

Temple Beth Shalom Polk

# *Chai Lites*

July 2023

## **ANNUAL PICNIC**

**FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**You're invited to join us!**

**Hosted by Sandi and Phil Grinker**

**BYO Snacks, Sides**

**and Drinks,**

**Sandi and Phil will**

**provide the rest!**

Temple Beth Shalom  
1049 Bradbury Road  
Winter Haven, FL

**You must RSVP by July 15th to: Sandi Grinker**

**863-207-7440 or sandigrinker@gmail.com**

# Presidents Musings

by **Lorraine Mixer**

We all have experienced illness in some sort or other – from a cold to major debilitating diseases. I had a scare this year and yes, it made me slow down a great bit.

I wanted to thank you all, Temple Beth Shalom for your outward expressions of care. I received so many cards, text messages and phone calls. The lovely floral arrangement sent by the TBS Board are is still flourishing. I have not killed it yet - I am notorious for killing plants!

So, some life style changes are coming for me. I may be a bit slower to respond (as in sending this newsletter out later than usual). I may leave some things undone, but our TBS Board will pick up where I am unable to.

Your Brotherhood/Sisterhood has some great events planned for this month and next month. If you want to see these events continue, join the B/S with your ideas. They meet once a month over breakfast at Angie’s Grill in the Hamptons’ clubhouse.

Our resident artist; Polly Weinmann is busy creating our centerpieces for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Purse Palooza and Afternoon Tea to be held in April 2024! We need your gently used purses for the event as well as sponsors for the event.

Your participation in all of these events makes us a cohesive congregation.

See you on Zoom!

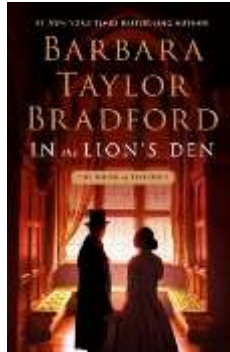


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TBS Board President  
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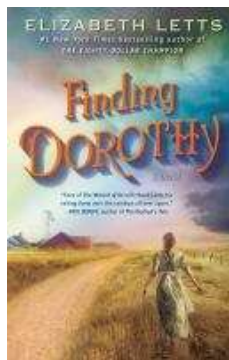


The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The July choice is  
*In the Lions Den* by Barbara Taylor Bradford



The August choice is  
*Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts



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.

# 2024 Purse-a-Palooza and Tea Party

Your gently used purses are needed for our April 7<sup>th</sup> event.

Have you ever experienced Afternoon Tea?

Sit, sip and remember to keep those pinkies in the air while you bid on our purses.

Each purse comes with a mystery surprise inside!



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



# Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

“Morning is wonderful.  
“There is nowhere you can be  
That is not where you are meant to be.”  
~ John Lennon

Shalom Aleichem!

What would you do that is different? Each situation requires us to decide which is the best option. Be it buying a house or any Goods [items] or Services. Deciding on marriage or divorce. Being a member of which Shul. It may be a *Hard Day's Night* in weighing your options in helping your family and others.

You may be looking for *Strawberry Fields*. But do they exist? You need to do the best you can.

Enjoy your *Field of Dreams*, for you are currently where you are meant to be. *Let it be.*

May Peace Be With You!

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

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# SUMMER LAY SERVICES

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Beverly Lerner is our Guest Speaker:

“Going from ‘Blah’ to ‘Ahhh’, a personal story with a semi-serious message.

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Sandi & Phil Grinker &

Bert Devorsetz

August 4<sup>th</sup>

Howard Kerner is our Guest Speaker:

"4 Jewish forgers & 3 Jewish Celebrities"

August 18<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker - Jessica Lawson

Development and Community Relations Associate at:

Peace River Victims Center

**Are you the Son or Daughter of a Holocaust Survivor?**

We are an active group who share a common heritage and are partnered with the Florida Holocaust Museum. With our monthly (zoom) Book Club and Movie programs, we have all become enriched with the depth and breadth of our history. For those seeking to broaden their friendships, we also have monthly In-Person lunches and other social functions.

For more information, please contact Susan Nolan at 954.592.1992 or [srnolan318@gmail.com](mailto:srnolan318@gmail.com)

# July Calendar

Jul 2	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Angies Restaurant in the Hamptons Clubhouse
Jul 4	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 7	7:00 p.m.	Lay Services
Jul 11	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Jul 11	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jul 16	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Jul 18	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 18	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jul 21	6:00 p.m.	Bar-b-que followed by Lay Services
Jul 25	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 25	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

For more information, please email: [web@templebethshalompolk.org](mailto:web@templebethshalompolk.org)

or call: 863-292-0722





*Brotherhood/Sisterhood* from Beverly Lerner:

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood will meet:

Sunday, August 6th at 9:30 a.m.

at Angie's Restaurant in The Hamptons Clubhouse.

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

**The Brotherhood/Sisterhood had a wonderful evening of fun at the Laugh Out Lounge, supporting Ethan Feldman!**

Let's welcome summer.....

**TAKE US OUT TO THE BALLGAME**



Join us. Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood/Sisterhood September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Lakeland Flying Tigers vs Tampa NY.

Gates open @ 5:30 pm --- Game starts @ 6:30 pm.

Cost is \$9.00 for under 60 years old.

Cost is \$8.00 for 60 years Plus.

Food and drinks are at your cost.

Parking is FREE!

Make payment to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood

%Joseph Rodriguez, 3210 Great Heron Loop, Polk City, Fla. 33868

**Payment must be received by August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Root, root, root for the Home Team.

Catch a foul ball.





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



## 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)

July 7	Lorraine Mixter & Michael Craig
July 21	BBQ hosted by Sandi & Phil Grinker
August 4	Korina Masters
August 18	Beverly Lerner
September 8	Volunteer Needed
September 9	Selichot Dinner (Meryl Crews Organizer)

# Maj Jong Ladies



The Mah Jong ladies took a break on July 4<sup>th</sup>, but they will be back on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Diana Kramer has made a donation to the Temple.
- Lee Ann Martinez has made yahrzeit donations in memory of Abraham Meyer, Molly Meyer and Jacob Martinez.

## 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 Beverly Lerner for more information on how to become a member at: [bevlerner@aol.com](mailto:bevlerner@aol.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 – **Volunteer needed**

Special Projects



A great action photo of the Tuesday morning Yoga practice.

From Left to Right: Joyce Preston (yogi), Sybil Weiss, Arlene Greenberg, Beverly Lerner, Judy Richter and Sandi Grinker.

## 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

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: [lorrainemixer@aol.com](mailto:lorrainemixer@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**

Donor Name	Month	Expiration	Donor Name	Month	Expiration
Korina Masters	June 7	2024	Arlene Greenberg	June 13	2023
Herb LaShay	May 16	2024	Beverly Lerner	June 9	5 years
Brotherhood/Sisterhood	May 4	2031	Jeffrey Goldblatt	June 13	2026
Ken & Helyne Triester	Aug 4	2024	Bobby Baum	May 16	2024
Jerry Kosten	July 19	2026	Jerry Heyman	June 16	2026
Clint & Barbara Brooks	Aug 28	2024	Korina Masters	Aug 18	2023
Janis Koike	Jan 26	2027	Dick Ross	Aug 18	2023
Varda Rotenberg	Aug 5	2023	Rabbi Garson Herzfeld	June 13	2023
Diana Kramer	Aug 25	2023	Jackie Korn	Nov 15	2023

## July Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Date	Deceased	Relationship
Jul	Kara Diane Goldberg	daughter of Gene & Anna Goldberg
Jul	Bertha Goldschmidt	mother of Ruth Weitzenkorn to Paul
Jul	Rachel Goldblatt	daughter-in-law of Jeffrey Goldblatt
Jul	Ed Smith	father of Julia Smith
1-Jul	Clare Poller-Rosenthal	sister of Robert Poller
3-Jul	Edna Marcus	aunt of Brenda Kleinman
3-Jul	Ruth Bronstein	perpetual yahrzeit
5-Jul	Harry Danzig	father of Bernie Danzig
5-Jul	Pearl Kosten	mother of Jerry Kosten
6-Jul	Thomas Small	brother of Victoria Lemonds
9-Jul	Buel Lemonds	father of Craig Lemonds
10-Jul	Beverly Hodes	mother of Lorraine Mixer
11-Jul	Arthur Markowitz	husband of Elaine Markowitz
11-Jul	Martin David Friedlander	son of Edwin Friedlander
11-Jul	Samuel Grayson	father of Mel Grayson
11-Jul	Morris Wacks	father of Lois Levine
11-Jul	Jerome Levine	brother of Art Levine
12-Jul	Ethel Johnson	grandmother of Valerie Spiwak
13-Jul	Melanie Goodman	mother of Carol Stern
13-Jul	Maxwell Wolf	perpetual yartzeit
20-Jul	Valentine Glockner	mother of Darrow Glockner
21-Jul	Chance Lemonds	son of Craig Lemonds
21-Jul	Martin Parcel	husband of Jean Parcel
22-Jul	Jesse Arfa	son of Rabbi Cyrus and Sherry Arfa
22-Jul	Ross Wolf	perpetual yartzeit
23-Jul	Harry H. Gasson	former husband of Sandy Gasson
25-Jul	Evelyn Case	mother of Carla Calabretta
25-Jul	Rabbi H. Leonard Poller	brother of Robert Poller
25-Jul	David Friedmann	brother of Richard Friedmann
26-Jul	Marlene Kaplan	sister of Sandi Grinker
28-Jul	Abraham Sandler	grandfather of Steven Chayt
28-Jul	Ludwig Friedmann	grandfather of Richard Friedmann
29-Jul	Myron Ravdin	father of Brenda Kleinman
30-Jul	Marion Smith	mother of Vincent Smith
30-Jul	Robert Segal	father of Jett Segal
30-Jul	James L Perkins	former husband of Lorraine Mixer
30-Jul	Pearl M. Kogan	Second mother of Brenda Poller
30-Jul	Daniel Eisenberg	father of Sue Zwerling
31-Jul	Lucille Grinker	mother of Phil Grinker & Diana Glockner

**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.....**

**Our 2023 – 2024 Temple Board of Directors**

**President: Lorraine Mixter ( [lorrainemixter@aol.com](mailto:lorrainemixter@aol.com) )**

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**Treasurer: Michael Craig ( [michaelcraig179@gmail.com](mailto:michaelcraig179@gmail.com) )**

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**Past President: Joseph Rodriguez ( [jrodtbs2021@gmail.com](mailto:jrodtbs2021@gmail.com) )**

**Trustees**

**Meryl Crews**

**Lee Ann Martinez**

**Arlene Greenberg**

**Sandi Grinker**

**Judy Richter**

**Beverly Lerner**





One of our Sponsors, JoAnn Lesnett is offering the cute cottage in the photo above for rent at: 2116 ½ King Ave., Lakeland 33803

Rent is \$1,100 and is negotiable.

Please contact JoAnn at: 863-398-7917 for info on property.

**Thank you to all the members and families who donated and  
thank you to our 2023 Advertisers:**

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