

Temple Beth Sholom Presents:

Our Voices - A Monthly Newsletter

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Assistance and Events

General Assistance



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Services | Shabbat Evening Services will be offered outdoors and in-person beginning June 4th at 6:00 p.m. We can't wait to see you back on campus. Services will continue to stream online through Facebook Live as well.

Torah Study | Virtually held each Saturday. See <https://tbsoc.com/> for Zoom Link

June 1 - 30 | Global "Ride for the Living" Event: So far, over 2,300 people are walking, running, or biking the symbolic 60 miles from Auschwitz-Birkenau to the Jewish Community Center in Krakow during the month of June. TBS is a proud sponsor. To join or donate, see the weekly Shavu'on or <https://ridefortheiving.org/>

6/9 | 7:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting: Zoom link is emailed upon registration.

6/15 | 5:00 p.m. – Brotherhood Speaker Series: "White Supremacy in America: Putting Violent Extremists on Trial" with Amy Spitalnik, Executive Director of Integrity for America. Register at <https://i4a.us/615> and see page 9 for more information.

6/18 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat Parade sponsored in honor of Monica Engel's 88th birthday. "Beep, Honk, Wave!"

6/24 | 7:00 p.m. – Sephardic Lecture Series with Rabbi Donnell: Part 3 "The Jewish Conquistador" The story of Louis de Carvajal and his family in the 16th century and the role of the Inquisition.

Worship at TBS

Confirmation Service

Cantor David Reinwald



Our four Confirmation students co-led their service on Sunday, May 16th, a culmination of their joint studies with students at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot over this past year. The service was centered around the theme of "All-Inclusive Community," a theme that the students created and organized themselves, along with sharing short speeches on this topic. It was a beautiful end to a unique and challenging year, and all the families in attendance loved the service and the ability to be together in person.

(Pictured left to right: Cantor Reinwald, Sam Boone, Evan Nowack, Jack Malo, Adam Gonzalez)

President's Message

A Farewell as President

Mitch Cohen, TBS President



This is it. My tenure as President of Temple Beth Sholom is ending and a new Board with incredible leadership, diversity, and enthusiasm awaits. I didn't serve because I wanted to, I volunteered my time for the continuity of our Jewish community. TBS cannot thrive or even survive unless every one of us takes an active role in our destiny.

Like many of us, my kids attended TBS preschool, religious school, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and attended the occasional life-cycle event. Years after our kids were confirmed, I was questioned by non-affiliated Jewish men my age, why I was still a member of my local synagogue. To this day, I still can't understand how or why a fellow Jew can make the conscious decision to self-alienate from their culture, their religion, or whatever Judaism means to them. If I'm not content with something important in my life, I don't quit, I figure out a way to make it better.

My journey as President started with a bit of naivete and quickly became challenging. Like most religious institutions, membership was declining and that negatively impacted our finances. During my speech to the congregation, nearly 2 years ago, I implored everyone to participate, conveying that there was room for everyone. I've always appreciated that TBS was a place where ideas could become a reality, it just took a little elbow grease. Unfortunately, I discovered that many in our community will provide opinions, but less will provide action, and that's okay. Time, talent and money, TBS needs all three.

Despite this reality, I have found that the TBS Board, staff, clergy, committee members and active volunteers demonstrate in words and action that TBS is an amazing Jewish home, our Jewish home. We make a difference in each other's lives and for the betterment of our community. These blessings feed my soul and are priceless reminders that I have a bond with fellow Jews. I will always be grateful for the lessons I've learned and the friendships I continue to enjoy.

Thank you and no matter your path, always know that you are welcome at TBS.

Brotherhood | Community – Fellowship – Action – Service

Sylvan Swartz, Brotherhood Director of Membership

May was a good month for those who are vaccinated that can now go out without their masks. On the other hand, many businesses, counties and even our State still required them as of this writing.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our May Speaker Series program due to our Israeli journalist realizing that the event fell on Shavuot. He does not work or go on his computer on Shavuot. Due to other events in the month, we could not immediately reschedule, but we will have Gil Hoffman back, perhaps over the summer. There is no shortage of news coming out of Israel nor interest among the Jewish population.

On June 15th we are putting on the biggest program that we have ever had. The program is entitled "White Supremacy in America: Putting Violent Extremists on Trial". Our guest speaker is Amy Spitalnik, Executive Director of Integrity for America which has filed lawsuits against the Nazi parties and leaders involved in Charlottesville in 2018. (cont. on page 3)

The moderator will be Nick Gerda of the Voice of America and we may have some special guest appearances. This event is cosponsored by the Jewish Federation of Orange County and the Holocaust Studies Center of Chapman University. We expect a large turnout. Note that this special event is on a Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. rather than our usual Sunday morning programs. **Please see our flyer on page 9 of this newsletter for more information.**

We are still offering 4 x \$500 scholarships to any graduating high school seniors in our Temple. You may contact Arnold Shugarman at ashugarman@sbcglobal.net.

Remember, if you are a man or know of one, please consider Brotherhood membership and supporting our youth. Anyone wishing to get more involved can contact me at sylvan@swartzcre.com.

We all hope to see each other again at TBS soon. It will be good to be "home" again.



Sisterhood

Brenda Beck, Sisterhood President

Plans are underway for the Sisterhood Year 2021-2022 and we are kicking it off with our Membership Drive. We are looking forward to offering even more to those who seek friendship, socialization, and ways to enrich your spiritual journey (while having fun too!). We are a diverse, dynamic group of women from all walks of life – in all stages of life who come together through TBS Sisterhood. When you join our Sisterhood, you'll make friends and have fun while making a difference in our temple community.

So, watch your mailbox for our 2021-2022 Membership application. Whether you are renewing your membership, or joining Sisterhood for the first time, we hope you will be part of our upcoming year, and all the great events and activities we have planned. If you have any questions regarding Sisterhood membership, please contact Elizabeth Cohen, VP Membership at ejcwiz1@gmail.com or (714) 904-3585.

Shaloms and Shout-Outs

If you would like to send a "Shalom and Shout Out" in this section, please contact Ruth Aptaker (ruth.aptaker@gmail.com) or the TBS office. Submissions must be sent by the 20th of the month to appear in the following month's newsletter.



Wishing a happy birthday to **Howard Spitzer**, the coolest grandpa ever. We love you tons!! Love, Joshua and Adam



Happy birthday **Kathy Cohen**! We love you!
-Moshe, Big J, Claire Bear, and Gustavo. :)

Wishing **Monica Engel** a very happy and healthy birthday. Thank you for all you do for TBS and for our community. With love and respect, Jeff and Karen Merkow



Our Youth

Early Childhood Center

Tamara Levin, Director of Early Childhood Education



CAMP SHOLOM KATAN

Session 1 Ahoy Buccaneer
Session 2 Stars and Stripes & OOey GOOey
Session 3 Around the World in 10 Days
Session 4 Under the Big Top
Session 5 In the Spot Light!

Camp Katan Camp
June 14 – August 20
Ages: 3 months – 6 years
Monday - Friday
9:00-1:00
8:00-4:00
7:30-5:45

Games
Storytelling
Water Fun
Treasure Hunts
Creative Art
Circus Fun
OOey GOOey Mess
Drama

Special TK Class

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At Camp Sholom Katan, an extension of the Temple Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center and a prelude to Camp Sholom, your preschooler will enjoy an on-site summer camp experience in our beautiful and enriched early childhood setting. Our professional preschool staff put on their counselor hats to welcome your child to the fun filled days of summer. We begin each day at Camp Sholom Katan with friendship and songs. Traditional camp music, new melodies and old favorites provide a robust way to begin our day. Our indoor classrooms are the gateway to summer activities including cooking, art, drama, story time, science, and play! Our outdoor classroom builds on the fun and discovery adding further exploration into a child's natural world. Children discover the tiniest creatures in our garden while searching and sampling our summer crop of fruits and vegetables. Sand and water play, large block construction and a play yard that stretches every child's imagination contributes to your child's creative day! Contact the preschool office or Tamara Levin tlevin@tbsoc.com for registration or more information.

Camp Sholom

Johannah Sohn, Ed.D, Director of Youth Education

Happy voices greet the day with *ruach*, the incredible Jewish spirit, as Camp Sholom offers another fun-filled summer. Give your child the gift that will last a lifetime – a summer of endless discovery through friendship and fun. While this summer may look a little different, there is plenty of fun and activities to be had on site. We will be skipping the off-site trips this year and look forward to exciting and engaging programming at TBS.

Camp Sholom will be offered from July 6th-August 6th, 9am-4pm with extended care options available. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required at the time you sign-up. Campers will be able to sign up for a week at a time, or for the entire summer. Additional health measures will be in place during camp, including increased cleaning, temperature checks, etc. Information regarding the new policies will be shared prior to camp. Email Johannah Sohn, jsohn@tbsoc.com for more information. Also, we are happy to report that the Jewish Federation has relaunched its Passport to Jewish Life program and will be providing grants for Jewish summer camp to Jewish children entering grades 3-12 in September 2021. Applications & more info at: <https://jewishorangecounty.org/about/what-we-do/passport>.



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

CAMP SHOLOM

FIRST THROUGH 9TH GRADERS
SIGN UP FOR ONE WEEK OR ALL FIVE!

July 6–July 9 (No camp July 5)
July 12 – July 16
July 19–July 23
July 26–July 30
August 2 – August 6

MEMBER RATE
\$250 EACH WEEK OR \$1,000 FOR THE WHOLE SUMMER!
NON-MEMBER
\$300 EACH WEEK OR \$1,300 FOR THE WHOLE SUMMER!

Questions
Contact: Johannah Sohn
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 7TH-9TH GRADES

Something to Kvell About – Recognizing our Teens and Young Adults

Monica Engel, Social Action Member

OC Artist of the Year Semi-Finalist ~ Tustin Council for Fine Arts (TACFA) Scholarship 2021

Senior Medallion in Drama 2021 ~ “Most Talented” Girl of her Senior Class ~ Thespian Scholar Award (3.5 GPA or higher)



How’s that for something to kvell about! Halia Lindauer’s family have been members of TBS since childhood. Halia and her sister, Alexa, attended TBS preschool and summer camp.

Halia became a Bat Mitzvah in August 2016. She collected over 900 books that were enjoyed by patients at CHOC, Orange County Rescue Mission, and others. Halia represented Foothill High in Stanford University’s “Challenge Success”, which focuses on pressure experienced by students and teaches them to be independent, engaged, critical thinkers and other positive emotions.

Halia’s greatest joys are theater, singing, and acting. She is active in Foothill High School’s Advanced Theater Arts program. Her satisfaction from acting lies in collaboration, self-expression, and the ability to “stand in the shoes” of others. The New School’s College of Performing Arts in New York is where she will pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting. It will be worth a visit to New York or Hollywood to enjoy one of our very own perform in theater.

If you know of a TBS youth who practices *tikkun olam*, community service, or is simply on an uplifting path, please contact Monica at sovta11@gmail.com to highlight them in this section.

Committee Updates

Membership Committee

Mary Gonzalez, Membership Committee Chair

We hope you will swing by TBS to join us for a friendly wave, a free challah, and some lively Shabbat music. Parades are held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and thanks to falling case counts and vaccine availability, we are now able to gather on the TBS lawn! A registration link for challot will be emailed the week before. “Beep, Honk, Wave!” and mark your calendars for **June 18th** as we celebrate Shabbat and Monica Engel’s 88th birthday.



Families with Young Children Committee

Arielle Ohls, FWYC Chair



Thank you to all those who celebrated with us during our special Shavuot Havdalah. It was such a joy to see the kids dancing and celebrating. And a huge thank you to Cantor Reinwald for leading the service! Are you looking for fun, family-friendly events for the summer? Come join our committee and help shape our TBS offerings! We meet once a month and are looking for fresh ideas as we look forward to warmer weather and outdoor gatherings. Email me at ariellerobby@yahoo.com for more information or meeting dates.

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Social Action

Education - Direct Service – Advocacy - Collections

Paula Pitluk, Social Action Chair

The TBS Social Action Committee has continued its work in our four focus areas: Education, Direct Service, Advocacy, and Collections. Last month, we sponsored the Shabbat Parade with a great turnout, enjoying fresh Shabbat challot as well as time for conversation and camaraderie and lots of space for the children to run around.

Our involvement with Orangewood continues to grow as we address a variety of needs for children and teens of all ages who are experiencing difficult lives. In lieu of the traditional Mitzvah Meals which for years has been a mainstay of Social Action work at TBS, we are cooking and delivering Sunday dinners once a month for the residents of Casa Teresa.

If you are looking for a way to involve family, friends, or a Chavurah in Social Action work, consider “building” a Welcome Home Basket for a family who is moving into their first stable and permanent home. You can find information on the United Way/United to end Homelessness Website where they have posted a list of needed items and how to deliver the completed basket. Look soon for a sample basket in the Temple Living Room and **please see our flyer on page 10 of this newsletter.**

Thank you for being a generous and giving community. If you are interested in joining us in our work, please contact Paula Pitluk at pkpteach@gmail.com or feel free to join us at our first Monday of the month meetings 7:00 p.m.

Mitzvah of the Month (M.O.M)

Monica Engel, Social Action Member

The residents of Orangewood would enjoy the summer with donations of beach and pool wear for ages toddlers to adults such as **bathing suits, water safety items, flip flops, sand toys, beach towels, and sunscreen.** Our May donations of warm weather clothing were very generous and greatly appreciated by kidlets, teens and young adults. Let’s continue to do our best to support this Mitzvah. Items can be dropped off in the TBS living room or during our outdoor Shabbat Services which begin June 4. Questions, advice? Please email Monica at sovta11@gmail.com.

Calling All Cooks!

Steffanie Belasco, Social Action Member

Temple Beth Sholom is proud to offer this mitzvah opportunity the first Sunday of every month through December. We invite you to try your favorite nutritious recipe that you will be cooking for 15 moms in the crisis program at Casa Teresa in Orange. Food items will be available from Mary's Kitchen (517 W. Struck Ave., Orange) for FREE if you need or feel free to use your own ingredients. Call Gloria at (714) 633-0444 to reserve the ingredients. TBS also has pasta, rice, and other canned goods in the Mitzvah Meal pantry. The menu should consist of a minimum of 1/4 pound of protein per person (15), a vegetable, a starch, and a fruit and or dessert. Casa Teresa requests that dinner be dropped off by 5:00 PM. if it is ready to serve and by 4:00 P.M. if it needs to be reheated. Please call Steffanie Belasco at (714) 420-5320 or Monica Engel at (949)458-8732 to sign up and for more information. Consider sharing the cooking with a friend, cook with your chavurah, or engage your family in trying a new recipe to share. If you like, you can include a copy of your recipe for the women. Thank you in advance to all our volunteers.

Adult Education

Rosh Chodesh

Angela Holmes, Adult Ed Chair

This year the Adult Education committee has focused on a variety of literary and lectures of interest. Beginning with our June meeting we will begin addressing the 2021-22 calendar. We will continue to do this, as we have all year, with representatives from the auxiliary TBS organizations that offer adult programming. The goal is to calendar the specific offerings of each group for the year and plan additional supplemental programs of interests expressed by the membership. In addition, our goal includes expanding our focus towards other cultural and diversity interests that are better accommodated in a physical environment.

In the coming year, please be patient with us as we navigate the challenge of the expected transition from quarantine restrictions to potential physical opportunities at our Temple campus. While it is anticipated that the vast media offerings we have highlighted the past year will continue, it is also expected that our partnership with CSP, HUC and the Orange County Film Festival will also continue.

We wish to thank those who returned the Adult Education committee survey to us last August. The information assisted the committee in maintaining a focus on the requests of membership. In the coming year we hope to continue to include your input through referrals, donations, and underwriting.

Focus on the New Moon: Another Look

Rosh Chodesh is the name for the first day of every month in the Hebrew calendar marked by the birth of a new moon. It is considered a minor holiday akin to the intermediate days of Passover and Sukkot.

This year Rosh Chodesh is from 30 - Sivan to 1 - Tamuz, 5781, the 4th month of the Hebrew calendar. On the secular calendar it is from June 9 – 11, 2021.

Rosh Chodesh is also known as a special day for women. Many women have a custom of refraining from tedious household chores during this time. As a long considered special holiday for women, the reason given is because according to legend, the holiday was a reward given to the women of Israel because they refused to surrender their jewels for the creation of the Golden Calf.

Videos About Rosh Chodesh

Rosh Chodesh: A Guide to the Cycles of Our Lives

What is Rosh Chodesh? Intro to the Monthly Jewish Holiday

Rosh Chodesh Insights with Rabbi Josh Shevat

Engaging Our Children: The New Moon

New Moon by Rabbi Geele Rayzel (ages 7-11) A great way to introduce the holiday of Rosh Chodesh, the new moon, to young children. Follow Rose who is inspired to celebrate with her mother and friends, each month at the new moon.

New Month, New Moon by Allison Ofanansky (ages 4-9) A family camps out at every new moon in the Negen Desert. As a family they observe and celebrate as a family.

How the Moon Became Dim by Ruth Wiseman (ages 3-7) Inspired by an ancient Hebrew text about the creation of the sun and moon. The moon wishes to be brighter and more powerful than the moon.

A Moon for Moe and Mo by Jane Breskin Zalber (ages 3-8) An interfaith friendship develops when Rosh Hashanah overlaps with the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. The intersection of these two holidays happens on every 30 years.

The Sages of Chelm and the Moon by Sholmo Abas (ages 7-10) From the topsy-turvy world of Chelm, the city of wise fools is celebrated in Jewish folklore.

Moonlit Adult Literary Selections:

The Wayward Moon by Janice Weizman - A 17-year-old girl must flee France to save her father.

Moonglow by Michael Chabon - A chronicle of the life of the author's grandfather, a WW2 soldier wandering America.

To the Moon on a Plastic Bottle: The Story of Behind Israel's Start-Up Babies by D. Braviv and L. Bar-El - The culture of innovation in Israel.

A Blessing on the Moon by Joseph Skibell - A magical take post-Holocaust

The Gateway to the Moon: A Novel by Mary Morris - The converso experience from Spain to Portugal in the 12th century.

Songs to a Moonstruck Lady: Women in Yiddish Poetry from The Dona Tietelbom for Yiddish Culture

Upcoming Lectures (Register on <https://tbsoc.com/>)

June 3 | 7:00 p.m. – Join Johannah Sohn for “Gratitude in the Torah and How it Applies to our Daily Lives”. Where do we see examples of expressions of gratitude in the Torah? Why is this important for our everyday lives? Come to discuss the ways in which you express gratitude daily and learn about gratitude practices both in Judaism and in the secular world.

June 17 | 10:00 a.m. – Join Johannah Sohn to discuss “Comparative Barchu: What are the calls to worship in other religions?” Let’s explore the adhan (muslim call to prayer), barchu, and the Christian call to prayer.

June 23 | 7:00 p.m. – Join Rabbi Donnell for his final installment, “The Jewish Conquistador”: the story of Louis de Carvajal and his family in the 16th century and the role of the Inquisition. As the virtual ruler of much of what is today Mexico and parts of the US, Carvajal’s influence and prestige rivaled the power of the Spanish throne in New Spain.