

SHOFAR

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TBS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca Bookman– Zandler

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

Please check out Rabbi Kaplan's Blog for photos, interesting notes and more at:

<https://www.danakaplan.com>

America's Four Gods – What Every Reform Jew Needs to Know January 2025

The adult education committee has put together a great many courses over the past couple of years. There's only one series that we have offered several times and that is America's Four Gods. The reason is that I believe that every member of our congregation needs to understand this concept and evaluate for themselves which of the four gods they relate to. So we're going to offer America's For God's as one of our two series in February. There will also be a course relating to Israel which will serve as an Introduction to our potential trip to Israel in October.

This is really really important because our religion is based upon God. And yet very few of us have any clear sense of what that might mean to us. We come to our Temple to pray and we open the siddur, but we're not sure what to make of many of the prayers that we read.

Part of the reason for this is that the prayers in our siddur are deliberately "multi vocal". What that means is that the editors of the prayer book realized that they were preparing a composite work for groups that do not share the same theological premises. Therefore they inserted prayers that reflected different view-points and indeed sought out prayers that might be interpreted in different manners by the same group.

In my first book, *American Reform Judaism an Introduction*, I argued that this was a bad thing. All Reform Jews should believe in the same type of God. Only then could you have a coherent religion. But there was no one God that all Reform Jews — or even most Reform Jews — were predisposed to accept.

So I eventually accepted the inevitable - that Reform Judaism needed to embrace theological pluralism. This was difficult for me to accept because I saw that most of the really successful congregations were able to unify under a single belief system and that helped them to motivate virtually all of their members to commit themselves to the religious expectations set out by their movement.

But that's not the reality in most congregations. It's not just in synagogues that members feel differently from each other about the nature of God. It's most American congregations of all religions! and that's where the idea of America's Four Gods comes in.

The expression "America's Four Gods" is based upon a study by two Baylor University sociologists. They studied what Americans believe about God and they found that based on two questions you could divide almost all Americans into one of four categories. In asking dozens of questions about God, they found that two questions pinpoint the most crucial theological disagreements in America. They are:

1. Does God interact with the world?
2. Does God judge people after they die?

Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

If you know your answers to these 2 broad questions, then you have tremendous insight into your entire worldview. In fact, your responses to these two questions predict the substance of your entire worldview. If you answer yes to both questions, that would put you in the authoritative God category. If you say no to both questions that would put you in the distant God category.. If you say yes to the first question and no to the second question then that would put you in the benevolent God category. And if you say no to the first question but yes the second question, that would put you in the critical God category.

Using these two dimensions of belief, the sociologists split the American public into four categories:

1. Americans who believe in a God who is both engaged in the world and judgmental—The Authoritative God
2. Americans who believe in a God who is engaged, yet non judgmental—The Benevolent God
3. Americans who believe in a God who is judgmental, but disengaged—The Critical God
4. Americans who believe in a non judgmental and disengaged God—The Distant God

We're going to do another series on America's Four Gods starting at the very beginning of February. We're going to look at all four options and discuss why different types of people gravitate towards specific approaches rather than others. We're not necessarily hoping that you will choose one and commit to that approach but rather we're hoping that the group will grapple with the different belief systems and what that may imply for our "lived religion".

Sign up for the series today! You'll learn a little bit about how you perceive the world and how you understand the concept of God in that world. You'll learn a little bit about yourself and about what it means to you to pray with our congregation in our Temple and possibly to pray on your own.

Hopefully, it'll help you to grow as a person and to develop a stronger and more meaningful relationship with God, however you conceive of God!





NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Is 'Inner Peace' an idea left over from the flower children proliferation? Actually, its Hebraic development was written extensively over 600 years ago in the *Zohar*. I would like to demystify some basic ideas from this mystical book as they relate to our congregational singing. The book's concealed messages may add new dimensions and insights which will enable us to sing the *Bar'chu* and *Sh'ma* with greater focus and spiritual fulfillment. The *Zohar* is a concise compendium of Jewish esoteric and Kabbalistic faith. If you already have mastered all that, you may choose to skip the rest of this article. Otherwise, please give it a few minutes read.

When a *minyan* (a quorum of ten adult Jews) is present, a summoning is required to commence the communal *Maariv* (service held in the evening). The *Zohar* states that all sacred acts require the assembled people to address God in an appropriate manner. So what would be the first thought we want to convey to the One who gives us everything we are and will be? Logically as well as spiritually, it is this: We **ble**ss God.

The root of the word *bar'chu* (the Hebrew letters *bet*, *reish*, and *kaf*) can also form the word *berech* (knee). Through much of recorded history, people would drop to their knees before a monarch, acknowledging his or her sovereignty. To call or bless God, instead of babbling from our self-centered stance in the universe, allows us to become universal transmitters of unconditional respect, trust, and love. Thus, before we can proclaim God's unity with us - and ours with each other, we recognize that the world has not been created through our individual strength and accomplishments, but through *Adonai ham'vorach* understood as ("the Blessed One who is already blessed"). We bow and bless the Blessed One, acknowledging that we are a part of that existence as well; we depend on it, and, accordingly, we praise the Source that makes it so.

Cantor chants, bowing from the opening *bar'chu* and straightening at the *Adonai*: "*Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach*. (*Bless God, the Blessed One*).

Congregation responds and repeats: *Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va-ed*." (Praise Adonai to Whom all praise is due now and forever).

We do not require a *minyan* to recite, or in the best of all possible worlds, **sing** the *Sh'ma*. However, when we, the people Israel, join with others in public, the *Bar'chu* set the stage for the *Sh'ma* to become a communal call: "Listen, Israel!". We then proceed to proclaim in song together that "*Adonai* is our God" and that "*Adonai* is One". To sum it up, first we first bless God and then we do the most miraculous thing, it seems, that anyone can do: we **listen!**

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Stephen Bold

Happy New Year. I hope you had a good holiday season.

The Temple is entering that time of the fiscal year when our cash flow from dues is almost gone. While we have had the good luck of having a great tenant, their rent only offsets a portion of our anticipated shortfall. So, to help with this we are having a number of events for all members and their guests to help raise some funds, as well as have an enjoyable time. This includes concerts: a Klezmer concert (how often do you get a chance to dance in the sanctuary) and a piano concert by the acclaimed Nicole Pesce. Plus, we have our annual fundraising golf tournament in March and a Temple family Seder in April. I hope you are able to attend most of these events with your family and friends which help support the Temple.

We will also be asking if you can contribute to the Temple's additional funds for operating expenses. If you are approached by one of our members asking for a contribution, please understand that this is a tough ask for them and show them the respect you would expect if you were in the same place.

But as a reminder, if you have an IRA for 401K, you now have your 2025 Required Minimum Distribution. Any amount that you take out of your account and send directly to the Temple is tax free. So, you can save money and help the Temple. The firm that manages your IRA/401k can help you arrange this. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will help you out.

Good News

An anonymous angel has gifted the Temple with funds to replace the social hall floor. We are in the beginning stages of determining the type and color of the new floor. So, in your prayers please give thanks to this angel.

Saturday Morning Services

We have had services once a month for several months now. We have a dedicated audience who thoroughly enjoys this service. With the sun shining through the stained-glass windows, the singing and guitar music of Ezra, there is an entirely different vibe from Friday night services. I hope to see you at the next morning service on Saturday, Jan 25th.

Shalom,
Steve

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE

Wearing a Tallit for Honors at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

Members of Temple Beth Shalom – or any other Reform Jewish congregation – are not required to wear a tallit or kippah at any time during religious services, although many of our members do so – especially during the High Holy days. Neither the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) nor the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) require persons who hold or carry a Torah, or who recite the blessing before or after the reading of the Torah or the Haftorah, to wear a tallit.

Dress Code

At the Board meeting of November 17, the Board unanimously passed a dress code for those sitting on the Bimah and carrying the Torah. Honorees should be wearing synagogue appropriate clothing. No shorts will be allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

When Carrying or Holding a Torah or Reciting a Blessing

TBS provides a tallit rack with tallitot in the lobby just before the entry doors to the sanctuary. These tallitot are available to anyone to borrow for wearing during a service. We just ask that if you borrow one, you fold it and return it to the rack after the service. There is usually a “spare” tallit or two folded up and sitting on the top of a bookshelf along the wall leading to the sanctuary. Any of these can also be borrowed for wearing during a service.

Please let the Rabbi know if you would like to discuss anything related to this matter of wearing a tallit at TBS.

BULLETIN BOARD

January 2025

1/2

5:00 PM Last Day of Hanukkah

1/3

7:00 PM –Shabbat Evening Service

1/7

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

1/8

11:00 AM Torah Study

1:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

3:00 PM –Religious School on Zoom

4:30 PM –Religious School

1/10

7:00 PM –Shabbat Evening Service

7:00 PM –Bill Shugar D'var Torah for Parashat Vayech

1/12

10:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast—Kimble's Kitchen

10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting

1/14

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

3:00 PM Tuesday Trivia

1/15

11:00 AM Torah Study

4:30 PM Religious School

1/16

11:30 AM Religious Practices Meeting

1:00 PM Outreach Meeting

2:00 PM Team TBS Meeting

1/17

7:00 PM MLK Shabbat Evening Service

1/19

10:00 AM General Board Meeting

2:00 PM Festival of Parties-Kick off Meeting

1/20

1:00 PM Sisterhood Movie –Golda

1/21

12:00 PM Brotherhood Meeting-BYOL

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

1/22

11:00 AM Torah Study

1/23

1:00 PM Security Meeting

1/24

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

1/25

10:30 AM Saturday Shabbat Service

5:00 PM Havdalah Service religious school

1/26

2:00 PM The Rural Street Klezmer Band Concert

1/28

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

1/29

11:00 AM Torah Study

3:00 PM –Religious School on Zoom

4:30 PM –Religious School

1/31

7:00 PM –Shabbat Evening Service

Torah Discussions

Torah Discussion Group – Every Wednesday at 11:00 AM via Zoom

Our next Torah Discussion Zoom meeting will be at 11 a.m. January 8, 2025.

The reading is Parashat Vayigash Perek Alef, "Jacob's Death-Burial and Mourning Traditions" Pages 120-122 in the Torah Portion of Genesis of A Torah Commentary for our Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume One: Genesis.

Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87000784481?pwd=ZodLTkIvSEFHU2NjOWM5ZHpKdnpnQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 0078 4481

Passcode: 079190



New participants are always welcome to our free and lively study of Torah. Please contact the TBS office at 623.977.3240 to register for the discussions if you have not previously done so.

Ritual Assistant (s) Wanted

The Religious Practices is looking for one or more individuals who will be willing to serve as Ritual Assistants on Friday night Shabbat Services. Duties would include helping to unwrap and wrap the Torah, sitting on the Bimah to open the ark, and help setting up the Shabbat candles. If more than one person would like to do this, it can be done on a rotating basis. Please contact Rabbi Kaplan or Religious Practices Chair, Nan Rubin-Lieber at 480-215-8006.

Adult Education

Would you like to be Bar/Bat Mitzvahed?

We are looking to start an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. If interested, please contact the Temple Office at 623.977.3240 to sign up.

Conversion

We will be starting a conversion class. If you are interested, please contact the Temple Office at 623.977.3240 to sign up.



AMERICA'S FOUR GODS

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS THREE-WEEK INTERACTIVE PROGRAM



Led by Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan and Temple Past President Fay Henning-Bryant



**MONDAYS FROM 10 - 11:30 A.M.
FEBRUARY 3RD, 10TH & 17TH**

The subject matter of this course is based on the book *America's Four Gods: What We Say About God -- and What That Says About Us* - written by Paul Froese and Christopher Bader. They found that based on two questions, almost all Americans could be divided into one of four categories. These two questions are:

To what extent does God interact with the world?
To what extent does God judge the world?

Drawing on their study of American religious beliefs today the authors found that regardless of their religious tradition (or lack thereof), Americans worship one of four distinct type of God: benevolent, authoritative, distant or critical.

This course will address why knowing what an individual believes about God is important, and an explanation of the four Gods. Participants will be given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire in complete confidence, which will help each person better understand which of the four Gods they come to closest to believing in. Lastly, we will discuss the impact that ones personal beliefs in one of the four Gods may have in our world today.

Course fee \$20 for members or \$35 for non-members or 1 coupon from TBSWV coupon books.
Book of 4 coupons for TBS members is \$65 and a book of 4 coupons for non-members is \$120.

To enroll in this course or to purchase a coupon book call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240
between 9 am & 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs. by 12 noon on January 29, 2025.



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Saturday Shabbat Service

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH

Please join us on Saturday, January 25, 2025
for Shabbat Service at 10:30 AM at the Temple,
followed by a potluck brunch.



1ST FRIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

January 3, 2005 Potluck Dinner is Cancelled

Join us the 1st Friday of every month at 5:30 pm for the
Brotherhood sponsored potluck dinner.



Ellyn Ventura is our New Caring Committee Chair.

If you are ill or know someone who is ill and needs our prayers,
please contact Ellyn at 602-595-9303 or 1bronxgal@gmail.com.

News from the Board of Directors: Ombudsman can help you!

Do you have a suggestion or a concern about Temple Beth Shalom but don't know what to do next?

Ellyn Ventura can help! As our Temple's new volunteer Ombudsman, Ellyn will advocate for you to help you resolve whatever it might be by leading you to the right person or going to that other person either with you or on your behalf to solve the problem at hand. All interaction with the Ombudsman will be strictly confidential if that is your wish.

The TBS board created the new volunteer Ombudsman position to increase everyone's engagement with the congregation in as many areas as possible, and to ensure that any member who perceives a problem can receive confidential advice and help. Occasionally, you may have an issue here at TBS that you may be hesitant to discuss, or you might not know the best person to reach to resolve the issue could be a disagreement with the office, with the Board President, with the Rabbi, with another committee person or on the bright side a recommendation or idea that you don't know who to bring it to.

A TBS member since 2018, Ellyn is a member of the Board of Directors, and previously was the president of Hadassah here in the Valley. She's a member of our Outreach and Membership committees and chairs the Caring and Chavurot committees. Along with Jon Green, she started Team TBS, the group of TBS committee chairs, who meet monthly to ensure all committees are communicating and offer each other help. Ellyn, who currently owns a travel agency, previously worked in management and human resources where she used her education, training, and skills in mediation, problem solving and conflict resolution.

You can reach Ellyn at 602.595.9303, or 1bronxgal@gmail.com.



Brotherhood

Is having a **BREAKFAST** on **January 12th at 10am** to reenergize all the men in **TBS** to create a wonderful group to benefit the Temple.

It's **FREE** to Brotherhood members and **FREE** to those that join the Brotherhood at the breakfast. Membership is only \$25. Membership and breakfast is **FREE to 1st year TBS members**. Non-members will only pay \$8.00.

Location: Kimbles Kitchen
17300 N Sun Village Parkway, Surprise

Reservations required
so we know how to plan
Reservation deadline is: January 2, 2025
(office is closed the 3rd, 4th & 5th)
Contact the office: 623 977-3240
Cash or Check accepted at the door

Temple Beth Shalom 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City 85351
Templebethshalomaz@gmail.com



Festival of Parties

Jan. 19, 2025

2pm to 3pm

Fundraiser Kickoff

Sign-up Day will
be in the TBS
Social Hall

The first meeting on Jan. 19th is to kick off the Festival of Parties. Information will be given about this fundraiser, with examples of previous parties. Attendees will sign up to host a party at this time.

February 9th, 2pm-3pm: New people will come to learn about the parties offered and sign up with the hosts. Appetizers & dessert will be served.

Questions, contact Gloria Bold via email at gbold.de@gmail.com
or call her at 302 245-0049



THEY'RE BACK

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESENTS

The Rural Street Klezmer Band



JANUARY 26, 2025

2:00 TO 3:30

EVENT LOCATION: TEMPLE SANCTUARY

20 MINUTE INTERMISSION WITH REFRESHMENTS

**COST; \$20 FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
\$10 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13, FREE FOR KIDS UNDER 5**

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD, CHECK, CASH, OR ZEPHY

\$25 AT THE DOOR BY CASH OR CHECK ONLY

**RSVP deadline is Jan. 23rd Contact Temple Beth Shalom
12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351**

623 977-3240 TBSaz.org TempleBethShalomAZ@gmail.com

For everyone's safety, PLEASE, no backpacks or purses will be allowed in the concert. You can utilize a clear purse or clear plastic bag. Otherwise, please leave your items in your car.

There will be a security guard on site.



Join us for Temple Beth Shalom's Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Sunday, March 2, 2025
1:00 Shotgun



A fun outing for golfers of all abilities

Fees: \$130

Temple Beth Shalom
12202 N 101st Ave
Sun City, AZ

**Application and further
details call**

Warren Bentkover

(623) 308-5379

tbsgolf2025@gmail.com

RSVP

**as soon as you can, for
the deadline is**

February 17, 2025



**Awards party after
No host wine & beer.
Free appetizers**

**T-Sponsorship
(get advertising in our
monthly newsletter)**

PAR - \$100

1/4 page for 3 months

BIRDIE - \$250

1/2 page for 6 months

EAGLE - \$500

full page for 8 months



March 2, 2025 Golf Tournament Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley*

T-Sponsorship Categories

Level	Cost	Benefits for Sponsor		
		Name at T box (1)	Free Basic Ad Benefit (2)	Optional Purchase Benefit
PAR	\$100	Yes	¼ page for 3 months	\$50 for 3 additional months
BIRDIE	\$250	Yes	½ page for 6 months	\$185 for 6 additional months
EAGLE months	\$500	Yes	1 full page for 8 months	\$300 for 8 additional

*TBS members live in all the west valley cities: Buckeye (from original Buckeye, through Verrado to Sun City Festival), Goodyear, Avondale, Litchfield Park, El Mirage, and Surprise (including Sun City Grand), Sun City West, Peoria, Sun City, and Glendale, as well as parts of Phoenix. Although physically located in Sun City, it is not a 55+ congregation. It is also the ONLY synagogue in the entire West Valley that is multi-generational (with a K-10) Religious School, is egalitarian, and has a diverse membership.

(1) Business name appears on a large 36" golf ball poster near the T-box. Will be seen by all the golfers competing in the event

(2) Advertising in The Shofar, the congregation's monthly full-color newsletter that is sent electronically to over 200 members, is posted on our website every month, and is provided to those person's inquiring about membership. A page size is 8 ½" x 11".

(3) All sponsors will also be identified in the Awards Ceremony Booklet which will be provided to every golfer as well as other Temple Beth Shalom members who will be attending the awards ceremony

**Send a check to
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Sun City, AZ, 85351
623 977-3240**

TREE OF LIFE




Consistent with our belief, our Tree of Life on the Lobby wall next to the office commemorates simchas and life cycle events, such as special birthdays, anniversaries, or Bar & Bat Mitzvahs with an engraved leaf. We look forward to members making a contribution to the Temple and honoring their loved ones or commemorating an event by adding a leaf to the tree in their name.

Each leaf is a **\$200.00 donation to the synagogue**. This is a lovely way to commemorate a special milestone for your family and support Temple Beth Shalom.

Please call Nan Rubin-Lieber at 623-933-1412, or the Temple office at 623-977-3240, to order your

Grief Recovery Group

Times: 1:30pm to 3pm
Location: Temple Beth Shalom
12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ



THIS IS A TEMPLE BETH SHALOM GROUP. IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP US LET GO OF SORROW AND TAKE HOLD OF LIFE. THIS GROUP IS AVAILABLE FOR TEMPLE BETH SHALOM MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS AND IS OPEN TO ANYONE EXPERIENCING GRIEF. THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING GROUP.

A suggested monthly \$20 donation to help with temple expenses is also welcomed.
Call TBS at 623 977-3240 for further details

Your facilitators are:
Joyce Gold, Ph.D
MaryGill Savoren, BSN

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



"CAN DO"

The Committee is asking you to bring a food item each month and place it in the designated space in the lobby

**All of this will be
benefiting the Valley View
Food Bank**



Item to bring this month



The Committee thanks you, the Food Bank thanks you, but most of all, you will be helping those that are really in need.

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee



The Social Action Committee is collecting the pop tabs from aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House boxes are available in the Temple lobby. Fill them up with your tabs and return the R.M. house box to the Temple.

THANK YOU !

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Miriam Hirschl	1/5
Andrew Kirshner	1/6
Myrna Shanis	1/6
Marsha Gratz	1/7
Steven Katz	1/7
Dennis Cutler	1/11
Myron Weinbach	1/19
Joan Nappen	1/23
Hannah Seplow-Groves	1/23
Dawnie Newman-Ryberg	1/24
Minia Kalish	1/29



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Joanne Gorelick	1/24/2025	21st Anniversary
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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

You may donate to the Temple in many ways. The designated Temple Funds are listed below with a brief description of each. When making your donation, please designate your fund of choice.

General Operating Fund

In Loving Memory of:

Edward Allen

Max & Froma Allen

Benjamin Berkowitz

Arnold & Carmen Berkowitz

Gerhard Eisenstaedt

Bernie & Monica Arum

Mildred Henning

Faye Henning-Bryant

Gertrude May

Nancy Urbach

Carl Lovinger

David Lovinger

Deborah Rose Rubin

Nan Rubin-Lieber

Martin Meyerowitz

Alan & Marilyn Meyerowitz

Jaskeil Saks

Sandra Sas

Joseph Miller

Leon Miller

Burton Bentkover

Steve & Gloria Bold

Sharon & Lou Gadless

Carol Zingale-Dandoy

Lila Hauptman

Glen & Bobbie Zelkind

Lorraine Stein

Security Fund

In Loving Memory of:

Edna Beck

Sharon Gadless

Gilda G. Levitt

Lael Summer

Linda Cutler Smith

Dennis Cutler

Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of:

Sam Gadless

Lou Gadless

Prayer Books Fund

In Loving Memory of:

Donald Stein

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Carmen & Arnold Berkowitz

Nancy Urbach & Denny Cutler

Harvey Gordon & Jan Sodos

Joan Rosen

Happy Birthday:

Steve Siegel

Joan Rosen

Speedy Recovery:

Steve Bold

Fay Henning-Bryant

In Appreciation of:

Carol Zingale-Dandoy

Nan Rubin-Lieber

Honor the memory of a beloved family member or friend with a **memorial plaque** mounted in the Sanctuary. You may also celebrate a simcha with a leaf on our Tree of Life displayed in the lobby.

BIMAH FLOWER & FOOD BASKET FUND

Contributions are always appreciated. Make checks payable to
TBS Sisterhood and send them to the office.



IN MEMORY OF.....	RELATIONSHIP.....	CONTRIBUTOR.....	BIMAH FUND.....	FRIDAY NIGHT DATE
Jaskeil Saks	Grandfather	Sandra Sas	Flower Bouquet	12/09/24
Edna Beck	Grandmother	Sharon Gadless	Food Basket	01/03/25
Sam Gadless	Father	Lou Gadless	Food Basket	01/03/25

Many People contribute to the Flower Bouquet & Food Basket Funds “in memory of”, but did you know that you can also contribute to these funds “in honor of” to help someone special celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other kind of Simcha?

This is Sisterhood’s major fundraiser. We use it to make donations to local food banks, but the major portion is given to our temple whenever a need arises, such as a copier, a computer and new kitchen appliances like a refrigerator and dishwasher. We are always there to help.

Please help by contributing.

Sisterhood

Roz Goldstein, Sisterhood President

Do you know about all the wonderful services and programs Sisterhood offers during the year?

Sisterhood and its members provide all the desserts and beverages for Friday night Oneg Shabbats. We also supply the synagogue with paper goods and plastic utensils and we are responsible for the coffee, lemonade and tea used daily by the congregation for meetings and other events.

Another sacred responsibility of Sisterhood is to ensure that every Temple member who has a death in the family will be comforted with a "Meal of Consolation" after the funeral, memorial service or Celebration of Life ceremony. By joining Sisterhood you could be a part of performing this mitvah.

On the third Monday of every month, Sisterhood offers a luncheon program. This year, we are planning a diverse menu of fun and informative activities. See the listing below.

About a week before Passover, Sisterhood holds a "Women's Seder," which is always fun for everyone. This Seder is based wholly on the women in the Torah. There is singing and dancing and of course, food.

Sisterhood also participates in creating a complete High Holy Days experience for each Temple member through a Selichot program in which we will get together for discussion and pastry with Rabbi Dana Kaplan before a short service. After Yom Kippur evening services and Havdalah, Sisterhood prepares and serves a wonderful Break the Fast in our Social Hall.

Sisterhood tzedakah includes support of the Temple Food Bank project fund by collecting donations for food baskets and flower baskets in memory of someone or in celebration of milestones. Money is donated to the Temple operating fund and used for new equipment or repairs. Sisterhood also helps the synagogue pay for our weekly security guard.

As president, I invite all Temple Beth Shalom women to join us and engage in an exciting, enjoyable and at times sacred organization. Dues are free for your first year as a new Temple member and only \$30 every year thereafter. Please join me, and the members of Sisterhood, in the support of our synagogue and the enrichment of its members.

Roz Goldstein

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS FOR 2024-25

A welcoming event for Monday all women in our Nov. 18 at 1:00 pm Congregation. **GETTING TO KNOW YOU** Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there is no charge for this event. A blow-out sale will be at the Sisterhood Judaica store for all items Please RSVP your reservation at Temple Beth Shalom ☺ 623-977-3240 no later November 14th.



Monday Dec. 16 at 12 noon **HANUKKAH CELEBRATION**
Will include songs performed by Joanne Gorelick, accompanied by Daisy Anderson. Our Latke Luncheon is \$20. Please RSVP for your reservation by Dec. 12th. 623 977-3240

GOLDA will be our featured film. Cost is \$10 which includes popcorn, a variety of snacks and hot and cold drinks. Please RSVP your reservation no later than Jan. 16th to Temple Beth Shalom.

Monday 1:00 pm
Jan. 20
GOLDA



Bonnie Longmire will be giving a presentation on Ethel Rosenberg. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$20. Everyone is invited to this event. Please RSVP your reservation no later than Feb. 13th

Monday 12:00 pm
Feb. 17 at
Ethel Rosenberg



Monday 1:00 pm
March 17
SHAMROCK BINGO

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Cost is \$20. Please RSVP your reservation no later than March 14th. Everyone is invited to this event.



Community Women's Seder presented by Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood. Cost is \$20 and please make your reservations no later than April 3rd.

Monday 12:00 pm
April 7
In Memory of
REBBETZIN BARBARA MOSS



Monday 1:00 pm
May 19
MYSTERY MAN



TBS Sisterhood



All women Temple members are invited to join the Sisterhood. First year Temple members receive a complimentary membership to Sisterhood

WE:

- ◆ Are a group of Jewish women supporting our Temple
- ◆ Are an active, friendly group offering many opportunities for women
- ◆ Share our many talents and interests
- ◆ Provide activities that enable caring and bonding experiences
- ◆ Send Yahrzeit reminders
- ◆ Raise funds all year to benefit Temple Beth Shalom through our many activities
- ◆ Meet each month from October thru May, usually the third Monday
- ◆ Sponsor the Oneg Shabbat after the Friday night service

President	Rosalind Goldstein
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All Temple members are asked to bring in some goodies each month according to the first letter of their last name:

week 1 A-F
week 2 G-L
week 3 M-S
week 4 T-Z
week 5 A-Z.

Send in this coupon to join TBS Sisterhood for 2024-2025
(New TBS members are free during their first year.)

Dues are \$30.00/yr.

Name _____

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Mail check to:
TBS Sisterhood
Temple Beth Shalom
2202 N 101st Av
Sun City AZ 85351

Brotherhood

of Temple Beth Shalom

We would like you to be involved in all of our Brotherhood events by joining. First year temple members are free.

Planned dinners, outings, brunches, helping the temple, and working with Sisterhood are only part of what we do. But most of all, we can all enjoy a great camaraderie. We are all from different parts of the country with different and wonderful ideas and it is our communal efforts that make TBS great.

This year we have brand new officers and they are energetically planning for an eventful year.

For further information,
please call the Temple at
623 977-3240



Brotherhood

Become part of the backbone of Temple Beth Shalom.
Join a group that knows how to help.
Join the Brotherhood today.



First year members of TBS are given a free membership in the Brotherhood. Just submit this form and let us know you are a first year member of TBS.

Returning members need to submit this form and a \$25 payment for the year.

You can bring it in to the office or mail it to:

Temple Beth Shalom 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351.

Make sure you write "Attention: TBS Brotherhood" on the envelope, and that your checks are made out to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood.



Please enroll me as a member of Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood for the year:

2024-2025

I have some expertise in the field of _____, and/or
_____ am willing to help in other ways for the benefit of the Brotherhood and temple.

Suggested areas that we can always use help: (✓ if you feel you can help)
Guest Speakers ___; Welcome back Cookout ___; Dinners planning ___;
Spring training Game ___; Once a month Usher ___; Key Committee ___;
Helping set up and take-down for events ___;

NAME: _____

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Members may call the Temple at 623 977-3240 to place their order, or call Nan Rubin Lieber at 623 933-1412 or return this form along with payment to TBS
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NAME BADGE INFORMATION

It was recommended by the Membership Committee and voted on by the Board of Directors that the board members, trustees and committee chairs, as well as TBS staff wear a personalized name badge to all temple functions. Any member of the temple who wishes to purchase a name badge may do so at the cost of **\$10**.

The name badge will be made of hard plastic with the TBS logo and magnetic backing to affix to clothing. There will be room for your name and underneath it your title, if you have one. You will have a choice of the type of clasp you wish to order; a pin clasp or magnetic clasp.

ANYONE WITH A PACEMAKER OR ANY OTHER MEDICAL IMPLANT DEVICE SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP FOR YOUR NAME BADGE. DO NOT GET A MAGNETIC NAME BADGE AS IT CAN INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF A PACEMAKER AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES. YOU SHOULD ORDER A PIN CLASP NAME BADGE.

On the form below, please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name badge and the type of clasp you would like.

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In a separate adjacent section, you can now purchase a memorial brick for your pet. This may not be mixed in with other bricks for individuals. It is purely for remembering a lost pet that you were close to. You can have 22 characters (including spaces) per line,
Cost per brick is \$100

Call Helene at the temple at 623 977-3240 or
email TBS at templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

P.S. Bricks are still available for people too

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BRICK PATHWAY PURCHASE A BRICK FORM



Thank you for your participation in this important project. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 or templebethshalomaz@gmail.com.

I/We are purchasing _____ (number of bricks). The cost of each standard sized brick is \$100. **You can also add a logo / graphic for an additional \$36 or order an 8"x 8" brick with 6 lines for an additional \$100 each. Contact the Temple Office for more information.**

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

To expedite your order, enter your information at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/tbsbricks

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Inscription #1 Maximum of 21 characters per line including spaces. All wording will be centered.

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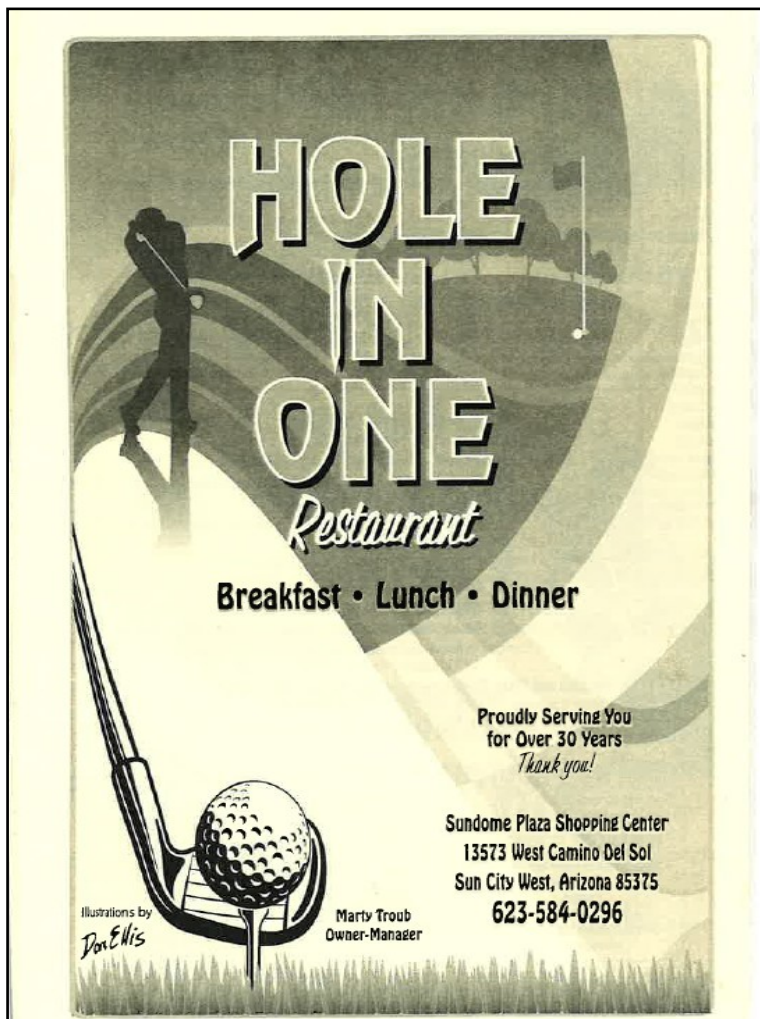
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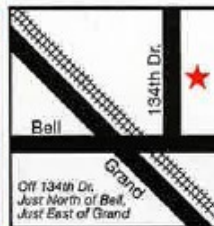
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The **deadline** for item submission to the Shofar is the **20th of the month**. No articles will be included after the deadline.

Thanks for your cooperation

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