

Temple Beth Shalom, Polk

Chai Lites

November 2024

Sukkot



Our Sukkah dressed in its finest! Yes, that's Jimmy Crews on the ladder repairing the damage done by Hurricane Milton.

Meryl, Sandi, Debbie, Lorraine and Margo help with decorating.

Thank you to Meryl for putting all the decorations away.



President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

I thought I would go over some Temple policies, since I have recently had some discussions regarding our Temple "dues". Our fiscal year runs from May 1 thru April 30th (what a bargain).



Our dues have not changed in many, many years. Individual or single membership is \$500 a year. Family membership is \$900 a year. Your membership includes all your High Holiday services and a discount on activities and dinners.

Your participation as a member of Temple Beth Shalom keeps our congregation a vital religious organization. We welcome members to serve on our Board of Trustees as an officer or as a trustee. We welcome you to perform an Aliyah, lead a Shabbat service, or host an oneg.

We are always looking for ideas for fund raising. Our fund raisers help pay for essentials such as repairs to our building, maintenance on our air conditioning and many other necessities.

We welcome new members, and we honor them at our annual New Member Service.

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

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Temple Beth Shalom Board

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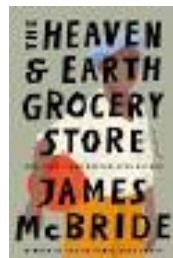
Uriah Rose



The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12th.

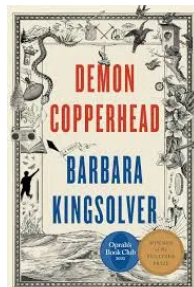
The November choice is:

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride



The December choice is:

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver



Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

2024 November Chai Lites

“Quite often, while I’m getting up in the morning,
I think my warranty is running out on these body parts
because it’s not working quite the way it used to.”

~ John Glenn

Shalom Aleichem!

Since December it appears that my body parts are not working well. Each month this year I have had problems. So many problems that may have caused the death of my primary doctor. Only one more month this year after this month. This month, it is a cyst on my *tuchus*.

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood continues activities. A group went to Bonnet Springs and had a relaxing day. The weather was great. A new butterfly collection has started and is growing. Our next outing is lunch at Il Forno on November 17th.

On November 9th I will be leading the Lay Service. Call me if you wish to assist.
HELP!

REMEMBER: Tuesday November 5th is General Election Day. As I would tell my Government Students: “Do your responsibility and VOTE. I do not care who you vote for – just vote for what is best for yourself.”

Well, most of my body parts have been rehabbed and I am planning my return to a normal lifestyle.

May Peace Be with You!

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

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See us on Facebook or our Website

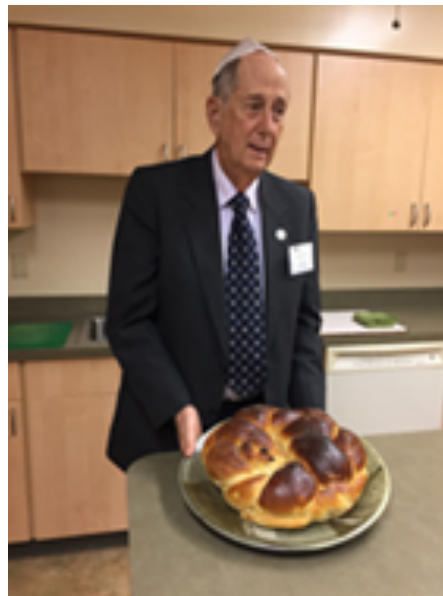


Dinner with the Rabbi

Enjoy a meal with Rabbi Herzfeld, take the opportunity to chat with the Hosts and the Rabbi.

Contact Lorraine Mixter at: lorrainemixer@aol.com for your opportunity to host the Rabbi.

Sign up to host the Rabbi by contacting Lorraine Mixter: lorrainemixer@aol.com 863-409-8509



Bobby
Baum
made us a
delicious
Challah for
Rosh
Hashanah!

November Calendar

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| Nov 3 | 9:30 a.m. | Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Schalamar Creek Community Restaurant |
| Nov 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Nov 5 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Nov 9 | 11:00 a.m. | Lay Service |
| Nov 10 | 9:30 a.m. | TBS Board Meeting |
| Nov 10 | 11:00 a.m. | Kristallnacht & 60th Anniversary Memorial Scrolls Trust Gathering |
| Nov 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Nov 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Book Club |
| Nov 12 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Nov 17 | 2:00 p.m. | Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon at Il Forno Restaurant in Lakeland |
| Nov 19 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Nov 19 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Nov 22 | 7:30 p.m. | Religious Service |
| Nov 23 | 9:30 a.m. | Torah Study – in Person in the Social Hall/Hybrid Zoom |
| Nov 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Nov 26 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Oct 29 | 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.

We brunch @Schalamar Creek Golf & Country Club Restaurant
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.

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood is an active, vibrant part of Temple Beth Shalom. While our main purpose is to raise money for the Temple, we are involved in many other valuable functions.

We get together for social, cultural, and educational activities during the year. We meet for dinner at local restaurants, tour museums, and visit local parks and water ways in and around Polk County. Most recently we visited Bonnet Springs Park in Lakeland and the Polk County Sheriff's office for a very educational private tour. When we're not busy socializing we serve as ushers and greeters during Shabbat and holiday services.

Our monthly meetings are fun, lively and informative. Please join us on Sunday, November 6 at Shalimar Creek restaurant at 9AM for breakfast. The meeting will begin at 9:30. Membership in the Brotherhood Sisterhood is \$25 for the year.

Joseph Rodriguez, treasurer

Jeffrey Goldblatt, vice president

Beverly Lerner, president

Ethan Feldman, secretary

**Join the Brotherhood/Sisterhood for luncheon at Il Forno
November 17th at 2pm**

RSVP to by November 14th to:

Sandi Grinker sandigrinker@gmail.com or 863-207-7440



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

November 22 Uriah Rose

December 27 Chanukah Dinner

January 17 Margo Fleisher

February 14 Polly & Jan Weinmann



2024 – 2025 Directories are ready

Many thanks to Ethan Feldman for his diligent work to format our 2024 – 2025 Directory.

If you received an email copy, the printed version has many corrections. Members only are invited to pick up a copy of the printed version.

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



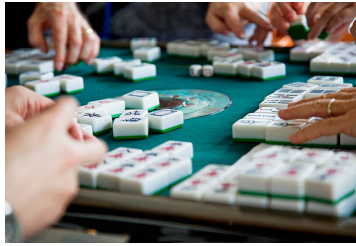
- Thank you to Bobby Baum for providing delicious homemade Challah.
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for organizing our Onegs.
- Thank you to our Soloist Meryl Crews for her musical performance during our services.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for her photography and directing skills during our Zoom Services and our Board meetings as well as her secretarial skills.
- Thank you to Meryl Crews for coordinating and paying for the exterminator.
- Thank you to Meryl Crews for sending out Chai Lites to those who do not have access to email.
- 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.
- Deena Williams has made a generous donation to the Temple.
- Beverly Lerner has made a donation in honor of the New Year.
- Trish Safr has made a donation for those guests who attended High Holiday Services.
- Allen and Renee Cohen have made a yahrzeit donation in memory of their loved ones who have passed.
- Bert Devorsetz has made a High Holiday donation.



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

Special Projects

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

November Yahrzeits

| Yahrzeit Date | Deceased | Relationship |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Helen Seligman | Helen Seligman |
| 11/2 | Lina Cohen | Lina Cohen |
| 11/4 | Robert Smith | Robert Smith |
| 11/12 | Max Goldstein | Max Goldstein |
| 11/12 | Marjorie Myers | Marjorie Myers |
| 11/13 | Lillian Sonnenschein | Lillian Sonnenschein |
| 11/13 | Jacob Bovarsky | Jacob Bovarsky |
| 11/13 | Ida Eisenberg | Ida Eisenberg |
| 11/13 | Gertrude Peckman | Gertrude Peckman |
| 11/15 | Joseph M. Cohen | Joseph M. Cohen |
| 11/15 | Joe Bronstein | Joe Bronstein |
| 11/15 | Heather Morris | Heather Morris |
| 11/15 | Florence Kerner | Florence Kerner |
| 11/16 | William Landesman | William Landesman |
| 11/17 | Ruth Wolfe | Ruth Wolfe |
| 11/16 | Masuo John Koike | Masuo John Koike |
| 11/19 | Theresa Poller-Bendon | Theresa Poller-Bendon |
| 11/21 | Anne Feder | Anne Feder |
| 11/22 | Elliott Fleisher | Elliott Fleisher |
| 11/22 | Max Silverman | Max Silverman |
| 11/24 | Julia Ann Weinmann | Julia Ann Weinmann |
| 11/24 | Sheila Fendler | Sheila Fendler |
| 11/28 | Gladys Lowy | Gladys Lowy |
| 11/28 | Beatrice Briklod | Beatrice Briklod |
| 11/29 | Dora Zulver | Dora Zulver |
| 11/30 | Martin W. Lerner | Martin W. Lerner |

**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.

December Calendar

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| Dec 1 | 9:30 a.m. | Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Schalamar Creek Community Restaurant |
| Dec 3 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Dec 3 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Dec 10 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Dec 10 | 11:00 a.m. | Book Club |
| Dec 10 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Dec 17 | 10:00 a.m. | Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston |
| Dec 17 | 12:00 p.m. | Maj Jong |
| Dec 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Chanukah Dinner and Service |



Break the Fast

This year Trish Safer graciously offered to cater the Break the Fast.





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



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