

Temple Beth Shalom Polk

Chai Lites

October 2023



[Sukkot](#) is a weeklong Jewish holiday that comes five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection G-d provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. We celebrate Sukkot by dwelling in a foliage-covered booth (known as a [sukkah](#)) and by taking the "[Four Kinds](#)" (*arba minim*), four special species of vegetation.



Dinner with the Rabbi is Back

Enjoy a meal with Rabbi Herzfeld, take the opportunity to chat with the Hosts and the Rabbi. Contact Lorraine Mixer at: lorrynemixer@aol.com for your opportunity to host the Rabbi.

You do not have to be a member to join us for dinner. Take the time to meet the Rabbi and speak to members in a casual atmosphere.

Please contact Lorraine if you would like to host the Rabbi

On November 3rd.



Tiger Town



Thank you to Joseph Rodriguez for organizing our trip to Tiger Town.
We witnessed the first ever woman major league manager!
Brotherhood/Sisterhood met at Tiger Town to enjoy the game last month.
Stay tuned for the many outings planned by this committee.

President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

Our Brotherhood/Sisterhood has taken on the task of coordinating events and outings. The recent dinner at Il Forno in Lakeland and trip to Tiger Town to watch baseball are only some of the outings planned in the past year.



Membership in Brotherhood/Sisterhood is only \$25 a year and they do so many things besides having fun. Their fundraisers benefit the Temple.

Their members are our ushers and many of them are trained in "Stop the Bleed" as well as "Active Shooter Training". These trainings are SO necessary at this time.

B/S President Beverly Lerner and B/S member Arlene Greenberg have taken it upon themselves to promote our congregation by publishing (and paying) for ads in local Winter Haven papers. They want to get the word out that there is a Reform Jewish congregation in Winter Haven and all are welcome to our services.

Leadership of the B/S changed this year. B/S elected their first woman president. They are not looking for a new Secretary, as their most devoted member and secretary; Herb LeShay has decided to leave central Florida. We want to thank Herb and his wife for the many years of devotion to not only the Brotherhood/Sisterhood but to their commitment to Temple Beth Shalom.

If you are interested in assuming the position of secretary for our B/S, please let Beverly Lerner know. You will not only be in good company, but you'll have an opportunity to contribute in a larger capacity to shape fun happenings for our congregation.

See you on Zoom!

Lorraine Mixer

TBS Board President

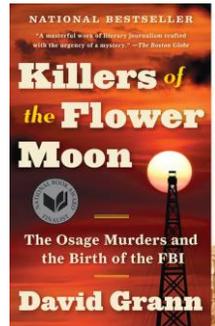
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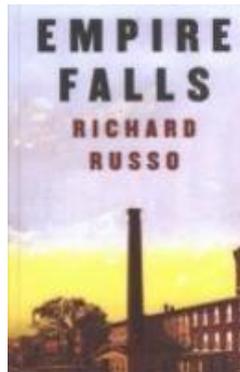


The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17th.

The October choice is
Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann



The November choice is
Empire Falls by Richard Russo



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 for future dates.

Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

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“Growing Old is Not for Sissies, I Promise you.
I also promise you, that when I am well enough to perform,
that is what I’ll be doing in the land of Shecrab soup.”
~ Jimmy Buffett

Shalom Aleichem - Parrotheads!

This past month Jimmy Buffett went to a new Margaritaville – *“If there’s a heaven for me, I’m sure it has a beach attached”*. Buffett songs make me feel happy.

I was fortunate to work with Jimmy on two school fundraisers. My son David and his daughter Savanna were classmates at the Palm Beach County School of the Arts. After plays, we would get together at the Buffett home in Palm Beach. His home was a hangout for my son and other students. Each performance fundraiser gave the school \$100,000. Thank you so much for: *“Wasting away in Margaritaville, looking for my lost shaker of salt.”*

When David got his driver’s license, I purchased a new auto for him, he took it from the dealership directly to the Buffett house. When Jimmy bought a Land Rover for Savanna, she had to show me her dad’s present in the school parking lot. *“Go fast enough to get there, but slow enough to see.”*

As we all grow older, we must learn to laugh at ourselves and enjoy life to the fullest. You do not know when the lights will turn off. *“If I couldn’t laugh, I just would go insane. If we couldn’t laugh, we just would go insane. If we weren’t all crazy, we would go insane”*.

So, with the New Year-Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur upon us *“It takes no more time to see the good side of life than the bad”*.

Aleichem Shalom from the State of Georgia! *“Changes in latitude. Changes in attitude.”*

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

See us on Facebook or our Website: TempleBethShalomPolk.org



2024 Purse-a-Palooza Mad Hatter Tea Party

Your gently used purses are needed for our April 7th event.

We are also looking for tea cups and saucers.

Bring your purses and tea cups to the Temple library.

Have you ever experienced Afternoon Tea?

Come dressed in your favorite hat! Don't have a hat? Join us to decorate hats and fascinators (date to be determined).



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:
lorrainemixter@aol.com or 863-409-8509.



Little David Applebaum was in his uncle Michael's wedding party. As he walked forward, David would repeatedly take two steps, cup his hands around his mouth and yell "**ROAR!**" He took turns facing the bride's side and the groom's side. Two steps, then "**ROAR!**"

As you can imagine, the crowd was laughing so hard, they were near tears. As he took his place at the front of the shul, his uncle Michael the groom leaned over and asked, "Davey what are you doing?"

Little David replied seriously, "Why are they laughing at me? I'm the "**RING BEAR!**"



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

Maj Jong Ladies



The Mah Jong ladies meet every Tuesday at noon. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat with them before they play.

If you would like learn how to play Mah Jong, we will teach you.

For more information sandigrinker@gmail.com 863-207-7440.

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

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	BIRTHDATE (NO YEAR)	ANNIVERSARY
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October Calendar

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Date	Time	Event
Oct 1	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Angie's Restaurant in the Hamptons Clubhouse
Oct 3	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 3	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 6	7:30 p.m.	Religious Services with Rabbi Herzfeld in person
Oct 7	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study via Zoom
Oct 8	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Oct 10	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 10	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 17	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 17	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 20	7:30 p.m.	Religious Services with Rabbi Herzfeld via Zoom
Oct 20	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study via Zoom
Oct 24	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 24	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 31	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 31	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

For more information, please email: web@templebethshalompolk.org

or call: 863-292-0722





The Brotherhood/Sisterhood will meet:
Sunday, October 1st at 9:30 a.m.
at Angie's Restaurant in The Hamptons Clubhouse.
Come early to enjoy breakfast and conversation with other caring people.

SAMUEL BAK



PAINTER OF QUESTIONS

Join us on November 19th, 2023, 3 p.m.
Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood/Sisterhood
"Remembering Vilna: The Holocaust and the Art of Samuel Bak"

Polk Museum of Art at Florida Southern College
800 East Palmetto Street
Lakeland, Florida 33801-5529

The Museum is located in Downtown Lakeland just two blocks north of the Florida Southern College campus across from the Lakeland Public Library on Lake Morton.

Limited spots are available for this session.

Please RSVP to: Beverly Lerner at: bevlerner@aol.com

Parking is FREE!

No payment is necessary, but donations are accepted by the museum.



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

October 6	Judy Richter
November 3	Margo Fleisher
December 8	Chanukah Dinner
January 19	Meryl Crews
February 16	Sandi & Phil Grinker



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



- Thank you to Rob Lerner for his attention to the many maintenance issues in our building.
- 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.
- 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.

Donations

- The Maj Jang Ladies have made donations to help cover the increase in air conditioning cost.
- Baron Krisher has made a donation in support of the Jewish Nation.
- Arlene Greenberg has made a donation to the Booster Fund.
- Beverly Lerner has made a donation for an ad to be placed in the Winter Haven Sun.
- Arlene Greenberg has made a donation for an ad to be placed in the Lake Ashton newspaper.
- Barbara Rose has made a yahrzeit donation in memory of Jackie Edelstein, Lenny Rose and Alfred Rose,
- Uriah Rose has made a donation in memory of Jaqualine Edelstein.
- Ethan Feldman has made a High Holiday donation.
- Beverly Lerner has made a donation in honor of Meryl Crews.
- Ronald and Sharon Siegel have made a High Holiday donation.
- Steven and Sharon Goldetsky have made a High Holiday donation.
- Donald and Jeanne Pilgrim have made a High Holiday donation.
- Lysa Telzer Thornton has made a High Holiday donation.

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

Executive Committee

Pulpit

Publicity

Directory, Chai Lites

Book Club – **New members are welcome**

House – **Volunteer needed**

Membership

Onegs – **Volunteer needed**

Social Action – Contact Brotherhood/Sisterhood

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

See the October calendar for dates and times.

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

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: lorrynemixer@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	Joseph Rodriguez	August 13	2026
Herb LeShay	May 16	2024	Beverly Lerner	June 9	2028
Brotherhood/Sisterhood	May 4	2031	Jeffrey Goldblatt	June 13	2026
Ken 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	2025
Arlene Greenberg	June 13	2025	Your name here		
Janis Koike	Jan 26	2027	Jackie Korn	Nov 15	2023

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

Our 2023 – 2024 Temple Board of Directors

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Trustees

Meryl Crews

Lee Ann Martinez

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Sandi Grinker

Judy Richter

Beverly Lerner

October Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Date	Deceased	Relationship
Oct	Arthur Seligman	grandfather of Michelle Chain
Oct	Erna Mayer	mother of Max Mayer
Oct	Sara Tarnower	grandmother of Jett Segal
Oct	Abraham Zwerling	grandfather of Steve Zwerling
1-Oct	LaVerne Luke	mother of Janis Koike
2-Oct	Edward Coleman	nephew of Sue Zwerling
2-Oct	Irene Coleman	sister of Sue Zwerling
2-Oct	Mary Coleman	niece of Sue Zwerling
3-Oct	Claire Geller	perpetual yahrzeit
5-Oct	Judith Nufeld	sister-in-law of Varda Rotenberg
5-Oct	Nathan Siegel	father of Saul Siegel
7-Oct	Stanley Braverman	
7-Oct	Ronald Weintraub	brother of Jo Ann Lesnett
10-Oct	David Sniderman	father of Barbara Brooks
14-Oct	Stanley Bauer	father of Adrienne Sundheim
14-Oct	Harry Schwachter	grandfather of Barbara Brooks
15-Oct	Joyce Friedmann	Perpetual yahrzeit
16-Oct	Erna Mayer	mother of Max Mayer
25-Oct	Lorraine Chain	mother of Lloyd Chain
26-Oct	Jules Adelman	grandfather of Jay Adelman; perpetual yahrzeit
28-Oct	MaryJane Forbes	grandmother of Melissa Morris
30-Oct	Jessie Haas	perpetual yahrzeit
31-Oct	Mollie Miller	perpetual yahrtzeit
31-Oct	Warren Goldbert	nephew of Sandi Grinker

**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.

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