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Shalom Y'all!

During my High Holy Day sermons, we discussed four different ways of defining holiness. We started with the idea of being “set apart,” not better, but unique. We moved to the Divine Presence, the *Shechinah*, which dwells within each and every one of us. Then, we confronted the sacredness in brokenness and repair. We stood together, aware of our failures, acknowledging we have broken promises – with the intention of taking our past mistakes and learning from them, moving forward together. The final definition reminded us of our enduring covenant, our **Brit**, with God.

So, what do we do now? Each of us is able to look out into the world to see the tremendous opportunities to do better and be better. If we move forward with intentionality, if we are able to see God in every one we meet and in every situation we find ourselves, we can truly learn what *Teshuvah* and *Tikkun Olam* mean. It is way too easy to bury our heads in the sand to avoid all of the “challenges” we may face. It is much harder to look at these challenges and recognize the chances we have to learn, grow and move forward.

Here is a short story about finding the opportunity to grow and look forward, focusing on the moment a person shifts their perspective.

The Cracked Cup

Maya, a master ceramicist, was clearing out her workshop, preparing for a new collection. Her eye fell on a beautiful teacup she had finished last year—perfectly shaped, but with a hairline crack she had made in the final glaze. It was too flawed to sell.

"I should just smash it," she muttered, grabbing a mallet.

Her apprentice, Leo, stopped her. "Wait, Maya. What did that cup teach you?" "It taught me that I rushed the cooling process," Maya admitted. "That I need to be patient, not quick."

"Then it's not a failure," Leo countered. "It's a blueprint. You know exactly what temperature to avoid, what stage needs the most patience. Every time you start a new piece, you carry the knowledge of that crack with you."

Maya paused. She looked at the flaw not as a sign of past incompetence, but as a hard-won, **specific instruction** for the future. The cup didn't just represent a mistake; it represented a **completed lesson**.

She put the mallet down. She wouldn't smash it. Instead, she placed the cracked cup on a high shelf, a visible reminder that the path forward is built directly on the sharpest lessons of the past. The greatest growth, she realized, often comes not from destroying the mistake, but from honoring the wisdom it provides.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Erin Boxt





The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,
October 14 at 6:30**

2025—26 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 particular 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, and Debbie Johnson

Greeters: Kay Fleischaker, Barbara Adler, Mildred Olstein, Amy Schwartz, Glenn Cohen, FCUCC – Mary Ann & Gwen Bongiorno, Marty Boone, Bill Geiger, Arthur Burditt, Gary Rapisarda, and Bill Haliday.

Simchat Torah greeters from FCUCC – Ann Brown, Ken Jacob, and Zola Martin.

Livestreaming – Mark Rochlin, Barry Hartman, and Herb Katz

The Chair Committee – Barry Hartman (chair), Bill & Joyce Fox, Wayne & Raelynn Omel, Doug & Heather Schreiber, Alan & Fran Stern, Jay Cohen, Glenn Cohen, Darrell Etheridge, Joel Falchook, Jose Robles, Mark Rochlin, Ruth Stern, and Steven Zuckerman

The Security Committee– Darrell Etheridge (chair), Ted Schvimmer, Barry Adler, Lauren Taub, Joe Switt, FCUCC – Shawn Hines

The Membership Committee – Kay Fleischaker (co-chair), Barbara Adler (co-chair), Mildred Olstein, Amy Schwartz, and Glenn Cohen

Break-The-Fast Committee– Fran Stern (co-chair), Debby Zuckerman (co-chair), Debbie Johnson, and Barbara Hollack

Youth Program – Emily Rochlin

Sisterhood – Rosh Hashanah Apples & Honey – Julie Rochlin, Batya Boxt and all the Religious School students that helped decorate the bags.

Tashlich - Susan Ahern, and Stephen Zuckerman

Music/Singers - Raoul Garfinkel, Dale Berman, Susan Ahern, Emily Rochlin, Andrea & David Caufield, Diane Gilmore, Betsy Body, Jose Robles, Michael Ahern, Kathryn Abernathy, and Ethan Mathews

Shofar – Rabbi Erin Boxt, Rabbi, Dr. Harvey Taub, Joe Switt, Michael Brody
High Holy Day Appeal – Dr. Alan Stern

Last but certainly 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 who helped make the High Holy Days successful. This is what “Family” is all about!

Rachel
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WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Sisterhood News by Batya Boxt & Julie Rochlin

Nosh & Nibbles
For more information
cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com

Quick question for all of you...how cute were your apples and honey bags that you received from Sisterhood on Rosh Hashanah?

All of the credit for those should be given to our religious school students and one of your co-presidents (Julie) who brought all of the bags, apples and honey. We worked with them in a joint project between Sisterhood and the Religious School (which we hope to do more of). We spent a lot of our time Sunday, September 21st putting stickers on our apples and honey bags. Some of the kids even wanted to help stuff the bags! Didn't they feel just a little bit sweeter this year?

Then, at our board meeting, we discussed next month's "Nosh & Nibbles" event.

On **Saturday, October 11**, since there are no services that Saturday, we will be having our monthly Nosh & Nibbles. Wait...what is "Nosh & Nibbles" you ask?

At Nosh & Nibbles, we get together at a local spot around town to eat, chat and generally have a great time! It's a great way to get to know your Temple Beth Shalom sisters. You do not want to miss it (but if you do, there will be another one, don't worry)!

Here are the details:

WHEN: Saturday, October 11 TIME: 10:30

WHERE: First Watch on 200 - 3411 SW 36th Terrace in between Mattress Firm and Nothing Bundt Cakes

COST: Whatever you order!!!!

Please join us for this super fun event! Oh wait...we forgot the MOST IMPORTANT thing...NO NEED TO BE A SISTERHOOD MEMBER (YET)!

RSVP to Cindy Stone at cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com by October 10

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.

OTOLS Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 30th
from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Set up begins at 4:00 P.M.
in OTOLS parking lot.

A sign up sheet can be found in the lobby along with a candy collection box.

Directed Donations

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

Sisterhood sells Uniongrams, has YES Fund cards and TREE certificates for trees in Israel which can be purchased for Simchas 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.

BIMAH FLOWERS

Sisterhood would like to thank the following members for sponsoring Bimah flowers:

BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Cohen in honor of his birthday
 Jeffrey Marcus in honor of Judith's birthday
 Dayle Silver in honor of her son Brad's birthday
 Ted Schwimmer in honor of Marcelle's birthday
 Ruth Stern in honor of her and her twin brother Rolf's birthdays
 Naomi Berman in honor of her daughter Andrea's birthday
 Jay Kreisman in honor of Janet's birthday
 Harley Michelson in honor of Di's birthday

ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Lorraine Posner in honor of their anniversary
 Larry & Cindy Stone in honor of their anniversary
 Barry & Diane Hartman in honor of their anniversary

Bimah Flower Coordinator
Deborah Johnson 352-509-4897

ONEGS

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

Camp Scholarship

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

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

Music Bingo

Saturday, October 25th -

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
 Game starts at 7:00 P.M.

Advance ticket purchase - \$15.00.
 At the door - \$20.00

One bingo card included with each ticket.

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.

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.

Simchas for October

ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold and Mildred Olstein
 Erin and Batya Boxt
 Stephen Dantzig and Lyn Silberman

BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Schreiber
 Jules Sigler
 Hillary Zeleznik
 Rick DeRoven
 Marshall Marcus
 Fran Schreiber
 Joshua Mathews
 Arlene Goodman
 Doug Gray
 Isaac Pereira
 Alan Goodman
 Paul Abernathy
 Kenneth Colen
 Seth Zeleznik
 Rachel Etheridge
 Eli Rochlin
 Heather Schreiber
 Kathryn Abernathy

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.

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



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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

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

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.



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Donations 9/1-9/29/2025

Capital Fund

Andrea Caufield
Larry and Sarina Handelman

Cemetery Fund

Joan Brand -Yahrzeit of Eva & Sie Berke

Social Events

Jose Robles Holocaust museum trip
Hillary and Chuck Zeleznik Holocaust museum trip

Donations

Barry Bass- In honor of Alan Stern
RC Shapiro
Vinnette Marson
Michael and Roxanne Baron -in honor of Susan and Michael Ahern
Susan Bernstein -in honor of Susan & Michael Ahern
Deborah and Steve Johnson -In honor of Susan & Michael Ahern
Barbara Kaplan -In Honor of Susan and Michael Ahern
Katz Barbara Katz donation
Jay and Janet Kreisman - In Honor of Susan & Michael Ahern
Wayne and Raelynn Omel -In Honor of Susan & Michael Ahern renewal of Vows
Alan and Francine Stern - In Honor of Susan and Michael Ahern
Stephen and Debby Zuckerman - In honor of Susan and Michael Ahern

Interfaith dinners

Kathryn and Paul Abernathy -in honor of Susan and Michael Ahern

Rabbi Discretionary

Naomi J Berman in honor of Susan and Michael Ahern
Naomi J Berman
Diane and Barry Hartman for dance band
Jay and Janet Kreisman for dance band

Security

Barry and Barbara B Adler - in Honor of Alan Stern's father
Barry and Barbara B Adler - Donation in honor of the Ahern's
Andrea Caufield
Jacqueline Kocot in honor of Susan and Michael Ahern
Michele Kolsky

Bob Levenson and Grace Dunlevy
Meryl Peters
Marvin and Fran Schreiber
Stocking-Fader - In Honor of Susan and Michael Ahern

Yahrzeit Donations

Barry and Barbara B Adler - Yahrzeit for Simon Barron
Joel Falchook Yahrzeit for Alice Falchook
Bob Fries - Yahrzeit of Margaret Susan Fries
Bob Fries - Yahrzeit of Agnes Negin Fries
Warren and Sharon Goldsand - Yahrzeit of Warren's Mother Anne Goldsand
Katz, Herb and Kathleen - Yahrzeit of Esther Katz

Temple Volunteer Services and Committee DIRECTORY

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Union grams	Toby Burros-Topiol	(352) 509-7845
Yearbook	Julie Rochlin	(352) 207-5385
	Janet Kreisman & Kay Fleischaker	



October Yahrzeits

Week of Saturday 9/27 to Friday 10/3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Ari Kenneth Berman Son of Dale Berman	9/27/2025
*Lou Schneider Congregation	9/27/2025
*Dorothy Bial Congregation	9/28/2025
Sylvia Fox Mother of William Fox	9/28/2025
Margot Stern Mother of Ruth Stern	9/30/2025
*Mary Conley Mother of Fred Conley	10/1/2025
Annette Selach Mother of Roxanne Baron	10/3/2025
*Annette Falk Congregation	10/3/2025
Gertrude Flexner Grandmother of Kay Fleischaker	10/3/2025

Week of Saturday 10/4 to Friday 10/10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Sylvia Kaiser Congregation	10/5/2025
*Georgia Schmidt Congregation	10/5/2025
*Harold Kaiser Congregation	10/6/2025
Regina Brinker Mother of Herbert Brinker	10/8/2025
*Clara Weisenfeld Congregation	10/8/2025
*Irving Feingold Father of Ann Conley	10/8/2025
*Agnes Negin Fries Mother of Bob Fries	10/8/2025
Eleanor Smith Aunt of Rochelle Gerofsky	10/9/2025
Marilyn Milberg Mother of Marti McLean	10/9/2025
*Ruth Jacobson Congregation	10/10/2025
Linda Gayton Cousin of Deborah and Steve Johnson	10/10/2025

Week of Saturday 10/11 to Friday 10/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Bessie Bernner Congregation	10/11/2025
*Emanuel Tepper Brother of Marilyn Scott	10/12/2025
Eugene Schvimmer Father of Ted Schvimmer	10/12/2025
*Howard Hartman Father of Barry Hartman	10/13/2025
*David Zuckerman Father of Susan Grossman	10/14/2025
Doris Sack Mother of Betsy Brody	10/14/2025
Martin Baranzes Grandfather of Michael Kroitor	10/15/2025
*A. Charles Scott Father-in-law of Mickey Scott	10/15/2025
*David Flax 1 Congregation	0/16/2025
*Bertie Kirschbaum-Moser Congregation	10/17/2025

Week of Saturday 10/18 to Friday 10/24

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Beverly Topiol Wife of Alvin Topiol	10/18/2025
*Fannie Sapp Congregation	10/18/2025
Herbert Price Father of Robert Price	10/18/2025
*Morris Russo Congregation	10/18/2025
*Irene Plow Congregation	10/19/2025
Sandie Rochlin Wife of Eli Rochlin Mother of Mark Rochlin Grandmother of Rachel and Emily Rochlin And Katie Julien	10/21/2025
*Fritzi Satz Congregation	10/21/2025
*Sophia Sanders Congregation	10/21/2025
*Harry Spero Congregation	10/22/2025



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



*Michael Sheptin 10/22/2025
 Nephew of Eli Rochlin
 Cousin of Mark Rochlin
 Rose Brody-Goldsmith 10/24/2025
 Mother of Michael Brody
 Anne Shore 10/24/2025
 Mother of Dale Berman

Week of Saturday 10/25 to Friday 10/31

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Summer Moskovitz Congregation	10/25/2025
*Israel Lischkoff Grandfather of Dana Olstein	10/25/2025
Eleana Klopper Mother of Barbara Wolinsky	10/25/2025
*Blanche Flax Congregation	10/27/2025
Alexander Sander Deutsch Grandfather of Andrea Caufield	10/28/2025
Eleanore Webman Wife of Stan Webman	10/29/2025
Jeffery Scholder Cousin of Jay Kreisman	10/30/2025
Esther Katz Mother of Herb Katz	10/30/2025

Week of Saturday 11/1 to Friday 11/7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Harry Olstein Father of Arnold Olstein Grandfather of Philip Olstein	11/1/2025
*Charlotte Mesnick Congregation	11/3/2025

Michael Jarosh 11/4/2025
 Father of Andrea Gray
 Husband of Susan Jarosh
 Barbara Walt 11/4/2025
 Wife of Bernard Walt

Week of Saturday 11/8 to Friday 11/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Frances Switt Sister of Joe Switt	11/9/2025
*Abraham Dittman Congregation	11/10/2025
*Herman Falk Congregation	11/13/2025
Laura Cohen Sister of Hillary Zeleznik	11/14/2025

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Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Donaldson family on the passing of

Linda Donaldson

May her memory be for a blessing.

COME TO OUR GIFT SHOP!

COME TO THE BEST JUDAICA SHOP IN MARION COUNTY!

Ok, we're the only one, but still the best!

We have lots of lovely things and a large variety of Judaica. We offer items for children as well as adults, from inexpensive to middle-priced, from traditional to modern.

As always we are open half an hour before services on Shabbat, and we are available other times by appointment.

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



INTERFAITH DINNERS

L'Shanah Tova!

As we celebrate the new year, if you are looking for Mitzvot to do this year, remember that I need help with the Interfaith Dinner. We are still looking for people to help cover for 10/28, which is the church's night, but they are graciously covering for us on Kol Nidre.

As most of you know, Temple Beth Shalom sponsors a monthly dinner at the interfaith shelter on the first Wednesday of every month.

Right now, it is a great time to show the community how kind Jews can be, and helping interfaith is an excellent way to do this.

If you are interested in serving on my committee or sponsoring a dinner, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at 352-661-7858 or email me at jay.a.cohen@me.com

St. Petersburg Holocaust Museum Bus Trip, October 21, 2025

Bus leaves at 8:30 AM and should return before 6 PM

\$60 per person. Reservation confirmed with payment only

Lunch will be provided and there will be a discussion with spiritual leaders after the tour.

28 reserved seats per congregation

Payment submitted to: Janet Kreisman, Mary Ann Bongiorno or Vanessa Hunter

Please direct all mail for TBS to the building address

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

High Holy Days Food Drive

Thanks to everyone for donating during our High Holy Days Food Drive we were able to bring almost 400 pounds of food to *interfaith*



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.

PFLAG Ocala

PFLAG Ocala holds a monthly support and educational meeting for LGBTQ+ individuals, family members, and caring allies, every 4th Sunday at 1:00pm. 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.

email PflagOcala@gmail.com or call (352) 316-7995 for support or a referral.

Temple Events

October

Wed Oct 1 Kol Nidre Services 7:00
Thur Oct 2 Yom Kippur Services begin at 10:00; break the fast following closing service
Fri Oct 3 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Oct 5 Build The Sukkah 10:00
Mon Oct 6 Choir 2:45
Wed Oct 8 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion class 6:30
Thur Oct 9 Ritual committee 2:15
Fri Oct 10 Sukkot/Shabbat Services 6:30
Sun Oct 12 Sukkah take down 10:00
Mon Oct 13 Choir 2:45
Tues Oct 14 Congregation Board 6:30
Wed Oct 15 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Fri Oct 17 Yiskor 6:00; Simchat Torah Service and Celebration 6:30
Sun Oct 19 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Oct 20 Choir 2:45
Tues Oct 21 Trip to Holocaust Museum 8:30 AM; Rabbi's Book Class 5:00
Wed Oct 22 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Fri Oct 24 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat Oct 25 Music Bingo 6:00
Sun Oct 26 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Oct 27 Choir 2:35
Tues Oct 28 Rabbi's Book Class 5:00
Wed Oct 29 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Fri Oct 31 Shabbat Services 7:00

November

Sun Nov 2 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Nov 3 Choir 2:45
Tues Nov 4 Rabbi's Book Class 5:00
Wed Oct 5 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Fri Nov 7 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sat Nov 8 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30
Sun Nov 9 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Nov 10 Choir 2:45
Tues Nov 11 Congregation Board 6:30
Wed Nov 12 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Thur Nov 13 Ritual Committee 2:15
Fri Nov 14 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Nov 16 Sunday School 9:30
Mon Nov 17 Choir 2:45
Tues Nov 18 Rabbi's Book Class 5:00
Wed Nov 19 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Fri Nov 21 Family Shabbat Services 5:45; Classical Reform Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Nov 23 NO Sunday School
Mon Nov 24 Choir 2:45
Wed Nov 26 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30
Fri Nov 28 Shabbat Services 7:00
Sun Nov 30 NO Sunday School

BIMAH FLOWERS

Sisterhood would like to thank the following members for sponsoring Bimah flowers:

HIGH HOLIDAY

BOTH DAYS

Kathryn & Paul Abernathy
 Susan & Michael Ahern
 Michael & Roxanne Baron
 Naomi Berman
 Erin & Batya Boxt
 Joan Brand
 Rochelle Brauman
 Michael & Betsy Brody
 Sara Clifton
 Glenn Cohen
 Fred & Ann Conley
 Norisbelle & Joseph Crosby
 Stephen Dantzig & Lyn Silberman
 Ed Davis & Barbara Wolinsky
 Rick & Risa DeRoven
 Linda Donaldson
 Robert Fries
 Raoul Garfinkel & Dale Berman
 Diane Gilmore
 Alan & Arlene Goodman
 Nathan & Susan Grossman
 Barry & Diane Hartman
 CJ Henry
 Susan Jarosh
 Steve & Deborah Johnson
 Barbara Kaplan
 Herb & Kathy Katz
 Jackie Kocot
 Michele Kolsky
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 Harley & Di Michelson
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 Alan & Fran Stern
 Ruth Stern
 Larry & Cindy Stone
 Joe & Kristine Switt
 Alvin & Toby Burros Topiol
 Diane Turkin
 Steve Wyner
 Sara Yoel
 Chuck & Hillary Zeleznik

ROSH HASHANAH

Barry & Barbara Adler
 Susan Bernstein
 Andrea Caufield
 Jay Cohen
 Ed & Barbara Gorin
 Meryl Peters
 Ted & Thommie Williams

YOM KIPPUR

Kay Fleischaker
 Larry & Sarina Handelman
 Steve & Debby Zuckerman

Bimah Flower Coordinator
Deborah Johnson 352-509-4897

Hostage Bling

Every day I put on my jewelry.

First Hostage accessory I purchased was a silver necklace that says BRING THEM HOME NOW! Been wearing it every day for more than a year.

A few months later, a friend gave me a blue bracelet with the name of a hostage, El Yakim Libman, Age 24.

I looked up his story. Turns out he was not a hostage - murdered on October 7th, 2023, his body found near the festival site in May 2024.

I wear the blue bracelet every day and will continue till all are home safely or their bodies returned to their families.

April 2025: the Temple Passover Seder. I received a yellow pin to remember the hostages.

Silver. Blue. Yellow.

I wear all 3 every day.

Over the years I have acquired a bit of jewelry - precious and costume. Necklaces. Bracelets. Pins. Earrings. Rings. I wear my Hostage collection pieces everyday.

Occasionally someone asks me about my bling. As I say a few words, just a few words, I get a sympathetic, knowing nod. I don't need to say much. The reaction is the same. Sadness. Sympathy. Brief moment of caring and then poof! It's gone.

What does wearing bling do to help the hostages? Not much.

Wearing it is like a to do list for me.

Item 1: remember the hostages and the victims. Their families.

Item 2: do something good. Tikkun Olam

I will continue to seek out ways I can make a difference at the micro level and hope the ripple it creates will grow and spread

- - Susan Ahern 4/28/25

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TBS Kol Nidre Appeal 2025 by Dr. Alan Stern

Gmar Chatimah Tovah!

This past year has been more than amazing for Fran and me. We moved to Ocala in May of 2024 after 42 years in New Jersey. We belonged to a great Conservative Synagogue which, as a Schechter Educated guy whose Bar Mitzvah was held in an Orthodox Shul suited my needs very well. Fran went along for the ride, but the synagogue was a peripheral player in her life. I was all in. In fact, I was dumb... uh... enthused enough to become its president.

So we come to Ocala, knowing that there are not a lot of Jewish people in this town – none of whom we knew - and that we needed to belong to a synagogue. So, we started looking- there was not a whole lot of looking to do, as you all know. A reform synagogue was our only local choice. I was friendly with our local reform Rabbi in New Jersey, but I wondered what this reform thing was all about. I called TBS, Rabbi Boxt was nice enough to sit down with us for over an hour, answered our questions, engaged us as a real person to real people, and the rest is history.

When we came to our first Friday night Service, we were both blown away by the greeting we received from so many of you. The way I described this great congregation to my friends back home, was they are aggressively welcoming. Everyone has a name badge. People actually went out of their way to get acquainted, and we didn't have a problem remembering their names because of those name badges! 17 months later, Fran and I are all in. We love this Kehilah Kedoshah, this sacred community. It is central to our new life here.

And in a world with more than two right answers, we find the services and practices here a more- than -adequate way to fulfill our spiritual and social needs and wants. I think, for most of you, what I have just stated is extremely obvious. Temple Beth Shalom is a great place. And for so many reasons! Aseh Lecha Rav u kenei lecha chaver lecha rav u kaneh lecha chaver- make for yourself a rabbi and acquire for yourself a friend. We have a wonderful rabbi in Erin Boxt. He has proven himself to be a terrific teacher, patiently helping me understand this reform thing I needed- and still need- to understand better. And he has proven himself to be a trusted confidante, in good times, not- so- good times, and in what I like to call plain vanilla times. So what if he's not a Yankees Fan? No one's perfect.

We have wonderful peers- so many of you have embraced Fran and me as friends from moment one, and our friendships are growing and deepening. We have a modern view of our rich heritage which almost anyone can understand and where we all can find meaning. We share our home with a church, bringing a sense of mutual support, understanding, and, most importantly, solidarity.

We have only been here a little more than a year, and, I am sure that all of you have shared this perspective for a much longer time than Fran and I have! This is the place where we celebrate our successes, our high- water marks, our families, and all the good things life has given us. It is a place where we find comfort in challenging times. It is a place where we exercise our spirituality and learn more and more about it. It is a place where we make new friends from both our Jewish community and our Christian friends right across the wall and strengthen existing friendships. And it is a place where we come to play as well as to pray.

TBS is our family. We have a deep love for one another. And, of course, there is the universal truth, we disagree on some things. 2 Jews, 3 opinions- we all know that one, right? But through it all, we go on as we have for the last 50 years. In fact, 2026 marks TBS's 50th Anniversary, as well as Rabbi Boxt's 50th Birthday. Speaking of which, Rabbi, look out at this congregation and please don't tell me you're getting old! But a 50th birthday for the congregation and for you are great milestones that we will celebrate. Think big get- together folks. We're working on it now, and it's going to be wonderful! This is our home. And when I say our, it means YOUR HOME, too! Can we all, at least, agree on that? That's the good news. Now for a bit of reality. Take a deep breath and let it out slowly.

Let's get uncomfortable for a moment with the stark truth: Our treasurer, Janet Kreisman, has informed me that it takes \$3000.00 per family unit to keep the lights on here. We have slashed our expenses to a minimum and are running at a deficit. Even with sharing our expenses with our Christian brothers and sisters, we are coming up short. Put simply, our dues don't cover it all. In fact, in any synagogue I've been with, that's a universal truth. Our home is now facing a tough challenge, and it's time to get serious. This has happened historically in many religious and some business institutions and we need to rise to the occasion. NOW!

So let's get uncomfortable with being uncomfortable. Rabbi likes to read a prayer on Friday nights that asks God to shock us out of complacency, and that's what I'm asking YOU to do on this Holiest of Hoy Days in Judaism. Escape from your complacency. We cannot take anything for granted. Take a look around you. What do you see? The guy to your left. The gal to your right. The people in front, behind, and across the aisle from you? They are your people; your tribe; your Jewish support network. Take a look at this sanctuary. Is it just a room? Or is it a holy place where we come together for a very special purpose? By the way, a rabbi once taught me that the word holy is really just another way of saying special.

This room, these people, this unique amalgamation of human beings from diverse backgrounds and levels of observance who share a common heritage- it's all special. It's all- we're all- part of something that cannot and MUST not go away! And the other stark reality is that some of us are also facing some serious financial limitations. In any group of people, some have more material wealth than others. Many of us can help. Some a little more. Some a little less. Some of us truly cannot help materially, perhaps you can help with some sweat equity. Ask our amazing President, Rachel, Rabbi Boxt, what you can do. Do you have a special talent that could help us promote TBS or do something else to make us stronger? Perhaps you can talk this beautiful place up to your unaffiliated Jewish friends and neighbors. Bring them here as guests. We ALL can do something! So, I'm asking you today, with gratitude, love, and respect to you. Every single one of you:

Search your souls- and your bank accounts- deeply. What can YOU do for YOU now? Can you do just a little bit more? Can you get just a little uncomfortable for the greater good? More than ever in our lifetimes, in these very troubled and uncertain times, Jewish strength and solidarity have never been more critical, not only for us to survive, but to FLOURISH! Let's rise to the occasion and commit as best we can... and for some of us, maybe just a wee bit more. Because the reality is that those of us who can need to help those of us who can't. This is our home. That is our mission. That is our calling.

Fran and I wish you a gmar chatimah tovah. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a healthy and prosperous 5786

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