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From the Bimah

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

Rosh Chodesh Elul (the beginning of the month of Elul) is August 14th. Elul is the month that proceeds Tishri, meaning that Rosh Hashana is literally 4 weeks away from Rosh Chodesh Elul.

During the month of Elul, we are asked to start preparing for the High Holy Days by engaging in spiritual reflection, personal accountability and Jewish ritual, all designed to awaken the heart before Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Throughout the month of Elul, the shofar is blown every morning except for Shabbat in daily minyan prayers. The shofar is a spiritual wake up call to examine one's actions.

Some people recite Psalm 27 to cultivate a sense of safety, focus and closeness.

We are encouraged to begin the process of Teshuva of repentance by taking the time to reflect on ourselves to take personal stock of what we need to work on for personal growth in the New Year. It is important to begin to reach out to family, friends and colleagues to apologize for past wrongs and mend broken relationships before the High Holy Days arrive.

It is also the time to increase our Tzedakah, our charitable giving to help make a difference in this world. We read in the High Holy Days liturgy that Tzedaka, Teshuva, and Tefilah, charity, repentance and prayer help avert the evil decree. Meaning unpredictable things happen to everyone of us but if praying, giving charity and asking forgiveness are part of our life's practice, then that gives us the strength to face whatever comes our way.

I hope to see you over the August 14th weekend and have an opportunity to reconnect before the holidays. I will be adding special readings to Shabbat Services to help us begin to prepare for the New Year.

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Friends and Family,

We look forward to seeing you at our **services on Friday evening, August 14**, at 7:00 and **Saturday morning, August 15**, at 10:00. On **Sunday morning, August 16**, we invite all kids and their parents to join Rabbi Liss at 10:00 for Family Education.

We have a special treat for **adults only!** On **Saturday evening, August 15**, we'll gather at **Susan Rieder's home** at 6:00 for an "End of Summer" potluck dinner, music (by the one and only **Clyde Ferguson**), and Havdalah service. Please let us know if you will attend so we can plan accordingly. **RSVP or questions**, contact Susan R at 828.446.9555.

Stay tuned for information about the **Meet & Greet** we're planning on **Saturday afternoon, August 29, from 3:00 to 5:00**. We are delighted to have prospective members whom we are looking forward to welcoming to TBS ahead of the High Holy Days, and we hope that many of our TBS family will want to greet them! While you're at it, please make sure the **High Holy Days** are marked on your calendar: **Rosh Hashanah** - Friday evening, September 11, at 7:00 and Saturday morning, September 12, at 10:00, followed by lunch and Tashlich; and **Yom Kippur** - Sunday evening, September 20, at 7:00, Monday morning, September 21, at 10:00 and 5:00, followed by a break fast meal.

Thank you to all who continue to bring donations of cans or boxes of food to help fight food insecurity in our local communities. This is 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 be distributed by the Hickory Soup Kitchen.

As I write this, I am looking forward to attending a Cohn family simcha: the brit milah of Michael, son of Ashley and Grayson, grandson of Sue and Ron, and nephew of Ashley and Seth. It is a privilege for the

community to share in the joy of bringing a child into the covenant; indeed, it is a privilege to celebrate every happy occasion. I'm reminded that all TBS members should be aware that our building is available for you - and only to you -- to celebrate your simchas. A request should be made to the Board of Trustees (and approval is never unreasonably withheld!). When approved, there is a Building Use Policy agreement that must be signed by the member and an officer of the TBS Board. Please let me know if you'd like to see a copy of the agreement.

B'Shalom,

Susan

TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Hello everyone!

Try to stay cool and hydrated until we meet again in the Fall.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions for Sisterhood activities at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com, or if you would like to join our email list.



The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund

The Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund (HSSF) was established by a long-time Temple member and past President, Burt Sederholm z"l (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?

Temple Board

Our next temple board meeting is TBD. Board meetings are open to all temple members. Contact Susan Goldstein if you wish to attend 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:

Amanda Garrick
 Karen Ferguson
 James Norwood
 Alexis Sweazy
 Patrick Rowan
 Pam Jones
 Jane Mandle
 Seth Cohn



Your board thanks you for your donations

In memory of Michael Schonberg

*Susan Rieder
 Steven Ban
 Fincher Jarrell
 Gregory and Elizabeth Heaton*

In memory of Harold Goldstein

Susan Goldstein

General donations

Jennifer and Patrick Rowan



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 [spreadsheet](#) to see what dates are free
2. Submit your choice using the [Google Form](#).
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.

AND

We need help delivering collected items to Hickory Soup Kitchen

Donations can be dropped off at HSK Monday through Friday between 7am and 1pm.

With numbers increasing at their food pantry, the HSK shelves are low on some staple items. Peanut butter, and canned soups top the list. If you or anyone you know could help, please share.



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.piedmontherbals.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/piedmontherbals/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/piedmont_herbals/

Jack and Hannah Levy
Druzy Dreams Crystals
<http://www.etsy.com/shop/druzydreamscrystals>

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

*A listing in this business directory is a benefit of TBS membership. If you are a TBS member and wish to be listed please send your business name, address, phone number and email address to:
karen.sederholm@gmail.com*



Birthdays

Laura Faruque 8/1
Garrett Richards 8/1
Rachel Peltzer 8/1
Meredith Gross 8/3
Emerson Weatherly 8/5
Stephanie Cangemi 8/10
Sage Bonfield 8/12
Michael Jones 8/12
Aaron Tosky 8/22

Anniversaries

Ron and Marion DuBow 8/6
Micah and Amanda Baumfeld 8/12

Yahrzeits

Ron Taub 8/1
Charles Martin 8/1
Myron Datnoff 8/3
Rose Guttlet 8/4
Ralph Kaufman 8/5
Rebecca Christenbury 8/5
Ruth Lowenberg 8/9
Morton Rose 8/10
Sol Jaffee 8/10
Yehudit Goldman 8/12
Selma Freudmann Kastan 8/13
Pauline Lavitt 8/17

Roberta Rose 8/17
Arlen E Coen 8/21
Peter Cangemi 8/22
Edward Gabriel 8/24
Harriet Sederholm 8/23
Elaine Oxenberg 8/25
Sheldon Oxenberg 8/25
Louis Lavitt 8/26
Ruth Lowenberg
Arthur Berndt

Local and Regional Events

Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies



Songs from Testimonies:
Music from the Fortunoff
Video Archive for
Holocaust Testimonies

Internationally acclaimed musician, scholar, and educator D. Zisl Slepovitch will serve as an Artist-in-Residence at...

Saturday, August 29 | 4:00 pm
[Broyhill Music Center](#)



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THE HICKORY FARMER'S MARKET

Main Season (April–October): Wednesdays: 10am–1pm Saturdays: 8am–1pm



2025-2026 ANNUAL MEETING



August 25th 2026

4:00 Doors Open | 4:30 Presentation Begins

–Reception to follow–

Drendel Auditorium, SALT BLOCK

243 Third Avenue NE Hickory NC, 28601

Live Music & Entertainment

- **Zeb Spencer at Raising Roots Farm:** Live farm-fresh music and BBQ on Friday, August 7.
- **FireHouse at The Premier:** Rock performance on Saturday, August 8.
- **Rockie Lynne and Friends at The Premier:** Americana and classic rock live show on Friday, August 14.
- **Evolution Summer Fest:** Saturday session on August 15 at The Premier.
- **Elvis Tribute:** Musical tribute event on Saturday, August 22 at The Premier.
- **Moose & Friends Acoustic Trio:** Grateful Dead Night performance at [L. P. Frans Stadium](#) on Friday, August 21. 

2026- 2027 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

Date		Event	Newsletter deadline
August	14	Friday night service 7pm	July 23
	15	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (you may bring a dessert to share), Adult Social and Havdalah 6 pm at Susan Rieder's home	
	16	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
September	11	Erev Rosh Hashana 7 pm	August 23
	12	Rosh Hashana service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch, then Tashlich service	
	20	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) 7 pm	
	21	Yom Kippur service Shacharit and Yiskor 10 am; Yom Kippur Ma'ariv and Neilah 5 pm followed by Break Fast	
October	2	Friday night service (Shemini Atzeret) 7 pm	September 23
	3	(Simchat Torah) Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	
	4	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
November	6	Friday night service 7pm	October 23
	7	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	

November	8	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
December	4	Friday night service 7pm (Chanukah)	November 23
	5	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm Hanukkah Party TBD	
	6	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
January	8	Friday night service 7pm	December 23
	9	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	
	10	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
February	5	Friday night service 7pm	January 23
	6	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	
	7	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
March	5	Friday night service 7pm	February 23
	6	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	
	7	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
April	22	Pesach 2 nd night TBS Seder 6pm	March 23
	23	Friday night service 7pm	
	24	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring	

		a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm TBD	
(April)	25	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
May	21	Friday night service 7pm	April 23
	22	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	
	23	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	
June	18	Friday night service 7pm	May 23
	19	Shacharit service 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Seudah Shlishit (bring a parve or dairy dish to share), Adult learning and Havdalah 6 pm	
	20	Young family gathering with Rabbi Liss 10am; Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah group with Rabbi Liss 11am	



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