

Temple Beth Tikvah

Your Shul on the Shoreline



JULY/AUGUST 2023 SHOFAR



Dear TBT family,

As Independence Day approaches, I would like to share my background. I was born in Santiago, Chile. My father had the opportunity to go to New York City to train in Kidney Transplantation. The plan was to spend three years in the United States, then go back home. While we were in New York, there was a military coup in Chile and Augusto Pinochet took control as a violent dictator. He ruled from 1973 to 1990. Even though my grandparents missed us very much, they warned us not to come back. It is with this backdrop that I truly love this country and appreciate the freedoms that many take for granted. On July 4th, we will celebrate the birth of a nation built on the principles of freedom, equality, and justice for all. We know that

our country is not perfect, and we still have work to do, but this is our inspiration, this is our goal.

For us, as Jews, Independence Day, and our commitment to freedom, resonates deeply. Rabbi Sharon Brous said, "The idea that it's possible to move from slavery to freedom and from darkness to light and from despair to hope – that is the greatest Jewish story ever told."

Independence Day should be a reminder that we must continue to uphold our democracy. As Jews we understand the importance of supporting our religious and cultural differences while also embracing our society's diversity.

I am proud to say that TBT is doing that. We have a strong relationship with our interfaith community. We continue to sponsor Afghan refugee families. Our Kulanu group is leading us in fighting hate and antisemitism. We are supporting Madison PrideFest and literally raising the roof for people in poverty. We are proud of our big tent, and we acknowledge that the diversity in our synagogue makes us better. In this light, I will end with a quote from Nelson Mandela: "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Shalom and Happy Independence Day,

Karen Goldberg

“RAC AND ROLE” : GETTING TO KNOW THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



Dear TBT,

As the Chair of the Religious Activities Committee (RAC), I thought I would reach out to let you know a little about who we are and how we are involved in religious life at TBT. The primary role of the RAC is to partner with the clergy to organize and implement all of the religious programming at the synagogue – from the High Holidays, to Shabbat, to special programs within and outside our community. We frequently collaborate with other committees at TBT, including the Education and Membership committees, Kol Ami (Women’s Group), Haverim (Men’s Group), and with other synagogues in the area.

In addition to the “granular” organizational and implementation work that we do, we are also actively engaged in thinking about new ways to enhance our worship experiences, at TBT and at home; as Rabbi Moss might say, to “build our spiritual muscles.” We are currently participating in a wonderful monthly discussion around the book “Jewish with Feeling: A Guide to Meaningful Jewish Practice” by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, which has generated a lot of exciting ideas about ways we can reimagine practices around Shabbat.

Getting involved with the RAC is a great way to meet other congregants, bring your ideas and opinions to the community, and most of all, to contribute to the vibrancy and health of TBT. You don’t need to know a lot about Jewish practice – in fact, this is a great way to learn! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Stu Weinzimer, RAC Chair

SHABBAT

All services are Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Services are streamed live on Zoom. Links can be found in your inbox.

Services are also available on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@templebethtikvah5835

Friday, July 7: *Shabbat* Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 4: *Shabbat* Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 14: Beach *Shabbat* Service, **6:00 p.m.** at East Wharf. Beach *Shabbat* will not be on Zoom and will not be recorded for later viewing. Please join us in person.

Friday, August 11: *Shabbat* Service, 6:30 p.m.; Oneg Sponsored by Joseph & Tannus Schlam to follow.

Friday, July 21: *Shabbat* Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 18: *Shabbat* Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 28: *Shabbat* Service with Special Welcome for Baby Levi Moss and a Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 25: *Shabbat* Service, 6:30 p.m.

TORAH STUDY

Live on Zoom every Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

(check your inbox for Zoom link)

You can find the text and *d'verei Torah* at <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study>

July 1: *Chukat-Balak* - [Numbers 19:1–22:1, 22:2–25:9](#)

August 5: *Eikev* - [Deuteronomy 7:12–11:25](#)

July 8: *Pinchas* - [Numbers 25:10–30:1](#)

August 12: *R'eh* - [Deuteronomy 11:26–16:17](#)

July 15: *Matot - Mas'ei* - [Numbers 30:2–36:13](#)

August 19: *Shof'tim* - [Deuteronomy 16:18–21:9](#)

July 22: *D'varim* - [Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22](#)

August 26: *Ki Teitzei* - [Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19](#)

July 29: *Va-et'chanan* - [Deuteronomy 3:23–7:11](#)

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Upcoming sessions are Saturdays, **July 1, July 15, August 5 and August 19**. Links will be in your email.

All are welcome.



JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to our July and August birthdays!

July

Finn Brandoff, Natalie Rose Houlton, Even Felberbaum, Benjamin Lipshutz, Zachary Daniels, Archer Orenstein, Gali Rabinovici, Nate Rapkin, Caleb Rosenthal, Kaleb Cohen, Benjamin Jacoby, Nathaniel Greif, Casper Naarden, and Aaron Glennon.

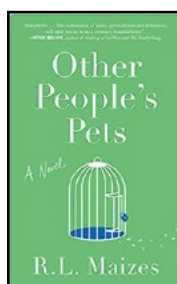


August

Arella Blossom Hyland, Luca Battisto, Max Gold, Jacob Daniels, Charlotte Heaton, Ellis Klosson, Sophie Mervine-Schiff, Delma Hatton, and Jackson Eder.

TBT BOOK CLUB

July's book is *Saving Sophie* by Ronald H. Balson. *Saving Sophie* is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter and an action-packed thriller that will take you on an unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love.



August's book is *Other People's Pets* by R. Maizes. *Other People's Pets* examines the gap between the families we're born into and those we create, and the danger that holding on to a troubled past may rob us of the future.



All TBT members who enjoy reading are encouraged to join us on Zoom. For additional information, or to get the Zoom link, please contact [Lydia](#) in the TBT Office.

Book Club discussions will be held on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on July 20th and August 17th.

KOL AMI

Hiking

The Kol Ami women's group is out hiking in the woods weekly. All levels invited. If you want to be on our email list to find out when and where our hikes will be, please RSVP to [Lisa Harding](#). It's beautiful out there. Come join us!

Garden Tour

So much time is spent in our gardens nurturing, dreaming, and admiring nature's beauty.



How about connecting with one another as we walk through each other's gardens, sipping a refreshing beverage? Your garden does not have to be award-winning, just an opportunity to get to know each other and share the beauty of our efforts.

Please respond if you'd like to participate in our ongoing garden tour series by welcoming a group of up to 12 on a walk in your garden sometime between now and the end of summer. We'll be scheduling dates in advance.



Master Gardener, Tannus Schlam, is leading the charge with some of her garden loving compatriots on this wonderful idea, so let us hear from you!

Please email [Loren Sterman](#) if you're interested in participating.

RAISE THE ROOF

Your Shoreline Habitat Connection is celebrating 20 years of building together with Raise the Roof/Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven.

In its 20th year, Raise the Roof the Shoreline Connection to Habitat has completed 19 houses in New Haven, CT. It has been with great pride that our Temple members have worked alongside the homeowners in building these homes. This spring we worked on the 20th house on Elliot Street. This will be the future home of Jessica Smalls and her children. The 21st house on Russell Street, is in its early stages and will be home to Abdullah Wahidi, his wife, and four sons. If you are interested in volunteering for a Sunday build with Temple Beth Tikvah friends contact [Linda Brody](#). To learn more about the shoreline connection to Habitat for Humanity go to <http://www.raisetherooft.org/>.



KESHER CIRCLES

Looking for a new hobby?

Or a place to indulge in an old one?

Or just want to connect to fellow TBT members in an intimate and meaningful way?

Kesher circles has it all. Join one and enjoy your favorite activity, deepen your bonds with your community and have some fun. Read more [here](#) about the groups that are starting this fall. We look forward to seeing you there.



MAZEL TOV

To David and Ellen Buller on the birth of their granddaughter, Shay Eloise Buller. Shay was born on May 29, 2023, to Dylan and Rochelle Buller.

To John and Jill Lesage on the birth of their first grandchild, Max Leski. Max was born on June 25, 2023, to Sara and Filip Leski.

Do you have a *simcha* to share? Please contact the office at 203.245.7028 or email office@tbtshoreline.org.



HIGH HOLIDAYS

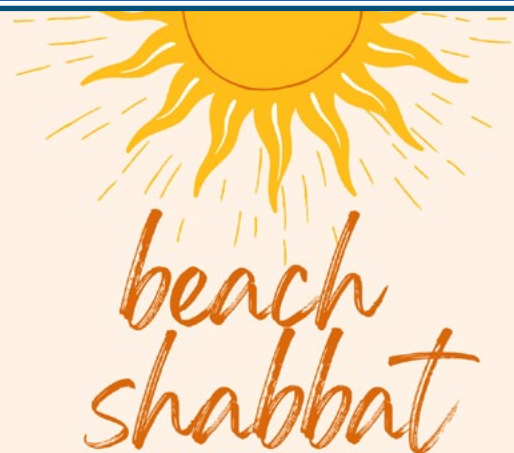


The High Holidays will begin this year with the **Consecration of our Sanctuary** and *Selichot* on **September 9**.

September 15-17: *Rosh Hashanah*

September 24-25: *Yom Kippur*

UPCOMING EVENTS



JOIN US FOR SUN AND SERVICES

Friday, July 14th
6:00 p.m.

East Wharf Beach

Remember to bring a beach chair!

Beach Shabbat will not be recorded or on Zoom.
Please join us in person

TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH

...Ice Cream... & Scavenger Hunt

07 | 19 | 2023

5:30-6:30pm Scavenger Hunt | 6:30pm Ice Cream Truck

All are Welcome!!



If you would like to donate
to this event, [click here](#)



POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

JULY 28th ♦ 6:30 PM

Click Here
to Sign Up
to Bring an
Entree or
Dessert

new member



BABY LEVI MOSS

SPECIAL WELCOME SERVICE FOR BABY LEVI

JULY 28

Check your inbox for more details in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Jewish Community
Relations Council



**WEDNESDAY
JULY 26, 7:30 PM**

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI), 85 Harrison Street, New Haven

***“for these things
do i weep”***

Tisha B'Av in a time of climate change



Tisha B'Av reminds us that we never fully let go of our deepest dislocations. Modern day Jews face another existential crisis—climate disruption. What can Tisha B'Av teach us about this moment? Join us to experience and explore the deep wisdom of Tisha B'Av to meet, live through, and grow from the climate crisis.

To sign up, please go to
jewishnewhaven.org/tishab'av

MEET THE ARTISTS

August 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Roz Cama,
Interior
Designer who
planned the
Temple's new
spaces

**Linda
Cunningham,**
artist behind
the ark doors

**Q&A about the creation of our new sanctuary and ark doors.
Desserts to follow**



PIZZA AND BINGO

B I N G O



@ TBT

**6:00 Pizza and 6:30 Bingo
\$5 Donation per person**



**Temple Beth Tikvah
Preschool**

Aug. 25: Parent Orientation, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31: Preschool Visiting Day, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Sept. 5: First Day of Preschool



AUG

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**Joseph & Tannus
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SEPT

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Coming Home לשוב הביתה

Temple Beth Tikvah

Sept.

9

7:00 p.m.

Consecration of Sanctuary

We will welcome the *Sifrei Torah* to their new home as part of our *Selichot* service.

Nov.

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6:30 p.m.

Thank You Shabbat

A service of appreciation for everyone who helped us reach this day.

Nov.

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TBD

Gala

Celebrate a generational milestone with food, drinks, and dancing.



For more information: www.tbttshoreline.org

Call 203.245.7028 or e-mail office@tbttshoreline.org

Summer 2023 ~ TBT Renovation



The new entrance to the main lobby, looking from the lobby out the front doors.



The back wall of the sanctuary – new windows and cupola – from the preschool playground.



View of the veranda (right) and new south addition façade (left) with new cupola, as seen from the new lower parking lot.

Plans for the summer!

- Finish the sanctuary, social hall, and lobby with final details, including the memorial boards, which will be in the sanctuary.
- Complete the Preschool ahead of the new school year in September - finish flooring, painting, bathrooms, and move all classes into the new space.
- Finish driveway excavation with paving.
- Landscaping and garden installation are underway.
- Complete the “punch list” prior to receipt of Certificate of Occupancy from Madison.

Have you joined us in Building Community? Now is the Time!

If you haven't donated or pledged to the TBT Capital Campaign yet, [TBT Needs You!!](#)

**Help us finish the campaign, and don't miss your chance to say,
“I helped to build the future of TBT and the Jewish community!”**

Questions?

Please reach out to Suzy Frisch at sgfrisch@aol.com, or to Bruce Topolosky, John Lesage, or Karen Goldberg. We would love to discuss the building project and how you might support the renovation and our future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital campaign!

Thank You!

As we near the completion of our renovation and work to finish raising the money that we need to pay for the project, we extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the Capital Campaign, *Building Community*.

Our community has been blessed with donations from current and past congregants, and many, many friends and family members. In addition, we have received gifts from funds and foundations that are associated with people in our congregation.

We are grateful to everyone who is building the future of TBT!

If you haven't made your donation yet, now is the time!

You can help finish the campaign by making a gift this summer during our...

\$500,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Every New Gift will be **DOUBLED**!

- **Between June 1 and *Yom Kippur* (September 25), your gift will be doubled by a generous donor who is offering a \$500,000 (total) match challenge.**
- Make an outright gift (or a pledge for up to three years) - Your new gift (or first pledge payment) must be made between now and *Yom Kippur* for it to be matched dollar for dollar.
- Help reach our capital campaign goals as we reenter the building and enter the new year of 5784.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to double your gift!

Whether you have already made a contribution, or this is your first, we **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

Contact [Suzy Frisch](#) to make a gift.





THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Established with the goal of guaranteeing long range and permanent financial security for the congregation, addressing exceptional physical, educational, and spiritual necessities.

To donate to the Endowment Fund, [click here.](#)



Fridays 1:00 p.m. in the TBT Library

Come for the games,
stay for the friendships.



"If you know *alef*,
teach *alef*" *-Hasidic Saying*

We are on the lookout for

FIRST & SECOND GRADE TEACHERS

Temple Beth Tikvah Religious School

Send your info to [TBT](#)

Fluent Hebrew not required



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO...

Celebrate a milestone?

Honor a loved one?

CONSIDER SPONSORING

A Shabbat Oneg

It's fun to do with friends and the Religious Activities Committee will help with details. If you're interested in sponsoring, please contact [Lydia](#) in the TBT office.



JOIN THE TBT CHOIR

No previous experience required. Bring your enthusiasm and excitement and we will provide the rest!

Choir will meet on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

For more information, contact [Dr. C.](#)



THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

August 10 at 7:00 p.m. at TBT

Give back to the community and help coordinate food drives, book drives, backpack drives and much more.

MAKE EVERY DAY MITZVAH DAY

Contact [Lizzie Sharp](#) or [Irma Grebel](#)

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Alan & Barbara Lipman in loving memory of Alex Morales

Richard & Emily Scholnick in loving memory of Herman Zagoria

Roxanne Siskind in loving memory of Leo Siskind

Kim Rakusin in loving memory of Phyllis Kaufman, Ed Sack, and in honor of Baby Levi Moss

Bill & Lisa Meyerhoffer in loving memory of Martin Rubenstein

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THE BUILDING FUND

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Myron & Sandra Brand in honor of Helen Winokur, Baby Levi Moss, and Judy Pozzi

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July/August 2023

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