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The New Year's Address by Past-President Marty Siegel

Temple Beth Shalom appreciates your continued support and membership. As a member of the Temple family you must understand the need to sustain our congregational home.

Of all the cultural practices associated with American Jews, the Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur appeal has to be among the most ill-considered, let alone poorly timed, of rituals. No sooner than setting foot inside the Temple and take your seat, you are requested to make a contribution. This is in addition to bearing the cost of dues and, in some cases, even paying for the seat in which you are sitting.

If anyone wonders about the timing of this, they fail to realize the truth of the matter, that you are a captive audience for exactly 4 services per year. Therefore it has become a custom of many Temples to make an appeal at this time. Temple leaders will always have to square the imperatives of raising money with the rhythms of the sacred service. We here at TBS are unfortunately no different as we are caught between the realities of modern Jewish life, and its burdensome monetary demands. Like it or not, funds to support programs, enhance, strengthen, and sustain our Temple are a necessary and practical reality.

I am sure there are a few of you who are now thinking, "Thank God I'm not in his shoes. I'm just glad it's not me".

Truth be told, I am not looking for your sympathy for having to make this appeal. I perform my service at this Temple at a sense of responsibility and privilege. It is truly the case that I have gotten back far more than I have given. I make no apology for this appeal and I hope you read carefully to what I have written.

First and foremost, we need you to take our pleas seriously. This constant financial nag will not cease merely by ignoring it. Rather, the Temple will cease to exist if our

membership continues to look to the left and to the right, assuming someone else has the means to solve our problems. We need each one of you to step up and take responsibility for your commitment to our Temple. At the top of our list of many needs, we need to replace our icemaker (\$1600) and shortly add panels to our memorial boards (\$4800)

Our Temple, like many across the country, has felt the effects of the troubled economy. We have seen our costs rise in many areas. There are repair costs, supplies, utilities, expenses, and ever increasing costs to fly in our student Rabbi each year, which is a pricey, but high priority for us to continue.

The BOD addressed this deficit during our annual meeting. Our president, Ed Mandel, addressed this in his August bulletin column appropriately entitled "Reality Therapy". It was a fit paraphrase of a Christian saying, "A come-to-Moses moment". He wrote that our dues intake has dropped about \$15,000 since 2013, and also mentioned some of the other problems I have already addressed. Pres. Mandel also said, and I quote, "We are not in crisis mode yet, but now is the time to reverse this very worrisome negative financial trend".

I am not going to stand here, especially during this time as we donate food to those less fortunate than we, and give you the impression that unless we all double our dues and make more donations, we will have to close the doors of the Temple. In fact, thanks to our many volunteers who make repairs, teach Religious School, and chair the many committees, we are saved thousands of dollars each year.

Is estimated by the URJ that as many as a quarter of congregants cannot pay full dues. I would like to make the following crystal clear: our Temple will never, never turn away anyone who wants to be a member due to financial reasons. This is the right thing to do!

DONATIONS

*When contributing to TBS
please consider these established categories
in addition to any causes
that are dear to your heart, & we thank you.*

BREAK-THE-FAST
BUILDING FUND
MITZVAH CARDS
PRAYER BOOK DONATIONS / DEDICATIONS
RABBI LEAF FUND
SPECIAL FUND
TREE OF LIFE LEAVES
WASHOFSKY/TBS FOUNDATION SUMMER CAMP FUND
YIZKOR

CARRIE GLASSMAN HIGH HOLY DAYS FLOWER FUND
The Hertzfeld Family

GENERAL

Robyn Beebe

- ☆ In Memory of Stan Berg ☆
NWF State College Foundation, Inc.
Martha & Ronald Bradford
The Center for Lifelong Learning, Inc.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Laura B. Wright

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Lori, Brenna & Craig Oliver

- ☆ 1 tree planted in honor of Brooke Bahr's
wedding

Hooly Hoover

- ☆ in memory of Robin

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Scott Davis

- ☆ in memory of family members

Charles Wise

- ☆ in memory of Ruth Crane

Temple Beth Shalom

- ☆ in memory of Stan Berg

PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Georgina Sanborn

- ☆ in memory of Richard Sanborn

Yahrzeits

Yvette & David Litwick

☆TREASURER'S CORNER☆

It is the policy of Temple Beth Shalom that members are NEVER turned away for financial reasons. Remember all conversations are confidential and are NEVER discussed with other Board or temple members.

REMINDER: Mail checks & receipts to:

Temple Beth Shalom Attn: Treasurer

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Where? **Temple Beth Shalom**

When? **This Friday, November 4**

What Time? **6:30 PM**

With? **Rabbi Yoni,**
the Religious School,

Moms, Dads, Siblings, Friends
Your Sweet Self,

and our **TORAHs!**

Take the scrolls for a spin around the sanctuary!

Singing! DANCING!

Oneg!

SEE YOU THERE!



The Men's Breakfast Chavurah will meet on Tuesday, November 8 2016 at the Front Porch, Niceville, at 8:30 AM.

Topics are, as usual, open, and informal. Fellowship is foremost. Encourage others to join our group. Pass the word around - all temple men are welcome

Phil Block

(850)897-5057

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Yoni and the kids at Goofy Golf 9/10

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As a former Treasurer, and currently serving the Board as Past-President, it is my and the Board's responsibilities to ensure the fiscal viability of our Temple during these challenging times. We do not take this responsibility lightly. But we cannot do this without your help. Those who can afford to do more must assume this responsibility and obligation, as well as take the pleasure and pride, to ensure that TBS is here for our children and their children. We will then be able to share their memories and realize their dreams.

You may not know that aside from your dues and donations to the general Temple fund, we have a Temple Foundation, which mission is to develop a permanent base of financial support for the congregation. The Foundation encourages, promotes, and solicits gifts and bequests that ensure, augment, strengthen, and fortify the congregation's resources. Burt Clayman is the Foundation president

On the rear wall of the sanctuary, I see our memorial board. My parents' names and Betty's parents' names are there. There are also two reserved plaques, in some future time, for our names. At that time we hope the continuing and future Temple members will read our names and say Kaddish for us. The only way for this to happen is for TBS to be here when we are gone. If this Temple no longer exists, who will say Kaddish for us? An article in the "Southern Jewish Life" this month recounts the sad closing of Temples throughout the South, for lack of membership and the funds to maintain their buildings.

We wish you a healthy, prosperous, and happy new year. May you be inscribed in the book of life for a good year. Shanah Tovah!

Marty and Betty Siegel

"Luncheon on the Town"



McGuire's Irish Pub

33 E. Hwy. 98, Destin, Florida

1 PM

Saturday, November 12, 2016

RSVP: Please call or email

Georgi Sanborn at (850)651-8333

OR hmsgms@cox.net

NO LATER THAN

Wednesday, November 9.



Temple Directory Update

Please make the following change (*noted in italics and bold print*) in your directory.

LONDON, Chuck..... (850)420-8543

With regret, **Claire & Cameron Radon** have chosen to withdraw from temple membership.

Please report all & any mistakes/changes in information to the Administrative Assistant by emailing shalom@tbsfwb.com. Thanks! ☆



Yoni and
the kids
at the
beach
9/10

Jewish National Fund



Have an Israel trip planned, or want to start saving for an Israel program far in advance? Now is your chance to help raise funds for your trip while also helping the land of Israel with Jewish National Fund! Plant Your Way to Israel is a tool to help you fundraise for ANY Israel trip. It allows participants to take an active role in paying for their trips while building the land of Israel through JNF afforestation projects. The program is simple, and open to anyone under 30. Once you register and create a personalized profile, you can share it with family and friends. Half of all the funds you raise will be put in a special account for your trip, and the other half will go towards JNF's green initiatives in Israel. Hundreds of participants have already used the program successfully. To register, go to www.jnf.org, find this article, and then follow the registration prompts. The money you raise will make a BIG difference for Jewish National Fund by helping to support the land and people of Israel.

Marsha Kaplan
JNF Chairman

Nov Dates to Remember

Birthdays

Nick Naydenov	11/10
Alexa Kalin	11/18
Nate Sandler	11/25
Sophia Feldman	11/28
Benjamin Zivan	11/28

Wedding Anniversaries

Jo & Erwin Fleet	11/26
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Yahrzeits

Miriam Ben Nachum	11/01
Dorothy Blitz	11/07
Abraham Dobin	11/08
Nerina Galard	11/08
Mary Sirotta	11/08
John Bales	11/09
Walter Rubenstein	11/10
Michael Crane	11/11
William Saiff	11/11
Ralph Howes	11/12
George Kessler	11/12
George Weinstock	11/12
Stella Lester	11/15
Joseph Goldberg	11/16
Jeannetta Cohen	11/17
Ruth Splaver	11/18
Carolyn Cohen	11/20
Gertrude Schwarzbrunn	11/20
David Levine	11/21
Mollie Kaplan	11.23
Minnie Salutsky	11/24
Ted Lajeunesse	11/27
Helen L. Weirnerman	11/27



May their Memories and our Simchot
be, for us, Blessings.

Please note that Kaddish is recited at the Friday Shabbat service after the Yahrzeit. If the Yahrzeit occurs on a Saturday, it is recited the previous Friday night. If you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved one, as is traditional, you may do so by sending a check to Temple Beth Shalom, PO Box 111, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-0111. Please write in the memo line "Yahrzeit donation in memory of _____".

If you want to make a correction or addition, please email shalom@tbsfwb.com or leave a message at (850)862-6086. ☆

November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
This month's Friday Closer is Charles Wise		1	2	3	4 6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Noach Service & Oneg led by Rabbi Yoni Sinchat Torah Celebration	5 10 AM Weekly Torah/ Haftarah/ Prophets, Study and Discussion
6 9:00 AM Religious School 	7	8 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Chavurah, Front Porch, Niceville	9	10	11 6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Lech Lecha Lay Service & Oneg led by Chuck London	12 10 AM Weekly Torah/ Haftarah/ Prophets, Study and Discussion 1 PM "Lunch on the Town" <i>McGuire's, Oestm</i>
13 9:00 AM Religious School	14	15 6:30 PM Board of Directors meets <i>All Welcome!!</i>	16	17	18 6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Vayera Lay Service & Oneg led by Mark Hammer	19 10 AM Weekly Torah/ Haftarah/ Prophets, Study and Discussion
20 NO Religious School - Thanksgiving Break	21	22	23	24 	25 6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Chayei Sarah Lay Service & Oneg led by Robin Matheson	26 10 AM Weekly Torah/ Haftarah/ Prophets, Study and Discussion
27 NO Religious School - Thanksgiving Break	28	29	30			



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November TBS Events At-a-Glance



Friday,	Nov 4,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat Noach Service & Oneg Simchat Torah Celebration
Saturday,	Nov 5,	10 AM,	Weekly Torah Study, History & Evaluation
Tuesday,	Nov 8,	8:30 AM,	Men's Breakfast Chavurah – Front Porch, Niceville
Friday,	Nov 11,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat Lech Lecha Lay Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Nov 12,	10 AM,	Weekly Torah Study, History & Evaluation
Tuesday,	Nov 15,	6:30 PM,	Board of Directors meets
Friday,	Nov 18,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat Vayera Lay Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Nov 19,	10 AM,	Weekly Torah Study, History & Scrutiny
Friday,	Nov 26,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat Chayei Sarah Lay Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Nov 27,	10 AM,	Weekly Torah Study, History & Overview

Religious School meets **ONLY** the 6th & 13th this month!