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Shalom Y'all!

When I was being interviewed here in Ocala to be your Rabbi, there were a few things that were made abundantly clear to me. I was asked how I felt about discussing politics in my sermons. I am thankful the answer I gave was one that was shared not only by the interview committee – but also by the majority of the membership! I responded by saying, “I believe my sermons are the place for me to teach Torah. Sometimes, I will discuss certain current issues – but through the lens of Jewish history.” I believe I have done a pretty good job so far of sticking to that!

When October 7, 2023, shattered the lives of Jews worldwide, I began to write and speak out against Hamas and policies I believed (BELIEVE) to be corrupt in the Israeli K’Nesset. At the end of the day, I will always side with Israel...but I have believed (BELIEVE) there is a “right” way and a “wrong” way to achieve peace and safety for our Israeli brothers and sisters. I watched as rabbinic colleagues traveled to Israel to sit with, hear from and help in any and every way possible the Israelis who were living through yet another war.

One of my biggest regrets is not being able to join my rabbinic colleagues. Traveling to Israel is a vital part of my Jewish identity – and I believe one of my most important roles as a rabbi. Of course, I believe it is imperative that I take others with me! I hope we are able to put together a congregational trip to Israel sometime in the next 2 years.

In January 2026, I hope to travel with the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) on a mission trip to Israel. While in Israel, we will have the chance to dialogue with our rabbinic colleagues in the Israel Reform Movement. We will also meet with members of the K’Nesset, work hands on with social justice organizations on the ground in Israel and visit some of the areas that have been the most affected by the October 7 atrocities. I am also hoping we will have the chance to sit down with some of the hostages and their families and hear first-hand of their experiences.

This is going to be an amazing experience and opportunity for me to bring back to you, my TBS family, stories and ways we can continue to be supportive of our brothers and sisters in Israel. If you are able to help out financially by sponsoring my trip, please reach out to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Erin Boxt



## The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,  
November 11 at 6:30**

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Beth Shalom

In recent days, we have all felt a profound mixture of emotions—relief, gratitude, and continued heartache—as our living hostages have been released. Each life returned is a blessing beyond measure, a spark of light piercing through an incredibly dark time. Yet our joy is tempered by the awareness that 19 deceased bodies that remain in captivity, and that the wounds—both physical and emotional—run deep across families, communities, and nations.

Watching the release of the hostages unfold on Israeli television (yes, I stayed awake all night) was an emotional experience that words can hardly capture. The images of families waiting, eyes filled with both fear and hope, and the moment of reunion—when parents embraced their child or a husband reached for his wife and children—were overwhelming. Every face told a story of suffering and survival, of faith that somehow endured through the darkness. Even through the screen, you could feel the collective breath of a nation holding on to hope, praying for each name yet to be called. It was a moment of relief intertwined with heartbreak, a reminder of the human cost of conflict and the unshakable resilience of the Jewish spirit.

As a congregation, we share in the collective sigh of relief for those reunited with their loved ones. We also continue to pray fervently for the return of all 19 who remain held, and for peace to come to a region and a people who have endured unimaginable pain.

Moments like these remind us of the strength of *Am Yisrael*—the people of Israel—bound together by faith, hope, and an unbreakable sense of shared destiny. In our synagogue, we find solace in gathering, praying, and standing in solidarity. Let us continue to show compassion to one another, to speak out for justice and humanity, and to hold tight to the values that define us.

With hope and strength,  
Rachel Etheridge

Welcome to our Temple Beth Shalom new “family” members:

Barbara Hollack  
Toby & Roger Ruddick

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## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Sisterhood News by Batya Boxt & Julie Rochlin

**Nosh & Nibbles**  
For more information  
[cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com](mailto:cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com)

Did you miss out on last month's Nosh and Nibbles? Do you still want to get involved in Sisterhood (we can answer that for you...YES!)? Well, have no fear! There are more activities coming up...join us!

We had a little over 20 people join us on October 11 at First Watch. As much fun and successful that was, we have decided that next month's Nosh & Nibbles will be a mid-week event.

### NEXT NOSH & NIBBLES EVENT:

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11

TIME: 11 AM

WHERE: Elevation 89 at the Ocala Airport

COST: Whatever you order!

Email [cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com](mailto:cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com) to save your spot!  
Can't make it to lunch?

### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 6PM

Please join us on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. It is always such a special time with our Christian brothers and sisters. The walls are opened up and the room is filled with beautiful music and fellowship. Trust us. You don't want to hear about it afterward.

As if that wasn't enough, SAVE THE DATE FOR.....our Sisterhood Chanukah party on December 7th at 2 PM!!! It will be held in our Social Hall

We'd love to have y'all join us at both of these events...the more is DEFINITELY the merrier with our group!

From our home to yours, we hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving. Can't wait to see you all in the coming months!!!

### TEMPLE FUNDRAISER POPCORN SALE

Our next Temple fundraiser is a popcorn sale— see page 10 for the order form.

See Barbara Adler for more details

### 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 Simchat. The Temple's Tree of Life also goes only for Simchat.

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

Jeffrey & Judith Marcus in honor of Marshall's birthday  
Darrell Ethridge in honor of Rachel's birthday  
Risa DeRoven in honor of Rick's birthday

### ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold & Mildred Olstein in honor of their anniversary  
Sisterhood in honor of Rabbi Erin & Batya Boxt's anniversary  
Stephen Dantzig & Lyn Silberman in honor of their anniversary  
Joe & Kris Switt in honor of their anniversary

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

### ONEGS

Jackie Kocot  
Dale Berman  
Rochelle Brauman  
Hillary Zeleznik

### 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**

## 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.

### 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

### 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 November

### ANNIVERSARIES

Herbert and Harriet Brinker  
Joseph and Kristine Switt  
Michael and Marcia Morris  
Philip and Dana Olstein  
Joan and Joel Kasfir  
Alvin Topiol and 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  
Kathryn Rochlin  
Joanna Schuyler  
Deborah Genatt  
Elka Malever  
Arieh Colen  
Rebecca Richter  
Michele Kolsky  
Justin Kroitor  
Linda Siemens  
Ann Conley  
Toby Ruddick  
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Barbara Stone  
Kristine Switt  
Daniel Colen  
Sarina Handelman  
Jon Van Skiver  
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.

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**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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These are new prayer books for the regular services and High Holidays

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Cohen, Glenn  
Larry and Sarina Handelman  
Roger and Toby Ruddick

**Donations**

Rochelle Brauman In honor of Michael & Susan Ahern  
Andrea Caufield In memory of Linda Donaldson  
Isabelle Grenitz-Hutchins In Honor of Linda Donaldson  
Wayne and Raelynn Omel

**Interfaith Dinners**

Wayne and Raelynn Omel

**Kitchen/Oneg Fund**

Sisterhood

**Lieberman Music Fund**

Barry and Barbara B Adler in Honor of Linda Donaldson  
Barry and Barbara B Adler Yahrzeit of Susan Barron

**Rabbi Discretionary**

Melissa Ascitutto- Linda Kartziel's daughter

**Yahrzeit Donations**

William and Joyce Fox Yahrzeit of Sylvia Fox  
Eli Rochlin Yahrzeit of Sandie Rochlin & Michael Sheptin  
Amy L and Susan Schwartz Yahrzeit for Rose Katz

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Janet Kreisman at (609) 273-6955

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Yearbook	Julie Rochlin	(352) 207-5385
	Janet Kreisman & Kay Fleischaker	



## November Yahrzeits

### Week of Saturday 11/1 to Friday 11/7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Harry Olstein	11/1/2025
Father of Arnold Olstein Grandfather of Philip Olstein	
*Charlotte Mesnick	11/3/2025
Congregation	
Michael Jarosh	11/4/2025
Father of Andrea Gray Husband of Susan Jarosh	
Barbara Walt	11/4/2025
Wife of Bernard Walt	
Steven Bernstein	11/7/2024
Husband of Susan Bernstein	

### Week of Saturday 11/8 to Friday 11/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Fred Kasmir	11/8/2025
Father of Debby Zuckerman	
Frances Switt	11/9/2025
Sister of Joe Switt	
*Abraham Dittman	11/10/2025
Congregation	
*Herman Falk	11/13/2025
Congregation	
Laura Cohen	11/14/2025
Sister of Hillary Zeleznik	

### Week of Saturday 11/15 to Friday 11/21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Edward Greef	11/15/2025
Father of Harriet Brinker	
Annette Cremona	11/17/2025
Sister of Arnold Olstein	
*Helene Crawford	11/17/2025
Congregation	
*William Burros	11/17/2025
Husband of Toby Topiol Father of Lauren Taub	
*Rosalie Cohen	11/18/2025
Congregation	
*Mildred Spero	11/18/2025
Congregation	
*Jack Siegel	11/18/2025
Congregation	
*Lillian Plotkin	11/19/2025

Grandmother of Nathan Grossman	
Morris Baron	11/19/2025
Grandfather of Michael Baron	
Fanny Abramson	11/19/2025
Grandmother of Wayne Omel	
*Fred Malever	11/20/2025
Father of Brent Malever	

### Week of Saturday 11/22 to Friday 11/28

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
Joshua Henry	11/22/2025
Father of CJ Henry	
Louis Herson	11/23/2025
Grandfather of Diane Gilmore	
*Sylvia Mark	11/24/2025
Congregation	
Sadie Herson	11/24/2025
Grandmother of Diane Gilmore	
Selma Switt	11/25/2025
Mother of Joe Switt	
Lester Fox	11/25/2025
Father of William Fox	
Fanny Fleischaker	11/27/2025
Grandmother of Kay Fleischaker	
Rose Nusinov	11/27/2025
Mother of Michael Nusinov	
Samuel Klopper	11/27/2025
Grandfather Edward Davis and Barbara Wolinsky	

### Week of Saturday 11/29 to Friday 12/5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
N. Harry Sack	11/29/2025
Father of Betsy Brody	
Minnie Elizabeth Taylor-Deutsch	11/30/2025
Grandmother of Andrea Caufield	
Dominic Campanile	12/1/2025
Father of Kathleen Katz	
Claire Boxt	12/1/2025
Mother of Erin Boxt	
Helen Greenwald	12/2/2025
Mother of Joyce Fox	
*Henry Marks	12/2/2025
Congregation	
*Ruth Dittman	12/2/2025
Congregation	
Stuart Flexner	12/3/2025



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

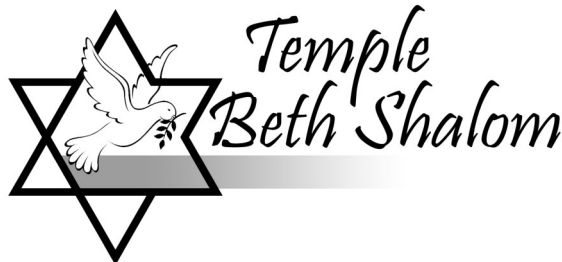


Uncle of Kay Fleischaker  
 Harry Kasfir 12/4/2025  
 Joel Kasfir  
 \*Irving Gilman 12/4/2025  
 Congregation

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### Week of Saturday 12/6 to Friday 12/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Observed on (civil)</u>
*Bertha Caminsky	12/6/2025
Grandmother of Arnold Olstein	
*Mitchell Mark	12/6/2025
Congregation	
William Miller	12/9/2025
Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel	



## YOUR DONATIONS SUSTAIN US FINANCIALLY AND ARE VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION

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Janet Kreisman / **Treasurer**,

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# Temple Events

## November

Sun Nov 2 Sunday School 9:30

Mon Nov 3 Choir 2:45

Tues Nov 4 Cantillation Class 5:00

Wed Oct 5 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Fri Nov 7 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00 New Member Shabbat

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 Nosh & Nibbles 11:00; Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Thurs Nov 13 Ritual Committee 5:30

Fri Nov 14 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00

Sun Nov 16 Sunday School 9:30

Mon Nov 17 Choir 2:45; OTOLS Art Auction Committee 5:00

Tues Nov 18 Cantillation Class 5:00

Wed Nov 19 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Thurs Nov 20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 6:30

Fri Nov 21 Family Shabbat 5:45; Classical Reform Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00

Sun Nov 23 NO Sunday School; OTOLS Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:45

Mon Nov 24 Choir 2:45

Tues Nov 18 Cantillation Class 5:00

Wed Nov 26 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Fri Nov 28 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00

Sun Nov 30 NO Sunday School

## December

Mon Dec 1 Choir 2:45

Tues Dec 2 Cantillation Class 5:00

Wed Dec 3 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Fri Dec 5 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00

Sun Dec 7 Sunday School 9:30

Mon Dec 8 Choir 2:45

Tues Dec 9 Congregation Board 6:30

Wed Dec 10 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Thurs Dec 11 Ritual Committee 5:30

Fri Dec 12 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00

Sat Dec 13 Shabbat Morning Services 10:00

Sun Dec 14 Sunday School Chanukah Celebration 9:30; First night of Chanukah

Mon Dec 15 Choir 2:45

Tues Dec 16 Cantillation Class 5:00

Wed Dec 17 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Fri Dec 19 Kabbalat Shabbat Chanukah Service 6:30

Sun Dec 21 NO Sunday School

Mon Dec 22 Choir 2:45

Tues Dec 23 Cantillation Class 5:00

Wed Dec 24 Torah Study 1:30; Conversion Class 6:30

Fri Dec 26 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30

Sun Dec 28 NO Sunday School

