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Shalom Y'all!



I know I may sound like a broken record, but I will scream it from the rooftops as many times as I need to. The Boxt family loves our Ocala Temple Beth Shalom family. And it is much more than that – we love Ocala. We have not lived in a place that embraced us just like we embraced it, and we have lived in a lot of places! From the TBS family to our amazing new home

**BULLETIN** 

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Av—Elul 5783

to the Ina A Colen Academy to Westport High School...and everything in between: we are so lucky and thrilled to be where we are; we hope this mutual love lasts forever!

Truly – you have shown us that your love for us is genuine and unconditional... just as ours is for you. Being the TBS rabbi feels like it was meant to be – *B'sheret*. God brought us to you and you to us! When I enter the doors of the Tree of Life Sanctuary, I feel the holiness and the wholeness that is present. We have worked very hard to accomplish so much already – and I am excited for what lies ahead in our future together!

Have you ever found a "home away from home?" Well, I have – and so has the rest of my family. It would be truly amazing if I could share more of this home with you. So, here is what I propose – Join us at Temple Beth Shalom on Friday, August 25. Our regular service (usually at 7 pm) will be at 6:30 PM. This will be a casual Camp Coleman Friday night service – we hope you will wear white (as is the tradition at Camp Coleman). We will have lots of camp style music AND a story or two from our TBS Camp Coleman alumni!

As a matter of fact, here are some upcoming IMPORTANT dates and times:

Friday August 18 – 6 PM – Consecration/Family Shabbat/Board Installation Service

Friday, August 25 – 6:30 PM – Casual/Wear White/Camp Coleman Shabbat Service

Pay attention to the weekly announcements as we have some other fantastic services and programs coming up in the next school year!

Check out my website: <u>www.rabbierinboxt.com</u> Check out my podcast: <u>https://eboxt1.podbean.com/</u>

B'Shalom, Rabbi Erin Boxt

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Temple Beth Shalom Bulletin



### The President's Message

#### Board Meeting Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 PM

2022— 23 Temple Board

President: Kay Fleischaker

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© 2023 Temple Beth Shalom June and July were fantastic! We celebrated Susan Ahern's Bat Mitzvah and her project of collecting food for interfaith collected 257 pounds, followed by the annual meeting (which btw all the proposed bylaw changes were approved except the congregation wants to maintain appropriate dress when being called to the Bima). I want to thank Arlene Mathews and Susan Jarosh for their time as trustees on the board and welcome Rachel Leikach and Joe Switt as our new trustees. Rabbi Boxt led us in a Pride Shabbat and a Juneteenth Shabbat. Sisterhood has stepped up and is now helping us with Oneg sponsors. Sarina Handleman will be the contact person for Sisterhood. Sisterhood will be providing cookies if there is no sponsor. Thanks to Betsy Brody our 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month interfaith monthly dinner has been handled successfully. Emily Rochlin attended training for our Sunday school curriculum and is super excited about this upcoming year! I want to thank those members who made additional donations to help us with our shortfall at the end of the year!

I remind everyone that the biggest part of our shortfall was from members not paying their dues, yearbook ads and High Holy Day pledges. Please pay whatever you say you will so we won't have a shortfall! Last but certainly not least, I want to congratulate Harvey Taub who is now an ordained Rabbi! On behalf of the congregation we all kvell with him and his family and say Mazel Tov!

July 2<sup>nd</sup> we enjoyed the Stone Creek patriotic concert. Thank you Rita Singer for coordinating this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event! Thank you to Andrea Caufield and Susan Ahearn for doing services while Rabbi Boxt was at camp.

On another topic. How do things get done and decided at the Temple? I'll use the security committee as an example. That committee meets and discusses various ideas. Once they come up with their decisions they present each suggestion to the board. The board then hashes out what is or isn't workable and in some cases what is affordable. The TBS board then votes on each suggestion. An example is the security committee recommended that we have 1 entrance for everyone. The board agreed and voted yes. The next decision was should that entrance be the front doors into the lobby or the side door closest to the parking lot? The board decided to try the front door's first and reevaluate after a period of time. I'm telling you this so you're aware that one person or committees can't just decide on what they want or don't want. There is a process in place. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

#### Highlights from the June board meeting

It was decided not to have a board meeting in July. Only 1 food warmer was purchased when the building was built. With our kitchen being "kosher style " it became apparent that each kitchen needed its own warmer. The Ocala Tree of Life Sanctuary board agreed and is purchasing an additional warmer for our kitchen.

We had a brief discussion on the choir and our music needs. At some point microphones will need to be purchased for the choir so people in the sanctuary, as well for the people streaming can hear the choir better. Also, our electric piano is getting old, so at some point the board will work towards these goals.

Welcome new members: Gale Sherengos and Deborah Genatt Stephen and Debby Zuckerman

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# WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

#### Nosh & Nibbles Wed Aug 9th El Mezcal Restaurant Call for more information

On Wednesday, August 9 at 12:00 noon all interested in socializing are encouraged to join in for an a la carte lunch at the El Mezcal Restaurant at 8449 SW State Road 200, in the Home Hardware and Roses shopping center, (352) 509-7029. The restaurant has promised that members who attend The Adult Education class on Wednesday afternoons at the temple can place their orders first and will be served promptly so that they can get to class on time. This lunch represents the resumption of "Nosh and Nibbles".

Reservations are needed and must be received no later than Sunday afternoon August 6 for the restaurant to make the necessary accommodations. Please email Cindy Stone at <u>cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com</u>.

Note that if you attend most of the Nosh and Nibbles luncheons and place a \$5 contribution (check or cash) in the envelope with your name written on the outside, your ticket for the 2024 End of Year Luncheon will be free.

Sunday, August 13 is the date of our first meeting of the new fiscal calendar year. It will be a good time to reconnect with the women we have not seen in awhile. The meeting starts at 2:00 in the Social Hall of the Temple.

The program is a presentation by Wear Gloves, Inc. a non-profit organization headquartered in Ocala. They partner with the homeless to serve the homeless. Among other projects, they have a workforce readiness program to help people who want to re-enter the workplace gain work experience and employable skills. This organization treats people with dignity and provides projects such as: gardening, painting, jewelry and candle making, carpentry among others.

One of their projects is roasting coffee which they sell as a major fundraiser. You can help by volunteering with them, donating money or purchasing a coffee subscription. For further information, please check out their website <u>https://</u>weargloves.org.

Please join us for a short informative meeting, a terrific program and some refreshments. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joan Brand, president.

#### 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.

#### **"LIVE GENEROUSLY"**

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

### **BIMAH FLOWERS**

#### BIRTHDAYS

Rochelle Gerofsky in honor of Charles' birthday Sandie Rochlin in honor of Eli's birthday Dayle Silver in honor of Steve's Birthday Carol DeWitt in honor of Bruce's birthday Michael Nusinov in honor of his birthday Linda Kroiter in honor of Michael's birthday Michele Kolsky in honor of Reese's birthday Lauren Taub in honor of Harvey's birthday Sue Grossman in honor of Nate's birthday Joan Brand in honor of her birthday Naomi Berman in honor of Carol's birthday Rita Hoffman in honor of her 86th birthday Toby Topiol in honor of Fred's birthday

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Joyce & Bill Fox in honor of their 50th Anniversary Dayle and Steve Silver in honor of their 58th anniversary Linda and Michael Kroiter in honor of their anniversary Flowers: Carol & Bruce DeWitt in honor of their anniversary

### ONEGS

Cindy & Larry Stone Deborah Johnson Rita Hoffman with loving thoughts Hillary & Chuck Zeleznik in honor of their Anniversary Rita Singer in honor of Larry's birthday Andrea and David Caufield in honor of their Anniversary Betsy & Michael Brody in honor of their anniversary Toby Topiol in honor of Alvin's birthday

### SPONSOR AN ONEG

Bimah Flower Coordinator Debra Johnson 352-509-4897

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

Oneg Contact Sarina Handelman 561-289-8771



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.

### **Treasurer's Note**

I would like to thank everyone that has come forward and helped Temple by honoring their commitments. Dues, pledges, fundraising and yearbook ads are the ways we keep things running. When you receive your statements we appreciate a prompt reply.

Janet Kreisman

### Sisterhood Reminders.....

Please don't forget that Uniongrams can be ordered from Toby Burros-Topiol and 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.

<u>Tree Certificates</u> 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 August			
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> Bruce & Barbara Kaplan Edward & Barbara Gorin Michael & Roxanne Baron Kathryn & Paul Abernathy Jeffrey & Judith Marcus	Prayer Book Fund	Bimah Flowers Benefiting the Temple Sisterhood Summer Day Camp and Education Scholarship Funds \$10 for each simchah	
BIRTHDAYS	These are new prayer books for the regular services and High Holidays	Contact	
Lara Zielinsky Chuck Zeleznik Laura Siegel Diana Lawrence	To order, please make your check payable to Temple Beth Shalom	Debra Johnson 352-509-4897	
Kathleen Katz Melanie Marcus Debby Zuckerman Herbert Brinker Joyce Fox Sandra Gerstein Barbara Wolinsky Steven Boetger Linda Kroitor Dayle Silver Stephen Zuckerman	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.		
Barbara Kaplan Mildred Olstein	Please direct all mail for TB	S to the building address	
Dana Olstein Rochelle Gerofsky Naomi J Berman	6140 SW 78th Avenue Road, Ocala, FL 34474.		
Help wanted	The old PO box has been canceled		
We have many committees and pro- grams 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.	Send birthday and anniversary wishes to friends and family with a Un- ionGrams. Show them you were thinking about them while supporting the WRL VES fund. Circle the name (s) of the friends or family from		
We're Searching for Volunteers	Enclose \$3 for each UnionGrams. Checks should be made out to Tem- ple 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.		

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<ul> <li>Donations 6/6 ~ 7/22/2023</li> <li>Cemetery Maintenance Fund Brent &amp; Frances Malever: donation to cemetery fund in honor of Helen Newman Elka Malever: Donation in memory of Helen Newman</li> <li>Fundraising Theodore &amp; Marcelle Schvimmer Joseph &amp; Kristine Switt</li> <li>Capital Fund Francine Askenas Joel Falchook Larry &amp; Sarina Handelman Diane &amp; Barry Hartman Robert Bob Levenson Leon Wohlfahrt</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community Action Theodore Williams Jr &amp; Thomasine Williams: Outreach -Interfaith </li> <li>Lieberman Music Fund Dale Berman &amp; Raoul Garfinkel: in honor of Susan Ahern's Bat Mitzvah Michael &amp; Betsy Brody: in honor of Susan Ahern's bat  mitzvah </li> <li>Kitchen/Oneg Fund Andrea Caufield celebrate 50 Anniversary Robert &amp; Carolina Colen Diane &amp; Barry Hartman Hillary &amp; Chuck Zeleznik</li></ul>		
Melissa Yarger Hillary & Chuck Zeleznik Stephen & Debby Zuckerman	-	olunteer Serv hittee DIRECT	
<b>New Prayer Book Fund</b> Theodore & Marcelle Schvimmer <b>Donations</b>	Rabbinic Duties OTLS Admin Assistant President	Kay Fleischaker	(352) 329-2031 (352) 329-2031 (352) 895-4540
<ul> <li>Selig &amp; Barbara Adler</li> <li>Dale Berman &amp; Raoul Garfinkel: In honor and Appreciation of the sound booth team.</li> <li>Michael &amp; Betsy Brody</li> <li>Edward &amp; Barbara Gorin</li> <li>Susan &amp; Michael Jarosh: Donation made in Honor of Harvey Taub</li> <li>Jay &amp; Janet Kreisman: donation in honor of Susan</li> <li>Ahern's Bat Mitzvah</li> <li>Michael &amp; Marcia Morris</li> <li>Wayne &amp; Raelynn Omel: Balance the Budget donation</li> <li>Jane &amp; Gerald Siegel: in Honor of Marcell Schvimmer's Mother</li> <li>Ruth Stern: Donation made to General fund.</li> <li>Theodore Williams Jr &amp; Thomasine Williams: June Pledge</li> <li>Lyn Zukerkorn: Budget Problem</li> </ul>	Treasurer Membership Bimah flowers Book Club Calendar Cemetery Education Fundraising & Script Interfaith meals J NF Tree Certificates Judaica shop Memorial Plaques Newsletter & Publicity Onegs Ritual	Betsy Brody Naomi Berman Joe Switt Susan Jarosh Julie Rochlin Betsy Brody Amy Schwartz Rochelle Brauman Jackie Kokot Elka Malever Mark Rochlin Sarina Handelman Rachel Leikach—E	(352) 533-2976 (352) 732-7030 (352) 875-5062 (561) 289-8771 Etheridge (770) 310-3162
<ul> <li>Yahrzeit Donations</li> <li>Michael &amp; Roxanne Baron: Yahrzeits for John Selach &amp; Sarah Baron</li> <li>Herbert &amp; Harriet Brinker: Yahrzeit of Fred Brinker</li> <li>Susan &amp; Michael Jarosh: Fathers Yahrzeit -Samuel Manin</li> <li>Amy L. &amp; Susan Schwartz: Yahrzeit of Amy's Mother Louise Adler</li> <li>Marilyn T. Scott: Yahrzeit of Lillian Tepper</li> </ul>	Sisterhood Social Action Sunday School Tree of life (leaf / rock) Union grams Yearbook NIFTY Sponsor	Thommie Williams Emily Rochlin	(352) 566-4648 (443) 742-2818 (352) 875-2070 (352) 875-4223

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Name

\*Harry Michalson

Arlene Webman

Father of Deborah Johnson

Sister of Stan Webman Marcia Parness

Mother of Steve Parness

Congregation Walter Cleveland

### August Yahrzeits

Week of Saturday 7/29 to Friday 8/4

Observed on (civil) Saturday, 7/29/2023

Tuesday, 8/1/2023

Wednesday, 8/2/2023

Friday, 8/4/2023

#### Week of Saturday 8/5 to Friday 8/11

<u>Name</u> *Ida Cohn Congregation	<u>Observed on (civil)</u> Saturday, 8/5/2023
Rose Boxer	Saturday, 8/5/2023
Mother of Carolyn Kirschner	•
Sidney Singer	Saturday, 8/5/2023
Brother of Larry Singer *Rabbi Samuel Dov Berman	Sunday, 8/6/2023
Husband of Dale Berman	Sunday, 0/0/2025
*Ruth Morris	Sunday, 8/6/2023
Mother of Michael Morris	
*Seymour Lawrence	Monday, 8/7/2023
Father of Richard Lawrence *Bertha Steinman	Monday 9/7/2022
Congregation	Monday, 8/7/2023
Judy Greenspan	Monday, 8/7/2023
Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel	-
Reba Heyman	Monday, 8/7/2023
Grandmother of Melissa Yarger *Lillian Lobel	Wednesday 8/0/2022
Fred & Ann Conley	Wednesday, 8/9/2023
Clara Hackmyer	Wednesday, 8/9/2023
Mother of Meryl Peters	
Louis Gordon	Thursday, 8/10/2023
Grandfather of Betsy Brody	

#### Week of Saturday 8/12 to Friday 8/18

<u>Name</u> \*Alan Goroff Brother of Janet Kreisman A. Tom Kirschner Father of Rita Singer Observed on (civil) Je Friday, 8/11/2023

Jewish

Friday, 8/11/2023

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*Jay Zaroff	Sa	aturday, 8/12/2023
Congregation		
Barbara Breiter	Sa	aturday, 8/12/2023
Mother of Deborah Breiter-Terry		
Fred Brinker	Si	unday, 8/13/2023
Father of Herbert Brinker		
Alice Falchook	Μ	londay, 8/14/2023
Mother of Joel Falchook		
Janet Wood	Μ	londay, 8/14/2023
Mother in law of Naomi Berman		
Albert Goldberg	T	uesday, 8/15/2023
Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel		
Norma Price	T	uesday, 8/15/2023
Daughter of Robert Price		
David Ungar	T	uesday, 8/15/2023
Brother of Roxanne Baron		
Betty Lipson	W	/ednesday, 8/16/2023
Sister of Herbert Brinker		
*Dr Charles Sheptin	T	hursday, 8/17/2023
Congregation		
Raymond Spear	T	hursday, 8/17/2023
Father of Diane Hartman		
Alan Adler	F	riday, 8/18/2023
Brother of Selig Adler		
David Basch	F	riday, 8/18/2023
Father of Rita Hoffman		
Muriel Malkin	F	riday, 8/18/2023
Mother of Marion Taub		

Week of Saturday 8/19 to Friday 8/25

Observed on (civil) Jewish Saturday, 8/19/2023

Tuesday, 8/22/2023

Tuesday, 8/22/2023

**Tuesday**, 8/22/2023

Tuesday, 8/22/2023

Wednesday, 8/23/2023

Wednesday, 8/23/2023

Week of Saturday 8/26 to Friday 9/1

Observed on (civil) Sunday, 8/27/2023

Sunday, 8/27/2023

Jewish

Name Nathan Dunn Father of Cindy Stone Harry Siegel

Name

Leonard Rockower

Matthew Brand

**Sheldon Greef** 

Fave Webman

\*Minnie Block

**Rae Topiol** 

Son of Joan Brand Helen Grasberg

Mother of Susan Ahern

Brother of Harriet Brinker

Mother of Stan Webman

Mother of Elka Malever

Mother of Alvin Topiol

Father of Robert Rockower

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Father of Jerry Siegel		
*Edmund Meinket	Monday, 8/28/2023	3
Congregation		
*Rabbi Walter Zanger	Monday, 8/28/2023	<b>,</b>
Husband of Paula Barnard		
Harold Brody	Monday, 8/28/2023	5
Father of Michael Brody		•
Ethel Dunn Mathan of Cindu Stone	Monday, 8/28/2023	)
Mother of Cindy Stone	Tuesday 8/20/2022	2
William Yager Sr. Father-in-Law of Melissa Yarger	Tuesday, 8/29/2023	
*Livia Gabor	Wednesday, 8/30/2	023
Congregation	Weanesday, 0/00/2	020
*William Gabor	Wednesday, 8/30/2	023
Congregation		
*Jean D Malever	Wednesday, 8/30/2	023
Mother of Brent Malever		
Richard Santman	Wednesday, 8/30/2	023
Brother of David Santman		••
Sie Berke	Thursday, 8/31/202	23
Father of Joan Brand Fannie Kupchik	Thursdoy, 9/21/20/	12
Grandmother of Diane Gilmore	Thursday, 8/31/202	25
Grandmother of Drane Grimore		
	Week of Saturday 9/2 to Friday 9/8	
Name	Observed on (civil)	Jewish
*Irving Rubin	Saturday, 9/2/2023	
Father of Jay Rubin		
Alfred Gilmore	Sunday, 9/3/2023	
Husband of Diane Gilmore *Richard Salpeter	Monday, 9/4/2023	
Congregation	Withuay, 9/4/2025	
Congregation		
Week of Saturday 9/9 to Friday 9/15		

Observed on (civil) Jewish Monday, 9/11/2023

Thursday, 9/14/2023

Friday, 9/15/2023

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Name

Florence Clark

Congregation \*Morris Dittman

Kenneth Colen Congregation

Aunt of Wayne Omel \*William Grier

June 10, 2023 was a life affirming day for me. At the young age of 65, I celebrated my Bat Mitzvah Ceremony at Temple Beth Shalom. Like most Jewish youths, I started studying Hebrew and preparing for Bat Mitzvah when I was a tween. No, I am not a slow learner! A funny thing happened on my way to Bat Mitzvah.....

It was 1969. I had been studying Hebrew for a couple years. We lived in a New Jersey suburb of NYC, where there were many Jewish families (so many that public schools closed for the Jewish high holy days). We belonged to a reform Temple not far from our house. Then we moved to rural Northeastern Pennsylvania, where I was the only Jew in my school. The closest temple was over an hour away.

My father asked if I wanted to continue to study and prepare for Bat Mitzvah, as he would make sure that I was able to get to Hebrew school despite the distance. It didn't seem like it was a big deal for girls or for me at the time, so I said no, I would not continue.

Fast forward, many years later, in my 60s and in a renaissance period of my life, I have been getting <u>re</u>-acquainted with my Jewish roots. Over the past 40 some years I was like a Jew wandering in the desert, not sure where I was going spiritually, knowing that I was a Jew and continuing to have a strong faith, but not belonging to any formal organization. I explored joining a temple a couple times, but the congregation/leader didn't seem like a good fit. Then we moved to Stone Creek in 2019. Tree of Life and Temple Beth Shalom were almost completed across the street, and once opened, I stuck my toe in the waters and the waters felt good! The rabbi and congregation were so friendly and welcoming, and here we are: Active members for more than a year, and me, recently celebrating Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

As is traditional, for my mitzvah project I chose something related to my Parsha and/or other social action. One issue I have always been concerned with and involved with in the communities in which I have lived is helping people combat food insecurity. As such, I sponsored a month long drive to collect food items for Interfaith Emergency Services. I was so pleased and honored when the TBS family donated 257 pounds of food and \$68 in cash donations.

Thank you, TBS family! Thank you to Herb Katz for helping me refresh my Hebrew skills, and thank you Rabbi Erin Boxt for the plethora of patience, support, and guidance!

Susan Ahern



### **Interfaith Emergency Services Monthly Dinners**

Thanks go to the wonderful people who provided dinner for the residents of the Interfaith shelter on the first Wednesday of June: Raelyn & Wayne Omel and Rita & Larry Singer; July: Susan & Michael Ahern and Debbie Johnson and to Kay Fleischaker, who will be doing so on August: 2.

We are covered for September and for January. I have a tentative offer for October 4 and need volunteers for November 1 and December 6. Please consider signing up with another couple to reduce the cost and effort. It can be fun preparing the food or you can purchase it all pre made, the choice is yours. Contact me by email at esb501@yahoo.com or leave a message on my phone (listed in the yearbook/directory.

Thanks to everyone for all your help in this endeavor. The Temple's commitment is many years old and has been honored monthly. Let's not let these people down. If everyone did this once every other year or two it would be so easy. Betsy Brody

**PFLAG Ocala** 

PFLAG Ocala holds a monthly support and educational meeting for LGBTQ+ individuals, family members, and caring allies, every 4th Sunday at 1:00 in the Social Hall. For those in need of support, or are willing to learn how to be the presence of love and support to those in our families and our community, we hope you will come and connect with us. Our next meeting will be Sunday, Aug 27, 2023 at 1:00pm.

If you have any questions, contact PflagOcala@gmail.com or call (352) 316-7995.

#### **Temple Beth Shalom Book Club News**

We met in June to discuss "The Jew Store", which everyone enjoyed. Those attending decided to hold the December meeting on the 6th so as to avoid conflicts with holiday celebrations, guests and or travels. Please note this date in your calendar June The August book is "People Love Dead Jews" by Dara Horn. This discussion will take place at the home of Michele Kolsky on August 16th, at 10:30 AM. Please call her for directions if you don't know her location. She's listed in the yearbook/directory.

On October 18th we'll discuss "The Last Summer at the "Golden Hotel", by Elyssa Friedland, location to be announced; and in December, "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life" by Walter Isaacson, the exact date and location to be decided.

If you are interested in joining the group, all members are welcome, please contact Betsy Brody by phone or email (esb501@yahoo.com). The members select the books and will be submitting suggested titles in September and October to be voted on in November. All books must either be by a Jewish author or have some Jewish content. It is hoped that at least one book will be a biography and suggestions must be accompanied by a brief summary and the number of pages.

Happy Reading, Betsy Brody

#### COME TO OUR GIFT SHOP!

Welcome to the Judaica Shop! We have jewelry, books, talisim, kippot, and so much more! Our inventory is constantly changing, and we are happy to talk to you about your preferences and needs.



We are open before services, and by appointment (10 - 3 any weekday, when the temple is open).

Contact Rochelle at (352) 509-7681, or Jackie Kocot at (352) 533 - 2976. Come check us out!

### **Temple Events**

### August

Wed Aug 2 Torah Study 1:30; Membership Committee 1:30 Fri Aug 4 Shabbat Services 7:00 Tues Aug 8 Congregation Board 6:30 Wed Aug 9 Sisterhood Board 10:00;Nosh & Nibbles 12:00;Torah Study 1:30 Thurs Aug 10 Ritual Committee 6:30 Fri Aug 11 Shabbat Services 7:00 Sat Aug 12 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30 Sun Aug 13 Religious School Registration 9:45;Sisterhood General Meeting 2:00 Wed Aug 16 Book Club 10:30;Torah Study 1:30;Security Committee Meeting 2:00 Fri Aug 18 Special Shabbat Services Congregation Board Installation, Consecration Sun Aug 20 First Day of Religious School 9:45-11:30 Wed Aug 23 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00 Fri Aug 25 Shabbat Services Camp Colman-Dress White/Casual 6:30 Sun Aug 27 Religious School 9:45 Wed Aug 30 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00

### September

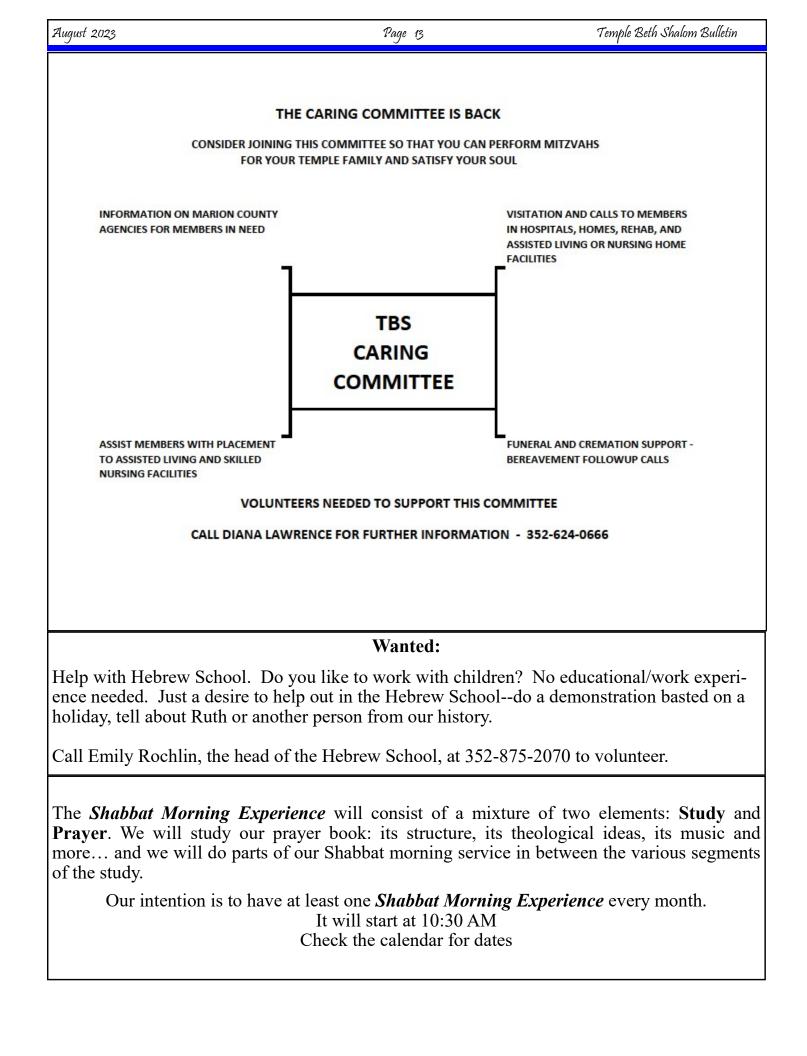
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### Yearbook news—Updates or Corrections

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—SUBJECT TO CHANGE** 

- Sept 9 Saturday, 6:30 PM Selichot
- Sept 15 Friday, 7 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Sept 16 Saturday, 10 AM Rosh Hashanah I
- Sept 17 Sunday, 10 AM Rosh Hashanah II
- Sept 24 Sunday, 7:00 PM Erev Yom Kippur,
- Sept 25 Monday, 10 AM Yom Kippur Morning
- Sept 29 Friday, 7:00 PM Sukkot
- Oct 6 Friday, 6 PM Yizkor

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