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Shalom Y'all,

When Elana Mizrahi and her family decided to make Aliyah and move to Israel, I am certain the following story was not what they expected. However, as you will see from the ending, sometimes we just need to open up our eyes and embrace our challenges in life.

The Treasure Within Discovering the Blessing in the Challenge

By Elana Mizrahi

We were at it again. My husband and I, the wandering Jews, had to move once again. We had a week to pack up our home, and somehow, we did it. It was hard to find movers on such short notice, and all our previous movers were booked. A friend recommended to us some movers whom she had just used and had been happy with. They were free, and when Thursday—Moving Day—came, we were ready.

The movers arrived, and even from the beginning I could tell that this move was going to be different than the ones before, and it was. What is usually a four-hour move (we know because we have done this six times in nine years) was going on and on. Nine hours had passed, and they weren't finished. The movers were breaking things left and right. I anxiously looked at the clock. When would this move end?

It was already close to midnight, and they told us, "We're not moving up your couches or your refrigerator. We can't. There's no way that they can come up. Think fast where you want us to leave them, because we are going."

My stomach fell; my heart skipped beats. My throat had a lump in it, and tears were about to burst forth on my cheeks. I was exhausted, worn out and drained. We had no one to call, no one to turn to. I pleaded with them, and prayed. I told my children, who should have been in bed hours before, to pray. I think, after seeing the look on my face and hearing the despair in my voice (and of course, more importantly, the praying) they agreed to bring up one couch and the refrigerator, and then they left. The other couch, a couch that had taken me a year of hard work to pay off, was left on the street.

Our new apartment, half the size of the one that we had just moved from, was crowded and packed to the brim. There was no space to move. We managed to get the kids to sleep, and then, just when I thought that our situation could not get any worse, it did . . . cockroaches!

I spotted one, and then another one. Suddenly there were hundreds of

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The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,
November 12 at 6:30 PM**

2024— 25 Temple Board

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Beth Shalom

I am completely overwhelmed with the incredible High Holy Days we have had this year. It takes several months to plan and bring everything to fruition.

In no order, I would like to thank the many volunteers and committees. If I left out anyone, my sincere apologies.

The Ritual Committee – Susan Ahern (co-chair), Stephen Zuckerman (co-chair), Rabbi, Dr. Harvey Taub, Ruth Stern, Jay Kreisman, Barry Hartman, Michael Brody and Dale Berman.

Ushers: Ruth Stern, Stan Webman, Alan Stern and Julie Rochlin for handing out the honors.

Livestreaming – Mark Rochlin and Herb Katz

The Chair Committee – Barry Hartman (chair), Wayne Omel, Alan Stern, Joel Falchuk, Darrell Etheridge, Michael Ahern, Stephen Zuckerman, Bill Fox and Raoul Garfinkel

The Security Committee– Darrell Etheridge (chair), Janet Kreisman, Ted Schwimmer, Barry Adler, Lauren Taub, Joe Switt, Sarah Wilson, UCC – Barbara Gross, Judith Greenlee, Diane Donahue, Jill Carel, Mary Ann Bongiorno, Pat Myers, Ken Hall and Jerry Donna

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Youth Program – Emily Rochlin

Sisterhood – Oneg following Rosh Hashanah

Apples & Honey – Karen Cox, Kay Fleischaker, Stephen and Debby Zuckerman

Tashlich - Susan Ahern, Stephen Zuckerman and Debby Zuckerman

Music/Singers - Raoul Garfinkel, Dale Berman, Susan Ahern, Andrea & David Caufield, Larry Singer, Thommie Williams, Diane Gilmore, Linda Donalson, Betsy Body and Ethan Matthews

Shofar – Rabbi, Dr. Harvey Taub, Joe Switt, Ken Colen, Michael Brody, Ari and Danny Colen

High Holy Day Appeal – Wayne Omel

Last but not least – Rabbi Erin Boxt for always doing a phenomenal job leading services and preparing meaningful sermons.

I often speak about the importance of teamwork. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for everyone the helped make the High Holy Days successful.

OTLS PET ADOPTION EVENT

On Saturday, November 23, from 10AM-2PM in the OTLS parking lot, Marion County Animal Services in conjunction with OTLS will bring 6-8 socialized dogs ready for adoption. The fees are not yet determined, but will not exceed \$50. We hope to unite these sweet animals with a family and create their forever homes.

Contact Di Michelson 630-828-3555 with questions.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Sisterhood News by Betsy Brody

Nosh & Nibbles
November 13th
 For more information
cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com

On Sunday October 13, Sisterhood provided a program of preparation for voting open to all Temple members and community guests. There were more than 40 people in attendance. Many attendees participated in asking questions, some of which the speaker couldn't answer and promised to research and get answers back to us.

The speaker, Audrietta Coleman Izlar is a principal speaker from the local Tri County League of Women Voters chapter. She was very thorough. She used a PowerPoint presentation and had handouts as she explained the six (6) Florida State Constitutional Amendments on the ballot this November 5th.

The League only takes positions on issues that they have studied and on which they have reached consensus. As a result, there is only one on which the LWV has a position, that being amendment # 6 which would repeal Florida's law providing Public Campaign Financing for Statewide Offices. The League worked hard, lobbying the legislature, to help get that law passed and therefore does not want it repealed.

All amendments were presented with pros and cons provided along with lists of organizations which both support and oppose each. Amendments 1, 2, 5 and 6 are Legislative amendments - that is they were written and passed by the state legislature which put them on our ballot. Amendments 3 and 4 were created by citizen initiatives. Each amendment must pass statewide by 60% of the total vote in order to go into effect.

If you missed the meeting and have not voted at the time you are reading this you can go to vote411.org to get additional information.

The next Nosh and Nibbles is Wednesday, November 13 at Milano's. The restaurant is located in Heathbrook Commons at 5400 SW 200 where the other Publix supermarket is. We are gathering there at noon. We have hosted Nosh and Nibbles there in the past and always had a great meal and a good time.

If you have not previously made your reservation, please contact Joan at nufgal6e@gmail.com. or call me at 352-566-4648 to make your reservation.

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,**

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BIRTHDAYS

Arnold & Mildred Olstein in honor of their
Anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

Darrell Ethridge in honor of Rachael's birthday
Hillary Zeleznik in honor of her birthday
Jules Sigler in honor of his birthday

HIGH HOLIDAYS BOTH DAYS

Abernathy, Kathryn & Paul
Ahern, Susan & Michael
Barnard, Paula
Berman, Naomi
Boxt, Batya
Brand, Joan
Brauman, Rochelle
Brody, Betsy & Michael
Clifton, Sara
Conley, Fred & Ann
Davis, Ed & Barbara Wolinsky
DeRoven, Rick & Risa
DeWitt, Bruce & Carol
Dandurand, Michael & Marissa
Fries, Robert
Gerofsky, Rochelle
Grossman, Nathan & Susan
Hartman, Diane & Barry
Jarosh, Susan
Johnson, Debbie & Steve
Katz, Herb & Kathleen
Kolsky, Michele
Levenson, Bob & Grace
Malever, Brent & Frances
Malever, Elka
Mondry, Gabriel & Rebekah
Nusinov, Michael
Olstein, Arnold & Mildred
Omel, Wayne & Raelynn
Pereira, Alissa & Renan
Rochlin, Eli
Schreiber, Douglas & Heather
Schwartz, Amy
Sigler, Jules & Barbara
Silver, Steve & Dayle
Stern, Alan & Fran
Stern, Ruth
Stone, Larry & Cindy
Switt, Joe & Kris

Taub, Harvey & Lauren
Turkin, Diane
Williams, Ted & Thommie
Wilson, Sarah
Wyner, Steve
Yarger, Melissa
Zuckerman, Annette
Zuckerman, Steve & Debbie
Zuckerhorn, Lyn

ROSH HASHANAH:

Adler, Barry & Barbara
Askenas, Francine
Berman, Dale & Garfinkel, Raoul
Caufield, Andrea
Falchok, Joel
Gorin, Edward & Barbara
Hoffman, Rita
Kaplan, Barbara
Kocot, Jackie
Mathews, Joseph & Arlene
Peters, Meryl
Singer, Larry & Rita

YOM KIPPUR:

Bernstein, Susan
Fleischaker, Kay
Fox, William & Joyce
Gilmore, Diane
Handelman, Larry & Sarina
Leikach-Ethridge, Rachel & Darrell

**Bimah Flower Coordinator
Deborah Johnson 352-509-4897**

ONEGS

Debby & Stephen Zuckerman for their anniversary

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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**

Simchas for November

ANNIVERSARIES

Herbert & Harriet Brinker
Joseph & Kristine Switt
Michael & Marcia Morris
Rochelle Brauman
Philip & Dana Olstein
Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros
Deborah and Steve Johnson

BIRTHDAYS

Andrea Gray
Jerred Malever
Scott Siemens
Wayne Hastad
Barbara Adler
Danika Boxt
Leah Klitenick
Addison Mathews
Eric Adelman
Amy Rubin
Rochelle Brauman
Jay Kreisman
Robert Price
Katie Rochlin
Joanna Schuyler
Deborah Genatt
Elka Malever
Arieh Colen
Rebecca Richter
Michele Kolsky
Justin Kroitor
Linda Siemens
Ann Conley
Barbara Moscoffion
Kristine Switt
Daniel Colen
Sarina Handelman
Karen Berk
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.

Want the latest news? Log on to our web site.

www.jewishocala.com

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Be on our e-mail list!

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 Rachel Leikach-Etheridge know. This is the fastest way to let you know about Special Events!!

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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 @ \$5 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 9/22 - 10/28/24***Cemetery Maintenance Fund**

Elka Malever: Yahrzeit of Robert Block-Father/
Minnie Block-Mother of Elka

Fundraising

Mark & Julie Rochlin

Capital Fund

Hillary & Chuck Zeleznik

Donations

Vinnette Marson
Barry & Barbara B Adler: in Honor of Lynn & James
Wyner
Douglas & Heather Schreiber

Yahrzeit Donations

Ms. Dale Berman & Mr. Raoul Garfinkel: Yahrzeit of
Ari Berman-Son of Dale Berman
Herbert & Harriet Brinker: Yahrzeits of Regina
Brinker, Sheldon, F. Brinker
Michael & Betsy Brody: Yahrzeits of Doris Sack &
Rose Brody-Goldsmith Mothers
Fred & Ann Conley: Yahrzeits of Irving Feingold &
Mary Conley
Rochelle Gerofsky: Yahrzeit of Eleanor Smith -Aunt
of Rochelle
Nathan & Susan Grossman: Yahrzeit of David
Zuckerman-Sue's Father
Deborah and Steve Johnson: Yahrzeit of
Linda Gayton
Deborah and Steve Johnson: Yahrzeit of
Nadia Madorny
Deborah and Steve Johnson: Yahrzeit of
Walter Cleveland
Herb & Kathleen Katz: Yahrzeit of Ester Katz
Arnold & Mildred Olstein: Yahrzeit of Dorothy
Sanderson-Mother of Mildred
Eli Rochlin: Yahrzeits of Michael Sheptin & Sandie
Rochlin
Theodore & Marcelle Schvimmer: Yahrzeit of Eugene
Schvimmer
Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros: Yahrzeit for
Beverly Topiol
Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros: Yahrzeit of Saul
Trauner

Lieberman Music Fund

Ms. Dale Berman & Mr. Raoul Garfinkel: Yahrzeit
of Anne Shore

Cemetery Donations

Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Luis Isaza
Michael Nusinov: Yahrzeit of Goldie Greenwald
Stephen & Debby Zuckerman
Wayne & Raelynn Omel
Larry & Cindy Stone

**Temple Volunteer Services
and Committee DIRECTORY**

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Union grams	Toby Burros-Topiol	(352) 509-7845
Yearbook	Julie Rochlin	(352) 207-5385



November Yahrzeits



Week of Saturday 10/26 to Friday 11/1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
* Robert Block Father of Elka Malever	Saturday, 10/26/2024
* Blanche Flax Congregation	Sunday, 10/27/2024
Alexander Sander Deutsch Grandfather of Caufield	Monday, 10/28/2024
Eleanore Webman Wife of Stan Webman	Tuesday, 10/29/2024
Esther Katz Mother of Herb Katz	Wednesday, 10/30/2024
Jeffery Scholder Cousin of Jay Kreisman	Wednesday, 10/30/2024
* Joseph Levine Congregation	Friday, 11/1/2024
* Harry Olstein Father of Arnold Olstein Grandfather of Philip Olstein	Friday, 11/1/2024

Week of Saturday 11/2 to Friday 11/8

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
* Charlotte Mesnick Congregation	Sunday, 11/3/2024
* Arthur Morris Father of Michael Morris	Sunday, 11/3/2024
* Shirley Feingold Mother of Ann Conley	Monday, 11/4/2024
* Dorothy Schifrin Aunt of Ann Conley	Monday, 11/4/2024
Michael Jarosh Husband of Susan Jarosh Father of Andrea Gray	Monday, 11/4/2024
Brian Marks Brother of Leslie Richman	Monday, 11/4/2024
Barbara Walt Daughter of Bernard Walt	Monday, 11/4/2024



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

Beverly Schaffer

May her memory be for a blessing.



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permanent Memorial Board.**

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Arthur Fleischaker Father of Kay Fleischaker	Wednesday, 11/6/2024
*Joseph David Malever Grandfather of Brent Malever	Thursday, 11/7/2024
Steven Jay Bernstein Husband of Susan Bernstein	Thursday, 11/7/2024
Rose Smith Mother in law of Bernard Walt	Thursday, 11/7/2024
Francis Cain Father of Arlene Goodman	Friday, 11/8/2024
Fred Kasmir Father of Debby Zuckerman	Friday, 11/8/2024
Rahel Stern Grandmother of Ruth Stern	Friday, 11/8/2024

Week of Saturday 11/9 to Friday 11/15

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>	
Frances Switt Sister of Joe Switt	Saturday, 11/9/2024	
*Irwin Edelman Congregation	Sunday, 11/10/2024	
*Carl Tepper Congregation	Tuesday, 11/12/2024	
Sidney *Colen Father of Ken Colen	Wednesday, 11/13/2024	Heshvan
*Herman Falk Congregation	Wednesday, 11/13/2024	
Laura Cohen Sister of Hillary Zeleznik	Thursday, 11/14/2024	
Edward Greef Father of Harriet Brinker	Friday, 11/15/2024	

Week of Saturday 11/16 to Friday 11/22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*William Burros Husband of Toby Topiol Father of Lauren Taub	Sunday, 11/17/2024
*Helene Crawford Congregation	Sunday, 11/17/2024
*Mabel Marks Congregation	Sunday, 11/17/2024
Annette Cremona Sister of Arnold Olstein Aunt of Phillip Olstein	Sunday, 11/17/2024
Elisabeth Davis Mother of Barbara Wolinsky	Sunday, 11/17/2024
*Rosalie Cohen Congregation	Monday, 11/18/2024

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*Jack Siegel Congregation	Monday, 11/18/2024
*Mildred Spero Congregation	Monday, 11/18/2024
*Lillian Plotkin Grandmother of Nathan Grossman	Tuesday, 11/19/2024
Fanny Abramson Grandmother of Wayne Omel	Tuesday, 11/19/2024
Morris Baron Grandfather of Michael Baron	Tuesday, 11/19/2024
*Judith Kroitor Mother of Michael Kroitor	Wednesday, 11/20/2024
*Fred Malever Father of Brent Malever	Wednesday, 11/20/2024
*Janet Rosengarten Congregation	Friday, 11/22/2024

Week of Saturday 11/23 to Friday 11/29

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Louis Herson Grandfather of Diane Gilmore	Saturday, 11/23/2024
* Sylvia Mark Congregation	Sunday, 11/24/2024
Sadie Herson Grandmother of Diane Gilmore	Sunday, 11/24/2024
Abraham Kupchik Grandfather of Diane Gilmore	Sunday, 11/24/2024
Lester Fox Father of William Fox	Monday, 11/25/2024
Selma Switt Mother of Joe Switt	Monday, 11/25/2024
*Szymon Lamus Congregation	Wednesday, 11/27/2024
Fanny Fleischaker Grandmother of Kay Fleischaker	Wednesday, 11/27/2024
Samuel Klopper Grandfather of Edward Davis & Barbara Wolinsky	Wednesday, 11/27/2024
Rose Nusinov Mother of Michael Nusinov	Wednesday, 11/27/2024
Jack Stein Father of Terri Stein	Thursday, 11/28/2024
N. Harry Sack Father of Betsy Brody	Friday, 11/29/2024

Week of Saturday 11/30 to Friday 12/6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Jacob Mark Congregation	Saturday, 11/30/2024

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Minnie Elizabeth Taylor-Deitsch Grandmother of Andrea Caufield	Saturday, 11/30/2024
Claire Boxt Mother of Erin Boxt	Sunday, 12/1/2024
Dominic Campanile Father of Kathleen Katz	Sunday, 12/1/2024
Arthur Santman Father of David Santman	Sunday, 12/1/2024
*Henry Marks Congregation	Monday, 12/2/2024
*Paul Weisenfeld Congregation	Monday, 12/2/2024
Helen Greenwald Mother of Joyce Fox	Monday, 12/2/2024
*Samuel Pomerance Congregation	Tuesday, 12/3/2024
Stuart Flexner Uncle of Kay Fleischaker	Tuesday, 12/3/2024
William Johnson Deborah and Steve Johnson	Tuesday, 12/3/2024
*Irving Gilman Congregation	Wednesday, 12/4/2024
Bernard Weinstein Father of Naomi Berman	Wednesday, 12/4/2024
*Bertha Caminsky Grandmother of Arnold Olstein	Friday, 12/6/2024
*Mitchell Mark Congregation	Friday, 12/6/2024

Week of Saturday 12/7 to Friday 12/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Jennie Heyman Mother of Melissa Yarger	Saturday, 12/7/2024
*Michael Aptak Brother of Dana Olstein	Sunday, 12/8/2024
*Sonia Grossman Mother of Nathan Grossman	Sunday, 12/8/2024
*S. Stanley Malever Husband of Elka Malever	Sunday, 12/8/2024
Jeffrey Askenas Husband of Francine Askenas	Monday, 12/9/2024
Paul Deutsch Father of Andrea Caufield	Monday, 12/9/2024
William Miller Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel	Monday, 12/9/2024
Frieda Rutkowsky Grandmother of Michael Baron	Monday, 12/9/2024
Cookie Nusinov Wife of Michael	Wednesday, 12/11/2024
Miriam (Mickey) Lischner Aunt of Jay Kreisman	Thursday, 12/12/2024

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Temple Events

November

Fri Nov 1 Shabbat Services 7:00 New Member Shabbat
Sun Nov 3 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Nov 4 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Nov 5 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
Wed Nov 6 Membership Committee 1:30;Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
Fri Nov 8 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat Nov 9 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30
Sun Nov 10 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Nov 11 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Nov 12 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30;Congregation Board 6:30
Wed Nov 13 Sisterhood Board 10:00;Nosh & Nibbles 12:00;Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
Thurs Nov 14 Ritual Committee 6:30
Fri Nov 15 Family Shabbat 5:45;Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Nov 17 Sunday School 9:30;Thanksgiving Meal 12:00
Mon Nov 18 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Nov 19 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
Wed Nov 20 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 7:00
Fri Nov 22 Classical Reform Shabbat Service 7:00
Sun Nov 24 NO Sunday School; Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00
Mon Nov 25 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Nov 26 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Hebrew 2:20
Wed Nov 27 Check with instructor about classes
Fri Nov 29 Shabbat Services 7:00

December

Sun Dec 1 NO Sunday School
Mon Dec 2 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Dec 3 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
Wed Dec 4 Membership Committee 1:30;Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
Fri Dec 6 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Dec 8 Sunday School 9:30;Sisterhood General Meeting 2:00
Mon Dec 9 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Dec 10 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30;Congregation Board 6:30
Wed Dec 11 Sisterhood Board 10:00;Nosh & Nibbles 12:00;Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
Thurs Dec 12 Ritual Committee 6:30
Fri Dec 13 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Dec 15 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Dec 16 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Dec 17 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
Wed Dec 18 Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
Fri Dec 20 Family Shabbat 5:45; Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat Dec 21 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30 Bar Mitzvah of Ari Colen
Sun Dec 22 NO Sunday School
Mon Dec 23 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Dec 24 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
Wed Dec 25 Check with Instructor about classes; Chanukah Candle Lighting 6:30
Wed Dec 26 Chanukah Candle Lighting 6:30
Fri Dec 27 Chanukah Service and Celebration 6:30
Sun Dec 29 NO Sunday School
Mon Dec 30 TBS Singers 2:45
Tues Dec 31 Check with Instructor about classes

Interfaith Emergency Services Monthly Dinners

Once more we thank the people who delivered dinner to the residents at the Interfaith shelter this year. A special thanks goes to the Rochlins who brought money to cover the cost of dinner on the first Wednesday of October which happened to be “erev Rosh Hashanah”. The November 6th dinner is being provided by Diane Gilmore and Melissa Yaeger. We are lacking coverage for December 4th and January 1. Please contact Betsy Brody as soon as possible to offer your services.

We have no-one signed up for 2025 except for February.. The job is not difficult. It is easier if done with others. It can be fun and is usually fulfilling and rewarding. It is always appreciated by the residents of the shelter at Interfaith. If you have never provided a dinner please consider signing up to do one. As no one has signed up for 2025, you can have your pick of dates. Temple Beth Shalom is responsible for providing dinner on the first Wednesday of every month and we have been doing this for more than 25 years. Please consider taking a date. contact Betsy Brody for details [352-347-5597 or esb501@yahoo.com]. Betsy provides whatever paper supplies you don't have and will give you a sheet with guidelines and instructions.

Temple Beth Shalom Book Club News

On October 23, members of the Book Club met to discuss “Not Our Kind,” a book of fiction which dealt with both issues of anti-Semitism and independence. We were all able to relate to both of these issues. While the actual story is a bit obvious the underlying themes were worthy of discussion.

In our next meeting, December 18, we'll be discussion the last book of this year, “Hotel Cuba” by Aaron Hamburger. This book deals with several topics as well: emigration, discrimination, family and courage. The book is available on kindle, in paperback as well as hardcover.

Fleeing the chaos of World War I and the terror of the Soviet Revolution, practical, sensible Pearl Kahn and her lovestruck, impulsive younger sibling Frieda sail for America to join their sister in New York. But discriminatory new immigration laws bar their entry, and the young women are turned back at Ellis Island. With few options, Pearl and Frieda head for Havana, Cuba, convinced they will find a way to overcome this setback.

At first, life in big-city Prohibition-era Havana is overwhelming, like nothing Pearl and Frieda have ever experienced—or could have ever imagined in the rural shtetl where they grew up. As the sisters begin to adjust, their plans for going to America together become complicated. Frieda falls for the not-so-dreamy man of her dreams while Pearl's life opens up unexpectedly, offering her a taste of freedom and heady romance, and an opportunity to build a future on her own terms. A heartbreaking, epic family story, Hotel Cuba explores the profound courage of two women displaced from their home who strive to create a new future in an enticing and dangerous world far different from anything they have ever known. Contact Betsy Brody if you wish to join the group.

COME TO OUR GIFT SHOP!

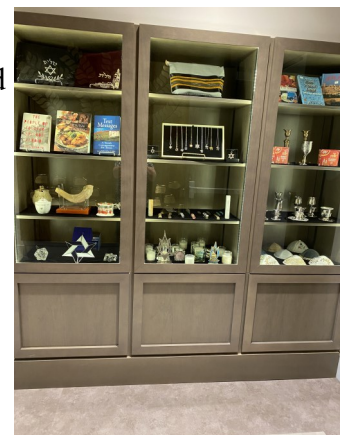
The New Year is coming soon, and with it, the chance to get something new and different. We have lots of new things, lots of interesting things, and lots of special things. Come see what's new!

Come see us and start the New Year off in a special way!

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

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them, little ones, big ones. This was not just one family; this was an entire nation of cockroaches crawling out of every nook and cranny, every corner and every wall.

It was now 3:30 in the morning, and for the first time in a long time, I broke. I felt destroyed, taken advantage of, and I felt so low. The famous question, "Why?" arose from my throat. Why? I, who am always so strong and

focused, who wakes up in the morning every day with a mission and a purpose, who has faith and clarity—I, Elana, broke. "I don't understand. What does G-d want from me? Why does everything have to be such a struggle? What are we doing here, and why?" And do you know what my husband answered me? "Elana, I don't know why, but I am very calm (someone has to be!). If this situation is such a test for us, it must mean that there is a treasure here."

What does G-d want from me? Why does everything have to be such a struggle? Before I go on and tell you the end to this story, and what happened to our couch, let me tell you that the words my husband said to me that Thursday night resonated and penetrated my heart. While the dawn was breaking, I kept telling myself, "There must be a treasure here."

The next day, as we waited for the exterminator to come, my children and I played "chase and hide 'n' seek" with the cockroaches. He came, and we had to leave for an entire week as the apartment aired out. Friends opened their doors to us, and for the first time in I don't know how many years, I had a true vacation! We arrived back home, and within a day we had everything unpacked. The movers came back and brought our couch up. (It was a miracle that nobody stole it!) Things started to look up.

That was a month ago. Since then, we have had two different exterminators come five times. A plumber has had to come twice, a handyman numerous times, and two electricians. Our oven broke. Oh, let me think if I am missing something . . . I thank G-d that was it, and this whole time I kept reminding myself about the treasure. And you know what—I found it!

I started to see the light and charm of our new little home. All these externalities—they get fixed and taken care of. (Yes, even the cockroaches are starting to go away at last!) It's a hassle and annoying, but you can't let them deter you from the treasure within. I have a beautiful family, thank G-d, with laughter and domestic harmony, and that is what makes a beautiful home.

We have special people who live on our street, a wonderful mixture of all kinds of Jews, and I must say that in the five countries that I have lived in, and the numerous homes and streets, I have never felt so comfortable and or happy. Our location is magnificent. I am a five minutes' walk from my children's schools, a three minutes' walk from a fun and lively food market, and a thirty minutes' walk from the Western Wall—the holiest place in the world. Our apartment, which houses five people in a space that is smaller than my parents' bedroom, is spacious enough for us and to host my children's friends all the time; more kids come to us in a day than I ever had over as a child in a year.

This entire experience has taught me a valuable lesson: it's not the walls that make a home, it's the people. It's not the size that determines wealth or happiness, but the light of holiness and the contentment to be happy with what you have. You can have two people living in a mansion and it's crowded, or eight people living in a two-bedroom apartment and there's always enough space.

Sometimes, what appears as an affliction is really just a message for us to appreciate what we have, and to dig deeper within to find the treasure. You might need to break down some walls first, but the treasure and goodness of every situation is there, just waiting to be discovered.

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