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From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

World Zionist Congress Elections

Voting is open

Register to Vote Today!

Have you registered to vote in the World Zionist Congress elections? We need your vote. The World Zionist Congress determines the leadership and policies that affects global Jewish priorities and the distribution of 5 billion dollars. By voting, you help ensure that the values of inclusivity, equality, and peace are at the forefront of the Jewish communal agenda. Your participation is vital. We are literally fighting to fund the Reform Movement in Israel and protect values that we hold dear. Together, by participating we can campion a vision of Zionism that embraces our progressive ideals and strengthens the bond between Israel and the diaspora.

How to vote: Register to cast your ballot for the Reform Movement slate to support leaders who are committed to a pluralistic and democratic Israel. There is a \$5. Registration fee which offsets the administrative costs of running this election. Voting is open until May 4th. Don't wait.

Once you register and agree with the Jerusalem platform and pledge to keep Israel a pluralistic and democratic state, you will receive a Voting pin number which you need to vote. It can be texted or emailed. It is easier to have it texted to you.

Enter the pin number and make sure to go Vote Slate #3- VOTE REFORM. Then scroll down and hit cast my ballot. You will then see a screen that confirms your vote and you are done. Can we count on you?

TO VOTE GO TO: www.vote4reform.org. If you need help, see me when I am in town and I can easily walk you through the steps. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete. After you vote, reach out to me and let me know that you have voted.

I am organizing a weeklong Solidarity Mission to Israel. The itinerary is outstanding and the experience is life changing. The only piece I do not have at this moment are the dates. Once we have a group together, we together will determine when it will be best to go. If you are interested, please email me at rabbijanetb.liss@gmail.com or text me at 516-318-8868.

I look forward to seeing you in April!

May you and your loved ones have a Zessen Pesach!

Rabbi Dr. Janet B. Liss

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

Nissan is HERE, so **PESACH** can't be far behind!! We're looking forward to our **5785 Passover Seder on Sunday evening, April 13, at 6:00**. We're especially pleased that Rabbi Liss will lead this year's seder and, of course, we look forward to hearing our youngest Hebrew School students ask/chant the Four Questions. What could be better than that?! TBS is a participatory community, so be ready to join in singing and/or when Rabbi Liss calls on you to read.

Happily, Rabbi Liss and Grace will be with us on two Shabbatot during the month of April. We'll daven together on **Friday evening, April 11, at 7:00** and again on **Saturday morning, April 12, at 10:00**. We will not share Shabbat lunch together, however, as our kitchen will have been kashered by Friday and we'll be setting up for Sunday's seder. There will be no adult ed/seudah shlisheet/Havdalah on Saturday evening, as the chag begins then. **HOWEVER.....**

We'll gather again for services on **Friday evening, April 25, at 7:00** and **Saturday morning, April 26, at 10:00**. While it still will be Nissan, Passover will be over, so we'll resume our usual delicious Shabbat lunch! We'll also enjoy adult Jewish learning/seudah shlisheet/Havdallah at 6:00 on Saturday evening. If you're 18 or over, don't miss it!!

Thank you to all who continue to bring donations of cans or boxes of food to help fight food insecurity in the Hickory area. As you may recall, your Board of Trustees voted to make this a **year-round project** so

please continue to bring a can or box of food every time you come to TBS -- and please make sure that the expiry date is at least six months out since your donation may be on the shelf that long. Remember that only 5% of donations for food insecurity come from the private sector! Let's continue to take "leaps of action" by donating our cans/boxes to the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Passover also is a time that's particularly ripe to contribute to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (https://mazon.org).

And Israel's challenges continue. We are grateful that some hostages have been released, and we continue to pray that our remaining **59 hostages, held more than 545 days**, will be released soon. We pray for the families who await their loved ones' return and for those who have received the bodies of their deceased.

We continue to pay attention to and support Hillel as it gives Jewish college students a place to feel safe in their Judaism. Until all hostages are free and the savage war we did not invite is over, I'll continue to repeat information as to sites we can visit to help our Israeli brothers and sisters and our college students.

- Emergency Campaign of The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte www.jewishcharlotte.org
- American Joint Distribution Committee <u>www.jd</u>c.org
- ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America arza.org
- MERCAZ Olami, the political arm of the Conservative/Masorti movement based in Jerusalem https://mercazolami.org
- The Jewish National Fund www.jnf.org

You can also receive frequent updates on the situation in Israel from those sites. ADL (www.adl.org), AIPAC (www.aipac.org), and the Secure Community Network (www.securecommunitynetwork.org) also provide frequent updates and offers webinars and invitations to let our elected representatives know that we stand with Israel and that we urge them to do so as well.

Jews on college campuses are having a rough go of it. Our campus Hillel's need our support now more than ever. Go to https://www.hillel.org to find out you can help.

And it's always time to be informed!! The Wall Street Journal (www.wsJ.com) and the New York Times (www.nytimes.com) are good sources. Pay particular attention to NYT columnist Bret Stephens. In addition, check out some sources that come directly from Israel. Israel from the Inside with Daniel Gordis (danielgordis.substack.com) is one of my favorites. The Times of Israel (https://www.timesofisrael.com), and Haaretz.com are others -- and I'm sure Rabbi Liss will be glad to recommend her favorites.

I look forward to seeing you soon -- in person or via Zoom, and wish you *Chag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach*.

Shalom.

Susan



TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Hello everyone!

I am looking forward to welcoming you all to our community Seder on the night of April 13th. If you haven't already, please RSVP as soon as possible as we need to purchase enough food for everyone ahead of time and may not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

For those involved in the Seder planning, we will have a brief check-in over Zoom on April 6th at 2:00 to address any last-minute concerns. I will send a link out a few days ahead of time.

If anyone needs another copy of the RSVP flyer, please reach out to me at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com and I will send it to you directly. And as always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions for Sisterhood activities, please reach out to me at the email above.

Alexis

TBS Hebrew School Program

Geoffrey Janer, Hebrew School Principal

Shalom Everyone,

March was an exciting month as we celebrated Purim. The Kids all learned the story of Purim and had a party where they made crafts and ate lots of food (Hamantaschen Cookies). The kids all put together gift bags (mishloach manot) in honor of the Purim story. A lot of fun was had by everyone involved. A big thank you to Maritza Janer for helping to put together the Purim party.

April is an exciting month for the Hebrew School as we learn about the Holiday of Passover. All the kids will be learning the Passover story and the 4 questions that they will be able to say at their Passover Seder.

A big thank you to our teachers who are working hard to teach our students. Thank you to Aaron, Seth, and Maritza who do a spectacular job volunteering to educate the kids in our Hebrew school.

Shalom,

Geoffrey Janer

The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund



The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund (HSSF) was established by a long-time Temple member and past President, Burt Sederholm (may his memory be a blessing), to honor his late wife Harriet, who died shortly after she retired from 25 years with the Catawba County Department of Social Services. The scholarship committee is a sub-committee of the Temple Beth Shalom Board. The committee manages funds invested to award one-time scholarships with the earnings from the invested funds. These awards honor the memory of Harriet Sederholm and her efforts to improve the lives of many impoverished adults and children in Catawba County.

The HSSF scholarship is available to students. Candidates will submit an essay to any one of the committee members. The essay will explain who the candidate is, what they are doing currently, their plans for the future, how the scholarship funds will be used, and, if applicable, what the connection may be to Jewish life.

The committee will make decisions based on the following preferences but not absolutes:

- Is the applicant a temple member or related to a temple member?
- Is the applicant Jewish?
- Will the funds be used for educational needs?
- Will the funds make a difference regarding the applicant's ability to benefit from the activity?
- Is the activity something deemed to be of value by the committee?

Interested students should submit their essays by April 30th. The scholarship season runs from May 1-April 30. All applicants will be notified in writing if their application has been approved or declined by May 15th. Awards should be mailed to recipients by May 31st.

The essay should be emailed to any of the committee members: Lin Gentry, Karen Ferguson, or Sandy Guttler. Naturally, the committee encourages everyone to make a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund at any time.

Temple Board

Our next meeting is TBD at the temple. Board meetings are open to all temple members. Contact Susan Goldstein if you wish to join a scheduled monthly meeting.



Board members are:

Officers:

Susan Goldstein, President Lin Gentry, Vice President Mary Lee Tosky, Secretary Susan Rieder, Treasurer



Members at Large:

Liz Correll
Karen Ferguson
Jodi Lavin-Tompkins
James Norwood
Alexis Sweazy
Geoffrey Janer

Your board thanks you for your donations

Susan Goldstein in memory of Andrew Rieder and Joseph Lavin Susan Goldstein in honor of Taliah Levy's Bat Mitzvah

Simchas

Mazel Tov to Grandparents,
Mary Lee and Aaron Tosky,
on the birth of a granddaughter,
Evelyn Florabell Rahe,
born on March 20, 2025,
and to parents Emily (Tosky) and Michael Rahe,
and to Evelyn's big brother Thomas.



Please consider pairing with a board member(s) to host a Shabbat or Holiday at Temple Beth Shalom. When members contribute to the life of our synagogue in this way, we all feel a part of our Jewish community and an active participant in assuring its well-being. A sign-up sheet is posted in the synagogue foyer, or you can sign up online. Here's the link: TBS Hosting Sign-ups - Google Sheets

- 1. View the <u>spreadsheet</u> to see what dates are free
- 2. Submit your choice using the <u>Google Form.</u>
- 3. MaryLee will type in any form *submissions*, but **any board member can enter host names** on the spreadsheet for themselves or other members *by request*. Several of you have successfully done so!

There is still a great need for donations in food-insecure areas around us.

Please bring non-perishable food items to the temple whenever you come for services or other events. You will be helping fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry and setting a good example for our youngsters



Are you or anyone you know looking for a Jewish Summer camp experience?

Check this out!

Scholarships available. Contact Geoffrey Janer for more info.

Raising a Mensch?

Start Here!

At Tranquillity Camp, becoming a good person and a trusted friend happens naturally. Guided by Jewish-led values that welcome all, we embrace intentional simplicity—helping campers build character and inner strength through endless but fun and flexible activities.

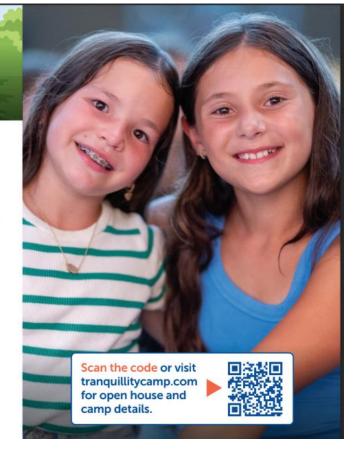
Discover a world of adventure on our unspoiled 1,200-acre property in the Catskill foothills; a place where every camper is known, valued, and accepted and where forever friends are made.

Tranquillity is surprisingly affordable, so spots fill up quickly!

Don't wait—join us on February 23 for our next open house.



Summer Sleepaway Camp | Ages 7–15



TBS Member Business Directory

Let us know if you would like to list your business here in the Bulletin. It is a free benefit of TBS membership

Gabe Almaza-Moody
Piedmont Herbals
Email: piedmontherbals@gmail.com
Website: https://www.piedmonther
bals.com/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.co
m/piedmontherbals/
Instagram: https://www.instagram.c
om/piedmont herbals/

Jack and Hannah Levy
Druzy Dreams Crystals
http://www.etsy.com/shop/druzydr
eamscrystals

Dr. David Peltzer
Newton Family Physicians
767 West First Street
Newton, NC 28658
828 465-3928
www.newtonfamilyphysicians.com

The Natural Olive
216 Union Square
Hickory
828-256-1950
www.NaturalOliveHickory.com

Temple Beth Shalom Life Cycle April Events



Birthdays

Aidan Weatherly 4/2
Ronald Cohn 4/6
Ryan Laufer 4/10
Dennis Jones 4/12
Pam Jones 4/14
Stephanie Zerden 4/17
Jim Correll 4/18
Ben Peltzer 4/22

Anniversaries

Jon and Laura Levinson 4/15
David and Pam Jones 4/25

Yahrzeits

Michael Neulicht 4/1
David Cohen 4/3
Sue Brisbane 4/5
Pincus Lavitt 4/7
Irving Roth 4/8
Larry Freiman 4/12
Glenn Datnoff 4/13
Nathan Peltzer 4/14
Anna B Datnoff 4/15
Ruth Leifer 4/19
Ethel Kaminsky 4/19
Gertrude Bauman 4/21
Fania Suess 4/25
Abraham Harrison 4/26
Rose Miller 4/26

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Local and Regional Events



CATAWBA,CES.NCSU,EDU

2025 Local Food Cooking Classes

Local Food Cooking Classes 2025 Registration Opens March 1st, 2025 at 9 a.m. REGISTRATION Price \$15 each class \$5 off if you sign up for all 7 classes We will alternate between the Extension office at 1175 S. Brady Ave. in...

Three classes will be at the Hickory Soup Kitchen. 110 2nd. St. Pl. SE, Hickory. All classes begin at 6:00 pm

You will receive an email confirmation of your class selections for your records and information on how to pay for the classes.

Please call 828-465-8240 or email alvigard@ncsu.edu if you have any questions.

Temple Beth Shalom has an active membership in the Catawba Valley Interfaith Council, where Rabbi Dennis served as president for 5 years and now serves as secretary. You can find out more about this organization and its activities at: https://www.facebook.com/CVICNC



The 23rd Annual Martin and Doris Rosen Symposium, supported by the Claims Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the Martin and Doris Rosen Symposium Endowment, and the local Jewish community, will be held July 10-16, 2025, at the Appalachian State University campus in Boone.

This year's theme is "Rescue during the Holocaust: The Power of Courage." We will explore exciting and emotional stories of rescue during the Holocaust to better understand the dire situation of European Jews leading up to, during, and after the Holocaust. These lessons will be carried into the present day to address issues of antisemitism, which have risen by almost 400% since 2022.

Want to receive e-mail updates on our public events and programs? <u>Subscribe to our newsletter.</u>

SHALOM HARMON INSTITUTE



Follow this link for information and registration for upcoming online events at SHI: https://www.hartman.org.il/programs/

2025 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

For event updates, email: info@hickoryjewishcenter.com

Dates		Events	wsletter deadline
April	6	Sunday School 10 am	
	11	Friday Night service 7:00pm	
	12	Shacharit Service at 10 am	
	13	Passover Seder with Rabbi Liss leading, 6 pm reservation required – See flyer on next page -	ns
	20	Sunday School 10 am	
	25	Friday Night service 7:00pm	
	26	Shacharit Service 10am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Sh (bring a parve or dairy dish to share); Adult Learning, and Havdahlah 6	
	27	Sunday School 10 am	
May	4	Sunday School 10 am	April 23
	16	Friday night service 7:00pm	
	17	Shacharit Service at 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah S (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:0	
	18	Sunday School 10 am	
	25	Sunday School 10 am - End of Year party	
June	13	Friday night service 7:00 pm	May 23
	14	Shacharit Service at 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Sh	nlishit
		(bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult Learning, and Havdalah 6:	:00 pm

Want to contribute to The TBS Bulletin? Send your request to karen.sederholm@gmail.com.
All entries are reviewed by the TBS Board before publication.



The deadline for reservations and payment is **Thursday, April 3, 2025**. We cannot provide refunds and may not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

The menu will include oven-baked salmon, sweet and savory kugels, parve matzah ball soup, vegetables, dessert, matzah, and wine. All dishes will be marked with common allergens.

Prices for Temple Beth Shalom Members and their families:

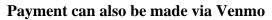
Children under 5: FREE Children 6-12: \$20.00 Adults (13+): \$30.00

Guests (non-members of TBS): \$36.00

You may send a check made out to Sisterhood Temple Beth Shalom with this form_to:



Maritza Janer 228 31st Avenue CT NE Hickory, NC 28601



@Maritza-Janer

Enter your numbers of attendees below:

____ 5 and under: Free

____ 6 -12: \$20.00

____13+: \$30.00

____ Guests: \$36.00



Please indicate below if you have any "table-mate" preferences as there will be assigned seating