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Dearest TBS Family,

While the month of December brought the Jewish world quite a few tragedies and the loss of life of Jews worldwide just for being Jewish, we also celebrated the holiday of Hanukkah. The lights from the *chanukiyot* remind us of the light that is present in the world. That light is also a reminder of what our responsibilities are in the world: to be an *Or L'Goyim*.

This is a tremendous honor and also a challenge for us. We are to spread love out into the world – even to some of the darkest places – while at the same time concern ourselves with more and more antisemitism, here in the United States and everywhere else in the world.

God chose us – not to be perfect or better than anyone else, but to spread love and be an example of what the light in the world means to us, for us and for all others. This is a very difficult task, for sure. However, the fact we are still here shows the importance of this light and love. I encourage every one of us to do even more in this new secular new year to be better. Sometimes, this requires us to dig even deeper into our souls for that light. It is there – and we are required to share it. Just as the Hanukkah lights shine out into the world, so should we.

From January 24-January 31, I will be traveling with the Central Conference of American Rabbis to Israel. Entitled “CCAR Israel Trip: People and Purpose,” this trip will give us opportunities to explore the current complexity of Israel. We will study with our colleagues in Israel and other scholars. The most impactful aspect of the trip will be seeing Israel through the eyes of our Israeli Reform colleagues.

Some of the highlights of the trip include Meeting grassroots leaders from Israel’s dynamic civil society (religious and secular, Jewish and Arab, veteran and youth) who are working to build a more democratic and pluralistic society; Visiting the Nova Musical Festival site; Attending a briefing with seasoned journalist Noga Tarnopolsky; Joining with one of the Reform congregations for a joyful Kabbalat Shabbat service and home-hospitality Shabbat dinner.

I look forward to bringing back stories, resources and ideas for how our community can continue to support Israel in every possible way.

Rabbi Erin Boxt



The President's Message

**Board Meeting Tuesday,
January 13 at 6:30**

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Beth Shalom

In the past weeks and months, our Jewish family — both here at home and across the globe — has been confronted with a stark reminder of the persistence of hatred in our world. We have watched in grief and disbelief as violent and deeply troubling acts of antisemitism have occurred in places once considered safe havens for Jewish life.

A particularly devastating attack unfolded on Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, where a celebration of Hanukkah — a festival of light, hope, and resilience — was transformed into a scene of terror when gunmen targeted Jewish celebrants. This act of antisemitic violence took innocent lives and shocked communities worldwide. Leaders and citizens alike have condemned the attack and pledged stronger protections, but the pain remains profound as families mourn and communities grapple with fear and loss.

This tragic event follows a troubling trend. Across many countries, antisemitic incidents — ranging from harassment and vandalism to violent assaults — have increased significantly in recent years. Jewish communities in the United States, Europe, Australia and beyond have reported record levels of threats, hate crimes, and intimidation, with many individuals feeling unsafe expressing their identity openly. Here at home, our community has not been immune to this distressing trend. While we remain grateful for the strong support of our neighbors and local authorities, we recognize that antisemitism persists in more subtle and overt forms — from offensive rhetoric to acts that target Jewish institutions and individuals. In response, community leaders and public officials have taken steps to enhance security and reaffirm their commitment to protecting all citizens against hateful conduct.

These events do not occur in isolation. They are part of a global pattern of rising antisemitism that scholars and civil rights organizations have documented in recent years — a pattern fueled by misinformation, political polarization, and brutal conflicts abroad that have too often been used to justify hatred here at home.

Yet in the face of these challenges, we see strength and solidarity. Jewish and non-Jewish allies alike have stood shoulder to shoulder with us in condemning hatred and affirming the dignity of every human being. We take courage from the countless acts of compassion and the resolve shown by communities around the world to protect one another.

As your synagogue president, I urge each of us to channel our sorrow into action: to educate with truth, to advocate for tolerance with unwavering conviction, and to ensure that love always outshines hate. Let us continue to lift up one another in prayer, in community, and in steadfast commitment to a world that cherishes diversity, safety, and mutual respect.

In unity and hope,

Rachel Etheridge





WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

Sisterhood News by Batya Boxt & Julie Rochlin

Nosh & Nibbles
Jan 21 at Elevation 89
For more information
cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com

Well, we are here. Can you believe it's 2026 already?

To cap off our fantastic year, we had our highly successful and super fun Chanukah party on December 7th. We gathered over 50 WRJ ladies (sisterhood members and non-members). We ate, we drank, we creatively exchanged gifts that made us happy and learned a lot about each other in the process. We're predicting that next year's event will be even better!

To start 2026, we will have our first Nosh and Nibbles event at Elevation 89.

WHEN: January 21, 2026

TIME: 11 AM

WHERE: Elevation 89

WHO: YOU!!!!

COST: Whatever you order!

Please email Cindy Stone at cindyandlarrystone@gmail.com if you're planning to attend.

We are so excited to have capped 2025 with such a fun event. Looking forward to an even better 2026...with ALL OF YOU!

If you haven't joined us at one of our events yet, make that your New Year's Resolution! Sounds like a great one to us...and we know you will not have abandoned by March!

With love and sisterhood,

Julie Rochlin and Batya Boxt

To the TBS Community

When our community comes together, real change happens. Because of your donations, families facing food crisis are receiving more than just necessities—they're receiving care, dignity, and hope.

Every can, box, and contribution you gave represents a moment of relief for someone who may have been unsure where their next meal would come from. Your generosity helps ease the strain on local families and reminds them they are not alone.

I am deeply grateful for your willingness to act during a time of need. Your support matters, and it is making a meaningful difference—one meal, one family, one act of kindness at a time.

Thank you,

Emily Rochlin

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

BIRTHDAYS

Barry Hartman in honor of Diane's birthday
 Eli Rochlin in honor of Rachel's birthday
 Elissa Saperstein in honor of Scott's birthday
 Amy Schwartz in honor of son Jonathan's birthday
 Steve Wyner in honor of his birthday
 Debbie Johnson in honor of her husband Steve's
 birthday
 Jay Cohen in honor of his birthday

ANNIVERSARIES

Selig & Barbara Adler in honor of their anniversary

Bimah Flower Coordinator
Deborah Johnson 352-509-4897

ONEGS

Warren and Sharon Goldsand

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
Barbara B Adler

Camp Scholarship

Sisterhood provides **scholarship funds to Temple family children** who wish to attend a Jewish day camp program 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:

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 January

ANNIVERSARIES

David and Ruth Santman
 Brent and Frances Malever
 Dale and Raoul Garfinkel

BIRTHDAYS

Harley Michelson
 Fred Posner
 Susan Ahern
 Deborah Perry
 Emily Rochlin
 Marti McLean
 Charles Scott
 Susan DeMar
 Susan Schwartz
 Joseph Switt
 Adriana Lopez
 Raoul Garfinkel
 Susan Grossman
 Nancy Meininger
 Brett Rockower
 Mateo Levi Villar-Mondry

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.

INTERFAITH DINNERS

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

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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



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 10/26-12/22 /2025

Capital Fund

Warren and Sharon Goldsand
 Larry and Sarina Handelman
 CJ Henry
 Barbara Hollock
 Sara Yoel

Cemetery Maintenance Fund

Alvin and Toby Topiol Yahrzeit of William J Burros
 Alvin and Toby Topiol Yahrzeit of Ray Topiol
 Alvin and Toby Topiol Yahrzeit of Beverly Topiol

Donations

Vinnette Marson
 Joan Brand - In honor of Arnold Kollin
 Rochelle Brauman - In honor of Carol DeWitt
 Michael and Betsy Brody
 Bruce and Carol DeWitt
 Stephen & Libby Heintz
 Rita Hoffman
 Barbara Hollock
 Iva I Rea
 Kirsten Abrahamson
 Jay and Janet Kreisman - In honor of Carol Dewitt
 Wayne and Raelynn Omel - In honor of Linda Donaldson

Kitchen / Oneg Fund

Warren and Sharon Goldsand

Memorial Plaques

Scott and Linda Siemens

Rabbi Discretionary

Bruce and Carol DeWitt - In Honor of Barbara Adler's birthday
 Wayne and Raelynn Omel
 Douglas and Heather Schreiber

Security

Robert (Bob) Fries
 Michele Kolsky
 Bob Levenson and Grace Dunlevy
 Theodore and Marcelle Schvimmer
 Scott and Linda Siemens

Yahrzeit Donations

Dale Berman and Raoul Garfinkel - Yahrzeit of Husband Cantor Sam Berman
 Dale Berman and Raoul Garfinkel - Yahrzeit of Son Ari Berman

Susan Bernstein - Yahrzeit of Steven Bernstein
 Michael and Betsy Brody - Yahrzeits of Doris Sack Louis Gordon and Rose Brody Goldsmith
 Michael and Betsy Brody - Yahrzeit of Harold Brody
 Michael and Betsy Brody - Yahrzeit of Harry Sack
 Doty Cheezem - Yahrzeit of Paul Cheezem
 Fred and Ann Conley - Yahrzeit of Ann's mother Shirley Feingold
 Alan and Arlene Goodman - Yahrzeit for Francis Cain
 Barbara Hollock - Yahrzeit David McNulty
 Susan Jarosh - Yahrzeit of Michael Jarosh
 Arnold and Mildred Olstein - Yahrzeits of Dorothy Sanderson and Melvin Sanderson
 Ruth Stern - Yahrzeit of Rahel Stern
 Stephen and Debby Zuckerman - Yahrzeit of Fred Kasmir

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| Ritual | Stephen Zuckerman | |
| | Susan Ahern | |
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| 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 |



January Yahrzeits



Week of Saturday 12/27 to Friday 1/2/2026

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Observed on (civil)</u> |
|---|----------------------------|
| *Harry Ploschitski Congregation | 12/27/2025 |
| Lena Katuna Grandmother of Roxanne Baron | 12/28/2025 |
| *Gladys Gerofsky Mother of Rochelle Gerofsky | 12/28/2025 |
| Zilmoth Marson Mother of Vinnette Marson | 12/29/2025 |
| William Cleveland Grandfather of Deborah and Steve Johnson | 12/29/2025 |
| *Ida Olstein Mother of Arnold Olstein Grandmother of Philip Olstein | 12/29/2025 |
| Cosmo Sherengos Father of Gail Sherengos | 12/30/2025 |
| Ronald Paley Husband of Sarina Handelman | 12/31/2025 |
| Esther Gorin Mother of Edward Gorin | 1/1/2026 |
| Louis Simmons Father of Jacqueline Kocot | 1/1/2026 |
| Simon Milberg Grandfather of Marti McLean | 1/1/2026 |
| Harry Heyman Grandfather of Melissa Yarger | 01/01/2026 |
| Seymor Zeleznik Father of Chuck Zeleznik | 01/01/2026 |

Week of Saturday 1/3 to Friday 1/9

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Observed on (civil)</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Bruce Richter Husband of Elaine Richter | 1/3/2026 |

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| *Sigmund Falk Congregation | 1/3/2026 |
| Naomi Stein Friend of Wayne & Raelynn Omel | 1/3/2026 |
| Samuel Schreiber Father of Marvin Schreiber | 1/3/2026 |
| Shirley Schwimmer Mother of Ted Schwimmer | 1/3/2026 |
| Thelma Weiss Mother of Hillary Zeleznik | 1/03/2026 |
| Lawrence Zwillman Father in law of Glenn Cohen | 1/4/2026 |
| *Meyer Diamond Congregation | 1/4/2026 |
| Miriam Ruth Taub Mother of Alan Taub | 1/5/2026 |
| Helen Bernstein Mother of Barbara Bernstein | 1/5/2026 |
| *Edward Mark Congregation | |
| Max Kufsky Father of Rochelle Brauman Father of Barbara Adler | 1/7/2026 |
| *Bernerd Delman Father of Marcia Morris | 1/7/2026 |
| Bernice Rockower Mother of Robert Rockower | 1/7/2026 |
| Jean Adler Mother of Barry Adler | 1/8/2026 |
| Albert Stern Grandfather of Ruth Stern | 1/9/2026 |

Week of Saturday 1/10 to Friday 1/16

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Observed on (civil)</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| *Maurice Himelfarb Congregation | 1/11/2026 |
| Miriam Alice Schreiber Mother of Marvin Schreiber | 1/11/2026 |

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Sue & Nathan Grossman, Mitzi Young and families on the passing of

Annette Zuckerman

May her memory be for a blessing.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bruce DeWitt, Diane Turkin, and the DeWitt family on the passing of

Carol DeWitt

May her memory be for a blessing.



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Susan Petrie 1/12/2026
Sister of Rochelle Gerofsky

Week of Saturday 1/17 to Friday 1/23

Name Observed on (civil)

*Margret Gilman 1/18/2026
Congregation

*Phillip Beshany 1/18/2026
Congregation

Kenneth Kaplan 1/18/2026
Father of Bruce Kaplan

Geraldine Sugre 1/18/2026
Grandmother of Julie Rochlin

Bea Trauner 1/19/2026
Mother of Toby Topiol-Burros

Lena Simon 1/20/2026
Grandmother of Harriet Brinker

Joel Greenwald 1/20/2026
Brother of Joyce Fox

Katherine Sigler 1/20/2026
Mother of Jules Sigler

Beva Jean Horner Cohen 1/21/2026
Step-Mother of Jay Cohen

*Laurence Conley 1/21/2026
Father of Fred Conley

Congetta Campanile 1/21/2026
Mother of Kathleen Katz

*Manuel Goldstein 1/21/2026
Father of Frances Malever

*Hyman Caminsky 1/21/2026
Grandfather of Arnold Olstein
Great-grandfather of Philip Olstein

*Max Rochlin 1/22/2026
Son of Eli and Sandie Rochlin
Brother of Mark Rochlin
Uncle of Rachel & Emily Rochlin & Katie Julien

Week of Saturday 1/24 to Friday 1/30

Name Observed on (civil)

Israel Katuna 1/24/2026
Grandfather of Roxanne Baron

George Hoffman 1/24/2026
Grandfather of Jay Cohen

Ruth Handelman (Weiss) 1/24/2026
Mother of Larry Handelman

Ben Simon 1/25/2026
Uncle of Harriet Brinker

*Lewis Jacobson 1/25/2026
Congregation

Mae Burros 1/25/2026
Alvin Topiol

*Howard Jacobsen 1/27/2026
Congregation

*Florence Jacobsen 1/27/2026
Congregation

*Sydney Schacter 1/27/2026
Congregation

Rose Gordon 1/28/2026
Grandmother of Betsy Brody

George Katz 1/30/2026
Father of Herb Katz

Week of Saturday 1/31 to Friday 2/6

Name Observed on (civil)

Joan Cohen 2/1/2026
Sister of Michael Baron

Chaim Leikach 2/1/2026
Grandfather of Rachel Etheridge

Rachel Leikach 2/1/2026
Grandmother of Rachel Etheridge

*Richard Siemans 2/1/2026
Father of Scott Siemans

Michael Massing 2/2/2026
Best Friend of Erin Boxt

Bessie Brauman 2/2/2026
Mother of Gary Brauman

*Harry Grossman 2/2/2026
Father of Nathan Grossman

Henry Garfinkel 2/3/2026
Father of Raoul Garfinkel

Rose Stone 2/3/2026
Mother of Larry Stone

Steven Gregory Adelman 2/4/2026
Brother of Eric Adelman

*Geraldine Gordon 2/4/2026
Mother of Michele Kolsky

Dina Leikach 2/5/2026
Mother of Rachel Etheridge

Dorothy Heitner 2/5/2026
Mother of Rita Hoffman

David Walden 2/5/2026
Friend of Wayne Omel

*Milton Sanderson 2/6/2026
Father of Mildred Olstein

Blanche Santman 2/6/2026
Mother of David Santman

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Temple Events

January

Fri Jan 2 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00
 Sun Jan 4 NO Sunday School
 Mon Jan 5 Adult Hebrew 102 7:00
 Tues Jan 6 Adult Hebrew 101 1:30
 Wed Jan 7 Choir 12:30; Torah Study 1:30; Adult Hebrew 103 3:00; Conversion Class 6:30
 Thurs Jan 8 Ritual Committee 5:30
 Fri Jan 9 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sat Jan 10 Shabbat Morning Services 10:30
 Sun Jan 11 Sunday School 9:30
 Mon Jan 12 Adult Hebrew 102 7:00
 Tues Jan 13 Adult Hebrew 101 1:30; Congregation Board 6:30
 Wed Jan 14 Choir 12:30; Torah Study 1:30; Adult Hebrew 103 3:00; Conversion Class 6:30
 Fri Jan 16 Family Services 5:45; Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Jan 18 NO Sunday School
 Mon Jan 19 Adult Hebrew 102 7:00
 Tues Jan 20 Adult Hebrew 101 1:30
 Wed Jan 21 Choir 12:30; Torah Study 1:30; Adult Hebrew 103 3:00; Conversion Class 6:30
 Fri Jan 23 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00
 Sun Jan 25 Sunday School 9:30
 Mon Jan 26 Adult Hebrew 102 7:00
 Tues Jan 27 Adult Hebrew 101 1:30
 Wed Jan 28 Choir 12:30; Torah Study 1:30; Adult Hebrew 103 3:00; Conversion Class 6:30
 Fri Jan 30 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00

MEN'S CLUB

The TBS Men's club meets monthly.
Contact Alan Stern for more details

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 **PayPal**, **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

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Welcome Once More to the Best Judaica Shop in Marion County!

Come see what is new for Chanukah...menorahs, candles, plates for latkes, and so much more! Also, this is a great time to buy new Judaica jewelry...check out our new supply of lovely necklaces! (More have been added since this picture was taken.) Stop by any time before services, or make an appointment...we love to see you and chat!

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 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.

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.

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.

Tree Certificates

Donations for 1 tree start at \$15.00, which includes a

TREE CERTIFICATE.

Amy Schwartz 854-9440
onlyamys421@embarqmail.com
Sisterhood JNF representative

A DeLightful Chanukah



Friday, December 19, 2025, Temple Beth Shalom Celebrated Chanukah with worship, song and food!

Rabbi Erin Boxt kicked off the Shabbat/Chanukah service with blessings for all of the children. The music crew (Dale Berman, Raoul Garfinkel, Jay Kreisman, Susan Ahern) led the congregation in a multitude of songs, and provided a rousing version of the Latke Song with the congregation enthusiastically joining in on the chorus. The TBS Singers led Chanukah songs, and the icing on the doughnut was the religious school children's presentation of Ma o'Tzur, led by Rebekkah Erdvig. Following the service, there were latkes galore that disappeared in an instant, plus a special and delicious chocolate challah crafted by our Challah Queen, Rachel Etheridge. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the service and the oneg, and a special thank you to Debby and Stephen Zuckerman for providing the Chanukah goodie bags for the children.



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 _____

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