

Temple Beth Shalom Polk

# Chai Lites

June 2023

## **GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION**

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood is  
looking for new items and  
services to add to its offering for  
their Goods & Services Auction  
Fundraiser in October.**

Contact any member of  
Brotherhood/Sisterhood with your  
service or new item.

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# President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

Recently I felt bored, tired, as if just planning a new project was too exhausting to think about. I knew I needed to get up and move and I needed inspiration.

So, what to do to create some movement? Well, you won't believe this, but I set out to clean and purge. Yes, I said clean and purge. I must have shredded years of useless papers. I filled three large trash bags full of shredded nonsense that I'd been storing. I washed the floors, cleaned the house, did the laundry and got up off my butt.

They say that cleanliness is close to godliness. So, parts of the house are clean, but my mind is still cluttered. Now it's time to really think about what to keep and what to get rid of.



I have bags and boxes ready to give away. I feel 10 pounds lighter. I recommend spring cleaning for anyone in need of clearing the cobwebs from your mind!

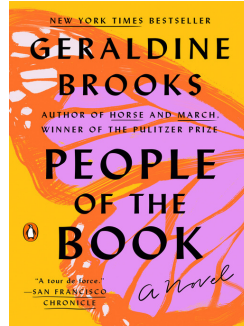
Our Temple Board needs to shake off its winter doldrums and Spring into fund raising mode. Your Board members on the Fashion Show Committee want you to clean your closets. Find your gently used purses and donate them for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Purse Palooza to be held in 2024!

Happy Cleaning!!

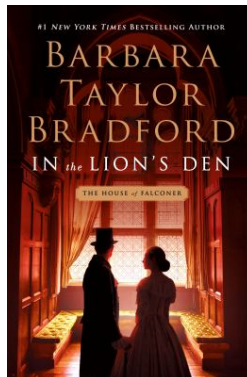
Lorraine Mixer  
TBS Board President  
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The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The June choice is  
*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks



The July choice is  
*In the Lion's Den* by Barbara Taylor Bradford



**Did you know?**

We have Hebrew Lessons! Learn the Aleph, Bet or dig deeper into sentence structure or vocabulary...

Contact us at:

863-292-0722 or [web@templebethshalompolk.org](mailto:web@templebethshalompolk.org) for future dates.



# Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

“Morning is wonderful.

Its only drawback is that it comes at such an inconvenient time of the day.”

~ Glen Cook

Shalom Aleichem!

I worked with a principal who arrived at school at the same time as I, about 6:15am. She would ask me “How I was doing?” and I would answer “Wonderful”. One morning she asked and I answered “Great”. She came running out of her office and she asked me “What is wrong?” To this date when asked, I answer *WONDERFUL!*

I also greet people with “Good Morning” no matter what time of the day it is. For morning is always wonderful. Even in retirement morning comes early. No need for an alarm to greet the wonderful morning. I know I am still alive and need to make the best of the day.

So, may your Mornings be joyful and that you have many more.

May Peace Be With You!

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

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If you have questions regarding the presence of a service dog, please contact me:  
[lorrynemixer@aol.com](mailto:lorrynemixer@aol.com) or 863-409-8509.

## June Calendar

Jun 1	11:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jun 4	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Angies Restaurant in the Hamptons Clubhouse
Jun 6	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jun 9	7:30 p.m.	Religious Services
Jun 10	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study
Jun 11	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Jun 13	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jun 20	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jun 20	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jun 23	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Lay Services — Note the earlier time
Jun 27	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jun 27	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

For more information, please email: [web@templebethshalompolk.org](mailto:web@templebethshalompolk.org)  
or call: 863-292-0722



# Dinner with the Rabbi

Enjoy a meal with Rabbi Herzfeld, take the opportunity to chat with the Hosts and the Rabbi. Contact Lorraine Mixer at: [lorrainemixer@aol.com](mailto:lorrainemixer@aol.com) for your opportunity to host the Rabbi.

June 9<sup>th</sup> is being hosted by Meryl Crews.

Sign up to host the Rabbi or to RSVP by contacting Lorraine Mixer:  
[lorrainemixer@aol.com](mailto:lorrainemixer@aol.com) 863-409-8509



*Brotherhood/Sisterhood* from Beverly Lerner:

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood next meeting is:

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

at Angie's Restaurant in The Hamptons Clubhouse.

Come early to enjoy breakfast and conversation with other caring people.

Join the Brotherhood/Sisterhood and Ethan Feldman for an evening of fun and laughter at the

Laugh Out Lounge

19 3rd St NW, Winter Haven, FL 33880

June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are: \$20 per person to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood  
Mail checks to Joseph Rodriguez

3210 Great Heron Loop

Polk City, FL 33868

or bring a check to the next Brotherhood/Sisterhood meeting at Angies Grill at the Hamptons on Sunday, June 4.

This event is open to everyone over 21 years old. Bring neighbors, family, and friends!

Let's welcome summer and support Ethan Feldman.

Contact Beverly Lerner at [bevlerner@aol.com](mailto:bevlerner@aol.com) for more information.



Our Summer Lay Services  
begin June 23 and run thru  
August 18<sup>th</sup> . Start time is  
7:00 pm.

## Onegs (also known as Kiddush)

The mitzvah of sponsoring an Oneg is a great way to celebrate any milestone from a birth, birthday, bar/bat mitzvah, anniversary, graduation, or a loved one's yahrzeit.

A Congregational Oneg not only provides a meaningful tribute to a loved one with an acknowledgement in Chai Lites and a charitable donation receipt, it more importantly provides blessings to the family with the words spoken by friends, members, and attendees to the sponsoring family. Kiddush/Oneg sponsorship helps strengthen your connection to the community while enhancing our community's Shabbat experience.

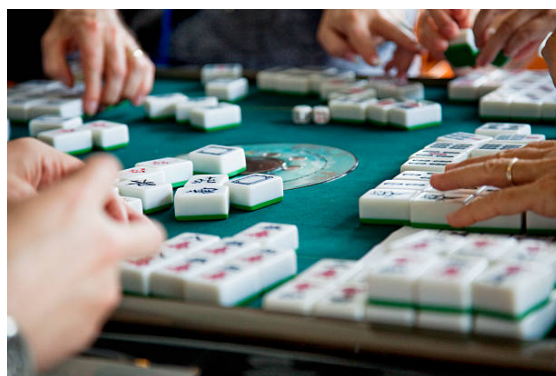
To celebrate your milestone with an Oneg, please contact Arlene Greenberg. **Arlene Greenberg, our Oneg Coordinator is retiring. She is looking for a person to take over coordinating sign ups as host or hostess for Onegs.**

Please contact Arlene to reserve your Oneg spot or to volunteer to take over this responsibility at: [arlenegreenberg@gmail.com](mailto:arlenegreenberg@gmail.com)

June 9	Bobby Baum
June 23	Sandy Gasson
July 7	Lorraine Mixter & Michael Craig



## Maj Jong Ladies



If you would like learn how to play Mah Jong we will teach you. For more information [sandigrinker@gmail.com](mailto:sandigrinker@gmail.com) 863-207-7440



## Thank You's: there is always something to be thankful for!

- Thank you to our Maj Jong players for donating items for our kitchen.
- Thank you to Bobby Baum for baking challah for our Onegs.
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for organizing our Onegs.
- Thank you to our Soloist Meryl Crews for her musical performance during our services.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for her photography and directing skills during our Zoom Services and our Board meetings as well as her secretarial skills and now, her Hebrew skills.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for proofing Chai Lites and sending our meeting notices to all of you.
- Thank you to Meryl Crews for mailing Chai Lites to members who have no access to email.
- Thank you to Polly Weinmann for sending cards to members for all occasions.

## Donations

- Baron Krisher has made a donation to continuing support of Temple Beth Shalom.
- Michelle and Lloyd Chain have made a donation to the Temple.



## Good Cheer Committee

Our resident artist, Polly Weinmann is our new Chairperson of the "Good Cheer Committee".

Please share your name and date if you wish to receive greetings on your birthday, anniversary or at times when you just need an uplifting note.

Email: [mom2furkids1@gmail.com](mailto:mom2furkids1@gmail.com)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	BIRTHDATE (NO YEAR)	ANNIVERSARY
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Dear Friends,  
B'nai B'rith is on hiatus for the summer.  
We are hoping to continue our brunches and discussions  
In the fall.

Shalom Aleichem,  
Bobby Baum  
President  
B'nai B'rith Lodge 1515

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## Temple Beth Shalom Committees

Do you want to be an integral part of our temple community?  
Join one of the volunteer committees below.  
Contact Joseph Rodriguez for more information on how to become a  
member at: [jrodtbs2021@gmail.com](mailto:jrodtbs2021@gmail.com)

Executive Committee  
Pulpit  
Publicity  
Directory, Chai Lites

Book Club – **New members are welcome**  
House – **Volunteer needed**  
Membership  
Onegs – **Volunteer needed**  
Social Action – **Volunteer needed**  
Dinner with the Rabbi – **Volunteers needed**  
Special Projects



## **Chair Yoga at the Temple**

Schedule changes on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to 10:30a.m.

Join us for chair yoga at the Temple. Temple member and certified yoga instructor Joyce Preston guides us through this gentle, beneficial activity using simple props, music and clear directions. Joyce makes it fun and easy while still challenging for even our more advanced participants.

Come join us. \$5 per session.

Contact Beverly Lerner for more information. 863-294-6042 (home)

**[Bevlerner@aol.com](mailto:Bevlerner@aol.com)**



## **Mishaberach List**

A new year, a new list. For those of you who do not plan to worship in person, you may add names to the Mishaberach list that is read at each service.

Please send names to: [lorrainemixter@aol.com](mailto:lorrainemixter@aol.com)

Temple Beth Shalom introduces:

Chai Lites Boosters, a Wish List for much needed upgrades for our building.  
By donating Chai, \$18 your name will be published as a "Chai Lites Booster" in our monthly  
newsletter for a period of one year.

Yes, I want to be a Chai Lites "Booster"

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Please show my name as: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate Chai Lites Booster on your check.

Please mail your check to: Temple Beth Shalom

Attn: Boosters

P.O. Box 313, Winter Haven, FL 33882

Chai Lites Boosters

## June Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Date	Deceased	Relationship
1-Jun	Claire Poller	grandmother of Robert Poller
5-Jun	James Doddemeade	father of Joni Doddemeade
6-Jun	Alexander Mayer	grandfather of Max Mayer
6-Jun	Sylvia Mervis	mother of Allan Mervis
7-Jun	Irving Tarnower	grandfather of Jett Segal
9-Jun	Carolyn Goldblatt	wife of Jeffrey Goldblatt
9-Jun	Sarah A. Lerner Hightower	perpetual yahrzeit
10-Jun	Audree Neuberger	mother of Stuart Neuberger
11-Jun	Herbert Baum	cousin of Bobby Baum
11-Jun	Lawrence Peckman	father of Renee Cohen
12-Jun	Rose Granison	perpetual yartzheit
13-Jun	John Cornell	father of Diane LeShay
13-Jun	Daniel Kalus	father of Carolyn Neuberger
15-Jun	Molly Meyer	mother of Lee Ann Martinez
17-Jun	Forest H. Doddemeade	mother of Joni Doddemeade
22-Jun	Maida Lamoureux Spadaro	mother of Michelle Chain
20-Jun	Pearl Kosten	mother of Jerry Kosten
28-Jun	Leonard S. Kogan, Ph.D.	uncle of Brenda Poller
30-Jun	Lillian Greenbaum	mother of Korina Masters
30-Jun	Lillian Goldstein	mother of Marsha Kramer

### **Yahrzeit Reminders - May their memories be a Blessing A candle should be lit the night before at sundown.**

You may say Kaddish with the Temple Beth Shalom community during Friday services.

It is customary at this time to give tzedakah in memory of your loved one. To make a donation to any Temple Beth Shalom fund or to purchase a yahrzeit plaque, please contact us at: 863-292-0722.



**Do you have a question and don't know who to ask,  
contact our Board members.....**

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