the selection for the month.

On Wednesday June 21 the book for discussion is The Jew Store. We'll be meeting in the Media Center at 10:30 AM. Please try to read the book but come, even if you haven't read the book as discussion will include the way of life for those who lived above or behind a store, often a general store or deli, in Jewish neighborhoods. Amy has agreed to lead the discussion and her family lived in an apartment attached to a store. The personal experiences should make this a memorable discussion.

If you are not yet a member but are interested in joining our group, everyone is welcome. Please contact me, Betsy Brody, by phone or email [352-347-5597 or esb501@yahoo.com]

COME TO OUR GIFT SHOP!

Check out our new inventory! (We can also order other things if you don't find exactly what you want.)

We are conveniently open before or after services , or, if you prefer, you can make an appointment with Rochelle for a private, more convenient time (between 10 - 3 any weekday, when the temple is open).

We look forward to seeing you and helping you find exactly what would comfort and inspire your "Yiddishe nashama" (Jewish soul).

Rochelle Brauman (352) 509-7681 Jackie Kocot (352) 533-2976



THE CARING COMMITTEE IS BACK

CONSIDER JOINING THIS COMMITTEE SO THAT YOU CAN PERFORM MITZVAHS
FOR YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY AND SATISFY YOUR SOUL

INFORMATION ON MARION COUNTY
AGENCIES FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

VISITATION AND CALLS TO MEMBERS
IN HOSPITALS, HOMES, REHAB, AND
ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOME
FACILITIES

TBS CARING COMMITTEE

ASSIST MEMBERS WITH PLACEMENT
TO ASSISTED LIVING AND SKILLED
NURSING FACILITIES

FUNERAL AND CREMATION SUPPORT -
BEREAVEMENT FOLLOWUP CALLS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE

CALL DIANA LAWRENCE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION - 352-624-0666

Wanted:

Help with Hebrew School. Do you like to work with children? No educational/work experience needed. Just a desire to help out in the Hebrew School--do a demonstration based on a holiday, tell about Ruth or another person from our history.

Call Emily Rochlin, the head of the Hebrew School, at 352-875-2070 to volunteer.

The *Shabbat Morning Experience* will consist of a mixture of two elements: **Study** and **Prayer**. We will study our prayer book: its structure, its theological ideas, its music and more... and we will do parts of our Shabbat morning service in between the various segments of the study.

Our intention is to have at least one *Shabbat Morning Experience* every month.

It will start at 10:30 AM
Check the calendar for dates

Temple Events

May

Mon May 1 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed May 3 Membership Committee 1:30; Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thurs May 4 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri May 5 Shabbat Services 7:00
Mon May 8 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed May 10 Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur May 11 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri May 12 Family Shabbat 5:45 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat May 13 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30
Mon May 15 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Tues May 16 Congregation Board 6:00
Wed May 17 Sisterhood Board 10:00; Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur May 18 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri May 19 ; Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat May 20 WRJ Area Day 10:00-3:00
Mon May 22 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed May 24 Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur May 25 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri May 26 Shabbat Services 7:00
Mon May 29 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed May 31 Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00

June

Thur June 1 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri June 2 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun June 4 Sisterhood End of Year Luncheon 12:00 Country Club of Ocala
Mon June 5 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed June 7 Membership Committee 1:30; Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur June 8 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri June 9 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat June 10 Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah of Susan Ahern 10:30
Sun June 11 Annual Congregation Meeting 11:00
Mon June 12 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Tues June 13 Congregation Board 6:00
Wed June 14 Sisterhood Board 10:00; Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur June 15 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri June 16 Family Shabbat 5:45; Shabbat Services 7:00
Mon June 19 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed June 21 Book Club 10:30; Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur June 22 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri June 23 Shabbat Services 7:00
Mon June 26 Beginning Hebrew 3:00
Wed June 28 Adult Ed 1:30; Advanced Hebrew 3:00
Thur June 29 Conversion Class 7:00
Fri June 30 Shabbat Services 7:

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM CONGREGATIONAL BALLOT

The Nominating Committee met and completed work on the
2023-2024 Slate of Candidates..

The following congregation members are hereby nominated to the positions and
terms stated for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 All have agreed to serve.

President	Kay Fleischaker
1 st Vice President	Julie Rochlin
2 nd Vice President	Michele Kolsky
Treasurer	Janet Kreisman
Recording/Corresponding Secretary	Naomi Berman

Trustees continuing 2 nd . Year of two year term	Robert Fries Wayne Omel
Substitute for resignation of trustee	Barry Hartman

One Year Trustees	Thomasine Williams Rachel Etheridge
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Two year Trustees	Joe Switt Carol DeWitt Barbara B Adler
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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM CONGREGATIONAL BALLOT

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR 2023

Article One Name

The name of the Congregation shall be: **Temple Beth Shalom of Ocala, Incorporated**, ~~an affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism.~~ strike out words. This is so our name matches the name we are registered under with the State.

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Article Three Section II

~~A Jewish member beyond the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah may lead a religious service, or take part in a Torah reading, candle blessing or Kiddush, as these are sancta reserved for Jews. A Jewish family member may participate in the remainder of the service.~~

~~A non Jewish parent of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah may participate in ceremonies such as:~~

- ~~Presentation of Tallit.~~
- ~~Blessing of the child.~~
- ~~Congratulatory speech.~~
- ~~Readings.~~

Delete this entire section and replace with the following:

These policies have been designed to welcome and honor the contributions of those who are not Jews and to set the appropriate boundaries. These boundaries include reserving certain ritual practices for Jews.

Certain prayers and practices will only be led by Jews.

Doxology: Barechu, Shema, Kaddish, other prayers: Aleinu, Tefilah, Torah blessings, and other prayers that begin or end with "Baruch Ata Adonai."

Count in a minyan

Lift the Torah scroll before the assembly.

Carry the Torah in procession (Hakafah) with the exception of Simchat Torah.

We graciously and gratefully welcome the presence and participation of non-Jews in ritual and worship activities.

Partnering with a Jew who is leading any of the above prayers.

Reciting liturgical portions of the service that are not specified above. This includes psalms, songs, poems, inspirational and educative passages, translations of sacred Jewish texts, and prayers on behalf of the congregation, the Nation, the State of Israel, and the infirm.

Presenting or receiving certificates and gifts of Jewish import, e.g., tallit mezuzah, menorah, Kiddush cup, candlesticks, Havdalah set, Tanakh, siddur.

Passing the Torah scroll to friends or kin as a sign of support for their Jewish journeys and enrichment. Whenever possible, the final passing shall give preference Jew to

Jew.

There are no restrictions for supportive roles such as opening and closing the ark and dressing and undressing the Torah.

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Article Three Section V

~~A Jewish male is required to wear a Kippah/Yamulke while on the bima, and a tallit is required if it is during a Torah service. (It is optional for Jewish females.)—Eliminate this section entirely.~~

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Article Three Section VI

~~When called to the bima all should use business casual standards: men; collared shirts, belted trousers, no jeans or shorts; Women no jeans, shorts or revealing tops.—Eliminate this section entirely thereby doing away with any dress code.~~

___ Approve Member #1

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___ Disapprove Member #2

Article Five Membership Section IV

~~Senior Citizen membership shall consist of family or membership as defined above, when one member is age sixty five or older.—Eliminate this section as we no longer have this type of membership.~~

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___ Disapprove Member #2

Section VII

~~Alumni membership shall consist of a person or family living outside Marion County and all contiguous counties in which ne member was educated in the Temple Beth~~

~~Shalom religious school for a minimum of three years.~~ Eliminate this section as we no longer have this type of membership.

_____ Approve Member #1

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**Article Six
Section IV**

Starting with January 1, 2007, all dues will be assessed an additional 3% annually above the prior year’s dues. merely correcting a spelling error.

_____ Approve Member #1

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_____ Disapprove Member #2

Section V

~~If members with arrangements (with the treasurer or president) are not fulfilled that member may not vote and has one year to fulfill their arrears or make new arrangements before being withdrawn.~~

If members who have made arrangements with either the President or Treasurer are not current with that arrangement, that member may not vote and shall have one year within which to bring that arrangement current or make new arrangements before being withdrawn from membership.

_____ Approve Member #1

_____ Disapprove Member #1

_____ Approve Member #2

_____ Disapprove Member #2

Section VI

Starting July 1, 2021, an additional security fee of \$150.00 will be assessed each year to each family unit. This amount will be adjusted annually with the cost of security by the Board.

_____ Approved Member #1

_____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2

_____ Disapproved Member #2

Article Seven

Section I, A

2. Additional nominations may be made by any Temple member by submitting an “Additional Names for Nominations” form which will be distributed to each Temple member. This form shall be sent, either in writing or electronically, to the Chair of the Nomination Committee, who shall forward a copy of this form to the president

immediately upon the receipt of the same. Additional nominations listed on that form are now accepted.

_____ Approved Member #1 _____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2 _____ Disapproved Member #2

~~3. Additional nominations will be accepted if the “Additional Names for Nomination” form is received by the president one month prior to the annual meeting, and is accompanied by two signatures of members in good standing. Delete this section as it is dealt with by 2 above.~~

_____ Approved Member #1 _____ Disapproved Member #1

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5. Any additional nominations will be published, either by mail or electronically, at least 15 days prior to the annual elections meeting.

_____ Approved Member #1 _____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2 _____ Disapproved Member #2

8. The slate will be presented to the board, as a courtesy, prior to publication.

_____ Approved Member #1 _____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2 _____ Disapproved Member #2

C. Election Process

If there are no additional nominations besides the Nomination Committee slate of officers, a simple majority of the members present and proxy votes will elect the entire slate with a single ballot. All ballots may be cast either in writing or electronically.

_____ Approved Member #1 _____ Disapprove Member #1

_____ Approve Member #2 _____ Disapprove Member #2

D. Term Limits

2. Exception may be made for the President, ~~First Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.~~ Corrects officers excepted from term limits.

_____ Approved Member #1 _____ Disapproved Member #1

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**Article Nine
Section III**

The Board of Trustees shall review the dues structure annually and it shall be proposed for the following fiscal year no later than the May Board meeting. The membership dues structure must be approved by a majority of the membership

present, either in person or electronically, at an officially convened congregational meeting.

_____ Approved Member #1

_____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2

_____ Disapproved Member #2

Section IX

~~Temple Beth Shalom shall maintain a Kosher style kitchen, which means only Dairy and Parve foods may be prepared, cooked, plated and/or served. Approval by the Board of Trustees or a board designee is required for any exceptions.~~

Temple Beth Shalom shall maintain a Kosher style kitchen, which means no treif food may be prepared, cooked, plated and/or served. Milk and meat items must be kept separated.

_____ Approved Member #1

_____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2

_____ Disapproved Member #2

**Article Ten
Section**

II). All actions requiring a vote by the general membership of the Congregation of the Temple, will require a 2/3 majority vote of the members present, including proxies, which votes may be cast in writing or electronically, and will be pre-announced no later than thirty days prior to the meeting.

_____ Approved Member #1

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_____ Approved Member #2

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III). Thirty-three percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at general meetings. Proxies are to be included in the count of a quorum. A proxy may be defined as an authorization to vote on a pre-announced or pre-acknowledged issue and must be submitted to the President, in writing or electronically. Proxies will be accepted for election of officers and trustees included by the slate.

_____ Approved Member #1

_____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2

_____ Disapproved Member #2

**Article Eleven
Cemetery
Section**

IX)

B). The Family of the deceased shall agree to set a marker or tombstone over the

grave within one year of the burial. A fee set by the Cemetery Committee and accepted by the Board of Trustees shall be assessed and held for this purpose. The fee shall be returned when the marker or tombstone is installed within one year of the burial. If none is installed within one year of the burial, the Cemetery Committee shall use the assessed fee for that purpose after due notice has been sent to the family.

_____ Approved Member #1

_____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2

_____ Disapproved Member #2

**Article Twelve
Real Property**

Temple funds may not be used to purchase any real property, nor may any real property of the Temple be sold or otherwise alienated without the express action of approval by 2/3 majority vote of the members present, either in person or electronically, at the congregational meeting, either regular or special.

_____ Approved Member #1

_____ Disapproved Member #1

_____ Approved Member #2

_____ Disapproved Member #2

**Article Thirteen
Rules of Procedure
Section**

~~II). The President may call for a telephone or e-mail vote of the Board on a particular issue. The vote shall carry if a 2/3 majority of all eligible voting Board members vote affirmatively to pass the issue. Neither e-mail nor telephone voting will be allowed for voting upon issues which will subsequently be presented at a congregational meeting for congressional approval, such as, but not limited to, purchase or sale of land or changing the dues structure. The Board shall not vote to remove a member from the membership roster via e-mail nor telephone vote.~~

The President may call for a telephone or electronic vote of the Board on any particular issue. The vote shall carry if a 2/3 majority of all eligible voting Board members vote affirmatively to pass the issue.

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