

THE MESSENGER

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The task of humankind is to leave the world a better place than we found it. Jews describe this journey of life in two words: *Tikkun Olam* - repairing the tears in the fabric of God's creation. The role played by the synagogue is to be a "means" to accomplishing this mission, not an "end."

It has been an honor to serve this past year as rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom. To say this experience has been unique is an understatement! COVID-19 changed everything we knew about synagogue life. The word "virtual" became the new reality! After an entire year, I will still not have personally greeted well over half the members of TBS. Time flies. Again, I move on. My hope is at least some of the wonderful congregants I was blessed to encounter are more aware of the message of Judaism as a result of my Torah. The road I travel has taken me to many Jewish communities in the United States and Canada. I feel a bit like the Johnny Appleseed of Jewish life, spreading seeds of Torah from place to place. The seeds I provide are good seeds. With nurturing care they will yield the fruit of Torah to this generation and generations to come!

My Torah is the Torah of *Tikkun Olam*. Temple Beth Sholom is the fertile soil for these seeds of *Yiddishkeit*. I feel certain the example of your lives will harvest a copious crop of Jewish living. The result: A healthier and more peaceful world.

Thank you for letting me share, if even for one year, in the life of Temple Beth Sholom. There will always be a place for you in my heart.

Rabbi Howard Siegel

[On August 1, 2021, Rabbi Siegel will become the interim rabbi for the Merrick Jewish Centre on Long Island]

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*June is busting out all over
The feelin' is gettin' so intense
- Carousel, Rogers and Hammerstein.*

These lyrics written by Rogers and Hammerstein way back in 1945 apply equally well to this June and summer of 2021! We are busting out with new enthusiasm this summer as we look forward to the coming months!

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler arrives in Sarasota from London in mid- June and assumes his new position as our rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom on July 1. For the past few months, from his London residence, he has already immersed himself in many aspects of our temple life, having spoken to or emailed board members, committee members, and made personal calls to those who have had bereavements. He brings great enthusiasm, expertise, warmth, and *menschkeit* to us. His wife, Ella, is equally wonderful! Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Rabbi Altshuler and Ella. We look forward to a mutually long and rewarding association with them!

I am pleased to inform you also that Cantor Victor Geigner from Buenos Aires will be our cantor for the High Holy Days. He has already been very well received for his cantorial services in Florida congregations and elsewhere within the United States. I'm sure that you will be captivated by his warm, engaging personality and beautiful voice. We all certainly look forward to his appearance with Rabbi Altshuler on the coming High Holy Days. This will be a triumphant and memorable season for us all as we look back on the isolationism that we have experienced during the pandemic.

We bid farewell to Rabbi Howard Siegel and Alexa ("Lex") our Marketing & Communications Coordinator and wish them well for the future.

We have so much to be thankful for as a congregation. We look forward to welcoming all the new congregants who have joined us this year. Despite the pandemic, our membership remains strong and the number of members who have already sent in their membership renewals is amazing. If you have not done so already please attend to your membership renewals!

Our programs/continuing education for our congregation and the Jewish community at large continues to be without equal in the Sarasota-Manatee area. The entire "Staying Connected" series has proved to be an overwhelming success with a very wide array of topics including religion, medicine, philosophy, politics, archaeology, travel, the arts, and music. It has been so engaging for us all during the long months of the pandemic. We thank Al Treidel for his outstanding leadership and all the committee members for their hard work. The coming year will be even better!

Warmest regards to you and your families for a wonderful summer

Eric Faerber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Bimah Basket Sponsors

Sylvia & Seymour Haftel, in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary
Dr. Andrew & Gina Krinsky, in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary
Diane & Lauren Rudd, in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary

Mazel Tov!

Sheldon Gensler z"l, celebrated his 101st birthday on March 25 - *We all mourn his passing*
Clementine Schwartz, was re-elected as USY VP for the sub-region
Wendy & Ken Hurwitz celebrating the birth of their first grandchild
Hannah & John Puckhaber celebrating their granddaughter, Zoe Lewin, following in her father's footsteps; being accepted into the University of Rochester Medical School
Belle & Ted Probst celebrating the Zoom Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Joseph Birnbaum, on April 24 in New Paltz, NY
Molly & Mark Ballow celebrating their son Andrew's promotion to Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army
David Smiga & Lisa Silberman celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, Ezra Gray Wyner, in Long Island

Membership

We would like to welcome new member **Jonathan Goldberg QC**.

The membership committee is excited to say that we have provided name tags for each of our members. The name tags are here, and the response has been wonderful! Despite a little confusion with the name tags and the membership packets, we have begun the distribution. Once you do have your name tags, we ask that you "Bag the Tag" and keep them in your tallit bag or perhaps your glove compartment. They are yours to keep, and we ask that you wear them when you are at temple. If you lose them, we are happy to replace them for a charge of \$10. We are thrilled to implement this as we welcome Rabbi Altshuler and open the doors at TBS.

June Anniversaries

Adele & Lawrence Bacow	46 years	Susan & Joseph Noah	36 years
Robin & Alan Wallack	54 years	Belle & Ted Probst	52 years
Bette & Phillip Balk	62 years	Phyllis & Richard Yonker	43 years
Irene & Paul Sacher	57 years	Lydia & Jack Corn	40 years
Francine & Herbert Lippitz	12 years	Wendy & Ken Hurwitz	34 years
Sarane & Cantor Neil Newman	34 years	Molly & Mark Ballow	54 years
Toby & Cantor Murray Simon	56 years	Lillian & Jules Silberg	71 years
Cynthia & Stanley Wright	59 years	Elaine & Sohier Marks	64 years
Jackie & Stanley Schear	63 years	Ilana & Eli Livni	52 years
Rita & Paul Glosser	67 years	Beverly & Ray Broth	70 years
Tonya & David Graber	17 years		

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June Anniversaries (cont.)

Esther & Harlan Domber	58 years	Ann & Gene Ginsberg	51 years
Evie & Stan Mitchel	58 years	Leslie & Jay Cohen	50 years
Paula & Alan Rothman	49 years	Sue & Marty Spector	61 years
Susan & Marshall Horwitz	40 years	Andrea & David Caufield	48 years
Joan & Marden Paru	55 years	Joan & Ron Braun	30 years

July Anniversaries

Nancy & Peter Finn	54 years	Selma & Barry Abeshaus	60 years
Amy & Shane Edelkind	26 years	Fern & Ray Millman	45 years
Maddy & Ed Freshwater	26 years	Felicia & Joel Servetz	47 years
Lauren Brodsky & Joshua Mellits	4 years	Barbara & Stephen London	51 years
Dolly & Bill Fogel	59 years		

April Shabbat Participants

Lew Ansel
Ben Berman
Len Berman
Roz Bokoff
Deborah Bortnick
Joan Braude
David Cahn
Susan Cahn
Andrea Caufield
Jay Cohen
Leslie Cohen
Don Friedman
Brian Glickman
Sheryl Glickman
Joe Kravitz



Frank Levey
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Sohier Marks
Stan Mitchell
Cantor Neil Newman
Hannah Puckhaber
Esther Rose
Ben Sachs
Carol Shatoff
Larry Shatoff
Cantor Murray Simon
June Stern
Susan Weintraub
Saul Zatz

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Thank You!

The staff thanks our members for being so prompt in replying to our annual membership dues mailing. A BIG KUDOS to those that have already paid in full or set-up a payment plan!

YOUTH & PREP

Youth Group

Temple Beth Sholom Youth Groups are excited about a new beautification program beginning June 8! We will prepare, plant, and care for flowers/herbs in the garden boxes on the Tuttle side of TBS. More details coming soon.

Keep an eye out for information in our eblasts and on our website.

For questions or adults with a green-thumb that would like to volunteer to help the youth, contact Kelly Nester at 941.955.8121, Ext. 1002 or by email at knester@templebethsholomfl.org.

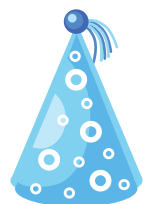
PREP

Keep an eye out for information to register for the 2021-2022 school year! **Contact Kelly Nester with any questions at 941.955.8121, Ext. 1002 or knester@templebethsholomfl.org.**

June & July Youth Birthdays



<i>Allie Leichter</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Blake Leichter</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Matthew Servetz</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>22</i>



YOUTH & PREP

Summer Camp Returns for TBS Youths!

by Troy Jones



Temple Beth Sholom is proud to announce the return of their youth summer camp program! In partnership with the TBS Sisterhood and the Jack Salzman Camp Ramah Fund, \$12,000 has been raised to send six lucky youths to summer camp this year. The six youths will be sent for a 4-week summer program held by the Ramah Camping Movement, the camping arm of Conservative Judaism.

The mission of the Ramah Camping Movement is to create and sustain excellent summer camps and Israel programs that inspire commitment to Jewish life and develop the next generation of Jewish leaders. At Ramah, thousands of children, teens, and young adults congregate each summer in communities that nurture social, educational, physical, and spiritual growth, creating lifelong friendships, a love for Israel, and a strong Jewish identity. Temple Beth Sholom is grateful for the chance to return a little normalcy to the youth of our community after the isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn about other youth programs, please contact Kelly Nester at knester@templebethsholomfl.org or 941.955.8121, Ext.1002.



SISTERHOOD



I would like to say, “what a difference a year makes.” I am optimistically hoping that the upcoming Sisterhood year will be somewhat back to normal come September. Thanks to Susan Weintraub and Bethamy Weinberger, our super Programming Co-Chairmen, we have a calendar filled with wonderful events.

Our first activity will be Sippin’ in the Sukkah on September 23. We are tentatively planning this to take place in the TBS sukkah and we hope that we will be able to gather for refreshments, an educational program, and in-person conversation.

This past year was a banner one for our membership. We maintained our membership numbers and even grew a little bit. Membership materials will be sent out in the fall. We hope that all returning members will send in their dues, and those who did not join last year will consider joining us for 5782 (2021-2022). We have scheduled our Membership Brunch for Sunday, December 5, which will occur during the holiday of Chanukah.

In addition, our calendar is packed with at least one book review and many other educational and entertaining events. Attendance at programs this past year was remarkably high. All of the programs were on Zoom, and we hope that this will continue. For now, I wish all of you a wonderful summer and hope we all stay healthy and safe.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

TORAH FUND



When you give to Torah Fund, you help empower students and instructors to achieve their goals.

Karen Engel is a student at Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam. "Born in California as a first generation American of Polish-German immigrants, I moved to Europe in the 1990s to work as a radio journalist and covered Jewish and other issues as part of my work. I only decided to become a rabbi after many years of being involved with the Jewish community in Austria —raising a family where there are few Jews and organizing many Jewish cultural and religious activities in southern Austria. I want to help strengthen Jewish life and values so that our children also have a future here in Europe."

Shara Feit is pursuing an MA in Jewish gender and women's studies at the Gershon Kekst Graduate School at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. With a BA in theatre, a certificate in music theatre, and a module in playwriting, her plays have been produced by Northwestern University's Department of Theatre, Young Playwrights Inc., Williamstown Theatre Festival's Professional Training Program, and others. Shara's artistic and scholarly work centers on the intersection of religion, gender, and sexuality studies, and she is very grateful to have the opportunity to study those subjects at JTS.

Deputy Mayor of Ofakim and a principal and educator, **Yael Segev** received her MA at Schechter Institutes in Jerusalem. "At Schechter, we learned about the different streams in Judaism. This is where religious pluralism came to life for me. I also realized how crucial it is to build a strong Jewish identity curriculum within our school, especially for the many students who came from the former Soviet Union, where they had little or no Jewish background."

Irene Muzas Calpe is also studying at Zacharias Frankel College. "Born and raised in Barcelona, before I decided to become a rabbi and devote my life to learning and teaching Torah, I worked as an English and Latin teacher and as a publisher. My main goal is the preservation and recovery of our Jewish tradition in Spain. Lost and forgotten for many centuries, our Jewish heritage is beginning to emerge in many fascinating forms, and I look forward to contributing to its renaissance. My main interests are the study of Aggadic literature, feminist Judaism, and popular culture such as comic books in Judaism."

Your contribution to Torah Fund furthers the important work of our students and programs and helps ensure the future of the Jewish people. Please give today! (<https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund>) Thank you for your generosity.

Carol Krasnow

Torah Fund Co-chair

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ROSH HASHANAH GREETING CARDS



It's almost 5782!

Help usher in the New Year by taking part in the Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Rosh Hashanah Greeting! Sisterhood will be mailing every member of our Temple a personal greeting card. This is your opportunity to participate in the beautiful greeting card that will go out to every Temple Beth Sholom family, sending best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. Be a part of this warm and meaningful tradition.

Join us by having your name included on the card.

Complete the form below and send a check for \$18.00 made out to TBS Sisterhood

to: Joan Braude, 6030 Medici Ct., #104, Sarasota, FL 34243

Mark the envelope Rosh Hashanah Greeting.



Please print my/our name(s) on the Rosh Hashanah Card as follows:

Name: _____

Phone: _____



FIRM DEADLINE: Thursday, August 12

Form must be at the above address by this date to allow time for printing.





Temple Beth Sholom and the TBS Endowment Fund are proud to participate with the LIFE & LEGACY Campaign. LIFE & LEGACY is a national campaign sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and is coordinated locally through The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee in support of multiple synagogues and Jewish organizations in the area. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage support of local Jewish organizations through contributions and legacy gifts.

We thank our contributors to the program!

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For more info, please contact the TBS office and ask for Nancy: 941.955.8121 or email her at nhendricks@templebethsholomfl.org
(As of 12 March 2021)

LIFE & LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

Meet Jeff and Fran Cohen

by Norman Olshansky



Given all the different places their family has lived, from Romania and Poland, to Philadelphia, Tennessee, Kentucky, rural Maryland, and eventually to Florida, the lives of Jeff and Fran Cohen have been a combination of many influences.

Jeff's grandparents moved to Philly from Romania in the late 1800's and opened a tailor shop. Jeff's father continued the family business that expanded into a clothing store. His family had a strong Jewish identity and had a "kosher style" home. The family eventually moved to rural Maryland. Jeff's grandfather and father were involved in starting a synagogue in their small Jewish community. Jeff's father and Jeff many years later, were presidents of that congregation. Fran's grandparents were from Poland. They moved to the U.S. and settled in New York and Kentucky. Her family

was Orthodox, and her grandfather was a kosher butcher. Another grandparent ran a general store in Kentucky. Her parents later moved to Nashville where she grew up.

Jeff and Fran met in Memphis where Jeff was a student of optometry and Fran was a student at Memphis State University. Jeff went on to practice optometry his entire career, and Fran had careers as a teacher, administrator in Jeff's office, and then as a travel agent. They raised their two sons in Maryland. The oldest is 45, is in real estate in Boston, and has two children. The youngest, who is 43, is a professor in Delaware and has one child.

Jeff and Fran came to Sarasota in 2003 to visit a cousin and immediately decided this would be a good place to make an investment in a residential property. Still working in Maryland, they became "snowflakes" visiting periodically until retirement. They moved to Sarasota full-time in 2016 and went "synagogue shopping." While living in rural Maryland, they belonged to a Conservative synagogue which eventually leaned more towards Reform. They were most comfortable in the more traditional congregation. They joined TBS because of the friendly reception they received and knowing that their cousin was a member. They truly appreciate the synagogue community which creates such a Jewish comfort zone for them. This has been especially appreciated coming from such a small community in Maryland. They have become active at TBS. Jeff is on the board and involved with the cemetery committee. Fran has been helpful with TBS event fundraising. Oscar Scherer Park, the Jewish Federation, ORT, and JNF all benefit from their involvement.

When asked what impact TBS has had on them, they said: *"The congregation has given us a sense of being part of a larger Jewish family. They have helped us FEEL Jewish and be part of the larger Jewish community."* They also noted that they are very excited about the arrival of the new rabbi. They have made a legacy gift to the temple and when asked why, they were quick to note: *"We want TBS to be here in the future. We want our Conservative synagogue to grow and be here for future generations. Part of being Jewish is to give back in whatever way and level of philanthropy that you can. We are just so happy to be members of TBS and be part of such a warm and welcoming congregation."*

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean with Lael Hazan

Wednesday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

As a child, did you ever watch movies about the Barbary Pirates? Do the names Black Beard and Captain Kidd conjure up visions of adventure on the high seas? Did you ever pretend to be a pirate or play pirate with your friends? Did you ever wear a pirate costume on Halloween or Purim? It was all fantasy because “this was not job for a nice Jewish boy.” Wrong! There were Jewish pirates, and many were incredibly successful.

Hear the tale of an unlikely group of swashbuckling Jews who ransacked the high seas in the aftermath of the Spanish Inquisition. At the end of the fifteenth century, many Jews had to flee Spain and Portugal. The most adventurous among them took to the seas as freewheeling outlaws. In ships bearing names such as the *Prophet Samuel*, *Queen Esther*, and *Shield of Abraham*, they attacked and plundered the Spanish fleet while forming alliances with other European powers to ensure the safety of Jews living in hiding. Filled with high-sea adventures, this presentation reveals a hidden chapter in Jewish history as well as the cruelty, terror, and greed that flourished during the Age of Discovery.

Bring your popcorn for this Zoom program that proves the adage that “truth is stranger than fiction.” This is the swashbuckling true story of pawns, paupers, princes, and pirates that fill the colorful tapestry of the Jews of the Caribbean. Extraordinary tales of escape, revenge, and adventure await. You will not want to miss this amazing program!

COVID-19 Update with Dr. Sachs and Dr. Krinsky

Tuesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

We have come a long way since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that reached us last year and necessitated the wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing, and even a lockdown here in Sarasota. Many of us have been vaccinated, and we have noted some changes in our daily lives. Are we really out of the woods yet? Will we be able to gather together at TBS for the High Holidays? What is the situation with the vaccines and other tools being developed to combat COVID-19? What is our status here in Sarasota-Manatee as well as the rest of the country and the world? How far have we really come and how much farther do we need to go to reach normalcy in our lives? What measures remain to be achieved in order to return to our daily functioning?

We are very fortunate to have two such outstanding physicians as doctors Andy Krinsky and Ben Sachs who have kept us informed of developments regarding the pandemic that has claimed hundreds of thousands of American lives and millions of lives around the world. Dr. Krinsky will update us on conditions here in Sarasota-Manatee while Dr. Sachs will speak about COVID-19 in a more global sense.

Join us via Zoom to hear the latest developments regarding the pandemic and have your questions answered.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Israel Trivia Night with Dr. Marshall Horwitz

Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Have you ever traveled to Israel? Do you follow Israel in the news? Do you read articles about the State of Israel? How many Israeli foods have you ever tasted? Here's your chance to see how much you really know about Israel as well as learning a number of facts about the "Jewish State" in a fun-filled session with our own Reb Melech (better known in our circles as Marshall Horwitz). Marshall, our home-grown trivia meister, will present us with Israeli trivia questions that will jog your memory and will enable you to work cooperatively with others in your cohort to arrive at answers to these questions. TBS Men's Club presents another exciting and humorous evening that will test your trivia skills. You need not be an Israel expert to enjoy trivia nights. Get to know other TBS members better, and enjoy the camaraderie of the evening. Watch Marshall as he is transformed into Chassidic Reb Melech as he challenges you in a humorous manner to test your memory banks. There is always a lot of bantering and continuous laughter throughout the game. The number of attendees has grown from trivia night to trivia night as more people take advantage of these group sessions. Everybody wins!

There are limited numbers of places available that are provided on a first come, first serve basis. **To secure a place for the July 15 Israel Trivia Night, email Marshall at marshalldds@gmail.com.** Marshall will send you the Zoom invite that will enable you to get into the program. Please note that the trivia nights utilize a different Zoom address than what you generally use for TBS events. Try your skills at Israel trivia.... You will walk away knowing more about Israel, and will leave with a broad smile on your face!

Israel Update with Harold Halpern

Tuesday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

The (domestic and foreign) politics of the State of Israel change so often that you need a score card to keep track of what's actually happening. Our own Harold Halpern serves as one of our local experts and tracks events in Israel on an hour-by-hour basis. He writes articles on this subject for both the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* and Federation's *Jewish News*. Harold is the go-to person with any questions regarding Israeli happenings.

Will the State of Israel go to yet a 5th election in the near future? How long can we count upon the present government holding together? Who are the key players and what are they looking for? Will Netanyahu be found guilty of corruption charges? Will the status of the Arab parties change and what role, if any will they play in future governments? Will more Muslim nations recognize the State of Israel, and will more nations move their embassies to Jerusalem? Is there any chance of a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians in the near future, and what might it look like? What about the stealth war between Israel and Iran? How will Israel fare with the Biden administration? If these questions aren't enough, bring your own questions with you on July 27 for Harold to address. He has no crystal ball, but Harold will answer them with his personal insights into Israel and the Middle East. Whenever Harold speaks about Israel, we all leave the session more knowledgeable and enriched by what he has to say. Please plan on joining us for another fascinating evening with Harold as he provides us with yet another fascinating Israel update.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Jewish Community of Madagascar

Tuesday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

This program has been made available through a generous grant from



Join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening with Barbara Vinick learning about a little-known Jewish community that resides on the island Republic of Madagascar in eastern Africa.

Barbara is a long-time member of the board of Kulanu (“All of Us” in Hebrew) that supports isolated, emerging, and returning Jewish communities from around the globe.

She is a research associate at the Women’s Study Research Center at Brandeis University. Her most recent book is *Today I am a Woman: Stories of Bat Mitzvah Around the World* published by Indiana University Press.

As a research sociologist for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Boston, she conducted studies and wrote books and articles on families in later life. She lives in Salem, Massachusetts, and is the proud grandmother of four teenage granddaughters.

Barbara will speak about her inspiring journey to the remote Jewish community of Madagascar, where more than a hundred people were leading Jewish lives and, after years of study, were thrilled to formally convert to Judaism. Barbara presently serves as secretary of Kulanu.



Her presentation will include a video and photos of the people of the community, the conversion activities, the Jewish weddings that followed, and scenes of Madagascar, including their renowned lemurs (pictured left).

This promises to be an amazing program that you will not want to miss.

MEN'S CLUB



This has been a very exciting season for TBS Men's Club. We are delighted that in spite of COVID-19 and the limitations that it has placed upon social gatherings etc., our membership numbers have increased by 25% over last year. We have presented a number of terrific programs via Zoom, the latest of which was co-sponsored with Sisterhood and concerned the Jewish community of Uganda. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed this latest presentation and came away with a greater knowledge of a little-known Jewish culture from Africa.

Our Yellow Candle Campaign has been the most successful Holocaust remembrance campaign in our history. It is not too late for you to send in your donation to us. Simply make your check payable to TBS Men's Club and mail it to us at the TBS address. Your generous donations will help to support the Holocaust Memorial Garden and other projects aimed at remembering the Holocaust and to fight hate and bigotry. We sincerely hope that you joined with so many Beth Sholom families who lit their yahrzeit candles on *Erev Yom HaShoah*. It is incumbent upon all of us to never forget and to ensure that future generations remember the six million. Special thanks to Gerry Ronkin and a number of Men's Club volunteers who worked so very hard to create such a successful campaign.

At our April Membership meeting, Men's Club amended its constitution and by-laws. All Men's Club officers are required to be "full-time" members of Temple Beth Sholom and to be Men's Club members in good standing. The term of office for all our board members has been changed to parallel that of the TBS Board of Directors. Thus, our next board election will take place this coming December with the new board members assuming office in January 2022. However, our membership and fiscal year will remain unchanged and will begin on July 1, 2021.

Despite the separation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have begun initial work on our new TBS museum that will be housed in the former Sisterhood gift shop. Thanks to the efforts of Joel Servetz, Jeff and Becky Miller, and Len Berman, a museum exhibit has been set up in the display window of what was the gift shop. When you visit the building, we encourage you to stop by the front of our new museum to view this initial display. Once we are past COVID-19, we expect significant work to commence to convert the former gift shop to a beautiful museum.

As we approach summer, plans are already in the works for TBS Men's Club events that will bring people together again. I encourage you to join our Men's Club and become an active member. Warmest wishes for a joyful and relaxing summer.

Kol tuy,

Al Treidel

Men's Club President



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PRESENTS

AZI SCHWARTZ: CELEBRATION IN SONG

Along with Cantor Rachel Brook of Park Ave. Synagogue
Returning 1.9.22
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A night to remember... Not to be missed!



Tickets range from \$50-\$125

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beginning September 1, 2021
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October 1, 2021 for General Admission

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Evites, Eblasts, and Emails to follow



Chairs:
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Name (as it will be listed in the program book) _____

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SOCIAL ACTION

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Once again I am expressing our gratitude to Sid Finkelstein for his most generous contributions for the food pantry.

He has been a most dependable donor throughout the year! Todah Rabah!

Meals-on-Wheels will be picking up food items shortly. We share with them and the Salvation Army as well as Family Promise. Please continue to bring in your donations.

We all know that for many families whose kids are getting meals at schools, summer brings on hunger.

I trust that as we begin to reopen and more people come and go, they will continue to be generous with their donations.

There is a drop box for your donations outside the side door if you are in the neighborhood.

Please donate only non-perishable foods with good expiration dates.

We look forward to your continuing contributions.

Susan Prohofsky & Joel Servetz

BIMAH BASKETS

We are so appreciative of everyone who has been celebrating simchas by donating to bimah baskets!

Donations for bimah baskets are divided among Sisterhood, All Faiths Food Pantry, and the Kosher Food Pantry.

So far, the food pantries continue to prefer receiving monetary donations.

Contact Evie Mitchell, evmit@comcast.net or 941.554.8529 to donate a bimah basket.

STARFISH PROJECT

We are hopeful that the Starfish Literacy Program at Fruitville Elementary School will resume when school resumes in August 2021.

Wendy Katz will continue to keep you updated.

She reminds everyone to get your vaccination as soon as you are able.

I wish everyone a safe and refreshing summer.

Susan Prohofsky
Social Action Chair

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Thank you, Visionary Society members. We appreciate your continued support of Temple Beth Sholom. We invite you to consider joining this group if you are able.

****Brochures were included in the TBS Membership packets****

If you need more information please contact Nancy Hendricks at 941.955.8121 or

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COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

Community Day School Students Learn About Microplastics

by Sharon Kunkel

Environmental stewardship is a concept the students at Hershorin Schiff Community Day School learn through text and practice. Jewish tradition encourages “*l’vadah ul’shamrah*” – to till and to tend; with *tikkun olam* (a desire to improve the world) as a pillar of Community Day’s mission, students definitely take lessons about caring for the planet to heart.

Recently, author and scientist Holly Elmore, the founder and CEO of Elemental Impact (Ei), a U.S.-based, global nonprofit committed to bringing regenerative operating practices to the corporate community, visited the school to discuss microplastics with agriculture classes. The students first learned about her work and efforts to mitigate microplastics in the environment when she gifted students her book, *From Macro to Micro to Nanoplastics*, earlier in the year. They were so inspired that they began a competition, with a goal of ridding school spaces of any microplastics they find during their time on campus – particularly outdoors.

In honor of Elmore’s recent visit, the students revived the competition for the day and realized how quickly microplastics and other litter can pile up, even when they are actively working to keep a space trash-free. In addition to Elmore’s presentation, Community Day’s agricultural sciences teacher, Meg Lea, shared additional information regarding microplastics and their effects on the environment – specifically from an agricultural perspective.

During Community Day’s Panther Pride day a couple of months earlier, all K-8 students took part in a microplastic collection competition, with each team collecting microplastics

from the outdoor learning areas. Overall, the students collected approximately 3,000 pieces of microplastics.

For more about Community Day, go to communityday.org.



Photo Left:
Fourth-grader
Vanessa
Rossi collects
microplastics on
Community Day’s
campus



Photo Above:
Author and scientist Holly Elmore
holds her book, ‘From Macro to
Micro to Nanoplastics’

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6 (26 <i>Shvat</i>) Morning Minyan PREP Virtual PREP 8:00am 10:00am 1:00pm	7 (27 <i>Shvat</i>) Morning Minyan 8:00am	8 (28 <i>Shvat</i>) Morning Minyan 8:00am	9 (29 <i>Shvat</i>) Morning Minyan Jewish Prayers of the Caribbean 8:00am 7:00pm	10 (30 <i>Shvat</i>) Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Morning Minyan Board of Directors 8:00am 7:00pm	11 (1 <i>Tammuz</i>) Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Morning Minyan Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:00am 6:30pm 8:07pm	12 (2 <i>Tammuz</i>) Korach Shabbat Service Havdalah 10:00am 9:01pm
13 (3 <i>Tammuz</i>) Morning Minyan PREP Virtual PREP 8:00am 10:00am 1:00pm	14 (4 <i>Tammuz</i>) Morning Minyan 8:00am	15 (5 <i>Tammuz</i>) Morning Minyan 8:00am	16 (6 <i>Tammuz</i>) Morning Minyan Men's Club Board 8:00am 7:00pm	17 (7 <i>Tammuz</i>) Morning Minyan 8:00am	18 (8 <i>Tammuz</i>) Morning Minyan Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:00am 6:30pm 8:09pm	19 (9 <i>Tammuz</i>) Chukat Shabbat Service Havdalah 10:00am 9:03pm
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