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From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

I'm writing this article from San Miguel De Allende where we arrived on October 25th for a destination wedding that I officiated on the 28th. The bride is a member of my New York congregation who I've known for 25 years! Her family joined the congregation when she was a first grader. We are spending the week here with her family and when I get back, I will have time to repack and head to Hickory.

On Saturday night of my last visit as we were studying Jewish texts about how to greet one another, how to treat strangers, and how to create a warm welcoming Jewish environment, a very strange thing happened. A stranger knocked on the door, having never been to the temple because she needed to be with the Jewish community, and was so pulled there after her shift was over at the hospital. The odds of finding a synagogue open on a Saturday night around 8:15 are slim to none, yet we were there, and she found us. Our guest is from Kiev and has been in the States since 1989, and her family is in New York and Israel. She lives 39 miles from the temple, yet that Saturday she needed us, and we needed her. She was greeted warmly and felt embraced by our small adult education group. It was as if Elijah had come to test us. I was happy to watch us pass the test.

As part of the global community of Jews, we all need each other at this unprecedented moment in Jewish history. I'm glued to my phone, checking the news, checking with my Israeli friends and family every day, listening to Zooms, hearing harrowing stories, and feeling anxious and worried daily. I was so disturbed by a

blog I read castigating diaspora Jewry that I sent it to an Israeli friend asking for her reaction. She sent back a link to an interview with 4 different Israelis who lost family on October 7th. They were all begging Israel not to take more lives. Watching it allowed me to sleep better that night.

A grandson of a professor at my Rabbinical School, Hebrew Union College (a Holocaust survivor), who lived close to the Gaza border and had written his Ph.D. dissertation on Israeli-Palestinian relations, was murdered on October 7th. There are no Israelis who are not touched by 6 degrees of separation from the victims of this horrific massacre. So many of us worldwide are also connected and affected by what is going on.

No one can predict what the outcome will be. Four hostages have been released. What will happen to the rest of the hostages? With rockets continuously raining down over Israel, how long will Israel be able to hold back? Israel warns neighborhoods to evacuate before bombing them. Israel does not massacre innocent civilians. The videos are still being released from that infamous day and are shocking.

I am making donations to two organizations again and will continue to support the Israel Emergency Fund of UJA and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism which is doing incredible work on the ground with victims' families and helping displaced families. The need is great, the time is now and I hope that you too will step up and help at this dark hour.

I look forward to seeing you on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th when we will have the opportunity to connect, feed, and nourish our spiritual souls through worship, study, fellowship, and of course eating! We are Jewish, right!

May all of us take the time we need for ourselves to breathe, take in the awe of the world, and center our beings.

Shalom,

Rabbi Dr. Janet Liss

The President's Message

Susan G Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

I write this as I am on my way to Los Angeles where I look forward to spending some quality time with my wonderful stepdaughter and her family — including six of my nine great-grands. I will miss being with our community this Shabbat in a time that begs us to come together in these challenging times for the Jewish people. I know that Rabbi Liss will offer a meaningful perspective and provide opportunities for all to share their thoughts.

If you come for services on Friday night or Saturday morning, you'll find flyers with pictures of those kidnapped by Hamas on October 7. Consider taking some to ask about posting at local businesses, or ask

friends to find out whether they can post at their churches. It's a way to remind our neighbors to keep these hostages in their thoughts and prayers.

As we keep the hostages in our thoughts and prayers, remember that there are tangible things we can do to help our Israeli brothers and sisters. Here are some sites where we can make donations:

- Operation Swords of Iron at UJA Federation of New York - www.ujafedny.org
- 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. The 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.

And don't forget our Jewish college students, many of whom are having a rough go of it on their campuses. Our campus Hillel need our support now as well. Go to <https://www.hillel.org> to find out how you can help.

In these troubled times we must stay informed. The Wall Street Journal (www.WSJ.com) and the New York Times (www.nytimes.com) are good sources. The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte will present *Israel in Crisis - A Conversation with Bret Stephens* on Sunday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sam Lerner Center for Cultural Arts of the Shalom Park Campus. A New York Times columnist and author, Mr. Stephens will engage in a conversation on the crisis in Israel and the drastic rise of Antisemitism in the US. If you've ever heard him speak, you'll know you don't want to miss this. If you haven't heard him, take my word for it! The event is free, but registration is required at www.jewishcharlotte.com.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. In the meantime, stay safe and stay vigilant — and stay grateful to our amazing security team.

AM YISRAEL CHAI!

Susan

TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President



Happy Fall, everyone! Sisterhood's monthly Shabbat potluck has been moved to Friday, November 10th at 6:30. Everyone is welcome, and please bring a dairy or pareve dish if you can. Next month, we should be able to resume our usual 1st Friday potlucks.

Unfortunately, due to security concerns, this year's Chanukah Fair will be virtual instead of in person. There will be a discount code available for the online storefront, and Temple Beth El will deliver everyone's purchases to the synagogue around the week of Thanksgiving. Sisterhood will receive 10% of the sales from the event. The discount code has not yet been published, but as soon as it is I will send that information to everyone.

The Caring Committee has a new freezer for storing pre-made meals for members who are sitting shiva or homebound from illness or injury. If you would like to donate a dairy or pareve meal, please bring one to any Shabbat service or Sunday school. For more information, reach out to Gabe at (518) 898-6823 or Jodi at (612) 616-2107.

As usual, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for Sisterhood events, please reach out to me at (828) 803-0373.

-Alexis

TBS Sunday School Program

Sheri Stock, Sunday School Principal

Hi Sunday School families,

We have Sunday School this month on November 5th, November 12th, and November 19th. Rabbi Liss will be joining us on November 5. So, please bring your Shabbat candles to Sunday School that week. I look forward to seeing you all.

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 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 Wednesday, November 8th 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**

High Holiday donation:
Richard Rose;
Susan Goldstein for honey sticks

High Holiday Virtual Book:
Susan Goldstein; Sheri and St John Stock;
Marylee and Aaron Tosky; Cynthia and
James Norwood; Susan Rieder;
anonymous in memory of Kenneth Huitt

General Donations:
Roy and Sarah Ashkenaz; Rhett and Jody
Lavin Tompkins;
Simon Yakopson and Valentina Berlin;
William Lovelace III and Christiana
Chambers; Don and Renie Fernbach;
Lin Gentry

TBS monthly donation
to local Charity:

November - Hospice

**Do you have a favorite charity you would
like us to donate to? Let us 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!

TBS Community Mitzvah Projects

We hope that everyone is praying and finding organizations for donating to aid Israel during this time of need.

Also, please remember TBS when you have funds, bedding, household goods, wheelchairs, walkers, or beds 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 of the Community Relations and Social Action Committee, 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
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

Temple Beth Shalom Life Cycle November Events



Birthdays

- Rachel Faruque 11/4
- Rachel Engelmann 11/7
- Jon Levinson 11/8
- Susan Huitt 11/9
- Alec Davidson 11/10
- Haven Leil 11/11
- Mary Lee Tosky 11/13
- Jenna Gold 11/15
- Laura Levinson 11/15
- Sarah Levinson 11/16
- Raeann Cangemi 11/19
- Jennifer Rowan 11/20
- Aline Cooperberg 11/27
- Sue Cole 11/28

Anniversaries

- Liz and Jim Correll 11/22

Yahrzeits

- Elaine Zerden 11/4
- Samuel Lippe 11/7
- Doris Davidson 11/8
- Clara Gitlin 11/9
- Werner Cohn 11/9
- Bert Yelin 11/9
- Murray Asch 11/10
- Don Sederholm 11/24

Local and Regional Events



CJHPS Newsletter

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"Ukraine, Russia, and the Question of Genocide" with Dr. Alex Hinton

Thursday, November 9, 2023, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Hybrid – ASU Sanford Hall Room 102 and via [Zoom](#) (Passcode: 110923)

Has Russia committed genocide in Ukraine? While Hinton will provide his answer to this question through the conflict in Ukraine and other genocides, his presentation will also explore the question of genocide itself in terms of the history of the concept and its political uses through time - including denial. The talk will conclude with a discussion of prevention, including the possibilities of truth-seeking and justice.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For a disability accommodation, visit odr.appstate.edu.

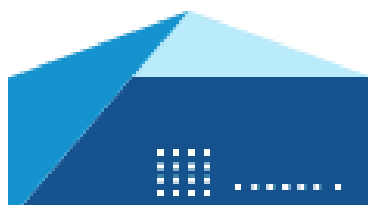
"Climate Change on Canada's Highest Peak" with Alison Criscitiello

Friday, November 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Dr. Criscitiello to our campus. Her work continues to push the boundaries of exploration and scientific discovery in the most extreme environments on the planet. She also serves as an incredible inspiration to younger generations — especially girls and young women interested in STEM and outdoor pursuits."





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



2023-2024 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

DATE	EVENT	BULLETIN DEADLINE
Nov3	Friday night service 7:00pm	Oct 23
4	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring parve or dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
5	Sunday School 10:00am	
12	Sunday School 10:00am	
19	Sunday School 10:00am	
Dec3	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.