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Happy Hanukkah



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon

APPRECIATING WHAT IS MOST PRECIOUS

As the days shorten and the shadows lengthen, we find ourselves nearing the fall solstice, when the balance between light and dark tilts decisively toward night. Soon after, the clocks shift with the end of daylight savings time, and we're suddenly left with far fewer hours of daylight. It can feel disorienting and even a bit somber, yet this moment in the year offers us a profound opportunity for gratitude. Instead of focusing on what is lost as light fades, we are reminded to appreciate the light that remains – and to thank God for it. This practice of gratitude, even as something slips away, is a deeply Jewish value.

The diminishing daylight parallels other experiences in life, particularly the precious, fleeting time we share with loved ones nearing the end of their lives. When we know that time with a parent, grandparent, or friend is running out, it's easy to focus on the sorrow of loss. But the Jewish approach encourages us to treasure every remaining moment, to express our love and gratitude even more intentionally. In these moments of vulnerability, we find spiritual strength in recognizing that each second we share is a gift. Just as we appreciate the final rays of the sun at dusk, we are called to savor the light of life even as it fades.

As we approach Thanksgiving, a secular holiday devoted to gratitude, this practice of appreciating what we have, even as it diminishes, becomes even more relevant. Thanksgiving reminds us to reflect on the blessings we still have and to share in the abundance of our lives with others. But gratitude is not a one-day event for Jews – it is a constant practice, embedded in our prayers and rituals. Every morning, we recite *Modeh Ani*, thanking God simply for the gift of life. This daily acknowledgment of blessings is at the heart of our faith.

Following close on the heels of Thanksgiving is the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, a time when we take the lessons of gratitude and bring them to another level. Hanukkah teaches us not only to be thankful but to actively increase light in the world. During the darkest time of the year, when physical light is at its shortest, we add more candles each night. The miracle of the oil lasting eight days, when it seemed there was barely enough for one, reminds us that spiritual light can grow even in moments of scarcity.

The connection between Thanksgiving and Hanukkah offers a powerful message: in times of physical or emotional darkness, we must first acknowledge and appreciate the light we still have,

and then seek ways to increase that light. Whether it's through acts of kindness, deepening our relationships, or giving thanks, we can always brighten our world, even in its darkest hours.



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As the days grow shorter and the nights longer, may we all take time to thank God for the blessings we have, and may we find inspiration in the candles of Hanukkah, reminding us that even the smallest light has the power to grow. May we enter this season with gratitude in our hearts and a commitment to bringing more light into the world.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon



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CANTOR'S NOTES

by Cantor Ofer Barnoy

WOMEN IN THE IDF

As a nation, we can be very proud that the Israel Defense Forces has been integrating women for decades. As we all know, Israel's army is a conscription army, meaning that every able-bodied 18 year old, with a small number of exceptions, must serve a number of years depending on their type of duty and this has included women since 1962. By the way, the conscription is not just for Jewish Israelis but also Druze and Circassians but the conscription for women is only obligatory for Jewish Israelis. However, there are many women from those other two communities who choose to enlist and serve the State of Israel which they consider their home.

In 1999, the State of Israel adopted an amendment to its constitution known as the Women's Equal Rights Law of Israel by which men and women became fully equalized in the eyes of the law which, as noted, includes the conscription to the IDF.



Women in the IDF have brought much pride and have shared fully in shouldering the heavy responsibility of defending Israel militarily, with courage and distinction. A sizable percentage of the women in the IDF are serving in combat units such as infantry or as helicopter / fighter plane pilots. They are noted to be very good in making good decisions under pressure and staying calm and cool-headed in difficult situations. A large number of them also serve in *combat-support* positions such as controlling unmanned drones from remote positions and monitoring cameras that are placed along Israel's borders to scout out suspicious enemy activities. We are all by now aware of the warnings that those female soldiers gave about the suspicious activities going on at the border with Gaza during the

days before the October 7th attack last year but unfortunately it was their male commanders who turned a deaf ear to their warnings and the consequences were dire and fatal.

In the past few days, Israel courageously attacked Iran's missile defense systems and military installations to lessen the threat coming from there and it has been reported with great pride by the IDF that a number of the pilots that were chosen for that most important and dangerous operation were female pilots. We salute them for their bravery and at the same time we salute the government and society of Israel for recognizing long ago that the women of Israel were equals of their male counterparts in all facets of life in Israel, including the IDF.



May God give the IDF and especially its female soldiers the strength to continue their holy mission of protecting our beloved State of Israel. Amen.

Cantor Ofer Barnoy



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by *Debbie Dubowsky*

SOCIAL CAPITAL

While driving to work, I recently heard a piece on NPR that caught my attention. It was about Social Capital and its effect on communities. It referenced a movie on Netflix, titled *Join or Die*, about the concept of Social Capital, and Dr. Robert Putnam, a Harvard professor and social scientist whose first book, *Bowling Alone*, demonstrated that levels of American community connections have declined over the past 50 years. The piece goes on to say that the fate of America depends on joining a club and that social networks have real value to American society. But does it matter that social capital is declining? Putnam identifies five such features that help people translate aspirations into reality. First, social capital makes collective problems more straightforward to resolve, as parties have less opposition. This improves social environments, such as safer and more productive neighborhoods. Second, it makes business transactions easier since when people trust each other, there is less need to spend time and money enforcing contracts. As a result, economic prosperity generally increases. Third, social capital widens our awareness of our mutual connectivity. This can improve the quality of our civic institutions. Fourth, it helps to increase and speed up the flow of information, which, in turn, enhances education and economic production. Finally, social capital improves our health and happiness through psychological and biological processes requiring human contact.

The fifth feature interests me, as I see a result of this in my daily medical practice. My patients who are involved with the garden club, see their friends at book club, play pickleball, or are active in their church or synagogue seem to be healthier and happier. Granted, this is just an observation, not a scientific survey.

What does this have to do with us at Temple Beth Sholom? By being an involved member, we too might see the same benefits. As I said in my Kol Nidre remarks, Temple Beth Sholom is uniquely positioned to provide different things for different people. For some, TBS is a place to worship and seek spiritual enlightenment. For others, it is a place of learning, to connect with others over text, and for others, it is a place to bond with other like-minded families over a love of Israel, food, *Tzedakah*, or community activities.

It is one year after the War in Israel began, and over 100 hostages remain in Gaza, their families suffering because they know nothing of their fate or their condition. For me, this community

has become one where we have continued to gather together to support each other and our brothers and sisters in Israel after these atrocities and, together, fight the scourge of antisemitism that plagues our nation. Join me in increasing our community's social capital and getting more involved in what matters to you. If the temple doesn't offer what inspires you, take this as an invitation to start your program here and increase your social capital and that of your neighbor. I look forward to hearing from you and together, making 5785 the year where we connect.

Debbie



Welcome New Members!

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Judy & Mitchell Goldberg
Elizabeth Schaja & Matthew Hornstein
Victoria & Albert Isakov
Iran Kaypour
Rhonda & Spencer Kravitz
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Mino Pajounia
Sharon Rothberg
Meredith & Elliot Schaja
Jamie & Steven Schaja
Toby & Allan Silvera*



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Eileen Olan Bohrer

WHY IS IT SO HARD TO RECEIVE?

In a season of giving, why is it so hard to receive? With each passing year I find that I am more open to change and yet allowing others to assist me in small or large ways remains difficult. Receiving acts of kindness can be challenging for me and I have learned it is for many others as well. There is a resistance to accepting acts of kindness. Are we afraid to be vulnerable, concerned that others will see us as weak, flawed or pathetic? Do we worry that we'll lose the respect of others?

This year the unexpected passing of my dear husband left me numb and raw and though some identified me as strong and brave, I knew that much of what they saw was the face I needed to present to the world, particularly in a professional setting. I didn't want others to worry about me, to appear pitiful, or needy and I certainly didn't want to bother anyone with my emotional or practical problems. And yet, I would be the first to say that every member of Temple Beth Sholom should be able to receive joy, support and comfort as they experience life cycle events and should never face life's challenges alone.

In the last seven months, I have received an abundance of kind gestures from TBS members. There were invitations to dinners, trips, unexpected meals and flowers. Knowing my concern of being alone in my home, a very special member connected me with someone who upgraded my security system, and insisted they treat me like their own family. The time and attention that was devoted to the planning and execution of the project has provided me with calm and peace that has enabled me to be relaxed and comfortable in my house.

Prior to Yom Kippur I knew that my husband's name would be called as one who had passed during the year. When the moment came, I was completely and unexpectedly overwhelmed with emotion. Two very special, unrelated members came over to check on me and give me a hug, a seemingly small but monumentally powerful gesture at that moment. For all these gifts I am forever grateful. They have provided insights that will continue to help me change my attitude and behavior in receiving acts of kindness.

While there are those who would say that *we live in a society that's terrible at moral formation*, I would invite them to our congregation. TBS is a community that is hopeful together, concerned together, moved to action together and joyful together. This is a community that shows up for each other, an

extended family with a priority of continuing to care for our members. If you need assistance with transportation, shopping, advocacy, childcare, meals and cooking, companionship, or emotional support – we are here. Our hope is that if you need assistance, you will let us know, take a deep breath and allow yourself to receive the good-hearted intentions.

Receiving may be awkward or uncomfortable at first but the human contact that results from giving and receiving can be special and enjoyable. Others are happy to offer assistance because it feels good to be helpful and a new and unexpected connection can take place. We can add spiritual richness and joy to our lives by embracing our interdependence and receiving the kindness of others with grace and humility.

With gratitude,

Eileen

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The success of our Annual Appeal is critical to our synagogue's year-round operations. Membership dues and tuition only cover a fraction of the costs associated with providing the highest level of services which include keeping our members safe in our building, maintaining and enhancing our extraordinary programming, and connecting with those who are part of our warm and caring community. The Annual Appeal is launched each year at Yom Kippur and continues through the end of June.

Members often ask how they can support Temple Beth Sholom while maximizing their tax implications. If you're considering a gift to TBS as the year ends, the following are options many have found beneficial:

Initiate Gifts of Stocks or Other Securities

Giving appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares held more than one year can provide an immediate benefit to TBS and may be more efficient than cash. By making a gift using appreciated securities you may receive a double tax benefit by avoiding capital gains taxes on the appreciation of the donated assets, and by claiming an immediate deduction for the current fair market value of the property (up to 30% of adjusted gross income.)

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The IRA Charitable Rollover Law allows individuals 70 ½ or older to give up to \$100,000 (for couples, each spouse may give up to \$100,000) directly from their IRA to qualified charitable organizations without paying federal income tax on the distribution. If you wish to make a gift to benefit Temple Beth Sholom, a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA can be a great option. Donors must ask their plan administrator to make a direct transfer of funds to TBS. It is important not to withdraw funds before making a gift.

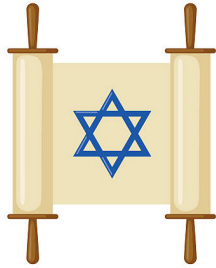
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The above options are always welcome.

If you haven't yet, please consider making a philanthropic end of year gift to TBS. Every gift, regardless of size makes a tremendous impact in the life of our synagogue. We depend on your generosity.

Please contact our Executive Director, Eileen Olan Bohrer at 516.621.2288, extension 113 or at ebohrer@tbsroslyn.org if you are interested in taking advantage of any of these giving opportunities.

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BAR MITZVAH NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024



RYAN GOLDFARB
son of Alison & Andrew
December 14

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BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Stephanie Whalen, Director of Early Childhood Center

TAKE A BREATH, BE PRESENT, SHOW LOVE...GRATITUDE!

The month of November is always a busy one in our ECC. It gives me immense pleasure to share the many activities and lessons in which the children are involved. This month is no exception. Much of November we will be learning about Thanksgiving. However, November brings us a plethora of holidays to learn from such as Veteran's Day and Election Day, and of course we cannot forget World Kindness Day and Mickey Mouse Day. The end of November will conclude with our annual Thanksgiving feast. On this special day we set up a long table in our multi-purpose room decorated with the children's Thanksgiving artwork and enjoy a grand feast together prepared by each of our classrooms.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we turn our attention to the concept of gratitude, its importance as a Jewish value and ways to nurture it in our classrooms and in our homes. The Hebrew term for gratitude is ***hakarat hatov***, which literally means "recognizing the good".

In the Jewish religion, we begin each day with gratitude. The first words we say in the morning are *modeh ani*, literally translated as *thankful am I*. The prayer is a statement that I (*Ani*) give thanks (*Modeh*) to God. Every spiritual tradition acknowledges that how we begin our day matters. If my very first expression each morning is gratefulness (rather than obsessing over my *To Do List*) then I open my heart to the blessing and miracle that God is giving me today.

Studies have shown that gratitude has a significant positive impact on the well-being of preschool aged children, affecting various aspects of their development and daily lives. Practicing gratitude can enhance children's emotional and mental health in several ways. Expressing gratitude increases desirable emotions such as happiness, joy and contentment in children. Studies have shown that gratitude practices can decrease symptoms of anxiety and depression. Focusing on positive aspects of their lives, children may be less prone to negative thought patterns. Gratitude has even been linked to improved self-esteem. When children recognize and appreciate the good things in their lives it can boost their overall self-worth. Gratitude also plays a crucial role in social development. It fosters positive social connections and encourages kind behavior.

So, what can teachers do in the classroom to foster a gratitude mind-set? One of the most powerful ways to teach gratitude is by demonstrating it yourself. Teachers serve as important

role models for preschoolers. They demonstrate gratitude by expressing thanks to students, colleagues and parents. Teachers can share what they are grateful for, showing children how to recognize and appreciate positive aspects of life. Teachers and parents can establish regular gratitude practices in the classroom and at home. Implementing daily or weekly gratitude sharing where children express what they're thankful for, can help children develop empathy and recognize others efforts on an ongoing basis.

Hakarat Hatov is often something kids practice naturally when they are little. For babies everything is new, and everything is amazing! As kids grow older, it is hard to keep that sense of wonder. Modeling gratitude and practicing *hakarat hatov* helps children, and us grown-ups, appreciate the positive aspects of life, stay grounded, be thankful and remain hopeful, especially during times of struggle.

This Thanksgiving and holiday season, I encourage you to begin creating a unique gratitude practice that resonates for you and your family. Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with reflection, joy and many moments of gratitude.

Much Love, *Stephanie*

November/December Highlights

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tues., 11/5	Parent Teacher Conferences (No School for Children)
Mon., 11/11	Veteran's Day (School Closed)
Mon., 11/18	Mitzvah Week and Food Drive
Wed., 11/27	Thanksgiving Feast
Thurs., Fri. 11/28, 29	School Closed
Mon., 12/2	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri., 12/6	Grandparents Shabbat and Shop
Thurs., 12/19	Class Hanukkah parties
Mon.-Fri., 12/23-1/3	Winter Recess/School Closed
Mon., 1/6	School Resumes



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Religious School

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

*by Talya Lederman, VP of Education
and Amy Guttell, Chair of Board of Education*

A SWEET START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

With the month of September behind us, we are well into the High Holidays and the start of a new school year at Temple Beth Shalom Religious School.

Religious School opened on Sunday, September 8th to the sight of children filling the classrooms, the sound of students singing *Hatikvah* and the taste of bagels at the PTA Welcome Breakfast for parents. The first day ended with the children enjoying a delicious treat from an Ice Cream Truck, marking a sweet beginning for the year.

Through the months of September and October, our children have learned about the holidays and Israel, made crafts to decorate the TBS *Sukkah*, engaged with our *Shinshinit Aya Kedar*, reviewed their Hebrew letters and reading, learned new Hebrew words and songs, and studied Jewish history, *Torah* and prayers. We are so proud of how hard they are all working and so grateful for the communications between our parents and teachers, which allowed for a relatively smooth transition to the school year.

If you haven't yet joined the Religious School PTA, please join! The PTA helps sponsor many fun events for our children, including the ice cream truck and Purim Carnival, and your dues go a long way in making that happen.

For students in Kita Gimel (3rd Grade) through Kita Vav (6th Grade), we would love to have your children join one of our Religious School Youth Groups. Machar (for 3rd and 4th Grades) and Kadima (for 5th and 6th Grades) meet once a month on Tuesdays, from 6-7:15 PM. Dinner is provided and the students have the opportunity to engage in a fun activity or project. Please

reach out to the Religious School office for more information or for registration details.

Looking ahead for the months of November and December, we would love to see everyone at the Mini-Minyan and Mishpacha Family Services on November 16 and December 14. The Mini-Minyan Service, which is co-led by teacher Ruth Kravit and Jonathan Kapilian, is for children in the ECC, Pre-Gan (Pre-K) and Gan (Kindergarten) and is a lively and musical Shabbat experience. The Mishpacha Family Service, which is co-led by teacher Roya Mizrahi and Sandy Berger, is geared for students in Kita Aleph (1st Grade) through Kita Zayin (7th Grade) and is an engaging, educational and participatory Service. We would love to see you there!



We are continuing our search for a director for our Religious School. In the meanwhile, we have been in good hands with Susan Daniels as Parent/Teacher Coordinator and Stephanie Whalen filling in for many administrative responsibilities. We hope to have more information to share about our search process in the coming months.

Please note that there is no Religious School on the following days:

Tuesday 11/5 (Election Day)
Sunday 11/10 (Veterans Day weekend)
Sunday 12/1 (Thanksgiving weekend)
December 22 – 31 (Winter Recess)

Talya and Amy

Our temple office needs some helping hands for our mailings. If you are able to help us out, even for just a few hours, please call the main office at 516-621-2288.



SISTERHOOD SCOOP

by Lisa Sakol, President

SISTERHOOD SHAKES THE LULAV AND THE SUKKAH:

A Reform Journalist and Modern Orthodox Rabbi Deliver an Exhilarating Torah Talk at TBS!

Your Sisterhood for the 21st Century

What an incredible night! On October 21st, more than 80 attendees gathered as TBS Sisterhood and Men's Club hosted a dessert reception in the communal *Sukkah*, following an engaging program in the Sandler Chapel.

Our honored guests—podcast hosts Abigail Pogrebin (former 60 Minutes investigative journalist, committed Reform Jew, and past President of Central Synagogue) and Rabbi Dov Linzer (a leading voice in the Modern Orthodox community, with bylines

connection and conversation.

Upcoming Events

Sisterhood continues to offer programs that build community and engage minds.

Join us for our **Annual Membership Event on Thursday, November 14th at 8 PM**, featuring Brent Delman, better known as **The Cheese Guy**. Delman will guide us through the art of cheesemaking, share insights into the process of kosher certification and offer delicious small-batch cheese tastings paired with wine and crackers. New Sisterhood members are invited to attend as our guests at no charge – we look forward to meeting you! Also in November, stay tuned for details about Sisterhood's annual **Thanksgiving Pie & Chocolate Sale**—details to be announced.

In December, we'll come together for a **Challah Baking event on Thursday, December 12th at 7 PM** with children's book author, Sara Holly Ackerman. While learning how to braid challah into festive Hanukkah shapes, participants will enjoy Israeli dancing to celebrate the joy of Shabbat. Ackerman will also share her delightful new picture book, *Challah for Shabbat Tonight*. Also, join Sisterhood on **Monday, December 16th at 10:30 AM**, for Games Day with your friends. Bring your game sets for a morning brunch catered by Bagel Boss and enjoy vendors too for your Hanukkah shopping needs. Keep an eye out for more details as each date approaches!

Whether it's Challah Baking, Paint and Sip, educational classes and programs, Games Day, or cheese tastings, Sisterhood is here to create entertaining and meaningful experiences that bring us together. We'd love to hear your ideas – this is your Sisterhood for the 21st Century.

Sisterhood looks forward to seeing you soon!

Lisa



Sisterhood welcomes authors of It Takes Two to Torah from right to left: Lisa Sakol, Sisterhood President; Rabbi Dov Linzer; Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon; and Abigail Pogrebin

in The Forward, Tablet, and The New York Times)—treated us to an exhilarating *Torah* discussion. Their unique perspectives challenged us to see familiar texts in new ways, as explored in their new book, *It Takes Two to Torah*.

Central to their message was the value of studying *Torah* with a partner – someone who encourages us to think beyond our own lens. The evening's energy sparked meaningful conversations that bridged movements within Judaism, fostering understanding while celebrating differences. Many praised Pogrebin and Linzer for their courage in reaching across denominational boundaries, setting an inspiring example of tolerance and unity. The night concluded with a book signing and a festive dessert gathering in the warm night air of our open *Sukkah* – a perfect setting for





MEN'S CLUB CORNER

by Evan Wagner, President

It has been quite the fall season for Men's Club. The High Holidays were a big success. Thank you to all who helped Usher or Greet. With your help as volunteers we were able to make the Holidays even more successful.

We had a Meet & Greet at the Barefoot Peddler, a new event and attended by about 40 people. It did not disappoint. Thank you to Adam Lilling for starting a text chain will alert everyone of upcoming events and a new way of communicating. If anyone would like to join our new text group in order to receive updates on Men's Club events, please email me at evan@gustbuster.com with your phone number.

We have a ton of events coming up. Before you know it, the Super Bowl will be upon us, which means it is time to sell Super Bowl boxes. Last year we had 5 grids completed. I hope to fill 7 grids this year. Oh, guess what that means...more emails. We will have a Bowling Night soon, keep an eye out for information and a date.

In the last bulletin, I neglected to mention our beginning of year dinner. It took place prior to the High Holidays and we had an amazing turnout. People of all ages were talking, laughing and of course eating. Again, thank you to all who attended.

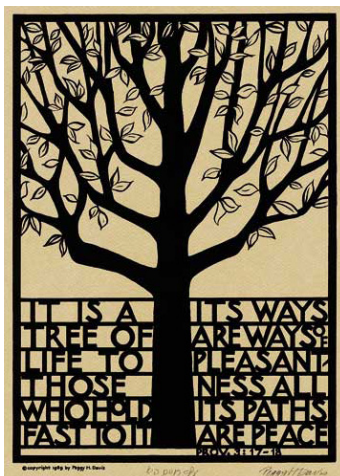
Men's Club is growing but we can still grow more. I have been

doing this for a long time and the future is bright. We have some great ideas to get some new people to become part of our group. Be on the lookout for our programing.



Comedy night is November 23. Over the years this has been our biggest event of the year. Please sign up for a night of laughter and libations. Last year we had 80 people attend and this year I want to get 100!! Hope to see you all there.

Respectfully, *Evan*



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STONE: \$1000

To purchase a leaf, go to tbsroslyn.org/get-involved/donate & click on the Tree of Life Form button.



FROM MAKOM

by Amy Gortler, Makom High School Coordinator

FROM HISTORY TO HOPE

As I write this, we are in the Jewish month of *Tishrei*, during the Ten Days of Repentance – the sacred days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This year, these days coincide with the one-year anniversary of October 7th, a time when rising antisemitism feels more alarming than ever.

As I start my annual family history project with my 5th graders in our religious school, reading through the countless stories of Jewish families fleeing Eastern Europe to escape pogroms, these histories feel disturbingly relevant. The parallels between past and present are hard to ignore.

My husband and I take such joy in watching the excitement and love for Judaism blossom in our children – our 4 year old son and 1.5 year old daughter – their excitement for each holiday, and their delight in every Shabbat, is something we treasure deeply. But it's hard to ignore the sinking feeling we get when we think about the world they're growing up in. The thought of our sweet, innocent children becoming targets simply for being Jewish is truly devastating.

We even hesitated when in the past our son, in his innocent and adorable way, inexplicably and unexpectedly ran through a store shouting, I'm Jewish! – a moment that should fill us with pride, but instead left us wondering if we should worry.

We must teach our children to stand strong in their beliefs and in what is in their hearts and souls. Throughout history, Jews – though small in number – have faced overwhelming challenges and yet have always prevailed. May we continue to celebrate our Judaism loudly, proudly and lovingly. May we gather in large groups, without fear, and instill in our children the strength to do the same.

I love fostering pride and solidarity with our teens here at Makom. Whether they're making a social impact by collecting and packing school supplies for children in need on Long Island or they're engaging in meaningful conversations over Chinese food while sitting in a glow-in-the-dark *sukkah*, our teens continually inspire me. They consistently demonstrate such a deep connection to Judaism, making our community stronger and more vibrant. In turn creating a promising future for our people. Now more than ever, I'm proud of our teens. I believe in their strength and commitment. It gives me hope that Judaism

will continue to flourish through their passion and dedication. As teens engage in meaningful activities and explore their identity, they affect not only themselves and their peers, but they're also altering the trajectory for the generations who will follow after them. Together, we are nurturing the next generation of leaders who will carry our rich culture and heritage forward.

I am very excited about our upcoming *challah* bake in November! During this special event, each teen will have the opportunity to braid a *challah* to take home and enjoy, as well as one for a senior member of our community. I think this act of kindness beautifully expresses our gratitude for the generation that has paved the way for us. As we raise our children to be strong and compassionate Jews, it is equally vital to remember and honor our roots. By caring for and thanking the generation that has shaped our lives, we instill in our children the importance of community and giving back. This event will not only nourish their bodies but also their spirits, as they learn the value of generosity and connection to their heritage.

Warmest regards, *Amy*



**Creating a CARING Community.
Sad news? Glad news?**

Please share it with us so we can help.

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.



Save THESE Dates

MEET THESE WONDERFUL SPEAKERS

December 12, 2024: Sara Holly Ackerman author of *Challah for Shabbat Tonight*

Families are invited to join Sara as she shares her beautiful story and bakes wonderful special Hannukah Challahs with us.

January 11, 2025: Oren Kessler author of *Palestine 1936: The Great Revolt and the Roots of the Middle East Conflict* 2024 Winner, Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature, Oren will join us for Shabbat services and discussion

This is the story of two national movements and the first sustained confrontation between them. The rebellion was Arab, but the Zionist counter-rebellion—the Jews’ military, economic, and psychological transformation—is a vital, overlooked element in the chronicle of how Palestine became Israel. Today, eight decades on, the revolt’s legacy endures. Hamas’s armed wing and rockets carry the name of the fighter-preacher whose death sparked the 1936 rebellion. When Israel builds security barriers, sets up checkpoints, or razes homes, it is evoking laws and methods inherited from its British predecessor. And when Washington promotes a “two-state solution,” it is invoking a plan with roots in this same period.

January 28, 2025: R. Derek Black author of *The Klansman’s Son*

From the former heir-apparent to white nationalism, *The Klansman’s Son* is an astonishing memoir of a childhood built on fear, of breaking from a community of hate.

This is a thoughtful, insightful and moving account of a singular life, with important lessons for our troubled times. Derek can trace a uniquely insider account of the rise of white nationalism, and how a child indoctrinated with hate can become an anti-racist adult. Few understand the ideology, motivations, or tactics of the white nationalist movement like Derek, and few have ever made so profound a change.

March 27, 2025: Naama Shefi chef and author of *The Jewish Holiday Table: A World of Recipes, Traditions & Stories to Celebrate All Year*

For many Jews, the meal is the holiday – come cook with Naama

Discover menus for a Persian Rosh Hashanah feast, a Ukrainian-Mexican Seder, an Iraqi spread for Purim. And a memorable Hanukkah tale of grandmothers competing in a doughnut duel, with one’s Moroccan sfenj recipe challenging the other’s Egyptian zalabia. Reflecting three thousand years of love and loss, culture and change, each dish captures the soul of what’s served in a Jewish home on a Jewish holiday.

April 23, 2025: Katherine Fennelly author of *Family Declassified*

*Why do people keep deep secrets about their lives and ancestry? In *Family Declassified*, Katherine Fennelly applies her expertise as a social science researcher to answer this question regarding her maternal grandfather, a Jewish Hungarian immigrant who arrived in the US one hundred years ago. He was the author of *Chucaro: Wild Pony of the Pampa*, for which he won a Newbery Honor in 1959. But he was also at the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)—the precursor to the CIA. A foreign-born sailor overcame a childhood marked by tragedy and became the head of an elite espionage unit for the Allied Forces during World War II.*

May 25, 2025: Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner author of *Streams of Shattered Consciousness: A Chronicle of the First 50 Days of the Israel - Hamas War*

*On October 7th, 2023, David-Seth Kirshner woke up excited to celebrate his 50th birthday. Instead of eating cake, Rabbi Kirshner was glued to the news as the horrible attack by Hamas upon innocent Israelis began to unfold. Emotions flooded him from all directions. Anger, rage, surprise, fear, hope, frustration, anxiety, confidence and grief were just some of what inhabited his mind and body. *Streams of Shattered Consciousness* is a daily chronicle of Rabbi Kirshner’s channeled emotions and opinions with a healthy dose of history lessons. Kirshner’s detailed accounts accompanied by his personal reflections will keep record of what will surely be a watershed moment in the history of the Jewish people.*

Temple Beth Sholom thanks the Jewish Book Council for partnering with us to bring these wonderful authors to our community.



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DAY CAMP NEWS

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

As the temperatures drop and we embrace the cooler months, we can't help but reflect on the unforgettable memories created during Summer 2024 at Beth Shalom Day Camp. This past summer was packed with incredible experiences that our campers, staff and families will cherish for years to come.

One of the highlights was our epic Foam Party Day, where campers had a blast getting drenched in foam and dancing the day away. It was a day of laughter, excitement and pure joy that truly captured the spirit of summer fun. Another standout moment was the celebration of BSDC's 60th birthday with an unforgettable Glow Party. Campers lit up the gym with neon and glowing accessories and danced under black lights, marking a



milestone anniversary in style.

Our annual Color War brought out the competitive spirit in everyone. The Blue and Green teams battled it out with enthusiasm and teamwork, creating memories of camaraderie and friendly competition that will last a lifetime.

In addition to all the fun, we were thrilled to launch our **new logo and website** this year, reflecting our camp's fresh and modern approach while keeping our cherished traditions alive. Be sure to check out the new website at www.bethsholomdaycamp.com to explore all the updates and see what's in store for next summer.

Looking ahead to Summer 2025, we're already planning another amazing camp season! Early bird registration is open, offering



families the chance to save up to \$400 if they register by January 31st. And remember to ask about our special discounts for Temple Beth Shalom members!

We're also excited to announce our upcoming open houses on **November 17th** and **December 8th** from 10 AM to 1 PM. This is a great opportunity to meet our team, tour the facilities and learn more about what makes BSDC so special.

Additionally, don't miss our Camp Reunion on **January 26th** from 1:30-4:30 PM. It will be a fantastic chance for campers to reconnect



with friends and relive their favorite summer memories together. Mark your calendars!

Finally, we are in the process of recruiting and hiring staff for Summer 2025! If you know anyone 16 years or older who is enthusiastic about working with children and looking for a rewarding summer job, please encourage them to apply through our website. For more information, feel free to reach out to the camp office at 516-620-2022 or via email at office@bethsholomdaycamp.com.

We can't wait to see what next summer holds!

Becky & Dee Dee

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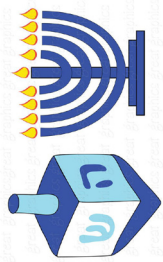
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Tishrei – Chechvan 5785



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Board Meeting	Rosh Chodesh with Wende Jager-Hyman			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veterans Day OFFICE CLOSED	Sisterhood Adult Education	Literary/Likes: Virtual Book & Author Series	Sisterhood New Member Program		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
BSDC Open House B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop Holy Hikers		Sisterhood Adult Education Lunch & Learn Executive Board Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting		Board of Education Meeting Hot Off the Press		Men's Club Comedy Night
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Sisterhood Adult Education		Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	

DECEMBER 2024



Cheshvan-Kislev 5785

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BSDC Open House	Rosh Chodesh with Wendie Jager-Hyman	Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Board Meeting	11	Latkes & Vodkas	13	14
8	9	10	11	Sisterhood Challah Bake	19	21
15	16	17	18	Hot Off the Press	20	28
22	23	24	25	OFFICE CLOSED Erev Hanukkah 1st Candle	26	27
29	30	31	OFFICE CLOSING Erev Hanukkah 1st Candle	1st Day of Hanukkah 2nd Candle	2nd Day of Hanukkah 3rd Candle	3rd Day of Hanukkah 4th Candle
4th Day of Hanukkah 5th Candle	5th Day of Hanukkah 6th Candle	6th Day of Hanukkah OFFICE CLOSING at 3:00 PM 7th Candle				

NOVEMBER 2024/5785 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Please Note: Schedule of Services are subject to change.
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, November 1

Candle Lighting Time	5:32 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM

Saturday, November 2

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:00 AM
Parashat Noach	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	5:30 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:31 PM

Friday, November 8

Candle Lighting Time	4:24 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, November 9

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:00 AM
Parashat Lech Lecha	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:24 PM

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day

Building Closed Except for Services

Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Evening Minyan	7:30 PM

Friday, November 15

Candle Lighting Time	4:17 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, November 16

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:00 AM
Parashat Vayera	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:19 PM

Friday, November 22

Candle Lighting Time	4:13 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, November 23

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:00 AM
Parashat Chayei Sara	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:15 PM

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Building Closed Except for Services

Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Evening Minyan	7:30 PM

Friday, November 29

Building Closed Except for Services

Morning Minyan	6:45 AM
Candle Lighting Time	4:10 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, November 30

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:00 AM
Parashat Toldot	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:12 PM

Friday, December 6

Candle Lighting Time	4:08 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

DECEMBER 2024/5785 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, December 7

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Vayetzei
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah 4:00 PM
Shabbat Ends 5:12 PM

Friday, December 13

Candle Lighting Time 4:09 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 14

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Goldfarb
Parashat Vayishlach
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah 4:00 PM
Shabbat Ends 5:13 PM

Friday, December 20

Candle Lighting Time 4:11 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 21

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Vayeshev
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah 4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends 5:16 PM

Wednesday, December 25

Building Closed Except for Services
Morning *Minyan* 9:00 AM
Hanukkah Night 1
Evening *Minyan* 7:30 PM

Friday, December 27

Hanukkah Night 3
Candle Lighting Time 4:16 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 28

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Tevet
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf 9:00 AM
Parashat Miketz
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah 4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends 5:20 PM
Hanukkah Night 4



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by Janet Cohen Eder & Nadine Kesten

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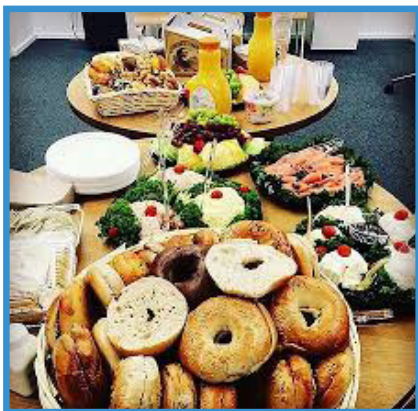
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