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From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

I wrote this article on Tisha B'av from Jaffa where we arrived after spending 4 days in Jerusalem. Tisha B'av commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temple in Jerusalem traditionally attributed to senseless hatred between Jews. On Tisha B'av it is customary to fast and read the Book of Lamentations. Lamentations laments the destruction and the wanton behavior of the Jews living in that period. The parallels between those times and today once again sadly show us the timelessness of our

Biblical texts and how human nature does not change. For 3½ years Israelis have been going to weekly protests. For 10 months over the horrible judicial reforms that the current government was trying to put through, and then following October 7th, the protests were against the war in Gaza and wanting the hostages to be freed. This Shabbat, Hamas released pictures of two hostages who are so emaciated that they look like Holocaust victims, one being forced to dig a grave in the tunnel presumably for himself. Hamas stated that they are getting the same food as the Palestinians. From what we saw, there is no way these men are going to survive without being released immediately. Yet, we face a government whose majority coalition does not care. The opposition is screaming, and the majority of Israelis are screaming yet the ruling coalition cares more about staying in power, not

having to take responsibility for the intelligence failures, and keeping Bibi out of jail all over the lives of the hostages. Today is day 667 in captivity. It is heartbreaking. The senseless hatred between Jews in Israel is played out every single day in Israel where the pleas to end the starvation and the war in Gaza fall on deaf ears. This is not a story that will end well.

I am involved in a weeklong seminar on Crisis and Creativity, and I will have much to share with you over the next several months. I look forward to our next visit to Hickory beginning on August 15th.

May you continue to enjoy your summer!

Rabbi Dr Janet B Liss

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President and Lin Gentry, Vice President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

Let's raise the Roof! Our temple roof must be replaced. It has served us well for over 30 years now. Information about our capital campaign to pay for the new roof will come to all members in member invoices.

Thank you to all who continue to bring donations of cans or boxes of food for the **Hickory Soup Kitchen** to help fight food insecurity. As you may recall, your Board of Trustees voted to make this a **year-round project** so please continue to bring a can or box of food every time you come to TBS -- and please make sure that the expiry date is at least six months out since your donation may be on the shelf that long. Remember that only 5% of donations for food insecurity come from the private sector! Let's continue to take "leaps of action" by donating our cans/boxes to the Hickory Soup Kitchen. And don't forget about **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** (<https://mazon.org>).

We look forward to gathering again for services with Rabbi Liss on **Friday evening, August 15 at 7:00** and **Saturday morning, August 16, at 10:00**, followed by kiddush lunch. Don't forget adult Jewish learning/seudah shlisheet (bring a parve or dairy dish to share) and Havdallah at 6:00pm. If you have an interest in having Rabbi Liss stay at your home for Shabbat dinner, and/or stay at your home for a Rabbi weekend, please reach out to a board member.

And Israel's challenges continue. We are grateful that some hostages have been released, and we continue to pray that our remaining **20 hostages, held more than 670 days**, will be released soon. We pray for the families who await their loved ones' return and for those who have received the bodies of their deceased.

We continue to pay attention to and support Hillel as it gives Jewish college students 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.

- Emergency Campaign of The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte - www.jewishcharlotte.org
- American Joint Distribution Committee - www.jdc.org
- ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America - 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

You can also receive frequent updates on the situation in Israel from those sites. ADL (www.adl.org), AIPAC (www.aipac.org), and the Secure Community Network (www.securecommunitynetwork.org) also provide frequent updates and offers 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 Hillel's need our support now more than ever. Go to <https://www.hillel.org> to find out you can help.

And it's always time to be informed!! The Wall Street Journal (www.WSJ.com) and the New York Times (www.nytimes.com) are good sources. Pay particular attention to NYT columnist Bret Stephens. In addition, check out some sources that come directly from Israel. Israel from the Inside with Daniel Gordis (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, and wish you *Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach*.

Shalom,

Susan and Lin



TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Hello everyone!

I hope you've all had a relaxing and restful summer. I want to extend my thanks to anyone who participated in the meal train for the Levy family as they welcomed little Ahron into the world. They've been very grateful for all of the community support over the past few weeks.

I also want to specifically thank Jenn Rowan for stepping up to be the sisterhood treasurer after our previous treasurer moved out of the area.

We do not have any formal meetings planned as of now, but I will reach out via email shortly to schedule our next business meeting. As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions for Sisterhood activities, please reach out to me at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com

TBS Hebrew School Program

SCHOOL'S STILL OUT FOR THE SUMMER!



The 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 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 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 Sept. 14, 12:30, at the temple. 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
James Norwood
Alexis Sweazy
Patrick Rowan
Pam Jones
Jane Mandle

Your board thanks you for your donations



Simchas

TBS Members,

Please let us know what your family is celebrating so we can share your good news with our community - graduations, job promotions, awards, engagements, births? We want to know!

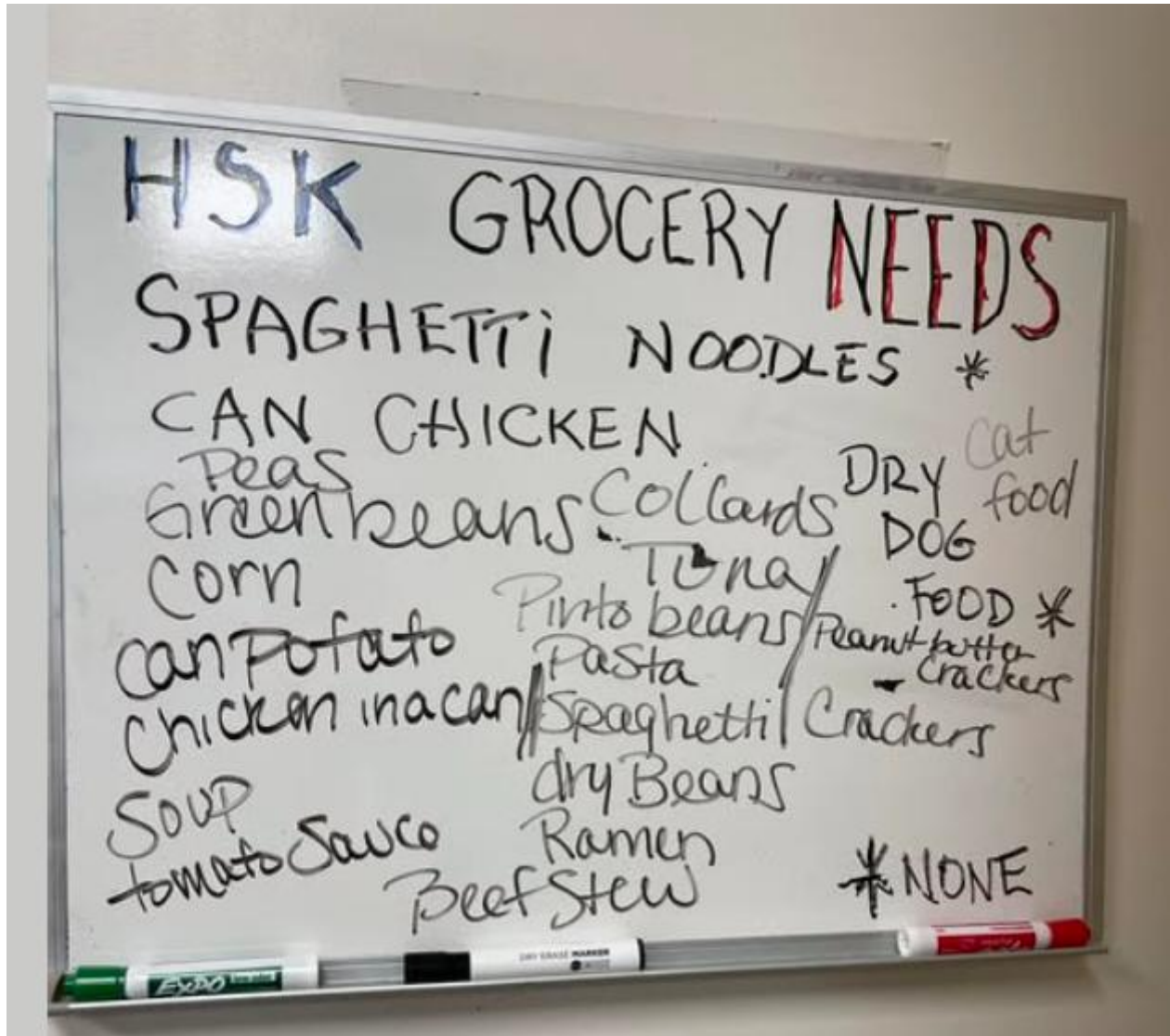
Please consider pairing with a board member(s) to host a Shabbat or Holiday at Temple Beth Shalom. When members contribute to the life of our synagogue in this way, we all feel a part of our Jewish community and an active participant in assuring its well-being. A sign-up sheet is posted in the synagogue 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!



There is still a great need for donations in food-insecure areas around us.

Please bring non-perishable food items to the temple whenever you come for services or other events. You will be helping fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry and setting a good example for our youngsters



The Hickory Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to work in their free grocery! Volunteers work between 8am and 12pm, Monday through Friday. To get on the schedule call them at 828-327-4828. Join them and make a real impact in the lives of those they serve!

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

Gabe Almaza-Moody
Piedmont Herbals

Email: piedmontherbals@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.piedmontherbals.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/piedmontherbals/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/piedmont_herbals/

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

The Natural Olive
216 Union Square
Hickory
828-256-1950
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
Edward Gabriel 8/24
Marion DuBow 8/27

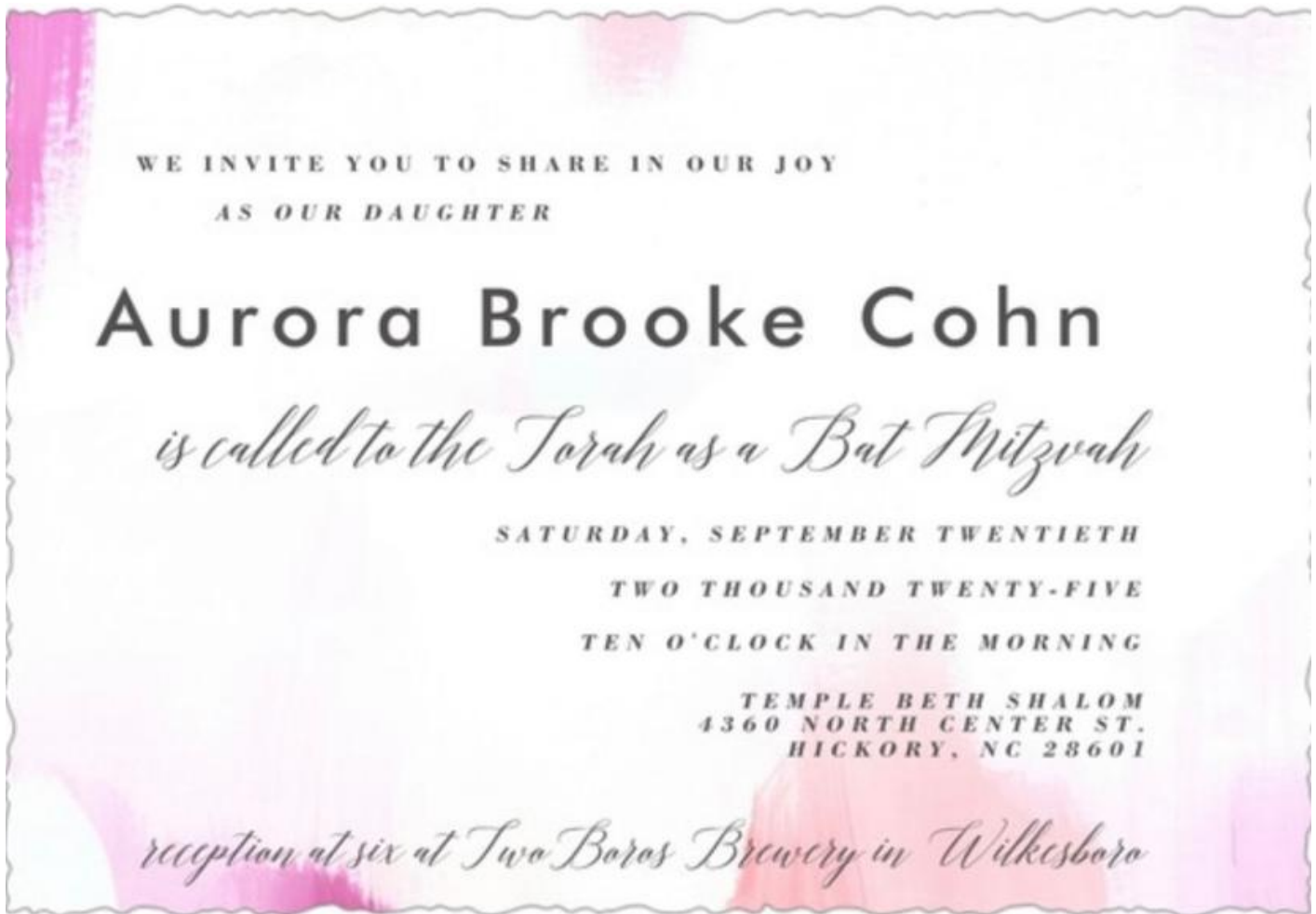
Anniversaries

Ron and Marion DuBow 8/6
Micah and Amanda Baumfeld 8/12

Yahrzeits

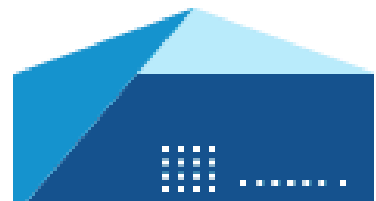
Ron Taub 8/1
Ralph Kaufman 8/5
Morton Rose 8/10
Selma Freudmann Kastan 8/13
Harold Goldstein (23 Av) 8/17
Roberta Rose 8/17
Arlen E Coen 8/21
Peter Cangemi 8/22
Harriet Sederholm 8/25
Elaine Oxenberg 8/25
Sheldon Oxenberg 8/25
Ruth Lowenberg

Local and Regional Events



Want to receive e-mail updates on our public events and programs? Subscribe to our newsletter.

**SHALOM
HARMON
INSTITUTE**



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

2025- 2026 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

| Date | Event | Bulletin Deadline |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| August | | July 23 |
| 15 | Friday night service 7:00pm | |
| 16 | Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm | |
| 17 | Sunday School TBD | |
| September | | August 23 |
| 19 | Friday night service 7:00pm | |
| 20 | Aurora Cohn Bat Mitzvah | |
| | Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm | |
| 22 | Erev Rosh Hashana 7:00pm | |
| 23 | Rosh Hashanah Services, 10:00am followed by Kiddush lunch, then Tashlich Service | September 22 |
| October | | |
| 1 | Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) 7:00 pm | |
| 2 | Yom Kippur Shacharit and Yizkor 10:00am; Yom Kippur Ma'ariv and Neilah 5:00 pm | |
| 24 | Friday night service 7:00pm | |
| 25 | Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm | |
| 26 | Sunday School and Building Sukkah TBD | |
| November | | October 23 |
| 14 | Friday night service 7:00pm | |
| 15 | Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm | |
| 16 | Sunday School TBD | |
| December | | November 23 |
| 12 | Friday night service 7:00pm | |
| 13 | Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm | |
| 14 | Sunday School/ Hanukkah Party TBD | |

January

- 9 Friday night service 7:00pm
 10 Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch;
 Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult
 Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm
 11 Sunday School TBD

December 23

February

- 20 Friday night service 7:00pm
 21 Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch;
 Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult
 Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm
 22 Sunday School TBD

January 23

March

- 20 Friday night service 7:00pm
 21 Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch;
 Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult
 Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm
 22 Sunday School TBD

February 23

April

- 2 2nd night Passover Seder 6pm – reservations required
 3 Friday night service 7:00pm
 4 Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch;
 Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult
 Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm
 5 Sunday School TBD

March 23

May

- 15 Friday night service 7:00pm
 16 Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch;
 Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult
 Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm
 17 Annual Membership Meeting 12:00
 Sunday School TBD

April 23

June

- 19 Friday night service 7:00pm
 20 Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch;
 Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult
 Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm
 21 Sunday School TBD

May 23

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