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From the Bimah

Rabbi Dr. Janet B Liss

As the High Holy Days approach, I find myself thinking about the extraordinary gift of this season. Rosh Hashanah invites us to pause, to reflect on where we have been, and to consider where we hope to go. Yom Kippur gives us the sacred opportunity to let go of regrets, seek forgiveness, make amends, and begin again with renewed intention.

But the High Holy Days are about more than individual reflection. They remind us that we do not make this journey alone. We gather as a community to pray, to sing, to remember, to celebrate, and to support one another. There is something deeply meaningful about hearing familiar melodies, sharing ancient words, and knowing that

generations before us stood in these same moments, asking the same timeless questions: Who are we? Who do we want to become? And how can we make the year ahead more meaningful?

As we enter this New Year, I hope we can embrace the possibility of beginning again—with greater compassion, forgiveness, kindness, and gratitude. May we have the courage to release what no longer serves us and the wisdom to hold close what truly matters.

Most of all, I look forward to being together with you. I look forward to worshipping with you, sharing these sacred days, and welcoming the New Year surrounded by our community.

May this High Holy Day season bring each of us moments of reflection, renewal, connection, and hope.

Shanah Tovah and G'mar Chatimah Tovah (May you be sealed in the Book of Life.)

The President's Message

Susan J Goldstein, President

Dear TBS Friends and Family,

Those of us who were able to attend our “End of Summer” potluck dinner on Saturday evening, August 15, enjoyed the evening of food, fun, and music (by Rabbi Liss and Clyde Ferguson), and Havdalah service. Thank you, Susan Rieder, for opening your home to us.



Thanks to all who attended our Open House to meet new and prospective members on August 29. It was well attended and we enjoyed getting to know everyone.

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.

It is a privilege to celebrate every happy occasion with our members and their families as we did in August with 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. If you are not aware, our building is available to all TBS members to 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 will be Sunday, September 13th at 1:30pm . 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

General donations

The Greene Family in appreciation of TBS support at the time of Esther Greene's passing

Susan Goldstein

High Holiday donations

Linda Fedder in memory of Bernice Fedder; Marc Fedder; Harriet Yelin; Bert Yelin; Louis Yelin; Anna Yelin; David Grant, and Adele Grant

Sunday School donations

Ron and Sue Cohn, in honor of Aaron Tosky and David Peltzer for performing Bris on Michael Cohn, their grandson and son of Grayson and Ashley Cohn



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

Ken Bonfield 9/4
Ronald Joseph Cohn 9/10
Amanda Baumfeld 9/13
David Gold 9/15
Nadine Igdlal 9/17
Joseph Garrick 9/17
Aurora Cohn 9/20
Tyler Faruque 9/22
Chris Weatherly 9/25
Dorothy Levinson 9/20

Anniversaries

Jodi and Rhett Lavin-Thompkins 9/28

Yahrzeits

Rose Gilpin 9/2
Marvin Zerden 9/3
Esther Greene 9/4
Charlotte Kommiser 9/5
David Callahan 9/8
Ruth Else Neulicht 9/9
Bernard (Bud) Tosky 9/10
Roberta Atkins 9/11
Henry Jarvis 9/11
Mary Ann Hennigan 9/13
George Katzin 9/13
Cecile Tosky 9/18
Si Cohen 9/19
Isidore Kaminsky 9/20
Joseph R Solomon 9/20

Leah Lavitt 9/20
Archie Kirshman 9/23
Cindy Robbins 9/26
Henry Greenfield 9/29
Avram Chiam 9/29
Michael Rowan 9/30

Local and Regional Events

Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies



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Foundations for Teaching the Holocaust

Appalachian State University's Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies, in partnership with the North Carolina Council...

Tuesday, October 6 | 8:30 am
[College of Education Building](#)



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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](#)

THE HICKORY FARMER'S MARKET

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



Catawba County Hunger Walk

October 4, 2026

Newton, NC 28658 US

2026- 2027 Schedule for Rabbi Services and Sunday School

Date		Event	Newsletter deadline
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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