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Dearest TBS Family,

I am going to tell you a secret. Many people do not know or understand the secret I am about to tell you, but I hope you get it. Ready: Rabbis are people too. That's right; we experience joy, happiness and wonder. We also experience grief, sadness and tragedy. One of the many things I hear from congregants is, "Wow, I do not know how you are able to go from an extremely high time to an extremely low time, sometimes in the same day. I couldn't do it..." You know what? It is NOT easy. However, one of the most important aspects of being a rabbi is the need to be *human*. I do cry; I do jump for joy. When celebrating a joyous life cycle event with congregants, I am often soooooo overwhelmingly overjoyed. And, the opposite is true too – when helping congregants deal with the emotions of pain, I often feel pain. So, how am I able to be strong during these moments? How am I able to help congregants gain clarity when it seems impossible? Because, I, too, have experienced pain, grief and tragedy.

You see, my mother, z"l, died in 2004 after a hard fought battle with breast cancer. I was 28. I had been married for a little over 2 years. Batya and I had not begun to even think about having kids yet. I was a technology teacher in Fulton County. I had worked as a middle school teacher for several years before that – in public, private and religious school. When mom died, I really struggled with God...where was God? Ultimately, it was my strong faith in God and my love for Judaism that allowed me to get through those very dark moments – especially the first High Holy Day period. During the first Yizkor service, I was lost. I could not make sense of what happened. However, it was during my struggles that I decided to finally pursue rabbinical school at HUC-JIR. I recognized that my pain was not abnormal or strange. It was a pain that many people before and after had and would experience. I realized that my way of dealing with my own struggles would be to help others deal with theirs. And, you know what? I knew this before Mom died. It was her final battle with breast cancer that pushed me over the edge – that pushed me that final step toward accomplishing my life goal of becoming a rabbi.

Ultimately, it is the battles we face in life that help to shape us. It is these battles and struggles that help us grow and become the individuals we are. However, it is not just the battles. Our wins, our glorious moments, our celebrations – these also help shape us. It is during our struggles, though, that we lose sight of the wonder. So, some people make it our life's work (you see this is not a job, but a life style) to help each other and all of our congregants and really anyone we come across who needs it. Maybe you have something you need to get off of your chest or are struggling with. As the saying goes, "My door is always open..."

Rabbi Erin Boxt



The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,
December 10 at 6:30 PM**

2024— 25 Temple Board

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Beth Shalom

It has been 14 months since we witnessed one of the worst acts of terrorism the world has seen. Jews have been targets of hatred and antisemitism for thousands of years, and through the power of the media, the world witnessed what we have always been up against. We must never forget how fragile our heritage is, and we must never stop moving forward as a religion and a people. Since the events of October 7, 2023, the Jewish people and the State of Israel continually fight for our rights to freely practice our religion and the existence of the Jewish State. Even though the war exists thousands of miles away, antisemitism is at an all-time worldwide high, and as a congregation, we must be diligent in protecting ourselves.

We find it necessary to hire deputy sheriff personnel for all our services, in order to keep us safe, which comes at a financial cost. Many members have generously donated additional funds along with their monthly dues to help finance our security needs. Sadly, we cannot foresee an end to this burden that has been put upon us, and we must continually rely on the support of our members. I realize the economy has hurt all of us, but I would like to ask those who can afford to help us to be as generous as possible.

We are closing out the year with many upcoming events on our calendar. Look through the temple website's "Events" section for all we offer. Historically, Jews spend Christmas watching movies and eating Chinese food; not this year, it's Chanukah! Mazel Tov. Remember to join us on December 27th for Chanukah Shabbat and participate in our celebration at 6:30 P.M. BYOM-Bring Your Own Menorah to help Light up the Night. Volunteers are needed to make/buy latkes, donuts, applesauce, sour cream etc. Please contact Stephen Zuckerman or Susan Ahern and let them know what you plan to bring.

While we are celebrating, it's important to remember not all people are as fortunate as us, and no child should be without a toy during the holiday season. Our annual toy drive is in full swing, and along with UCC, we are collecting new unwrapped toys to be delivered to children throughout Marion County. There are boxes in the lobby for your donations. Please bring your toy to the temple before Monday, December 9. Let's help put smiles on the faces of as many children as possible.

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
December 11th
 For more information
cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com

The December **Nosh and Nibbles** will be at The Depot on Magnolia on **December 11** at noon. The address is 533 NE First Avenue in downtown Ocala. Please contact Cindy Stone to reserve a spot at our table. Leave a message at 352-840-0152 or email <cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com>.

Sunday, December 8 at 2 PM is the Sisterhood open Membership Meeting. Please come to join in some Chanukah fun with socializing, a game and refreshments. Our Membership meetings are every other month so the next one won't be until February. In the meantime, Have a very happy Chanukah (or Hanukkah) and peaceful and healthy secular New Year.

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 @ \$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.

Please direct all mail for TBS to the building address

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

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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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

♦ If you need assistance with your Rakefet online account, please contact Janet Kreisman

**BIMAH FLOWERS
BIRTHDAYS**

Batya Boxt in honor of Danika’s birthday
Rochelle Brauman
Elka Malever
Michele Kolsky
Joe Switt in honor of Kris’s birthday
Karen Berk
Larry Handelman in honor of Sarina's birthday

ANNIVERSARIES

Kris & Joe Switt in honor of their anniversary
Alvin & Toby Topiol-Burros in honor of their anniversary
Steve & Debbie Johnson in honor of their anniversary
Harvey & Lauren Taub in honor of their anniversary

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

ONEGS

Larry & Sarina Handelman in honor of Sarina's birthday and their anniversary

SPONSOR AN ONEG

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**

Sisterhood’s Calling Circle

Sisterhood has a calling circle for those members 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.

This is another way to show that we care and keep our community safe.

Benjamin Thomas Gittess was born on October 24, 2024

Congrats to the family:
Mom & Dad
David and Hayley Gittess

And new big sister
Diana Gittess

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 Deborah Johnson.

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.

Interfaith of Marion County

Temple Beth Shalom helps those less fortunate in our community by sponsoring a dinner at Interfaith on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Please volunteer time or food for this important community outreach program

Sign up by contacting Betsy Brody—

Food donations are also accepted any time. Please bring non-perishable food donations to Temple. They can be placed in the donation bin by the door to our Sanctuary.

Simchas for December

ANNIVERSARIES

Lauren & Harvey Taub
Selig & Barbara Adler
Michael & Marissa Dandurand
Gabriel Mondry & Rebekah Villar-
Mondry

BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Miner
Holly Rubin
Rachel Rochlin
Diane Hartman
Philip Olstein
Joseph Mathews
Steve Johnson
Lucas Taub
Steven Wyner
Cordel Miner
Jennifer Weishaus
Robert Stone
Rachel Brody
Susan Jarosh
Stephen Dantzig
Patricia Klitenick
Robert Rockower

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.

Rakefet Portal News

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

Janet Kreisman
at (609) 273-6955

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

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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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Temple Beth Shalom Ocala

Bimah Flowers

Benefiting the
Temple Sisterhood
Summer Day Camp and
Education
Scholarship Funds
\$12 for each *simcha*

Contact

Bimah Flower Coordinator
Deborah Johnson 352-509-
4897



SHABBATONES CHORUS
OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

CHORAL SONGS TO
ENLIGHTEN HANUKKAH

Join us for a community-wide celebration



December 29 at 4 PM
Congregation B'nai Israel
Tickets at Eventbrite.com

Donations 10/29 - 11/25/24

Cemetery Maintenance Fund

Alvin Topiol & Toby Topiol-Burros: Yahrzeit of William Burros

Donations

Vinnette Marson

Yahrzeit Donations

Herbert & Harriet Brinker: Yahrzeit of Edward Greef - Father of Harriet
 Fred & Ann Conley: Yahrzeit of Dorothy Schiffrin
 Fred & Ann Conley: Yahrzeit of Shirley Feingold
 William & Joyce Fox: Yahrzeit of Lester Fox
 Alan & Arlene Goodman: Yahrzeit of Francis Cain
 Nathan & Susan Grossman: Yahrzeit of Lillian Plotkin
 Susan Jarosh: Yahrzeit of Michael Jarosh
 Arnold & Mildred Olstein: Yahrzeit of Annette Cremona-Arnold's Sister
 Arnold & Mildred Olstein: Yahrzeit of Harry Olstein-Arnold's Father
 Ruth Stern: Yahrzeit of Rahel Stern
 Joseph & Kristine Switt: Yahrzeit of Frances Switt & Selma Switt
 Hillary & Chuck Zeleznik: Yahrzeit of Laura Cohen
 Stephen & Debby Zuckerman: Yahrzeit of Fred Kasmir

Entertainment Fund

Susan & Michael Ahern
 Diane "Di" & Harley Michelson

Rabbi Discretionary

Susan & Michael Ahern
 Michael Nusinov: Yahrzeit of Rose Nusinov

Kitchen/Oneg Fund

Robert & Carolina Colen: ONEG for Ari Colen Bar Mitsvah

Tree of Life

For recognizing major Simchas, purchase a leaf or a rock on the new

Tree of Life

Rochelle Gerofsky 352-875-4223
 rochelle.gerofsky@gmail.com

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 Volunteer Services and Committee DIRECTORY

Rabbinic Duties	Rabbi Erin Boxt	(352) 329-2031
OTLS Admin Assistant	Vanessa Hunter	(352) 329-2031
President	Rachel Leikach-Etheridge	(770) 310-3162
Treasurer	Janet Kreisman	(609) 273-6955
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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	Rochelle Brauman	
Fundraising & Script	Julie Rochlin	(352) 207-5385
Interfaith meals	Betsy Brody	(352) 347-5597
JNF 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
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	Susan Ahern	
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



November Yahrzeits



Week of Saturday 11/30 to Friday 12/6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
* Jacob Mark Congregation	Saturday, 11/30/2024
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>
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Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Altman family on the passing of
Carmon Altman

May her memory be for a blessing.



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permanent Memorial Board.**
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Janet Kreisman or Julie Rochlin



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

Week of Saturday 12/14 to Friday 12/20

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Emmanuel Silverstein Father of Steve Silver	Saturday, 12/14/2024
Bob Stone Close friend of Stern Family	Saturday, 12/14/2024
Evelyn Walt Wife of Bernard Walt	Saturday, 12/14/2024
* Martin Grier Congregation	Sunday, 12/15/2024
* Lillian Schwartz Amy L. & Susan Schwartz	Sunday, 12/15/2024
Sadie Milberg Grandmother of Marti McLean	Sunday, 12/15/2024
Samuel Sigler Father of Jules Sigler	Sunday, 12/15/2024
Kay L. Levenson Mother of Bob Levenson	Monday, 12/16/2024
Sonia Katz Grandmother of Amy Schwartz	Tuesday, 12/17/2024
Samuel Olstein Grandfather of Arnold Olstein	Tuesday, 12/17/2024
Donald Omel Father of Wayne Omel	Tuesday, 12/17/2024
Mary Stark Mother of Ruth Santman	Tuesday, 12/17/2024
Jacob Gantman Father of Susan Bernstein	Wednesday, 12/18/2024
* Jack Freidlin Congregation	Saturday, 12/21/2024

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Week of Saturday 12/21 to Friday 12/27

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
* Kurt Levy Father of Amy Schwartz	Saturday, 12/21/2024
* Sarah Mark Congregation	Saturday, 12/21/2024
Toni Gantman Mother of Susan Bernstein	Saturday, 12/21/2024
Philip Kupchik Father of Diane Gilmore	Saturday, 12/21/2024
* Emory P Berman Husband of Naomi Berman	Monday, 12/23/2024
* Herbert Schwartz Husband of Amy Schwartz	Monday, 12/23/2024
Harry Salkowitz Grandfather of Naomi Berman	Monday, 12/23/2024
Yetta Sheptin Mother in Law of Eli Rochlin Grandmother of Mark Rochlin	Monday, 12/23/2024
* Lois Carlin Congregation	Tuesday, 12/24/2024
Gertrude Ehrlich Aunt of Betsy Brody	Tuesday, 12/24/2024
* Sidney Weintraub Congregation	Wednesday, 12/25/2024
Sylvia Barron Mother of Barbara Adler	Wednesday, 12/25/2024
George Newman Father of Marcelle Schwimmer	Wednesday, 12/25/2024
* Harry Ploschitski Congregation	Friday, 12/27/2024

Week of Saturday 12/28 to Friday 1/3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
* Gladys Gerofsky Mother of Rochelle Gerofsky	Saturday, 12/28/2024
Lena Katuna Grandmother of Roxanne Baron	Saturday, 12/28/2024
* Ida Olstein Mother of Arnold Olstein Grandmother of Philip Olstein	Sunday, 12/29/2024 <u>Observing this yahrzeit</u>
William Cleveland Grandfather of Deborah and Steve Johnson	Sunday, 12/29/2024
Zilmoth Marson Mother of Vinnette Marson	Sunday, 12/29/2024
* Ruth Dittman	Monday, 12/30/2024

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Hannah Sherman Mother of Silver	Monday, 12/30/2024
Katherine Sigler Mother of Jules Sigler	Monday, 12/30/2024
Ronald Paley Husband of Sarina Handelman	Tuesday, 12/31/2024
Esther Gorin Mother of Edward Gorin	Wednesday, 1/1/2025
Harry Heyman Grandfather of Melissa Yarger	Wednesday, 1/1/2025
Simon Milberg Grandfather of Marti McLean	Wednesday, 1/1/2025
Louis Simmons Father of Jacqueline Kocot	Wednesday, 1/1/2025
Seymor Zeleznik Father of Chuck Zeleznik	Wednesday, 1/1/2025
*Sigmund Falk Congregation	Friday, 1/3/2025
Samuel Schreiber Father of Marvin Schreiber	Friday, 1/3/2025
Shirley Schvimmer Mother of Ted Schvimmer	Friday, 1/3/2025
Naomi Stein Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel	Friday, 1/3/2025
Thelma Weiss Mother of Hillary Zeleznik	Friday, 1/3/2025

Week of Saturday 1/4 to Friday 1/10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Meyer Diamond Father of Diana Lawrence	Saturday, 1/4/2025
Lawrence Zwillman Father in law of Glenn Cohen	Saturday, 1/4/2025
Helen Bernstein Mother of Barbara Gorin	Sunday, 1/5/2025
Miriam Ruth Taub Mother of Alan Taub	Sunday, 1/5/2025
*Edward Mark Congregation	Monday, 1/6/2025
*Bernerd Delman Father of Marcia Morris	Tuesday, 1/7/2025
Max Kufsky Father of Rochelle Brauman Father of Barbara Adler	Tuesday, 1/7/2025
Bernice Rockower Mother of Robert Rockower	Tuesday, 1/7/2025
Jean Adler Mother of Barry Adler	Wednesday, 1/8/2025
Albert Stern Grandfather of Ruth Stern	Thursday, 1/9/2025

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Temple Events

November

Sun Dec 1 NO Sunday School
 Tues Dec 2 TBS Singers 2:45
 Wed 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
 Fr 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 Service 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 for classes; Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30 on the Patio
 Thurs Dec 26 Chanukah Candle lighting 6:30 on the Patio
 Fri Dec 27 Chanukah Service and Celebration 6:30
 Sun Dec 29 NO Sunday School
 Mon Dec 30 TBS Singers 2:45
 Wed Dec 31 Check with instructor for classes

December

Wed Jan 1 Check with instructor for classes
 Fri Jan 3 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Jan 5 NO Sunday School
 Mon Jan 6 TBS Singers 2:45
 Tues Jan 7 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Jan 8 Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
 Thurs Jan 9 Ritual Committee 6:30
 Fri Jan 10 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sat Jan 11 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30
 Sun Jan 12 Sunday School 9:30
 Mon Jan 13 TBS Singers 2:45
 Tues Jan 14 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30;Congregation Board 6:30
 Wed Jan 15 Sisterhood Board 10:00;Nosh & Nibbles 12:00;Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Jan 17 Family Shabbat Service 5:45;Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Jan 19 NO Sunday School
 Mon Jan 20 TBS Singers 2:45
 Tues Jan 21 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Jan 22 Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Jan 24 Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sat Jan 25 OTOLS Party 7:00
 Sun Jan 26 Sunday School 9:30
 Mon Jan 27 TBS Singers 2:45
 Tues Jan 28 Beginning Adult Hebrew 1:00;Advanced Adult Hebrew 2:30
 Wed Jan 29 Torah Study 1:30;Conversion Class 7:00
 Fri Jan 31 Shabbat Services 7:00

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 was provided by Diane Gilmore and Melissa Yaeger. December was covered by Joe and Kriss Switt, Ken Colen and Blaise Bonaventure have offered to cover January 1 and the Topics and Foxes are covering February. We need people to volunteer for the rest of 2025 starting with March 6. Please contact Betsy Brody as soon as possible to offer your services.

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. 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 issues of both 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 on December 18, we'll be discussing 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.

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