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From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

I retired from my congregation, North Country Reform Temple, in Glen Cove, NY a year ago June after being there for 26 years. Last year I led High Holy Day Services in Guatemala City, returning to the Reform Congregation that I visited on a Mayaworks mission in February 2019. While in a sleeping car traveling by train from Sofia, Bulgaria to Istanbul, I received a call from Aaron Tosky telling me about Temple Beth Shalom. Ironically Aaron asked me if I liked to travel not knowing that I was almost at the border of Turkey where it was after 11 pm, I learned that Aaron is from Bellmore, Long Island about a half hour from where I live and I told him that I grew up in Charlotte. My father and his wife, and my sister and brother-in-law live in Fort Mill, S.C. Coming back to North Carolina as a Rabbi is like a dream come true. I am very excited about being the rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom and getting to know everyone in the congregation. For the first time since I retired, I led a zoom Shabbat Service for my former congregation as the Rabbi Emerita and I invited TBS members to join us. I was delighted to be able to meet a number of you who joined us that night. My impression was that you have a very warm, welcoming and special congregation. My wife, Grace, and I are looking forward to joining you for our first visit on the weekend of August 26th which is coincidentally our 28 anniversary! I hope to meet many of you this weekend. Please keep introducing yourselves to us until I have the opportunity to really get to know you!

We have just entered the month of Elul, preceding the month of Tishri. During Elul, we are supposed to begin to prepare ourselves

for the High Holy Days so that when they come, we are ready to be fully present and open to the spiritual experience of the Days of Awe. This is the time to begin to look inward and examine where we are in our lives, and what changes we want and need to make. It is also a time to examine who we are in relationship to the world around us. The High Holy Days give us the opportunity to continue the spiritual work that we begin in Elul.

We are living through challenging times. The world around us at times can seem overwhelming. Judaism offers us a way to ground ourselves in community and helps us make sense of an incomprehensible world. For me, the High Holy Days help us recharge our spiritual batteries and can fill our souls with a calming balm and sense of renewal.

May we be blessed with many opportunities to come together in this New Year to deepen our connection with Judaism, to work toward Tikkun Olam, to make the world better than it is, and to learn from one another.

May this New Year bring the blessings of health, prosperity, and peace to you and your loved ones.

The President's Message

Susan G Goldstein, President

Dearest TBS Family and Friends,

We were truly blessed with our first Shabbat with **Rabbi Janet Liss** on August 25 and 26. We're hoping to reinstate a Seudah Shlishit (third meal) and Havdalah service on Saturdays beginning in October. That will be a dairy "covered dish," and details will follow.

Rabbi Liss also joined us on Sunday morning, August 27, at 10:00 when we welcomed the parents of our prospective **Sunday School students**. Sunday School Principal, Sheri Stock, Rabbi Liss, and I shared what's being planned for the coming school year. We so look forward to welcoming our students on the first day of Sunday School, October 1st, and helping them on their unique Jewish journeys.

What's happening with the **Jewish Community Legacy Program (JCLP)** with small North and South Carolina congregations? After our first two programs on antisemitism, we're looking forward to planning for outreach with our Jewish family programs. We're looking at a Shabbaton for parents and kids (separate but equal!), perhaps at Camp Ramah Darom just over the North Carolina line into Georgia -- an amazing place. We envision parents and kids coming together for worship and meals, but "segregating" for sleeping and "hanging out." The idea is that the kids would learn from each other just as the parents would. We all have challenges; they're just not the

same. We're looking for funding so that families would only have to pay to get to and from the venue. Stay tuned!

You've all received the information regarding our fiscal year '24 dues and security assessments. We want to be sure you understand that **money, or the lack thereof, should never be a barrier to membership**. Please be in touch with me at 214.263.8464 or susanejgoldstein@gmail.com if you need financial help. The only questions that will be asked are, "Can you pay anything?"; and, if so, "How much?". The only people who will know are Susan Rieder, our Treasurer, and me.

We're about to welcome the month of Elul when we prepare for the *Yamim Nora'im* -- the Jewish New Year. (Well, we could have discussions as to when the REAL Jewish new year is -- but that's something only a rabbi should initiate.) As we begin to prepare for services, we'd appreciate knowing how many of you will be joining us via Zoom for the High Holidays. We're looking at whether we should purchase the virtual Mahzorim. It's not inexpensive, but we want to serve our kehillah as best we can.

Finally, **if you're celebrating your birthday in September or October**, please come for services, either in person or on Zoom, on Friday evening, October 13th, at 7:00. Rabbi Liss will share a special birthday blessing. We look forward to making these monthly blessings a new TBS tradition!

L'Shalom,

Susan



TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

"Hello all! I've met most of you already, but for those of you who don't know me, my name is Alexis and I'm the new Sisterhood president. I'm excited for this opportunity to explore all that Sisterhood can offer to our community.

Over the summer, we've had our monthly Shabbat potlucks as well as a deep cleaning day here at the synagogue. We will continue having our Shabbat potlucks

on the first Friday of every month, with the next one being on September 1st at 6pm. If you are able, please bring a vegetarian, dairy, or pareve dish to share. I hope to see you all there!

Sheri Stock is graciously baking round challah for Rosh Hashanah for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Donations will go toward Sunday School books and supplies. Challah must be pre-ordered and will be available for pick-up at the synagogue. To place your order please contact Sheri.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for activities you'd like to see through Sisterhood! Wishing you all a fantastic end of summer and a meaningful month of Elul."

Alexis

TBS Sunday School Program

Sheri Stock, Sunday School Principal



I am so excited for Sunday school to start! We will be ordering curriculum for the kids based on their ages/grade levels. Sunday school will officially start on October 1st. But, before we officially start, we will be building and decorating the sukkah on Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30 pm. If it is raining, we will build it on Thursday at 5:30, but hopefully, that won't be necessary! I hope everyone can join us for this important mitzvah! Lastly, a big shout out to Seth and Gunny for tending the little humans downstairs while we met with the rabbi! They did a great job! Thanks!

Sheri

Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund



The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund (HSSF) was established by a long-time Temple member and past President, Burt Sederholm (may his memory be a blessing), to honor his late wife Harriet, who died shortly after her retirement from 25 years with the Catawba County Department of Social Services. The scholarship committee is a sub-committee of the Temple Beth Shalom Board. The committee manages funds invested for the purpose of rewarding one-time scholarships with the

earnings from the invested funds. These awards honor the memory of Harriet Sederholm and her efforts to improve the lives of so many impoverished adults and children in Catawba County.

The HSSF scholarship is available to students. Candidates will submit an essay to any one of the committee members. The essay will explain who the candidate is, what they are doing currently, their plans for the future, how the scholarship funds will be used, and, if applicable, what the connection may be to Jewish life.

The committee will make decisions based on the following preferences but not absolutes:

- ♦ Is the applicant a temple member or related to a temple member?
- ♦ Is the applicant Jewish?
- ♦ Will the funds be used for educational needs?
- ♦ Will the funds make a difference regarding the applicant's ability to benefit from the activity?
- ♦ Is the activity something deemed to be of value by the committee?

Interested students should submit their essays by April 30th. The scholarship season runs from May 1-April 30. All applicants will be notified in writing if their application has been approved or declined by May 15th. Awards should be mailed to recipients by May 31st.

The essay should be emailed to any of the committee members: Lin Gentry, Karen Ferguson, or Sandy Guttler. Naturally, the committee encourages everyone to make a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund at any time.



Temple Board

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30pm. Board meetings are open to all temple members. Contact Susan Goldstein if you wish to join a scheduled monthly meeting. Board members are:

Officers:

Susan Goldstein, President
 Lin Gentry, Vice President
 Mary Lee Tosky, Secretary
 Susan Rieder, Treasurer

Members at Large:

Liz Correll
 Karen Ferguson
 Sheri Stock
 Susan Tiger Huitt
 Jodi Lavin-Tompkins



**The TBS board thanks
 you for your donations**

In memory of:
Kenneth Huitt from Susan Goldstein
Harriett Yelin from Linda Fedder
Harold Goldstein from Susan Goldstein

TBS monthly donations to local
 Charities:

September - Marine Corps



Please consider pairing with a board member(s) to host a Shabbat or Holiday at Temple Beth Shalom. When members contribute to the life of our synagogue in this way, we all feel a part of our Jewish community and an active participant in assuring its well-being. A sign up sheet is posted in the synagogue foyer, or you can sign up online. Here's the link: [TBS Hosting Sign-ups - Google Sheets](#)

1. View the [spreadsheet](#) to see what dates are free
2. Submit your choice using the [Google Form](#).
3. MaryLee will type in any form *submissions*, but **any board member can enter host names** on the spreadsheet for themselves or other members *by request*. Several of you have successfully done so!

TBS Community Mitzvah Projects

Please remember us when you have funds, bedding, household goods, a wheelchair, or a walker that you would like to donate.

If you have any questions about our mitzvah projects or suggestions on where else we can have a positive impact, please contact Kathy Jones, Chairperson, at krsjones2002@yahoo.com

TBS Member Business Directory

Let us know if you would like to list your business here in the Bulletin. It is a free benefit of TBS membership

Dr. Laura Faruque
A Woman's View
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Hickory, NC 28602
828-345-0800

Dr. Mark Faruque
Bethlehem Family Practice
174 Bolick Lane Suite 202
Taylorsville, NC 28681
828-495-8226

Jack and Hannah Levy
Druzy Dreams Crystals
<http://www.etsy.com/shop/druzydreamscrystals>

Dr. David Peltzer
Newton Family Physicians
767 West First Street
Newton, NC 28658
828 465-3928
www.newtonfamilyphysicians.com

Temple Beth Shalom Life Cycle August/September Events



August Birthdays September

Laura Faruque 8/1	Ken Bonfield 9/4
Garrett Richards 8/1	Ronald Joseph Cohn 9/9
Rachel Peltzer 8/1	David Gold 9/15
Meredith Gross 8/3	Nadine Igdal 9/17
Emerson Weatherly 8/5	Joseph Garrick 9/17
Stephanie Cangemi 8/10	Aurora Cohn 9/20
Sage Bonfield 8/12	Tyler Faruque 9/22
Michael Jones 8/12	Chris Weatherly 9/25
Aaron Tosky 8/22	Dorothy Levinson 9/20
Adam Bonfield 8/23	
Pierce Reed 8/24	
Marion DuBow 8/27	

August Anniversaries September

Ron and Marion DuBow 8/6	Michael and Katie
Rabbi Liss and Grace Blank 8/26	Schonberg 9/4

August Yahrzeits September

Ron Taub 8/1 Cangemi Family	Marvin Zerden 9/3
Ralph Kaufman 8/5	David Callahan 9/8
Morton Rose 8/10	George Katzin 9/13
Selma Freudmann Kastan 8/13	Cecil Tosky 9/18
Roberta Rose 8/17	Si Cohen 9/19
Arlen E Coen 8/21	Henry Greenfield 9/29
Peter Cangemi 8/22	Michael Rowan 9/30
Harriet Sederholm 8/25	
Elaine Oxenberg 8/25	
Sheldon Oxenberg 8/25	
Harold Goldstein 8/10 (23 Av)	

Local and Regional Events



We were so happy to welcome Rabbi Janet Liss and Rebbetzin Grace Blank on their 28th anniversary, August 26.



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**SHALOM
HARMON
INSTITUTE**

Follow this link for information about upcoming online events at
SHI: <https://www.hartman.org.il/programs/>



Temple Beth Shalom has an active membership in the Catawba Valley Interfaith Council, where Rabbi Dennis served as president for 5 years and now serves as secretary. You can find out more about this organization and its activities at:
<https://www.facebook.com/CVICNC/>.

2023-2024 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

DATE	EVENT	BULLETIN DEADLINE
Sept 15	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 7:00pm	Aug 23
16	Rosh Hashanah Services, 10:00am followed by Kiddush lunch, then Tashlich Service	
24	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) 7:00 pm	
25	Yom Kippur Shacharit and Yizkor 10:00am; Yom Kippur <i>Ma'ariv</i> and Neilah 5:00 pm	
Oct 1	Sunday School 10:00am	Sept 23
8	Sunday School 10:00am	
13	Friday night service 7:00pm	
14	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
15	Sunday School 10:00am	
22	Sunday School 10:00am	
Nov 5	Sunday School 10:00am	Oct 23
10	Friday night service 7:00pm	
11	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
12	Sunday School 10:00am	
19	Sunday School 10:00am	
Dec 3	Sunday School 10:00am	Nov 23
8	Friday night service 7:00pm	
9	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
10	Sunday School 10:00am	
17	Sunday School 10:00am	
24	Sunday School 10:00am	
Jan 7	Sunday School 10:00am	Dec 30
12	Friday night service 7:00pm	
13	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
14	Sunday School 10:00am	
21	Sunday School 10:00am	

Feb 4	Sunday School 10:00am	Jan 23
11	Sunday School 10:00am	
17	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
18	Sunday School 10:00am	
Mar 3	Sunday School 10:00am	Feb 23
10	Sunday School 10:00am	
17	Sunday School 10:00am	
22	Friday night service 7:00pm	
23	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
24	Sunday School 10:00am	
April 7	Sunday School 10:00am	Mar 23
21	Sunday School 10:00am	
26	Friday night service 7:00pm	
27	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
28	Sunday School 10:00am	
May 5	Sunday School 10:00am	April 23
12	Sunday School 10:00am	
17	Friday night service 7:00pm	
18	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
19	Annual Membership Meeting, and Sunday School 10:00am	
June 2	Sunday School 10:00am	May 23
9	Sunday School 10:00am	
14	Friday night service 7:00pm	
15	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
16	Sunday School 10:00am	
23	Sunday School 10:00am	
July 12	Friday night service 7:00pm	June 23
13	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	

Want to contribute to the TBS Bulletin? Send entries to Karen Ferguson at karen.sederholm@gmail.com. All entries are reviewed by the TBS Board before publication.