

Temple Beth Shalom, Polk

Chai Lites

September 2024

Lay Services

Thank you to all who have volunteered to lead Summer Services.



Bert Devorsetz, led our August evening service. Shown here with Bobby Baum and Michael Richter.



Professor Howard Kerner presented the first "Annual Phil Grinker Memorial Program": **Jewish Athletes and the 1936 Olympics.**



Orlando Iglesias from Lakeland Memorial Gardens, presented Pre-Planning. Information regarding your desires for your funeral and how to pre-plan.



President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

Our summer months have been filled with many activities planned by the Brotherhood/Sisterhood. The Sunday breakfast meetings now have an average of fifteen members. Check out the many planned activities in the pages below, among them is a Mystery Dinner hosted by Polly Weinmann.



The High Holidays are almost upon us. Rabbi Herzfeld will be welcomed back with a lasagna dinner on Selichot, hosted and prepared by Meryl Crews. Be sure to sign up for the "Break the Fast" after Yom Kippur Services hosted by Trish Safer.

I look forward to joining you in prayer and reflection during the High Holidays. Your seats for High Holidays are included in your paid membership dues. Guests are asked to contribute a donation of \$100 per person* (includes all services). Your donation may be used toward your annual membership. Break the Fast is offered after Yom Kippur. Please bring a dish to share or donate \$10 if you do not provide a dish to share.

As we get closer to the High Holidays, please think about how you can assist our congregation. We always need funds for repairs and painting the building. Our kitchen could use some updating – new garbage disposal, new dishwasher, new ice maker and replacement water filters. In addition, your gift could fund a visiting cantor or a speaker on subjects pertinent to our congregation.

I have been asking for a volunteer to be responsible for seeing to the repairs of the building. You would do not have to do the repairs yourself, instead, you would hire the repairperson, oversee the repair, and organize the payment for the repair. Please let me know if you have an interest in being that person.

As always, I am looking forward to seeing you at services or outside activities.

Lorraine Mixer
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The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10th.

The September choice is:

The Woman by Kristen Hannah



The October choice is:

The Measure by Nikki Erlick



Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

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“No one is perfect. That is why pencils have erasers.”

~ Wolfgang Riebe

Shalom Aleichem – *Peace to you!*

Remember when school did not start until after Labor Day. Most of the crop was getting ready for harvest and the children were needed to work on the farm. That was our agrarian society then. The Cultivating of the land.

Today, we cultivate the student by starting school in August. The semester: completed in December, no long winter break and then exams. We would forget everything we learned or cultivated in our head during the winter break. We see how long it has taken for school districts to change their academic calendar in favor of the students. Often, I have thought of other teachers and school districts who really do not support the students and student needs. Giving more money does not always work in improving the situation. There has to be a want to improve.

Erasing ideas that have worked well for years and replacing them with others sometimes work. You need to try it to see if it works. While parents complain about the early start of the school year, it appears that the students are doing better at the end of the semester. We are fortunate to be living in Florida where the weather works with our school year.

Meanwhile, the weather was great for our Pool Party BBQ. Sixteen came out to Bay Lake Motor Coach Resort and enjoyed the day. Thank you to everyone who helped me while I was down with a cold.

Aleichem Shalom - *To you be peace!*

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

JrodTBS2021@gmail.com

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Welcome Back Dinner with the Rabbi

Enjoy the Selichot meal with Rabbi Herzfeld. September
28th, 2024

5:30 pm

\$15 per person – members

\$18 per person – nonmembers

MENU

Lasagna

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

The Rabbi is looking forward to dining with you.

Please RSVP to Sandi Grinker no later than September 24th
at: sandigrinker@gmail.com or 863-207-7440

Your check is your reservation. Send your check to Temple Beth Shalom
P.O. Box 313, Winter Haven, FL 33882

You may also pay via Zelle to: web@templebethshalompolk.org

September Calendar

Sep 1	9:00 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Schalar Creek Community Restaurant
Sep 3	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Sep 3	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Sep 7	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lay Services – Arlene Greenberg and Lee Ann Martinez
Sep 8	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Sep 10	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Sep 10	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Sep 10	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Sep 14	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lay Services – Lorraine Mixer
Sep 17	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Sep 17	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Sep 22	2:00 p.m.	Afternoon at the Movies - BayLake Motorcoach Resort 2750 Baylake Resort Road, Polk City, Florida 33868
Sep 24	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Sep 24	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Sep 27	7:30 p.m.	Zoom Religious Service
Sep 28	6:00 p.m.	Selichot Dinner and Service
Sep 30	10:00 a.m.	Polk County Crime Lab Tour

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.
@ 9:00 am for social time and monthly meeting following.
Dues are \$25.00 per year for Family Voting Rights.
Everyone is Welcome to all our Events.

Afternoon at the Movies Sept. Sept. 22nd @ 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
RSVP Joseph Rodriguez: JrodTBS2021@gmail.com
Entry Gate will be open from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Polk County Crime lab Tour Sept. 30th @ 10:00am
Please RSVP to Jeff Goldblatt: 540-907-9815 or
auinoh@sbcglobal.net

Bonnet Springs Tour and Luncheon Sept. Nov. 17th @ 11:00am
Information provided in the October issue of Chai Lites.



Bearing Witness: Kristallnacht & 60th Anniversary Memorial Scrolls Trust Gathering

November 10 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Ora. 578 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL 34232

Carpool will leave the Temple after the Board Meeting.



Join us as we commemorate Kristallnacht and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Memorial Scrolls Trust. Together, we will remember Kristallnacht as both the end of the beginning and the beginning of the end of the Holocaust, when on November 9 and 10, 1938, Jewish homes, places of business and synagogues were ransacked in Germany, Austria, Prussia and Czechoslovakia.

We will honor the survivors who bore witness to these tragic events, their descendants who continue to share their stories and uphold their legacy, and the Torah scrolls rescued from Czechoslovakia that also bore witness to the atrocities. This occasion is a profound reminder of the importance of remembrance and the enduring impact of history.

Among the group of 1,564 scrolls which were collected by the Jewish Community in Prague during the Nazi occupation and are part of the UK Memorial Scrolls Trust, now celebrating its 60th Anniversary, 98 scrolls are being safeguarded in Florida in various Jewish Museums, Centers and Synagogues, many of which will be participating and on view during this once-in-a-lifetime event.

These Torah scrolls represent the vibrant cultural and religious life of Czech Jewry that once existed. These sacred objects survived when 85% of Czech Jews were murdered in the Shoah. After being collected, stored, moved and eventually sent to London, these scrolls are eyewitnesses to the atrocities of the Holocaust and the tangible links from past generations to today. We honor the Jews killed in the Holocaust and celebrate the continuity of Jewish life today.



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 wonderful 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

September 28 Selichot Lorraine Mixer

October 12 Break the Fast Trish Safer

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



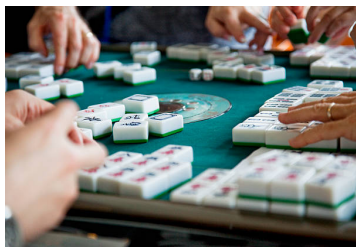
- Thank you to Bobby Baum for providing delicious homemade Challah.
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for organizing our Onegs.
- Thank you to our Soloist Meryl Crews for her musical performance during our services.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for her photography and directing skills during our Zoom Services and our Board meetings as well as her secretarial skills.
- Thank you to Meryl Crews for coordinating with the exterminator.
- Thank you to Beverly Lerner for sending thank you notes.
- Thank you to Polly Weinmann for sending greeting cards.

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.
- Sandi Grinker has made a donation to thank Howard Kerner for honoring the memory of Phil Grinker.
- Sandy Gasson has made a donation in memory of Sue Issacs.



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
Your name here			Joseph Rodriguez	13-Aug	2026
Your name here			Beverly Lerner	9-Jun	2028
Brotherhood/Sisterhood	4-May	2031	Jeffrey Goldblatt	13-Jun	2026
Your name here			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

September Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Date	Deceased	Relationship
Sep	Marilyn Fisher Goodman	wife of Rabbi Robert Goodman
Sep	Rose Korn (Reizel bat Zvi)	mother of Howard Korn
1-Sep	Ruth Landesman	mother of Deanna Schwartz
2-Sep	Chuck Bendersky	perpetual yahrzeit
3-Sep	Mae Gasson	mother-in- law of Sandy Gasson
3-Sep	Jacob Martinez	husband of LeeAnn Martinez
5-Sep	Carol Lemonds	mother of Craig Lemonds
7-Sep	Louis Epstein	father of Joe Epstein
7-Sep	Helene Spiwak	mother of Randy Spiwak
7-Sep	Gertrude Wacks	mother of Lois Levine
9-Sep	Jacqueline Edelstein	Aunt of Uriah Rose
9-Sep	Sam Miller	Father of Steve Miller
9-Sep	Rebecca Studiem	mother of Sheila Watkins
9-Sep	Arnold Geller	brother of Saul Siegel
10-Sep	Sam Kosten	father of Jerry Kosten
10-Sep	Harry Mayer (founding member)	father of Max Mayer
12-Sep	Bernard Horowitz	father of Stephen Horowitz
13-Sep	Arnold Weitzenkorn	father of Paul Weitzenkorn
15-Sep	Joseph Rotenberg	father-in-law of Varda Rotenberg
15-Sep	Gladys Cohen (Malka)	mother of Allen Cohen
16-Sep	Harry Brand	grandfather of Michelle Wilson
16-Sep	Phillip F. Lerner	grandfather of Rob Lerner
17-Sep	Herman Danzig	wife of Rabbi Robert Goodman
17-Sep	Louis Halpert	mother of Howard Korn
18-Sep	Hyam Kantor	mother of Deanna Schwartz
18-Sep	Linda Small	perpetual yahrzeit
19-Sep	Morris Steinberg	mother-in- law of Sandy Gasson
19-Sep	Inga Davis	husband of LeeAnn Martinez
20-Sep	Isabel Kaskel	mother of Craig Lemonds
21-Sep	Helyne Treister	father of Joe Epstein
25-Sep	Robert Morris	mother of Randy Spiwak
25-Sep	Shirley Fisher	mother of Lois Levine
28-Sep	Harry Ross	Aunt of Uriah Rose
29-Sep	Bruce Shuster	Father of Steve Miller

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.

High Holiday Schedule

Friday, September 27	7:30 p.m.	Religious Service on Zoom
Saturday, September 28	5:30 p.m.	Welcome Back Dinner
Saturday, September 28	7:00 p.m.	Selichot Service
Wednesday, October 2	7:30 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, October 3	10:30 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Friday, October 11	7:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur Service
Saturday, October 12	10:30 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	3:00 p.m.	Discussion
	4:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
	4:30 p.m.	Stone Service followed by Yiskor
	5:00 p.m.	Neilah
	6:00 p.m.	Break the Fast

Please call for tickets and reservations: 863-292-0722

\$100, per person is the customary donation. Your check should be sent to:

Temple Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 313, Winter Haven, FL 33882.

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October Calendar

Oct 1	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 1	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 2	7:30 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Oct 3	10:30 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Oct 6	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Schalamar Creek Community Restaurant
Oct 8	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 8	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Oct 8	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 8	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 8	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 11	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur Service
Oct 12	10:30 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service
Oct 12	3:00 p.m.	Discussion
Oct 12	4:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
Oct 12	4:30 p.m.	Stone Service followed by Yiskor
Oct 12	5:00 p.m.	Neilah
Oct 12	6:00 p.m.	Break the Fast
Oct 13	9:30 a.m.	Temple Board Meeting
Oct 13	11:00 a.m.	Decorate the Sukkah
Oct 15	10:15 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 15	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

'Extremely rare, beautiful' First Temple-era 'genie' seal discovered in Jerusalem



By Gavriel Fiske

A rare and unique First Temple period stone seal that features paleo-Hebrew script and an image of a protective demon or genie has been discovered in Jerusalem, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced Thursday.

The small, black stone seal is “one of the most beautiful ever discovered in excavations in ancient Jerusalem, and is executed at the highest artistic level,” Dr. Yuval Baruch and Navot Rom, IAA excavation directors, said in the statement.

The seal was discovered in the Davidson Archaeological Garden, just south of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem’s Old City, during ongoing excavations jointly conducted by the Israel Antiquities Authority and the City of David Foundation.

The artifact, thought by experts to be some 2,700 years old, is engraved with the words “LeYeho’ezer ben Hosh’ayahu” — “For Yeho’ezer son of Hosh’ayahu” — in paleo-Hebrew script. The words are in mirror writing so that the seal could be used to impress the words into wax.

The winged figure on the seal is “in a distinct Neo-Assyrian style” that is “unique and very rare in the glyphic styles of the late First Temple period,” IAA archaeologist Baruch said. This shows the “clearly evident” influence of the ascendant Assyrian Empire, “which had conquered the entire region,” he said.

The seal, which has a hole running through it so that it could be attached to a chain and worn around the neck, also features an image of a winged figure, thought to be a demon or genie, that shows an Assyrian influence.

The image is “depicted in profile... with wings; wearing a long, striped shirt, and striding towards the right. The figure has a mane of long curls covering the nape of the neck, and on its head is a hat or a crown. The figure raises one arm forward, with an open palm; perhaps to suggest some object it is holding,” the IAA said.

“This is an extremely rare and unusual discovery. This is the first time that a winged ‘genie’ – a protective magical figure – has been found in Israeli and regional archaeology. Figures of winged demons are known in the Neo-Assyrian art of the 9th-7th Centuries BCE, and they were considered a kind of protective demon,” Dr. Filip Vukosavović, an assyriologist and IAA archaeologist, said of the seal.

It seems the seal originally contained just the image of the winged figure, and the text was inscribed later. At first, the item was probably “worn as an amulet around the neck of a man named Hosh’ayahu, who held a senior position in the Kingdom of Judah’s administration,” the IAA said.

When Hosh’ayahu died, his son Yeho’ezer inherited the seal, and he “added his name and his father’s name on either side of the demon,” in an effort to “directly appropriate to himself the beneficial qualities he believed the talisman embodied as a magical item,” the archaeologists hypothesized.

The name Yeho’ezer appears in the Bible in “its abbreviated form” of Yo’ezer, one of King David’s warriors mentioned in Chronicles I 12:7, the IAA noted. Also, in Jeremiah (43:2), which depicts events thought to have occurred during the

same period that the seal was in use, the name “Azariah ben Hosh’aya” appears. “Hosh’aya” is the abbreviated form of Hosh’ayahu.

“Yet within that feeling, this Yeho’ezer also held firmly onto his local identity, and thus his name is written in Hebrew script, and his name is a Hebrew name, which belongs to Judah’s culture,” he added.

This dual nature of the artifact, containing both Judaic and Assyrian elements, shows “the extent of Assyrian culture’s influence in our region, and especially in Jerusalem,” something that in recent years has become increasingly evident due to the ongoing excavations in the Old City and the City of David, Baruch said.

More information about the seal is to be presented to the public next week, at the annual “City of David Research Conference,” which takes place on Wednesday, September 4 in Jerusalem.



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