

Temple Beth Shalom Polk

Chai Lites

February 2024



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Lay Services

You asked for daytime services, we responded:

Exciting news!

February has an expanded, in-person worship opportunity.

A morning lay led Sabbath service is now scheduled for:
Saturday, February 24th at 10:30 A M.

It will be led by our own Vice President, Bert Devorsetz.

There will not be any oneg, but we plan on having a 'brown bag' lunch following the service.

Hopefully many will take advantage and attend.

See you all there!



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: 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.

Lorraine Mixer: 863-409-8509 or lorrynemixer@aol.com



We need you!

NOMINATIONS

ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS

Nominations of all officers and trustees shall be made by a Nominating Committee to consist of four members of the Temple plus the chairperson:

- A. The nominating committee shall be chaired by the immediate past president.

If you are interested on serving on the Temple Board, please contact our Past President Joseph Rodriguez at JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

To Current Board Members:

Please contact Past President , Joseph Rodriguez at: JrodTBS2021@gmail.com with your intent to continue on the Board or your plans to retire from the Board.

Thank You.



President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer



I had hoped to help with the Tu B'Shevat Seder but my body said – no way! I sent out an urgent e-blast for help and so many of you answered.

Our Tu B'Shevat Seder was a success because of the help of Polly Weinmann, Meryl Crews, Bobby Baum, Trisha Safer, Diana Kramer, Lee Ann Martinez, Sandi Grinker and so many others. I hope you all enjoyed the efforts of these folks. I am blessed to be able to depend on so many of you!

This last illness made me think about the future. My future. Speaking to a Guild member today about his experience at a funeral home to plan his cremation, made me think about pre-planning my own.

I do have a will, but my family has grown in the past year, and it needs a lot of updating! I was told you write a will as if you were to die tomorrow. A good family lawyer can help make a will (or a trust) easy with just a few questions.

My oldest grandson married recently, and I am about to be a great-grandmother! Being able to help him and plan for the future of my extended family is a blessing. I am able to let them know how much I love and care for them and make my departure easier on them. **No, I am not dying**, but recently as a temple family we lost a dear friend. His family mourned their loss with such grace, that it made me think about my own future.

I'd be happy to share the information I gather and even bring in a planning specialist if any of you are in the same position as I am.

I welcome your input.

Lorraine Mixer
TBS Board President
lornainemixer@aol.com
863-409-8509



If you have questions regarding the presence of a service dog, please contact me:

lornainemixer@aol.com or 863-409-8509.

A Celebration of a Special Life



The family of Philip Grinker, Sandi, Debbi, Rich and Jane would like to personally thank Jan and Polly Weinmann and Michael and Judy Richter for organizing the celebration of life for our family at the Temple.

Thank you, Margo, for making sure we had Zoom, so that our many friends and family could participate in the celebration.

Thank you, Rabbi Herzfeld for the beautiful eulogy.

Thank you all for all your kind notes, phone calls and generous donations in Phil's memory. Phil loved Temple Beth Shalom. He loved participating in the services and High Holiday services. This was his extended family.

Sandi Grinker

PHILIP GRINKER HONORARIUMS		
Aase Feder	Lee Ann Martinez	Karen Neubart
Arlene Greenberg	Kat Smith	Herb & Diane LeShay
Bert Devorsetz	Sybil Weiss	Jerry Heyman
Varda Rotenberg	Beverly Lerner	Polly & Jan Weinmann
Lorraine Mixter	Pam Fox	Greater Winter Haven Democratic Club
Barbara & Clint Brooks	Diana Kramer	Roberta Spaccia, David Johnathan & Families. Gayle Holms & Family
Korina Masters	Sandy Gasson	
Scott & Rhonda Bohlen	Renee & Allan Cohen	
David & Randi Kaplan	Meryl Crews	Tricia Safer
David Altman, MD		

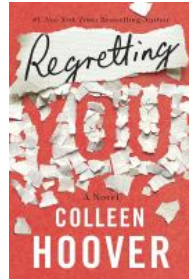




The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13th.

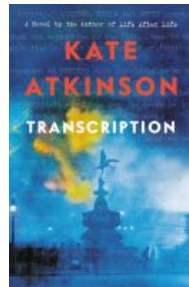
The February choice is:

Regretting You by Colleen Hoover



The March choice is:

Transcription by Kate Atkinson



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

Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

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“I’ve begun to realize that you can listen to silence and learn from it.

It has a quality and a dimension all its own.”

~ Chaim Potok

Shalom Aleichem – *Peace to you!*

Silence can help you learn by listening to what is being said.

Communications among people have changed drastically. We are missing the sit-down conversations.

Text me! We have lost our form of communication to texting. We have lost the feeling of caring that we heard from a voice. It is said that “AI” is the future.

Will Artificial Intelligence be the end of verbal communication?

Some say silence is golden. This past month we have been missing several of our members due to illness and death. It is not a silence we wish to hear. Their voices are the strength of our Congregation.

Alechem Shalom - *To you be peace!*

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 sugar bowls and creamers.

Bring your gently used purses 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 announced).



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!

Catering by: The Catering Co. of Central Florida



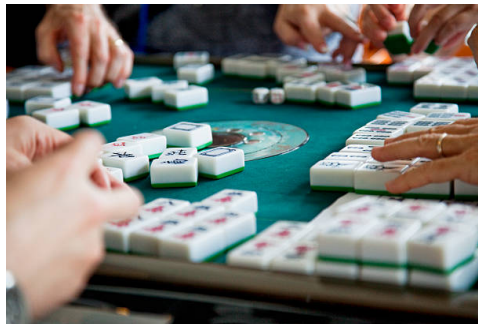
New Member Service

Every year we honor our new members and make a *bracha* and a small housewarming gift.

This year we honor:

Donna & Jack Culver
Sharon Johnson
Deborah Grinker
Ethan Feldman and family
Michael Craig
Donald Maize
Patricia (Trish) Safer

Maj Jong Ladies



The Mah Jong ladies meet every Tuesday at noon.

We love our Maj Ladies. They are sharing the expense of using our building. Thank you, ladies, for your contributions of water, soda, paper towels, flatware, etc.!

Feel free to bring your lunch and eat with them before they play. If you would like to learn how to play Mah Jong, they 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

February Calendar

Feb 2	7:30 p.m.	Religious Services via Zoom
Feb 3	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study via Zoom
Feb 4	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Angie’s Restaurant in the Hamptons Clubhouse
Feb 4	11:00 a.m.	Tea Party organizational meeting at: 1338 Deverly Dr., Lakeland
Feb 6	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Feb 6	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Feb 11	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Feb 13	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Feb 13	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Feb 13	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Feb 16	7:30 p.m.	Religious Service in Person
Feb 17	9:30 a.m.	Torah Study via Zoom
Feb 20	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Feb 20	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Feb 24	10:30 a.m.	Lay Service led by Bert Devorsetz followed by brown bag lunch
Feb 27	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Feb 27	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

For more information, please email: web@templebethshalompolk.org
or call: 863-292-0722

Brotherhood Sisterhood

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood membership is open to all TBS members and their spouses.

Membership dues are \$25 per person annually.

Checks should be sent to: Joseph Rodriguez, 3210 Great Heron Loop
Polk City, Florida, 33868

Brotherhood/Sisterhood will meet:

Sunday, February 4th at 9:00 am for breakfast and our meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.
at Angie's Restaurant in The Hamptons Clubhouse.

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



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.

Please contact Arlene to reserve your Oneg spot or to volunteer to take over this responsibility at:

arlenegreenberg@gmail.com

February 16 Sandi Grinker
Bert Devorsetz and Dottie



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

- Thank you to Rob Lerner for caring for our building and its safety.
- 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.



Donations

- The Maj Jong Ladies continue to make donations to help cover the cost of air conditioning cost and supplies for the building.
- Baron Krisher has made a donation in support of the Jewish Nation.
- Jerry Heyman and Jean Westermann have made a Yahrzeit donation in honor of Sadie Heyman Bergman.

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: lorrainemixter@aol.com



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 December 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**](mailto:Bevlerner@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		

February Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Date	Deceased	Relationship
Feb	Harold Chain	father of Lloyd Chain
1-Feb	Jonas Guttenberg	father of Sandy Adelman Gasson
1-Feb	Harold Devorsetz	father of Bert Devorsetz
Feb	Ella Adelman	grandmother of Jay Adelman;
2-Feb	Isidore Picker	uncle of Brenda Kleinman
2-Feb	Henry Weintraub	father of Jo Ann Lesnett
2-Feb	Irene Gillins	mother of Amy Jo Montgomery
3-Feb	Tobias Arnold Polley	father of Polly Weinmann
5-Feb	Zeal Fisher	husband of Marilyn Fisher; perpetual yahrzeit
6-Feb	Henry Pincus	father of Bernie Pincus
6-Feb	Morris Samuel Segal	grandfather of Jett Segal
7-Feb	Herman Greenbaum	father of Korina Masters
8-Feb	Belle Picker	aunt of Brenda Kleinman
8-Feb	Brett Devorsetz	son of Bert Devorsetz
9-Feb	Ruth Soberman	mother-in-law of Myrna Soberman
10-Feb	Justine Kahana	cousin of Adrienne Sundheim
10-Feb	Ian Peckman	nephew of Renee Cohen
12-Feb	Melanie Friedmann	grandmother of Richard Friedmann
14-Feb	Tillie LeShay	aunt of Herb LeShay
18-Feb	Wayne Scofield	grandson of Diana Kramer
19-Feb	Geraldine Ravdin Pendergast	aunt of Brenda Kleinman
20-Feb	Deborah Ross	wife of Dick Ross
22-Feb	Robert Henry Weinmann II	father of Jan Weinmann
25-Feb	Sam Forman	father of Shelley Epstein
26-Feb	Selma Bauer	mother of Adrienne Sundheim
26-Feb	Robert Crews	brother of James Crews
28-Feb	Louis Geller	father of Milton Geller
29-Feb	Susan Zwerling	perpetual yahrzeit

**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 Mixer (lorrainemixer@aol.com)

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Secretary: Margo Fleisher (margosfb@hotmail.com)

Past President: Joseph Rodriguez (jrodtbs2021@gmail.com)

Trustees

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Sandi Grinker

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Beverly Lerner

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