

# THE MESSENGER

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### Temple Beth Sholom Wishes

### Everyone A Safe & Happy Summer

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# RABBI'S MESSAGE



Shalom, Temple Beth Sholom Haverim,

We have all been shocked at what has happened at our universities of higher learning. The source of the greatest amount of Jew-hatred (antisemitism) is taking place among esteemed faculty members and students at some of the most prestigious universities in the world: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Northwestern, UCLA, and UC Berkeley, to name just a few.

The hatred and the promotion of violence and terror (Hamas) are stabbing us in the heart with the reality that, in many ways, our educational system is not working to sensitize a new generation of our American youth. What is most abhorrent, in my view, is the realization that so many of our so-called “scholars” and students are ignorant. Screaming support for Hamas, advocating intifada (violent uprising), and yelling “From the River to the Sea,” a Hamas charter call for the elimination of the Jews (not just the state of Israel) is not only morally reprehensible, but all this hatred also demonstrates an incredible lack of knowledge of Jews, of Israel, and of the history of the middle east conflicts.

I would assume that when all this disaster calms down there will be a much-needed scrutiny of the way we are teaching (or not teaching) our next generation to be responsible students of life, of goodness, of history.

It is especially disheartening, as Jews, to know that there is this huge lacuna in learning and the values that should be taught through the incredible journey of seeking truth because our people have contributed way beyond our numbers to the financial viability of these institutions of higher learning. Perhaps we can play a decisive role when our society begins to wrestle with how we have failed as a society to protect the sacred task of teaching, educating, and learning.

Appropriately, this month we will be celebrating the holiday of Torah, the holiday of Shavuot, *zman matan torahteinu*, the time of our receiving of the Torah at Sinai. There are few rituals surrounding this major holiday, on the same level as our beautiful Passover and Sukkot. Still, there is one standout custom of Shavuot that reminds us of the value we Jews place upon learning. It is not the minhag (custom) to eat dairy during Shavuot hours—it is the tradition of Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, the study of Torah all night long as a remembrance of our receiving the Torah at Sinai, approximately 3350 years ago.

If I could share with you a few verses from the Mishnah of Pirkei Avot:

Chapter 2, Mishnah 5: *Do not say, When I have the leisure, I will study, for you may never have leisure*

In other words, we often put off our need to learn about Jewish life and all aspects of learning because we feel we can “do that later.” No, there’s an urgency to our learning, our seeking knowledge, especially as we see how few people know much of anything (including our own people) about the history of the state of Israel and Zionism and the history of antisemitism.

Chapter 2, Mishnah 6: *Lo am Haaretz Hasid*—in other words, without learning (Jewish texts and Judaism), it is impossible to strive for true religiosity, piety, and goodness. A Jew who does not

know much about Judaism, the Rabbis teach us, cannot possibly be the person we were meant to become. Study of Judaism leads to the performance of the mitzvot, of righteousness. Talmud Torah k'neged kulam—the study of Torah is equal to all the other Commandments, again because knowing leads to the performance of God's Commandments, which leads to goodness, which leads to a better world.

Chapter 2, Mishnah 8: *(The) more Torah, more life; more study with colleagues, more wisdom; more counsel, more understanding; more good deeds, more peace. The acquisition of a good reputation brings personal gain, but one who has acquired Torah has acquired eternal life.*

In other words—The key to true longevity and happiness, from a Jewish perspective, comes from study because of all our false pursuits in material terms, nothing compares to the soul we create, the wisdom we develop. Learning makes us humble for what we do not know, and it makes us respectful of differing viewpoints in our own search for truth. The reason our tradition valued the rav, the scholar, is because Jews throughout our history knew that knowledge was the key to Jewish survival and longevity. Our Jewish books are our reputations, our ability to understand the world around us, and by our learning we plant the seeds for Jewish continuity for generations to come (i.e. The “better world”).

With all that , I do hope that you will all join us for our annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, our study sessions, beginning Tuesday night, June 11th, 6:30pm right here at TBS.

Our guest scholars are leading the following sessions:

**Rabbi Ed Weinsberg:** “Rabbinical Views on Wars of Defense”

**Sue Spector:** “To whom does the earth belong? Ba'al vs. Shomer”

**Don Friedman:** “The Clever Design of the Jewish Calendar”

**Norman Olshansky:** “American Jewry and Israel in the News”

**Rabbi Altshuler:** “What happened at Sinai?”

I hope, as well, that you will join us for our upcoming 2024-2025 classes, rotating two classes each Wednesday morning at 10:30:

**Jewish History: The Shoah and the History of Israel, and Islam from a Jewish Perspective (“Islam for Jews”).**

We will be joined by members of the St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church and Reverend Blyth for many of our sessions. We will also have our now annual class with Reverend Blyth and the church on 4 Tuesdays in February on “How Jews and Christians Read the Same Biblical Texts Differently.” Stay tuned for a full schedule!

I wish all of you a summer of reading and learning...there's no better way to enrich the soul!

Hag Shavuot Sameach and a joyous rest of the months of June and July.

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler



Chaverim,

I am delighted to welcome Cantor Neal Taibel to Temple Beth Sholom. Over the past few years, it has become more and more evident that TBS needed a full-time Cantor/Program Coordinator, and through the efforts of many of us, that vision has become a reality. Neal's talents, youth, energy, enthusiasm, and contagious warmth will add much to our special community. Both Rabbi Altshuler and Cantor Taibel will be a terrific team, complementing each other both on and off the pulpit, and together, they will bring our Kehillah to an exciting new level. We are only one of two congregations in Sarasota-Manatee to have a full-time Cantor and perhaps the only synagogue to have a team of both a rabbi and cantor leading a congregation.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are a Kehillah that is blessed to have three retired cantors and a large group of congregants who have the commitment, skills, and desire to lead services, read from the Torah, and to chant Haftorahs, etc. In his role as our cantor, Hazzan Taibel will work to keep all of these committed and talented individuals engaged along with training additional congregants who would like to assume leadership roles in our services. He will be available to also work with individuals to develop and build synagogue skills so that they can feel more comfortable and more active participants in our services.

As a partner on our clergy team, along with Rabbi Altshuler, Cantor Taibel will reach out to congregants who are in the hospital, hospice, and/or in need of spiritual support. He has received professional training and experience in these areas and has a genuine gift for reaching out and connecting with others. Having had the pleasure of being with Neal for significant periods of time, I already know how warm and engaging he can be. Each of his references referred to Neal Taibel as a "real mensch." I encourage you to get to know Cantor Taibel as I have. You will find him to be hard-working, warm, sincere, and caring.

Temple Beth Sholom is known for its love and appreciation of music, and I have no doubt that under Cantor Taibel's leadership, there will be welcome opportunities for even greater musical experiences here at TBS. Community outreach will be a major commitment for Neal as he will be an integral part of outreach initiatives to multiple demographic groups in our community.

In his role as Program Coordinator, Hazzan Taibel will serve as liaison between committees that produce programs for the congregation and the staff to ensure that we all follow the necessary steps in the organizational and informational elements that are critical for programming success. This will guarantee a more enjoyable programmatic experience for all of us. Obviously, he will assume full responsibility for producing exciting musical programs for the entire congregation and beyond.

Cantor Taibel will be beginning with TBS sometime during the summer. I hope that you will make every effort to reach out and get to know him. He is from Houston, Texas, is a sports enthusiast, and loves all forms of music, including the classics. He has an operatically trained voice and possesses a keen sense of humor.

ON BEHALF OF THE TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM COMMUNITY, WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME CANTOR NEAL TAIBEL

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

# Message From Cantor Neal Taibel



My name is Neal Taibel, and I am ecstatic to be your new cantor. During my visit to Temple Beth Sholom, I could feel the warmth that this congregation brings into a tefillah space, and I look forward to bringing my own love of Judaism and tefillah to this community. Before I introduce myself, I want to thank a few people that helped make this possible. I am beyond appreciative of the members of the search committee for putting their trust in me. I also want to thank the staff of TBS for their caring welcome and Rabbi Altshuler, who graciously shared the bimah with me. He helped me see TBS through his lens and better understand the depth of opportunities that lie

ahead. I am eager to start our partnership and collaboration. Lastly, I want to thank Al and Ann Treidel, who were the first people to reach out to me and made me feel like part of the family. Everyone has been so kind, and I hope that I can return the favor and continue to make this place feel like a spiritual home.

So now for those of you wondering; “Who is our new cantor?” Well, I was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and grew up at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, a very large conservative synagogue, where I was mentored by Cantors Meir Finkelstein and David Propis, two prominent cantors of our time. Before this training, I lived in Omaha, Nebraska for one year while my sister underwent her small bowel and liver transplant. During this time, my family was embraced by the city’s Jewish community, and I learned firsthand the value of community during difficult times. I graduated high school from Robert M. Beren Academy, a modern orthodox school with a curriculum that instilled in me a profound love of Judaism and Israel. I then went on to the University of Miami, where I received my Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and had the pleasure of being mentored by Rabbi Lyle Rothman, the university’s Hillel Rabbi. His encouragement led me to my cantorial studies at Jewish Theological Seminary. In summary, I have been blessed with guidance and mentorship of wonderful people since I was a kid. They nurtured my profound connection to Judaism and allowed it to evolve into something that can be shared. My hope is that one day I will be able to pass these lessons and gifts onto others.

Now for the less serious side of me. My two biggest hobbies are sports and music. I enjoy playing guitar and piano, and I love all types of music, from Rock to Pop to Opera to Jazz to R&B. I enjoy watching almost all sports and rooting for the Houston Rockets, Astros, Texans, and Dallas Cowboys, and now that Tampa isn’t too far away, the Tampa Bay Lightning. So, if you are wondering why I chose TBS, the answer is community, one that already feels like home and where I believe I can contribute. I look forward to learning from everyone, including the rabbis and cantors that belong to TBS. As we continue together, I want to bring as much music and kavanah as possible into the synagogue, and to collaborate with everyone in the community to help Temple Beth Sholom reach out, to not just its members, but the entire Sarasota Jewish Community. Please know I will be here to serve and am eager to learn.

# MESSAGE FROM TBS MEMBERSHIP

## The Wife of Your Youth

*by: Ned Holstein, on behalf of TBS' Membership Committee*

The mask has been ripped off. The campus terrorists don't just want the disputed territories, they want ALL the land. They don't want peaceful coexistence side by side. They want Judenfrei. They don't just hate the "Zionist entity," they hate us, the Jews. They want us dead. And they will be back in the fall.

These scenes awaken the Jewish collective nightmare. Is this the beginning of another Shoah? Will our society and its government protect us?

Some believe that murderous anti-semitism has always been hiding here in America. Others disagree, but still wonder how this raging campus wildfire leapt up so quickly.

I personally still believe in the basic decency of the American people. America will protect us now that the haters have revealed themselves for what they are.

Whether I am right or wrong about America, history tells us what the Jewish response must be. We will not be saved by taking off our stars of David and our kippot; or by seeking approval by denouncing this or that Israeli policy; or by hiding from the debate altogether. This would be to return to the fleshpots of Egypt, to seek out a degraded status.

Instead, we must stand up proud and free and move forward to a better destiny. We must come together, support each other, embrace each other, embrace our ancestral land, and openly demonstrate our love for Israel and for Jewish life. This is our strength, the power that has sustained us through the ages.

The Federation tells us that 85% of Jews in the Sarasota-Manatee area are unaffiliated with a shul. This is slowly changing as the crisis reawakens Jews who temporarily lost sight of their precious heritage. Jewish life is deep in their hearts, like the wife of one's youth.

"Can one cast off the wife of his youth? saith your God. For a little while I forsook you, But with vast love I will bring you back."

We will take them back with vast love at Temple Beth Sholom. We will embrace them. We will let them know they have come home again. And they will know that each may sit in safety with us, "beneath his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Let us continue the ingathering by embracing our new members who have joined since the last issue of the Messenger, whose names are listed below. Let us welcome them, invite them to sit with us at services, and invite them to join us at our kiddush tables.

There is power and love in Jewish unity.

Here are our newest members:

Jack Paley  
Joseph Zisselis  
Rita & Steve Novick



**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM**

***Tikkun Leyl Shavuot:  
Studying the Torah Together***

**Tuesday, June 11th Speakers & Topics**

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**6:30 - 7:10 pm - Rabbi Ed Weinsberg**

**Rabbinical Views on Wars of Defence**

**7:15 - 7:55 pm - Sue Spector**

**To Whom Does the World Belong? Ba'al vs. Shomer**

**8:00 - 8:40 pm - Don Friedman**

**The Clever Design of the Jewish Calendar**

**8:45 - 9:25 pm - Norman Olshansky**

**American Jewry and Israel in the News**

**9:30 - 10:15 pm - Rabbi Stuart Altshuler**

**What exactly happened at Sinai?**

***Available in-person and via Livestream***

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## LIFE & LEGACY™ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Carolyn Kaplan Member of the TBS Life and Legacy Society

Carolyn Kaplan, a long-time Sarasota resident and member of Temple Beth Sholom, will be 100 years old this summer. Her life of fulfillment and happiness began as a story of tragedy, escaping Nazi Germany, to opportunities in America, a life devoted to Judaism and synagogue life.

Born in the forest region in Southern Germany in 1924, her family was well established in the community. It was a small village with about 1,500 people. Fifteen families were Jewish. Her father was a well-respected leader in the Jewish community, a successful food purveyor and merchant, and was also well-thought-of in the general non-Jewish community.

Carolyn and her younger brother had a normal childhood in a traditional Jewish environment. Shabbat was always special. She looked forward to Simchat Torah when girls in the congregation could come down from the balcony and be with the men during the Torah procession. She said it was a real joy to be able to sit with her dad while the women above threw candy. She had many friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Her house was always a congregating place for friends. It even served as a place for the Jewish kids to study Jewish subjects with a religious school teacher who came regularly to teach them Hebrew, prayer, and Jewish tradition.

Problems began when in 1932, the Nazi party was gaining strength. In public school, the 2 Jewish students were forced to sit in the back of the room, and the other students were ordered to shun the Jewish ones. They were told Jews were the weak “link” affecting the German “chain.” Carolyn was taken out of school by her parents and put into a regional Jewish day school. Things got worse in 1933 when Hitler was elected. Carolyn remembered: “Bricks were thrown at our windows, graffiti put on the stores and sidewalks. Nazi party members were marching in our neighborhood and entering Jewish homes. One person was beaten.”

It was then, after a meeting with the other Jewish families, that a decision was made to leave. One family went to Argentina, one other family and hers went to the U.S., and the rest went to Holland, only to be slaughtered later by the Nazis.

Her family was able to get to the U.S. and settle in Chicago, where they immediately got involved with a synagogue of German Jewish refugees. They met in the auditorium of Temple Sinai. Carolyn couldn't believe how casual people were about their Judaism. She was fortunate that she had studied some English in Germany which helped her as she entered public schools. She loved art and music and also wrote and performed in



school plays. She was smart, had an A average in high school and got a job as a secretary in the stock yard office of Swift and Company. Her work success resulted in a scholarship from the company to attend Bryant and Stratton Business College. After getting her degree she continued to work at Swift and Company.

She met her first husband, Rudy Lintz, at the KAM Temple social hall where newcomers were welcomed to establish their own traditional congregation which became known as Ezra Habonim. At the forming of the first youth group, Rudy was elected President and Carolyn became secretary. Thus her synagogue involvement began continuing with her being a Hebrew school teacher for many of the following years. Her original scripts and her Hebrew Bingo game made learning Hebrew fun. She was also active in Sisterhood, was the religious school's PTA president, and wrote a monthly column for the bulletin

She and her first husband Rudy Linz had three children, two girls and a boy. They owned a fabric store until they retired and moved to Sarasota. Rudy had golfing buddies who frequently went to Sarasota and retired there. Carolyn immediately got involved with TBS. "I sat in the sanctuary, and it was so peaceful and welcoming. Somehow, it just spoke to me."

She also got involved with Sisterhood and remembered fondly her interactions with Audrey Watson, Donna Lerner, Goldie Feldman, and Barbara Rothstein. She was President of Sisterhood and initiated the Light of Torah awards and membership in the Women's League. She and Beverly Silverstein helped to get the gift shop table into its own designated room (the beautiful Judaica Shop). She served as secretary on the TBS Board with Presidents Neil Malamud, Marty Sonnenfeld, and Natalie Leffert. She also volunteered in the Library.

When Rudy, her husband of 43 years, died in 1988, the support and caring of the congregation made a big impact on her. When asked to describe her relationship with TBS at that time, she said: "The support I received brought me out of grief and continued to be my spiritual home."

She met Meyer Kaplan at TBS, and they got married in 2001. They were married for 10 years.

Carolyn is now at AVIVA, where she continues to volunteer and chairs the Religious Activities Committee. She also chaired the Aviva Kobernick Residents Association.

When asked why she made a legacy gift to TBS, she said, "I feel very strongly that this generation needs to protect the future and maintain the beauty of Judaism. I look upon it as an obligation. Judaism is a big part of who I am. We owe it, legacy giving, to those who were slaughtered for just being Jewish."

*Interviewed and submitted by TBS Member, Ed Olshansky*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## April Bimah Basket Sponsors



**Linda & Leon Gottlieb**, in honor of Linda's 75th birthday  
**Sylvia & Seymour Haftel**, in honor of their anniversary  
**Maureen & Nissen Isakov**, in honor of their 49th anniversary  
**Emilia & Robert Lachkar**, in honor of their anniversary  
**Alan Rothman**, in honor of Paula's birthday  
**Pnina & Silvian Rubin**, in memory of Henrietta Rubin, mother of Silvian  
**Lisa Silberman & David Smiga**,  
in memory of Mark Silberman & Nathan Smiga on their Yahrzeits

## April Shabbat Participants

Dr. Lewis Amsel  
Ben Berman  
Len Berman  
Deborah Bortnick  
Dr. Marnin Fischbach  
Don Friedman  
Dr. Gene Ginsberg  
Hazzan Larry Goller  
Isaac Kalvaria  
Khloe Lissage



Rueben Lissage  
Stan Mitchell  
Paula Rothman  
Sharon Schanzer  
Ann Treidel  
Jordan Wallach  
Susan Weintraub  
Cantor Roger Weisberg  
Mara Winn

## Mazel Tov!

TBS Member, **Susan Milman**, was featured in the Observer for donating \$16M to support the Sarasota Memorial Cancer Institute. TBS is proud of the work our members do in the community.



## April Oneg/Kiddush Enhancement Supporters



**Cantorial Search Committee**, in honor of Hazzan Larry Goller  
**Emilia & Robert Lachkar**, in honor of their anniversary  
**Sue & Marty Spector**, in honor of Marty's 85th birthday

## Pesach Service Participants

Deborah Bortnick  
Dr. Marnin Fischbach



Cantor Neil Newman  
Ann Treidel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## June Anniversaries

Dr. Susan & Jay Abend	39	Elaine & Sohier Marks	67
Linda & Sandy Ader	63	Evie & Stan Mitchell	61
Adele & Lawrence Bacow	49	Robbe & Ira Moltz	20
Bette & Phillip Balk	65	Saranee & Cantor Neil Newman	37
Molly & Dr. Mark Ballow	57	Susan & Dr. Joseph Noah	39
Joan & Ron Braun	33	Ann & Dr. Joseph Penn	51
Leslie & Jay Cohen	53	Mindy & Dr. Gene Printz-Kopelson	48
Esther & Harlan Domber	35	Belle & Dr. Ted Probst	55
Ann & Dr. Gene Ginsberg	54	Grace & Dr. Martin Rosman	56
Wendy & Perry Gould	22	Paula & Alan Rothman	52
Melissa & Gary Green	3	Irene & Paul Sacher	60
Sherry & Dr. Ned Holstein	21	Toby & Cantor Murray Simon	59
Susan & Marshall Horwitz	42	Sue & Marty Spector	64
Drs. Wendy & Kenneth Hurwitz	37	Midge & Josh Stulberg	45
Helene & Philip Jacoby	56	Robin & Alan Wallack	57
Ilana & Eli Livni	55	Drs. Phyllis & Richard Yonker	46



## Youth Birthdays

**Matthew Servetz**

**June 22**



## June Milestone Birthdays

Jeffrey Bain

Joseph Noah

Phillip Balk

Stephen Patrice

Stacey Edelman

David Smiga

Michael Krasnow

Barbara Steinbach

Fern Millman

Rob Weiss

Temple Beth Sholom would like to wish a very happy birthday to our members who are celebrating a milestone birthday this month! (*birthdays ending in 0s or 5s*)





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## July Anniversaries

Karen & Arthur Adler	45	Vivien & Isaac Kalvaria	48
Paula & Sheldon Apsell	54	Ellen & Les Kreisler	57
Lauren Brodsky & Josh Mellits	7	Fern & Raymond Millman	48
Nancy & Peter Finn	57	Tova & Victor Mitchell	34
Dolly & Bill Fogel	62	Felicia & Joel Servetz	50
Maddy & Ed Freshwater	29	Lila & Murray Zedeck	64

## July Milestone Birthdays



Richard Biller	Perry Gould
William Fogel	Carolyn Kaplan
Sheri Gensler	Anita Klainbaum



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Dear TBS Community,

I am writing to thank you for the honor of serving this congregation for the past two years.

When thinking of TBS, “Davening Brigadoon” comes to mind — a magical worship community who, like the members of that legendary Scottish village, still practice the “old ways.” This is to say that TBS is full of shul Jews, eager to participate in prayer and who have a thirst for music and knowledge. Leading prayer in such a community, one where both chazonus and congregational song are cherished, has been a real privilege. Though I’ve only been a part-time cantor, the community’s love of learning and the arts have afforded me incredible opportunities to program and collaborate, for which I’m very grateful.

Together we have navigated many storms, from a hurricane-impacted high holidays to the “Hurricane” (as Eden Golan would put it) of October 7th and its repercussions around the world. Like the State of Israel, we have persevered. I continue to be inspired by the optimism, resilience, and personal strength of so many members of our community.

If you’re interested in staying in touch, I invite you to follow my weekly column on Jewish music, at [mattausterklein.substack.com](http://mattausterklein.substack.com), Or reach out directly via email.

My sincere thanks to Rabbi Altshuler, Al Treidel, Lauren Haven, the staff, and every member of the TBS community for the opportunity to be a part of your Jewish celebrations and lives over the past two years. May we all go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,  
*Cantor Matt Austerklein*

## SOCIAL ACTION

### GREEN BEAN CASSEROLES

Thank you to Belle Probst, Sheryl Glickman, Evie Mitchel, Debbie Marshall, Julie Friedman and Felicia Servetz who continue to donate casseroles for the Salvation Army. And thank you to Adele and Stan Tannenbaum for delivering them to the Salvation Army most recently! The Salvation Army feeds many people daily and is most appreciative of our donations.

### SPARCC

We continue to collect personal care items for SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center.) If you are traveling, you may have the opportunity to bring back some of the hotel supplies, such as shampoo, lotion, etc. They also appreciate individually wrapped personal products. They are very appreciative of everything we bring them.

### LAPTOP DONATION DRIVE FOR AREA FOSTER KIDS

The Children's Guardian Fund (CGF) and Sarasota Technology Users Group (STUG) have teamed up to collect used computers and laptops. With a long history of recycling and safety, the STUG sanitizes (clears prior owners' information to protect sensitive information that may be left on the computer at the time of the donation) the hard drive with a seven-step process that protects the donor's information. They then refurbish the laptop and install software that is typically required for school. Refurbished laptops are distributed to area students in foster or state care through the CGF and the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Temple Beth Sholom is proud to support this special program to help local families in need. Please contact Troy Jones ([troy@tbssrq.org](mailto:troy@tbssrq.org)) for more information.

### BIMAH BASKETS ARE DÉCOR, BUT THEY ARE SOO MUCH MORE...



*This fiscal year, through the efforts of The Bimah Basket Project, TBS Sisterhood was able to donate \$2,850 to both*  
**All Faiths Food Bank & Jewish Family & Children Services.**

On each side of the Bimah, on a stand, sits a gift basket that contains replicas of food. TBS Sisterhood seeks sponsors each week to sponsor the baskets in honor of a special event or in memory of someone special. Proceeds from these sponsorships are divided 30% to be donated to All Faith's Food Bank, 30% to be donated to Jewish Family and Children's Services, and 40% remains to be used by TBS Sisterhood.

Be a sponsor of one or two baskets soon and help us in this social action project.

One basket - \$54 and two baskets - \$90  
Payment to TBS Sisterhood

To order, forms are available in locations at the synagogue, on the TBS Website under Sisterhood, or by contacting Evie Mitchell at 941-960-0256 or at [evmit@comcast.net](mailto:evmit@comcast.net).

Susan Prohofskey, **Chair,**  
**TBS Sisterhood**  
**Social Action Committee**

765.426.5830 [suepro2861@gmail.com](mailto:suepro2861@gmail.com)



## MEN'S CLUB



We're in the "dog days" of Summer, and there isn't much going on, so this is as good a time as any to remind all of the men at TBS that your support is critical to the ongoing mission of your Men's Club to support TBS in a variety of ways, financial and otherwise. The best way to do this is to make sure you have sent in your membership payment to ensure we always have the funds to fulfill our commitments. Beyond that, being an active member brings numerous benefits to the community. We encourage you to attend our events and programs and participate in projects such as putting up the sukkah or any other efforts that require active, in-person participation. We also need your ideas, your creativity. And if you're willing to take a leadership role, we welcome your active service on our Board of Directors.

You should have received or shortly will receive your membership letter. Please take a moment to reply with your membership form and payment. Join us and join in brotherhood with more than 25,000 men in over 270 Conservative synagogues around the world from New York to Sarasota to New Delhi, India.

Joel Servetz  
**Men's Club President**



**\*\* Please keep an eye out on future eblasts and notices for next year's programs which will include speakers such as Ken Feinberg, who will discuss "Unconventional Responses to Unique Catastrophes: Relying Upon my Jewish Heritage," on 9/11 and special presentation with West Point Military Acedemy alumni Joel Kempf in November.**



## SISTERHOOD



The onset of summer brings the beginning of preparations for our High Holiday projects. Sisterhood will once again be sponsoring the Temple Beth Sholom New Year Greeting card. The mailing for this will be going out in July. We will also be making New Year packages to deliver to our area senior facilities. These contain a Rosh Hashanah card, honey stick, candies, and an information sheet about the holidays. The packages will be delivered by our “Sisterhood Elves” prior to the holidays. This undertaking takes a large team of women and requires a tremendous amount of planning, but it is such a wonderful thing to do for our community. The outreach means that people living in assisted living, nursing homes and other facilities are not forgotten and have an opportunity to celebrate the new year.

Thanks to Evie Mitchell and Martha Sherman our Bimah Basket project had an unbelievably successful year. Almost every week throughout the year had at least one sponsor, and many weeks, there were more than 3 sponsors. I am delighted to report that for the 2023-2024 year, we were able to contribute over \$5000.00 to All Faiths Food Bank and Jewish Family & Children’s Service. When we made our dispersal to both organizations in May we were able to have them matched.

We continue to plan our programs and events for 2024-2025 and look forward to another year of exciting, educational, and engaging programs. We are thinking a little outside the box for this coming year. Our yearly activities, which include Sippin` in the Sukkah, Annual Membership Brunch, Sisterhood Shabbat, and Sisterhood-sponsored Library Book Review, have been put on the calendar. There has also been a request for programs that are “fun” and promote forming relationships in a social setting. To meet those needs, Sisterhood will sponsor an off-site day trip to Solomon’s Castle and either a Breakfast or evening Trivia competition. Because we enjoyed much success with our 1st Annual Sisterhood Game Day, we are planning on repeating this program as well. We hope that you will support and attend both these new and innovative programs and help make them a success. Sisterhood has tentatively agreed to coordinate a Tu B’Shevat inspired lunch that will follow the Tu B’Shevat tree planting. During the lunch Anne Dubinsky, a talented artist from Israel, will speak about her recently published book about gardening therapy and the value it brings to people.

On behalf of Sisterhood I wish all of you a wonderful summer.

Sheryl Glickman  
**Sisterhood President**

# IDELSON LIBRARY NEWS

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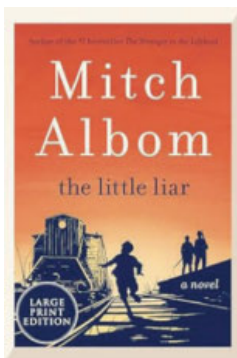
The Main Library (near the Sanctuary) and the Library Alcove (near the Social Hall) are open for your browsing or borrowing pleasure whenever the synagogue is open! (The Main Library may be unavailable if there is a class or meeting.) Please use the self-checkout system to take out material (be sure to write your name and phone number legibly on the card). All the DVDs and the newest books are in the Alcove. The Main Library also has interesting books arranged by fiction, biography, and nonfiction subjects such as the Bible, holidays, history, and Israel. See the labels on the top of each bookshelf.

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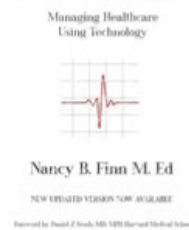
## NEW BOOKS IN THE ALCOVE



**The Little Liar** by Mitch Albom, 2023 - This powerful novel moves from a coastal Greek city during the Holocaust to America, where the intertwined lives of three survivors are forever changed by the perils of deception and the grace of redemption. It

addresses the damaging effects of lies, the complexity of human relationships, and the widespread devastation of the Holocaust.

## e-Patients Live Longer



**e-Patients Live Longer: Managing Healthcare Using Technology** by Nancy B. Finn –This book, written by TBS member Nancy B. Finn, is a comprehensive guidebook on using e-tools to facilitate the complexities of our healthcare system.

The book illustrates how the communication tools that consumers use every day: digital records, email, the Internet, and smartphones are enabling technologies that help patients empower themselves to take charge of their health care, communicate with their clinicians, monitor their chronic conditions, and collaborate with their health care team for better outcomes.



Debby Marshall  
Idelson Library Coordinator



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.

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# JUNE CALENDAR

June 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 (24 Iyar) Bechukotai Shabbat Mevarchim 39th Day Omer Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:57pm
2 (25 Iyar) 40th Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	3 (26 Iyar) 41st Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	4 (27 Iyar) 42nd Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel Mah Jongg 12:30pm	5 (28 Iyar) Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	6 (29 Iyar) 44th Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel Board of Directors' Meeting 4:00pm	7 (1 Sivan) Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:06pm	8 (2 Sivan) Bamidbar 46th Day Omer Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:00pm
9 (3 Sivan) 47th Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	10 (4 Sivan) 48th Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	11 (5 Sivan) Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel Mah Jongg 12:30pm Shavuot Service & Study 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:07pm	12 (6 Sivan) Shavuot - 1st Day Shavuot Offices closed in observance of Shavuot Shavuot Day 1 Service 9:30am Candle Lighting 9:02pm	13 (7 Sivan) Shavuot Yizkor TBS Offices closed in observance of Shavuot Shavuot Day 2 & Yizkor Service 9:30am Havdalah 9:02pm	14 (8 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Shabbat Services 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:08pm	15 (9 Sivan) Nasso Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:03pm
16 (10 Sivan) Father's Day Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	17 (11 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	18 (12 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel Mah Jongg 12:30pm	19 (13 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	20 (14 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel	21 (15 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Summer Shabbat Services ZOOM only 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:10pm	22 (16 Sivan) Beha'alotcha Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:04pm
23 (17 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	24 (18 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	25 (19 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel Mah Jongg 12:30pm	26 (20 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	27 (21 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel	28 (22 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Summer Shabbat Services ZOOM only 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:11pm	29 (23 Sivan) Sh'lach Shabbat Mevarchim Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:05pm
30 (24 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am						

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# JULY CALENDAR

July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> (25 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>2</b> (26 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel <b>Mah Jonge</b> 12:30pm	<b>3</b> (27 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>4</b> (28 Sivan) <b>Independence Day</b> TBS Office closed in observance of Fourth of July Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	<b>5</b> (29 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Summer Shabbat Services</b> <b>Zoom Only</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:11pm	<b>6</b> (30 Sivan) <b>Korach</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 9:05pm
<b>7</b> (1 Tammuz) <b>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz</b> Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>8</b> (2 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>9</b> (3 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel <b>Mah Jonge</b> 12:30pm	<b>10</b> (4 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>11</b> (5 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am <b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> <b>Zoom &amp; Multi-Purpose Room</b> 4:00pm	<b>12</b> (6 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Summer Shabbat Services</b> <b>Zoom Only</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:10pm	<b>13</b> (7 Tammuz) <b>Chukat</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 9:03pm
<b>14</b> (8 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>15</b> (9 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>16</b> (10 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel <b>Mah Jonge</b> 12:30pm	<b>17</b> (11 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>18</b> (12 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	<b>19</b> (13 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Summer Shabbat Services</b> <b>Zoom Only</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:07pm	<b>20</b> (14 Tammuz) <b>Balak</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 9:01pm
<b>21</b> (15 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>22</b> (16 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>23</b> (17 Tammuz) <b>Fast of Tammuz</b> Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel <b>Mah Jonge</b> 12:30pm	<b>24</b> (18 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>25</b> (19 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	<b>26</b> (20 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Summer Shabbat Services</b> <b>Zoom Only</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:04pm	<b>27</b> (21 Tammuz) <b>Pinchas</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 8:57pm
<b>28</b> (22 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>29</b> (23 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	<b>30</b> (24 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel <b>Mah Jonge</b> 12:30pm	<b>31</b> (25 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am			

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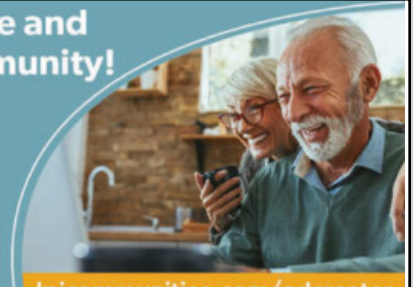


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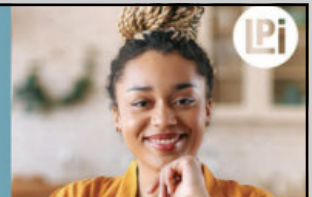
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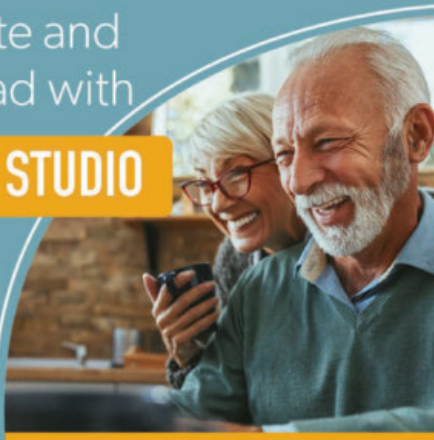
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