

Temple Beth Shalom, Polk

Chai Lites

March 2025

A 90th Celebration

Our Maj Jong ladies honored Sandy Gasson with a birthday luncheon to celebrate her 90th birthday in style!



President's Musings

by Lorraine Mixer

This time of year our congregation prepares for the Annual Meeting. Our Past President is looking for volunteers to fill spaces on the Temple Board of Directors. When he approaches you, please consider the future of our congregation and be generous with your time.



Rabbi Herzfeld has offered his resignation at the end of his contract this year and I, sadly, have accepted it. Rabbi Herzfeld has spent 13 years as our spiritual leader. We are grateful for his longevity with our temple family and wish him all the best in his next role, whatever that may be.

Sandi Grinker is chairing our Rabbi search. If you are on the Search committee you must complete two (2) trainings. The trainings may be done on zoom or in person. Dates and times will be announced.

Purim is our next celebration. Rabbi Herzfeld has always invited a guest to our Purim service. We never know who will show up! Join Rabbi H for a joyous celebration with a *megillah* reading. Come dressed as your favorite character from the *Megillah Esther*. After the reading join us for some delicious *hamantaschen*!

We are in the planning stages for our Passover Seder. If you would like to help plan the seder meal, set up the room, help serve or do clean up, please let me know.

I am stepping down as President of the Congregation. I've enjoyed working with the current board members. My thanks to all of them.

My prayers for Meryl have never stopped. I hope she returns to us soon, but meanwhile, please visit her. Our constant presence at her bedside is a reminder that she needs to hurry and get well.

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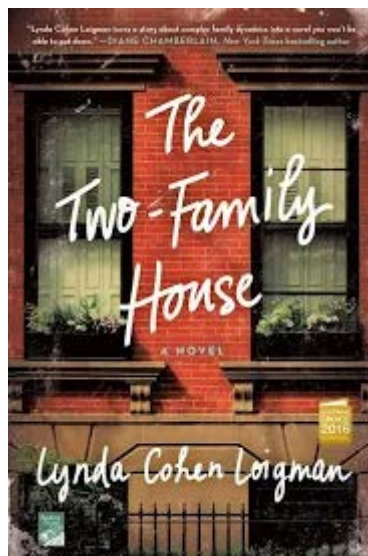
Uriah Rose



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

The March choice is:

The Two – Family House by Lynda Cohen Loigman



Our Tu B'shevat Celebration



Uriah Rose, LeeAnn Martinez,
Sharon Johnson and Rabbi Herzfeld



The species ready for tasting.



Margo Fleisher and Howard Kerner



Yes, she gets lots of love! Here is our own Meryl and Jimmy Crews
visiting with Krystal and Uriah Rose.



Notes from the Past Pres.

by Joseph Rodriguez

2025 March Chai Lites

“The best way to cheer yourself is to cheer somebody else up.”

~ Albert Einstein

A good laugh with friends is a way to cheer everyone on. In June 2025, we are planning *Cabaret Risqué*, an afternoon of interaction, fun, education and laughter presented by the Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood/Sisterhood directed by Beverly Lerner, President of the Brotherhood/Sisterhood. Snacks, candy, chips, refreshments, soda, soft drinks, pop, and beer will be available during the show. We will have a 50/50 donation. If you would like to perform, please contact Beverly Lerner or me. Advance tickets will cost \$10.00 or \$18.00 at the door. LIMITED SEATING, so get your tickets now from B/S Treasurer – ME!

I want to thank Sandi Grinker for getting tickets for *Tony 'n Tina's Wedding* at the Ritz in Winter Haven. I really enjoyed the interaction with the actors and the music. The interaction is what I would like to see at our *Cabaret Risqué*.

As Past President my duty per By-Laws is to chair a committee for Slate of Officers. Our Annual Meeting is at the end of April. Meryl Crews was planning to be Temple Treasurer but due to her health may not be able to be Treasurer, therefore, we are in need for someone to cover this position until she recovers. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Shalom Aleichem!

May Peace Be With You!

Joseph Rodriguez, Past President

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See us on Facebook or on our Website



Dinner with the Rabbi

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

Sign up to host the Rabbi on March 14th by contacting

Lorraine Mixer:

lorrainemixer@aol.com 863-409-8509



March Calendar

Mar 2	9:30 a.m.	Brotherhood/Sisterhood at Schalamar Creek Community Restaurant
Mar 4	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Mar 4	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Mar 9	9:30 a.m.	TBS Board Meeting
Mar 11	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Mar 11	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
Mar 11	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Mar 14	7:30 p.m.	Purim/Shabbat Religious Service
Mar 15	10:00 a.m.	Torah Study
Mar 18	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Mar 18	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Mar 25	10:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga with Joyce Preston
Mar 25	12:00 p.m.	Maj Jong
Mar 29	11:00 a.m.	Lay Service – Arlene Greenberg

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.

We have brunch at 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. 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, January 5th at Schalamar Creek restaurant at 9AM for breakfast. The meeting will begin at 9:30.

Membership in the Brotherhood Sisterhood is \$25 for the year.

- Beverly Lerner, president
- Jeffrey Goldblatt, vice president
- Joseph Rodriguez, treasurer
- Ethan Feldman, secretary



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

March 14 Bert Devorsetz and Dottie



2024 – 2025 Directories are ready

Many thanks to Ethan Feldman for his diligent work formatting 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 Diana Kramer for organizing *Aliyahs* on Shabbat.
- Thank you to Bobby Baum for providing delicious homemade Challah.
- Thank you to Arlene Greenberg for organizing our Onegs.
- Thank you to Margo Fleisher for her photography and directing skills during our Zoom Services and our Board meetings & Torah Study as well as her secretarial skills.
- Thank you to Meryl Crews family for coordinating and paying for the exterminator.
- Thank you to Beverly Lerner for sending thank you notes.
- Thank you to Polly Weinmann for sending greeting cards.
- Thank you to the Maj Jong ladies for their donations.

Donations

- Lorraine Mixter has made a yearzeit donation in honor of her grandfather Harry Goldstein, her aunt Arline Peters and her father Leonard Hodes.
- Beverly Lerner has made a donation in honor of Meryl Crews' speedy recovery.
- Sandy Gasson has made a donation in honor of the wedding of Eliot Chayt.
- Baron Krisher has made a donation in honor of the Jewish people.



Lay Services

March 29th, 11:00 a.m.

Led by Arlene Greenberg.

All are invited to worship.



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.



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
Diana Kramer	3-Mar	2026	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
Bobby Baum	3-Mar	2026	Your name here		
Barbara Brooks	28-Aug	2027	Korina Masters	18-Aug	2025
Arlene Greenberg	13-Jun	2025	Varda Rottenberg	3-Mar	2026

March Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit Date	Deceased	Relationship
Mar	Beth Cheryle Chain	sister of Lloyd Chain
Mar	Morris Spiwak	grandfather of Randy Spiwak
Mar	Samuel Essig	grandfather of Robert Poller
Mar	Louis Steckel	grandfather of Robert Poller
Mar	Art Levine	husband of Lois Levine
1-Mar	Pauline Kantor	grandmother of Irwin Korn
1-Mar	Ruth Soberman	mother-in-law of Myrna Soberman
2-Mar	Harry Goldstein	grandfather of Lorraine Mixter
4-Mar	Ernie Hewitt	brother of Deena Williams
5-Mar	Victoria Braverman	perpetual yahrzeit
8-Mar	Harry Small	father of Norman Small
10-Mar	Leonard Hodes	father of Lorraine Mixter
10-Mar	Helen Handler	mother of Meryl Crews
11-Mar	Tad Michael Stoler	perpetual Yahrzeit
16-Mar	Isabel Antonia Rodriguez	mother of Joseph Rodriguez
16-Mar	Herman Mervis	father of Allan Mervis
18-Mar	Philip Adelman	father of Jay Adelman, former husband of Sandy Gasson
19-Mar	Edward Kimmel	former husband of Brenda Kleinman
23-Mar	Oscar Sandler	uncle of Steven Chayt
23-Mar	Murray Handler	father of Meryl Crews
23-Mar	Stan Friedmann	father of Richard Friedmann
24-Mar	Julius Cohen	father of Bev Lerner
26-Mar	Abraham Shuller	grandfather of Sharon Shuller
26-Mar	Laura Kleinman	mother of Irwin Kleinman
26-Mar	Miriam Landau Segal	grandmother of Jett Segal
26-Mar	Elaine Mazzio	sister of Jacki Korn
27-Mar	Herman Baum	father of Robert Baum
27-Mar	George Feder	brother of Art Feder
29-Mar	Charlotte Devorsetz	mother of Bert Devorsetz
30-Mar	Aharon Rotenberg	husband of Varda Rotenberg
30-Mar	Arline Peters	aunt of Lorraine Mixter

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.

Candles may be purchased at the temple.

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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