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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY ELLIOT BLUT



S Shalom Temple Members,
As the end of the calendar year is upon us and the days are shorter, it is more important than ever that we at TBS and the larger Jewish community continue to be the light in the world. As Israel continues to be attacked from all sides and the war in Gaza rages on, we are reminded that there are American citizens who have not seen the light of day in over fourteen months. As we light our Channukah candles it remains imperative that we keep the hostages in our hearts and pray for their safe return.

Back at home we continue to have strong attendance at our Shabbat services as the community is growing larger and stronger. The work at the campus is continuing with the lighting scheduled for early January and the carpeting in the sanctuary to follow. The sound system will be the next item to address to bring the current system up to date. We have heard from many of you regarding the inability to hear Rabbi and D.J. during services and I have seen some of you move to the front of the synagogue in order to hear the sermons. The work will address your concerns. The work will also transform the system so that we can simultaneously have separate events in the social halls with each event having its own audio connection. Also we will soon be unveiling an improved website.

Our ECC and Youth Programs are the envy of the Valley. I strongly encourage everyone to join Jennifer and the ECC for a Shabbat lunch. There is nothing like watching small children march down the hallway into the synagogue singing "Shabbat Shalom, Hey."

We continue to be grateful for our security Team who remains vigilant and ready to protect our campus against any and all challenges. We are moving forward with the new security system that will enhance the great work the Team doing for us.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at services in the near future.

Happy Chanukah,

Elliot Blut
President
Temple Beth Shalom



THE JUDY & RONALD MACK SCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

JILLIAN POST
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR



A NEW SEMESTER OF JUDAIC PROGRAMS TO INSPIRE OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

It truly 'takes a village' to build a strong Jewish identity for our Temple Beth Sholom Religious School students! To foster this understanding, we launched our January 2025 semester with a unique program from our Putting Life to Life Cycle curriculum entitled: 'What are the Rituals and Traditions of a Jewish Wedding?'

On Sunday, January 12th, students in grades 5-7, along with their parents, were invited to witness an actual Jewish wedding ceremony – the renewal of vows for congregants Amy and Richard Wasserman. Their daughter, Dori, who played a special role as 'best daughter,' accompanying her father down the aisle.

Rabbi Goodman and Cantor Sinai officiated the ceremony, while a talented musical ensemble comprised of congregants Jay Poster, Irv Weinberger, and Sonia Eklisch, serenaded the bride and groom and wedding party as they approached the chuppah. Rabbi Goodman eloquently explained the significance of each tradition and ritual, followed by a joyous reception featuring Israeli folk dancing led by our esteemed dance specialist, Liz Goodman!

Our students in grades Kadima through fourth are busy preparing for their Tu Shevat presentations as well as a Tu B'Shevat seder on Sunday, February 9th.

The Madrichim leadership program held its second workshop on Sunday, January 12th, with leadership mentor specialist, Ethan Shapiro. This series of workshops aims to develop essential leadership skills that will guide our future leaders.

The next two workshops for our Madrichim will be facilitated by Rabbi Goodman:

On Sunday, January 26th: Rabbi will lead a discussion on The Value of a Jewish Identity.

On Sunday, April 27th: The focus will be on Coping with Antisemitism.

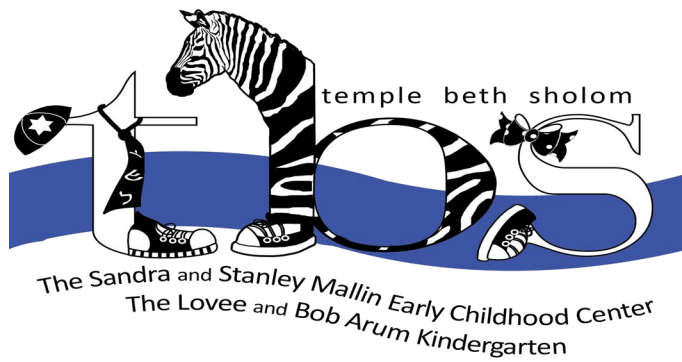
These workshops offer valuable opportunities for our upper-grade students to explore and navigate their Jewish lives.

Please stay tuned for additional Judaic programs scheduled for February and March! We invite our Temple Beth Sholom families to participate in all of these events!

Jillian Post

*Director of the Judy and Ronald Mack
School for Religious Studies*





SHABBAT JOY AT TBSECC

BY JENNIFER ZUKOWSKI
SCHOOL DIRECTOR

On Friday mornings, the Sandra & Stanley Mallin Early Childhood Center and the Lovee & Bob Arum Kindergarten come alive with the joy of Shabbat. Over 300 children, families, and staff gather in the beautiful Sigismund Sanctuary to welcome Shabbat with songs, blessings, and a sense of community.

Led by the talented D.J. Sinai and Sonya Elkish, the sanctuary fills with the sounds of traditional songs such as “what do you like about Shabbat” a favorite, followed by Bim Bom. These moments of song and connection create a magical atmosphere, bringing families together to celebrate the week and embrace the beauty of Jewish traditions.

After the music and blessings, everyone moves to the Faye & Dr. Leon Steinberg Social Hall to enjoy a delicious Shabbat lunch featuring matzo ball soup, fresh challah, salad and sandwiches.

Our Shabbat gatherings are a cornerstone of our program, weaving together tradition, community, and celebration. While rooted in Jewish values, these experiences are meaningful for everyone, including the many families from diverse backgrounds who choose our program for its exceptional care, education, and commitment to building a strong community.

Shabbat at TBSECC is more than a tradition; it’s an opportunity to pause, connect, and celebrate together. We are proud to share this weekly highlight with our families and to continue creating joyful, meaningful memories for the children and families.

Jennifer Zukowski

School Director

The Sandra and Stanley Mallin Early Childhood Center and The Lovee and Bob Arum Kindergarten





**We are excited to announce registration for
the 2025–2026 school year for children
ages 16 months through Kindergarten!**

- **Priority Enrollment for Temple Members:** Opens February 5th
- **Open Enrollment for the Community:** Begins February 12th

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BY D.J. SINAI
YOUTH/MUSICAL DIRECTOR

YOUTH

Just like that, we are into the second semester of the school year! We continue to break records as we have signed up our 120th member in the Kadima/USY family and each week our numbers are growing! From our youngest members in 4th grade through our high school programs, each month brings new, unique activities that are geared to bring Jewish teens closer together, teach leadership skills, and have fun being Jewish!

Before our winter break, the Kadima/USY family came together for our annual Hanukkah Party, complete with latkes, jelly doughnuts, obstacle course, games and lots of lasting memories! Each member of our group even received a special USY Las Vegas hat!

January kicked off with our monthly Shabbat dinner followed by a huge get together at Crystal Palace Skating Center. Our chapter engagement continues to grow as we come together for these awesome programs - including Kadima Day at Discovery Children's Museum, Jr. USY at Spy Ninjas HQ, and Sr. USY's Private Screening of "Sonic 3" - just in the month of January! Let's not forget our USY Kinnus at Camp Ramah, Ojai plus our weekly lounge nights... never a dull moment in our youth department!

We are very excited for our upcoming annual fundraiser - the Purim Carnival! Save the date for Sunday, March 9 for an afternoon of games, prizes, kosher BBQ, raffle, and so much more! This event is open to the entire Las Vegas Valley and all proceeds benefit the Kadima/USY youth department, making our programming accessible to every Jewish teen in Las Vegas. For more information and for donation opportunities, please visit www.bethsholomlv.org/purimcarnival.

We are always happy to welcome new Jewish 4 - 12 graders into our Kadima/USY family! For more information, please visit www.bethsholomlv.org or email djsinai@bethsholomlv.org.

D.J. Sinai

Youth & Musical Director



WOMEN'S LEAGUE



By Carrie Zeidman | Women's League President

Women's League of TBS has had a busy few months! We held our Paid-Up Membership Brunch in November, and thanks to Whitney Sadow, it was a great success. We had a fantastic turnout, the food was amazing (thank you Chef Rachel!), and everyone had a great time. Just a few days ago, we had a super fun craft event. We got together to make beautiful trays out of resin accented with colors, dried flowers, and gold and silver foil. They came out gorgeous and each one was unique and artistic. Thank you to Vered Shaffer and Jennifer Schwamberg for putting together such an enjoyable night!

We've got even more good stuff coming up in January. We will be visiting the TBS mikvah and learning all about it from Liz Goodman.

We'll be having another yummy challah bake with Whitney Sadow, there's a game night, and plans for our Women's League Shabbat on January 25th are moving ahead. If you want to participate contact Bonnie Bloss or Myra Dorf. Watch the Women's League webpage for more information. Hag Sameach!

Carrie Zeidman

President

Women's League of Temple Beth Sholom

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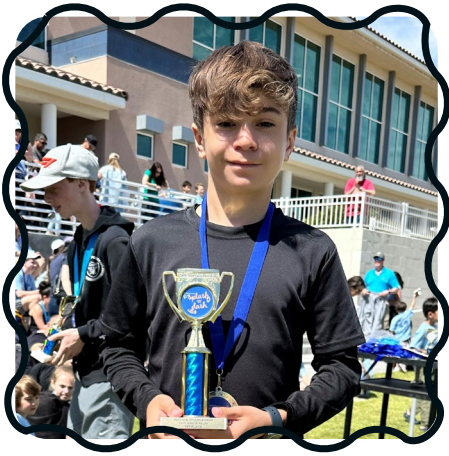
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RECENT B'NEI MITZVAH



NATHAN MIZRACHI NOVEMBER 9TH, 2024

Nathan Mizrachi became a Bar Mitzvah on November 9, 2024! He is the son of Danielle and Hayim Mizrachi and is the older brother of Ava and Lilly.

Nathan is a seventh grader at the Adelson Campus. He excels academically and as an athlete. His core sport is tennis – playing with All In Tennis Academy. Nathan has also played on the Adelson School basketball teams and ran on the track team. Of course, of his favorite activities is running a smashfest on his dad on the pickleball court!

For Nathan's Mitzvah Project, he organized both a physical and virtual book drive for Spread the Word Nevada. This involved a community effort with drop off locations at Temple Beth Sholom, the Adelson School, Jewish Nevada/JCC, and MDL Group. A local Jewish owned moving company called Triple 7 Movers donated over sixty boxes and packing tape to box up the over 4,200 books and counting. If you'd like to donate virtually you can do so at spreadthewordnevada.org/vbd-nathan



ASHER CAMERON LAX NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024

Asher Lax became a Bar Mitzvah on November 30, 2024 at Temple Beth Sholom. He is currently an 8th grader at Hyde Park Middle School and excels in all his classes. He loves math, gymnastics, singing in choir, attending USY events, and computer activities. He is a talented, athletic, hardworking teenager. He has been competing in gymnastics since he was 5 years old, many of his teammates are his closest friends. Asher is a dedicated friend, family member, and has been fortunate to travel many places around the world.

He has enjoyed attending Camp Young Judaea, a Jewish overnight camp the last three years in Wisconsin which helped him increase his Jewish identity. He enjoyed visiting a Nursing home this summer and visited many elderly patients which led him to want to volunteer again with the elderly to help them smile. He has been visiting the Silver Sky at Deer Springs Assisted Living Center to do Arts and Crafts and play Bingo with some residents some weekends in October. The residents look forward to his visits.

UPCOMING B'NEI MITZVAH



ELI MALLEY FEBRUARY 17TH, 2025

Eli Malley will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 17, 2025. He is the son of very proud parents Danielle and David Malley and older brother to Sasha.

Eli attends the Adelson School where he excels academically. He plays tennis for the Summerlin Tennis Club and was privileged to train in the summer at the Evert Tennis Academy in Boca Raton, Florida. He has also enjoyed summers at Camp Tamarack in Michigan. Eli is a 3D printing enthusiast and entrepreneur, selling his creations at events throughout Las Vegas.

Eli is excited to share his celebration with family and friends at Temple Beth Sholom.



BENJAMIN WEINSTEIN FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025

Benjamin Weinstein will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on February 22, 2025.

Benjamin is a seventh-grade student at Sig Rogich Middle School. He is secretary of the Rogich chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. He is also a member of the Sig Rogich Chess Team and the Sig Rogich Speech and Debate Team.

Benjamin volunteers regularly at the Ronald McDonald House in Las Vegas. Ben started as a House volunteer when he was in first grade. Ben and his sister, Elyse, help with House events throughout the year, including the annual food drive, the annual holiday party, and meal preparations. Ben also serves as a Hebrew tutor through the "Mitzvah Makers" program in the Temple Beth Sholom Religious School.

For his bar mitzvah project, Ben will create a "mini garden" for the new Ronald McDonald House that opened last summer. Ben will donate seeds and plants; set up the garden; maintain it; and teach kids and families at the House how to care for the plants and flowers.

Ben enjoys playing the piano, building with Legos, and reading. He spends his summers at Camp JCA Shalom in California. He is looking forward to his bar mitzvah.

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* CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE *

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	shabbat
			9:00 AM Morning Minyan 1 TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 2	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 3 6:30 pm USY/KADIMA Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat w/ Ruach Ensemble  4:22 PM	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service 4
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 5	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 6 12:00 pm Radical Torah w/ Rabbi Goodman	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 7	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 8 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 9 6:00 pm WLTBS Challah Baking	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 10 5:45 pm Friday Nite Kids 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat  4:28 PM	9:00 AM Shabbat Halelu 11
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 12	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 13 12:00 pm Radical Torah w/ Rabbi Goodman	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 14 10:00 am WLTBS Circle of Prayer 6:30 pm Gene Greenberg Book Signing & Discussion	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 15 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 16 6:30 pm Intro to Judaism	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 17 7:30 pm Acoustic Kabbalat Shabbat  4:35 PM	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service 18 10:30 am Shabbat Katan
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 19	9:00 AM Morning Minyan 20 TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 21 10:00 am WLTBS Book Club	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 22 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 23	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 24 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat  4:42 PM	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service 25
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 26 10:30 am WLTBS Brunch	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 27 12:00 pm Radical Torah w/ Rabbi Goodman	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 28	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 29 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night 6:00 pm WLTBS Game Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 30	9:00 AM Morning Minyan 31 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat  4:49 PM	

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FEBRUARY 2025

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						9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service 1
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