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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Is there really such a thing as a "chosen people?" After leaving Egypt, then celebrating the first-ever Passover, Jews received the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Some legends suggest G-d chose the Jewish people to receive Torah and, in the words of the Prophet Isaiah, be a "light unto nations." Another legend suggests we were not the "chosen" people, but the people who when asked, chose the Torah. Other nations were approached before Israel, but declined the invitation. The notion of "chosenness" has, in good times and bad, followed the Jewish people through the centuries, even to this day.

Truth be told, Judaism is meant to be a "light unto nations." Those who consider Torah a driving force in their lives continue to have a profound influence on the inhabitants of this earth. Our responsibility is not to make everyone Jewish but to encourage the nations of this world to practice the ideals of Judaism. You may be surprised to learn Judaism has enjoyed considerable success in this effort.

One can look to Christianity as a competing theology or recognize the profound (and positive) impact Judaism has had on the formation of church doctrine. One can see in Islam fundamentalism or recognize a Jewish theological, cultural, and even ethical reflection in the teachings of Mohammed. What is true for the great religions of the western world is also true for nation states.

As we prepare to re-tell our story of freedom and liberation, let us not think our message falls on deaf ears. With the stories told at the Seder table, we plant the seeds and nurture the moral/ethical growth of generations present and future.

Chaq Samayach,

Rabbi Howard Siegel

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE
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We are now in the month of Adar. Rabbinic lore tells us that Adar is a month of joy. We have many events to bring us joy. Last month we celebrated Purim, always associated with the Megillah and hamantaschen, and this month we look forward to Pesach, with the joy of seders and special foods. It is the most widely celebrated Jewish holiday, both in this country and Israel.

Last year, Pesach was unlike any other - and at our seders, because of the pandemic, we all knew the answer to the question "why is this night unlike any other?" Our TBS COVID-19 task force meets regularly and is now exploring the possibility of a Passover morning service with a limited number of congregants, who have received both doses of the vaccine, in the sanctuary and via Zoom for the rest of the congregation. A service on Pesach will be symbolic both for liberation of Israelites from Egypt and our limited freedom from the coronavirus. We continue to progress, cautiously, in our move to return to full reopening of the synagogue. The safety and preservation of health of our congregation remains our top priority.

Temple Beth Sholom has been extremely fortunate in obtaining grants from the Schoenbaum Family Foundation and also from the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee. The grants will be directed toward improving and increasing the security of our buildings and grounds and updating and expanding our audiovisual capabilities in the sanctuary, chapel, and social hall.

Our impressive programming/continuing education commitment continues. Last month we were enthralled by our Freund Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Stephen Berk, renowned professor of history at Union College in Schenectady, New York, who delivered four outstanding presentations including: "1945: A Year of Great Consequence," "Great Trials in Jewish History," "American Jews and the Struggle for Civil Rights," and "Putin and the Return of Russia and the Future for Russian Jews." We thank TBS congregant Dr. Bill Freund for once again sponsoring our Scholar-in-Residence program, as he has done for the past 15 years.

It is always wonderful to acknowledge congregants on their awards and achievements. We congratulate Elliott Corn on his award as "TBS Men's Club Man of the Year for 2021," Susan Prohofsky for receiving the Sisterhood 'Woman of Achievement" award, Susan Weintraub for being the "Queen Esther" recipient, and Leah Zatz for receiving the "Light of Torah" award for 2021. Mazel tov to you all! We are proud of all that you do for Temple Beth Sholom.

Esme and I send best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful Pesach. Warmest regards,

Eric Faerber

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, Rabbi Stuart Altshuler!

by Eric Faerber



It is with much pleasure that we welcome Rabbi Stuart Altshuler as our new rabbi, commencing July 1, 2021. He is currently senior rabbi at a large synagogue in London where he established himself as a leader in the wider London Jewish community, guiding a congregation with almost one thousand members.

Rabbi Altshuler received both his rabbinic ordination and doctorate in Hebrew Literature from The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) of America in New York.

He has served as professor of Jewish Studies at Chapman University in California, and has been visiting professor at numerous universities across the country. Prior to his rabbinate in London he served as rabbi in several congregations including California, Illinois, Virginia, and Connecticut.

Throughout his career, Rabbi Altshuler has initiated innovative programs for synagogues and communities in interfaith efforts, on behalf of Israel, in the promotion of Masorti/Conservative Judaism, and has lent his leadership and support for every attempt at unifying the different parts of the Jewish community, both religious and political. He developed a unique bond with the late Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, Jonathan Sacks, creating a bridge between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox world. He has lobbied through his many friends and allies in the British Parliament on behalf of Israel and against the rise of antisemitism and has increased Holocaust awareness. He led two services, both for Kristallnacht, at Westminster Abbey, which was a first for the Jewish community there. 1,500 people came for each of those commemorations.

He is a member of numerous societies and a staunch supporter of AIPAC, serving on its Rabbinic Steering Committee.

His book *From Exodus to Freedom* is currently required reading in over 70 classrooms across the country, with endorsements from prominent national and international Jewish leaders.

Rabbi Altshuler and his wife, Ella, have three children and three grandchildren. Ella is an accomplished, award-winning recording artist, composer, and author of the highly acclaimed book *The Orphan Sky*. Rabbi Altshuler's many interests include classical music and opera, baseball, basketball, golf, reading and writing, chess, and playing piano, violin, and guitar. His lifelong affinity for classical music began with playing the violin at four and a half years of age.

Rabbi Altshuler enthusiastically looks forward to coming to Sarasota as our new rabbi and to meeting the greater Jewish community of Sarasota-Manatee. We eagerly await his arrival!

LIFE & LEGACY AND VISIONARY SOCIETY

Why do we have Visionary Society members?



We thank our Visionary Society Members who help support our Temple Beth Sholom by paying more than the required dues each year. This is an annual program (brochures go out in May/June with new membership year information). These members pay between \$1,000 and \$15,000 on top of TBS' annual membership fees, and they are an important part of keeping Temple Beth Sholom's operating budget balanced.

Thank you Visionary Society members. We appreciate your generosity and thank you so very much. We invite you to consider joining this group if you are able.

Okay, so why do we also need our LIFE and LEGACY Society?



LIFE and LEGACY gifts are for the future, not for today. They let our members contribute to the future of Temple Beth Sholom, to leave a legacy so that they are part of TBS' future.

Many people plan gifts to the temple which will come from their estate. Others decide to make gifts today, often appreciated stocks or cash gifts. Most go directly to our Endowment Fund where they are to TBS

like our personal IRAs are to our families.

Thank you to all our current LIFE and LEGACY donors. Your generosity and commitment to TBS' future is greatly appreciated. We are most grateful for your support. There are ways every TBS member can join them. Call Nancy in the office at 941.955.8121 for information. Additionally, have you already remembered TBS in your estate plans? Please let us know so your generosity can be acknowledged.

Iris Nahemow **Dor L' Dor Committee**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank You!

Our members continue to give both tangible and monetary donations to support those in need in the community. As you know, in January and February, the temple made substantial cash donations to All Faiths Food Bank and JFCS. We donate to Meals on Wheels and make our donations open to Family Promise. Toiletries continue to come in for SPARCC donations.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, TBS has collected over 10,000 lbs. of food!

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January Bimah Basket Sponsors

Judith & Harold Kulman, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary Gerry Lahn, in honor of Karen's birthday Lauren & Todd Haven, in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary

Carlyn & Ed Morris, in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary

Cathy & David Prohofsky, Judy & Allen Prohofsky, Becky & Rick Lerner and Shana & Joel Prohofsky in honor of Susan Prohofsky being named Sisterhood's Woman of Achievement Eli Livni, in honor of Ilana's birthday

Michael Krasnow, in honor of Carol's birthday

Linda & Sy Sherr, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary

Myrna & David Snowise, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Lev Myrna & David Snowise, in honor of their grandson who just joined the IDF in Israel

A generous donation was made to the Bimah Basket Fund by Sue Prohofsky

March Anniversaries

Eileen & Alan Bleyer	50 years	Hannah & John Puckhaber	34 years
Judith & Jack Bloch	60 years	Esther Abramson-Krut & Leib Kr	ut 27 years
Deborah & Lawrence Haspel	35 years	Francene & Jeffrey Cohen	50 years
Stacey & Robert Edelman	32 years	Julie Zelda & Martin Salzman	62 years
Gretchen & Larry Mandel	38 years	Sabina & Michael Zimmer	54 years
Adele & Stanley Tannenbaum	56 years	Marjory & Walter Tolub	56 years
Miriam Halfon & Mario Hallp	hone 55 years	Lisa & Daniel Cooper	22 years
Lea & Saul Zatz	55 years	Susan & Byron Weintraub	46 years
		Dana & Elliott Corn	41 years

January Shabbat Participants

Lewis Amsel
Ben Berman
Len Berman
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Joel Feder
Don Friedman
Sheryl Glickman
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Susan Weintraub

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Mazel Toy!

Patti & David Wertheimer, celebrating the marriage of their daughter Sarah to Adam Negroski Sue Prohofsky, in honor of being named Sisterhood's Woman of Achievement Susan Weintraub, in honor of being named Sisterhood's Queen Esther recipient Edie & David Chaifetz, celebrating the new Chaifetz Family Holocaust Remembrance Park on the Larry & Mary Greenspon Family Campus for Jewish Life Elliott Corn for being named 2021 Man of the Year by TBS Men's Club

Sale of Hametz

Every Jew is required to rid their homes of food items containing any of the five grains forbidden on Passover: wheat, oats, barley, rye, and spelt. There are two suggested ways of removing non-perishable food items containing "Hametz": 1.) Donate them to a local food shelf, or 2.) place them in a closed-off area for Passover and have them technically sold to a non-Jew who is not responsible for the observance of Passover. If you wish to pursue the 2nd suggestion, complete the attached form and return it, with a small donation, to Temple Beth Sholom no later than Friday, March 26, 2021. All donations will be contributed to the Jewish Family & Children's Service Passover Fund.

[Please return this form to Temple Beth Sholom no later than 12 noon, Friday, March 26, 2021] **AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO SELL HAMETZ** I (we) _____, hereby authorize Rabbi Howard Siegel of Temple Beth Sholom to act as my agent to sell any Hametz (food and/or utensils) that may be in my (our) possession, wherever it may be in my (our) home and/or place of business or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law, as outlined on the special contract of sale drawn up by Rabbi Siegel. NAME _____ SIGNATURE ____ **HOME** ADDRESS BUSINESS **ADDRESS** HOME PHONE

BUSINESS PHONE

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Are You Getting Our Weekly Eblasts?

We have been having a few issues with Constant Contact, so please let us know if you are not getting our emails on a weekly basis.

> Contact Kelly Nester in the TBS office at knester@templebethsholomfl.org or 941.955.8121. Constant Contact has their engineers working on the issue.

Internet Scams

There have been increasing reports about internet and email scams. Here are a few tips:

- 1. Don't click any link in an email including the "unsubscribe" button. Use the "spam" button in your browser instead. Clicking "unsubscribe" can lead to malware, identity theft, or more spam, especially if it isn't an organization or newsletter you had opted into in the first place.
- 2. Be careful of emails asking you to "do favors" or to buy gift cards. Scammers can make the name look like people you know, so be sure to check the actual email address if it seems suspicious or simply delete the email and send your "friend" a new email to their actual email address.

YOUTH & PREP

Youth Group

We hope all of our Kadima members who joined the joint program with the Tampa area temples had fun. Kadima had a Virtual Night at the Museum. A virtual scavenger hunt at the Smithsonian! We are looking forward to continuing great programs this spring! USY board members are attending conventions and bringing great ideas back to us! Send us your ideas on how to lift our community, programs you would like to have, etc. As always, SEND PICTURES, and please don't hesitate to contact Kelly Nester with any questions at 941.955.8121, Ext. 1002 or knester@templebethsholomfl.org.

<u>PREP</u>

Classes continue in-person and via Zoom. Let us know what you are up to - send Kelly a brief message to let us know what you are learning and what activities you are participating in. Please SEND PICTURES and don't hesitate to contact Kelly Nester with any questions at 941.955.8121, Ext. 1002 or knester@templebethsholomfl.org.

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March Youth Birthdays



Jackie Wasserman March 11 Ari Knego March 15 Gabriel Alpert March 16 Nathan Alpert March 16



IN MEMORIAM

SANDRA HANAN

by Rabbi Dr. Ed Weinsberg

This past December, during the week of Hanukkah, the family of Sandra Hanan dedicated a new memorial board in her memory in our temple sanctuary. We remember Sandra because of the high caliber person she was in her family's life, in the life of this synagogue, and throughout our Jewish and general community.

Sandra's character exemplifies the observation by the German poet Goethe that "one cannot always be a hero, but one can always be a humane person." In the same vein, our earliest rabbis 2000 years ago declared, "Ba-makom she-ayn eesh, tehiyeh eesh/ When you're in a place where people are uncaring, it's up to you to care for others and act with decency." That's the sentiment behind the exhortations of Yiddish-speaking parents when they urge their offspring to "Sei ah Mensch/Be kind and humane to others." That is who Sandra was. This was underscored at an event here at the temple some two years ago. That's when our temple Sisterhood designated Sandra as a "Light of Torah" at an award luncheon that some of you attended. That award was based on her intense devotion to her family and to the rest of the community.

At that award luncheon in Sandra's honor, she was toasted as a "Light of Torah" because year after year she had been immersed in model Seders and USY conventions, hosted Israeli exchange students, and organized countless dances, luncheons, and events for Temple Beth Sholom and Hadassah.

When she learned of the award, Sandra fondly remembered scrubbing the cabinets at Beth Sholom to help kasher the "old" kitchen. Many breakfast meals were held at her home with her husband Lewis in the years when the entire congregation was smaller and could be included. Indeed Sandra was Lew's "supportive 'First Lady'" when he served three times as our temple president.

Recalling Sandra as a "Light of Torah" when the new memorial board was dedicated was doubly appropriate during Hanukkah, our Festival of Dedication that is also known as Chag Urim/The Festival of Lights! To be regarded as a light to others, like Sandra, remains a tribute to her values and concerns.

Like Sandra, each of us can become a light to those in need by offering a kind word or acting generously to the best of our ability and engaging more fully in the life of our congregation and the Jewish community.

Sandra's name is inscribed at the bottom of this Yahrzeit memorial board. This engraving will serve as a constant reminder of Sandra's devotion and spirit as she made her life's journey.

As we look at this memorial board, we trust it will inspire us to consider how much Sandra meant to so many of us. Despite her passing, this memorial board will serve as a way to help her remain close to all whose lives were touched by her own.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

COVID-19 and the Vaccine: What does Jewish Tradition Tell Us? with Sue Spector

Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m

Are you over 65 and still waiting for an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine? Are you younger, or have family members who have no idea when they can be vaccinated? Are you being careful in your daily activities? Are you taking any risks to be with family or friends?

Jewish tradition places a high value on "Pikuah Nefesh," saving a soul. In fact, you can transgress any of the mitzvot, except for the big three (murder, idolatry, and adultery) to save a life. The rabbis and sages in ancient and medieval times were aware of the importance of taking care of your body, especially as bodies were considered as belonging to G-d. The Torah knows about the preventive significance of quarantine. The Talmud proclaims that "physical cleanliness is conducive to spiritual purity" and the Talmudic rabbi, Samuel, declares that "washing one's hands and feet in the morning is more effective [in securing health] than all the lotions in the world." Maimonides tells us which food to eat with which food, not to eat too much, and to exercise.

Rabbis and Jewish ethicists today have opinions on how our Jewish values should reflect our behavior during this terrible pandemic. But there are so many questions. What is the responsibility of our community and government to provide medical care for all of us? How do we allocate scarce medical resources? Whose life is more valuable? What blessing should we say when we receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

Join us on Thursday, March 4, to explore COVID-19 and Jewish tradition with Sue Spector. Share your thoughts as we learn what our Jewish values say about our present situation. (Note: This program will not deal with the medical and scientific aspects of COVID. We'll leave that to Drs. Sachs and Krinsky, our medical experts.)

Course Description:

Is This Life All There is: One Rabbi's Perspective On Life After Death

with Rabbi Howard Siegel

PART II: Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Is death really the end of life, or just the beginning? Join Rabbi Siegel on Tuesday evening, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. for "one rabbi's perspective" on life after death for part II of this fascinating program. Rabbi Siegel will continue to explore Jewish eschatology (what Judaism has to teach about the afterlife) and offer his own personal understanding of the end of life.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Two-Part Series on the Jews of Italy with Lael Hazan

Foods of Jewish Italy Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Throughout their more than 2000-year sojourn in Italy, the Jews have had an impact on the diversity and flavors of Italian food. Influenced by their previous communities as well their dietary restrictions, Jewish Italian cooking became quite imaginative and flexible. This program will explore the origins, recipes, and delights of Italian Jewish cooking.

Italian Jewish Personalities Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.

The people of the book have contributed to the flowering of Italian culture for over 2000 years. This program will bring to life some of the most towering and colorful figures of the Judeao-Italian experience. We will explore the great Jewish personalities from Jason ben Eleazar and Eupolemus ben Johanan who came to Italy, as envoys of Judah Maccabee, to Rita Levi-Montalcini, Noble-winning scientist, and Nicola Zingaretti, current leader of the Italian Democratic Party.

Lael Hazan Biography:

Graduating with a degree in Italian renaissance history from the University of California, Santa Cruz, Lael Hazan has been able to merge her love of travel, food, and history. She and her husband have hosted "Cooking in Italy with Giuliano Hazan" for the past 21 years which was named one of the top five cooking schools in the world by Forbes. Initially to help their students plan their trips to Italy, she founded Gracious Getaways, now a full-service concierge travel agency that specializes in curating exceptional vacations worldwide. A member of Temple Beth Sholom for 25 years, she was recruited to work for the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation after receiving her joint master's degree in social work and Jewish communal service from the University of Michigan.

Save the Dates for These April Programs:

Monday, April 5 – 7:00 p.m. – *Escaping the Holocaust and a Recent Event* with Bill Freund

Sunday, April 11 – 7:00 p.m. – An Evening with Israeli Ambassador Akiva Tor

Thursday, April 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Jews and Rock & Roll with David Milberg

Sunday, April 25 – 1:00 p.m. – *Bringing an Antique Syrian Synagogue to Life* with archeologist Adam Blitz

Tuesday, April 27 – 7:00 p.m. – *The Ritchie Boys, America's Best Kept Weapon during World War II* with Al Treidel

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Israel Update with Harold Halpern

Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Israel will be holding its fourth election in just two years — the latest sign that in a country known for volatile politics, the government is more unstable than ever.

Like the past several votes, this one is mainly a referendum on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has been in power for more than a decade. But unlike in the previous elections, most of Netanyahu's chief rivals this time are on the political right, too. The two top performers in polls behind his Likud Party are former close allies.

This is the first Israeli election amid a spiking COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent vote in March took place as cases had only begun to rise in Israel and worldwide. This one comes after a year of sickness, death, lockdowns, and economic crisis — but also as Israel is racing to vaccinate a large portion of its population.

Why is Israel having another election? Will Netanyahu win again? Who's running against him? How will the next administration function with a Biden administration? And how might COVID-19 factor in? The political climate in Israel is changing so fast that we almost need a score card to keep up with all that is occurring.

Join with our resident Israel specialist, Harold Halpern, to receive the latest updates on what is occurring in Israeli politics as the nation draws closer to yet another election.



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SISTERHOOD



It is hard to believe that we are entering the month of March and Pesach is a mere four weeks away. So - let the cleaning, shopping, preparing, and cooking begin. In spite of the busy days ahead Sisterhood has some wonderful programs scheduled for this month.

Our Memories Roadshow program was a great success last year. Attendees were asked to bring a personal

object that had special meaning to them. Everyone was given the opportunity to speak about their object and tell its story. Even though we will be doing this on Zoom, this program lends itself very well to that format. I hope you will join us on Wednesday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. so that you can share your memories with us. Because we are on Zoom, the sky's the limit this year. Your object does not have to be small enough to carry or fit in your car.

March has traditionally been our Fashion Show month. We are trying to uphold that tradition this year, but not with fashionable clothing from a local boutique. Everyone has the opportunity to be a "model" and show us your tallit. On Wednesday, March 17, at 1:30 p.m., you are invited to our first Tallit Fashion Show. We want to see it and hear your story. When did you first take on this mitzvah; where did you buy your tallit and how do you feel when you wear it?

Looking a little bit into the future, and giving you ample opportunity to prepare, our next book review will be on Tuesday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. The book is *When We Turn Within: Reflections on COVID-19* by Rabbi Menachem Creditor and Sarah Tuttle-Singer. This is a collection of essays, poems, prayers, and reflections on the past year and the challenges we have faced. One of the contributors, Rabbi Danielle Upbin, will be participating in the book review.

Our Torah Fund event on February 17, was a wonderful evening. Many thanks to Joan Braude, Evie Mitchell, and the entire Torah Fund Committee for executing this. Our speaker, Rabbi Shira Wallach, enlightened us about Queen Esther and the role she played in saving the Jewish people of Persia. A well-deserved honor was bestowed on Lea Zatz with our Light of Torah Award. All of the funds that we raised go directly to the Torah Fund campaign. This supports all of the learning institutions that train our Conservative rabbis, cantors, and educators.

On behalf of Sisterhood, I wish everyone a sweet, happy, and healthy Pesach.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

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Tickets range from \$50-\$125

Tickets go on sale through the Opera House beginning September 1, 2021.

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Evites, Eblasts, and Emails to follow



Chairs: Edie Chaifetz, Fran Cohen, Saranee Newman

Outreach Committee: Meredith Ernst, Lauren Haven, Sandi Kligman, Barbara Simon, Adrea Sukin

*Office will call

Yes, I would love to sponsor the Azi Schwartz: Celebration in Song Concert!

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	Sapphire sponsor - \$1,000 - 4 tickets	(\$600 tax deductible)	Rachel Brooks, catered by
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*Payment must be made prior to September 1, 2021

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MEN'S CLUB



As we enter the Passover season, TBS Men's Club has not allowed COVID-19 to limit our activities. If anything, we have added to our program offerings. In January, we heard from congregant Ed Rosenthal and his amazing contributions to the space program and future assistance to help feed our planet.

We were also able to have the Associate Director of the Florida Region of the ADL speak about the Insurrection in Washington D.C. and Anti-Semitism. In February, our Scholar-in-Residence

spoke on the topic of "Putin and the Rise of Russia (and the future of Jews in Russia)." We also celebrated Men's Club Shabbat on February 20.

This coming month we are sponsoring a program on Asia's unique Jewish communities with speaker Dan Fellner. I urge you to make every effort to attend on Sunday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. On Thursday, March 18, TBS Men's Club will sponsor a Purim/Passover Trivia Night with our trivia maven, Marshall Horwitz. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. You will need to make a reservation ahead of time by emailing Marshall at marshalldds@gmail. com. These programs have been super successful and a lot of fun. If you have not attended one, this is your chance to become involved in a fun evening.

One of the major commitments that Men's Club has assumed for a long time is maintenance of the Holocaust Memorial Garden in front of TBS. We pay a significant monthly maintenance fee along with repair costs of the equipment that keeps the water in the small pool running. Because we are unable to conduct any major fundraisers this year, we have not been permitted to add monies to our depleted Holocaust Memorial Garden Fund.

If you would like to help the Men's Club maintain this very important part of Temple Beth Sholom, we would welcome your generous donation to our Holocaust Memorial Garden Fund. You need only send a check payable to TBS Men's Club at the Temple Beth Sholom address and place the words Holocaust Memorial Garden Fund in the memo section of your check. I thank you in advance for your assistance in helping to maintain this very special part of Temple Beth Sholom.

TBS Men's Club is an active and vital part of the Beth Sholom community. We welcome your input, active participation and especially your support of our programs and activities. Wishing you and yours a very happy and meaningful Passover.

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

Men's Club President



MEN'S CLUB

TBS Men's Club Presents the following March Programs:

by Al Treidel

Asia's Unique Jewish Communities

Sunday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. with speaker: Dan Fellner

Take a virtual and highly visual journey to the world's largest continent and learn about the history and resilience of several fascinating Jewish communities. Dan Fellner, an experienced travel writer specializing in Jewish destinations and a recent Fulbright Fellow in Asia, will share his firsthand observations of Jewish life in such diverse countries as Vietnam, Myanmar,



Photo Above:Musmeah Yeshua Synagogue in
Yangon, Myanmar

India, Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, and China. Learn about the thousands of European Jews who found a safe-haven in Shanghai during the Holocaust, the unique Bene Israel community in India, and the throngs of Israeli tourists who flock to Thailand every year. You'll also



Photo Above:Dan Fellner in Hong Kong

learn about the tremendous contributions of the Kadoorie and Sassoon families, both of which have built economic empires throughout the continent. Fellner, a faculty associate at Arizona State University, is a seven-time Fulbright Fellow and has taught courses in journalism and communications at eight overseas universities. As a travel writer, he has visited over 120 countries and published more than 100 travel articles in such

publications as USA Today, Hadassah Magazine, the Jewish News Service and Aish HaTorah.

Purim/Passover Trivia Night

Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Marshall Horwitz

Join us for another fun-filled trivia session with TBS Trivia Meister Marshall Horwitz for an evening filled with fun facts about Purim and Passover along with the jokes and repartee that accompany the activities. You need not be an expert or even someone with a broad knowledge of Jewish religious practice to enjoy the evening. For sure, you will leave the session knowing more about Purim and Passover and will have had great fun. Make new friends and interface with people in an informal, fun atmosphere. Space is limited. To reserve your spot and receive the Zoom link, please email Marshall Horwitz at marshalldds@gmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

A huge thank you to Sid Finkelstein who in early January donated 20 cases of food for our distribution. He also made a second trip and brought even more!

While All Faiths Food Bank prefers money, Family Promise, the Salvation Army, and Meals on Wheels are happy to take these many donations. So please continue to be generous bringing in donations when you pick up your Shabbat meals or any other time you are in the neighborhood. Todah Rabah!

Please donate only non-perishable foods with good expiration dates. We look forward to your generous contributions.

Susan Prohofsky & Joel Servetz

BIMAH BASKETS

We are so grateful to all who chose to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and any special occasions with a donation to bimah baskets! Donations for bimah baskets are divided among Sisterhood, All Faiths Food Pantry, and the Kosher Food Pantry. I know I am repeating myself but this is greatly appreciated as we continue to deal with COVID-19 and the food pantries prefer receiving monetary donations. Contact Evie Mitchell, evmit@comcast.net or 941.554.8529 to donate a bimah basket.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels has some very specific requests as follows:

Cheese & crackers	Crackers - saltines or
packaged (Lance,	others
Frito Lay, etc.)	

Easy open fruit cups & applesauce	Ensure powdered or bottled - no cans
Gatorade Zero	Graham crackers
Healthy Nutrition Bars	No sugar added pouches of apple juice
Peanut butter	Peanut butter & crackers (Lance, Frito Lay)
Puddings and Jello cups	Raisins (small individual boxes)
Vanilla wafers	Water (6 or 8 pack)

It would be very helpful if you could indicate that your items are for Meals on Wheels.

STARFISH PROJECT

I just got this update from Wendy Katz who is in charge of our Starfish Project. "It is likely that we won't try to start anything else this school year since we still seem to be in a crisis situation regarding COVID-19. I thought it might be nice to share that one of our kindergarten teachers at Fruitville Elementary School was recently selected as one of the school district's Teachers of the Year."



TBS' resident canine staff member, FinnLee, poses with some of the generous donations TBS has received that were given to the Salvation

Photo Left:

Army this past month!

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COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

CDS Showcases Learning Through "Learning on Display"

by Sharon Kunkel

At Hershorin Schiff Community Day School, instead of state-mandated assessments, the students at each grade level enjoy project-based learning, with opportunities to take a concept and work cooperatively – across educational disciplines – to answer questions both concrete and moral. The school shines a spotlight on the educational highlights for all grade levels – preschool through eighth grade – during winter and spring "Learning on Display" showcases.

In late December, due to the pandemic, the school hosted its Winter 2020 Virtual Learning on Display via its website. For preschool students, projects traditionally incorporate skills that include fine motor skills, science, construction, and working cooperatively. K-8 work features research, writing, programming, graphic design, video and audio production, and even 3D fabrication. Through these activities, all students can move toward the mastery of crucial 21st century skills such as collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking that they will need for tomorrow's workforce.

This year, preschoolers took a walk in the garden, explored the world of colors and shapes, strengthened their social-emotional skills by working cooperatively, examined the fall season, built community through discovering what makes them unique as well as the things they have in common, and learned about their bodies and how to keep them healthy.

In the primary school, kindergarteners focused on kindness. First and second-graders learned about the immigrant experience. Third-graders learned about government and wrote their own bills, and fourth-graders learned about the human body. The middle school shifted into high gear, with fifth-graders focusing on American history and sixth-graders taking a more global view. Seventh and eighth-grade students wrote essays and created spoken-word narrative shorts,

respectively, relating personal experiences and lessons learned.

Students choosing the virtual program were not left out: adaptive (remote) learners were connected and active participants in classroom learning and projects, including Learning on Display.

In a typical year, in additional to taking advantage of numerous community partnerships with a diverse array of organizations and institutions, Community Day School also folds in a generous portion of tikkun olam (repairing the world) and purposeful pluralism, which the school hopes will inspire its students to be more caring and empathetic citizens who will create a more just and peaceful future.

"Learning on Display showcases the value of applying learning in a meaningful, relevant and socially constructive context," said head of school, Dan Ceaser. "Project-based learning asks students to investigate and solve actual problems and create authentic products that showcase the learning process. We also consistently tie in elements of community service so that our students will become lifelong ambassadors for peace, environmental stewardship, and social justice."



Photo Above:

Second-graders (from l-r) Evangeline Wong, Eli Meredith, Madeline Frank, Flynn Berman and Jonah Kindred learned about and created their own

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