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Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

From the Bimah: Our Rabbi's Message

I received the letter below regarding results of the World Zionist Congress recent delegate election. Thanks to all of you who voted!

Vote Reform won a commanding victory! Your work has paid off! Our slate received more votes than any of the 22 slates by a wide margin. We got the largest number of votes in the history of the WZC - and we did so by running a fair, honorable campaign and holding up our Reform Jewish values.

We are the largest U.S. voice at the World Zionist Congress. This is a victory for the democratic ideals and Reform Jewish values that we share. This will mean that we will fight for pluralism and democracy; and secure significant funding for Reform causes. Our community showed up and it made a powerful difference. Our work is not done. We face significant opponents seeking to deny our rights and oppose our values. We need you to stay at the table and involved in the fight. We will continue to push for just and fair elections. Countries around the world are holding their elections throughout the summer. If you have friends in Canada, [click here](#) for the Canadian election site.

This outcome shows that when we organize and act, our movement leads.

In this time of vulnerability, of increased antisemitism, our

victory is an expression of our unwavering commitment to Israel. We will use our strong showing to continue to push for the release of the hostages and the security of Israel as a Jewish and democratic State.

Our win is a win for the future that we are going to build together.

Rabbi Josh Weinberg (He/Him - הוא/שלו)
Vice President, Israel and Reform Zionism, Union for Reform Judaism
Executive Director, ARZA

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

Many thanks to our Voting Members who attended our Annual Meeting last month. We have a new protocol that we'll observe going forward. It meets the "no eatin', no meetin'" axiom. We enjoyed food together prior to conducting business -- and stayed in our seats with the food still flowing while we got down to that business! Congratulations to our new members-at-large: Pam Jones, Jane Mandle, and Patrick Rowen. And we are grateful to our retiring members, Jodi Lavin-Tompkins and Geoffrey Janer.

Thank you to all who continue to bring donations of cans or boxes of food for the **Hickory Soup Kitchen** to help fight food insecurity. 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. And don't forget about **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** (<https://mazon.org>).

We look forward to gathering again for services with Rabbi Liss on **Friday evening, June 20, at 7:00** and **Saturday morning, June 21, at 10:00**, followed by kiddush lunch. We won't enjoy adult Jewish learning/seudah shlisheet/Havdallah this month at the temple as Rabbi Liss has been invited to lead Havdallah at a private gathering. Stay tuned, and we'll let you know when we'll be back in action in August.

And Israel's challenges continue. We are grateful that some hostages have been released, and we continue to pray that our remaining **55 hostages, held more than 575 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 - www.jdc.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! As many of you know, Maritza Janer has stepped down as sisterhood treasurer due to her family's recent move. Maritza has played a huge role in the success of our annual Passover seder, and she has done tremendous work in creating a more functional system for organizing our records. We are so grateful for everything she does, and we will miss her and her family a lot.

We are still in the process of choosing a new sisterhood treasurer, which will be further discussed at our next meeting on June 22nd at 12:30 pm. As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions for sisterhood, please reach out to me at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com.

TBS Hebrew School Program

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!



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

Simchas

TBS Members,

Please let us know what your family is celebrating so we can share your good news with our community - graduations, job promotions, awards, engagements, births? We want to know!

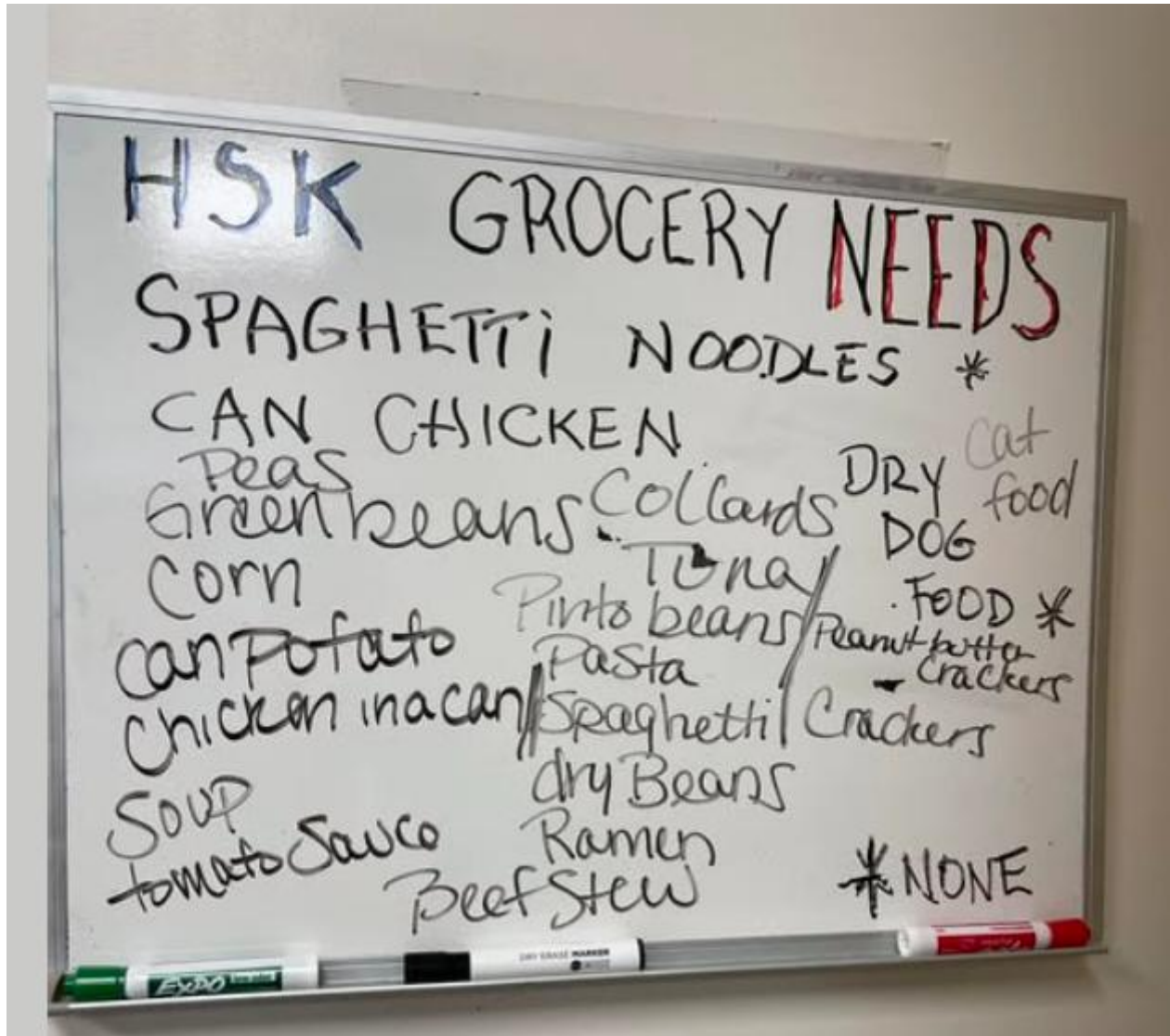
Please consider pairing with a board member(s) to host a Shabbat or Holiday at Temple Beth Shalom. When members contribute to the life of our synagogue in this way, we all feel a part of our Jewish community and an active participant in assuring its well-being. A sign-up sheet is posted in the synagogue 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



The Hickory Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to work in our free grocery! Volunteers work between 8am and 12pm, Monday through Friday. To get on the schedule call us at 828-327-4828. Come join us and make a real impact in the lives of those we serve!

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

more yahrzeits:

Tessie Cohn 6/1	Florentine Loeb 7/21
Saul Kallman 6/2	Blanche Morgan 7/30
Isadore Libowitz 6/3	Rose Solomon 7/18
Martin Kallman 6/8	
Arnold Kramish 6/15	
Morris Siminoff 6/20	
Dorothy Rubenstein 6/24	
Anne Siminoff 6/29	

Temple Beth Shalom Life Cycle June Events



Birthdays

JUNE

Landen Baumfeld 6/5
Susan Jarvis Goldstein 6/10
Connie Tosky 6/14
Heidi Jones 6/14
Esther Greene 6/16
Ron DuBow 6/20
Sandy Guttler 6/22
Ashley Brooke Cohn 6/30
Rhett Tompkins 6/30

JULY

Emily Tosky 7/3
Lin Gentry 7/7
Karen Ferguson 7/9
Daniel Jones 7/16
Tiffany Hull 7/17
David Peltzer 7/18
Eric Igdal 7/19
Seth Cohn 7/19
Mitch Weatherly 7/19
Alison Weatherly 7/20
Arleen Gold 7/20
Alexis Cangemi 7/23
Debra Engelmann 7/24
Benjamin Levinson 7/29

Anniversaries

JUNE

Solomon and Stephanie Zerden 6/6
Dennis and Kathy Jones 6/9
Rich and Debbie Engelmann 6/10
Lin and Frank Gentry 6/14

JULY

Karen and Clyde Ferguson 7/9

JUNE

Harry Leifer 6/1
David Baum 6/2
Roy Bowen 6/5
Neomi Baum 6/7
Maria Rieder 6/9
Mazzie Hull 6/11
Harris Sederholm 6/15
Dorothy Cohen 6/21
Stephen Schonberg 6/24
Fanny Cohen 6/26

Yahrzeits JULY

Elaine S Rockstein 7/5
Sylvia Kaufman 7/6
Soloman Freidman 7/10
Carole Bowers 7/16
Leo John Maciejewski 7/19
Bernice Fedder 7/20
Marvin Yelton 7/20
Rachel Gillette 7/27
Deanne Griffin 7/28
Allen Christenbury 7/30

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? [Subscribe to our newsletter.](#)

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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****Newsletter deadline**

June 20

Friday night service 7:00 pm

May 23

21 Shacharit Service at 10 am followed by Kiddush lunch; Backyard party in Elkin Music, food, and Havdalah. Arrive any time after 2:00pm

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.