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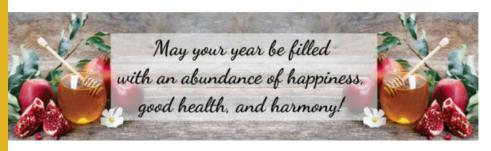
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The full High Holiday schedule can be found inside this issue and on the TBS calendar



September Programs at TBS

September 1, 8 - 10:00 am - Conversational
Hebrew III - Registrations Required
September 5, 12 - 12:30 pm - <i>Mah Jongg-</i>
Registrations Requested
September 19 - 11:00 am - Jewish Highlights Tour of
Ringling Museum with Cantor Austerklein -
Visit ringling.org/events/gallery-talks/ to reserve
your spot, space is limited
September 25 - 8:00 pm - Break-The-Fast -
Registrations are required
September 26 - 10:00 am - Raise The Sukkah
September 27 - 10:00 am - Decorate The Sukkah
September 29 - 7:15 pm - Sukkot Shabbat Dinner
Services start at 6:00 pm - Registrations are

September 30 - Shabbat Open House **-** Following Shabbat Service - Ice Cream Social - **Free and open to the community, bring your friends!**

required for the dinner

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear haverim of Temple Beth Sholom,

We are soon arriving at the onset of the new year 5784. Together we will be praying, hoping, perhaps even crying about our lives, each of us with our own stresses and worries, and dreams. We Jews have this precious gift of our High Holidays/Yamim Noraim, that allows us to contemplate our lives, the fate of the Jewish people and Israel, and the destiny of America and the world around us.

Many things weigh upon our souls – our culture, our divided society, the decline of goodness and civility, the decimation of the ideals of our history, a battered economy, and the usual worries about our health, our families, our children, our grandchildren, our spouses, and our future. There are also divisions that exist among the Jewish People, especially in Israel.

What do we need during times such as these? What might we be searching for when we come to our beautiful synagogue this Rosh Hashanah?

Our Jewish tradition has some powerful messages, teachings, and warnings that have survived the test of time more than once. They are old messages yet as relevant and urgent as ever before. The Shofar will be blown on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah alone because the first day of the new year falls on Shabbat. The blast of the Shofar will hopefully penetrate our hearts and minds allowing us to do two of the most important spiritual and moral callings: do TESHUVAH (repentance) and grant SELICHOT (forgiveness).

When we ponder the violence in our society, the anger that has beset our beloved Israel, wars that begin, and even when congregations and families fall apart, all of those tragedies occur, not only because of sin but as a result of our inability to speak to each other. I cannot think of a more urgent message at this time of year for ourselves, for Israel, for the Jewish people, for America—get rid of the hatred, the anger, the grudges. By getting rid of the anger and forgiving others, we can recognize the mix we all are, good and sinful, and reach the goal intended for us—shalom/peace.

If you have any grudges left or want to seek vengeance against those you feel have harmed you, let it go; it's the essence of our Jewish tradition. Hatred eats at our souls and prevents us from seeing the good around us, the potential for goodness and peace. In fact, continuous hatred is one of the most important sins from our Torah, as Leviticus 19:18 says: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your neighbor, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. In other words, one cannot love another human being as long as grudges and hatred prevail. We are flawed (ashamnu, bagadnu), just as our fellow Jews around us are flawed. No one is perfect, so get rid of the hatred.

By getting rid of the anger, that negative curse can no longer have power over you, ruin your soul and state of mind. Forgive before it is too late. Use this time before the High Holidays to extend a hand, ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness, being kind to yourself as well as to others.

There is no mention of forgiveness in the book of Genesis during the early years of our people's history —not after the sins of Adam and Chavah, nor after the murder by Cain, nor after the Flood, nor after the sin of the Tower of Babel, nor anywhere else in Genesis. The first time forgiveness occurs in the Torah is in the book of Exodus, after Israel's great sin of the Golden Calf. God forgives our people, and the Covenant is renewed despite the horror of what Israel had done.

Why the change in Exodus as opposed to the rest of forgiveness being virtually ignored in Genesis?

The key figure is Joseph. After Joseph's brothers tried to kill their brother, their plot foiled, they approached Joseph, and the brothers reconciled after Joseph forgave his brothers. Joseph says: Don't be distressed or angry with yourselves for selling me here because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Because of Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers, the way was paved for the Exodus from Egypt and God, affirming the eternity of the Covenant with the Jewish people forever.

The lesson? God does not forgive us until we learn to forgive each other. Joseph brought the virtue of forgiveness for us into the world forever as the key to redemption and peace.

Perhaps that is what God is waiting for—for us to forgive each other. Let me take this time to ask for your forgiveness if you feel I have done anything at all to hurt you. We need to let each other know when and how we have suffered as a result of each other's actions—forgiveness and searching for ways to peace are essential.

So, all of us—take this time in these last weeks before the onset of another new year to apologize to each other, even if we have felt offended, knowing that resentment, ongoing hatred, and grudges are serious sins. Let it go, be at peace. It is the only way to heal ourselves and the only way for humanity to realize peace. Someday, someday...God bless us with your peace and allow us to celebrate a new year filled with hope and blessing.

L'shana Tova Tikateivu...may you and your loved ones be blessed with a year that is filled with goodness, health, and peace. May this be a year of goodness and peace for our beloved Temple Beth Sholom, the Jewish people, the state of Israel, our America, and for all humanity.

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

Join the Sarasota Chevra Kadisha

What is the Chevra Kadisha?

It means "Holy Society" and is usually a group of men and women who are trained in the practices of Jewish burial preparation called *tahara* (purification). This involves the ritual cleaning of the corpse by men for males and by women for females. In Judaism, the responsibility of burial is known as *Chesed Shel Emet*. This may be translated as "the truest act of kindness" or "deeds of loving kindness." This is so because there can be no expectation of repayment. In other words, when we prepare a deceased for burial, we do so purely out of love and respect, with no motive of expecting reward or compensation.

In Sarasota, the functions of the *Chevra Kadisha* are carried out by volunteers. There is a Men's group and a Women's group. For each *tahara* we need 5 volunteers.

The local Sarasota Chevra Kadisha is a community group that is not associated with any particular synagogue or Temple. As more and more of us age, we find ourselves needing more participants to perform this wonderful *mitzvah*. Please join us.

To express an interest or for more information: Men – Contact Don Friedman at 941-484-2790 Women – Contact Evie Mitchell at 941-554-8529

Is Harmony Jewish?

By Cantor Matt Austerklein

On the High Holidays, I always feel blessed at moments of harmony. These include the prepared harmonies of great choral singing and the improvised congregational harmonies of liturgical high points like *etz hayyim* and *avinu malkeinu*.

But try to translate the musical term "harmony" into Hebrew. No ready biblical or rabbinic term exists for it; the 19th & 20th-century creators of modern Hebrew had to borrow the Greek original - harmonia (הרמוניה). Despite this lack of innate vocabulary for aesthetic harmony, the Hebrew language does have a rich tradition of words describing interpersonal harmony. The best example of this is *shalom* (שלום). This word is far more than a "hello" or "goodbye." It is employed across Jewish literature to indicate harmony, peace, welfare, prosperity, and wholeness.

So, but what of Jewish harmony in music?

This past July, I participated in the North American Jewish Choral Festival, singing choral music for 4–5 hours every day and teaching several classes. From dawn till dark for three long days, we prayed, performed, rehearsed, studied, and feasted at the smorgasbord of Jewish harmony. It was glorious.

As I prepared my class, I recognized that this choral Brigadoon was far from the full picture. Jewish choral singing in the forms we lovingly sang and celebrated was a maximum of four centuries years old and really just over two centuries old as a normative practice among certain groups of Ashkenazic & Sephardic Jews. There is a much longer history of Jewish harmony — one that spans two thousand years of Greek, Jewish, Christian, and Islamic cultural exchange.

From its early formation, the Church had a very clear answer to the question of "Is harmony Jewish?". The answer was: No. The long development of this Christian sonic theology and anti-Judaism is masterfully captured by Ruth HaCohen's 2013 book, *The Music Libel Against the Jews*, "a study of the historical categorization of the Jew as a producer of noise in a Christian universe conceived of as dominated by harmonious sounds." Under the dominion of Christian harmony, Jewish sound was instead regarded as "noise" — dangerous to Christians and reflecting the Jews' disordered appearance and theological rejection by God.

Anti-Jewish caricatures like these should make us feel uncomfortable for many reasons. But before adding their libel and theological judgment, these early modern Christians were observing a valuable truth about Jewish prayer — its *heterophony* (i.e., its use of many independent voices). This is partly because the Jewish religion created the obligation for prayer at the individual level. The soundscape of the Ashkenazic synagogue developed liturgical traditions in which individuals could each chant the liturgy for themselves. We know this today as *davening*. Dr. Sarit Shalev-Eyni describes this contrast between the medieval church and synagogue:

"The voices did not speak in unison as in a church, but emerged from all around the inner space in a heterophonic manner, depending on the rhythm of each individual. Sometimes the individual voice within the public frame also included music. Such an option is reflected in the Pietist treatise *Sefer Hasidim*, compiled in the Rhineland during the thirteenth century. Here it is recommended that in order to concentrate on the individual recitation during the public service, one may use well-loved tunes and adjust them to the content of the prayer: a sad tune for pleading and a joyful one for praising. Although we do not know how common this practice was, one can imagine the cacophonic result if worshippers were whispering different tunes at the same time."

While the past 5000 years have witnessed a wide variety of Jewish liturgical and musical forms, this norm of heterophony/davening still exists today, even as it is hybridized with choral music, guitars, or *chasidic nigunim* (wordless melodies). We should feel proud of this heritage because it points to the equal worth of each individual's prayer before God - regardless of how it sounds.

I'm looking forward to our harmonious moments this high holidays. And I hope that those musical harmonies become the inspiration for interpersonal ones. We should remember that Jews invented words for interpersonal harmony first. And I hope that we remember no matter the beautiful and inspiring things the people on the bimah are doing, it is our own individual prayers, teshuva, and good deeds that matter most.

Shana Tova U'metukah, Cantor Matt Austerklein Let me begin by saying what an honor it is for me to serve as the President of Temple Beth Sholom. Over the years, I have been affiliated with a number of congregations, but TBS is a real family for me.

On July 8, I delivered the sermon at TBS and was asked by a number of people in attendance to share at least part of it with you. In my former life in Connecticut, I assumed a number of leadership roles, but the most challenging was when I was the chairman of a political party in my hometown of Easton. I served in that role for eight years. Politics was different at that time. We did not view the other party as the enemy. Rather, they were competitors. Everyone knew that we were there to work for the benefit of the entire community.

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE

I believed in creating a "big tent," bringing together people with different skill sets and diverse perspectives as a means of reaching a consensus before moving forward. We listened to and respected one another. There were times when people whom I generally disagreed with had a better idea than what I had come up with. By collaborating, we were able to be effective in serving the entire town.

Although I chaired the dominant party in town, I maintained a warm relationship with the chairman of the other party. I viewed the two parties as trying to follow different pathways in an attempt to reach the same destination. I was often in contact with my counterpart as a means of working together to solve problems quietly. Each year on Election Day, the two of us stood side by side greeting everyone coming to the polls to exercise their civic duty. The two of us exchanged jokes and humorous anecdotes throughout the day. When it was time to count the votes, the two of us sat next to each other and shared my calculator. After the votes were counted and the winners declared, we would stand up, shake hands, and congratulate each other for a job well done. During those years, working with many dedicated citizens, we were so proud of what we had achieved for our community. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment was the preservation of 1/3 of the town as open space land forever. Easton, Connecticut, remains the greenest community in Fairfield County.

Many of the same lessons can be applied to a synagogue community. There are a lot of different perspectives and unique backgrounds within our membership. They present us with opportunities to listen to and grow from interacting with each other. We can easily follow a variety of different pathways to reach the same destination. The key is mutual respect and being open to hearing what each of us has to say. As we look forward to the High Holidays, I hope that each of you will find a way of contributing something to the TBS community. We need your active support and participation to enrich the lives of the entire congregation.

I sincerely hope to greet each of you in person over the Yom Tovim. Ann and I wish you and yours a Shana Tova U'Metuka.

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

SOCIAL ACTION

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: ONGOING & HOLIDAY COLLECTION COMING VERY SOON

The High Holidays will be here very soon, and we will again be collecting items for the Local Food Pantries during the High Holidays!

On Rosh HaShanah, Friday evening, Sept. 15, and Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 16 & 17, we will be distributing grocery bags for you to fill and return prior to Kol Nidre Services the following Sunday, Sept. 24. After Yom Kippur, the bags will be brought to All Faiths Food Bank. If you do a bag with all Kosher items, they will be taken to the Kosher food pantry at JFCS. Please label accordingly.

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

We look forward to your generous contributions.

IT'S A MITZVAH!

There have been very few donations of Green Bean casseroles for the Salvation Army through the summer. I do hope more of you will contribute as you return to Sarasota. No matter how many, they are profuse in their appreciation. Thank you to our regular contributors and welcome to the newcomers! Please continue to donate Casseroles to the Salvation Army, which helps them feed many homeless here in Sarasota. Casseroles are due in the TBS freezer on the first Tuesday of the month. Please bring your casseroles to the kitchen freezer no later than September 5. Be sure to put your name on a piece of tape on the casserole.

Thank you!

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 JFCS. 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.



Marsha Mason & Sue Prohofsky delivering the most recent donations to SPARCC.

Wishing you a Sweet New Year!

Susan Prohofsky, Chair,
TBS Sisterhood
Social Action Committee
765.426.5830 suepro2861@gmail.com

High Holiday Schedule 2023/5784

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Selichot; **8:30 pm** Saturday, September 9th 8:30 pm; Dessert Reception-Sainer Social Hall 9:30 pm; Service-Sanctuary

All are welcome to join us! All services are in the Prayers of Sanctuary & Live Streamed Repentance See our website for links

No Valet this year-complimentary golf cart transportation is available

Erev Rosh Hashanah - 7:30 pm Friday, September 15th

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - 9:00 am Saturday, September 16th Enjoy our complimentary Coffee Bar-main lobby! NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - 9:00 am Sunday, September 17th All are encouraged to bring their Shofar to participate
Plastic Shofars available for younger children to blow with us (yours to keep & bring to each service)

Tashlich; 5:00 pm Sunday, September 17th Arlington Park-meet at the pond 2650 Waldemere Street, 34239



YOUTH **PROGRAMMING** is available schedule TBD

YOM KIPPUR

L'Shanah Tovah!

Kever Avot (cemetery service) - 10:00 am Thursday, September 21st; TBS Cemetery 801 Circus Boulevard, 34232

Kol Nidre-Erev Yom Kippur - 7:00 pm Sunday, September 24th

Yom Kippur Morning - 9:00 am Monday, September 25th Yizkor Service approximately 11:00 am

Discussion with Rabbi Altshuler - 4:30 pm Monday, September 25th Informal discussion; this portion is not live streamed

Yom Kippur Evening - 5:30 pm Monday, September 25th Mincha—Neilah—Maariv Final Shofar Sounding 7:59 pm; youth bring back your Shofars to blow!

Break-the-Fast - 8:00 pm Monday, September 25th Reservations are a must by Friday, September 15th



Sukkot Shabbat Dinner - 7:15 pm Friday, September 29th Reservations a must by <u>Friday, September 15th</u>

Sukkot Day 1 Service & Open House Shabbat 9:30 am Saturday, September 30th Sukkot Day 2 Service 9:30 am Sunday, October 1st

Shmini Atzeret - 9:30 am Saturday, October 7th (during Shabbat) Yizkor Service *approximately* 11:00 am



Pre Simchat Torah Celebration Dinner - 6:00 pm Saturday, October 7th
Reservations are a must by Friday, September 29th
Simchat Torah Celebration Service - 7:30 pm Saturday, October 7th

Fun for youth & adults!

Simchat Torah Service - 9:30 am Sunday, October 8th



Wishing you a wonderful 5784 filled with love, laughter & adventure!

Important Information

TBS members with confirmed 23-24 membership will automatically be mailed tickets prior to the holidays.

All are welcome to attend our holiday services & programs. Tickets are required and can be obtained by contacting Kelly Nester at 941-955-8121, Ext. 1002 or Kelly@tbssrq.org.

College students are welcome to join, no charge.

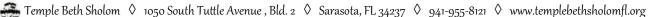
The suggested donation for tickets is \$100.00

Please show your tickets as you enter for services.

Please note: TBS includes the credit card processing fee on all credit card transactions.







SISTERHOOD



Rosh Hashanah is just around the corner, and Sisterhood has been busy preparing for the High Holiday season. Our beautiful New Year's greeting card is in the mail, and our Sisterhood "elves" have been delivering Rosh Hashanah cards, honey sticks, and candies to Senior Residences throughout Sarasota and Bradenton. Many, many thanks to Molly Ballow, who coordinated both of these projects. In addition to Molly, many Sisterhood members made phone calls and deliveries to facilitate this project.

Our first program for the 2023-2024 program year will be Sippin' in the Sukkah on Wednesday, October 4, at 11:00 A.M. As always; we will be partnering with Sabra Hadassah. Elaine Marks and Mara Winn, our programming Vice Presidents, will be hosting, and our program will be both interesting and educational. Sue Prohofsky, Sabra President and a TBS Sisterhood Board member will also work on this. Lunch is included, and our speaker, as always, will be educational and interesting.

One of the most important things that our Sisterhood does is support the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Torah Fund program. Torah Fund was started by Mathilde Schechter and provides scholarships and programs for the 5 Conservative Jewish Seminaries that are located throughout the world. Our future Rabbis, Cantors, and Jewish educators receive their training at these institutions, and they are the future of our movement. A mailing will be coming to you with instructions on how you can be a part of this. If you have supported Torah Fund in the

past, I hope that you will continue to do so. If you would like to be a new participant, please look for the information in the mail and return your contribution in the return envelope. This year's theme is Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh - All Israel is responsible for one another. While we welcome donations of any amount, a minimum contribution of \$180.00 comes with a beautiful Torah Fund pin. This year's pin is shown here.



If you are celebrating a simcha or recalling a loved one, there is no better way to honor the occasion than our Bimah Basket project. You can sponsor one or both baskets each Shabbat, and half of everything we raise goes to All Faiths Food Bank and the Jewish Federation Kosher Food Pantry. Evie Mitchell and her assistant, Martha Sherman, are our coordinators of this. Please reach out to them for additional information.

By now, you should have received information regarding Sisterhood Membership. We hope that all current members will continue and that those who are not members will join our wonderful organization. Sisterhood supports not only the congregation but also our youth. Last year we provided scholarships to Jewish overnight camps and teen trips to Israel. Sisterhood purchased a beautiful electronic piano for TBS and in partnership with Men's Club, sponsored several Sunday morning brunches and programs. We continue to support the local food banks as well as SPARCC, the Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center. Your dues help to supplement these important programs.

On behalf of Sisterhood, I wish everyone a healthy, happy, and meaningful new year.

Sheryl Glickman
Sisterhood President

TORAH FUND





TBS SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND

Our 2023-2024 Sisterhood Torah Fund Committee has ordered the beautiful Torah Fund pins in time for Rosh Hashanah (September 15 evening). Through the Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), Torah Fund supports our Jewish seminaries, which educate and nurture our present and future rabbis, cantors, and educators of the Conservative/Masorti Movement.

The WLCJ theme for the year 5784, Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'zeh – כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה – (All of Israel Are Responsible for One Another) is from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a. This phrase is the basis of Jewish communal responsibility, including our support of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education.

Please consider a donation to Torah Fund, perhaps in honor of a remarkable person in your life. People who give at these levels are thanked with this year's beautiful heart-shaped pin:



Benefactor	\$180
Guardian (with pearl)	\$300
Associate Patron (with ruby)	\$600
Patron (with diamond)	\$1,200
JTS Library Book Shelf	\$3,600
Keter HaKavod (14k pin)	\$5,000

Please write your check **payable to <u>TORAH FUND</u>**, then mail or drop it off at Temple Beth Sholom, Attn: Sheila Maslow.

Best wishes to you and your dear ones for a healthy and happy New Year.

Julie A. Friedman, Torah Fund Committee



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK REVIEWS & FILM MATINEES SAVE THE DATES

The Book Reviews and Film Matinees will all be in-person only on Wednesdays at 1:15 pm. The books for the Book Reviews are in the Alcove on the Book Review shelf. More information will be available in future Messengers.

BOOK REVIEWS

November 1, 2023 - Elaine Marks will review The Sassoons: The Great Global Merchants and the Making of an Empire by Joseph Sassoon, 2022, biography - A spectacular generational saga of the making (and undoing) of a family dynasty: the riveting untold story of the gilded Jewish Baghdadi Sassoons, who built a vast empire through global finance and trade—cotton, opium, shipping, banking—that reached across three continents and ultimately changed the destinies of nations.

December 6, 2023 - Patti Bourke will review Have You Seen Luiz Velez? by Catherine Ryan Hyde, 2019, fiction - Raymond Jaffe feels like he doesn't belong. Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he's tamed and to a blind ninety-two-year-old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: Have you seen Luis Velez? Mildred Gutermann, a German Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust, has been alone since her caretaker disappeared. She turns to Raymond for help, and as he tries to track Luis down, a deep and unexpected friendship blossoms between the two.

January 10, 2024 - Eric Faerber will review Elie Wiesel: Confronting the Silence by Joseph Berger, 2023, biography - In the first biography published since the Nobel laureate's death in 2016, Berger draws on Elie Wiesel's own writings, research and new interviews with family members and scholars to portray the man who lent his eloquent and powerful voice to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and standing up for human rights

around the world.

February 7, 2024 - Judith Barzilay will review The Confidante: the Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America by Christopher C. Gorham, 2023, biography - The first-ever biography of Anna M. Rosenberg, who was famous in the 40s and 50s as FDR's close wartime advisor, and later as Assistant Secretary of Defense during the Korean War. A stylish civilian woman in male-dominated fields of business, politics and the military, Rosenberg helped shape national policies that led to victory in war and prosperity in peace. How was her name eventually lost to history? And how do we know about her now?



FILM MATINEES



November 15, 2023 - Breaking Bread - 2020, 89 min., English and Hebrew (English subtitles) - The film follows Arab and Jewish chefs in Haifa as they collaborate in the kitchen. Connected through a shared love of food, the chefs unite to celebrate their cultures and the food of their region, free from political and religious boundaries. A film about hope, synergy and mouthwatering fare, it illustrates what happens when people focus on the person, rather than on their religion; on the public, rather than the politicians.

December 20, 2023 – Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel – 2018, 86 min. - The David-and-Goliath story of Israel's national baseball team as it competes for the first time in the World Baseball Classic in 2017. The team's roster includes many Jewish-American major leaguers, most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism and Israel. The connection to Israel that the players forge pushes them to unexpected heights as they represent Israel on the world stage.

January 17, 2024 – to be announced **February 21, 2024** – to be announced

NEW BOOKS IN THE ALCOVE

Kantika by Elizabeth Graver, 2023, fiction – From Turkey to Spain, Cuba to the U.S., this multigenerational saga explores the complexities of faith and identity, exile and belonging through the lens of a Sephardi Jewish family and the tenacious Jewish women at its core. I highly recommend this book!

Have You Seen Luis Velez? by Catherine Ryan Hyde, 2019

The Sassoons: The Great Global Merchants and the Making of an Empire by Joseph Sassoon, 2022

Elie Wiesel: Confronting the Silence by Joseph Berger, 2023

The Confidante: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America by Christopher C. Gorham, 2023

Pow! Right in the Eye!: Thirty Years Behind the Scenes of Modern French Painting by Berthe Weill, 1933 (2022 published in English for the first time), biography – Berthe Weill opened an art gallery in Paris in 1901 and over the next 40 years, despite rising antisemitism in France, bravely promoted new talent such as Matisse, Picasso, and Modigliani. Her memoir offers rare insights into the Parisian avant-garde and a lively inside account of the development of the modern art market.

We Are Not One: A History of America's Fight Over Israel by Eric Alterman, 2022, nonfiction - Fights about the fate of the state of Israel, and the Zionist movement that gave birth to it, have long been a staple of both Jewish and American political culture. But despite these

arguments' significance to American politics, American Jewish life, and to Israel itself, no one has ever systematically examined their history and explained why they matter. This book offers a sweeping and definitive account of how America has thought and talked about Israel over the last 75 years.

In the Garden of the Righteous: The Heroes Who Risked Their Lives to Save Jews During the Holocaust by Richard Hurowitz, 2023, nonfiction – This book brilliantly describes how in the midst of the brutality of the Holocaust and the collaboration, acquiescence and passivity of millions, there were people who risked their lives to save others out of a sense of shared humanity.

Impossible Takes Longer: 75 Years After Its Creation, Has Israel Fulfilled Its Founders' Dreams? by Daniel Gordis, 2023, nonfiction - Using Israel's Declaration of Independence as his measure, Gordis provides a thorough, balanced perspective on how the Israel of today exceeds the country's original aspirations and how it has fallen short. He discusses the oftenoverlooked reasons for the establishment of the State of Israel; the flourishing of Jewish and Israeli culture; the Israeli-Arab conflict; the distinct form of Judaism that has emerged in the Jewish state; and much more.



Debby Marshall

Idelson Library Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE!

Temple Beth Sholom invites you to join us on Wednesday, October 25, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm, for a LIFE & LEGACY™ Wine & Cheese Reception held in honor of our participants for their generosity and invites those interested in this legacy giving program. The event will include ambiance music from TBS' own Susan Debronsky and Isaac Mingus, cellists.

Everyone is welcome; please RSVP to Nancy (nancy@tbssrq.org) before October 18.

MEN'S CLUB



The Men's Club is now planning for the next round of elections to the MC Board of Directors. If you are a member in good standing and are interested in taking a leadership role in Men's Club, please contact me at videobyjoel@aol.com, and I will follow up with you. This is the easiest volunteering gig you'll ever take on, and what you do will have an impact on Jewish life within TBS

and the larger Sarasota-Manatee Jewish community. I urge you to step forward and be counted among the leaders. You'll be glad you did.

Watch for updates coming soon regarding our programming schedule, especially our Sunday Breakfast Series.

On behalf of the Men's Club Board of Directors, I want to wish everyone a year filled with good health, contentment, and love. May we witness the end of hatred and violence and the beginning of an era of kindness, caring, and compassion for each other.

L'Shana Tova Tikateyvu!!

Joel Servetz

Men's Club President





Tennis Anyone?

The TBS Men's Club continues its monthly tennis group on the last Thursday of the month. These sessions will be held at the Meadows Country Club from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

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!



Raise the Sukkah with TBS!



All are welcome to join us for raising & decorating our Sukkah!

Raising the Sukkah
Tuesday, September 26th
10:00 am

Decorating the Sukkah

Come help make our Sukkah beautiful! Wednesday September 27th

10:00 am

Please let the office (941-955-8121) know if you are coming to help—thank you!

Sukkot commemorates our ancestral journey in the depths of the desert. The weeklong festival is observed by building and spending time in a *sukkah*, a temporary outdoor structure, to connect to the harvest season. Along with eating meals in the *sukkah*, we lift and shake the *lulav* (a bouquet made up of a palm branch, three branches of myrtle, and two willow branches) with an *etrog* (a fragrant, yellow or green bumpy citrus fruit also known as a citron).

Order your
Lulav &
Etrog Set
by
September
1st

Make your
Sukkot Shabbat
Dinner
reservation
by September
15th

Reserve your seat for Sisterhood's Sippin' in the Sukkah Contact Sisterhood

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Happy Birthday
Iris Nahemow (left)
who celebrated her
milestone birthday with
her family in PA.

Congratulations

Evie & Stan Mitchell
(right), who celebrated
their 60th anniversary
with their loved ones.



If you are celebrating a Milestone Birthday or Anniversary, submit a picture to troy@tbssrq.org, and share your celebration with your Temple Beth Sholom family.

Temple Beth Sholom Membership Announcement

Temple Beth Sholom is pleased to introduce and warmly welcome our newest Congregation Members:

Linda & Sanford Ader Bernard Friedman Carolyn Weinberger Cassandra Winters

Our growing membership is all thanks to those who proudly invite your visitors, friends, and family as possible prospective members to services and Temple events. When you do, kindly advise the office with their names so they may receive our packet of welcoming information.

Please join us on September 30th for our Shabbat Open house featuring an ice cream social.

Members are encouraged to stop by the office to get a members photo taken.

Ned Holstein, Membership Chair & Adrea Sukin, Committee Member

Mazel Toy!

Ella Leya Altshuler, celebrating representing her native Azerbaijan in the Eurovision Book Contest with her book, *The Orphan Sky*

Rebecca Cuthbertson & Kassim Mirza, celebrating the birth of their son on May 23/3 Sivan; 7 lbs. 1 oz., 20.3"

Debby & Richard Marshall, celebrating their grandson, Eli Marshall, on his graduation Magna Cum Laude from Towson University with a double major in Political Science and Economics. Eli also graduated from ROTC as a distinguished military graduate and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He will be an Army aviator, learning to fly helicopters.

June/July Nosh Enhancement Supporters

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Paula & Alan Rothman, in honor of Alan's 80th birthday

Felicia & Joel Servetz, in honor of their 49th anniversary Felicia Servetz & daughters Melissa and Stephanie,

in honor of the 60th anniversary of Joel Servetz's Bar Mitzvah

September Anniversaries

Roz & Marc Bokoff	5	Susan & David Kessler	20
Patti Bourke & Robert Downie	26	Donna & Larry Lerner	55
Litten & Dan Boxser	51	Katia & Morris Lioz	60
Laura & Mark Briefman	38	Sharon & Stephen Patrice	40
Stacy & Ben Hanan	28	Lorie & Paul Rabin	63
Lael & Giuliano Hazan	26	Roberta & Mark Simon	45
Irene & Mark Kauffman	69	Yvonne & Rabbi Edgar Weinsberg	51



September Milestone Birthdays

Mark Ballow Samuel Noah

Sheldon Goldklang Ellen Roche

Stephen Jacobson Sara Stults

Carlyn Morris Mara Winn

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)



June/July Shabbat Participants

Ben Berman
Marc Bokoff
Roz Bokoff
Deborah Bortnick
Joan Braude
Don Friedman
Dr. Gene Ginsberg
Rueben Lissage
Josh Mellits
Stan Mitchell
Cantor Neil Newman



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Susan Weintraub
Cantor Roger Weisberg

Tisha B'Av Service Participants

Don Friedman Josh Mellits



Stan Mitchell Cantor Roger Weisberg

Want to be a part of Temple Beth Sholom's Services?



We have Aliyot available each Shabbat (blessings before & after the Torah reading)

Please arrive by 9:45 am if you have an Aliyah; the Torah Service begins at 10:00 am.

Aliyah will be reassigned if you are late, as the Ritual Team needs to have assignments in place at the start of the Torah Service.

Contact Kelly Nester for availability (941) 955-8121 Ext. 1002 or kelly@tbssrq.org by Thursday 10 am

Third Annual "TBS Goes to the Opera"

- Are you an opera-lover?
- Know nothing about opera but are developing an interest?
- Not really an opera lover but would like to join TBS members at an opera performance?

Ever since our first group opera attendance of Nabucco, which drew a record attendance by TBS congregants (the second largest group attendance at the Sarasota Opera House at that time), our congregants have enthusiastically attended this event.

Join us on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:30 pm at the Sarasota Opera House for our third annual "TBS Goes to the Opera." The featured opera will be Bizet's "Carmen," with some of the most memorable arias in the opera repertoire. Who doesn't know the famous Toreador's Song? It's so well known that it has even appeared in numerous TV commercials.

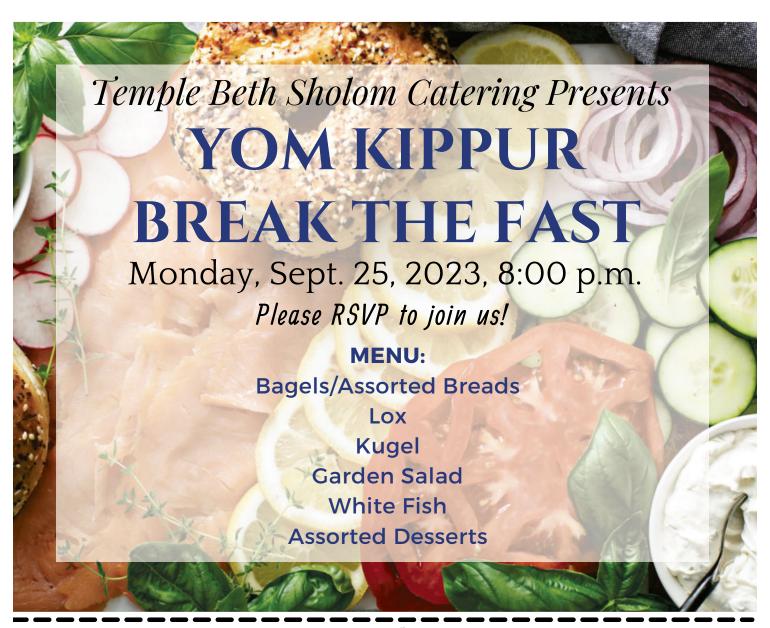
There will be a pre-performance reception with refreshments at a modest charge, and a brief lecture on this opera is being planned.

A range of seat prices will be available. Please call Travis Rogers at the Sarasota Opera House (941.328.1330) to purchase your tickets.

Please state that you are part of the Temple Beth Sholom group.

Hope to see you there! *Eric Faerber*





TBS Break The Fast, Monday, Sept. 25, 8:00 p.m. Open Seating

Early Bird Adults: \$23.00 (Deadline: Noon, Fri. Sept. 1) Regular Adults \$25.00

Children 5 - 12: \$10.00, Children Under 5 FREE

(Deadline: Noon, Fri., Sept. 15)

Please visit www.tbssrq.org to register online

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Temple Beth Sholom Catering Presents SUKKOT

SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to join us!

MENU:

Tuna Wraps
Hummus Veggie Wraps
Assorted Chips
Garden Salad
Desserts

Food will be served in the sukkah with outside seating (weather alternative is TBS' Sainer Social Hall)

Sukkot Shabbat Dinner, Fri., Sept. 29, 7:15 p.m.

<u>Open Seating</u>

Early Bird Adults: \$18.00 (Deadline: Noon, Fri. Sept. 1) Regular Adults \$22.00 Children 5 - 12: \$10.00, Children Under 5 FREE

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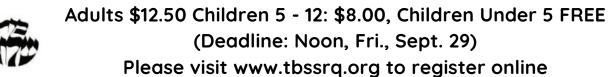
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Pre Simchat Torah Celebration Dinner, Sat., Oct. 7, 6:00 p.m. <u>Dinner Reservations Required</u> - <u>Open Seating</u>



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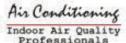
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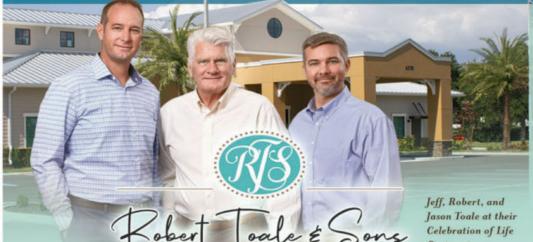
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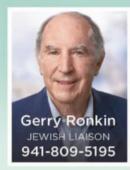
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