

# THE MESSENGER

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### April Programs at TBS

- April 7 - 4:00 pm** - Sarasota Jewish Chorale Presents "BEYOND BROADWAY ~ Music of the Stage and Screen" - **In-Person**
- April 9 - 7:00 pm** - After October 7th - Bearing Witness & Fighting back in Court with Rachel Weiser ESQ. - **Registrations Requested - In-Person and via Livestream**
- April 22 - 8:00 am** - Siyyum First Born Service & Breakfast with Morning Minyan - **In-Person and via Zoom**
- April 22 - 5:30 pm** - 1st Night Community Passover Seder - **Registrations Required**
- April 30 - 9:30 am** - Passover Day 8 Service with Yizkor **In-Person and via Livestream**



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# RABBI'S MESSAGE



Shalom haverim of Temple Beth Sholom,

In just a few weeks, we will be welcoming the beautiful, magnificent, timeless holiday of Pesach/Passover, the narrative, as we read and study from our Haggadot at our Seder tables, about the miraculous origins of our people, Am Yisrael, the People of Israel. There is no other holiday that tells us about the history of events that occurred, most likely in the 13th century before the Common Era, 3300 years ago.

The story of our people, our struggle for freedom, of body and soul, a battle from slavery and degradation to freedom and dignity, has resonated with countless numbers of nationalities, religions, and people from around the world, who have found inspiration of the story of the Jewish people. The story of Passover, as told to us in the book of Exodus, has taught the world that every human being must have both physical and spiritual freedom because we human beings belong only to God and no Pharaoh or other human dictators. God demands freedom from oppression, whether it be national, racial, or intellectual - that message still resonates with most of the nations of the world, where less than 25% of the governments of this troubled world grant their people true liberty, democracy, and respect for human beings created in the image of God.

The Jewish people and our blessed state of Israel are going through the most traumatic time since the Shoah. October 7th will be emblazoned in the soul of not only the Jewish people and our Israeli brothers and sisters but the entire world. It was an alarm call set off by the most hideous, diabolical forces in the world, terror and the dehumanization of life, and Israel is enmeshed in a difficult war for survival, a war it fights for every human being in the world who cherishes freedom and life.

Where is our comfort?

Perhaps we should turn to the words in the Haggadah, words that are most likely around 2000 years old, written during the time of the Jewish rebellions against Rome, 66-74 CE and 132-135 CE (Bar Kochba rebellion mentioned in the Haggadah). It says:

*And it is this that has stood for our ancestors and for us. Not only one (person or nation) has arisen to annihilate us, but rather in each generation, they arise to annihilate us. BUT THE HOLY ONE, BLESSED BE HE, RESCUES US FROM THEIR HAND.*

I had thought in my younger years that this commentary of the Rabbis was inaccurate and inappropriate to our contemporary times, for how could it be after the Shoah that anyone or nation would attempt to annihilate the Jewish people? Certainly not in this generation, for this generation of humanity would prove that the Rabbis were simply wrong—we are free now!

Then came 1967, and Gamal Abdel Nasser declared his goal for the Arab world was the “destruction of Israel,” echoed by leaders throughout the Arab world, by the Soviet Union, and many corners of the corridors of the United Nations. In the words of Iraq’s president, Abdul Rahman Arif: “Our goal is clear—to wipe Israel off the map.”

Yes, I was naïve then, and so many of us are naïve even today, seeing that Hamas’ goal, Hezbollah’s goal, the stated aims of the theological dictatorship of Iran, and even many in the Western world are screaming each day: “From the River to the Sea,” calling for the annihilation of our only Jewish

state, founded by the blood and tears of our people these past 100 years, especially after the horrors of the Shoah.

Antisemitism is on the rise everywhere, including in our own United States. I just read this morning as I write this message to you that the Jewish community in London is now very much aware that it is not safe for Jews to be in the city of London on Saturdays or Sundays, and synagogues and Jewish organizations are being threatened daily.

But the prayer concludes with the promise that the Holy One, Blessed Be He, will rescue us from their hands. That is the source of our strength—the Jewish people have survived enemies in each generation: Ancient Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, the Seleucids, the Byzantine Holy Roman Empire, jihad, Stalin, Hitler, Khomeini, Khamenei, and now Nasrallah of Hezbollah and Sirwan of Hamas and leaving out a whole bunch of dastardly nations and individuals who yearn for our destruction.

We are here; we outlasted them all and built the most beautiful civilization in human history, and we shall overcome terror and the desire of much of the world to eliminate Israel and attack our Jewish institutions and being. There are 14 ½ million Jews in the world, a statistical error in the Chinese population census, a population that constitutes less than %.02 of the world's population. But Jewish influence will continue, always disproportionate to our numbers, and the reason for that is what we have always represented: God's teachings, the Torah, and Rabbinic wisdom and ethics. They are eternal values, and they will continue in each of us as long as we stand up with pride for who we are and what we represent to the peoples of the world.

That is what the Haggadah implores us to remember at Passover time — keep the faith in our people's history and legacy, be strong, teach your children, through questions and dialogue, to continue the strength and resilience of our people to withstand evil and violence.

That is why we always conclude our Seders with "*Next Year in Jerusalem*," because we know that even through whatever trial we must face, God will be with us, will hear our prayers, and that evil will lose, and we will triumph. Goodness and peace will always prevail in the end.

Our enemies do not understand us at all. We will never be afraid because of our years of knowing that God's blessings will always win out for us and for all of our many friends who understand us and care for the survival of Israel and the Jewish people.

God bless you all with the strength of our Passover celebrations, to see you in synagogue for our services throughout the week of Pesach.

God bless Israel and its struggle for freedom and survival.

God bless the brave young ones, men and women, fighting each day for the Jewish people and Israel.

God bless the surviving hostages who only keep hope because they know of the solidarity of their people.

God bless all the individuals, not Jewish, who are fighting with us in solidarity.

God bless our synagogue, Temple Beth Sholom, that carries the light of our faith and people.

God bless you all and your families this Pesach so that we can all sing, eat, and rejoice in who we are—forever!

Am Yisrael Chai and Hag Pesach Kasher v'Sameach!

Rabbi Stuart Altshuler

## Why Old Music Matters

By Cantor Matt Austerklein



I'm a historian. For me, opening up an old book is like peering through a window into the wisdom of another world. The past, in its multiplicity and mystery, stands firm as a powerful source of revelation and possibility.

Such positive attitudes to the past are embedded within the Hebrew language itself. The Hebrew word *lifnei* - "before" - also simultaneously means "in front of." That which is past is visible —it lies before us. The future is *achareinu*—is after us, behind us, unseen. This is why the Hebrew Bible is largely composed of history, and biblical religions serve as legal and cultural responses to its divine memories.

In historical faith, God is not simply a transcendent metaphor for our ideals or a mystic oneness into which the human being must fold. The "scandal" of biblical thought is that God's relationship with humanity unfolds in a concrete and dynamic way. In such a world, the past becomes the sacred history of God's work, and fatalism must yield to the power of the redemptive action. As Will Herberg once put it: "Faith is responding to the call of God that comes to us from out of the midst of redemptive history."

But can such a thing be applied to music? Are the musical and aesthetic revelations of the past as valuable as the ethical ones? Musicologists often lament the lack of written sources that could reveal the melodies of Jewish antiquity, as if King David were to have only had a few sheets of staff papyrus on which to transcribe his secret chords. Ashkenazic Jews, with their love of *minhag* (custom), have long sought to set Jewish folkways and aesthetics beside the Torah itself. So goes the medieval saying, "*minhag yisrael Torah hi* — the custom of Israel is Torah." Unsurprisingly, the oldest Ashkenazic melodies are called *misinai* melodies — ones that come from Sinai, a parallel revelation of music to that of law.

In the nineteenth century, the explosion of Jewish music printing in the West led to a scribal culture in which Jewish melodies could finally become written down, composed, and canonized. Cantor Salomon Sulzer was in the vanguard of this revolution; like Beethoven, he published widely at a critical moment of popular access to music notation. *Shir Tzion*, his earth-shaking volume of modernized Jewish choral worship, spread as fast as physical books could be carried to the four corners of the Ashkenazic world. In this way, Sulzer was the first major prophet in the growth of a Jewish canon of aesthetic scriptures and the rise of a priestly culture of Jewish music in Western Europe. Not unlike the books of the Hebrew Bible, the "canons" of Jewish music that we know today are largely a result of their being written down.

As surely as God is the Lord of History, such canons of historical music will always have something to tell us. They can unite the melodic treasure of our scattered cultural family, serve as a tool for addressing local and national problems, and stand as rich sources of unexplored Jewish possibility. With this truth, we must also not let the embrace of them become a form of denial. Though the beauty and efficacy of such canonical music may bring comfort, it should not be a replacement for applying creativity to the musical and social problems of today. Like the opening scene of *A Serious Man*, we must not let cultural deference welcome a dybbuk into the house. In summation, I believe the best approach was eloquently expressed by our recent TBS guest, Cantor Josh Ehrlich: "The way I see it, a life of discovering new ways to look at old things is infinitely richer than a life spent chasing new things which invariably grow old."

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Chaverim,

A number of years ago, when I was a political party chair in my hometown of Easton, the minority selectman (from the other party) approached me and began a tirade about a commission appointee from my party and his votes on critical issues. With a broad smile on my face, I responded: “Joe, I never said that your party had a monopoly on stupidity!” That caused us both to laugh, and the tone of the conversation turned friendly. I am afraid that today my response would have been received with hostility. We are living at a time when politics have turned so negative and hostile that it is almost impossible to conduct a civil political conversation.

My brother and I are at opposite political poles. I love my brother deeply, and in order to maintain peace in the family, I do not discuss politics with him. It is the only potential source of division in the family. He and I will do anything for one another and maintain a close and warm relationship.

At Temple Beth Sholom as well as all synagogues, our most important goal is to build communities. This is done by embracing the things we agree upon, uniting us, and building upon them. Recently, we embarked upon a campaign to raise money to purchase an ambulance for Magen David Adom. It did not matter who we support for president, or whether we view ourselves as being liberals, conservatives, or just middle of the road. It did not even matter if we like or dislike Netanyahu and how he governs. The important thing was that we were doing critical work that would help to save lives in Israel. Because we pulled together and were extraordinarily generous, we raised enough money to purchase two badly needed vehicles that would save the lives of soldiers fighting in Gaza. There was even money left over to donate to MDA’s blood banks. This is what a unified community can achieve.

We are entering a presidential election season in which the rhetoric will become heated, and we will be bombarded with political commercials through the media. Many will wear their political sensitivities on their sleeves. This is not a time to allow politics of any nature to enter through the doors of Temple Beth Sholom. I urge you to check your political views at the door and not engage in political discourse at services, in classes, at TBS events, or even at Onegs and Kiddushes.

Let’s focus on those good things that we have in common. TBS is a great place to speak about our kids and grandkids. Let’s focus on the welfare of one another and on topics that will bring smiles to our faces. Let’s focus on how important Israel is to us and what we can do to help improve the community around us. Most of all, allow our conversations to focus on how we can make TBS an even better place.

As we approach the Passover season, both Ann and I extend our warmest wishes to you and yours for a very happy and Kosher Pesach.

Kol tuv,

Al Treidel

### A Message From The TBS Membership Committee

### The Power of Jewish Unity

*by: Ned Holstein, on behalf of TBS' Membership Committee*

#### **Dateline: Israel**

In mid-February in Jerusalem, the lobby of the Orient Hotel was overrun with children. These were families displaced from the north by the Hezbollah menace. They had been homeless for four months, their futures totally uncertain.

But Jewish unity could be seen everywhere. Neighbors brought food, diapers, and books for the children. Impromptu schools sprang up in hotel function rooms, taught by volunteers. Taxis took soldiers where they had to go for free. Israeli flags flew from every building.

Americans picked crops in the fields and painted new schools in the Gaza envelope. Our presence showed the Israelis they were not alone, and they responded with abundant gratitude.

The same emotions permeate the Temple Beth Sholom sanctuary and meeting rooms these days. Attendance and energy are soaring as people re-discover the beauty of their Jewish heritage.

Has it been a while since you came to services? Have you been missing out on the cornucopia of speakers, groups, activities, Shabbat dinners, movies, and music to be found in these pages?

Return like the streams in the Negev, like dreamers, with songs of joy!

And we will welcome you as we welcome our cherished new members who have joined during the winter months:

Hilary Weiner  
Mindy & Gene Printz-Kopelson  
Charles Greenberg  
Harriet Spevack  
Evie Lichter  
Robbe & Ira Moltz  
Paula & Sheldon Apsell  
Susie & Larry Cutler

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT TBS



The TBS Sisterhood's First Annual Game Day was held on Thursday, February 22.

Sisterhood thanks everyone who attended, and all our volunteers and committee members who helped make this event a success.



TBS appreciates all who attended our Recital for Israel with Cantorial Student Leo Dworsky on Saturday, March 9, 2024. We had over 240 individuals attend this spectacular event, allowing us to raise over \$4,400 in support of Israel. The proceeds from this event were sent to the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee's Israel Emergency Fund.



We would like to give special thanks to Paula Rothman and her dedicated committee members, our event sponsor, Hannah & William Cohen Trust Fund, and our reception sponsors, Marlene & Sandy Goldberg.



*Photos provided by Joel Servetz*



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Sarasota's Conservative Synagogue

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## 2024 PASSOVER SEDER

Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

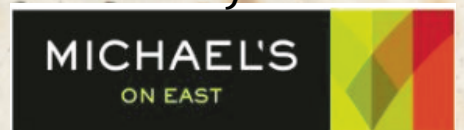
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Cantor Matt Austerklein

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Non-Members: \$175.00 each  
Kids: (12 & Under) \$70.00 each  
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### TBS 2024 Passover Seder

Non-Members: \$175.00; Members: \$140.00;

TBS Member's Children/Grandchildren (12 & under): \$70.00 (Deadline: April 12 by noon)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Member Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ # Kids Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ # Non-Member Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

# Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ # Brisket: \_\_\_\_\_ # Eggplant Puttanesca: \_\_\_\_\_ (No substitutions allowed)

I would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

*Seating requests will be considered (but not guaranteed) - Tables will be set for maximum of 8*

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Member Account: \_\_\_\_\_ Office will call for credit card: \_\_\_\_\_





**RACHEL MAY WEISER, ESQ.**  
CDO AND SENIOR ATTORNEY

**After October 7th –  
Bearing Witness & Fighting Back in Court**

Free admission and light refreshments



**Tuesday  
April 9, 2024**



**7:00 PM**



**Temple Beth Sholom**  
1050 S. Tuttle Ave. Bldg. 2,  
Sarasota, FL 34237

**Shurat HaDin** is a nonprofit NGO based in Israel and a world leader in combating terrorism and anti-Semitism in Court. No other organization does what they do. Since October 7, Shurat HaDin has joined the IDF in battle with its Legal War Room. Come hear what is happening on the ground in Israel and how these legal warriors are fighting back!

**Rachel May Weiser** practiced as a litigator in Cleveland. After moving to Israel in 2010, Rachel joined Shurat HaDin, where she is a Senior Attorney, runs the Israel advocacy training, and is Chief Development Officer. Rachel was on the trial team that won a \$655 million dollar NY Federal Court jury verdict against the PA and PLO on behalf of 33 American victims of terror during the second Intifada. Rachel and her husband have 5 children, 3 of whom served in the IDF (so far) and she is the grandmother of 1.

The event is jointly sponsored by Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) and Temple Beth Sholom.

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# SISTERHOOD



Our year is rapidly coming to an end. I am so proud of all that we did this year. We hosted several meaningful and educational programs and social events and continued our outreach within the Sarasota community through Tikkun Olam.

Our year was kicked off with Molly Ballow taking over our High Holiday package deliveries to area senior facilities. Molly prepared over 300 packages containing Rosh Hashanah greetings, honey sticks, and candies. They were delivered by a dedicated group of women throughout our community.

Sippin' in the Sukkah this year featured our own Bart Levenson. He prepared a PowerPoint and regaled us with his recent trip to Israel and Poland. Once again, we partnered with our local Sabra Hadassah.

Rabbi Mimi Weisel was the keynote speaker at our Annual Membership Brunch in December. Molly Ballow, Membership Vice President, and her committee wowed us with a delicious brunch that morning.

Sisterhood Shabbat, coordinated by Mara Winn, was spectacular. The entire Torah reading was done by Sisterhood women, as were the Haftorah and service leadership. We honored Belle Probst as our Woman of Achievement that morning.

We had the honor of hosting Julia Loeb, International President of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, in January. Her visit happened to coincide with Tu B'Shevat, so Evie Mitchell graciously put together a wide array of snacks, all featuring the seven species grown in Israel.

Our 1st Annual Sisterhood Game Day was a rousing success! Carol Shatoff, Julie Kupersmith, Adele Tannenbaum, and Felicia Servetz all worked on this new fundraiser for Sisterhood, and it was terrific! Marshall Horwitz helped out by hosting a 60's Trivia Game for an additional afternoon activity.

The Torah Fund committee did an outstanding job with the Torah Fund Day of Study. On Wednesday, March 20, we honored Molly Ballow as our Light of Torah. Our speaker, Amanda Hollander, discussed how Jewish tradition allows us to stop time to appreciate and notice what is important to us, our community, and the world. Kathy Burt, our in-house caterer, provided a wonderful luncheon. Torah Fund provides funding and scholarship money to the five Conservative Jewish Rabbinical Seminaries located around the world. Our future Rabbis, Cantors and Jewish educators are trained at these schools and help ensure the future of the Conservative movement.

Our year is not over yet, so stay tuned for upcoming events and activities.

Sheryl Glickman  
**Sisterhood President**



## **MOLLY BALLOW TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD 5784 LIGHT OF TORAH**

*Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh*  
*All the people of Israel are responsible for one another*

TBS Sisterhood honored Molly Ballow as our Light of Torah on March 20th with a day of study, schmoozing, and a delicious celebratory luncheon. Molly embodies *ahavat Torah* (love of learning), *avodah* (service) and *g'milut hasadim* (acts of lovingkindness).

Sheryl Glickman introduced keynote speaker Amanda Phillips Hollander, a Jewish Theological Seminary graduate. She is the Director of Teaching and Learning at Makom Community, Philadelphia. Amanda Hollander led a riveting discussion on how Jewish tradition allows us to stop time to appreciate and notice what is important to us, our community, and the world.

Julie Friedman was privileged to formally introduce Molly to the participants. Molly is a multi-faceted woman from a traditional Jewish family. Molly is a loving sister, a devoted wife, a bountiful mother, a proud grandmother, a nurse, a top quilter, and a health enthusiast, and she has been a shul maven in many congregations all her life.

Jeanette Brownstein, Florida Region President and Women's League for Conservative Judaism Leadership Board, and Nancy Goldberg, Florida Region Torah Fund Vice President, brought us greetings. They are quite familiar with our Sisterhood, and we are quite fond of them.

To donate to Torah Fund in honor of Molly online: <https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund> or send a check payable to "Torah Fund" to Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood, attn. Sheila Maslow.

Your gift to Torah Fund supports five Conservative/Masorti seminaries whose endeavors guide our present and future together as one people.

*Julie A. Friedman, Torah Fund Committee*

# SOCIAL ACTION

## GREEN BEAN CASSEROLES

Thank you to our generous members who regularly donate casseroles to the Salvation Army. And thank you to Marsha & Irving Mason and Adele & Stan Tannenbaum for their help in delivering them to the Salvation Army! The Salvation Army feeds many people daily, and they are most appreciative of our donations.

## SPARCC

Thank you to Maddy Freshwater for help delivering the many donations to SPARCC (Safe Places and Rape Crisis Center.) We continue to collect personal care items for SPARCC. If you are traveling, you may have the opportunity to bring back some of the hotel supplies, such as shampoo, lotion, etc. They also appreciate individually wrapped personal products. They are very appreciative of everything we bring them.

## LAPTOP DONATION DRIVE FOR AREA FOSTER KIDS

The Children's Guardian Fund (CGF) and Sarasota Technology Users Group (STUG) have teamed up to collect used computer laptops. With a long history of recycling and safety, the STUG *sanitizes* the hard drive with a seven-step process that protects the donor's information. They then refurbish the laptop and install software that is typically required for school. Refurbished laptops are distributed to area students in foster or state care through the CGF and the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Temple Beth Sholom is proud to support this special program to help local families in need. Please contact Troy Jones ([troy@tbssrq.org](mailto:troy@tbssrq.org)) for more information.

## LOOKING FOR OLD FRIENDS?

I have found a collection of photos from Hadassah events in the late 1990s and early 2000s. If you were here then and might be able to identify some of these people, please contact me, and we can set a time to meet.

Susan Prohofsky, President, SaBra Chapter of Hadassah [suepro2861@gmail.com](mailto:suepro2861@gmail.com)

## BIMAH BASKETS ARE DÉCOR, BUT THEY ARE SOO MUCH MORE...



On each side of the Bimah, on a stand, sits a gift basket that contains replicas of food. TBS Sisterhood seeks sponsors each week to sponsor the baskets in honor of a special event or in memory of someone special. Proceeds from these sponsorships are divided 30% to be donated to All Faith's Food Bank, 30% to be donated to Jewish Family and Children's Services, and 40% remains to be used by TBS Sisterhood.

Be a sponsor of one or two baskets soon and help us in this social action project.

One basket - \$54 and two baskets - \$90  
Payment to TBS Sisterhood

To order, forms are available in locations at the synagogue, on the TBS Website under Sisterhood, or by contacting Evie Mitchell at 941-960-0256 or at [evmit@comcast.net](mailto:evmit@comcast.net).

Susan Prohofsky, **Chair,**  
**TBS Sisterhood**  
**Social Action Committee**

765.426.5830 [suepro2861@gmail.com](mailto:suepro2861@gmail.com)



# MEN'S CLUB



Men's Club President Joel Servetz and Sisterhood President Sheryl Glickman presented Passport To Israel checks to Zachary Alpert. Zachary, who had his Bar Mitzvah at TBS in 2019, will travel to Israel in June to participate in the Ramah Israel Seminar Program.

The Passport to Israel Program was developed in 2011 by the TBS Men's Club as a way to encourage temple youth to participate in educationally relevant travel to Israel by providing grants to assist in financing their trip. Beginning a few years ago the TBS Sisterhood partnered with Men's Club to provide matching grant funding, effectively doubling the value of the "Passport" grant.

Members of TBS can support this effort by donating to the Passport To Israel restricted fund or to Sisterhood.

Joel Servetz  
Men's Club President



# IDELSON LIBRARY NEWS

## LIBRARY HOURS

The Main Library (near the Sanctuary) and the Library Alcove (near the Social Hall) are open for your browsing or borrowing pleasure whenever the synagogue is open! (The Main Library may be unavailable if there is a class or meeting.) Please use the self-checkout system to take out material (be sure to write your name and phone number legibly on the card). All the DVDs and the newest books are in the Alcove. The Main Library also has interesting books arranged by fiction, biography, and nonfiction subjects such as the Bible, holidays, history, and Israel. See the labels on the top of each bookshelf.

Please return all items to the Book Return Cart near the Main Library.

## FREE BOOKS

There is a large selection of free books on top of the Book Return Cart near the entrance to the Main Library. Feel free to take what you can use.

## NEW BOOKS IN THE ALCOVE

**The Last of the Seven: A Novel of World War II** by Steven Hartov, 2022 – A spellbinding novel of World War II based on the little-known history of the X Troop – a team of European Jews who escaped the Continent only to join the British Army and return home to exact their revenge on Hitler's military.

**Bucharest Diary: Romania's Journey from Darkness to Light** by Alfred H. Moses, 2018 – This memoir tells the story of Moses' work with Romania's Jewish community, his interactions with the democratically elected leaders of post-communist Romania, and his service as U.S. ambassador to Romania from 1994-1997 as the country just began to transition out of the rubble of communism.

**The Last Words of Moses** by Micah Goodman, 2023 – The author offers an original reading of Deuteronomy that sheds light on some of the book's most penetrating insights to show how

the divine is expressed through Moses to the children of Israel in the desert and today.

**Surviving the Forest** by Adiva Geffen, 2018, fiction – This is a WWII historical novel based on the true story of a Jewish holocaust survivor. Shurka and her young family live in a Polish village when WWII breaks out. After fleeing to a neighboring Ghetto, they realize that the Gestapo was taking Jews away on trucks every night and they decide to disappear into the deep forest to try to survive the Holocaust.

**Churchill's Secret Messenger** by Alan Hlad, 2021, fiction – This enthralling novel follows a young British woman recruited from Churchill's typing pool to become an undercover spy in Nazi-occupied France and Lazare Aron, a Jewish French Resistance fighter. It is a stirring epic spanning the entire war, as an ordinary woman and man with extraordinary courage fight for what they love and know is right.

**Awakenings: American Jewish Transformations in Identity, Leadership, and Belonging** by Rabbi Joshua Stanton and Rabbi Benjamin Spratt, 2022, nonfiction – A clear, frank, and courageous call for transformation in American Jewish life. The authors remind us that the Jewish story is multifaceted in its scope and in its ability to influence society through its people. A stirring exploration of what Jewish life could be.

**The Feather Merchants: & Other Tales of the Fools of Chelm** by Steve Sanfield, 1991, nonfiction – Thirteen traditional Eastern European Jewish tales of the town of Chelm and its silly citizens.



Debby Marshall  
Idelson Library  
Coordinator

**The  
Sarasota Jewish Chorale  
*presents***

**BEYOND BROADWAY ~  
Music of the Stage  
and Screen**

April 7, 2024

4 PM

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or \$25 at the door

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## February Bimah Basket Sponsors

**Fran Cohen,**

in honor of Jeff being honored as Men's Club 2024 Man of the Year

**Fran & Jeff Cohen,** in honor of their 53rd anniversary

**Sally & Dr. Joel Feder,**

in memory of Sally's father, Abraham Cooperman & in memory of Joel's mother, Selma Feder

**Fran & Gary Feldman,** in memory of Yetta Feldman & Lillian Yoffe Scheffreen

**Marty Fried,** in honor of his 90th birthday

**Ann Ginsberg,** in honor of her husband Dr. Gene Ginsberg's 65th Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

**Miriam & Mario Hallphone,**

in honor of being a united family with Rami & Yoav after 7 months

**Vivien & Isaac Kalvaria,** in honor of Isaac's birthday

**Ellen Klein & Zoe Fine,**

in honor of their son Sam's 3rd birthday and in honor of Dana Corn's birthday

**Ellen Klein & Zoe Fine,** in memory of Dana Corn's aunt, Marilyn Berman

**Anita Klainbaum,** in memory of her husband Louis on his Yahrzeit

**Evie & Stan Mitchell,** in honor of Evie's birthday

**The Mizrahi Family,** in honor of the birthday of Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi

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**TBS Men's Club**, in honor of Men's Club Shabbat & 2024's Man of the Year, Jeff Cohen  
**Yvonne Weinsberg**, in honor of Rabbi Ed's 80th birthday

## April Anniversaries

<b>Sylvia &amp; Seymour Haftel</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>Emilia &amp; Robert Lachkar</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Ileen &amp; Jerome Isaac</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Diane &amp; Lauren Rudd</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Maureen &amp; Nissen Isakov</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>Marlene &amp; Arthur Silverman</b>	<b>65</b>

## April Milestone Birthdays



David Boxser	Nilsa Kail
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Karen Kade	Rabbi Mimi Weisel



Temple Beth Sholom would like to wish a very happy birthday to our members who are celebrating a milestone birthday this month! (*birthdays ending in 0s or 5s*)

## Youth Birthdays



***Tzipporah Ruth Lissage***

***April 8***





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<b>April 2024</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 (28 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai 10:00am <b>Sarasota Jewish Chorale Spring Concert</b> 4:00pm	8 (29 Adar II) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	9 (1 Nisan) <b>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b> Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Beginning Hebrew Class 9:00am <b>Mah Jongg</b> 12:30pm	10 (2 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	11 (3 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	12 (4 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Shabbat Service</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:32pm	13 (5 Nisan) Tazria <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 8:30pm
14 (6 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai 10:00am	15 (7 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am	16 (8 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am Beginning Hebrew Class 9:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish History Class 10:30am	17 (9 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Rabbi Altshuler's Jewish Ethics Class 10:30am	18 (10 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	19 (11 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Shabbat Service</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:39pm	20 (12 Nisan) Metzora <b>Shabbat HaGadol</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 8:34pm
21 (13 Nisan) Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai 10:00am Youth Passover Program 1:00pm	22 (14 Nisan) <b>Erev Pesach</b> <b>Taanit Bechorot</b> Siyum First Born Breakfast & Service with Morning Minyan 8:00am <b>1st Night Community Passover Seder</b> 5:30pm Candle Lighting 7:41pm	23 (15 Nisan) <b>Pesach</b> <b>TBS Offices are closed in observance of Passover</b> Passover Day 1 Service 9:30am Candle Lighting 8:36pm	24 (16 Nisan) <b>Pesach</b> <b>1st Day Omer</b> <b>TBS Offices are closed in observance of Passover</b> Passover Service 9:30am Havdalah 8:36pm	25 (17 Nisan) <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>2nd Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan via Zoom & Chapel 8:00am	26 (18 Nisan) <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>3rd Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Conversational Hebrew with Cheryl Cohen 10:00am <b>Shabbat Service</b> 6:30pm Candle Lighting 7:43pm	27 (19 Nisan) <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>4th Day Omer</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 8:38pm
28 (20 Nisan) <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>5th Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan via Zoom 8:00am Religious School at Temple Sinai 10:00am Candle Lighting 7:44pm	29 (21 Nisan) <b>Pesach</b> <b>6th Day Omer</b> Passover Day 7 Service 9:30am Candle Lighting 8:39pm	30 (22 Nisan) <b>Pesach</b> <b>7th Day Omer</b> Yizkor <b>TBS Offices are closed in observance of Passover</b> Passover Day 8 Service 9:30am With Yizkor 8:39pm Havdalah				

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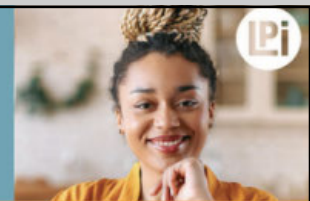
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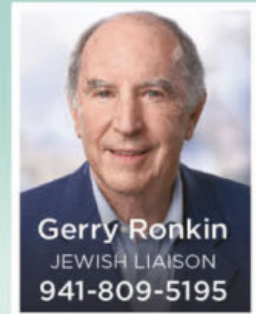


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