halom y’all! We were happy to see all of our Temple Beth Shalom family members that came out for our Annual Meeting on April 30. We enjoyed feelings of pride in our year’s accomplishments and optimism for our coming year. If you missed the meeting, here are some “chailights”!

Our now exiting Board members and Executives brought our organization to a place of financial stability and social expansion. We thank Meryl Chayt and the Finance (Rob Lerner and Jerry Heyman) and Cemetery Committee (Janis Koike and Jeanne Heyman) for their efforts, identifying opportunities for reducing costs and increasing revenue. We thank all of you, as almost all member dues are up to date. We are delighted to have several new members among us this year, and some came onto our Board! Thank you, Joyce Preston, for welcoming new TBS family members with your sweet smile. Thank you Sue Zwerling for your quiet, but powerful presence, and your clarity of ideas. Diana Kramer, you bring excellence to all you do, whether it is supporting our social events or coordinating honors for Shabbat services, and a collection of many other things! Richard Friedmann, we haven’t seen you for a minute, but your influence was still with us, and thanks to you we were successful with some of the projects you led, such as the yard sale. Come back and see us!

Meryl Crews does so much to lead and provide a breadth of activities and programs, it’s about time we called her President. She is not only our Choir Director, but also Religious School Director, and so much a part of everything else that happens at Temple Beth Shalom. If I am half of the support as Past President that Meryl was as Vice President, we will accomplish a lot. Janis Koike is continuing as Recording Secretary but has been so much more – we admire her as a mentor and expert in our Hebrew class, she manages the many details associated with the temple telephone line and coordinates with community organizations, helps us to remember our congregation’s history, and in many ways holds us together. Martin Halpert is continuing as Trustee and House Committee chair, and keeps an eye on our building; and Jessica Brucks is a faithful community support.

Congratulations to the new officers and trustees of Temple Beth Shalom

2017 Officers
President – Meryl Crews • Vice President – Renee Cohen
Secretary – Janis Koike • Treasurer – Louis Calabretta
Past President – Margo Fleisher

2017 Trustees
Martin Halpert • Jessica Brucks • Howard Korn
Beverly Lerner • Joseph Rodriguez • Lorraine Mixter

A Message From Our Past President
Joining the Dream Team is Renee Cohen, the new Board’s Vice President. Renee has experience with our Board, and knows the many strengths and talents in members of our congregation, and will help us all to shine brighter. Louis Calabretta is bringing his accounting and other expertise as our new Treasurer, and we know he will make our financial and administrative processes better than ever. Howard Korn joins us with a wealth of community and business experience, and we see TBS leadership in his future too! Beverly Lerner is a longtime member of our congregation, and has much to teach us about our history and what makes TBS special. We knew we needed Joseph Rodriguez in our congregation and on our Board – not only because of his experience with Jewish organizations and Boards, but also because of his talent for motivating and organizing groups of people. We just met Lorraine Mixter, but she is another perfect fit for us. She is a pleasure to talk to, and puts us all at ease. We are so fortunate to have you all on the Board with us!

Upon seeing exiting Board members complete their terms, continuing ones continue, and new Board members entering, we talked about what has been Temple Beth Shalom’s unique strength for over 30 years: our relationships. It had to be; that is what kept us going for half of our existence without a building! So many that visited our temple or joined remarked that they perceived our congregation as especially warm, friendly, and welcoming. Our ability to engage and value each other keeps our Board and synagogue, almost all of which runs on volunteerism, going strong for decades. We are asked to remember this as we continue into a new year with new tasks and projects. That our strength resides in our relationships is especially important to remember when we meet unexpected challenges. We are expanding on this strength in the coming year, as we encourage not only the Board, but all members to reach out; to help those that may have become isolated from us by illness, job loss, legal problems, financial loss, family changes, or any other of the events when our members need us most. We know that if one of us is sick or stressed, it helps to have that phone call, visit, text, or card. These connections heal. We are also growing as a congregation by inviting community members, whether they are Jewish or interested in Judaism, to attend our services and activities. Our Communications are a tool to assist us in these efforts – we can direct others to our website, Facebook page, or share a copy of the Chai Lites. Whenever I go I talk about Temple Beth Shalom and share these things – I am proud of how much we have grown, even out into electronic media and in popularity, but still maintain that intimate, small-community feeling.

Margo Fleisher

We need volunteers to host summer onegs on June 30, July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25, Sept. 8

Contact Arlene Greenberg 863-268-4382 arlenegreenberg@gmail.com
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For more details visit the calendar on the temple website: [http://www.templebethshalompolk.org](http://www.templebethshalompolk.org)
For setting up the tables and chairs for the Seder: Joseph Rodriguez, Janis Koike, Lorraine Mixter, Sandi Grinker, Judy Richter, Michael Richter, Diana Kramer, Margo Fleisher, Meryl Crews

For preparing seder plates: Sandi Grinker, Diana Kramer, Art and Lois Levine, Lorraine Mixter, Bobby and Brenda Poller, Joseph Rodriguez and Jan and Polly Weinmann.

For donating the following items: Mery Crews- Hard boiled eggs, soda and water. Howard Korn- Five bottles of wine. Sandi Grinker -Charoset, eggs and Matzoh. Judy Richter-Charoset and Quinoa and Cauliflower dish.

For helping during the meal: Aase Feder, Beverly Lerner, Jo Anne Lesnett, Elaine Pincus and Sue Zwerling

For helping to clean up and put everything away: Margo Fleisher, Phil and Sandi Grinker, Diana Kramer, Lorraine Mixter, Linda and Vincent Smith, Jan and Polly Weinmann.

For greeting people at the door and checking the reservation list - Brenda Poller

For cleaning table clothes: Aase Feder

For cleaning the temple: Pat Lerner

For taking and posting photos: Jan Weinmann
Women's B'Not Mitzvah

Margo Fleisher • Meryl Crews • Arlene Greenberg • Meryl Chayt

Saturday, June 3, 2017 • 10:30 AM • Brunch Reception to Follow.
Please, no gifts. Donations are gratefully accepted & will benefit

the Family Emergency Center of Winter Haven
& Temple Beth Shalom.

Click the link below to register and enter the number in your party
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-bnot-mitzvah-2017-tickets-32513634155

Temple Beth Shalom
Reform Jewish Congregation
1029 Bradbury Road • Winter Haven, FL
April Yartzeits

Theresa Baum ................................................................. mother of Robert Baum
Jules Briklod ................................................................. father of Meryl Chayt and husband of Beatrice Briklod
Aharon Bromberg ............................................................ father of Varda Rotenberg
Bessie Browde ............................................................... Mother of Arlene Greenberg
Zina Chain ................................................................. grandmother of Lloyd Chain
Irwin Cohen ................................................................. brother of Allen Cohen
Jennie Geller ................................................................. mother of Milton Geller
Miriam Gessner .............................................................. perpetual yartzeit
Victor Golfman ............................................................... grandfather of Sharon Shuller
Beatrice Greenberg ........................................................ mother-in-law of Arlene Greenberg
Sarah Gripp ................................................................. mother of Jacqueline Korn
Lila Held ................................................................. mother of Rabbi Garson Herzfeld
Nat Heyman ................................................................. father of Jerry Heyman
Gay Hill ................................................................. mother of Linda Small
Martin N. Kogan ............................................................. father of Brenda Poller
Elizabeth Kohen ............................................................ grandmother of Margo Fleisher
Alex LeShay ................................................................. father of Herbert LeShay
Yudell L. Luke ............................................................... father of Janis Koike
Frank Mayer ................................................................. brother of Max Mayer
Abraham Meyer ............................................................ father of Lee Ann Martinez
Mark Miller ................................................................. perpetual yartzeit
Irving Ort ................................................................. father of Michael Ort
Pearl Safir ................................................................. mother of Elaine Pincus
Jack Safir ................................................................. father of Elaine Pincus
Stephen Shuller ............................................................. brother of Sharon Shuller
Stephen Soberman ........................................................ husband of Myrna Soberman
Rabbi Frank N. Sundheim ................................................. Rabbi Emeritus, husband of Adrianne Sundheim
Alan Treister ................................................................. son of Ken and Helyne Treister
Lillian Zwerling ............................................................. mother-in-law of Susan Zwerling

Yartzeit Plaques are available to remember your loved ones. Complete and send the attached order form and a check for $150.00 to

Temple Beth Shalom
P.O. Box 313
Winter Haven, FL 33882
Donations

- From Meryl Crews for in memory of Helen and Murray Handler, Anne Kastner and Robert Crews
- From Herb LeShay in memory of Nate LeShay
- From Sharon Shuller in memory of Victor and Sarah Golfman, Florence, Isadore, Stephen, Martha, Abraham Shuller
- Donation to General Fund from Edwin and Sharon Mitchell who are part time residents of Winter Haven and are active participants at temple functions.

Welcome New Member

Lorraine Mixter
LorraineMixter@aol.com
757-816-5933

Dinner With The Rabbi

- Friday, May 5th privately hosted by Janis Koike.
- Friday, May 19th will be at Arabellas Restaurant in Winter Haven at 5:30 p.m. hosted by Brenda and Irwin Kleinman. All are welcome to attend. Please R.S.V.P by May 16th Sandi@tampabay.rr.com 863-207-7440.

Thank you all the members who hosted Rabbi Herzfeld this year: Meryl and Steven Chayt, Renee and Allen Cohen, Meryl and Jimmy Crews, Aase and Art Feder, Arlene Greenberg, Sandi and Phil Grinker, Marcia and Marty Halpert, Brenda and Irwin Kleinmann, Janis Koike, Diana Kramer, Pat and Rob Lerner, Elaine and Bernie Pincus, Judy and Michael Richter, Varda Rotenberg and Sue Zwerling.

Book Club
June 6th at 11 a.m.
The Promise by Chaim Potok.
All are welcome to join us.
Temple Beth Shalom
Yahrtzeit Plaque Order Form

$150.00 contribution.
Arrangement for payment to be made with the Temple Treasurer, Meryl Chayt, 294-6976

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