

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

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Welcome Back, Rabbi



Rabbi Herzfeld returned to Beth Shalom after a summer in Israel and Turkey.



Before the Shabbat service, the congregation enjoyed conversation and a delicious meal of turkey, meat loaf, potatoes, squash casserole and green beans prepared by the Crews family.

High Holiday Schedule

Fri. Sept. 15	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Sat. Sept. 16	7:00 pm	Selichot Service
Wed. Sept. 20	8:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thurs. Sept. 21	10:00 am	Rosh Hashanah morning service
	12:00 pm	Tashlich Service

Fri. Sept. 29	8:00 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Sat. Sept. 30	10:00 am	Yom Kippur morning service
	3:30 pm	Discussion
	4:30 pm	Yom Kippur afternoon service
	5:00 pm	Stone Service, Yiskor and Neilah
	6:00 pm	Break the Fast



Calendar

September

Sept. 3	9:00 a.m.	..... TBS Executive Board Meeting
Sept. 5	12:00 p.m.	..... Mah Jongg
	6:30 p.m.	..... Choir Practice
Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.	..... TBS Board Meeting
Sept. 12	12:00 p.m.	..... Mah Jongg
Sept. 15	7:30 p.m.	..... Shabbat Service
Sept. 16	7:00 p.m.	..... Selichot Service
Sept. 17	10:00 a.m.	..... Religious School
Sept. 19	12:00 p.m.	..... Mah Jongg
	6:30 p.m.	..... Choir Practice
Sept. 20	8:00 p.m.	..... Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 21	10:00 a.m.	..... Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
	12:00 p.m.	..... Tashlich Service
Sept. 24	9:30 a.m.	..... Brotherhood Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	..... Religious School
Sept. 26	10:30 a.m.	..... Needlework
	12:00 p.m.	..... Mah Jongg
	6:00 p.m.	..... Choir Practice
Sept. 29	8:00 p.m.	..... Kol Nidre Service
Sept. 30	10:00 a.m.	..... Yom Kippur Morning Service
	3:30 p.m.	..... Discussion
	4:30 p.m.	..... Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
	5:00 p.m.	..... Stone Service, Yiskor & Neilah Services
	6:00 p.m.	..... Break the Fast

Special Selichot Screening



Following the Selichot service on September 16, Rabbi Herzfeld will be presenting the film “Look To The Sky” by Brett Culp. This film weaves together the uplifting true stories of young people who have demonstrated the spirit of Superman. This feature-length documentary explores the power of hope and the importance of positive ideals while encouraging viewers to find the superhero within themselves.

For more details visit the calendar on the temple website: <http://www.templebethshalompolk.org>



ISRAEL, TURKEY & BEYOND... by Rabbi Herzfeld

I am writing this message having just returned from a trip to Israel and Turkey. In Jerusalem, I attended the Rabbinic Torah Seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute. This year's theme was "1917 (Balfour Declaration), 1947 (UN Partition) 1967 (6-Day War): The Legacy of the Past and the Future of Modern Israel." Appropriately enough, two major foci dominated many discussions - the future of the Temple Mount and the West Bank.

A close Turkish friend from Tampa joined me in Israel for 8 days - his first trip to the country. Then together we flew to Istanbul and Izmir/Cesme. Turkey is an amazing country with its own unique energy and customs, unlike any other Moslem state. Seen through the eyes of my dear friend (and his family), I experienced sites and neighborhoods that are beyond the scope of most tours. While President Erdogan has built a modern infrastructure, he is gradually reducing personal freedoms, controlling the judiciary system, and moving toward a more religious state.

My attempts to visit the Jewish Museum in Istanbul were thwarted by anti-Israel demonstrations. Moreover, I was denied entry into the largest synagogue on Shabbat because I was unaware that the Jewish Council required a prior application and approval for visitors. This was a bit of a shock.

Just a week before in Israel, the seminar at Hartman had concluded Thursday before the incident on the Temple Mount. So my Turkish friend was denied entry into the Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. We ultimately commiserated on how being denied access to public worship felt for each of us.

During my stay in Israel, I visited the West Bank on two separate occasions. The first time, sponsored by Truah-Rabbis for Human Rights, I spent several hours with a Palestinian family. The second time, sponsored by the Hartman Institute, I visited with Israeli settlers.

Both families want a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Both families want to live day-to-day feeling safe and secure. Both are opposed to violence and terrorism. Yet, each one has a vastly different vision of Israel - whether ultimately there should be one state or two - secular or religious. Moreover, during the two weeks at Hartman, I heard many different options for a solution to the conflict, but none seemed to satisfy both sides.

In spite of what I saw first hand, I am still optimistic. In Turkey, I played with my friend's 10-month old niece - bright-eyed, a bundle of energy, open to be loved by everyone. She doesn't know about religions - Moslem, Jewish, Christian (her nanny). She is unaware of conflict. In Israel, I visited Kurdish Jewish friends of 40 years. Their granddaughter stopped by to say hello. I held her as an infant more than 20 years ago. She is pregnant - another child will enter this world not knowing of religious differences or political conflicts. Both children represent the future.

As an older adult, I have found a friend here in Tampa who is as close to me as any lifetime friends (or family). We were born worlds apart - culturally, religiously, politically - and yet we find more in common than differences that may separate us. And here in Tampa, our Jewish community is planting seeds for our children, grandchildren - the future - by initiating Jewish-Moslem dialogue through the auspices of the JCRC.

Once we know our neighbors as human beings and dispel common misconceptions about our differences, the bonds of friendship will prevail. I firmly believe this to be the case, no matter where one resides.

Yes I am an eternal optimist. Each year as the High Holidays approach, I pray for the end of conflict. I pray for peace. Will 5778 be that year? I hope so. But if not, I will keep working toward that goal.

Thank You's

- **Rabbi Welcome Back Dinner Thank You's:** To Meryl Crews and her entire family for providing and preparing our wonderful meal, to Diana Kramer, Varda Rotenberg, Myrna Soberman, Victoria Lemonds, and Lorraine Mixter for helping in the kitchen and clean up. Pat Lerner for making the salad. Janis Koike for helping with setting up for the dinner, food preparation, and general help during the event, Sandi Grinker and Lorraine Mixter for keeping track of attendance and payment, and to Renee and Allen Cohen for providing the delicious Oneg.
- To Beverly Lerner for the yartzeit donation in memory of Dennis Lerner.
- To Lorraine Mixter for the yartzeit donation in memory of Beverly Hodes.

Dinner with the Rabbi



Arlene Greenberg will be hosting Dinner with the Rabbi on September 15th at 5:30 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Winter Haven, located at 910 3rd St. All are welcome to join us before Shabbat services.

Please R.S.V.P. to Sandi@tampabay.rr.com or 863-207-7440 by September 13th.



Break The Fast
Sept. 30th
following Havdalah

We are planning our traditional Break the Fast spread with bagel, lox, cream cheese and the fixings, and inviting all participants to bring a "dairy" dish to share; salads, kugels, fish, desserts, but please no shellfish. If you would prefer not to bring a dish, the cost is \$10.00 per person.

Sandi Grinker will be coordinating this event, so please RSVP to her by September 24th to sandi@tampabay.rr.com or call her at 863-207-7440 to tell her what you are bringing. You can either bring cash that evening, or mail a check to P.O. Box 313, Winter Haven, FL 33882-0313.

We Will Miss You!!

We could not move without expressing our thanks to the members of Temple Beth Shalom. From the very start, over 10 years ago, we were warmly welcomed and became part of the congregation. We have made special friendships that we cherish and enjoyed spending all our Jewish celebrations and holidays with them.

Being in the Brotherhood and playing MahJong every week were enjoyable and special experiences with fellow congregants. It will be hard to find another temple where the members work together so eagerly and happily to make every oneg and occasion wonderful. We say Shalom - we wish you all good health, happiness, and peace.

Marcia and Marty Halpert



Stay in touch with Marcia marcia.halpert@gmail.com & Marty martinhalpert@yahoo.com

High Holiday Policies

For TBS members

Temple Beth Shalom has always had an inclusive policy concerning High Holiday attendance. If you are a member in good standing, then there is no additional fee for attending services. If you have not made any payments or arrangements for paying your dues with our treasurer, Lorraine Mixer, please contact her at 757. 816. 5903

For non-members

Non-member guests are welcome to attend High Holiday services with us. We recommend a donation of \$100 per person. Immediate family members of our TBS members are invited to attend; we recommend a donation of \$50 each.

For members of other URJ congregations or if you are traveling to another city

URJ has a reciprocity agreement for members who are traveling during the High Holidays. If you are traveling to another city and wish to attend services there, please contact us and we will be happy to provide you with a letter stating that you are a member in good standing at Temple Beth Shalom.

TBS Book Club

September 5 at 11:00 a.m.

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant



*Members and friends,
You are invited to join the Beth Shalom Book Club.
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each
month, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*



September Yartzeits

- Chuck Bendersky* *perpetual yahrzeit*
- Mae Gasson* *mother-in- law of Sandy Gasson*
- Morris Steinberg*..... *father of Sandi Grinker*
- Louis Halpert* *father of Martin Halpert*
- Bernard Horowitz* *father of Stephen Horowitz*
- Rose Korn (Reizel bat Zvi)* *mother of Howard Korn*
- Hyam Kantor* *father of Raye Korn*
- Sam Kosten*..... *father of Jerry Kosten*
- Phillip F. Lerner* *grandfather of Rob Lerner*
- Isabel Kaskel*..... *sister of Herbert LeShay*
- Gertrude Wacks* *mother of Lois Levine*
- Harry Mayer*..... *father of Max Mayer*
- Sam Miller* *Father of Steve Miller*
- Robert Morris*..... *grandfather of Jennifer Morris*
- Joseph Rotenberg* *father-in-law of Varda Rotenberg*
- Inga Davis* *mother of Ellen Salm*
- Ruth Landesman* *mother of Deanna Schwartz*
- Arnold Geller* *brother of Saul Siegel*
- Helene Spiwak* *mother of Randy Spiwak*

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*



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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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Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____



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Line Two Memorial Name in English _____

Line Three *optional, please check.*

_____ Memorial Name in Hebrew.

_____ or Memorial Name in Hebrew transliteration.

_____ son / daughter of _____ and _____
Hebrew name Father's Hebrew name Mother's Hebrew name

(If you do not know the Hebrew names we will gladly look them up)

Line Four *optional, please check.*

_____ Date of death in Hebrew.

_____ Date of death in Hebrew transliteration.

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

(If you do not know the Hebrew date we will gladly look it up)