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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>

Purim -- Why did Fate Reverse Itself?

We all know the story of Purim. Purim commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from annihilation at the hands of the evil man Haman. The holiday is based on the biblical Book of Esther which is set in the Persian capital of Susa, called in Hebrew Shushan, in the third year of the reign of the Persian king Ahasuerus.

According to the scroll, Haman was the royal vizier to the Persian king Ahasuerus. If the story has a historical basis, the Persian King may have been Xerxes I or Artaxerxes I. Historians are not sure. Ahasuerus was the leader of the Achaemenid Empire, also known as the Persian Empire, which was the world's largest empire at the time, spanning 5.5 million square kilometers and ruling over 44% of the world's population. It was founded in 550 BC by Cyrus the Great and lasted until 330 BCE.

Queen Vashti, the wife of King Ahasuerus, is banished from the court for disobeying the king's orders. She is seen by some as a proto-feminist and by others as simply difficult. The King wants to find a new wife and so a beauty pageant is held. Esther, a young Jewish woman who conceals her identity, is chosen as the new queen.

Esther's cousin Mordechai discovers that Haman wanted to kill all the Jews of Persia. Mordechai urges Esther to use her position as queen to intervene and save their people. Esther reveals her Jewish identity to the king and begs for mercy for her people. She exposes Haman's plot and convinces the king to spare the Jews.

Fortunately, Haman's plans were foiled by Mordechai and Esther. The day of deliverance became a day of feasting and rejoicing among Jews. The Jewish festival of Purim is established to celebrate the victory of the Jews of the First Persian Empire over their enemies, and Esther becomes a heroine of the Jewish people.

What is interesting from a literary point of view is that the scroll of Esther is that the plot is structured around banquets. The word banquet in Hebrew is Mishte or in plural form mishtaot. The word occurs 20 times in the scroll of Esther and only 24 times in the entire rest of the Hebrew Bible. Almost all the important plot developments in the entire scroll happen while the characters are at one banquet or another. Towards the end of the story Esther risks her life to beg her husband to set up a banquet and it is only at the banquet that she tells him that Haman is threatening to kill her entire people.

Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

The scroll shows that destiny can be reversed through an unexpected turn of events. just because something is likely to happen doesn't mean that it will happen. Just because something seems logical that it should happen doesn't mean that it will. In the case of the Jews in Persia, it seems like that they're going to all be killed. But in the end they are saved through the intervention of a young girl who herself doesn't believe that she will be able to help!

It's very interesting from a religious point of view because it's the only scroll in the entire Hebrew Bible in which God is not mentioned. and yet how does one account for the sudden rescue of the Jews who seem doomed? so it seems that God's hand is behind the sudden and inexplicable reversal of fortune.

This year, Purim begins in the evening on Thursday, March 13th, 2025, through Friday, March 14th, 2025, on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar. We will celebrate it on Friday night March 14th. With the possible exceptions of Passover and Hanukkah, Purim is certainly our favorite Jewish holiday so I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at synagogue that evening. a very happy Purim to all!





NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

I've yet to put away my large box of Hanukkah paraphernalia and now it is almost time for our Purim celebration. Maybe I dread hiding the menorahs as I take the lyrics, "Don't let the light go out!" very seriously). Well, on January 2nd, the holiday *did* end. On January 7th, the physical light we knew as the composer of the song, "Light One Candle," Peter Yarrow, went out. He'd battled bladder cancer for four years. Yarrow's wonderful legacy is amazingly wide in scope.

In 2003, a congressional resolution recognized his achievements and those of Operation Respect, which he helped found. An anti-bullying project, it promotes recognition of one's differences in a loving, respectful manner. He cited Judaism as one of his liberal root's liberal views:

"Jewishness means to live according to justice and that's a burden. It means we have to form our own set of morality and values — and live by them."

Rabbi Allison Bergman Vann wrote of, "Light One Candle:"

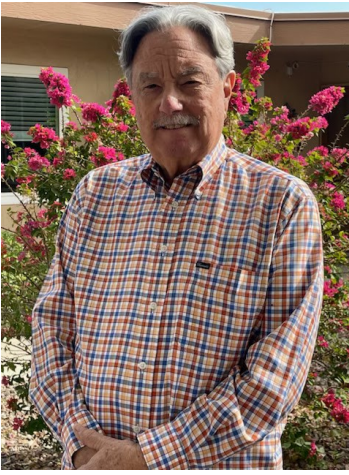
"...written in 1983, became a defining song for my generation of high school and college students to become activists, to make the world a better place. I heard Peter Yarrow sing that song on the steps of the Capitol, in 1987 during the march to free Soviet Jews. Listening to him sing, surrounded by literally thousands of like-minded individuals, I learned of my obligation to change the world; to engage in *tikkun olam*, repair of our broken world. And, during that incredible day, I knew that we could, indeed, change the world."

The son of Ukrainian immigrants, Peter's father, an assistant district attorney appointed by Thoms Dewey, was recruited into the office of Strategic Services, in 1944. His mother taught speech and drama. Their son spent two summers at Interlocken Music camp, and he graduated second in his class among male students from NYC's High School of Music and Art. He graduated from Cornell with a BA in psychology in 1959. In college, he participated in Harold Thompson's American Folk Literature course, eventually serving as a paid student instructor. After graduation, he played New York City folk clubs, and even performed at the Newport Folk Festival. He had met Noel (who chose his middle name, Paul, to use when the trio was formed). Mary had performed the role of a folksinger in Mort Sahl's Broadway play, "The Next President," but was known to be painfully introverted, loathing to sing professionally. Most of their hit songs addressed controversial issues, leading to their performance of Dylan's, "Blowin' in the Wind," on stage with Rev. Martin Luther King in August 1963 at his historic march. Peter, now 26, joined the Board of the Newport Folk Festival, where he'd been an unknown performer four years earlier.

Yarrow helped create some of Peter Paul, and Mary's most famous songs, including "Puff, the Magic Dragon," "Day is Done," and "The Great Mandala." As the group's fame grew, so did their vulnerability to death threats due to their social and political activism, i.e. marching to Selma in 1965, countless demonstrations against the war in Vietnam, etc. Mary Travers said, "I used to bite my fingernails on stage. There you are and look like the back porch light, and stare out at 12,00 or 15,000 people. Anyone of whom could have had a gun." However, they were never harmed.

In 1978, Yarrow organized Survival Sunday, an anti-nuclear benefit; performed with his daughter, Bethany during the Occupy Wall Street protests in October 2011, and he also toured with her in concert for many years. His performances and activism efforts proliferated. One may see how he used his 86 years to shed light on many dark areas. He also brought hope and joy to numerous generations and cross segments of people. For me, his light will always shine as a beacon, a guide-post to see us through any dark time, especially if we choose to adhere to his greatest song's plea: "Don't let the Light go out!"

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Stephen Bold

It's that time of year. And you ask what time it is?

It's that time when money from dues runs out, and we have to use other sources of funds to pay our bills. I have mentioned this in previous Shofar articles showing that Temple dues only cover about 60% of expenses, and this year is no exception. We have had a few extraordinary expenses. One new air conditioner and numerous repairs to the Temple irrigations system are the two major costs so far this year.

While our new tenants have helped our revenue shortfall, it has also raised our operating expenses.

How can you help? Of course donations are always appreciated, but by attending the Temple's upcoming events is a fun way that you can have a good time and help the Temple.

Here are your opportunities to help the next 3 months:

Nicole Pesce- fantastic piano virtuoso coming March 30th

Festival of Parties- on-going through May

Passover Seder (not a fundraiser, but an opportunity to participate at Temple

Challah Bake - May with Sisterhood

Hopefully, I will see you at many of these events!

We also need some help in the Temple office doing some light admin work. If you are available, for any day, Monday - Thursday for a few hours, please contact Patti in the office.

Helene Fox

As many of you know, our beloved Temple administrator had a stroke several weeks ago. She is doing better. She is now in rehab. It would be nice if you could send her get well cards or notes of appreciation for all she has done for the Temple.

She is at

PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Surprise,
13060 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378

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

March 2025

3/2

1:00 PM TBS Golf Tournament

3/3

10:00 AM Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism

3/4

1:00 PM Grief Recovery Group

3/5

11:00 AM Torah Study

3/6

10:00 AM City of Jerusalem class

12:30 PM Lunch Bunch

3/7

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner—Brotherhood

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

7:00 PM Kavod Awards

3/9

10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting

1:30 PM Israel trip meeting

3:00 PM Brotherhood Meeting

3/10

10:00 AM Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism

3/11

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

3:00 PM Tuesday Trivia

3/12

11:00 AM Torah Study

1:00 PM –Adult Education Committee

3:00 PM Religious School on zoom

4:30 PM –Religious School

3/13

10:00 AM City of Jerusalem class

3/14

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

7:00 PM Purim celebration

3/15

10:30 AM Saturday Shabbat Service

3/16

10:00 AM General Board Meeting

12:30 PM Sinai Mortuary presentation

3/17

10:00 AM Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism

1:00 PM Sisterhood Shamrock Bingo

3/18

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

3/19

11:00 AM Torah Study

3/20

10:00 AM City of Jerusalem class

11:30 AM Religious Practices

1:00 PM Outreach Meeting

2:00PM Team TBS Meeting

3/21

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

3/22

5:00 PM Religious School Havdalah service

3/23

1:00 PM Congregational Temple meeting

3/25

1:30 PM Grief Recovery Group

3/26

11:00 AM Torah Study

4:30 PM Religious School

3/27

1:00 PM Security Meeting

3/28

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

7:00 PM Special Oneg—Joan Sheffield 80th Bday

3/30

2:30 PM Nicole Pesce concert

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. March 5, 2025.

**The reading is Parashat Tetzaveh Bet, "Priestly Clothing: Fashionable Style or Significant Symbol?" Pages 74-76 in the Torah
tion of Genesis of A Torah Commentary for our
Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume Two: Exodus.**

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

Meeting ID: 870 0078 4481

Passcode: 079190



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Ritual Assistants 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.

Shabbat Service

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025 for Shabbat Service at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple, followed by a potluck brunch.

POTLUCK DINNER

1ST FRIDAY POTLUCK DINNER

March 7, 2025

Join us the first Friday of every month at 5:30 p.m. 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.

KABBALAH: JEWISH MYSTICISM

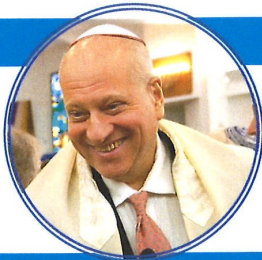
MONDAYS • MARCH 3, 10 & 17 (10 - 11AM), 2025 • 10 - 11:30 AM

Jewish mysticism has become world famous in the last few decades but few of us know anything about it. Ever since Madonna became involved with the Kabbalah Center in Los Angeles and New York, celebrities and the American public as a whole have wanted to know "What is Kabbalah?"

During this three-part series, we're going to look at short selections from basic texts taken from an anthology written for beginners.

- We will learn about the *sefirot*, the 10 emanations from God that are used to interpret the Torah in metaphorical and metaphysical ways.
- We want to look at how the mystics thought that the world had begun
- We will explore the problems that the creation of the world by God caused that continue on to this day. The popular expression *tikkun olam* comes from this idea.

Jewish mystical ideas play a central role in Judaism and are both fascinating and esoteric. On a simple level designed for anyone to understand, we're going to begin to explore the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah.



Course to be led by Dana Evan Kaplan, Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

\$20 FOR MEMBERS | **\$35** FOR NON-MEMBERS
or 1 COUPON FROM BOOK

Persons of all faiths are invited to attend this popular interfaith series Cost: \$20 for TBS members; \$35 for non-members or 1 coupon TBSWV has coupon books for Adult education courses that can be used for any 4 courses through May 2025. Price is \$65 for members and \$120 for non-members

To register, call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 between 9 am and 3 pm, Monday–Thursday. Deadline for registration and payment of course fee is noon, February 27.

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The City of Jerusalem: AN INTERFAITH PERSPECTIVE



Presented by

DANA EVAN KAPLAN, RABBI, TEMPLE BETH SHALOM OF THE WEST VALLEY
REVEREND BRUCE SCOTT, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM MINISTRIES, THE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

THURSDAYS • MARCH 6, 13 & 20 (10 - 11AM), 2025 • 10 - 11:30 AM

More than any other location in Israel, Jerusalem is what makes the country unique. During three Mondays in March, Rabbi Kaplan and Reverend Scott are going to look at what makes Jerusalem so exciting from both a historical and contemporary perspective by exploring the city and focusing on three famous sites.

This team approach to exploring Jerusalem by a rabbi and a minister, both who have spent a considerable amounts of time in Jerusalem, will enable the participants to gain both Jewish and Christian perspectives of this ancient city. Of course the early Christian history is the history of a Jewish group called The Jesus Movement which was part of second temple Judaism. And the center of second temple Judaism was Jerusalem.

Jerusalem was the center of the united monarchy at the time of King Saul, King David, and King Solomon. What was it like during this time? Archaeologists are divided: some say that Jerusalem was actually quite small and others that say that it was the center of a large and very powerful country.

Rev. Scott and Rabbi Kaplan will look at the old city of Jerusalem and focus primarily on three sites: the Western Wall and Western Wall tunnels, the Temple Mount, and the City of David. What went on there in ancient times and what can we see today? We are all familiar with the Western Wall which was a supporting wall built below the second temple which had been expanded and renovated by King Herod. What other ancient buildings survive to this day? What amazing stories can they reveal to us?

\$20 FOR MEMBERS | \$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS
or 1 COUPON FROM BOOK

TBSWV now has coupon books for its Adult Education courses that can be used for any 4 courses beginning September 2024 through June 2025.
The cost for a book of 4 coupons for TBS members is \$65 (a 19% discount) and a book of 4 coupons for non-members is \$120 (a 17% discount). Coupon books are available at the TBS Office.

Persons who are interested in enrolling in this course should call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 between 9 am & 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs. by Tuesday, February 27th to register and pay the course fee.

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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.

KAVOD AWARD WINNERS



Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to Meredith Weisman-Amaral (left) and Gloria Bold, who will be honored with Kavod awards on March 7 for their extraordinary contributions to Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley.

Join us at the special potluck dinner and Oneg starting at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate Gloria and Meredith. Potluck contributions are organized by last names: A-F salads or appetizers, G-L side dish, M-R desserts, S-Z main dish, entress. Call the Temple office at 623.977.3240 for more information.

We hope to see you there!

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST



**BY March 12th
TBS: 623 977-3240**

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March 11

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 12th.
Everyone is invited to this event.

Bingo Cards are included
When was the last time you had a good time
playing BINGO. Well, here's your chance to
try you luck and skill.



Festival of Parties

Want to party? Sign up for one or more of the Festival of Parties events listed below by calling the Temple office at 623.977.3240 to pay. Thank you everyone for helping to make these fun events and giving back to TBS.

Here are the hosts and their party information.

- Marianne Anderson and Carmen Berkowitz, Havdalah and Mid-Eastern Dinner, March 1
- Pam and Dave Katz, Wine Tasting-Professionally rated wine, March 16
- Marlene and Jon Green, Paella Dinner and Charades, March 29
- Faye Henning-Bryant and Julie Ponce, Tequila and Taquitos , April 6
- Roz Goldstein and Sisterhood, Challah Bake and Take, May 18
- Sherry Weinstein, Old Time Rock n'Roll, May 4
- Karen Carnow, Come Paint With Me, date to be determined

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
OF THE WEST VALLEY
PRESENTS



Nicole Pesce

Sunday, March 30, 2025

2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

*Refreshments will be served
following the concert*

*Enjoy an absolutely
enthralling afternoon
listening to the
piano mastery of
Nicole Pesce.*

She's back

World-renowned and a master of most music genres, Nicole Pesce plays keyboards, organ, accordion, guitar and electric bass. As a composer with a catalog of over 300 songs, she wrote and recorded the original music for the "Beams" singer/songwriter series at the ASU Kerr Cultural Center in Scottsdale. Nicole was commissioned to write the title track to the compilation CD "Amada" dedicated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Following the CD release, her original music was featured in a documentary film for the Komen Foundation.

Cost is \$20 with a paid reservation by 3 p.m. March 26th or \$25 at the door on March 30th payable by check or cash.

You can make reservations by going to our website at tbsaz.org, and follow the link to "Zeffy" to pay online or you can call the temple at 623 977-3240 from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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.

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The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom
hosts

The Barbara Moss Women's
Community Passover Seder

12 Noon Monday, April 7, 2025



In
Memory
of
Rebbetzin
Barbara
Moss



Cost is \$20

To make your reservations,
call the temple at 623 977-3240

Reservation deadline is April 3rd

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Reserve Now



Passover at TBS

SATURDAY, April 12, 2025

Seder starts at 5:30pm

SEDER WILL BE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF RABBI DANA KAPLAN AND CANTOR BARUCH KORITAN

Adults are \$50
Children 6-13 are \$18
Children 5 and under are Free

DEADLINE for full payment and Reservations are April 7th
Attendance to Seder is by Reserevation only

Catered by Chompies



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Methods of payment:
In Mail - **CHECK**
Call to Office - **CREDIT CARD**
Online - **ZEFFY** (but let the Temple know your count of each category)

Please return this section of Matzoh with your check

Name(s): _____	Contact phone: _____
# of Adults _____	@ \$50 each = _____
# of Children 6-13 _____	@ \$18 each = _____
# of Children 5 and under _____	FREE
TOTAL #: _____	TOTAL \$: _____
I prefer to sit at the table with: _____	
If paying by check, please enclose this slip. If charging, please call TBS 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 special leaf.

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



"CAN DO"

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Committee

All of this will be benefiting the Valley View Food Bank



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

Item to bring this month

MARCH CEREAL & POWDERED MILK

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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TBS Brotherhood members and guests root for the Kansas City Royals at a game with the Chicago White Sox at Surprise Stadium.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anne Burris	3/2
David Gratz	3/2
Dr. Janice Sodos	3/2
Megan Chartrand	3/4
Deborah Liebman	3/6
Stephen Lent	3/9
Christopher Shryock	3/11
Pedro Baez	3/12
Maxine Daitzman	3/19
Adonai Fernandez	3/23
Scott Goldenhersh	3/23
Lauren Abramowitz	3/25
Sherry Weinstein	3/25
Elizabeth Keyles	3/28
Judith Neigoff	3/30
Leon Miller	3/31
Joan Sheffield	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Judith and Paul Sirrine	3/21	38th Anniversary
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CONTRIBUTIONS

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.



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

Jerry Rosen Husband Joan Rosen Flower Bouquet 02/28/25

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 Gordon

Harvery Gordon

Samuel Waronker

Bernard Brownstein

Lee Siegelson

Anne Becker

Clifford & Barbara Gerber

Belle Kalish

Larry Kalish

Vera Petzal

Shirley Beaser

Martin Abramson

Bessie Tendler

Abraham Tendler

Harold Tendler

Susan Abramson

Mickey Chankin

Joseph Lara

Carmen & Arnold Berkowitz

Sylvia Cortenthal

Phyllis Blumming

Nan Rubin-Lieber

Robert Gurne

Alice Gurne

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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.

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



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 _____

Address _____

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Mail check to:
TBS Sisterhood
Temple Beth Shalom
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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 ___;

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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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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

If you prefer, please fill out the form below and return it to the office.

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

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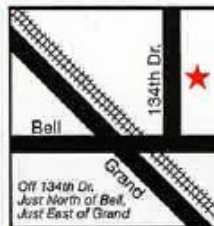
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