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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi David Bockman

THE KEYS TO SHABBAT

Right before I started in Roslyn, my wife Vicki and I went on vacation. While in Mexico City, staying in the fashionable Polanco neighborhood, we went to the Conservative synagogue called Bet El for Friday night Services. We had to register in advance to let them know we would be coming (for security reasons). We also saw a friend of mine from Camp Ramah in California, where we had been teenagers together, and caught up with how our lives had both diverged and converged (she became a Reform cantor).

One particular of that Friday night Service that stood out was the accompaniment of the entire service on a piano. Before I came to Roslyn, I hadn't participated in a *shabbat* with instrumental accompaniment since my teens in Los Angeles. It wasn't merely the instrument, though, that gave this Service its particular *sabor*. The choice of music and the type of playing made clear that the Service was meant to be soothing, an island of quietude in the midst of a hectic week. When talking to Jamie (my cantor friend) about the Service, she told us that her weekly Friday night Service was almost exactly the same as the one we experienced. The calm musical settings brought me back to a session I attended at the Rabbinical Assembly convention in Mexico City in 2006, given by rabbis from Argentina. They played us music from their *Shabbat* Services and insisted that the Friday night Service each week was an oasis for their congregants, the one place they could depend on to feel calm when their country and its economy and government were in violent and nasty free fall.

I learned from these encounters that although the words of the prayers might be the same the world over, every particular expression, every gathering of Jews to welcome *Shabbat* has its own unique flavor, whether sung a capella or with instrumental accompaniment. Being with Jews in times of bereavement or exhaustion or agitation, it should be obvious that no one expression of davening fits every occasion, or every person. I, myself, enjoy Cantor Barnoy's lively guitar music and the exciting full-throated rendition we regularly host each Friday night. But it

would be foolish to assume that there is only one way to connect us to heaven. I believe there are many doors, unlocked by many keys. The space for expression is vast. The paths toward holiness are numerous. The ways into the spirit of *Shabbat*, transporting us from wherever we might find ourselves on a given Friday afternoon to that other zone, the *Shabbat* world, are myriad.

When I was going through a divorce from my first wife, I found a particularly helpful and accessible portal to enter *Shabbat* each week. I'd sit in the hot tub at the apartment complex where I lived, relaxing for an hour before heading off to shul each Friday night. The quiet and the warmth (at a time when nobody else was

there) numbed the pain of separation I felt. When I was in college, pizza was the go-to *Shabbat* dinner choice of my close friends. When our son was young, our Friday night routine included meeting other young parents at *shul* where the kids could play together while we sang songs that allowed us to be people despite being parents all week long.

Our Friday night regulars enjoy each week together, but I am certain that so many more people could find something that speaks more personally to them. *Shabbat* is a beautiful gift that, when unwrapped, can signal belonging, beauty and even transcendence. Once a month, I pledge to put together a Friday night Service that changes the

game for people, expanding your horizon to connect with the world of prayer in ways you never imagined. Soulful harmonies, delicious tapas, mystical poems, visual tableaux of hundreds of candles, singing without books – so many paths to explore. I hope you will savor the anticipation of different moods and colors and flavors helping us unlock the portal to *Shabbat* that speaks directly to your soul! Reserve Friday, January 30 for an evening filled with the soulful sounds of Jazz!

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CANTOR'S NOTES

by Cantor Ofer Barnoy

THE WINTER LIGHTS

This time of year, we all get a bit of the winter blues which is why its great that we celebrate Hanukkah precisely now. Jews light candles to publicize the miracle of the oil but our non-Jewish friends also use lights to illuminate their homes and get rid of the blues. There is even a Hanukkah song in Hebrew that expresses this beautifully: *Banu choshech legaresh uv'yadenu or va esh* - We came to banish the darkness, armed with fire and lights.

A couple of weeks ago, Roslyn Village held their annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony by the Roslyn Clock Tower. It is sponsored by the Roslyn Chamber of Commerce and our own member Barbara Kaplan is instrumental in producing the event every year. She has been gracious in inviting the Rabbi and me for many years to participate by reciting the Hanukkah blessings and lighting the Hanukkah *menorah* that is set right next to the town Christmas tree. Also participating are local Church clergy and choirs who came to sing beautiful and familiar Christmas carols and I actually had the pleasure of accompanying them on my guitar as well as the Hanukkah songs that we sang. Even though it was cold outside, it was a warm celebration of friendship and camaraderie. After the lighting ceremony we all enjoyed holiday treats provided by Delicacies Gourmet, Diane's Bakery and Meat Maven - which is a kosher butcher right across from the Clock Tower. (As a side note - we are lucky to have a kosher butcher in town and we should do our best to support them by purchasing kosher meat there so they can stay in business for many years to come.)

Here are a few photos taken of the event. Next year, come and join the festivities!!



May the holiday lights help to alleviate any winter blues in your life!

Happy New Year!

Cantor Ofer Barnoy

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Sanford Berger

HAPPY "NU" YEAR

Happy New Year to our entire TBS family. As we step into 2026 together, I would like to wish each of you a Happy "NU" Year, nu meaning *what's up* in Yiddish. And truly, there is so much "nu" and very exciting coming up at TBS.

To start, we are thrilled to welcome our new Executive Director, Mindy Kremer, who officially begins in January. Mindy brings to us many years of experience in the world of Jewish organizations, and in programming and education. Please take a moment to stop by the office, say hello, and help her feel at home and welcomed into our community.

I also want to share some good news: Eileen recently had successful back surgery and is recovering well. She is grateful for the outpouring of good wishes, support and love from so many of you.

As part of our ongoing Senior Rabbi search, we were honored to host Rabbi David Lerner last month. Our second candidate, Rabbi Bryan Wexler, will be joining us the weekend of January 9th - 10th. We encourage everyone to attend Services, meet him and be part of this important process for our congregation's future.

We hope you have noticed a fresh look in our communications! We are unveiling a new series of TBS logos, each representing a different part of our synagogue life. You will notice them at the top of our bulletin pages to help identify our different branches of synagogue life. A heartfelt thank-you to our talented

Communication Coordinator, Barbara Cooper for her redesign of our logos, and the entire design committee for their creative input and dedication.

On the *minyan* front, we continue to rely on your participation. Your presence is what sustains our daily prayer community, and every person truly makes a difference. We are placing the order of our first 30 trees to be planted in Israel. These certificates will be mailed to those of you who have met the *Chai* challenge of attending 18 *minyanim*.

Our Sisterhood and Men's Club continue to bring inspiring, meaningful and joyful programming to our congregation; this month we will be celebrating a Tu Bishvat Seder. Our Adult education C.L.A.S.S. and A.W.E. initiatives have scheduled wonderful speakers with the hope of reaching all of you on any one of these varied topics. As we look ahead, our calendar is filled with *B'nai Mitzvah* celebrations and many opportunities to come together in support, pride and community.

A heartfelt thanks to each of our clergy, school directors, our office and maintenance staff, our volunteers and everyone who makes TBS the amazing synagogue it is!!

As we start this "NU" year, may we all find "NEW" ways to connect, uplift one another and celebrate the blessings of Jewish life together.

Wishing you a year of health, joy, and *Shalom Bayit*.

Sanford



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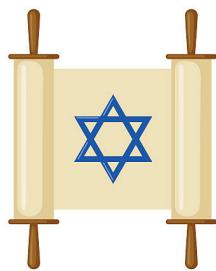
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son of Cheri & David
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January 24



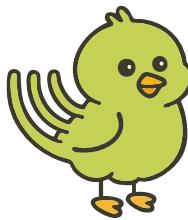
ZACHARY HARRIS
son of Stephanie & Scott
January 31



ASHTON GUTTELL
son of Amy & Adam
February 7



ELLA ALDAD
daughter of Karen & Gil
February 28



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BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by *Stephanie Whalen, Early Childhood Center Director*

CELEBRATING GROWTH, COMMUNITY, AND THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER

As Ferris Bueller wisely reminded us, *Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.* And here at the ECC, life has been moving at preschool speed—which is to say, very fast, slightly unpredictable and always entertaining. Somehow, we've blinked and reached the halfway point of the school year, marveling at how much your children have learned, explored and grown. But what a joyful, bustling, laughter-filled first half it's been. The months ahead promise just as much heart, celebration and ECC magic. Through it all, our ECC continues to be guided by the Jewish values that shape our community: *kindness, justice, gratitude, responsibility and joy.*

As we step into 2026, our classrooms are overflowing with the spirit of **Hakarat HaTov** recognizing the good. We are grateful for your children's bright energy each morning, for the partnerships we have with our families and for the opportunity to build a warm, nurturing environment where Jewish values come alive through play, curiosity and friendship.

In January, our children will explore lessons inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through age-appropriate stories and activities focused on fairness, friendship and using our words for kindness. We highlight the Jewish value of **Tzedek**, the message is simple, powerful and perfectly suited for preschoolers: *We use our words for kindness, our hands for helping, and our hearts to make the world better.*

January also includes one of our most beloved traditions: PJ **Shema** Night. Children will come dressed in cozy pajamas, bringing families together for songs, stories and that comforting bedtime moment we all cherish. We look forward to a warm and peaceful evening that reminds us how meaningful it is to slow down and connect.

This season brings one of our favorite holidays: **Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees.** In Jewish tradition, trees symbolize growth, renewal and our responsibility to care for the world – **Bal Tashchit**, the commandment not to waste, is one of the lessons we weave into our conversations about nature. Our children will

be digging into planting activities, exploring nature both inside and out, and learning how even the smallest hands can help care for our planet. If your child comes home urging environmental responsibility (or insisting your family adopt a tree), just know we consider that a win.

Before the Super Bowl, the ECC will brighten our hallways with Football Friday. Children wear jerseys or team colors, and the energy in the building is always bright, playful and full of laughter. We celebrate together, cheer each other on and enjoy a lighthearted moment that reminds us that joy is a vital part of Jewish learning. Plus, preschoolers take team pride very seriously and we respect their devotion.

Picture Day is coming in February, giving us the chance to capture your children's growing personalities and priceless expressions. We do our best to smooth fly aways, straighten collars and sneak in one picture without a silly face. These photos always become treasured keepsakes.



As Presidents' Day approaches, we talk with the children about community helpers and what it means to be a leader in kindness, in problem-solving and in making good choices. These simple lessons help children understand the world in ways that feel accessible and meaningful.

It's hard to believe we are at the midpoint of our school year. The children have grown in confidence, maturity, creativity and connection, and we couldn't be prouder.

The second half of the year promises more celebrations, more learning and more opportunities to nurture Jewish identity in joyful, age-appropriate ways. Thank you for being part of this warm and wonderful community. We can't wait to see what the second half of the year brings.

With warmth and appreciation,

Stephanie



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Lauren Resnikoff, Religious School Director

LIVING OUR JEWISH VALUES: SEVENTH GRADERS BRING JOY TO ATRIA RESIDENTS

Seventh grade students from Temple Beth Sholom have been putting the Jewish value of *kibbut zikayn*, honoring and caring for our elders, into action through monthly volunteer visits to The Atria, an assisted living residence in Roslyn Harbor. What began eight years ago as an exciting idea has grown into a beloved tradition, where communities are connected and bonds are strengthened between generations.



This meaningful program, Buddies at the Atria on Roslyn Harbor, was developed by longtime Temple Beth Sholom Religious School educator, Hanna Harel, who continues to direct the program with dedication and heart. Each month, *Morah* Hanna designs creative, hands-on programs that enable students to spend time interacting with the residents. The students and seniors share conversation and companionship as they play games, sing, create art projects and celebrate Jewish holidays. Together, memories are made that last well beyond the visit.

Only a few months into the year, the program has already been a huge success. In September, at the program's kick-off event, the students and seniors got to know one another through a unique *Guess Who* style game in which they were each introduced to famous personalities from the other's generation, including Frank Sinatra, Princess Diana, Kobe Bryant and Spider-Man. Two of our students displayed their talents on the piano with their buddies. October and November brought the opportunity to participate in creating beautiful art projects together, including a fall wreath and a beautiful Giving Thanks plate that they could either keep or give to someone special. December's visit enabled the students

and seniors to celebrate the joyous festival of Hanukkah together through food and song. Giggles, joy and chatter among students and seniors have been highlights of each visit.

Looking ahead, students and seniors will join together in additional games and crafts. A Purim party, as well as lively spring activities are planned. Most importantly, there will be continued conversations that deepen relationships as the year continues.

Through their participation, our students see that *mitzvot* are not merely something to talk about doing, but instead are important Jewish actions that make a difference to others. This experience of living Jewish values is especially important as the students prepare to celebrate becoming *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* and show that they can be responsible for doing these *mitzvot*. What makes this program even more impactful is that many students

choose to continue volunteering beyond seventh grade and *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*. Many high schoolers return, not because they have to, but because they feel connected to the residents and the experience. Their continued involvement adds another layer of meaning: they serve as mentors and role models for the new seventh graders who are just beginning their volunteer journey. They show what it looks like to integrate compassion and service into everyday Jewish life.

The Buddies at Atria on Roslyn Harbor program remains a shining example of community partnership, holiday celebration and Jewish values in action. We are grateful to *Morah* Hanna and our students for their leadership and willingness to make a difference over these past eight years. As we look to the future, we are confident that this special tradition will continue to grow and will create more friendships, more shared stories and more reminders that honoring our elders is not only a *mitzvah*, but a lifelong privilege.



Lauren



TBS TEENS

by Amy Gortler, TBS Teens Coordinator

CARRYING THE HANUKKAH LIGHT INTO THE NEW YEAR AND ONTO THE ICE

As this article is being written, Hanukkah is in full swing. Candles are being lit, *latkes* are being eaten, and our homes and community are filled with warmth and light. By the time you're reading this, the holiday will have passed, but its message feels especially meaningful as we move into the new year.



These past few weeks have been a heavier and darker time for the Jewish community. And yet, Hannukah reminds us that even in moments of darkness, light, strength and connection continue to shine through. We've seen that resilience in so many ways, by showing up for one another, celebrating proudly and finding joy together.

One place we see that light every week is in our religious school, thanks to our amazing *Madrichim* (Makom High School students who serve as teacher helpers). Our *Madrichim* bring energy,

patience and heart into the classroom. Whether they're helping lead activities, working one-on-one with students, or simply being a friendly and familiar face, they help create a space that feels welcoming and joyful for our religious school students. We are so grateful for the major role they play in our community.

We also felt that sense of togetherness recently at the New York Islanders Jewish Heritage Night, where our community had a blast cheering, celebrating Jewish pride and sharing a really special night together. One of the highlights was getting to take a group picture on the ice at the end of the game! It was definitely a moment that we won't forget. Thank you so much to everyone who came out and made it such a fun and meaningful experience.

The fun isn't over yet! We're already looking forward to the Israel Elite Hockey League game. Jerusalem vs. Tel Aviv at UBS Arena on February 22. We hope to see many familiar faces there as we continue to come together, celebrate and support Jewish life and community. Be on the lookout to buy tickets with us so we could all sit together!

As we head into the new year, may we continue to carry the light of Hanukkah forward in our classrooms, in our community, and yes, even at the hockey rink. Here's to a year filled with strength, connection and gratitude.

Amy

I'm thrilled to announce our rebranding! Makom High School is now TBS Teens, and that's just the beginning!

We also have an amazing new logo thanks to our fabulous Graphic Designer Barbara Cooper. After lots of planning and discussion, and then even more planning and discussion, we narrowed down our top contenders from a long list of ideas. One big debate was whether the logo should feature a *Magen David* (Star of David) or simply the TBS dove and menorah. Some TBS leadership worried that teens might feel hesitant wearing a Jewish symbol in today's world, but I knew better. I knew our teens' pride and passion for Judaism and for TBS would shine

through, and it absolutely did! Our TBS Teens played a key role in the final decision through an Instagram poll. Ultimately, they chose a strong *Magen David* housing the TBS dove soaring over menorah branches. Of course, the coloring had to be cool too! The colorful gradient flows from the Early Childhood Center green and Religious School purple, where many of our teens began their TBS journey, into the main Temple Beth Sholom blue. I love that our new logo doesn't just look cool, it has meaning, history and heart. It was chosen by a community of proud Jews, and it perfectly represents the spirit of TBS Teens!



DAY CAMP NEWS

by **Becky Firestone, Day Camp Director & Dee Dee Horowitz, Day Camp Assistant Director**

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER 2026 AT BETH SHOLOM DAY CAMP

While we may be in the heart of the school year, the Beth Sholom Day Camp team is already hard at work planning an unforgettable Summer 2026! The excitement is building as we secure amazing trips and special events that campers have come to love—and a few new surprises as well.

We are thrilled to share that camp planning is well underway, and we've already booked some fantastic experiences, including Splash Splash, Topgolf, Pony Rides and, of course, our famous Beth Sholom Carnival, a camper favorite year after year. In an exciting enhancement for this coming summer, our Upper Camp (5th–8th graders) will enjoy field trips twice a week, offering even more opportunities for adventure, independence and unforgettable memories.

We are also busy preparing for our BSDC Winterfest on Sunday, February 1st, from 1:30–4:30 PM. Winterfest will feature inflatables, games, arts & crafts, face painting, and this year we're excited to welcome a DJ to keep the energy high. Families can enjoy pizza, pasta, salad and warm up with a special treat of hot cocoa. There may even be some special winter guests stopping by! We will also be hosting raffles, and you do not need to be present to win. To RSVP, learn more about raffles, or if you are able to donate an item or service (which we would be incredibly grateful for), please contact office@bethsholomdaycamp.com.

Staff hiring has officially begun for Summer 2026! We are looking for counselors, lifeguards, sports specialists, program specialists and more. Staff members must be 16 years or older and can apply online through our website at www.bethsholomdaycamp.com. Parents make wonderful staff members and may be eligible for tuition exchange. If you, or someone you know, are looking for a meaningful, fun summer opportunity, we would love to hear from you.

Families are encouraged to take advantage of our Early Bird Rates, which run through January 30th, offering savings of up to \$300. Register early to secure your spot and your savings! Enrolled families can also benefit from our referral program—refer a new family who registers and receive a \$250 discount. Additionally, Temple members receive special discounts for children and grandchildren, making Beth Sholom Day Camp a wonderful and accessible option for your family.

We are truly counting the days until summer and can't wait to share another season of fun, friendship and Jewish community with you. We hope you'll join us for all that's ahead at Beth Sholom Day Camp!

Becky & Dee Dee



Welcome New Members!

Jason & Carlin Menzin



SISTERHOOD SCOOP

by Beatrice Bloom Karten, Sisterhood President & Nadine Kesten, Executive Vice President

TU B'SHVAT PROGRAM, MUSEUM TOUR & LIVE PURIM SHPIEL HIGHLIGHT WINTER EVENTS

Sisterhood's amazing array of programs, classes and speakers will continue to inform and entertain us during the first few months of 2026. Please join us at upcoming events.

Zahava Rosenfeld's Tuesday morning class from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM enlightens us in her course, *Unlock the Wisdom of the 12 Minor Prophets*, while our **monthly Lunch & Learn program at 11:30 AM** broadens our horizons on many topics. On Tuesday, January 13, Elaine Ben-Levi will speak at 11:30 AM about *The Many Shades of Pablo Picasso*. We'll learn about one of the most iconic artists of the 20th century, his ever-changing art and his complicated relationships with women. The fee is \$10, which

Kosher Delicatessen.

Cantor Barney's evening class on Israeli affairs, called Hot Off the Press, is at 8 PM on select Thursday nights. Upcoming classes will be on February 12, March 26, April 23, and May 14. Participants discuss Israel's news of the day from an Israeli's perspective.

On Thursday night, February 26, Sisterhood will host a **Purim Shpiel featuring Mark Binder**, an extraordinary entertainer, that will be a laugh a minute. (The next morning, he will dramatize stories for our ECC children, an event Sisterhood is sponsoring.)

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

*Thursday night, March 12: Learn How to Declutter Your Home, Organize Your Life, and Live Intentionally, conducted by Phyllis Pellman, Sisterhood VP of Tikkun Olam.

*March Lunch & Learn at a date to be decided with nutritionist Wendy Hoffman, RDN, MS, CDE, LN. She is Sisterhood's co-program VP.

*Thursday night, March 26: Women's Passover Seder. What makes a women's seder special? Join us as we conduct one and enjoy a delicious meal a week before the holiday. Please contact Robin Silverberg, co-program VP, at rsilverberg@gmail.com if you would like to join the committee for this event.

BQLI REGION & NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE EVENTS

*Torah Fund, which supports the education of future clergy and teachers enrolled at Conservative Movement seminaries, such as JTS, is sponsoring a virtual series, *Torah Fund Stands with Israel*, on the current dynamics and role of the Jewish state, on Sunday, January 11, at 2 PM, with Sawsan Natour-Hasson, minister for Public Diplomacy, Embassy of Israel, Washington. To receive the link, RSVP to torahfund@jtsa.edu

*BQLI Region Zoom Health Program, January 14, 7:30 PM--Infertility and Assisted Reproduction in Jewish Life, RSVP to dinabqliregistrar@gmail.com to receive the link.

Note: Sisterhood President Beatrice Bloom Karten was visiting Israel when this column was due, so I wrote it. Please read Sisterhood emails and the TBS weekly program email for details on our events.

Miriam Furman Silverman, Publicity Chair



We sang Hanukkah melodies at our December 16 Lunch & Learn gathering with accompaniment by Cantor Barney on the keyboard and Rabbi Bockman on his pocket trumpet.

includes lunch, for attendees who aren't enrolled in the Minor Prophets class which precedes it.

Wende Jager-Hyman conducts a monthly evening Rosh Chodesh discussion group at 8 PM over Zoom. The next session will be on January 15 followed by March 18. In only an hour, we learn about the upcoming Jewish month's significance and discuss hot topics in the Jewish world, all without leaving our homes.

Although spring is a few months away, we'll celebrate Israel's new year for trees on **Thursday evening, January 29**. Our **Tu B'Shvat Seder** featuring varieties of fruit, nuts and wine will be led by Temple President Sandy Berger and Roya Mizrahi, Sisterhood education vice president. We will also plant container gardens with tips from Susan Dittman, a horticultural educator from Cornell's Cooperative Extension Program. We'll learn about sustainability and how to get our home gardens started.

On Tuesday, February 10, brighten up a winter's day by joining us for a docent-led tour of the **Nassau County Museum of Art Exhibit Real, Surreal and Photoreal** followed by lunch at Ben's



MEN'S CLUB CORNER

by Evan Wagner & Adam Lilling, Co-Presidents

MEN'S CLUB: BUILDING COMMUNITY, ONE EVENT AT A TIME

As we start the new year, the Men's Club at Temple Beth Sholom continues to focus on creating easy, enjoyable ways for our members to spend time together. Our recent events were a great reminder that even simple gatherings can go a long way in building connections within the community.



In November, we met at the Barefoot Peddler for a relaxed night out. The turnout was strong, and the atmosphere made it easy for everyone to chat, catch up and unwind. It was a straightforward event, but it went great and set the tone for what we hope to continue offering.

We held our Annual Comedy Night at Temple Beth Sholom on December 13, 2025. The evening was fun, light and filled with plenty of laughs. It was great to see members come together, enjoy the show and spend time with one another during a busy time of year. The feedback was positive, and we expect to bring back similar events in the future.

Looking ahead, our next outing is the Islanders game at UBS Arena on January 6, 2026. While this is one of our first sporting events, it fits nicely with our goal of adding variety to the Men's Club calendar. It should be a fun night out and a good way to keep our momentum going as we move through the winter months.

Beyond these events, we are planning more programs for 2026. Along with social outings, we want to continue creating opportunities for service, learning and connection with the larger Temple Beth Sholom community. Two examples are our Men's Club *Shabbat* in March and our Men's Club *Seder* in April, which will bring us together around tradition and community in a welcoming, comfortable setting.

If you have not joined us yet, this is a great time to get involved. The Men's Club keeps things simple and enjoyable, and we are always glad to see new faces. Whether it's the Islanders game or one of the programs coming later in the year, we hope you'll stop by and take part in what we're building.

We look forward to announcing more events soon and continuing to grow the Men's Club in a way that feels fun, easygoing and meaningful for our members. Hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Respectfully,

Evan & Adam



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If you know of someone in the hospital, at home recuperating, someone who suffered a loss in the family, or someone who is celebrating a *simcha* of any kind, please take a moment and send us an email at clergy@tbsroslyn.org. The more we know, the more we can show we care.



THE JOSHUA SOCIETY

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We would like to express our appreciation to those who have already pledged to participate in the Joshua Society and look forward to many more congregants taking part in this philanthropic effort over the course of the year. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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OSEH SHALOM, MAKER OF PEACE!

Did you ever wonder how the theme for Torah Fund is chosen?? A committee meets to discuss the possibilities. They consider meaningful themes that are easy to pronounce. Next, they narrow the choices down to three. A lively discussion is followed by a vote to set the theme.

Like the 2024-2025 theme, *Am Yisrael Chai* (the People of Israel Live), they wanted to choose a meaningful theme for this campaign year.

Many prayers contain the words that have become our 2025-2026 theme: *Oseh Shalom* (Maker of Peace). These words from the Book of Job conclude several memorable prayers such as *Birkat Hamazon*, *Kaddish* and the *Amidah*. The words were even set to music; the beloved tune we all know was composed by Israeli musician Nurit Hirsch in 1969. But have you ever really thought about the prayer's meaning?

Beyond being a petition to G-d, *Oseh Shalom* suggests we actively work for peace in our lives, our communities and for the State of Israel. In challenging times a positive perspective encourages action rather than passive despair. Ways to work towards peace include using empathy to see the *divine spark* in others and building bridges to seek common ground and understanding. We can find personal peace by creating a sense of calm, comforting the bereaved and accepting help from others so they feel the joy in doing good and then bring healing to themselves.

The word *Shalom* commonly translated as *peace*, brings to mind the absence of conflict and war. But in the *Torah*, and in modern conversational Hebrew, *shalom's* root *shin-lamed-mem* generally refers to *personal wholeness*, *peace* and *well-being*. When we feel *tranquil*, we are open to wishing that state of mind to others.

With Torah Fund, we have the special opportunity to support our students at the five world-wide Conservative/*Masorti* institutes of higher Jewish Learning. Your caring donation provides scholarships and programming to train our future clergy, educators, scholars and lay leaders to keep advancing the cause of *Shalom*. Every donation supports the continuation of our movement, and we thank you for your support.

Oseh Shalom reminds us that peace is possible—even in times of darkness. May the One who creates peace help you realize your peace, and peace for those you love, for Israel and for all people.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Building Closed Except for Services New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Committee Meeting	6 Sisterhood Adult Education Lunch & Learn with Elaine Benlevi TBS Teens' Terri's Angels Packing Event for the IDF Community Engagement Meeting	7	8	9	10 <i>Bar Mitzvah Joshua Dubner</i> Babysitting ECC Havdalah
11	12 A.W.E. Speaker - Philip Kadish Religious Affairs Meeting	13 BSDC Open House <i>M'dabrim b'ivrit - HaMifgash</i> TBS Teens' Youth Group	14 LiteraryLikes: Virtual Book & Author Series	15 Rosh Chodesh with Wende Jager-Hyman	16	17
18	19 Building Closed Except for Services Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21	22	23 <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> Isabela Marchlewski Babysitting TBS Teens Havdalah & Kosha Dillz Concert	24
25	26 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop <i>M'dabrim b'ivrit - HaMifgash</i>	27 Sisterhood Adult Education Machar Youth Group	28	29	30 Friday Night Live	31 <i>Bar Mitzvah Zachary Harris</i> Mini Minyan Mishpacha Family Service Minyan K-3

FEBRUARY 2026



Shevat · Adar 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 BSCC Open House BSCC Reunion TBS Teens' Youth Group	2 Tu B'Shevat	3 Sisterhood Adult Education JBC Virtual Author Talk with David Kaufman	4	5	6	7 <i>Bar Mitzvah Ashton Guttell</i> Babysitting
8 B'nai Mitzvah Workshop - Talit and Tefillin World Wide Wrap Hand in Hand Program	9 A.W.E. Speaker - Amy Blumenfeld	10 Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Committee Meeting	11	12	13	14 <i>Mini Minyan</i> <i>Mishpacha Family Service</i> <i>Minyan K-3</i>
15 Building Closed Except for Services	16 Building Closed Except for Services	17	18	19	20	21
22 Building Closed Except for Services	23 Building Closed Except for Services	24 Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Board Meeting Sisterhood Hamantaschen Bake Board of Trustees Meeting	25	26	27	28 <i>Bat Mitzvah Ella Aldad</i> <i>Mini Minyan</i> <i>Mishpacha Family Service</i> <i>Minyan K-3</i>

JANUARY 2026/5786

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Please refer to the **Schedule and Link for Services** button on the homepage of our website at www.tbsroslyn.org for up to date information.

Friday, January 2

Candle Lighting Time 4:20 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 3

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Vayechi
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 5:25 PM

Friday, January 9

Candle Lighting Time 4:27 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 10

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Dubner
Parashat Shemot
Babysitting 9:30 AM
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 5:31 PM

Friday, January 16

Candle Lighting Time 4:34 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 17

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Sh'vat
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Vaera
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 5:38 PM

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Building Closed Except for Services
Morning Minyan 6:45 AM
Evening Minyan 7:30 PM

Friday, January 23

Candle Lighting Time 4:43 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 24

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Marchlewski
Parashat Bo
Babysitting 9:30 AM
Mincha following Kiddush
TBS Teens Havdalah 4:00 PM
Shabbat Ends 5:46 PM

Friday, January 30

Candle Lighting Time 4:51 PM
Friday Night Live Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 31

Shabbat Shira
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Harris
Parashat Vayetzei
Mini Minyan 10:00 AM
Mishpacha Family Service 10:30 AM
Minyan K-3 11:00 AM
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 5:54 PM

FEBRUARY 2026/5786 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings 9:00 AM ◊ Monday - Friday Mornings 6:45 AM ◊ Sunday - Thursday Evenings 7:30 PM

Friday, February 6

Candle Lighting Time 5:00 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 7

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Ashton Guttell
Parashat Yitro
Babysitting 9:30 AM
Mincha following Super Bowl Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 6:02 PM

Friday, February 13

Candle Lighting Time 5:08 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 14

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Adar
Shabbat Shekalim
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Mishpatim
Mini Minyan 10:00 AM
Mishpacha Family Service 10:30 AM
Minyan K-3 11:00 AM
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 6:10 PM

Monday, February 16

Presidents' Day
Building Closed Except for Services
Morning Minyan 8:00 AM
Evening Minyan 7:30 PM

Friday, February 20

Candle Lighting Time 5:17 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 21

Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Terumah
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 6:18 PM

Friday, February 27

Candle Lighting Time 5:25 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 28

Shabbat Zachor
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Ella Aldad
Parashat Tetzaveh
Mini Minyan 10:00 AM
Mishpacha Family Service 10:30 AM
Minyan K-3 11:00 AM
Mincha following Kiddush
Shabbat Ends 6:25 PM



SOCIAL ACTION

TORAH TEACHES...

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?
Hillel - Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14

The Danger of Complacency: Antisemitism

Antisemitism's resurgence threatens both Jewish communities and the American fiber. History shows it rarely exists alone—it emerges with authoritarianism, conspiracy thinking and eroding democratic norms.

Recent years have seen alarming increases in antisemitic incidents, from the 2018 Tree of Life massacre to ongoing harassment. Children can't wear religious symbols safely, synagogues need armed security, and families hide their Jewish identity.

On December 15, 2024, gunmen killed 15 people at a Hanukkah celebration in Sydney, including a Holocaust survivor, a 10-year-old girl and two rabbis—demonstrating that antisemitic violence strikes worldwide.

Antisemitism follows a dangerous pattern: rhetoric blaming Jews for problems, then violence testing society's protections, finally broader democratic decay. This pattern preceded Nazi Germany and Russian pogroms.

Complacency takes many forms—treating incidents as isolated, false equivalence, failing to condemn political allies, or assuming "it can't happen here." Each instance of complacency normalizes the next transgression.

What's Required: Education about antisemitism's history, vigorous hate crime prosecution, unequivocal condemnation from leaders and citizen vigilance—speaking up against conspiracy theories and supporting targeted communities.

Upcoming Programs:

- January 12: Philip Kadish on *Two Centuries of Selling Racism in America* (MLK honor)
- January 27: Congressman Tom Suozzi
- February 8: Lee Gordon on Hand in Hand schools educating Jewish and Arab Israeli students
- March 7: Jonathan Harounoff on Iran's women's uprising
- April 21: Mark Patinkin on Israel, West Bank, and Gaza

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