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From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

A week in the life of a "retired" rabbi

So often people wonder what exactly a rabbi does all week. Though certainly not typical, I would like to share what this week has been like for me. The Una Taneh tokef prayer of the High Holy Days is always either in the back or forefront of my mind depending on what I am dealing with at any particular moment. Who shall live and who shall die are poignant words, especially for those of us who deal with life and death in our everyday work. I started the week on Sunday with a beautiful wedding of a couple who met when they were 11 years old in a Jewish summer camp, spent 8 summers together at camp, and years later after dating all through their 20s tied the knot. On Monday, a congregant let me know that her mom died and her sister's rabbi was going to do the funeral in New Jersey on Wednesday. On Wednesday, I got a call from a woman (I had done her Bat Mitzvah, her confirmation, her wedding, and the baby naming of her child), that her mom was in the hospital. She had complications from an endoscopy and all of her vital organs were shutting down by that afternoon when I got to the hospital. Grace and I sang a Mi Shebarach for her and the family, spent time with all of them, and before we had even arrived home, she died. She was only 73 years old. Wednesday night we called Jesse Harris who was going in the following morning for a kidney transplant to sing a Mi Shebarach for her to ask for God's blessings upon her before her surgery. On Thursday, I was meeting with a family whose dad had died, and I was doing the eulogy intake when two things happened. I got a text from Zvi Harris that the surgery went well, and then I got an emergency call from Grace. We have glass shelving in our living room with glass doors. Grace opened the

doors to put something on a shelf and out of nowhere, one of the extremely heavy glass doors suddenly crashed to the floor, landing on our beloved toy poodle Jesse's spine, then shattered in a gazillion pieces. He is one month shy of his 18th birthday. Ironically, I left the family connected to me through a past president of our synagogue here in New York who is also our vet. They told me not to worry because their deceased father loved dogs and we would talk before the service on Sunday. We rushed poor Jesse to the emergency vet hospital and his back legs seemed to be paralyzed. He is heavily sedated now and things don't look good for him. On the way home from an appointment this morning (it's Friday), I had to pull over to do a 4-way conversation with the family of the woman who died Wednesday, to make funeral plans. I came home for a while and had a phone call from my close friend who lives in Jerusalem. We spoke about the craziness happening in both countries and she described the Simchat Torah Services in her synagogue where there was no one who wasn't crying during the service. Yes, there is so much heartbreak in the world today. Every day the news out of Israel is astounding, no matter how you look at it. She was questioning why Israel waited so long to take out the Hezbollah leaders if they had the precision technology to do this in both Lebanon and Iran. People have not been able to live in the north of Israel for over a year now because of the Hezbollah bombs that keep coming from southern Lebanon. She talked to me about a conversation she had with a friend who wants Israel to level Gaza and Lebanon completely. When she tried to talk about the insanity of what the woman was suggesting, pointing out how many innocent people have already been killed, the woman could not take off her blinders. The parallels between the politics and divide in Israel and in America are unbelievable. It was really good to hear from my dear friend but it was not an uplifting call. We then left to go lead a shiva minyan for the congregant whose 101 ½ year old mother died on Monday.

When I was in the hospital, I talked to the daughter of the woman who was so sick, about how life can turn on a dime and we never know from moment to moment what life brings our way. We really do not know how tenuous life can be. Do me a favor, live life to the fullest, really love your loved ones and friends, do not procrastinate, and be passionate about your life. We only have this life to enjoy, take advantage of opportunities, and do not let petty things get in the way of your happiness.

I look forward to seeing you in two weeks.

Shalom,

Rabbi Liss

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

Thanks to all who made our High Holy Days services so very special. A very special thanks to Rabbi Liss for her messages/sermons/d'verei Torah. We needed that! If you didn't get the chance to hear them, maybe she'll agree to publish?!

Thank you, too, to all who brought donations of cans or boxes of food to help fight food insecurity. Your Board of Trustees voted to make this a **year-round project**. **Second Harvest Food Bank** fights this battle every day. Please bring a can or box of food every time you come to TBS, and please make sure that the expiration date is at least six months out since your donation may be on the shelf that long. Did you know that only 5% of donations for food insecurity come from the private sector?! Let's make our cans/boxes donations to Second Harvest, **MAZON** or **Lechet** or **Hickory Soup Kitchen** -- or wherever -- be a priority in 5785.

And the challenges for Israel continue -- with Hamas in Gaza and with Hezbollah in northern Israel. 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 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 you can help.

If we're not doing it yet, it's 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.

Shanah Tovah,

Susan



TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a meaningful High Holiday season. With those behind us, the Sisterhood is looking ahead to our next big event: the annual Chanukah fair! We are returning to an in-person event and gathering on November 24th between 10am and 1pm at the synagogue. Temple Beth El will bring tons of items from their gift shop, and 10% of the sales will be donated to the Sisterhood as a fundraiser. If you can help with the setup or breakdown, please let me know as we will need some volunteer help.

We will also gather at the synagogue on November 10th at 10:00 AM to sew supplies for MCC's dignity kits. We will probably be sewing these assembly line style, so both those who sew and those who do not are welcome to join us!

Our next meeting will be at the synagogue on November 17th at 3:00 PM.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions about sisterhood activities, please reach out to me at alexismazamoody@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Chanukah fair!

TBS Hebrew School Program

Geoffrey Janer, Hebrew School Principal



Shalom TBS Family and Friends,

TBS Hebrew School continues to thrive!

The Aleph-Bet Class is still working on the aleph-bet and learned all about Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

B'nai Mitzvot girls are working hard on learning their parshot and have started to learn the prayers to be called up to the bimah.

Everyone enjoyed helping build and decorate the sukkah. We made a paper chain that reached all 4 corners of the sukkah and put up beautiful drawings. Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Sukkah, we really appreciate it!

For Simchat Torah, we made our own Torah scrolls. The kids had a lot of fun making them and were so creative.

Up next is continuing to learn our Hebrew letters & some prayers, as well as the first 2 parshot of the Torah, Bereshit and Noah. We will also begin learning about Channukah.

Shalom,

Geoff Janer

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 on Sunday, November 17th at 1pm 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
- Jodi Lavin-Tompkins
- James Norwood
- Alexis Sweazy
- Geoffrey Janer



The TBS board thanks you for your donations

Our High Holiday food drive was a big success! 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.

Donations will go monthly to 2nd Harvest Food Bank here in Hickory

Here is a link to see *best foods to donate*:
<https://www.secondharvestnwc.org/bestfoodstodonate>



All donations must be clean, in original, sealed packaging, and have expiration dates at least 6 months after the date of your donation.



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!

Are you or anyone you know looking for a Jewish Summer camp experience? Check this out! Scholarships available. Contact Geoffrey Janer for more info.

Tranquillity Camp
Part of growing up. The best part.

Summer 2025

Full Summer (7 Weeks) \$7850
Sunday, June 29th - Tuesday, August 19th

Session 1 (4 Weeks) \$4850
Sunday, June 29 - Tuesday, July 29

Session 2 (3 Weeks) \$3650
Wednesday, July 30 - Tuesday, August 19

tranquillitycamp.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

Congrats to
Dr. Laura Faruque
and

Dr. Mark Faruque
On their retirement

We wish them peace and joy in this next part of their life journey together

Jack and Hannah Levy
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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
- 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
- Sue Cole 11/28
- Kendra Levy 11/30

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
- David Lowenberg 11/27

Local and Regional Events



Kristallnacht: Testimony from Holocaust Survivor Michael Berkowicz
Thursday, Nov 7, from 7-8:30 p.m.
Room 124A, Reich College of Education
(151 College Street in Boone)
[Click here to join via Zoom.](#)

WINTER 2023/2024
NEWSLETTER



HAPPENINGS AT THE CENTER

THE CENTER HAS MOVED!

Well it's done. We are officially moved, after a few months with our furniture in the hall and boxes stacked to the ceiling. But finally, this too is changing. The walls are painted, the floor has new carpet, and we have beautiful offices and a conference room. The furniture has been brought in and we have unpacked many of our resources. The location could hardly be better: almost every App State student takes at least one class in Anne Bell Hall, so we have the ability to really make our presence known. Join us for an open house over the summer, when more of our supporters are in town. But you don't have to wait for the open house, drop by, and say Hi in Anne Bell Hall, Suite 2100.

- 2-3. Retracing Legacies - Trip to Krakow & Berlin
4. Scholarships / Director Search / Faculty Advisory Board
5. Rennie Brantz / Donations

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2023 - 2024 EVENTS

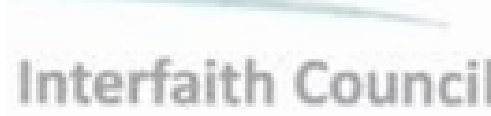
- 1/22/24 Art Installation: The Holy Land by Ann Kiplan
- 1/25-1/30 Holocaust Remembrance Week
- 1/25/2024 Panel "Marc Chagall and Shetl Life"
- 1/27/2024 Holocaust Remembrance Memorial Service
- 1/29/24 - 2/2/24 Historical Exhibit: "The Tichyn Story: Roots of Resistance Exhibit"
- 1/30/24 Anne Parsons on "The Tichyn Story"
- 2/21/24 Panel on Israel and Palestine: The Context
- 4/24/24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day Event
- 5/2/24 Center Award Ceremony
- May 2024 Student Field Trip
- 7/11-17/24 Summer Symposium
- 7/14/24 Center Open House

Beyond Theater of Witness Workshop with Fiona Gallagher, Lee Lavis, Anne Walker and Robin Young
Date & Time: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 3:30-4:45 p.m.
Zoom Link: TBA

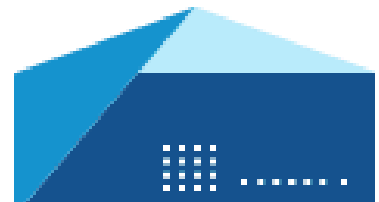
CJHPS Newsletter

[Subscribe to our newsletter](#) to stay updated on the latest news and events.

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/>.



SHALOM HARMON INSTITUTE



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

2024-25 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

Dates	Events	Newsletter deadline
November		
15	Friday night service 7:00pm	
16	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	October 23
17	Sunday School 10 am	
24	Sunday School 10 am	
December		
8	Sunday School 10am	November 23
13	Friday night service 7:00pm	
14	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
15	Sunday School 10am	
January		
5	Sunday School 10 am	December 23
10	Friday night service 7:00pm	
11	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
12	Sunday School 10 am	
26	Sunday School 10 am	
February		
2	Sunday School 10 am	January 23
9	Sunday School 10 am	
14	Friday night service 7:00pm	
15	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or 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 a parve ordairy 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 parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	
	27	Sunday School 10 am	
	18	Sunday School 10 am	
	25	Sunday School 10 am - End of Year party	
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 a parve or 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			
	13	Friday night service 7:00pm	May 23
	14	Shacharit Service at 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	

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