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From the Bimah



Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

This is an excerpt from last November's Bulletin. as Rabbi Janet and Grace are away on another adventure.

As I write this Grace and I are in the middle of an amazing Jewish Heritage trip for rabbis to Morocco. We are in the airport waiting for our flight to Fes from Marrakesh. I've learned so much about Jewish roots in this country that pre-date Arab settlement and Islam. Jews literally are indigenous people with a fascinating history to their neighbors throughout the country.



I look forward to sharing highlights with you on my next visit.



I participated in an age-old custom by getting a henna design on my arm. Traditionally brides get their hands, arms and feet done on their wedding day. I chose Hamsa and the artist was very talented. Who knows how long it will last but I decided to get out of my comfort zone and have a new experience! I love its design!

I have eaten more kosher chicken in the last four days than I have eaten in the last year! The food is fresh, delicious and plentiful. I love pomegranates and have had them twice a day! We are really having a great time!

If you are bringing children for our Sunday hour with the Rabbi I need you to let me or Susan Goldstein know in advance of the weekend so we can be prepared.

Can you read Hebrew? Are you interested in joining our Adult Education course for an Adult Bnei Mitzvah? Join us at 11 am on Sunday so you can officially begin your studies.

Shalom,
Rabbi Janet B Liss

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

Now that all the Fall holidays are over, I looked back at all the things I didn't do prior to the High Holy Days and the following chaggim! Now that it's Heshvan and not a festival in sight this month, it might be a good time to catch up.

As we approach 5787, we pause to reflect on the journey we made through 5786 -- the blessings we received, the challenges we faced, and losses we mourned. Each part of the journey helped to shape us individually and as a community. And the new year brought us the opportunity to look forward to new blessings and challenges as we take time, as always, to mourn our losses.

Since the tragic events of October 7, 2023, we have carried a profound sense of honor and duty in remembering and celebrating the lives of all those we have lost. Their memories remain as beacons of strength within our personal circles and across our broader community. This year, as Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah came on Shabbat, we gathered with Rabbi Liss for ***hakafot*** - joyous dancing with our Torah scrolls.

We also joined together in yahrzeit services to remember and honor our loved ones who have passed away. We will hold yahrzeit services, as is tradition, on the other pilgrim festivals -- Pesach and Shavuot. We encourage you to mark the anniversaries of your loved ones' deaths in traditional ways -- by lighting yahrzeit candles, attending Shabbat services to recite Mourner's Kaddish in the month the yahrzeit is observed, and contributing ***tzedakah*** in your loved one's memory (customarily $18 or multiples thereof).

In addition, please remember that we have a yahrzeit board where many of us have purchased plaques to remember our loved ones. The lights beside their names are lit to honor their memories during services in the Gregorian month in which they passed away. We have more spaces for plaques, although we'll soon be shopping for another board (and a place to put it). If you want to purchase a plaque for your loved one/s, please let me know (susanejgoldstein@gmail.com). The price is $250, payable at the time the plaque comes in (It usually takes a couple of months.). We can arrange for a short ceremony at the time we hang the plaque if you like..

Let's plan to see each other in person or via Zoom on Friday evening, November 6, at 7:00 and/or Saturday morning, November 7, at 10:00 when Rabbi Liss will lead us in services. For those of us 18 and over, please join us on Saturday evening at 6:00 for potluck dinner (parve or dairy)/adult Jewish learning/Havdalah. Adults, this is our opportunity to learn with a superb Jewish educator, our own Rabbi Liss!

On Sunday morning, November 8 at 10 am, Jewish children and their parents (members and non-members) are invited to join Rabbi Liss for a little learning, a little discussion, and a little social time -- Family Education. We'll need to know who's coming, so I'll send out a reminder next week and ask who's planning to attend.

And let's not forget which month follows Heshvan: Kislev. And what do we celebrate in Kislev? Hanukkah! Please mark your calendars for TBS Hanukkah Happenings:

- Shabbat Service on Friday evening, December 4, 7 pm, celebrating the first night;
- Shabbat Services on Saturday morning, December 5, 10 am
- Havdalah and Adult Ed/Hannukah party/with dinner prepared by our own Chef, Karen Ferguson, games, Saturday evening, December 5 beginning at 6 pm
- Family Hanukkah Bingo Party coordinated by Mary Lee Tosky and Susan Rieder on Sunday morning, December 6, 10 am to 12:00 pm.

And don't forget that we are accepting canned goods for the Hickory Soup Kitchen year-round. Let's keep taking those leaps of action by donating food, writing checks, or making online donations to the Hickory Soup Kitchen, The Corner Table (Newton), MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (www.mazon.org), or a nonprofit of your choice.

I am thankful for each of you and wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving.

L'Shalom,

Susan

TBS Sisterhood

Alexis Sweazy, Sisterhood President

Dear Sisters,

Are you interested in joining a book club with other Jewish women? Maybe you'd like an educational or purely social outing with friends from TBS? Maybe some of you want to get together before Purim and bake Hamentashen and send it to our members away at college and those on our snail mail list. We don't have anything on our calendar until Passover 2027. Could that be?? Please reach out to me with suggestions for Sisterhood activities. at alexisalmazamoody@gmail.com. You can also contact me there 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 will be Sunday, November 8th at 1:30pm at the temple. 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

Donations

Grace Blank for High Holiday flowers

Patrick and Jennifer Rowan for Security



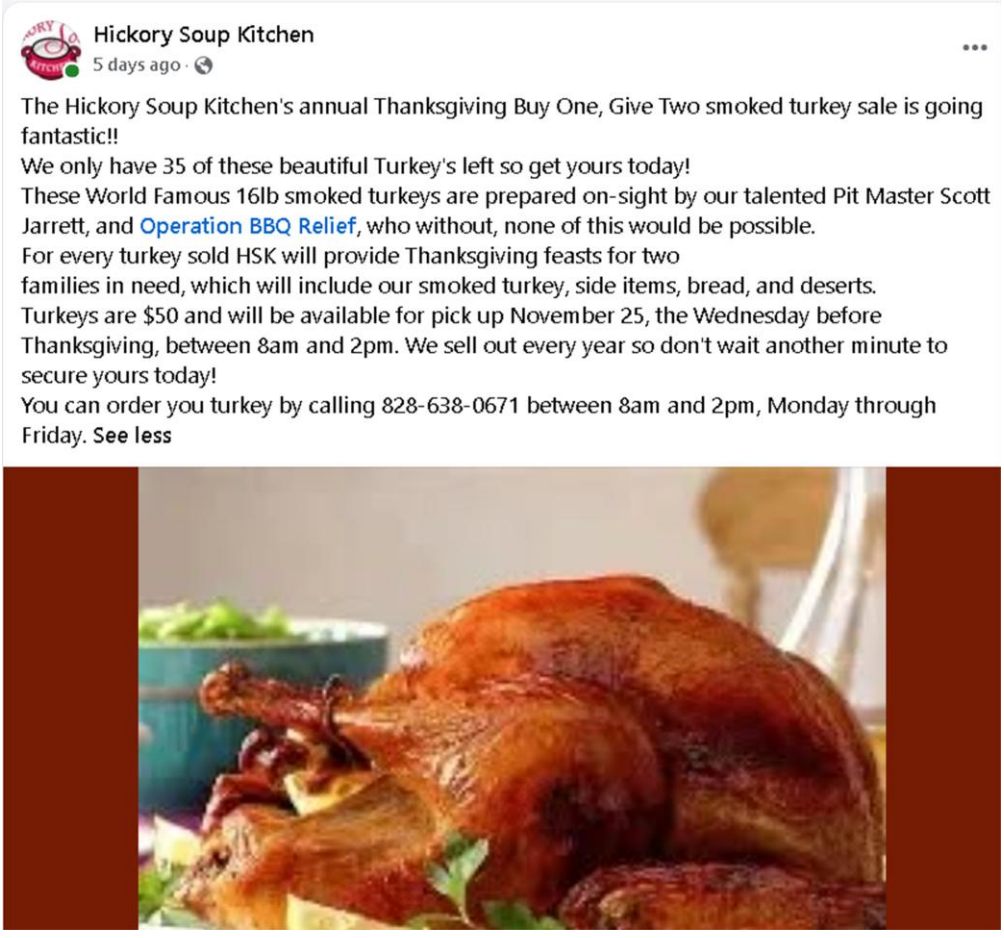
Please consider pairing with a board member(s) to host a Shabbat or Holiday at Temple Beth Shalom. When members contribute to the life of our synagogue in this way, we all feel a part of our Jewish community and an active participant in assuring its well-being. A sign-up sheet is posted in the synagogue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

We need help delivering collected items to Hickory Soup Kitchen
Donations can be dropped off at HSK Monday through Friday between 7am and 1pm

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Hickory Soup Kitchen
5 days ago ·

The Hickory Soup Kitchen's annual Thanksgiving Buy One, Give Two smoked turkey sale is going fantastic!!
We only have 35 of these beautiful Turkey's left so get yours today!
These World Famous 16lb smoked turkeys are prepared on-sight by our talented Pit Master Scott Jarrett, and Operation BBQ Relief, who without, none of this would be possible.
For every turkey sold HSK will provide Thanksgiving feasts for two families in need, which will include our smoked turkey, side items, bread, and deserts.
Turkeys are $50 and will be available for pick up November 25, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, between 8am and 2pm. We sell out every year so don't wait another minute to secure yours today!
You can order you turkey by calling 828-638-0671 between 8am and 2pm, Monday through Friday. See less

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

Temple Beth Shalom November Events

Birthdays

Rachel Faruque 11/4
Rachel Engelmann 11/7
Mary Lee Tosky 11/13
Jenna Gold 11/15
Raeann Cangemi 11/19
Jennifer Rowan 11/20
Kendra Levy 11/30

Anniversaries

Liz and Jim Correll 11/22

Yahrzeits

David Jacob Lerner 11/2
Philip Strauss 11/2
Elaine Zerden 11/4
Beatrice Lavitt 11/7
Clara Gitlin 11/9
Werner Victor Cohn 11/9
Bert Yelin 11/9
Morris Asch 11/10
Louis Zerden 11/10
Robert Gilpin 10/11
Gussie Baum 11/13
Sam Katz 11/13
Louis Kaminsky 11/15
David Freiman 11/19
Sigbert Loeb 11/21
Saul Cheslock 11/22
Moses Adler 11/23
Leon Lerner 11/23
Don Sederholm 11/24

Local and Regional Events

Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies



Remembering the "Night of Broken Glass"

This event will commemorate the 88th anniversary of the "Night of Broken Glass" (Kristallnacht), a nationwide anti-Jewish riot...

Monday, November 9 | 6:30 pm
Turchin Center for the Visual Arts


Winter Market ~ November 1st - March 28th
Saturdays 10am-1pm


FEATURED
Hickory Community Theatre
30 3rd St. NW, Hickory NC


FEATURED
The Green Room Community Theatre
10 South Main Avenue, Newton NC

2026- 2027 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

Date		Event	Newsletter deadline
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 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 , 6 pm Havdalah, Adult Ed/Chanukah dinner party and games	
	6	Young family Chanukah party 10am	
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 2nd 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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