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My love for Israel is irrefutable. This does not mean I must agree with everything Israel does...but when it comes to the safety and protection of Israel and her citizens, my passion for Israel is unquestionable. I love Israel – the food, the people, the places...the emotions I experience in every place I visit. Israel is not only the homeland for the Jewish people – it is MY homeland. It is not my nation of birth... but it is my homeland. I wish and hope for peace for everyone and anyone that lives in Israel and in all of the territories and countries surrounding Israel. My love for Israel is indubitable.

Lech L'cha...

“Go,” God tells me. “Get away from here.”
“Go somewhere new...to a place I will show you.”
But, I do not want to go there. I want to stay here.
Because if I go there, what will become of me?

The pictures, the sounds, the stories of **there** make me afraid.
Here, I am safe with my family...not wondering what will happen next.
The mayor’s office calls - a proclamation in support of Israel beckons.
If I accept this support, am I forgetting about the **others** who are suffering?

You see - this is a terror that no one is able to walk away from.
Everyone knows someone who knows someone who knows someone.
There are “sides.” But, we are all suffering...everyone on all sides.
Maybe I will close my eyes and the pain will go away.

With my eyes closed, I still hear the pain...the sunlight beats down on my back.

The sun knows that there is no way to avoid this....there is no escape.
The noise only gets louder and louder...even if I cannot see.
But if I open my eyes, what must I do next? Do I go there, or stay here?

I cannot go there...and I cannot stay here.
The cries beckon to me, asking for something...
Do I have what is needed? Am I able to ease the pain?
Lech L'cha...Go, to a place I will show you.

Rabbi Erin Boxt



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The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,
Nov 14 at 6:30 PM**

2022— 23 Temple Board

President:
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Representative:
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Beth Shalom

We were all in shock with the horrific news of Israel being attacked by Hamas. I was immediately asked “where do I send money and to whom?” “I have a relative there or a friend and they’re ok for now.” “Was this when the Rabbi’s trip to Israel was?” “Should we have services this week? I’m scared.” “Are we having extra security?” “Do we have a sheriff this week?”

I want to assure you that our Temple always takes security seriously. In fact, at the last board meeting we reevaluated if we thought the front doors were the safest and should we continue using those doors as THE entrance to the building. After a lively discussion it was decided, by the board, to continue using the front doors to enter the building. We will continue to have security and do our best to insure a safe environment for everyone.

In the bulletin last month I thanked many people for making the High Holy Days successful. This month I want again, for each of you to think and look around and say to yourself, “I wonder who makes sure we have candles and who puts them in the candlesticks?” “Who turned on this week’s Yhartziet lights or turned on the lights in the sanctuary?” “Who bought challah and got the wine ready for Kiddush?” You get my drift? Everything is done by a Temple volunteer. A non paid volunteer! An “in the background” volunteer who is rarely thanked. Please don’t get mad when something isn’t done correctly or somebody forgot something. All these Temple volunteers are just like you, a Temple member trying to help and perform a mitzvah for you to enjoy the services. I urge each of you to become a Temple volunteer and help us to run things smoothly. Please remember if something is wrong, nicely talk to whoever – no one deserves to be yelled at.

Board highlights

A new committee is being formed - the Life Cycle Committee. This committee will be working on parameters for non ritual events such as weddings etc. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this committee.

Bob Alper, the comedian, will perform on November 13th at 7:00. We will charge \$20 to cover the costs.

100 people attended break-the-fast! Next year we will ask the congregation to stay seated until the completion of services and the wall is taken down so that everyone eats at the same time.

We will have a food drive during Chanukah.

New members

Michael and Marissa Dandurand
Brooke Atkisson & David Estrada

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Oneg Reminder

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. The Social hall is a shared space, but during Temple events we will maintain the same standards of Kosher style and no treif food will be served and milk and meat items will remain separated.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Sisterhood News by Betsy Brody

Nosh & Nibbles
Nov 15 Azule Tequila
Call for more information

The November 15 Nosh and Nibbles will be held at Azule Tequila. This, totally social luncheon is open to members and friends, male and female alike. Reservations are required so if you plan to join us please contact Cindy Stone [cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com is the email and 561-699-6474 is Cindy's cell] to let her know you are coming. Lunch is from 12:15 to about 2 PM.

The October program with a speaker from the Marion County Humane Society was a big success. Sisterhood holds open meetings for the membership every other month and so there will be no meeting in November. According to tradition the December 10th meeting will be, at least in part, a celebration of Chanukah. Our programs are open to everyone, including men, who might find the subject of interest.

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.

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

Jules Sigler in Honor of Barbara's birthday
Eli Rochlin in honor of his birthday
Arlene & Allen Goodman in honor of their
birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

Mildred & Arnold Olstein in honor of their
anniversary

ONEGS

Wayne and Raelynn Omel
Sisterhood

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



Sisterhood's Calling Circle

Sisterhood has a calling circle for those mem-
bers of our congregation that live alone.

If you wish to be a caller or if you live alone
and want a regular phone call please

contact Michelle Kolsky.

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 con-
sidered 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.

Sisterhood Reminders.....

Please don't forget that Uniongrams can be or-
dered from Toby Burros-Topiol and Trees in
Israel can be ordered from Amy Schwartz.

Contributions in honor of birthdays, anniver-
saries 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.

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 November

ANNIVERSARIES

Herbert & Harriet Brinker
Joseph & Kristine Switt
Michael & Marcia Morris
Philip & Dana Olstein
Jane & Gerald Siegel
Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros

BIRTHDAYS

Andrea Gray
Jerred Malever
Scott Siemens
Wayne Hastad
Bruce Kaplan
Barbara Adler
Leah Klitenick
Ruby Julien
Allen Cohen
Addison Mathews
Eric Adelman
Jean Kincaid
Amy Rubin
Rochelle Brauman
Jay Kreisman
Robert Price
Katie Rochlin Julien
Joanna Schuyler
Deborah Genatt
Elka Malever
Arieh Colen
Rebecca Richter
Elaine Richter
Michele Kolsky
Justin Kroitor
Linda Siemens
Ann Conley
Barbara Moscoffion
Kristine Switt
Daniel Colen
Sarina Handelman
Karen Swillinger
Isis Erdvig

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 and High Holidays

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

\$12 for each *simchah*

Contact

Deborah Johnson
352-509-4897



Please direct all mail for TBS to the building address

6140 SW 78th Avenue Road, Ocala, FL 34474.

The old PO box has been canceled

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.

Donations 9/10— 10/30/2023**Donations**

Fred & Ann Conley: Donation in Honor of Julie Rochlin in support of Jeff & Katherine
 Bruce & Carol DeWitt: in Honor of Jeff & Katherine
 Fred and Ann Conley
 Jules & Barbara Sigler
 Theodore Williams Jr & Thomasine Williams

Yahrzeit Donations

Barry & Barbara B Adler: Yahrzeit of Simon Barron
 Ms. Susan Bernstein: Yahrzeit of Steven Jay Bernstein
 Joan Brand: Yahrzeits of Sie, Berke, Eva, Louise & Mathew
 Michael & Betsy Brody: Yahrzeit of Doris Sack & Rose Brody-Goldsmith
 Fred & Ann Conley: Yahrzeit of Mary Conley & Irving Feingold
 William & Joyce Fox: yahrzeit of Lester Fox
 Robert Gustav Fries: Yahrzeit of Margaret Susan Fries
 Nathan & Susan Grossman: Yahrzeit of David Zuckerman
 Larry & Sarina Handelman: yahrzeit of Ruth Handelman
 Deborah Johnson: Yahrzeit of Linda Gayton-Cousin
 Herb & Kathleen Katz: Yahrzeit of Ester Katz
 Michael Nusinov: Yahrzeit of Goldie Greenwald-Mother of Carole
 Michael Nusinov: yahrzeit of Rose Nusinov
 Arnold & Mildred Olstein: yahrzeit of Melvin Sanderson & Dorothy Sanderson
 Arnold & Mildred Olstein: Yahrzeits of Annette Cremona & Harry Olstein
 Philip & Dana Olstein: Yahrzeit of Harry Olstein
 Eli & Sandra Rochlin: Yahrzeit of Michael Sheptin-Nephew of Eli & Sandie
 Theodore & Marcelle Schwimmer: Yahrzeit of Eugene Schwimmer
 Amy L. & Susan Schwartz: Yahrzeit of Rose Katz-Aunt of Amy
 Marilyn T. Scott: Yahrzeit of A. Charles Scott & Sol Scott
 Jane & Gerald Siegel: Yahrzeit of Lillian Shauffer-Mother of Jane
 Lawrence Singer & Ms. Rita Lewison-Singer: Yahrzeit of Mildred Kirschner - Mother of Rita
 Ruth Stern: Yahrzeit of Margot Stern - Mother of Ruth
 Ruth Stern: Yahrzeit of Rahel Stern-Grandmother
 Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros: Yahrzeit of Beverly Topiol
 Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros: Yahrzeit of Saul Trauner
 Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros: Yahrzeit of William Burros

Stan Webman: Yahrzeit of Alfred Webman
 Stephen & Debby Zuckerman: Yahrzeit of Fred Kasmir

Lieberman Music Fund

Dale Berman & Raoul Garfinkel - Yahrzeit of Anne Shore-Mother of Dale
 Dale Berman & Raoul Garfinkel - Yahrzeit of Dale's Son -Ari Berman
 Linda Donaldson

Rabbi Discretionary

Luis Isaza
 Dale Berman & Raoul Garfinkel
 Wayne & Raelynn Omel

Kitchen/Oneg Fund

Rita Hoffman
 Jay & Janet Kreisman

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	Deborah Johnson	(352) 509-4897
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	Sarina Handelman	(561) 289-8771
Ritual	Rachel Leikach—Etheridge	(770) 310-3162
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	



November Yahrzeits



Week of Saturday 10/28 to Friday 11/3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Alexander Sander Deutsch Grandfather of Caufield	Saturday, 10/28/2023
* Sidney Colen Father of Ken Colen	Sunday, 10/29/2023
Eleanore Webman Wife of Stan Webman	Sunday, 10/29/2023
Esther Katz Mother of Herb Katz	Monday, 10/30/2023
Linda Gayton Cousin of Deborah Johnson	Tuesday, 10/31/2023
* Joseph Levine Congregation	Wednesday, 11/1/2023
* Harry Olstein Father of Arnold Olstein Grandfather of Philip Olstein	Wednesday, 11/1/2023
* Charlotte Mesnick Congregation	Friday, 11/3/2023
* Arthur Morris Father of Michael Morris	Friday, 11/3/2023
Earl Kincaid Husband of Jean Kincaid	Friday, 11/3/2023

Week of Saturday 11/4 to Friday 11/10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
* Shirley Feingold Mother of Ann Conley	Saturday, 11/4/2023	
* Dorothy Schifrin Aunt of Ann Conley	Saturday, 11/4/2023	
Barbara Walt Daughter of Bernard Walt	Saturday, 11/4/2023	
Arthur Fleischaker Father of Fleischaker	Monday, 11/6/2023	
* Joseph David Malever Grandfather of Brent Malever	Tuesday, 11/7/2023	
Steven Jay Bernstein Husband of Susan Bernstein	Tuesday, 11/7/2023	



Our heartfelt condolences
go out to Eli Rochlin and the
Rochlin and Julien families on the
passing of

Sandie Rochlin

May her memory be for a blessing.

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permanent Memorial Board.
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permanent memorial board
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352-732-7030



Rose Smith Mother in law of Bernard Walt	Tuesday, 11/7/2023
Francis Cain Father of Arlene Goodman	Wednesday, 11/8/2023
Fred Kasmir Father of Debby Zuckerman	Wednesday, 11/8/2023
Rahel Stern Grandmother of Ruth Stern	Wednesday, 11/8/2023
Frances Switt Sister of Joseph Switt	Thursday, 11/9/2023
*Irwin Edelman Congregation	Friday, 11/10/2023

Week of Saturday 11/11 to Friday 11/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
*Carl Tepper Father of Marilyn T. Scott	Sunday, 11/12/2023	
*Herman Falk Congregation	Monday, 11/13/2023	
Laura Cohen Sister of Hillary Zeleznik	Tuesday, 11/14/2023	
Edward Greef Father of Harriet Brinker	Wednesday, 11/15/2023	
*William Burros Husband of Toby Topiol Father of Lauren Taub	Friday, 11/17/2023	
*Helene Crawford Congregation	Friday, 11/17/2023	
*Mabel Marks Congregation	Friday, 11/17/2023	
Annette Cremona Sister of Arnold Olstein	Friday, 11/17/2023	
Elisabeth Davis Mother of Edward Davis	Friday, 11/17/2023	

Week of Saturday 11/18 to Friday 11/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
*Rosalie Cohen Congregation	Saturday, 11/18/2023	
*Jack Siegel Congregation	Saturday, 11/18/2023	
*Mildred Spero Congregation	Saturday, 11/18/2023	
*Lillian Plotkin Grandmother of Nathan Grossman	Sunday, 11/19/2023	
Fanny Abramson Grandmother of Wayne Omel	Sunday, 11/19/2023	
Morris Baron	Sunday, 11/19/2023	

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Grandfather of Michael Baron

***Judith Kroitor**

Monday, 11/20/2023

Mother of Michael Kroitor

***Fred Malever**

Monday, 11/20/2023

Father of Brent Malever

***Janet Rosengarten**

Wednesday, 11/22/2023

Mother of Richard Lawrence

Louis Herson

Thursday, 11/23/2023

Grandfather of Diane Gilmore

***Sylvia Mark**

Friday, 11/24/2023

Congregation

Sadie Herson

Friday, 11/24/2023

Grandmother of Diane Gilmore

Week of Saturday 11/25 to Friday 12/1NameObserved on (civil) Jewish**Lester Fox**

Saturday, 11/25/2023

Father of William Fox

Selma Switt

Saturday, 11/25/2023

Mother of Joseph Switt

Abraham Kupchik

Sunday, 11/26/2023

Grandfather of Diane Gilmore

***Szymon Lamus**

Monday, 11/27/2023

Congregation

Fanny Fleischaker

Monday, 11/27/2023

Grandmother of Kay Fleischaker

Samuel Klopper

Monday, 11/27/2023

Grandfather of Edward Davis & Barbara Wolinsky

Rose Nusinov

Monday, 11/27/2023

Mother of Michael Nusinov

Jack Stein

Tuesday, 11/28/2023

Father of Terri Stein

N. Harry Sack

Wednesday, 11/29/2023

Father of Betsy Brody

***Jacob Mark**

Thursday, 11/30/2023

Congregation

Minnie Elizabeth Taylor-Deutsch

Thursday, 11/30/2023

Grandmother of Andrea Caufield

Dominic Campanile

Friday, 12/1/2023

Father of Kathleen Katz

Arthur Santman

Friday, 12/1/2023

Father of David Santman

Week of Saturday 12/2 to Friday 12/8NameObserved on (civil) Jewish***Henry Marks**

Saturday, 12/2/2023

Congregation

***Paul Weisenfeld**

Saturday, 12/2/2023

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Congregation *Samuel Pomerance	Sunday, 12/3/2023
Congregation Stuart Flexner	Sunday, 12/3/2023
Uncle of Kay Fleischaker *Irving Gilman	Monday, 12/4/2023
Congregation Bernard Weinstein	Monday, 12/4/2023
Father of Naomi J Berman *Bertha Caminsky	Wednesday, 12/6/2023
Grandmother of Arnold Olstein Great-Grandmother of Philip Olstein *Mitchell Mark	Wednesday, 12/6/2023
Congregation *Michael Aptak	Friday, 12/8/2023
Brother of Dana Olstein *Sonia Grossman	Friday, 12/8/2023
Mother of Nathan Grossman *S. Stanley Malever	Friday, 12/8/2023
Husband of Elka Malever	

Week of Saturday 12/9 to Friday 12/16

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
Jeffrey Askenas Husband of Francine Askenas	Saturday, 12/9/2023	
Paul Deutsch Father of Andrea Caufield	Saturday, 12/9/2023	
William Miller Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel	Saturday, 12/9/2023	
Frieda Rutkowsky Grandmother of Michael Baron	Saturday, 12/9/2023	
Cookie Nusinov Wife of Michael Nusinov	Monday, 12/11/2023	
Emmanuel Silverstein Father of Steve Silver	Thursday, 12/14/2023	
Evelyn Walt Wife of Bernard Walt	Thursday, 12/14/2023	

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Interfaith Emergency Services Monthly Dinners

I am happy to report that the dinner sponsored by Ted and Thommie Williams and Michael and Betsy Brody in October was a success and the dinner planned for November 1 will be provided by Bob Levinson and Grace Dunlevy. We have sponsors for the December and January dinners but need volunteers for the First Wednesday of every month thereafter. Please sign up with Betsy Brody, selecting your choice of month, as soon as possible. We are eternally grateful to those who have so graciously volunteered so far.

If you haven't ever done this "mitzvah" consider going along with these volunteers, helping a bit and learning the ropes. It is not difficult and can be very rewarding. If everyone provided a dinner once every two or 3 years we'd have no trouble filling up the calendar. Contact Betsy Brody for more information or to volunteer.

PFLAG Ocala

There will be no PFLAG Ocala support meetings in November or December. If you or a loved one needs support during the Nov/Dec holiday season, please email PflagOcala@gmail.com or call (352) 316-7995 for support or a referral.

PFLAG Ocala holds a monthly support and educational meeting for LGBTQ+ individuals, family members, and caring allies.. 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. If you have any questions, contact PflagOcala@gmail.com or call (352) 316-7995

Thank You

The Rochlin and Julien Families would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, texts, kindness and support that they have received from the congregation during this time of grief.

Temple Beth Shalom Book Club News

For a variety of reasons there was no meeting of the Book Club in October. On **Wednesday, December 6, at 10:30 the club will meet in the Temple Media Room**, unless otherwise noticed. At that time we will discuss both books: The Last Summer at the Golden Hotel and Benjamin Franklin: An American Life. We will also determine the future of the club and, assuming that we chose to continue, we will select the books for the 2024 year's reading.

The club is open to all Temple members. Please consider joining us if you enjoy reading and discussing what you read. All selections must either have Jewish content or a Jewish author. The members select the books to read. If you are interested please send your name, email and phone number to Betsy Brody (esb501@yahoo.com) and plan to attend the next meeting.

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

NOVEMBER

Wed Nov 1 Membership Committee 1:30; Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Nov 3 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Nov 5 Sunday School 9:45
 Tues Nov 7 Beginning adult Hebrew 1:00; Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Nov 8 Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Thurs Nov 9 Mahjong Party 12:00; Ritual Committee Meeting 6:30
 Fri Nov 10 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sat Nov 11 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30
 Sun Nov 12 Sunday School 9:45
 Mon Nov 13 Comedian Bob Alper in Concert 7:00
 Tues Nov 14 Adult Beg Hebrew 1:00; Adult Adv Hebrew 2:30; Congregation Board 6:30
 Wed Nov 15 Sisterhood Board 10:00; Nosh & Nibbles 12:00; Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Thurs Nov 16 Interfaith Thanksgiving service
 Fri Nov 17 Family Shabbat 5:45; Classical Reform Shabbat Service 7:00
 Sun Nov 19 NO Sunday School
 Tues Nov 21 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00; Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Nov 22 Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Nov 24 Shabbat Services
 Sun Nov 26 NO Sunday School
 Tues Nov 28 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00; Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Nov 29 Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00

DECEMBER

Fri Dec 1 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Dec 3 Sunday School 9:45; Gary Helfand in Concert
 Tues Dec 5 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00; Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Dec 6 Book Club 10:30; Membership Committee 1:30; Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Thurs Dec 7 Magic show and Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30
 Fri Dec 8 Chanukah Shabbat Service and Celebration 6:30
 Sat Dec 9 Shabbat Morning Service 10:30; Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30
 Sun Dec 10 Sunday School 9:45; Sisterhood General Meeting 2:00; Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30
 Mon Dec 11 Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30
 Tues Dec 12 Adult Beg Hebrew 1:00; Adult Adv Hebrew 2:30; Candle lighting 6:30;
 Congregation Board 6:30
 Wed Dec 13 Sisterhood Board 10:00; Nosh & Nibbles 12:00; Adult Ed 1:30; Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30;
 Conversion Class 7:00
 Thurs Dec 14 Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30; Ritual Committee 6:30
 Fri Dec 15 Family Shabbat 5:45; Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Dec 17 Sunday School 9:45
 Tues Dec 19 Adult Beginning Hebrew 1:00; Adult Advanced Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Dec 20 Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Dec 22 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Dec 24 NO Sunday School
 Tues Dec 26 Adult Beginning Hebrew 1:00; Adult Advanced Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Dec 27 Adult Ed 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Dec 29 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Dec 31 NO Sunday School

The President's Message continued

Beautiful words written by Heather Kafetz. I hope you take a moment to read and share.

A Quiet American Jew

I have always been a quiet American Jew. I am not religious. I am not kosher. My children do not go to a Jewish day school, and I do not go to synagogue on most Shabbats. Instead, I quietly celebrate the high holidays, quietly respond “thank you” when a stranger wishes me a Merry Christmas at Hannukah time, quietly pray to Gd when I am really desperate and quietly thank Gd for all of the blessings in my life. Quietly try to instill a love of Judaism in my children, while quietly hoping that they will gain this love without putting in much effort. And certainly, I never publicly declare or display my love of Judaism or Israel, because, after all, I am just a quiet American Jew.

So why is a quiet American Jew so deeply affected by the atrocities in Israel? Why is the pain of a quiet American Jew so deep? Am I even entitled to feel so heartbroken or to express my anger and frustration when I am just a quiet American Jew? I don't know that I can articulate the answers to these questions, as the answers are deeply rooted in the fabric of every Jew. Of course, as a human being, the horrors committed upon the Jewish people should elicit heartbreak and outrage in any decent person. Surely, if a quiet American Jew can recognize this, everyone should, right?

But, more than outrage and heartbreak from one human being to another, there is something else happening to this quiet American Jew, something so much more. Something has awakened inside of me. A profound love and connection to my people, to my brothers and sisters in Israel, and to the generations who came before me. The knowledge that anti-semitism lives in the loud actions of our enemies, but also in the quiet silence of some neighbors and friends. A deep connection to a strong community coming together in unity, both Jews and non-Jews alike, as my feelings of loneliness turn to solidarity. A bravery and resilience of my people that I had only read about and heard stories of, but now have the honor of witnessing firsthand. And most importantly, I have awakened to the realization that I no longer have the luxury of being a quiet American Jew. None of us do.

-Heather Kafetz

General Shiva information for Temple Beth Shalom

The Temple supplies bagels, lox and cream cheese for the family, if they're sitting Shiva at home or the Temple.

Temple Sisterhood supplies a fruit tray following the Temple lead.
Temple members and friends bring whatever they want to supplement.
Hope this clears up questions we recently received.

Rakefet Portal News

If you have trouble connecting to your account on the Rakefet Portal, please contact Janet Kreisman

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