



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BULLETIN



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Rabbi Debbie Stiel



Beineinu- Between Us Rabbi Debbie Stiel

Parting Words....

I remember when I came here 14 years ago. Rabbi Larry Karol had been here for a very long time and had such strong bonds here. Somewhere deep in my brain I wondered if I would ever be as much a part of this place as he was. Well, time has passed, and now I feel like I know every closet at Temple, every program, the history of many families, the joy of watching children grow up in the congregation and the pleasure of calling you my congregants and my friends. We have all worked together these last 14 years to be a *kehila kedosha* - a holy, Jewish community. I certainly now feel a very deep connection to this place and to you. You will always have a very special place in my heart!

My hope and belief is that you will be blessed with other rabbis with whom you will have many joyful experiences and extraordinary relationships. Why did Rabbi Karol and I stay so long? It is because Temple Beth Sholom is a special place. And it is special because of all of YOU. This is a congregation where people work well together. You put egos aside and strive for the best for the community. Many congregations have a lot of disfunction. We have plenty of personalities of course in our congregation, but I would say we live up to our name – we are a house of peace and well-being. The board and committees are filled with people who bring the right motivations to their efforts here and use their God-given talents to make our community vibrant.

It has been such a blessing to be on Zoom for Shabbat with you week after week. What is abundantly clear from that is how much this community enjoys each other. The smiles on people's faces when they greet each other for Shabbat, whether in person or on Zoom, are real and enthusiastic. We see the image of the divine in each other – and we respond to that holiness.

William Bridges wrote extensively about the process of transitions. He taught that the process involves A) an ending stage (which involves loss, letting go) then moving to B) a neutral zone (a time that may feel vulnerable, but is also filled with new possibilities) and finally C) a period of new beginning (and that sense of beginning can last up to 2 years). Keep those stages in mind as the congregation goes through changes now.

This intermediate period that the congregation is entering will not last forever. You will find the right new rabbi and begin a wonderful new relationship. But TBS is a small congregation, and in this interim period, what the congregation needs to make as smooth a transition as possible is YOUR involvement! Please reach out to the Temple president or committee chairs and offer to help. If you can serve on a committee, great. If you can give a d'var Torah (or read some prayers) on a Friday night service, help with the Passover seder, teach children's Hebrew, lead a Zoom session on baking challah, coordinate a speaker talking at Temple, write cards to our shut ins, increase dues, ...please offer.

It has been an honor to serve as your rabbi. I wish you shalom, joy, love, grace, blessing, compassion, learning, meaningful days, opportunities to do mitzvot, and the pleasure of being together. May you and Temple Beth Sholom go from strength to strength. And let's keep in touch!!

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-In memory of Sonny Facher

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Yahrzeits

June 5 – Myer Scrinopskie, Abe Einstein, Ghizela Alberg, Miriam Weinsaft, Fanny Greenstein, Donald Thayer, Barbara Brown, Adeline Briman

June 12 – Ron Curnes, Barney Spector, Doris Sachs, Barney Seff

June 19 – Benjamin Barnum, May Zeligman, Jean Stiel, Hy Finston, Dorothy Thompson, Bernie Leff, Ginny Scrinopskie, Harold Gilmore, Janet Facher, Leslie M. Gardener, Harry Moore

June 26 – Abe Pozez, Arnold Boorstein, Sara Baraban, Stephan Posner, Josh Richter, Lee Samuels, Bernard Meyers, Bernard Greene, Hyman Zeligman, Abe Gartner, Rose Briman, Stuart McKinnon, S. Sidney Kaufman, David Cohen

Calendar of Jewish Holidays for 2020-2021

<https://jcrbajc.org/resources/religious-calendars.html>

Monthly Meditation Practice
Wednesday, June 17,
7:00 pm

Virtual via Zoom
Led by David Chall

Note from Sheila Hochhauser:

Dear TBS Family

I miss our/your dear Topeka synagogue and community so much! Think of you all often and miss the good TBS feeling.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Weeding and mulching is needed around the Temple. Please let the Temple office know if you and/or family can help. Mulch has been purchased by Russ and Jane Greene.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 7:30 pm SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE

Rabbi Debbie Stiel's last Friday night service with us will be June 12 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Please join us that evening to pay tribute to her for her 14 wonderful years with us. We want to make this a special service for her. The more people who attend, the more she will see how important she has been to us. Put this date and time on your calendars.

Rabbinic Search Committee Report

I am sure, if you are like me, it was a total shock to hear that Rabbi Debbie Stiel was leaving. On one hand, I felt sad and lost as we were losing OUR Rabbi. On the other hand, I could only wish the very best for Debbie as she continues her rabbinic journey. After the initial shock wore off, I realized this was also a chance to truly reflect on the needs Temple Beth Sholom has as we move towards starting our second century as a congregation. The Board moved quickly to form a Rabbinic Search Committee. The members of the committee are Dennis Dobson, Deborah Edelman-Dolan, Tara Gordon, Jane Greene, Hayley Magee, Julie Petruccelli-Treen, Stephanie Schuttera, and Alan Wisman. I am serving as the chair. I would hope that you will pray for wisdom and guidance for us as we work to find that perfect fit for our congregation.

We will be seeking your input on many issues, so that we know what you really want and need, the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation, our priorities as a Temple, and what we can truly accomplish with the resources we have.

As the early Jews brought their gifts and talents to construct the sanctuary (Exodus 25:1-9), we can bring our talents and gifts to help build Temple Beth Sholom's congregation for now and the future.

I will work hard to keep you informed, making the Committee's process transparent, and that the Committee will take all concerns and comments seriously. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at DDobson1@cox.net or call me at 785-235-0203. – Dennis Dobson

Special Learning Opportunity

"What's in a name? Jewish Mysticism before Kabbalah"

On Saturday evening, June 20 at 7:00 pm, Professor Chris Jones, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Washburn University, will be presenting a live program via Zoom for us. Professor Jones holds a PhD in Hebrew Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a specialty in Second Temple Jewish literature. The program will begin with a Havdalah service, followed by the presentation and a question and answer session.

In 593 BCE, an exiled priest named Ezekiel ben Buzi claims to have seen the divine throne chariot coming out of the heavens and rumbling across the Babylonian desert towards him. That vision, in turn, touched off a rich tradition of Jewish mysticism that culminated in the Zohar nearly 2000 years later. This talk will focus on the stuff in between: apocalyptic ascent narratives, protective magic bowls, and tall tales about rabbis who visited the divine throne room and came back safely to earth. We will pay special attention to the ways that names (divine, angelic, and human) are used as sources of magical and mystical power.

Zoom link to follow.



YES BETH SHOLOM

(Sung to the tune "We've Got Elegance" Hello Dolly)

Yes Beth Sholom
We're really here,
To find a new Rebbe,
Our task is clear.
The tribe out there
in Paradise,
Got our gem,
But we'll play nice.
They got a mensch
With wisdom and grace,
Who loves her chocolate,
Just wipe her face.

We've got to find a new
Rebbe
And yours are big shoes
To fill Debbie!
We will miss your wisdom
And Grace.

These are the shoes
Our Rebbe must fill -
Strength and smarts
And not a skill.
One who pickets
On the line
And prays for you in
hospital
Anytime!
And here's one thing
We know will lure 'em -
You gotta be the Catsup
In our Purim!

Yes, we've got to
find a new Rebbe

And yours are big shoes
To fill Debbie!
We will miss your wisdom
And Grace.

There's so much more
That you will do.
We'll work you to the
bone,
Then go to the Zoo.
There's births and Shiva
And classes and Shabbat
And religious school
And meals that are hot.
There's meetings and
prayers
And awards are made,
The bulletin is due
And don't forget my
gatorade.

Yes, we've got to
Find a new Rebbe
And Yours are big shoes
To fill Debbie!
We will miss your wisdom
And Grace.

For the Jewish faith
You took a stand
And loved our children,
Best in the land.
As Rosen said,
"With all my heart,
You're Our Reb Deb,
We'll Never part!"
You brought your Ruach
To this place,
I sing my song
Right to your face.

Yes, we've got to
Find a new Rebbe
And yours are Big shoes
To fill Debbie!
We will miss your wisdom
And Grace...

And we will miss that
smile
On your face...
And We will miss your
Ginsburg In lace...
And we will miss your
loving
Embrace...
and we will miss.....
You!

Shalom,
Stephanie Schuttera

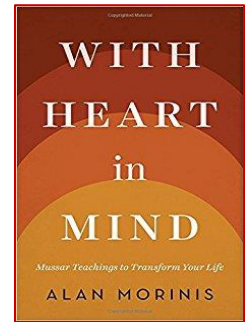
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Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, via Zoom at Noon

We read Alan Morinis' *With Heart in Mind ~ Mussar Teachings to Transform Your Life*. We study the character traits (*middot*) and work on bringing them into our lives in the right amount. Please have the book to the *Va'ad* meetings. We will review Chapter 28 and read Chapter 29. Newcomers are always welcome. The Zoom link will be in the Temple Beth Sholom weekly e-mail.



Monthly Shabbat Morning Study Opportunity

Kabbalah Study - 9:00 - 10:30 am, Saturday, June 13 and 27, via Zoom.
***Introduction to the Zohar*, by Arthur Green.**

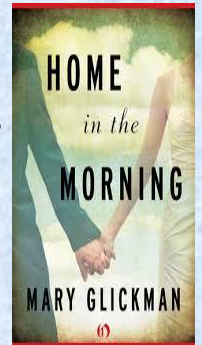
Our group is reading Art Green's excellent and thorough introduction to the Pritzker edition of the *Zohar*. If you want to get an inside look at the *Zohar*, please join us for this fascinating read! Let Rabbi Stiel know if you want to attend via Zoom.



Temple Beth Sholom Book Group Meeting will be Rescheduled

The Sassaports of Gullford, Mississippi are an established Southern Jewish family. *Home in the Morning* by Mary Glickman follows Jackson Sassaport's journey from his childhood as a coddled son of the Old South to his struggle as man eager to find his place in the civil rights movement of the 1960s while protecting his prominent family's imperative not to stand out in the segregated South.

Flashbacks between his adult life and his youth trace the ways that race and prejudice, family and love intertwine to shape our lives. Available online for under \$5.00 and no shipping charge.



Temple Beth Sholom's 55th Annual Jewish Food and Cultural Fair
Rescheduled for July 19, 2020
Take out and curbside pick up
Pre-order online: \$15

Temple Beth Sholom's 2020 VIRTUAL Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 28, at 10:00 am

Annual Meeting via ZOOM

- Election of Officers and Board Members**
- Slide show of past year's happenings**
- Approval of the budget**
- Rabbinic Search Committee Update**
- Elaine Schwartz will receive the Miriam Award**



In accordance with ARTICLE XI, COMMITTEES of the Bylaws of Temple Beth Sholom, "It shall be the duty of this committee to submit names of nominees for the seats on the Board of Directors and all officers to the congregation for election." The Nominating Committee submits the following slate for election at the annual meeting on Sunday, June 28, at 10:00 am."

Officers

- President – Alan Parker (1 year)
- Vice President – Julie Petruccelli-Treen
- Financial Secretary – Margot Brown
- Secretary – Deborah Edelman-Dolan
- Treasurer – Alan Wisman

Nominated for a first term on the Board of Directors for 3 years:

Allen Kossoy, Elaine Schwartz, Jane Greene

Nominated for a two-year term on the Board of Directors

to complete Deborah Edelman-Dolan's vacated seat: Melissa Householder

Nominated for a one-year term on the Board of Directors

to complete Julie Petruccelli-Treens's vacated seat: Danelle Harsin

The Bylaws also state, "The names of the nominees shall be announced in the Temple Bulletin six weeks prior to the annual meeting. The Nomination committee shall accept nominations by the congregation at large submitted in writing up to three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations after this deadline are not allowed."

May 6, 2020 Board Meeting Highlights

- Temple Beth Sholom Board of Directors' meeting focused on the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and how it affects our congregation. Because the Coronavirus is so contagious, and its symptoms vary from very mild to deadly serious, activities are being approached with your safety in mind. And because the reopening of businesses can create unpredictable results, many decisions are subject to change as prevailing conditions change.
- The Temple's Annual Meeting will still be held on Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 am, via Zoom. It is important that every Temple member attend, so please make sure in advance that you can access the meeting online. Call or email the office if you need help.
- The Rabbinic Search Committee is approaching the final stages of securing rabbinical services for the High Holy Days and is securing the help of the CCAR in finding a long-term rabbi.

Progress of Children's Music at Temple Beth Sholom

I believe I started teaching music here about 10 years ago. I had just completed my conversion and Rabbi Stiel asked me if I would like to teach music to our children. This seemed intimidating at first, but our Rabbi has been so instrumental in leading me in this endeavor with her patient guidance in lesson planning and knowledge of our festivals and High Holy Days. And it became a joy.

I have found that most of our children love the time they come to learn music and they also enjoy playing any instrument available. They bring a real exuberance to the class that I really enjoy.

Several years ago, we started a youth choir that participated at the Blintze Brunch and the Chanukah Happening services. They sang their own pieces while also joining in with the adult choir. During the pandemic, several of our youth have sung solos at our Shabbat Zoom Service. I cannot begin to explain how proud of them I am.

I am also so grateful and proud of all the parents who worked so hard with their children for these events. Their commitment to our Temple and Jewish traditions in music is a high example for our community.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this process. I was also privileged to co-teach with Liz Bergmann-Harms for several years.

-Stephanie Schuttera

Please join the Potts family as

Davin Potts

will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, Saturday morning,

October 24, 2020 at 10:30 am at Temple Beth Sholom.

Luncheon to follow.

RSVP information will be in a future bulletin.



Zichronam Livracha - May Their Memory Be For Blessing

Geri Goldstein, z'l, passed away on May 6. May her memory be for blessing.

Nell Levy, z'l, passed away on May 14. May her memory be for blessing.

At this tough time for the Temple when we are not able to have the Blintze Brunch, we would appreciate any extra donations. Make donations and contributions to Temple at this secure link (in the message box on the checkout page, put what the donation is for):

<https://tbs.convertri.com/donate>

Donations to Temple can help your Taxes this Year

This year the CARES Act will allow you to deduct up to \$300 of cash charitable gifts even if you do not itemize deductions on your taxes. If you do itemize, the existing cap on annual cash contributions has been raised from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%.

Member News:

Mazal Tov!

- To **Catherine Montgomery** for graduating from Valley Falls High School. She will attend KU and major in computer engineering. Her mother, April Neff and stepfather Vernon Neff as well as brother Connor and sister Chris are very proud of her.
- To **Emma Forstein** for graduating middle school. She will attend Topeka High School.
- To **Maddy Wolf** for graduating from Manhattan High School with honors. She will be attending University of Central Florida.
- To **Max Treen** for graduating from Barton Community College with an associate degree. He will attend Kansas State University and major in management information systems.
- To **Everett Benson** for graduating from Hope Academy.
- To **Eve Schifman** for graduating from Washburn Rural High School. She will attend KU.
- To **Aaron Schifman** for graduating from Washburn Rural High School. He will attend KU.

Religious School Plans for Next Year

We are working on plans for the 2020-2021 Religious School Year. A decision has not yet been finalized if we will have Hebrew School and Sunday School classes in-person at the Temple or if we will need to complete them over the internet with Zoom classes. We are waiting for guidance from the State Department of Education on best practices for the next school year as well as having discussions with the parents to make this decision. We just wanted to let you know that we will be prepared to continue Religious School and Hebrew School for our Temple children next year. - Danelle Harsin

Online Jewish Education and Worship Opportunities For Adults and Kids

What Jewish learning will you/your kids do this summer? Here are some excellent online opportunities! IF you know more, send the link to the Temple office.

Morning Minyan: Temple Israel, Omaha, 7am M-F <https://zoom.us/j/308011253>

Torah videos for all ages (Orthodox): torahlive.com

Jewish/Israel escape room: Bagelsandlocks.com

Lookstein Virtual Jewish Academy: <https://www.looksteinvirtual.org/>

Children's crafts, stories and more: <https://pjlibrary.org/home>

Ideas and Opportunities for good deeds: <https://www.areyvut.org/>

Jewish learning for kids: <https://bytes.jikids.org/>

Educational games: <https://gamedev.msu.edu/sparks-of-eternity/>

Educational videos for kids: https://www.facebook.com/torahtron/?hc_location=ufi

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020



At the Jayhawk Theatre

Hosted by Temple Beth Sholom

**7:00 PM AT THE JAYHAWK THEATRE
TICKETS: \$22 PER PERSON**

IN MEMORY OF NANCY EPOCH

SPONSOR: Ron and Frayna Scrinopskie

DIRECTOR: Stephanie Schuttera

DESSERTS: Howard and Elaine Schwartz

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PRESIDENT: Alan Parker

For more information, call Stephanie (785) 554-7558.

This is a Temple Beth Sholom Fundraiser.

JUNE 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar: http://templebeths.holomtopeka.view.events.com	1	2	3 Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm	4	5 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/Rhoda Wisman	6
7 Blintze Brunch meeting via Zoom 1:00 pm	8 Religious Services Committee meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12 Final Rabbi Stiel Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/Warren Sickel	13 Kabbalah Group 9:00 am via Zoom
14 Board of Directors/Committees' leaders meeting about Covid-19 via Zoom 1:00 pm	15	16	17 Middot Va'ad 12:00 pm via Zoom Meditation 7:00 pm via Zoom	18	19 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Deborah Edelman-Dolan/	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rhoda Wisman	27 Kabbalah Group 9:00 am via Zoom
28 Annual Meeting via Zoom 10:00 am	29	30				

Update on Rabbi Stiel's Plans

Rabbi and Steve will be in Topeka through June 14. Rabbi will be working through that date. They will move mid-June to Phoenix. Rabbi Stiel will begin her position as associate rabbi at Temple Solel in Paradise Valley, AZ the beginning of July.

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