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From the Bimah

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

It is with sadness that we share the news that Rabbi Liss's mother, Evelyn Floresta, passed away on March 4th in New York. (More information is in the President's message)

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rabbi Liss and Grace as they navigate this difficult time, and we look forward to being with them again next month during Pesach.

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

We're looking forward to our **5786 Passover Seder on Thursday evening, April 2, at 6:00**. We're delighted that Rabbi Liss will lead this year's seder again and, of course, we look forward to hearing our youngest members and friends ask/chant the Four Questions. What could be better than that?! TBS is a participatory community, so be ready to join in singing and/or when Rabbi Liss calls on you.

Happily, Rabbi Liss and Grace will be with us on *Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach*. We'll daven together on **Friday evening, April 3, at 7:00** and again on **Saturday morning, April 4, at 10:00**. We

will share a *kosher l'Pesach* Shabbat lunch, then everyone 18 and over is invited to join us for adult ed/seudah shlisheet/Havdalah at 6:00.

Mazel Tov to **Gabe Almaza-Moody** who celebrated her adult bat mitzvah on March 7th. What a great example -- and high bar -- she set! If there are other adults who are interested in studying for a bar or bat mitzvah, please join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 when Rabbi Liss is in Hickory. We're looking forward to Sisterhood Shabbat March 20th and 21st when Gabe's wife, **Alexis Sweazy**, celebrates her bat mitzvah.

Thank you to all who continue to bring donations of cans or boxes of food to help **Hickory Soup Kitchen**. fight food insecurity in our local communities. This is 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. Passover also is a time that's particularly ripe to contribute to **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** (<https://mazon.org>).

We want to share with the congregation that a former member, **Deane Campbell Griffin, z"l**, named TBS as a beneficiary of her estate. We are grateful for her generosity and encourage everyone to remember TBS in your IRA, Will, or Trust. In addition to making a positive difference to our Jewish community, your tax advisor can explain how such a gift offers tax advantages.

Speaking of tax advantages, don't forget that, if you've over 70.5 years of age, you can make a direct contribution to TBS from your IRA or 401(k) as part of your required annual distribution. You will not pay taxes on any amount up to \$100,000 in any year by doing so. You can take advantage of this to pay your annual dues or make a donation for commemorating a yizkor, honoring or remembering a fellow congregant, contributing to our roof or security fund, or "just because." In addition, a new tax law allows people who do not itemize to make up to \$1,000 in non-taxable contributions to eligible charitable organizations (of which TBS is one).

We continue to send our prayers and thoughts to Rabbi Liss and Grace as they continue to mourn the loss of Evelyn Floresta, z"l. May her memory always be a blessing. Please feel free to contact me regarding where to send condolences. Donations to the Women's Rabbinic Network would be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing you soon -- in person or via Zoom, and wish you **Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach**

Shalom,

Susan



TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Hello everyone!

Our sisterhood Shabbat weekend is this month! We'll gather on March 20th and 21st at our usual service times. For those who have signed up to lead parts of the service, I will be sending out an email with the full list, please contact me if you have not received it.

Our annual community Passover Seder will be Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 PM. RSVP by March 19th so we can ensure we have enough seats and food prepared. The Seder flyer is attached to this issue of the Bulletin, and we will also have a stack of them available during the sisterhood shabbat services for any last-minute RSVPs. The cost of attending is the same as last year. However, nobody will be turned away at the door for inability to pay. If you need to arrange financial accommodations, please reach out to me or our treasurer Jennifer Rowan. All financial conversations will remain strictly confidential.

Our next sisterhood meeting is TBD at the synagogue.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions for Sisterhood activities at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com, or if you would like to join our email list.



The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund

The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund (HSSF) was established by a long-time Temple member and past President, Burt Sederholm z"l (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, Jane Mandle, or Karen Ferguson. Naturally, the committee encourages everyone to make a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund at any time.

Temple Board



Our next meeting is TBD. Board meetings are open to all temple members. Contact Susan Goldstein if you wish to attend 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



General donations

Pam Jones in memory of her mother, Vivian Kramish

Susan Rieder in memory of Andrew Rieder

Fran Zions in memory of Evelyn Floresta

We need volunteers to deliver food donations to the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

Please contact Susan Goldstein or Alexis Sweazy if you can help.



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.



**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

A listing in this business directory is a benefit of TBS membership. If you are a TBS member and wish to be listed please send your business name, address, phone number and email address to:

karen.sederholm@gmail.com



Birthdays

Susie Jones 3/2

Sarah Jones 3/3

Jesse Jones 3/5

Jack Levy 3/11

Hannah Levy 3/13

Gabe Almaza-Moody 3/14

Linda Fedder 3/16

Micah Baumfeld 3/23

Matthew Bonfield 3/24

Mark Faruque 3/26

Sue Cohn 3/28

Anniversaries

Yahrzeits

Helen Witek Maciejewski 3/3

Abraham Feverman 3/4

Morris Sederholm 3/5

Sayde Zerden 3/7

Dennis Cangemi 3/9

Seymour Soloman 3/10

Burton Sederholm 3/14

William Miller 3/16

Mildred Asch 3/16

Else Simons 3/20

Albert Ifergan 3/28 (Guy)

Helen Schonberg 3/27

Anna Berndt

Local and Regional Events

Kiera Schneiderman will lead a Shabbat Service at Lenoir-Rhyne in the Rhyne building in Belk Centrum Friday, March 27th at 7:30 pm

**Rescheduled to Sunday, March 29, 10:00-noon in the sanctuary:
Temple Emanuel, 320 S South St, Gastonia**

**Rabbi Asher Knight, Senior Rabbi at Charlotte's Temple Beth El, will speak to us on
*The Blessing of Many Voices: A Jewish Path for a Divided World.***

Judaism has long taught that truth emerges from many voices, not just one. Our tradition was shaped in moments of tension and deep disagreement, yet the rabbis believed that multiple perspectives could sit together without breaking the community. They treated disagreement as a sacred path toward wisdom. In a time when polarization feels relentless, Judaism asks us to choose something braver. It calls us to listen across difference, to hold complexity, and to seek truth by learning from one another. The ancient debates that formed our tradition remind us that communities grow stronger, not weaker, when they welcome many voices.



Join Rabbi Asher Knight, Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth El in Charlotte, for a thoughtful and engaging exploration of this ancient wisdom and what it means for the world we live in today. This is an opportunity to learn how welcoming many voices can strengthen our community and deepen our Jewish lives.

THE HICKORY FARMER'S MARKET



Crawdads Spring Fling

Family fun day

Mar 14, 11:00 AM

Hickory Crawdads
Hickory, NC



THE TRAIL TO OREGON!

Musical comedy

Mar 13, 7:30 PM

Hickory Commu...
Hickory, NC



29th Annual Catawba Valley...

Pottery and antiques ...

Mar 27, 6:00 PM

Hickory Metro C...
Hickory, NC



Music Bingo by the Lake

Music bingo game

Mar 19, 6:00 PM

Lake Hickory Pu...
Hickory, NC

2025- 2026 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

Date	Event	Bulletin Deadline
March		
6	Friday night service 7:00pm	
7	Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch	
20	Sisterhood Friday night service 7:00pm	
21	Sisterhood Shacharit service 10am followed by Kiddush	
April		March 23
2	2 nd 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	Young family gathering w/ Rabbi Liss 10:00am	
15	Friday night service 7:00pm	April 23
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 Young family gathering w/ Rabbi Liss 10:00am	
June		May 23
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	Young family gathering w/ Rabbi Liss 10:00am	

Want to contribute to The TBS Bulletin? Send your request to
karen.sederholm@gmail.com.
 All entries are reviewed by the TBS Board before publication.



SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM invites you to attend our Pesach Seder on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm.



The deadline for RSVPs and payment is **Thursday, March 19th, 2026**. We cannot provide refunds unless it is necessary to cancel the seder, and we cannot accommodate walk-ins. The menu will include oven baked salmon, sweet and savory kugels, parve matzah ball soup, vegetables, dessert, matzah, and wine. All dishes will be marked with common allergens. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay, please reach out to Jennifer Rowan or Alexis Sweazy for financial accommodations.

Prices are as follows for Temple Beth Shalom Members and their families:



Children under age 5: FREE

Aged 6-12: \$20.00

Aged 13+ : \$30.00

Guests (non-members of TBS): \$36.00



Please remit with check made out to Sisterhood Temple Beth Shalom to:



Jennifer Rowan
PO Box 9142
Hickory, NC 28603



Payment can also be made via Venmo

Venmo: @Jennifer-Rowan-20

Please put number of attendees in space below:

5 and under free _____

6 -12: \$20.00 _____

13+: \$30.00 _____

Non-TBS Guests: \$36.00 _____



Names: _____

Please indicate if you have any "table-mate" preferences as there will be assigned seating
