

Temple Beth Shalom, Polk

Chai Lites

July 2024

Post-October 7th Updates and Resources



Our hearts are with the people of Israel at this difficult time and we pray for the safety and immediate release of all of the hostages.

Learn more about the URJ's longstanding positions on Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and our Israel programs and engagement opportunities. Visit <https://urj.org/blog/urj-and-israel-post-october-7th-updates-and-resources>



President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

Do you know about the URJ? The Union for Reform Judaism. Temple Beth Shalom is a member and as such, we are entitled to training for our board members and anyone in our congregation interested in learning about the makings of a congregation.



Temple Beth Shalom pays dues to URJ and in return we may use many of the items offered for free and at a discount from URJ. Our website is one of those things we have received for free.

Recently, I took a five-week online training in Lay Leadership. I will be leading one of the summer services to put my training to use.

There are many forums under the URJ 'Tent' that we may use when a problem occurs. We can ask a question in the Tent and receive advice from other congregations. Many congregations are similar to ours in size and demographics. Communicating with other 'like congregations' makes it easier to make decisions when you have their experiences as examples.

Yes, our Summer Lay services have begun. July brings new members, mother and son to the pulpit! I hope you will join us at 7pm on Friday, July 12th to meet Krystal and Uriah Rose.

Our Brotherhood/Sisterhood has many plans for the summer. I encourage you to join Brotherhood/Sisterhood, membership is only \$25 for a family. The benefits of a membership in Brotherhood/Sisterhood extend past Temple membership. You get to meet people and engage with them outside of the religious aspect of the congregation. You will see events, restaurants and activities in Polk County as well as meeting congregation members in a different atmosphere.

I look forward to returning to in person services upon my return to Florida in July. Although I've watched our services on Zoom, it does not offer the warmth of praying with the congregation or being present during the oneg, or the pleasure of an Aliyah.

See you soon.

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Uriah Rose



The Book Club will meet
at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9th.

The July choice is:

We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter



The August choice is:

The Women by Kristen Hannah



Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

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“Even if you are on the right track
You’ll get run over if you sit there.”

~ Will Rogers

Shalom Aleichem – *Peace to you!*

We all need to be active. We need to get out and enjoy the direction we are travelling. We see all the roadblocks that need to be removed. If we wait on the track, the next train will be following, and we will need to clear the track before the crash.

Many of us are moving slower today. We are forced to move to the sidetrack. We are being active at a much slower speed. This may be good since we can spend time smelling and seeing the roses.

Come join us for Lunch in July and Pool Party in August.

Do not sit on the track. Pay the conductor and enjoy your travel through life. Choo Choo. “I Think I Can”.

Aleichem Shalom - *To you be peace!*

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

See us on Facebook or our Website – TempleBethShalomPolk.org



July Calendar

Jul 2	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 2	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jul 7	9:00 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Schalamar Creek Community Restaurant in the Clubhouse
Jul 9	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 9	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Jul 9	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jul 12	7:00 p.m.	Summer Lay Services
Jul 14	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Jul 16	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 16	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jul 21	2:00 p.m.	Luncheon at Mojo Federal
Jul 23	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 23	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Jul 26	6:00 p.m.	BBQ Hosted by the Grinker Family followed by Summer Lay Services
Jul 30	10:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Jul 30	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

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



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

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Brunch Has Moved!

We now have brunch 2 miles west of the Hamptons:
Schalamar Creek Golf & Country Club Restaurant – Lower Level
4500 U.S. 92, Lakeland, Florida 33801

Come join us on the First Sunday of each Month
@ 9:10am for Social time and monthly meeting.
Dues are \$25.00 per year for Family Voting Rights.
Everyone is Welcomed to all our Events



Brotherhood/Sisterhood Lunch July 21st @ 2:00pm

Mojo Federal Swine & Spirits
130 S. Tennessee, Lakeland, Fl.
Come Join Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood/Sisterhood
For Lunch and Relaxation.
Vegetarian meal available.
RSVP Joseph Rodriguez: JrodTBS2021@gmail.com
Before July 19, 2024
Street parking or Paid parking lot across the street,
or extra parking at Wells Fargo 113 S. Tennessee



Brotherhood/Sisterhood Pool Party August 17th @ 2:00pm

BayLake Motorcoach Resort

2750 Baylake Resort Road

Polk City, Florida 33868

Off I-4 [exit 44] and Hwy 559 – Behind the Loves Truck Stop

Come Join Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood/Sisterhood
For Pool Party and Relaxation.

\$5.00 per B/S person or \$9.00 per non-member:

Kosher Hot Dogs or

Chicken and Hamburgers

RSVP Joseph Rodriguez: JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

Before August 14th, 2024

Bring a Dish and BYOB!

Entry Gate will be open From 1:00pm to 3:00pm



On May 17 Brotherhood/Sisterhood honored the memory of Phil Grinker with a memorial leaf. Sandi and Debbie Grinker would like to thank the Brotherhood/Sisterhood for honoring Phil in this manner.



Jeff Goldblatt, Joe Rodriguez, Margo Fleisher



Sandi Grinker



Polly Weinmann, Debbie Grinker



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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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, but 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

July 12 Rose Family
July 26 BBQ - Sandi Grinker and Debbie Grinker
August 23 LeeAnn Martinez
September 28 Selichot



Thank Yous: there is always something to be thankful for!

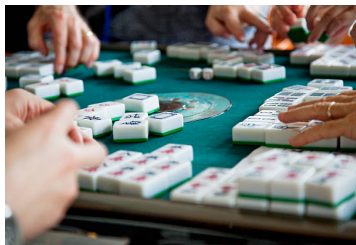


- Thank you to Rob Lerner for caring for our building and its safety.
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for organizing our Onegs.
- Thank you to our Soloist Meryl Crews for her musical performance during our services.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for her photography and directing skills during our Zoom Services and our Board meetings as well as her secretarial skills.
- Thank you to Beverly Lerner for sending thank you notes.
- Thank you to Polly Weinmann for sending greeting cards.
- Thank you to Joseph Rodriguez for conducting the Fire Inspection.

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.
- Jeff Goldblatt has made a yahrzeit donation in honor of Carolyn Goldblatt,
- Margo Fleisher has made a yahrzeit donation in honor of her Aunt Norma.
- Lorraine Mixer has made a yahrzeit donation in honor of her sister-in-law, Carol Hodes.

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.

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

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

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

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	7-Jun	2024	Joseph Rodriguez	13-Aug	2026
Your name here			Beverly Lerner	9-Jun	2028
Brotherhood/Sisterhood	4-May	2031	Jeffrey Goldblatt	13-Jun	2026
Ken Triester	4-Aug	2024	Your name here		
Jerry Kosten	19-Jul	2026	Jerry Heyman	16-Jun	2026
Clint & Barbara Brooks	28-Aug	2024	Korina Masters	18-Aug	2025
Arlene Greenberg	13-Jun	2025	Varda Rottenberg	3-Mar	2025
Janis Koike	26-Jan	2027	Diana Kramer	3-Mar	2025

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
7-Jul	Leonard Rose	Uncle of Uriah Rose
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.

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