# THE MESSENGER

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**May 5, 12 19 26 - 10:00 am -** Conversational Hebrew III - **Registrations Required** 

May 25 - 6:30 pm - Shavuot Service & All Night

Study - In-Person Only

# June Programs at TBS

**June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 10:00 am -** Conversational Hebrew III - **Registrations Required** 

June 6, 13, 20, 27 - 12:30 pm - Mah Jongg-

Registrations Requested



# RABBI'S MESSAGE

Shalom Temple Beth Sholom haverim,

We are beginning the last two months of the busy synagogue calendar year, but we are certainly leaving the year behind with a kol hakavod. In mid-May, many of our TBS members will leave for London and then to Vilnius, Warsaw, and Krakow for our first Jewish Heritage trip. No doubt that when we return, there will be much to share with the rest of the congregation

Then, on the heels of returning from Europe, we will be celebrating our Shavuot holiday, a time to accentuate the primary place in our Judaism for Jewish learning. I hope you will join us for our terrific Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Thursday night, May 25th, for our study hours together. We will certainly have an all-star line-up as we had last year—more details to come, with services at 6:45 pm and our Tikkun sessions beginning around 7:30 pm.

As the Rabbis taught: Talmud Torah k'neged kulam—the study of Torah supercedes all other Mitzvot (Commandments), because without Torah study, Jewish learning, we would never be able to fulfill any of our tradition's most sacred demands upon us.

I know that Jewish learning is not exactly the priority of most of our people. Without the effort we have made at TBS to highlight the imperative of study, classes, and trips, whenever the opportunity arises for filling our minds and hearts, our congregation's calendar would be empty of our highest commitments. The word for "heart" and "mind" in Hebrew is the same-LEV. Without the mind, there can be no heart. The heart alone is bereft of direction without the nurturing of the mind.

This centrality of Jewish education to our very existence as a people was made ever so clearly with the results released of the latest Pew Poll. Here are some results of this extremely reliable Pew Poll, taken just three years since the last Pew Poll:

- 1) On a positive note—the number of self-identifying Jews is up
- 2) Interfaith marriage continues to drive down Jewish communal engagement
- 3) The Reform and Conservative movements continue to contract
- 4) 41% of American Jews believe religious organizations "do more harm than good"
- 5) 1/6th of American Jews believe it is too expensive to be part of the Jewish community
- 6) 70% believe there is much more antisemitism than there was 5 years ago.
- 7) 16% of American Jews take Jewish communal and religious life as primary to their lives
- 8) 34% of affiliated American Jews have strong Jewish identities, but Jewish religious practice plays a less central role in their lives
- 9) 34% of American Jews feel ambivalent about their Jewish identity
- 10) 16% are completely alienated from Jewish life
- 11) In 2020 75% of American Jews polled felt that being Jewish was either important or somewhat important (That figure in 2023 is now 72%)
- 12) Jewish identity seems to be going up, but affiliation is going down
- 13)56% of American Jews seldom attend religious services; up from 52% in 2021
- 14)75% said that Shabbat means nothing to them; that figure was 61% in 2020
- 15)Orthodox Jewry remains at 10% of American Jews; just three years ago, 54% of American Jews belonged to non-Orthodox congregations...37% Reform, and 17% Conservative; now the figure is 42% of American Jews affiliate with a non-Orthodox org or synagogue, 28% Reform and only 14% Conservative. In 2020 32% of American Jews said they had no affiliation at all. Only 43% of American Jewry belong to non-Orthodox synagogues.

These realities make the vision and idealism that are the core of our TBS congregation even more imperative. We must do everything we can to reverse the erosion of Jewish life and Jewish education.

Here's a Quiz on Jewish identity you might enjoy taking with your dear ones...where do you stand in the scheme of Jewish life today?

1) How important is being Jewish in your life?

Very important Somewhat Important Not too important Not at all important

2) To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual or religious person?

Very much so Moderately so Slightly so Not so at all

3) How much, if at all, do you feel a sense of belonging to the Jewish people?

A great deal Some Not much None at all

4) How much responsibility, if at all, do you feel to help fellow Jews worldwide?

A great deal Some Not much None at all

5) Are most of your close friends Jewish?

Most of them Some of them Hardly any at all None of them

6) I want a Jewish community for:

Religious identity

Cultural identity

*Political engagement* 

Sense of community

*I don't want a community* 

7) Do you believe we have a rich American Jewish future?

8) How emotionally attached are you to Israel?

Very attached Somewhat attached Not too attached Not at all attached.

There are more questions from the Tablet Magazine Quiz "What Kind of Jew are you?" but this gives you some taste for the kinds of questions being raised among Jewish leaders and especially synagogues everywhere. The discussions as to who we are and where we are going are critical ones and we will keep engaging, learning, debating, lifting our hearts and souls as long as we are blessed to be part of our Temple Beth Sholom community, a light unto our people.

My wishes to each of you for a Shavuot Sameach.

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

# The Antiques Roadshow - Cantors Edition

By Cantor Matt Austerklein

Beyond its function, what makes an item special is its story. Nowhere is this fact perhaps more on display than on the TV program, "The Antiques Roadshow," which began in the UK in 1977 and has spawned many international versions, including in the USA. My wife, Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein, and I enjoy this program whenever we can — not just for the excitement of a surprising find but for the history and personality which come through seemingly ordinary, old items. Over the

last few months, I have encountered several items relating to Jewish Music history. So for this month's article, I have curated my version of Antiques Roadshow and am here to tell you the fascinating stories behind three special items:

#### 1. The Overlooked Display Case



After attending a family service at a synagogue in Cleveland, I turned and walked past the library, which featured a display case with old books. Much to my astonishment, one of these books was labeled only "Jewish Music Book, 1803." Since printed Jewish music is very rare prior to the mid-19th century, I arranged to return to the synagogue with its cantor and confirmed my suspicion: The unlabeled music book was none other than Benedetto Marcello's Estro-Poetico Armonico — a book of madrigal psalms by the noted composer first published in 1724, which features eleven melodies from the Jews of Venice. Notated from right to left with Hebrew characters, the most well-known of these melodies today is "Maoz Tzur" the original Ashkenazic version, which likely predated the hymn-like one we sing today. In my research, I discovered that Marcello's book of Psalms and Jewish-inspired

madrigals was reprinted three times — first in Italy (1724), then in London (1757), and again in Venice (1803). The cantor of the synagogue and I were thrilled to finally give some well-deserved attention to this precious piece in Jewish music history — especially seeing as it had sat in a synagogue display case untouched for almost thirty-five years!

### 2. A Manuscript Rediscovered

I once had the opportunity to be consulted as an expert on an unknown auction item which transformed some of my own research. Some time ago, a gentleman from the Kestenbaum auction company in New York approached me about a manuscript of a satire of cantors — the company had owned and tried to sell it back in 2007 but with no luck - perhaps because so little was known about it at the time. But to me, this little piece of parchment was nothing short of a revelation. It was a hitherto unknown manuscript for one of my

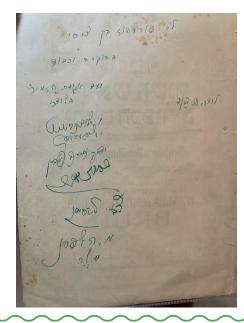


principal sources - Shlosha Tzoakin — an anonymous, rhymed, and scathing critique of Ashkenazi cantors penned in Amsterdam at the turn of the 18th century. Published as a sort of poster known as a "broadside," it was popular enough to be reprinted in an expanded form in Prague, enraging a local cantor from the Bohemian suburbs who penned his own booklet as an impassioned response on behalf of his colleagues. This timely and fascinating manuscript greatly enriched my research — and also perhaps helped to sell the item as well (it sold this past January for over three times its 2007 pre-auction estimate)!

#### 3. Signatures Tell a Story

Two Hanukkahs ago, my wife got an amazing Hanukkah present for me. On the surface, it was just the title page of Cantor Betzalel Brun's (1860-1918) published books of high holiday choral music. But on the back, an inscription reads (in Hebrew): "To Fordhaus Ben-Tzisi, with appreciation and respect, from the Board of the Agudas HaZomir in Łódź; June 2, 1938." Fordhaus Ben-Tsizi was the founder of the Bible Chorus in Israel in the 1920s, which performed biblical oratorios from the Western canon. HaZomir was the large and prominent Jewish choral society of Łódź, Poland; it gave its final known performance in the Łódź ghetto in 1941. The choir's anthem, "HaZamir" by Leo Loeb, is still sung today by the HaZamir International Jewish Teen Choir. The signatures on the item represented a special moment in Jewish choral history in which Jewish choirs in British Palestine & Poland forged friendships before the shattering disruption of the Nazi invasion. I'll be giving a whole session on the history of this item at the North American Jewish Choral Festival (NACJF), July 9-13.





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Dear Congregants,

Passover is behind us, and I'm happy to report that our Congregational Seder was a huge success! We had 158 participants at the beautiful Seder led by Rabbi Altshuler and Cantor Austerklein. Thank you to our sponsors and Saranee Newman for putting the tables together. It's a tremendous job, and Saranee does it so effortlessly!



Celebrating the holidays with our TBS family is such a joy. If you've participated, you know...if you haven't, consider joining us next year!

Are you in an "almost summer" state of mind? Isn't it hard to believe that Memorial Day will be here soon? Time is just flying!

I have always loved Memorial Day Weekend. I use it as a weekend to recharge, and I find myself embracing the unofficial start of summer with open arms, a peaceful mind, and an open heart. I want to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually present so I can embrace this holiday and remember those who fought and died to protect us and keep us free.

Of course, Americans have come to embrace Memorial Day weekend as a time for barbecues, graduations, celebrations, parades, summer fashion changes, and vacations. We use it as a time to kick back, slow down, and ease into summer. I want that, too, but it's hard to embrace that ease when there are so many challenges around us. It's hard for me to rest when there is so much work to be done. There is a lot to do here at TBS. I continue to envision ongoing improvements that will make our spiritual home better, more dynamic, and safer – and we are doing more than imagining! Consider just two items in the works:

- The Strategic Plan is in its final stages. The Planning Team has met for three daylong retreats, and the final plan is expected to be completed by July. Then it will be ready to share with everyone. This has been a labor of love, and I can't wait to see the outcome.
- We're in the process of putting in new doors and windows at the back of the building. These high-impact doors and windows will keep us safe through hurricanes and other weather calamities.

As in yoga and meditation, I find it useful to "set my intentions" for achieving a desired outcome. My intention for this summer is to build and feel safe in a more peaceful, compassionate, loving, caring, and safe world. I invite all of you to join in that goal, working side-by-side with our TBS family and me to make it happen. We don't have to reach perfection – every little bit will help.

Let's start with ourselves and at TBS. When we are angry and unkind to others, our exterior world reflects that. If we spend time looking for fights, we can't use our time and energy to build a more peaceful and compassionate world. If we don't show gratitude for our blessings, we'll be bitter and find no peace anywhere. Building a comfortable environment where we feel safe doesn't end with us, but it certainly starts with each of us individually!

Wishing you a good summer,

Lauren Haven

### **SOCIAL ACTION**

#### **BIMAH BASKETS**

Please continue to celebrate your simchas by sponsoring a Bimah Basket. Donations for Bimah Baskets are divided among Sisterhood, All Faiths Food Bank and the Kosher Food Pantry. Contact Evie Mitchell, 941-554-8529 or evmit@comcast.net to make a donation.

#### **SPARCC**

Please continue to bring in personal care items for SPARCC. If you are traveling and/ or cleaning out your closets, you may have additional items to donate. All will be greatly appreciated.

#### HERE IS A MITZVAH FOR YOU!

We donate Green Bean Casseroles to the Salvation Army which helps them feed many homeless here in Sarasota. Casseroles are due in the TBS freezer the first Tuesday of the month (May 2 & June 6). Please bring your casseroles to the TBS Kitchen before the schduled delivery. Be sure to put your name on a piece of tape on the casserole.

Thank you to all who have already donated.

For our new members, here is the recipe: **GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE** 

1 1-lb. package of frozen green beans
1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1/2 cup of mayonnaise
1 tablespoon of lemon juice
1/2 cup grated cheese
1 cup crushed cheese crackers

Cook green beans according to package and drain. Arrange them in a buttered casserole dish (use 9x13 "Disposable Aluminum Pan"). Mix soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and cheese and spoon over the beans. Top with crackers. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool, cover with foil and freeze.

Put your last name on a piece of masking tape on the foil. Bring to Temple the week of delivery and put into the freezer in the kitchen.

Susan Prohofsky
Social Action Chair
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TBS members and friends joined Cantor Matt Austerklein for a unique Jewish Highlights Tour of the Ringling Museum of Art on April 10th. This tour featured paintings of the Hebrew Bible, comparisons of Jewish & Christian teaching, and the fascinating Jewish history (& music) behind several paintings in the collection. The Cantor plans to offer this tour again on future dates.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### LIBRARY HOURS

The Main Library (near the Sanctuary) and the Library Alcove (near the Social Hall) are open whenever the synagogue is open for your browsing or borrowing pleasure! (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. In the Main Library, there are also interesting books which are arranged by Fiction, Biography and Nonfiction subjects such as Bible, Holidays, History and Israel see the labels on the top of each bookshelf.

Please remember to return all items in the Book Return Cart near the Main Library



Debby Marshall Idelson Library Coordinator

#### **NEW DVDS IN THE ALCOVE**

Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles – This documentary chronicles the story of the international Broadway blockbuster Fiddler on the Roof by exploring the richness of its themes as well as its extensive reach across time and cultures. It features rare archival footage and interviews with musical luminaries such as Joel Grey, Topol, Itzhak Perlman, and Stephen Sondheim, and explores a variety of international productions, detailing how individuals of many cultures see themselves. (2019, 97 min.)

93Queen - This film follows a group of tenacious Hasidic women who create the first all-female volunteer ambulance corps in New York to provide dignified emergency medical care to the Hasidic women and girls of Borough Park, Brooklyn where the EMS corps Hatzolah has steadfastly banned women from its ranks. The film follows the formation and launch of Ezras Nashim through the organization's first year and shows a unique portrayal of empowered women who are taking matters into their own hands to change their community from within. (2018, 90 min.)

Theodore Bikel: In The Shoes of Sholom Aleichem – An enchanting and inspiring documentary that weaves together the stories of two beloved Jewish icons: Sholom Aleichem, the great Jewish storyteller, whose prose portrays the true soul of the tragicomic Jewish shtetl; and Theodore Bikel: the legendary actor, singer, troubadour, Jewish activist, and interpreter par excellence of Aleichem's stories. Using vintage film interviews with celebrities, and footage of Bikel performances, this film is filled with laughter, tears, and music. (2014, 75 min.)

Broadway Musicals: a Jewish Legacy – This documentary examines the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists – such as Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim - in the creation of the modern American musical. Narrated by Joel Grey, the film mingles cultural history with illuminating perspectives on the origins and meanings of some of Broadway's most beloved songs, stories and shows. (2012, 84 min.)

#### **NEW BOOK IN THE ALCOVE**

A Pacifist at Iwo Jima: Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn from Pulpit to the U.S. Marine Corps' Bloodiest Battle by Lee Mandel, 2022

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **March Shabbat Participants**

Dr. Lewis Amsel
Ben Berman
Len Berman
Marc Bokoff
Roz Bokoff
Deborah Bortnick
Joan Braude
Fran Feldman
Don Friedman



Dr. Gene Ginsberg
Stan Mitchell
Cantor Alberto Mizrahi
Cantor Neil Newman
Ronnie Riceberg
Jay Stonehill
Susan Weintraub
Cantor Roger Weisberg
Mara Winn

### **Mazel Toy!**

David Chaifetz and Larry Haspel, honorees of Aviva's Eight Over 80 Carla Rockmaker & James Sirkis, in honor of their March 19th wedding

### **March Bimah Basket Sponsors**

Leslie & Jay Cohen, in honor of Jay's birthday
Heidi (Smith) Ferren & family, in honor of Marvin Smith's 95th birthday
Martin Fried, in memory of his parents Martha & Henry Fried
Gretchen & Larry Mandel, in honor of their 40th anniversary
Josh Mellits, in honor of his 34th birthday
Belle & Ted Probst, in honor of their birthdays
Pnina & Silvian Rubin, in honor of Silvian's birthday
Regina Skyer & Jonathan Goldberg, KC, in memory of Regina's mother, Ruth Pagirsky
Sue & Marty Spector, in honor of Marty's birthday
Naomi & Jay Stonehill, in honor of Jay's Bar Mitzvah anniversary
Adele & Stan Tannenbaum, in honor of their 58th anniversary

on their Yahrzeits

Mara & Randy Winn, in memory of Randy's father, Stanley Winn, on his Yahrzeit

Susan & Byron Weintraub, in honor of their anniversary

Audrey & Cantor Roger Weisberg, in memory of Lucille, Jeffrey & Peter Weisberg



Sheila Maslow, in memory of her husband, Larry, on his 7th Yahrzeit
Irma Amsel, in honor of Dr. Lewis Amsel's birthday
Roz & Marc Bokoff, in honor of Roz's birthday
Joan & Bart Levenson, in honor of Bart's 90th birthday
Rabbi Anat Moskowitz & Jeff Bain, in honor of Rabbi Anat's birthday
Ben Sachs, in honor of the debate with David Chaifetz & Jonathan Goldberg, KC
Naomi & Jay Stonehill, in honor of Jay's birthday

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Temple Beth Sholom Membership Announcement

We would like to welcome the following new members to Temple Beth Sholom:

Lee Pollan & Ann Chazan Larry & Tova Vickar Pnina & Silvian Rubin

We would like to learn more about our growing TBS family. Please consider submitting a short bio or your thoughts and feelings on what TBS means to **you**.

Susan Cahn - Membership Chair

### **May Anniversaries**

Kathleen & Murray Bring ~ 23

Randi & Randall Brodsky ~ 39

Ruth & Bruce Fleegler ~ 54

Janet & Stephen Green ~ 57

Carol & Michel Krasnow ~ 59

Ka Blao & Roberne Lissage ~ 11

**Toby & Charles Miller ~ 70** 

Sasha & Andrew Rosin ~ 16

Ruth & Leonard Rubinstein ~ 45

Patricia & Errol Soskolne ~ 48

Anna & Leonard Stein ~ 18 Sara & Daniel Stults ~ 33

Ann & Al Treidel ~ 51

Purity & Joshua Tyrrell ~ 10

Bethamy & David Weinberger ~ 46

Susan & Dana Weinkle ~ 39

Judith & Sydney Weinstein ~ 60

Audrey & Roger Weisberg ~ 45

Phyllis & Cory Weitzner ~ 23



### **May Milestone Birthdays**

Robert Downie

Rita Glosser

**Burton Raimi** 

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 o's or 5's)



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Iris Nahemow

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

Ann Penn

Bette Balk

Susan Prohofsky

Charlotte Berman

Sophie Rudnick

Gloria Biberman

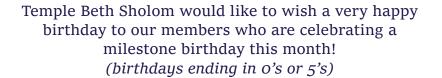
Paul Sacher

Steven Greenberg

Barbara Simon

Rosalind Morin

Daniel Stults





### **June Anniversaries**

Susan & Jay Abend ~ 38

Adele & Lawrence Bacow ~ 48

Bette & Dr. Phillip Balk ~ 64

Molly & Dr. Mark Ballow ~ 56

Joan & Ronald Braun ~ 32

Beverly & Raphael Broth ~ 72

Leslie & Jay Cohen ~ 52

Esther & Harlan Domber ~ 34

Ann & Dr. Gene Ginsberg ~ 53

Wendy & Perry Gould ~ 21

Sherry & Dr. Ned Holstein ~ 20

Susan & Dr. Marshall Horwitz ~ 41

Drs. Wendy & Kenneth Hurwitz ~ 36

Helene & Dr. Philip Jacoby ~ 55

Ilana & Eli Livni ~ 54

Elaine & Sohier Marks ~ 66

Evelyn & Stanley Mitchell ~ 60

Saranee & Cantor Neil Newman ~ 36

Susan & Dr. Joseph Noah ~ 38

Leslie & Carlton Oglesby ~ 33

Ann & Dr. Joseph Penn ~ 50

Belle & Dr. Theodore Probst ~ 54 Grace & Dr. Martin Rosman ~ 55

Paula & Alan Rothman ~ 51

Irene & Paul Sacher ~ 59

Jackie & Stanley Schear ~ 65

Lillian & Julius Silberg ~ 73

**Toby & Cantor Murray Simon ~ 58** 

Susan & Martin Spector ~ 63

Midge & Josh Stulberg ~ 44

Robin & Alan Wallack ~ 56

Cynthia & Dr. Stanley Wright ~ 61

Drs. Phyllis & Richard Yonker ~ 45

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**



### Eyewitness to Dachau with Chuck Palmeri Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 3:30 pm

TBS' Sainer Social Hall

Co Sponsored by:



The following is an article by Elizabeth Huntoon Coursen, award-winning author, editor, and publisher, who will accompany World War II veteran Chuck Palmeri as they present his eyewitness account of Dachau's liberation at Temple Beth Sholom on May 2 at 3:30 pm. Admission is free to this presentation which is jointly sponsored by Temple Beth Sholom and

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.

Not too long ago, I got heckled. As a professional speaker of a dozen years' standing and with hundreds of presentations in the hopper, I never thought I'd get heckled simply because my speaking topics are, by and large, historical in nature, and none, in my opinion, are especially controversial. But this particular morning, right here in Sarasota, heckling and disruption is what happened.

Ninety-six-year-old author and World War II veteran Chuck Palmeri and I were just about to present "Eyewitness to Dachau" to a large, well-educated audience. Before the program started, I had been approached by a very irate lady with a pronounced German accent. She was visibly upset that we would be speaking about World War II, the Holocaust, concentration camps, etc. A staffer at the host organization saw the agitated way she was speaking to me and came over and led her away, telling me as she did so that the lady was "easily upset." I dismissed the situation from my mind.

However, the upset lady did not go very far. About 20 minutes later, right as Chuck was talking about what he saw at Dachau, she burst from around the corner and began loudly berating me: Why was I talking about Dachau? Why were people still talking about Dachau? It was over! It was history! Why couldn't people just forget about it and move on?

Given the times we live in, my first thought, of course, was, Is this person armed? Is she carrying a weapon? Could she attack Chuck?

I decided (prayed) that the answers to my questions were, no, no, and no.

Then I turned to the audience and asked, "Who here has been to the Dachau concentration camp?"

Nearly every hand went up.

Then I asked, "Who here has learned something new about Dachau this morning?" And nearly every hand stayed up.

So I turned to this lady and said, as kindly as I could, "This is why we keep talking about Dachau. This is exactly why we keep talking about the Holocaust. We are listening to an American soldier who was an eyewitness. People need to know what he saw. We need to keep talking about what happened there so that we never forget so that the world never forgets."

As the 78th anniversary of the April 29, 1945, liberation of the Dachau concentration camp approaches, God grant that we never forget... Jamais plus. (Never again.)

Elizabeth Huntoon Coursen (LizCoursen.com)

### **MEN'S CLUB**



The TBS Men's Club has had a busy start to their 2022-2023 season, from guest speakers, activity groups (golf, tennis, cycling, etc.) film matinees with the Idelson Library, and we can't forget about the amazing breakfast series.

Please be on the lookout for what Men's Club has in store when we return from our summer break!



#### **Tennis Anyone?**



The TBS Men's Club has restarted their monthly tennis group on the last Thursday of the month. The next session will be May 25, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Meadows Country Club.

Following tennis, we will be going to a nearby restaurant for a bite to eat. Court rental fee is \$10.00 per person.

If you are interested, please contact Norman Walter, normwalt@gmail.com or 941.907.2683.

**Everyone is invited!** Please include your name, email address, phone number, emergency contact and your current tennis ability (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced).

We look forward to seeing you on the court!

### **SISTERHOOD**



It is hard to believe that our Sisterhood year is almost over. The Sisterhood year begins on June 1st and concludes at the end of May. We have one more event planned for May. This will be our Sisterhood Installation of Officers. Thanks so much to Susan Weintraub and her Nominating Committee for their diligent work and creating a new slate of officers. On Tuesday, May 9, at 2:00 pm, our new slate will be installed, and it will be a very "sweet" program. I look forward

to working with several new members of the board as well as those who will be staying on for the coming two years.

Our Sisterhood is part of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Fabulous Florida Region. They are selling Florida Region Tallit Clips to support our Scholarship Fund. They feature our colorful Florida Region logo (which is below) and cost \$36.00. If you are interested in purchasing a tallit clip, please email Jody Glass at glass.jody@gmail.com.



I want to once again thank our wonderful Torah Fund Committee for the spectacular Torah Fund Day of Learning and Luncheon held in mid-March. Our speaker, Rabbi Miriam Weisel, inspired us with her topic of Bruriah, a woman of strength. We honored Yvonne Weinsberg with our Light of Torah award. Yvonne's longtime friend, Anita Mehlman joined us and shared her memories of Yvonne throughout the many years of their friendship. Kathy Burt, our TBS caterer, prepared a magnificent and tasty lunch for those who stayed for this part of the day. Helping her in the preparation was a terrific group of Sisterhood members who made the gazpacho. Putting this together is a gargantuan responsibility. Yasher Koach to all of these dedicated women who served on this committee.

The Sisterhood year is a little like reading the Torah. As soon as we finish, we begin again. We are already planning our programs and events for 2023-2024 and look forward to another year of exciting, educational and engaging programs.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

# **TORAH FUND**

















### **USY & YOUTH**

The teens of Temple Beth Sholom breathed in the fresh spring air with a pair of outdoor outings. First, on March 12, SRQUSY hosted peers from St. Petersburg (SPUSY) and Tampa (KAUSY) to tackle the treetop adventure courses at TreeUmph! in Bradenton. We romped across the ropes and zipped high above the ground while building bonds between the Mercaz (Central Florida) chapters.



Then, on March 26, we joined once again with Jteens from all local youth groups for Volunteer B'Yachad (Together) Siesta Beach Cleanup. After doing our part to protect the environment from loads of litter, we played matkot (Israeli paddle ball) in the sand and enjoyed soft-serve ice cream. It was truly a Sunday fun day!

#### **SRQUSY Member Chai-light**

Clementine Schwartz, Social Action/Tikun Olam VP, HaNegev Regional Executive Board

- 1) What are three words that describe you? Loyal, goofy, chef.
- 2) What is your favorite part of being Jewish?

The community that I get to know, whether through camp, shul, or USY.

3) Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Working in the non-profit sector while living in a house with lots of pets.

Wishing all seniors every success in their future endeavors! To close the 2022-23 season, our teens will be solving an escape room and will hold a year-end goodbye gathering. Have a great summer!

Written by Joshua Mellits, Youth Co-Advisor

- 1) Sebastian and Khloe Lissage join SRQUSY Youth Co-Advisor Lauren Brodsky at TreeUmph! Adventure Park
- 2) SRQUSY Senior Clementine Schwartz





### **Youth Birthdays**

Aviva Tyrrell Matthew Servetz

May 18 June 22



# Want to be involved in your TBS?



Find a committee or group to either apply your talents or learn along the way.

Everyone is Welcome!

### Possible areas of interest:

Art & Décor/Museum

**Catering** 

**Community Outreach** 

Finance & Admin

**Fundraising** 

Governance

Grants

House & Grounds

**Idelson Library** 

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May 2023								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 (10 Iyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom S:00am Strategic Planning Retreat #3 9:00am	2 (11 Iyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Eyewitness to Dachau 3:30pm	<b>3</b> (12 Iyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	4 (13 Iyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	5 (14 Iyyar)  Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew 3 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:48pm	6 (15 Iyyar) Emor  Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:42pm		
7 (16 Iyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Congregation Meeting 11:00am Youth Group Escape Room 2:00pm	8 (17 Iyyar Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	9 (18 lyyar)  Lag B'Omer  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 2:00pm	10 (19 lyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	11 (20 Iyyar) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	12 (21 lyyar)  Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew 3 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:52pm	13 (22 Iyyar) Behar- Bechukotai Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:46pm		
14 (23 Iyyar)  Mother's Day Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom  8:00am	15 (24 Iyyar) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Governance Committee Meeting 4:00pm	16 (25 Iyyar) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	17 (26 Iyyar) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Program-Education Committee Meeting 12:00pm Men's Club Board Meeting 7:00pm	18 (27 Iyyar) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	19 (28 Iyyar)  Yom Yerushalayim  Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew 3 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:56pm	20 (29 Iyyar) Bamidbar Shabbat Mevarchim Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:50pm		
21 (1 Sivan)  Rosh Chodesh Sivan  Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky  Morning Minyan via Zoom  8:00am	22 (2 Sivan) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	23 (3 Sivan) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	24 (4 Sivan) Trip to Poland with Rabbi Altshuler & Dr. Antony Polonsky Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Finance Committee Meeting 12:00pm	25 (5 Sivan)  Erev Shavuot  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Shavuot Service & All-Night Study G:30pm Candle Lighting 7:59pm	26 (6 Sivan) Shavuot - 1st Day TBS Facility is CLOSED 9:00am Shavuot Service 9:30am Candle Lighting 7:59pm	27 (7 Sivan) Shavuot Yizkor Shabbat Services Havdalah 9:30am 8:54pm		
28 (8 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	29 (9 Sivan)  Memorial Day  Morning Minyan via Zoom  8:00am	30 (10 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	31 (11 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am					

# **JUNE CALENDAR**

			June 2023			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 (12 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00ar	A Conversational Hebrew 3 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:03pm	3 (14 Sivan) Nasso Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:57pn
4 (15 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	5 (16 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	6 (17 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am  Mah Jong 12:30pm	7 (18 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	8 (19 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00ar	9 (20 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom  1 Conversational Hebrew 3  10:00am  Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:06pm	10 (21 Sivan) Beha'alotcha Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:00pn
11 (22 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	12 (23 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	13 (24 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am  Man Jongg 12:30pm	14 (25 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	15 (26 Sivan)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00ar	Morning Minyan via Zoom S:00am Conversational Hebrew 3 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:09pm	17 (28 Sivan) Sh'lach Shabbat Mevarchim Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:03pn
18 (29 Sivan) Father's Day Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	19 (30 Sivan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	20 (1 Tammuz)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Mah Jongg 12:30pm	21 (2 Tammuz)  Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Program-Education Committee Meeting 12:00pm	22 (3 Tammuz)  Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00ar	23 (4 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew 3 10:00am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:10pm	24 (5 Tammuz) Korach Shabbat Services 9:30am Havdalah 9:04pn
25 (6 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	26 (7 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	27 (8 Tammuz)  Morning Minyan via Zoom &  Chapel 8:00am  Mah Jongg 12:30pm	28 (9 Tammuz)  Morning Minyan via Zoom  8:00am	29 (10 Tammuz) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00ar	Morning Minyan via Zoom S:00am Conversational Hebrew 3 Shabbat Service 6:30pm Candle Lighting 8:11pm	

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