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## From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

Shalom everyone! I am very excited to be coming back to begin another year in Hickory. It is hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by. I really enjoyed getting to know so many of you and having the opportunity to worship together and study together. I want to thank those of you who have opened your homes to Grace and me by graciously hosting us for weekends and inviting us to dinner on Fridays prior to Shabbat Services. The time we have spent together has been very special and I am thrilled to be continuing with you.

This past year has been challenging for every Jew across the world. The news out of Israel is dismaying every day. I cannot even begin to imagine the state of mind the hostages are in having been in captivity since October 7<sup>th</sup>. Every time I read of more hostages' bodies being brought back home, I cry. I cannot fathom the pain and anguish they and their families are experiencing every day.

I recently started collecting headlines on the constant attacks of antisemitism here in America. To learn today of the vandalism on the site of the Tree of Life Synagogue where Jews had been gunned down during prayer was very troubling. Incident after incident has happened, many under the guise of some sort of retaliation for what is happening in the War on Gaza. For many years, we as Jews have lived in the golden age of American Jewry in American Jewish history. It is not unreasonable to question what the end game is here. When will this newly unbridled hatred unleashed on the Jewish community be stopped? We have this

juxtaposed with everyone running for president having close relatives who are Jewish. North Carolina could have a Jewish Governor and Pennsylvania does.

This certainly will be an interesting year for all of us. When will the hostages come home? When will the Gaza War end? How will the actions of Hezbollah be responded to by Israel? Will there be a war with Lebanon? Given the 100,000's of rockets Hezbollah is purported to have, can Israel survive a war with Lebanon?

We certainly have much to pray for in the coming year and much to be grateful for in our own lives. I look forward to sharing in both our joys and the trials and tribulations that come with living in our time. I hope you can come to Services and Adult Education to learn and have stimulating conversations over the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I hope you are enjoying your summer!

Rabbi Dr. Janet B. Liss

## **The President's Message**

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

I hope you're all enjoying the summer despite the intense heat. Maybe you've been traveling where it's a bit cooler. I had a grand time enjoying cooler weather last month while traveling with my college bestie, her husband, and another friend. We flew to Copenhagen, took a day trip to Sweden, then boarded a ship for an 11-day cruise that included stops in Norway, the Faroe Islands, and several spots in Iceland. In case you weren't aware, sheep rule in all those places!

One of the highlights for me was learning about how the Danes and Swedes worked together to move Danish Jews to Sweden during World War II. Amazingly, the Danes' non-Jewish (most likely, Lutheran) neighbors took care of their property so that, when they were able to return to Denmark, their homes -- unlike those of so many others -- were ready for their return. Attached is a picture of one of the buses that were used to transport the Jews to Sweden. Interestingly, our guide (not Jewish) spent a lot of time talking about this amazing coalition. While many of you may have heard of this, it was glorious news to me!

We had a fun-filled second annual outing to a Hickory Crawdads (versus Greensboro Grasshoppers) game in July. Many of us were happy to visit and snack inside the air-conditioned suites, while others could tell you what happened in the game. The important thing was that we were enjoying each others' company. If you couldn't join us this time we hope you won't miss the third annual outing.

As many of you know, I've often given thanks for our Kehilla/community being diverse. We come from different places, backgrounds, and life experiences that have shaped our views on life in general -- and

politics in particular. Together, we have formed something incredibly special. As we approach the upcoming elections, I have a request. Let's not be so quick to share our opinions as we respect each others' rights to hold differing views. Oversharing of political leanings can break friendships. Let's not do that to one another.

We're all looking forward to our next week-end with Rabbi Liss on Friday night, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 and Saturday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00, followed by kiddush lunch. One of the highlights of the "Rabbi's Weekend" is our Saturday evening Havdalah, adult Jewish learning, and potluck dinner.

And -- summer is almost over so it's time for Sunday School to begin under the guidance of our principal, Geoffrey Janer. The first session will be on Sunday morning, August 25, at 10:00. Stay tuned. You'll be hearing from the Sunday School Team!

And the war between Israel and Hamas rages on -- more than 300 days after the brutal attack on October 7, 2023. We cannot forget that there still are 116 innocent hostages being held by Hamas, and that Jews around the world continue to grieve for the atrocities that were inflicted by Hamas on October 7 and since by Hezbollah in the North. Perhaps we've not been as attentive to the frightening degree of Antisemitism that has ensued. As college students begin to return to campuses, let's pay attention and be prepared to support Hillel as it gives our kids a place to feel safe in their Judaism. Until all hostages are free and the savage war we did not invite is over, I'll continue to repeat information as to sites we can visit to help our Israeli brothers and sisters and our college students.

- Operation Swords of Iron at UJA Federation of New York - [www.ujafedny.org](http://www.ujafedny.org)
- Emergency Campaign of The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte - [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org)
- American Joint Distribution Committee - [www.jdc.org](http://www.jdc.org)
- ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America - [arza.org](http://arza.org)
- MERCAZ Olami, the political arm of the Conservative/Masorti movement based in Jerusalem - <https://mercazolami.org>
- The Jewish National Fund - [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org)

You can also receive frequent updates on the situation in Israel from those sites. ADL and AIPAC also provide frequent updates and offer webinars and invitations to let our elected representatives know that we stand with Israel and that we urge them to do so as well.

Jews on college campuses are having a rough go of it. Our campus Hillels need our support now more than ever. Go to <https://www.hillel.org> to find out how you can help.

In these troubled times, it behooves us to stay informed. The Wall Street Journal ([www.WSJ.com](http://www.WSJ.com)) and the New York Times ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)) are good sources. In addition, check out some sources that come directly from Israel. Israel from the Inside with Daniel Gordis ([danielgordis.substack.com](http://danielgordis.substack.com)) is one of my

favorites. The Times of Israel (<https://www.timesofisrael.com>), and Haaretz.com are others -- and I'm sure Rabbi Liss will be glad to recommend her favorites.

I look forward to seeing you soon -- in person or via Zoom.

L'Shalom,

Susan



## TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Hello everyone! Summer is winding down along with the year 5784, and High Holidays are just around the corner. We currently do not have a business meeting scheduled but I will send out an email soon, so please be on the lookout! If anyone does not currently receive emails from me about

Sisterhood events and would like to, please reach out to me and I will put you on the email list.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions about Sisterhood activities, please reach out to me at [alexismazamoody@gmail.com](mailto:alexismazamoody@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Alexis

## TBS Sunday School Program

Geoffrey Janer, Sunday School Principal

We are excited to welcome our students back to Temple Beth Shalom Sunday School for a new year of learning! This year, we will meet according to the county school schedule, excluding holidays and weeks when schools are not in session.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be following a new curriculum to provide students with an engaging and structured journey through Jewish traditions, language, and culture. To ensure a smooth and organized year, we will again offer two to three classes based on the children's ages.

To kick off the year, we will host an orientation and registration session on August 25th at 10:00 am. Parents, if this date does not work for you, please reach out to Geoffrey Janer at [geoffreyjaner@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreyjaner@gmail.com) to make alternative arrangements to register your children. The first instructional day of the year will be September 8th.





**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 she retired 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 to award 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 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 TBD as of date of this publication. 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  
 Jodi Lavin-Tompkins  
 James Norwood  
 Alexis Sweazy  
 Geoffrey Janer



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

TBS will participate with a donation again this year to the MARINE CORP LEAGUE 15<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> At Lake Hickory Country Club Catawba Springs Facility Captains' Choice 4-person teams Shotgun Start at 1:00pm For more information contact Larry Laufer



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 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  
915 Tate Blvd SE  
Suite170  
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](http://www.newtonfamilyphysicians.com)

The Natural Olive  
216 Union Square  
Hickory  
828-256-1950  
[www.NaturalOliveHickory.com](http://www.NaturalOliveHickory.com)

## Temple Beth Shalom Life Cycle August Events



### Birthdays

- Laura Faruque 8/1
- Garrett Richards 8/1
- Rachel Peltzer 8/1
- Meredith Gross 8/3
- Emerson Weatherly 8/5
- Stephanie Cangemi 8/10
- Sage Bonfield 8/12
- Michael Jones 8/12
- Aaron Tosky 8/22
- Adam Bonfield 8/23
- Pierce Reed 8/24
- Marion DuBow 8/27

### Anniversaries

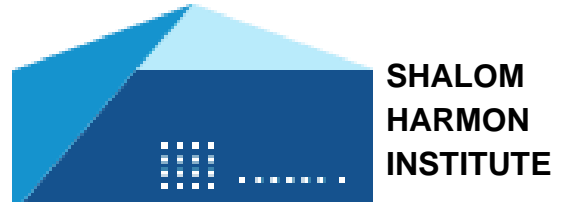
- Ron and Marion DuBow 8/6

### Yahrzeits

- Ron Taub 8/1
- Ralph Kaufman 8/5
- Morton Rose 8/10
- Selma Freudmann Kastan 8/13
- Roberta Rose 8/17
- Arlen E Coen 8/21
- Peter Cangemi 8/22
- Harriet Sederholm 8/25
- Elaine Oxenberg 8/25
- Sheldon Oxenberg 8/25
- Harold Goldstein 23 Av

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Local and Regional Events



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

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**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/>**



## 2024-25 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: [info@hickoryjewishcenter.com](mailto:info@hickoryjewishcenter.com)

Dates	Events	Newsletter deadline
August		July 23
23	Friday night service 7:00pm	
24	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
25	Sunday School 10 am	
September		August 23
8	Sunday School 10 am	
15	Sunday School 10 am	
20	Friday night service 7:00pm	
21	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
22	Sunday School 10 am	
October		September 23
2	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 7:00pm	
3	Rosh Hashanah Services, 10:00am followed by Kiddush lunch, then Tashlich Service	
11	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) 7:00 pm	
12	Yom Kippur Shacharit and Yizkor 10:00am; Yom Kippur <i>Ma'ariv</i> and Neilah 5:00 pm	
13	Sunday School Building Sukkah 10 am	
20	Sunday School 10 am	
27	Sunday School 10 am	
November		October 23
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15	Friday night service 7:00pm	
16	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
17	Sunday School 10 am	
24	Sunday School 10 am	
December		November 23
8	Sunday School 10 am	
15	Sunday School 10 am Chanukah party	
27	Friday night service 7:00pm	
28	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](mailto:karen.sederholm@gmail.com). All entries are reviewed by the TBS Board before publication.

Dates	Events	Newsletter deadline
January		December 23
5	Sunday School 10 am	
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 am	
26	Sunday School 10 am	
February		January 23
2	Sunday School 10 am	
9	Sunday School 10 am	
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 am	
March		February 23
2	Sunday School 10 am	
9	Sunday School 10 am	
21	Friday night service 7:00pm	
22	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
23	Sunday School 10 am	
30	Sunday School 10 am	
April		March 23
6	Sunday School 10 am	
11	Friday night service 7:00pm	
12	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
27	Sunday School 10 am	
May		April 23
4	Sunday School 10 am	
16	Friday night service 7:00pm	
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 am	
25	Sunday School 10 am - End of Year party	
June		May 23
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	