

Temple Beth Shalom, Polk

# *Chai Lites*

October 2024

Welcome to 5785



**Wishing you all a joyous, healthy and prosperous new year.**



# President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

Shana Tova! To get our building ready for the High Holidays, I have been busy. The exterior has had a major 'façade lift'. The team of J & J power washed our building, replaced broken light fixtures, attached downspouts to the gutters, replacing missing fascia, etc. Our beloved Bema had some renovation as well after panels began to loosen and fall. I hope you enjoy the 'clean' entrance as you enter the sanctuary.



Israel and its neighbors are currently at odds with no end in sight. October 7<sup>th</sup> will be an anniversary of the worst attack on Jews since the Holocaust. There are still hostages in captivity. We cannot pray hard enough or loud enough or long enough to bring peace to the region. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, I hope you participate in an event in recognition of the lives lost.

There is a Jewish custom of learning Torah, particularly Mishnah, to elevate the souls of the departed. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, I would ask you to remember those killed since October 7, 2023 and pray for those still in captivity and in danger.

I hope you will join us during the High Holidays for renewal and reflection. May you grow, connect with others and enjoy fulfillment in all you do.

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

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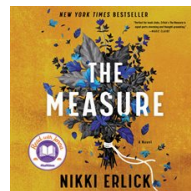
Uriah Rose



The Book Club will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

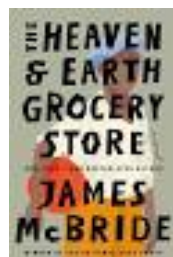
The October choice is:

*The Measure* by Nikki Erlich



The November choice is:

*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride



# Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

2024 October Chai Lites

“The starting point of all achievement is DESIRE.”

Keep this constantly in mind.

Weak desire brings weak results, just as a small fire makes a small amount of heat.”

~ Napoleon Hill

Shalom Aleichem!

We start with an idea, promote it, and attempt to accomplish it.

For several years, the Brotherhood/Sisterhood [aka B/S] has tried different activities attempting to find what members wish to do. We have learned to have the activities earlier, out of the heat, have a fair price, sometimes it is cheaper on week days or ‘early bird’, try to include those who work or have problems walking or driving, and do not forget we need to get home for the DOG is waiting.

Since I have been unable to travel this past year, B/S had a BBQ/Pool Party on a Sunday and on another Sunday a Social/Movie gathering at my clubhouse at BayLake Motorcoach Resort. It is interesting to see the changes in members’ attitudes & latitudes of the distance to travel because of their desire for something to do. A few years ago, comments were made of how far my community was from Temple Beth Shalom and Winter Haven. I can assume that my home has moved closer to the synagogue, for members are willing to come to Baylake or is it the fire within to have a nice casual activity among Sisters and Brothers.

That fire within is what feeds you to achieve. *Come on Baby – Lite my Fire!*

May Peace Be With You!

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

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## Welcome Back Dinner with the Rabbi

We welcomed the Rabbi back with a delicious dinner during our Selichot service.



We heard the blowing of the Shofar!



# October Calendar

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 Meeting at Schalamar Creek Restaurant
Oct 8	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 8	11:00 a.m.	Book Club – The Measure
Oct 8	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 11	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur
Oct 12	10:30 a.m.	Yom Kippur morning Service – see schedule for details of the day
Oct 13	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Oct 13	11:00 a.m.	Decorate the Sukkah
Oct 15	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 15	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Oct 25	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat/Sukkot Service
Oct 26	9:30 a.m.	Zoom Torah Study
Oct 29	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Oct 29	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong

For more information, please email: [web@templebethshalompolk.org](mailto: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.*

**Bonnet Springs Tour and Luncheon October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**  
**Information will be provided in a separate email.**



## **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 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mom2furkids1@gmail.com)

	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](mailto:arlenegreenberg@gmail.com)

October 12 Break the Fast Trish Safer
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## Thank Yous: there is always something to be thankful for!



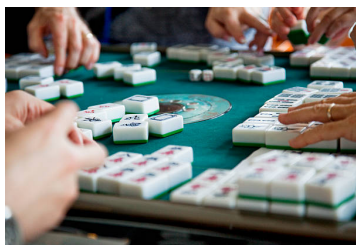
- Thank you to Bobby Baum for providing delicious homemade Challah.
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for organizing our Onegs.
- Thank you to our Soloist Meryl Crews for her musical performance during our services.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for her photography and directing skills during our Zoom 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.
- Lee Ann Martinez has made a donation in memory of Sue Issacs.
- Sandy Gasson has made a donation in memory of Marcia Adelson.
- Nancy Thompson has made a donation in memory of Phil Grinker.
- Sybil Weiss has made a donation in memory of Sue Segal Issacs.
- Jordan Cokee has made a donation in honor of the High Holidays.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



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](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
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

## 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
23-Oct	Simeon Heller	Uncle of Polly Weinmann
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.

# High Holiday Schedule

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.	Kol Nidre/Erev 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 for non-members which can be applied to your membership. Your check should be sent to:

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

You may also pay via Zelle to: [web@templebethshalompolk.org](mailto:web@templebethshalompolk.org)



# November Calendar

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	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Nov 5	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
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
Nov 26	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Nov 26	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong



# Break the Fast

After our Yom Kippur service on October 12<sup>th</sup>,  
we will join Trish Safer to Break the Fast.



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