

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

MAY 2017



# Chai Lites

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## **Congratulations to the new officers and trustees of Temple Beth Shalom**

### **2017 Officers**

**President – Meryl Crews • Vice President – Renee Cohen  
Secretary – Janis Koike • Treasurer – Louis Calabretta  
Past President – Margo Fleisher**

### **2017 Trustees**

**Martin Halpert • Jessica Brucks • Howard Korn  
Beverly Lerner • Joseph Rodriguez • Lorraine Mixer**

## **A Message From Our Past President**

**S**halom y'all! We were happy to see all of our Temple Beth Shalom family members that came out for our Annual Meeting on April 30. We enjoyed feelings of pride in our year's accomplishments and optimism for our coming year. If you missed the meeting, here are some "chailights"!

Our now exiting Board members and Executives brought our organization to a place of financial stability and social expansion. We thank Meryl Chayt and the Finance (Rob Lerner and Jerry Heyman) and Cemetery Committee (Janis Koike and Jeanne Heyman) for their efforts, identifying opportunities for reducing costs and increasing revenue. We thank all of you, as almost all member dues are up to date. We are delighted to have several new members among us this year, and some came onto our Board! Thank you, Joyce Preston, for welcoming new TBS family members with your sweet smile. Thank you Sue Zwerling for your quiet, but powerful presence, and your clarity of ideas. Diana Kramer, you bring excellence to all you do, whether it is supporting our social events or coordinating honors for Shabbat

services, and a collection of many other things! Richard Friedmann, we haven't seen you for a minute, but your influence was still with us, and thanks to you we were successful with some of the projects you led, such as the yard sale. Come back and see us!

Meryl Crews does so much to lead and provide a breadth of activities and programs, it's about time we called her President. She is not only our Choir Director, but also Religious School Director, and so much a part of everything else that happens at Temple Beth Shalom. If I am half of the support as Past President that Meryl was as Vice President, we will accomplish a lot. Janis Koike is continuing as Recording Secretary but has been so much more – we admire her as a mentor and expert in our Hebrew class, she manages the many details associated with the temple telephone line and coordinates with community organizations, helps us to remember our congregation's history, and in many ways holds us together. Martin Halpert is continuing as Trustee and House Committee chair, and keeps an eye on our building; and Jessica Brucks is a faithful community support.

## A Message From Our Past President *continued*

Joining the Dream Team is Renee Cohen, the new Board's Vice President. Renee has experience with our Board, and knows the many strengths and talents in members of our congregation, and will help us all to shine brighter. Louis Calabretta is bringing his accounting and other expertise as our new Treasurer, and we know he will make our financial and administrative processes better than ever. Howard Korn joins us with a wealth of community and business experience, and we see TBS leadership in his future too! Beverly Lerner is a longtime member of our congregation, and has much to teach us about our history and what makes TBS special. We knew we needed Joseph Rodriguez in our congregation and on our Board – not only because of his experience with Jewish organizations and Boards, but also because of his talent for motivating and organizing groups of people. We just met Lorraine Mixter, but she is another perfect fit for us. She is a pleasure to talk to, and puts us all at ease. We are so fortunate to have you all on the Board with us!

Upon seeing exiting Board members complete their terms, continuing ones continue, and new Board members entering, we talked about what has been Temple Beth Shalom's unique strength for over 30 years: our relationships. It had to be; that is what kept us going for half of our existence without a building! So many that

visited our temple or joined remarked that they perceived our congregation as especially warm, friendly, and welcoming. Our ability to engage and value each other keeps our Board and synagogue, almost all of which runs on volunteerism, going strong for decades. We are asked to remember this as we continue into a new year with new tasks and projects. That our strength resides in our relationships is especially important to remember when we meet unexpected challenges. We are expanding on this strength in the coming year, as we encourage not only the Board, but all members to reach out; to help those that may have become isolated from us by illness, job loss, legal problems, financial loss, family changes, or any other of the events when our members need us most. We know that if one of us is sick or stressed, it helps to have that phone call, visit, text, or card. These connections heal. We are also growing as a congregation by inviting community members, whether they are Jewish or interested in Judaism, to attend our services and activities. Our Communications are a tool to assist us in these efforts – we can direct others to our website, Facebook page, or share a copy of the Chai Lites. Whenever I go I talk about Temple Beth Shalom and share these things – I am proud of how much we have grown, even out into electronic media and in popularity, but still maintain that intimate, small-community feeling.

*Margo Fleisher*



**We need volunteers to host  
summer onegs on  
June 30, July 14 and 28,  
August 11 and 25, Sept. 8**

**Contact  
Arlene Greenberg  
863-268-4382  
arlenegreenberg@gmail.com**



# Calendar

## May

May 2	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
May 5	8:00 p.m.	..... Shabbat Services
May 6	9:30 a.m.	..... Torah Study
	11:00 a.m.	..... Women's Bat Mitzvah Study Group
May 7	9:00 a.m.	..... TBS Executive Board Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	..... Religious School
May 9	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
May 14	8:30 a.m.	..... TBS Board Meeting
May 16	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
May 19	8:00 p.m.	..... Shabbat Services
May 20	9:30 a.m.	..... Torah Study
	11:00 a.m.	..... Women's Bat Mitzvah Study Group
May 21	10:00 a.m.	..... Religious School
May 23	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
May 28	9:30 a.m.	..... Brotherhood Breakfast
May 30	10:30 a.m.	..... Needlework
	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg

## June

June 2	8:00 p.m.	.....Shabbat Service
June 3	10:30 a.m.	..... Women's B'Not Mitzvah followed by luncheon
June 4	9:00 a.m.	..... TBS Executive Board Meeting
June 6	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
June 11	8:30 a.m.	..... TBS Board Meeting
June 13	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
June 16	8:00 p.m.	.....Shabbat Service
June 17	9:00 a.m.	..... Torah Study
June 20	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
June 25	9:30 a.m.	..... Brotherhood Breakfast
June 27	10:30 a.m.	..... Needlework
	12:00 p.m.	.....Mah Jongg
June 30	8:00 p.m.	..... Lay Led Shabbat Services





# Temple Seder

## Passover Thank You's

- For setting up the tables and chairs for the Seder: Joseph Rodriguez, Janis Koike, Lorraine Mixter, Sandi Grinker, Judy Richter, Michael Richter, Diana Kramer, Margo Fleisher, Meryl Crews
- For preparing seder plates: Sandi Grinker, Diana Kramer, Art and Lois Levine, Lorraine Mixter, Bobby and Brenda Poller, Joseph Rodriguez and Jan and Polly Weinmann.
- For donating the following items: Mery Crews- Hard boiled eggs, soda and water. Howard Korn- Five bottles of wine. Sandi Grinker -Charoset, eggs and Matzoh. Judy Richter-Charoset and Quinoa and Cauliflower dish.
- For helping during the meal: Aase Feder, Beverly Lerner, Jo Anne Lesnett, Elaine Pincus and Sue Zwerling
- For helping to clean up and put everything away: Margo Fleisher, Phil and Sandi Grinker, Diana Kramer, Lorraine Mixter, Linda and Vincent Smith, Jan and Polly Weinmann.
- For greeting people at the door and checking the reservation list -Brenda Poller
- For cleaning table clothes : Aase Feder
- For cleaning the temple : Pat Lerner
- For taking and posting photos : Jan Weinmann





Margo Fleisher • Meryl Crews • Arlene Greenberg • Meryl Chayt

Saturday, June 3, 2017 • 10:30 AM • Brunch Reception to Follow.  
Please, no gifts. Donations are gratefully accepted & will benefit



the Family Emergency Center of Winter Haven  
& Temple Beth Shalom.

Click the link below to register and enter the number in your party

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-bnot-mitzvah-2017-tickets-32513634155>



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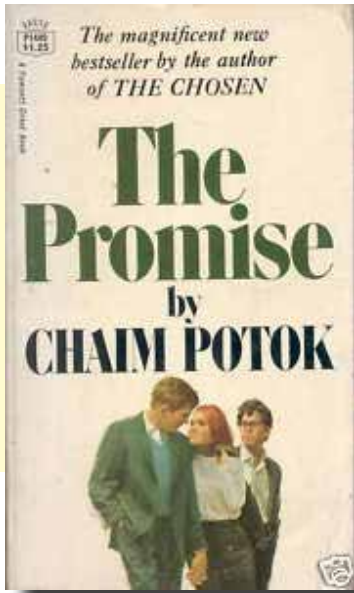


# April Yartzeits

<i>Theresa Baum</i>	<i>mother of Robert Baum</i>
<i>Jules Briklod</i>	<i>father of Meryl Chayt and husband of Beatrice Briklod</i>
<i>Aharon Bromberg</i>	<i>father of Varda Rotenberg</i>
<i>Bessie Browde</i>	<i>Mother of Arlene Greenberg</i>
<i>Zina Chain</i>	<i>grandmother of Lloyd Chain</i>
<i>Irwin Cohen</i>	<i>brother of Allen Cohen</i>
<i>Jennie Geller</i>	<i>mother of Milton Geller</i>
<i>Miriam Gessner</i>	<i>perpetual yartzeit</i>
<i>Victor Golfman</i>	<i>grandfather of Sharon Shuller</i>
<i>Beatrice Greenberg</i>	<i>mother-in-law of Arlene Greenberg</i>
<i>Sarah Gripp</i>	<i>mother of Jacqueline Korn</i>
<i>Lila Held</i>	<i>mother of Rabbi Garson Herzfeld</i>
<i>Nat Heyman</i>	<i>father of Jerry Heyman</i>
<i>Gay Hill</i>	<i>mother of Linda Small</i>
<i>Martin N. Kogan</i>	<i>father of Brenda Poller</i>
<i>Elizabeth Kohen</i>	<i>grandmother of Margo Fleisher</i>
<i>Alex LeShay</i>	<i>father of Herbert LeShay</i>
<i>Yudell L. Luke</i>	<i>father of Janis Koike</i>
<i>Frank Mayer</i>	<i>brother of Max Mayer</i>
<i>Abraham Meyer</i>	<i>father of Lee Ann Martinez</i>
<i>Mark Miller</i>	<i>perpetual yartzeit</i>
<i>Irving Ort</i>	<i>father of Michael Ort</i>
<i>Pearl Safir</i>	<i>mother of Elaine Pincus</i>
<i>Jack Safir</i>	<i>father of Elaine Pincus</i>
<i>Stephen Shuller</i>	<i>brother of Sharon Shuller</i>
<i>Stephen Soberman</i>	<i>husband of Myrna Soberman</i>
<i>Rabbi Frank N. Sundheim</i>	<i>Rabbi Emeritus, husband of Adrienne Sundheim</i>
<i>Alan Treister</i>	<i>son of Ken and Helyne Treister</i>
<i>Lillian Zwerling</i>	<i>mother-in-law of Susan Zwerling</i>

*Yartzeit Plaques are available to remember your loved ones. Complete and send the attached order form and a check for \$150.00 to*

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



## Book Club

*June 6th at 11 a.m.*

*The Promise by Chaim Potok.*

*All are welcome to join us.*

## Donations

- From Meryl Crews for in memory of Helen and Murray Handler, , Anne Kastner and Robert Crews
- From Herb LeShay in memory of Nate LeShay
- From Sharon Shuller in memory of Victor and Sarah Golfman, Florence, Isadore, Stephen, Martha, Abraham Shuller
- Donation to General Fund from Edwin and Sharon Mitchell who are part time residents of Winter Haven and are active participants at temple functions.

## Welcome New Member

Lorraine Mixer

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## Dinner With The Rabbi

- Friday, May 5th privately hosted by Janis Koike.
  - Friday, May 19th will be at Arabellas Restaurant in Winter Haven at 5:30 p.m. hosted by Brenda and Irwin Kleinman.
- All are welcome to attend. Please R.S.V.P by May 16th Sandi@tampabay.rr.com 863-207-7440.

Thank you all the members who hosted Rabbi Herzfeld this year: Meryl and Steven Chayt, Renee and Allen Cohen, Meryl and Jimmy Crews, Aase and Art Feder, Arlene Greenberg, Sandi and Phil Grinker, Marcia and Marty Halpert, Brenda and Irwin Kleinmann, Janis Koike, Diana Kramer, Pat and Rob Lerner, Elaine and Bernie Pincus, Judy and Michael Richter, Varda Rotenberg and Sue Zwerling.

