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From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

On Wednesday evening, together, we will usher in the New Year, 5785. On one hand this past year flew by and at the same time, counting daily the number of days the hostages have been held in Gaza has been excruciatingly slow. On October 7th, they will have been in captivity for one year and a day. I am looking forward to seeing you for the holidays and hope to be able to have real conversations with you. If we have not seen each other since this time last year, please reintroduce yourself to me. The holidays are a time to come together with your Jewish family, and your community. When we hear the shofar calls on Rosh Hashana, I hope that each one of us will be stirred to action, our hearts will be open, and we will be in the right frame of mind to have a meaningful spiritual experience. None of this happens if we do not take the steps required of us to make sure that we enter the space of the High Holy Days in a positive mental place. Between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur we have one task to do to prepare for Yom Kippur. We are called upon to make amends with those we have hurt in the past year. We are asked to forgive those who have hurt us. I beseech you to do this with your temple family members and those in your own circle of life. On Yom Kippur, we make amends with God for the ways we fell short but only after we have done this on a human level. This year has been very difficult for the global Jewish community. With everything that has happened, the one message we can take from it, is that it is not worth it to hold on to grudges and anger we harbor against our own.

After the kiddush luncheon on Rosh Hashana, we will head down to the water to symbolically cast aside our sins as we partake in the Tashlich Service. The service is short, and meaningful, and contains

readings written in light of the events of October 7th. I hope you will bring comfortable shoes and join us for this meaningful experience.

I am very excited to be able to be with you again this year and look forward to sharing these special days with you. If you have any photos of yourself and your family doing Jewish things, please email them to me. I will be happy to incorporate them in the PowerPoint that will be shared with those who are joining us on zoom.

On behalf of Grace and myself, we wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

It's almost **Rosh Hashanah!** We very much look forward to seeing you, in person or via Zoom, for services on Wednesday evening, October 2, at 7:00 and Thursday morning, October 3, at 10:00. A Kiddush lunch will follow Thursday morning's services. Tashlich will be at a venue to be revealed at services!

Yom Kippur services will be held on Friday evening, October 11, at 7:00, Saturday morning, October 12, at 10:00, and Saturday afternoon, October 12, at 5:00. Saturday afternoon services will include Mincha (and the reading of Jonah), Neilah, and Havdalah. Then we will enjoy a delicious Break Fast sponsored by our Sisterhood. In addition to the "usual" food prepared by our wonderful Chef Sam, we invite all TBS chefs to provide their special dairy or parve goodies to enhance the meal for which we'll all be ready!

This year, in addition to asking you to make a donation to Mazon, the Hickory Soup Kitchen, or any other agency that fights food insecurity, your Board of Trustees asks that you bring a can or box of non-perishable food (no glass) to be donated to **Second Harvest Food Bank** in Hickory. Please bring your cans and/or boxes to services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Second Harvest will provide a container that we can return to them -- filled with food that can be distributed to those who need it -- after Yom Kippur. Thank you to Alexis Sweazy for coordinating this effort.

And the challenges for Israel continue -- with Hamas in Gaza and with Hezbollah in northern Israel. As I write this, Hezbollah fired its first missiles into Tel Aviv -- more than 300 miles from the Israel/Lebanon border. It's been almost a year since Hamas brutally attacked Israel, and 101 hostages -- some dead, some alive -- still remain in Gaza. By now, we're all well aware of the frightening degree of Antisemitism that has ensued. College students have returned to campuses, and we need to pay attention and 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.

- 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 all! I hope everyone has had a meaningful and reflective Elul as we head into the High Holy Days. The Sisterhood will be sponsoring the Break Fast meal for Yom Kippur this year, and while the majority is being catered by Chef Sam, a sign-up sheet will be going out soon for additional savory and sweet items.

At our most recent Sisterhood meeting, Clyde Ferguson gave us a presentation on the "dignity kits" made by the non-profit MCC, which contain reusable menstrual supplies, bath and laundry soap, and other personal care and hygiene items. MCC distributes its dignity kits to women and girls around the world who struggle to access these items. We have volunteered to sew about 200 reusable pre-cut pad holders for this project. Once we receive the necessary supplies from Clyde, I will send an email to coordinate a date and time when we can get together and sew them.

Though it perhaps feels a little early to start coordinating the Chanukah fair, it is fast approaching. I will contact Dee at Temple Beth El to start that process very soon. More details to come hopefully by next month.

The next Sisterhood business meeting will be on October 27th at 3:00 PM at the synagogue. Light refreshments will be provided. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions about sisterhood activities, please reach out to me at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all at Rosh Hashanah services!

TBS Library update

Hello everyone! It's been a very busy summer for the TBS Library Project, and I'm thrilled to announce that we've added over 600 items to our catalog. We're also very grateful to Hannah Levy and her daughters who spent a day helping us fill out information sheets for some of our older books without barcodes or ISBNs. Thanks to their help, we reduced our usual cataloging time for around 50 books by more than half. Our first ever display is set up on the table downstairs with books on the High Holy Days for both kids and adults. Some adult titles we have featured are: *Here All Along* by Sarah Hurwitz, *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared* by Alan Lew, and *My Jewish Year* by Abigail Pogrebin. Some children's titles we have featured are: *Yom Kippur Shortstop* by David Adler, *Tashlich at Turtle Rock* by Susan Schnur, and *New Year at the Pier* by April H. Wayland. Pay us a visit to check out something that interests you! Setting up a patron account is fast and easy, and often we can print and laminate your official library card the same day. Library hours are Sundays from 9:30 to 1:30 as long as Hebrew School is meeting, or by appointment. Please email me at gabealmazamoody@gmail.com if you'd like to set up a time to visit. We hope to see you soon!

Best,

Gabe

TBS Hebrew School Program
Geoffrey Janer, Hebrew School Principal



Shalom TBS Family,

We have had a great start to the school year, and the children have learned so much already from our fantastic teachers. Thank you to Maritza Janer, Aaron Tosky, Susan Goldstein, Seth Cohn, Alexis Almaza-Moody, and Gabe Almaza-Moody for volunteering your time to teach the next generation of Jewish children.

The Aleph-Bet class has been working hard on learning the Hebrew letters and their sounds, as well as learning some Hebrew words.

The B'nai Mitzvot class has been working on learning the blessings for being called up to the Torah and are getting ready to start learning their Parshot for their upcoming B'nai Mitzvot.

The entire Hebrew school has been learning about the High Holidays and we even heard the Shofar in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our temple library has some amazing books regarding the High Holidays that the children loved reading.

Next we will learn about Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We will be building and decorating the Sukkah on Sunday, October 13 at 10am. Any additional help would be greatly appreciated!

Please reach out to me at geoffreyjaner@gmail.com if you would like to help with Hebrew School and/or help with building the Sukkah.

Shana Tova, Happy New Year,

Geoffrey 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, October 27, 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

Linda Fedder in memory of
 Marc Fedder
 Bernice Fedder
 Bert Yelin
 Harriet Yelin

Susan Goldstein in memory of the girls’
 Grandpa, Harold Goldstein

Metropolitan Opera Chorus Retirees in
 memory of Roberta Asch Atkins



What better time than Yom Kippur to donate food to those in need?

Please bring non-perishable food items to the temple during the High Holidays to help fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. Donations will go to 2nd Harvest Food Bank here in Hickory. Check out their website:

<https://www.secondharvestnwnnc.org/>

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



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

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
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 October Events



Birthdays

- Craig Axler 10/3
- Samuel Peltzer 10/6
- Daniel Tosky 10/7
- Steven Gold 10/11
- Alexis Sweazy 10/15
- Susan Rieder 10/21
- Richard Engelmann 10/31

Anniversaries

- Madeleine Guy 10/29

Yahrzeits

- David Tosky 10/11
- Richard Goldstein 10/18
- Joanna Dandekar 10/23
- Stanley Atkins 10/27
- Sid Freedman 10/30

Local and Regional Events



The **center** works to strengthen tolerance, understanding and remembrance by increasing the knowledge of Jewish culture and history.

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 week 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 treasures. 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. Bessie 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 Shetell Life"

1/27/2024 Holocaust Remembrance Memorial Service

1/28/24 - 2/2/24 Historical Exhibit: "The Tuchyn Story: Roots of Resistance Exhibit"

1/30/24 Anne Parsons on "The Tuchyn 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

September 30: "The March of the Living: 1988, Then and Now" Documentary Screening

SHALOM HARMON INSTITUTE



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

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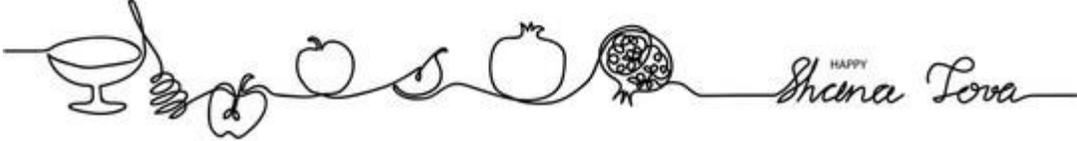
Temple Beth Shalom has an active membership in the Catawba Valley Interfaith Council, where Rabbi Dennis served as president for 5 years and now serves as secretary. You can find out more about this organization and its activities at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CVICNC/>

Interfaith Council

2024-25 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

Dates	Events	Newsletter deadline
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
3		
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 10am	
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	
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 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 a dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:00pm	

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