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WITH ISRAEL



Purim begins on the evening of March 23.



Passover begins on the evening of April 22.

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Mark Your Calendars!

In addition to our usual events, there are some special events coming up.

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Watch the weekly email for even more events and for reminders/details on these programs.



Mizrach

One of the challenges that we faced when designing and building our sanctuary was its orientation. Usually, a sanctuary in America or Europe faces east, towards Jerusalem. For us, however, the topography of our property made it very difficult to design a space facing east. We

addressed this issue by commissioning a beautiful piece of art in the form of a papercut, known as a *mizrach*, which is used to show worshipers in a synagogue which direction is east.



Though the sailboats on the *mizrach* are a beautiful touch, I recall the thing most important to me. I asked the artist to include a quote from the *Talmud* which was particularly relevant.

“When you stand outside the land (of Israel) direct your heart toward the land of Israel.” *Berachot* 30a

The quote from the *Talmud* was explaining that we should be facing Jerusalem when we pray. However, when there are extenuating circumstances, and you can't face towards Israel (or don't know which direction is east), then at least be sure to direct your heart towards Israel.

Though I am writing this article at the beginning of January, by the time you receive this newsletter, it will have been four months since October 7. I hope that more hostages will have been released and that there will be more clarity about the direction of this war, which we neither started nor desired. Slowly but surely you will be moving on with your life. But the quote on our *mizrach* cautions us not to just move on and return to normal.

“When you are outside the land of Israel, direct your heart toward the land of Israel.” Indeed, it may be easy for us to return to life before October 7, but I assure you it is not so easy for our loved ones

in Israel to return to that way of life. Every single family in Israel has been profoundly changed by the Hamas invasion. Whether you have a loved one in captivity or murdered, whether you are 1 of the 150,000 displaced civilians, whether you have a child or grandchild who has been called up for military service, no one in Israel is unaffected. And considering the fact that this is a war of anti-Semitism just as much as it is a war of anti-Zionism, our hearts must continually be directed to Israel.

There is a second way that I understand our quote from the *Talmud*, and it has to do with charitable giving. Over the decades and beyond that Jews have been fortunate enough to be in a position to be charitable, we have consistently reached out our hands to all who are in need. This has been a hallmark of our people. However, with sadness, it has become clear that many of the very people and institutions we have supported over the years do not feel the same urge to extend their hands to us at our time of need.

And so, when I consider our expression from the *Talmud*, which reminds us to direct our hearts to the land of Israel, I believe it is speaking about our charitable giving as well. As you think about your personal philanthropy in the near future, consider directing your heart to Jewish institutions -- to the places and the people committed to building up our heritage and not erasing it.



Torah Study with Rabbi Goldstein
Weekly Mondays
9:30am - 10:45am
Join Anytime

Temple Administrator

Jill A. Sussman

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While Temple Beth Shalom primarily serves a religious function, it also exists for the community. Outside of temple services, events and Religious School, we have a wonderful preschool open to all, host winter relief, and serve as a rehearsal and concert location for the Annapolis

Symphony Academy Tuned to Youth program. Our goal is to maintain a safe space for all who use our building, not just our members.

Back in the fall, we sent out a security survey to nearly 1,000 recipients. This survey was a requirement of one of our security grants. We received more than a 25% response (a very good response rate for this kind of survey). Thank you to everyone who responded, including people who took the time to write a comment. While there were too many comments to individually respond to them all, I did read each one. Below are some of the key findings of the survey.

- We received a heavily positive opinion (90% approval) of our current security protocols.
- At least one-third of respondents who attend services regularly said they would stop attending services if security personnel were not present.
- Two-thirds of our preschool families would consider withdrawing their children if security personnel were no longer present.
- 20% of our preschool families would consider putting their child into a different preschool if a security fee was added on top of tuition.
- If we were to raise the security fee for temple members, 20% of our members said they would reduce the amount they donate toward dues and/or the annual appeal.

The police officers that you see at temple are off duty and are present because they are paid to be there. We have been very fortunate to receive grant funding for many security upgrades at the temple and to help pay for security personnel. We also have established the temple Security Fund.

The fund will help offset the cost of our security officers when grant funding becomes unavailable. However, it may not cover all of our future needs.

We also cannot solely rely on security officers. As a community we need to help keep a lookout for unusual activity or people. You may have read about authorities investigating nearly 200 Jewish institutions across the country that were targeted by threats in December 2023. (None of those threats was deemed credible.) Almost daily I receive an email regarding an antisemitic incident in the country. Every one of us who comes to the temple must be vigilant and must report anything or anyone who seems suspicious.



CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Fajita Friday

February 9

6pm

**RSVP Deadline is
February 6**

**See temple's weekly email
for details and to register.**





Sylvia Meisenberg Early Childhood Program

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The Sylvia Meisenberg Early Childhood Program had a wonderful time celebrating *Hanukkah* last month with a fun *Hanukkah* Night for teachers, students and families in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a *Hanukkah* dinner, games, and crafts, and each class even performed a special *Hanukkah* song.

The preschool will be accepting applications beginning on February 1 for the 2024-2025 school year. Check the preschool's page on the website for more information.



Families having fun at *Hanukkah* night

Religious School

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Happy New Year to all of our Religious School students and families. It has been a wonderful winter so far. A highlight was celebrating *Hanukkah* together with candles and songs. Our students have shown considerable growth in their knowledge of Hebrew and holidays, and we look forward to continuing the momentum as we approach the second half of the school year. Keep up the good work!



Student Cantor Gabriel Snyder leads *t'filah* for Religious School



Hello to all. Did anyone miss me? Did anyone even notice my absence? Well, I am back, somewhat. Trying to do the job as Men's Club President.

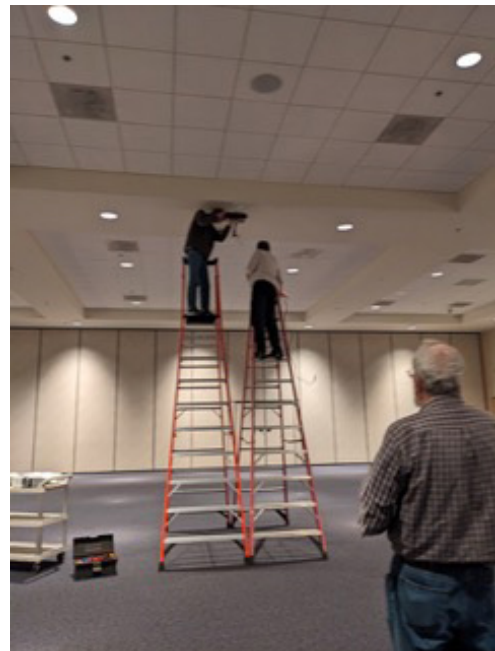
So, what is going on? Well, here is an update to the best of my ability.

First, I want to wish everyone a happy, fruitful, and healthy new year to all.

I am very hopeful that we can return to a normal and eventful schedule of events for our Men's Club in the coming months. Please put these on your calendars and make every effort to attend.

- March 10 – our 14th Annual Men's Club Comedy Cavalcade at 10am in the temple social hall. There will be a full brunch catered by Naval Bagels with lox, tuna and chicken salad, capers, and desserts, followed by assembling the *Yom HaShoah* candle materials for mailing.
- May 4 – our 2nd Annual Movie Night, catered by Monsieur Jean Paul Le Wegmans with lite platters of fruit, cheese, desserts, and tasty things.
- May something or other -- another successful fishing trip with Captain Zagalsky and you. (Insert your name here as you will be one of the dancing happy crew bringing home delicious rockfish.)
- 2nd Friday in June -- our 14th Annual Men's Club Golf Tournament at Bay Hills Golf and Country Club. (More details will be forthcoming.) This will now be set as the Herb Abeles Memorial Golf Tournament. We will also have *mahjong* available during the day, a kosher hot dog for lunch, and a full buffet dinner.

Please note that the temple is now able to enjoy a brand new, state of the art projector in the social hall, thanks to the generosity of our Men's Club. Check out the photos. You will observe the installation, thanks to Marc Greenspan, his son Sam, and Dick Hack who was a major force in selecting the best option to fit the needs of our great temple.





Reflecting on the transition from 2023 to 2024, this past year, especially since October 7, has been unlike any other. While some felt time stand still in October 2023, others, including bereaved families, hostages' families, and wounded soldiers in Israel, continue to face challenges with resilience, choosing to embrace the new year with hope for joy, freedom, peace, and justice.

Amidst these moments, our Sisterhood successfully organized events during October and November, such as Sip and Print with Carole Solinger and the Judaica Shop *Hanukkah* Bazaar. The installation of Sisterhood officers and Annual Tea provided opportunities, not only for being together, but also for collective prayers for Israel. A special thank you to Rabbi Hanna Yerushalmi for a captivating presentation at our Annual Tea on Marriage and Relationships, encouraging meaningful discussions, moderated by our VP of programming, Colleen Sandler.

Currently boasting 134 members, we extend our gratitude to each one of you and offer a warm welcome to new faces. Sisterhood's history of support for the temple, from matching donations to the Annual Appeal, continues this year with a \$6,000 donation. We also provide emergency funds, purchase candlesticks for *bar* and *bat mitzvah* students and adults, and sponsor inclusive community programs.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

- Tuesday, February 20, March 5, April 2 - Book Club at 12:30pm.
- Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, April 3, 17, 24 - *mahjong* at 11am.
- Sunday, April 28 - TBS Passover *seder* at 5:30pm. See the weekly emails in April for details.

As we look ahead, our thoughts and prayers remain with Israel. We hope for the safe return of hostages and soldiers and extend our heartfelt *r'fuah schlema* to all those physically and mentally wounded. In the spirit of the banner proudly declaring in Hebrew: The People of Israel Live, United, and Victorious!



Sisterhood installs officers



Sisterhood Tea

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood is a member of Women of Reform Judaism.



Hanukkah Around the World!



Upcoming Events

FEB	25	PURIM SPIEL	12 PM
MAR	17	BAYTY BOWLING*	1 PM
MAY	17	MINI GOLF*	1 PM
JUN	02	FIELD DAY & ELECTIONS	1 PM

indicates no TBS location*
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Hineni - "Here I Am"

Jill Simon

The Temple Beth Shalom Caring Committee

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Thinking about one's final plans for eternal rest, whether for oneself or a loved one, can seem disturbing or unsettling, but pre-planning for this part of the cycle of life can be a big relief of stress and anxiety that would otherwise be left as a burden to the surviving loved ones. Knowing that your or your loved one's final wishes are known and can be easily carried out frees everyone's concerns and promotes peace of mind. On January 21, *Hineni* sponsored an adult ed presentation on the Reform Jewish perspectives of various burial options from very traditional to some modern, green options that fit with our values of returning to the earth and *tikkun olam*, taking care of the world. Many thanks go out to our planning committee:

Karen Cook, Steve McKerrow, Laura Murray, and Heidi Schnapp. We heard from Rabbi Goldstein, including a discussion about our TBS section at Hillcrest Cemetery in Annapolis, and from representatives from Sol Levinson's certified Green Burial department and Maryland's new Serenity Ridge Cemetery & Arboretum. If you missed this informative opportunity, but would like further information or a link to the handouts, please contact Jill Simon.

Looking ahead to Passover in April, we will again coordinate our Share-a-Seder program. This wonderful matchmaking system enables guests who would like to attend a private small-setting *seder* with hosts who have an extra seat or two at their family's table. These home gatherings have been a wonderful way to get to know other temple members as well as some local Jewish students from St. John's College and the Naval Academy. More info to come via the temple's weekly emails as the holiday approaches.

The main purpose of our *Hineni* Committee is to support temple members in their time of joy or challenge, but we can only help if we are aware of a situation. So please, if you or someone you know in our congregation could benefit from some attention from our warm, kind members, please let us know. We are eager to reach out and help in any way we can.

You are welcome to virtually attend our committee meetings (usually on the second Wednesday evening of each month) or simply have your email added to our e-Alert list to know when someone in our temple family can use some support. If you are interested, please contact Jill Simon at MissJill3148@gmail.com and say "*Hineni*, Here I am."

Social Action Committee

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On behalf of our Winter Relief guests, we extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for helping to make Winter Relief 2023 such a success. Whether you helped to set up or clean up, chaperoned overnight, donated cash, supplies or food, prepared or served hot breakfast, lunch or dinner, played cards, helped create the SignUpGenius, assembled a 1,000-piece puzzle, or shared a conversation or meal, please know that you truly made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate members of our county. The 26 men and 3 women we hosted consider TBS their favorite of 30 sites, not only because of the good food, fresh coffee at 4am, carpeted floor, and cozy living room, but mostly because they know how much we care.

Thank you,

Jodi Meisenberg, Fran Kushner, Matt Josephs




December 26, 2023

Dear Temple Beth Shalom,

I want to use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Temple Beth Shalom congregation for hosting our clients last week. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to planning and hosting the Winter Relief. Your congregation has devoted countless hours to making the week a success, and we are incredibly grateful for your hard work.

Your gracious service has significantly impacted the lives of the Winter Relief guests, who felt loved and comforted during their stay. We especially appreciate your willingness to host the guests during the Christmas season, which presented extra challenges, and your generosity and kind spirit, which have genuinely blessed their lives. Thanks to Ms. Jodi, her team, and the volunteers for hosting the guests an extra day due to Christmas being on Monday and for letting them stay in throughout their stay. You have also given them hope and dignity, knowing that someone cares for them. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, and we are thankful for your compassion and warm hospitality.

The Winter Relief Program would not be possible without your commitment to caring for community members experiencing homelessness. With your continued support, we will work tirelessly to end homelessness in Anne Arundel County and ensure everyone has safe, affordable, and permanent housing. We look forward to our ongoing partnership in uplifting and serving the vulnerable members of our community. Thank you again for your unwavering dedication, and may you continue to inspire and bless the lives of those around you. Thank you again, and wish you all a happy, healthy New Year's holiday.

Sincerely,

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Our *Rosh Chodesh* women's group has been busy. Barbara Wingrove led us on a tour of the Woodlawn House Museum at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, where she is a volunteer. We're continuing our Wednesday Walks at the Annapolis Mall, usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9am. We also held our annual luncheon in December (based on the *Jerusalem Cookbook*) honoring Lesley Harris for all of the work she has done to create this vibrant group for us!



Our *Rosh Chodesh* women's group meets monthly and provides an opportunity to learn, interact, and socialize with other Jewish women in the area. If you would like to receive email notices about our meetings and events, or need transportation help, please send an email to valerie.nichols@hey.com.

TBS ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS...

CREATION STORIES PART II



**Special Guest
Susanna Garfein, PhD**

Sunday, February 25

10am - 11:30am

WWW.ANNAPOLISTEMPLE.ORG

Miriam Luby Wolfe Scholarship Award 2023



This year's Miriam Luby Wolfe Scholarship Award was presented December 1 to two outstanding young men, John Esposito and Ethan Taksey. The award was started in 1991 in memory of Miriam Luby Wolfe, a young college student of our congregation who was killed in the terrorist bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Miriam's parents, Rosemary and Larry Mild wished to recognize other young people of TBS who mirrored their daughter's pursuit of academic excellence, artistic or other passions, commitment to Jewish life and involvement in the TBS community. Among the many highly qualified applicants this year, the Award Committee found two young men who most exemplified Miriam's qualities.

John Esposito is a senior at Severn School, where he maintains a 4.06 GPA, has received the AP Scholar Award, and is a member of the National Spanish Honor Society. For the past two summers John interned at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in the highly selective ASPIRE internship program, where he helped program an AI Chatbot to assist with information queries. He has spoken Spanish for seven years, taken AP Spanish, and hopes to study abroad in college. John has played classical piano for more than ten years and has also studied guitar for seven years. At TBS, John attended religious school, became a *bar mitzvah*, was confirmed, and is the current president of the Senior Youth Group (BAYTY).

John attended Rabbi Goldstein's lectures on Zoom during COVID and has continued his Jewish enrichment ever since. Most impressively, in September, John gave a *d'var Torah* on the portion *Ki Tetze* for the *Shabbat* service. He was the first member of the congregation, youth or adult, to ever offer to give a sermon at a service and intends to do so again in the coming year.

Ethan Taksey is a senior at South River High School, in the STEM program, where his class rank is 3/360 and he earned a 1510 on the SATs. He is looking at a career in medicine, and his extracurricular involvement is largely healthcare-focused, but also reaches into business. This past summer, Ethan had the unique opportunity to conduct research at the University of Maryland with Dr. Scott Juntti on the impact of alterations in the cichlid fish genome on differing social behaviors. Implementing CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing technologies, he studied the development of neural pathways, which can later be applied to human mental health illness treatments.

Ethan started a nonprofit organization called Courses for a Cure, which enables golf clubs to support cancer research efforts by hosting blood drives and fundraising events. He is serving the second 2-year appointment to County Executive Stuart Pittman's Youth Advisory Council as Outreach Chair, a role Ethan has found rewarding in order to draft legislation from a youth's voice and promote inclusion.

Ethan attended pre-school at TBS, followed by Hebrew school, became a *bar mitzvah*, and recently attended the temple-sponsored trip to Israel. Exploring his Jewish identity on that trip was more meaningful than he imagined. He attends BAYTY events and won the Men's Club's golf tournament this past summer.

We congratulate these two remarkable young men of TBS and look forward to watching their limitless futures.

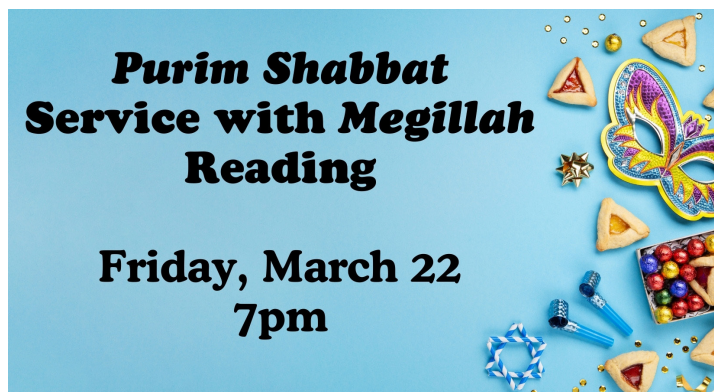


Tot Shabbat

Fridays, February 9, March 15 and April 12

5:30pm

Tot Shabbat is a 30-minute service geared toward families with children ages 5 and under.



Purim Shabbat Service with Megillah Reading

Friday, March 22

7pm

Noteworthy Nachas

Jodi Handin Goldman and Bruce Goldman joyfully announce the birth of their 4th grandchild, Harvey Meyer Lax. Harvey was named after his great grandfathers, Harold Handin and Alvin Meyer Goldman. Harvey's parents are Samantha Goldman Lax and Daniel Lax, and his big sister is Scottie Liat Lax. The Lax family resides in Westport, CT. *Mazal tov* to Harvey and his family!

Lori Emrick was selected to head My Brother's Pantry. The pantry supports food-insecure people living on the Broadneck Penisnula. Congratulations to Lori, who has certainly earned this honor!

Welcome New and Returning Members

Joanne & Chris Hamilton

Marnie Hoffman

Liz Renaut

Joseph & Marilyn Robinson

Michael & Amanda Schneider

Freya Sutton

Jeffrey Weintraub



For tickets, go to <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=182852>

Calling all Cooks, Bakers and Eaters, IT'S BAAAACCKK!!!!

TBS 2nd Annual Cook-Off

Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 5pm to 7pm



5pm - Cooks arrive and set up

5:30pm - Attendees arrive

The first cook off was such a success we're doing it again!
Sign up to cook an appetizer, main course or dessert.
Prizes for winners in each category.

ALL attendees need to register to attend [HERE](#)

[TBS Cook-Off - Form - Temple Beth Shalom \(shulcloud.com\)](#)

If you would like to enter a dish, sign up [HERE](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4AAEA72DABF58-47084397-tbs2nd#/>

For any questions, email Jerri Falk at quintadefalk@verizon.net

The following individuals will be
called to the *Torah* as *b'nai mitzvah*
in
February, March, and April 2024

Rosie Ryzhikov

child of Alexander & Katie Ryzhikov
February 10, 2024 – 1 *Adar I* 5784

Charlotte Durkin

child of David & Sarah Durkin
March 2, 2024 – 22 *Adar I* 5784

Sean & Ryan Brody

children of Mark & Betty Brody
March 16, 2024 – 6 *Adar II* 5784

Zev Rosenbloom

child of Christine & Howard Rosenbloom
March 30, 2024 – 20 *Adar II* 5784

Isaac Heffes

child of Marc & Ruth Heffes
April 6, 2024 – 27 *Adar II* 5784

Taylor Anthonis & Alexis Ball

children of Loren & Stephen Anthonis and
Keri & Michael Ball
April 13, 2024 – 5 *Nisan* 5784



David Postal

brother of Taube Heddings and
brother-in-law of Samuel Heddings
November 22, 2023 – 9 *Kislev* 5784

Herb Abeles

husband of Sallie Abeles
December 2, 2023 – 19 *Kislev* 5784

Michael Raymond

brother-in-law of Donald and Mary Anne Fry
January 2, 2024 – 21 *Tevet* 5784



Save the Date!

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, March 9
6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of delicious food and engaging conversation!
The Progressive Dinner features a different location for each of 3 courses.
Guests gather at a member's home for appetizers. We then break off into smaller
pre-assigned groups and gather at individuals' homes for the main course.
The evening concludes all together again at a third location for dessert.
This fundraiser is open to adult TBS members and prospective members.
Check the TBS weekly newsletter for details and sign-up information.
Contact Jerri Falk with any questions at quintadefalk@verizon.net

**Purim Children's
Celebration**

Sunday, March 17

See weekly email for more information.
Religious School is in session.

Happy Purim



David Handelsman, D.D.S., P.A.

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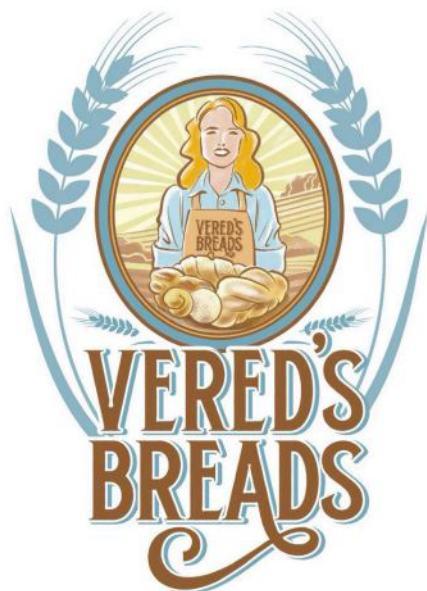


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Our menu items include: Broccoli Quiche, Mushroom Quiche, Spinach-Cheese Quiche, Spinach Bourekas, Pizza Bourekas, Challah and/or Challah Buns, Rugelach, and Tahini Cookies. Other cookies and specialty items are available upon request.

Let us do the work so you can enjoy more of your special day celebrating with family and friends! Please contact us at 443-555-1212 or vered@veredsbreads.com to schedule a consultation.

TBS Annual Appeal - Thank You to Our Donors

	2021	2022	2023
Goal	\$118,000	\$180,000	\$175,000
Amount Raised	\$145,129	\$141,569	\$163,653
Families Participating	56%	55%	58%

As we tell you each year, your support of the Annual Appeal is critical to Temple Beth Shalom because membership dues alone are insufficient to cover our operating expenses. A successful Annual Appeal is critical to the synagogue's financial health.

Once again, we set our fundraising and participation goals high, and you responded generously and strongly! Member participation rose to 58% and 20 new members joined the effort this year to help us raise \$163,653 -- 93% of our goal!

Your support helps ensure the vitality of our sacred community and demonstrates the strength of our shared commitment.

With tremendous gratitude to our membership, we say:

Thank you to each and every family who participated. Thank you to those of you who helped us earn the entire End of Year Match Challenge. Thank you to Sisterhood and Men's Club for your matching gifts.

Thank you. You made a difference. *Todah rabah!*

Todd Glassman and Beth Plavner, Annual Appeal Co-Chairs



**Plant Sale
Fundraiser
Coming
Soon**

See weekly email or
temple website for
more information
coming soon.

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Annual Appeal 2023 - 2024

List of Names by Recognition Categories

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Matzah Balls Based on Joan Nathan's Recipe

Yield: about 15 matzah balls

- 4 large eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup *schmaltz* (rendered chicken fat), coconut oil or vegetable oil (kosher for Passover)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chicken stock or vegetable stock
- 1 cup *matzah* meal
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 to 2 tablespoons freshly grated ginger
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley, dill or cilantro
- 1 teaspoon salt, more for cooking
- Black pepper

PREPARATION

1. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, *schmaltz*, stock, *matzah* meal, nutmeg, ginger and parsley. Season with 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Gently mix with a whisk or spoon. Don't overmix or they'll get tough. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, about 3 hours or overnight. If you like really light *matzah* balls, try whipping the egg whites to soft or stiff peaks and folding them into the batter.
2. Fill a wide, deep pan with lightly salted water and bring to a boil. With wet hands, take some of the mix and mold it into the size and shape of a ping-pong ball. Gently drop it into the boiling water, repeating until all the mix is used. You can also scoop up the mix with a small ice cream scoop to make sure you get evenly sized balls.
3. Cover the pan, reduce heat to a lively simmer and cook *matzah* balls about 30 to 40 minutes for al dente, longer (about an hour) for lighter *matzah* balls. If desired, the cooked *matzah* balls can be transferred to chicken or vegetable soup and served immediately (if you simmer the *matzah* balls in the soup for too long, they'll just disintegrate). Alternatively, they may be placed on a baking sheet and frozen, then transferred to a freezer bag and kept frozen until a few hours before serving; reheat in chicken or vegetable soup or broth.





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