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Tot Shabbat
June 6
5:15pm
SixThirteen Shabbat
6:13pm

June 13, 20, 27 Shabbat 7:30pm

June 28 Torah Study 9:30am

June 7, 21 Conservative Services 9:30am

Please support the Lustgarten family as Richie Lustgarten becomes Bar Mitzvah on June 14 at 9:30am.



Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs



With thanks!

I guess, "You can go home again!"

When I arrived 52 years ago to begin to serve — as I did for 13 years — Temple Isaiah in Columbia, MD, people called me, "The Boy Rabbi." Nobody calls me that anymore.

Nevertheless, the reception and the turnout when I spoke there May 9 and 10 were overwhelming. Vickie and I remain deeply moved by how many there today remembered us so fondly. "We grew up there," Vickie noted, "and we look back on our years there with all the nostalgia that comes to mind when people recall their first true love."

Fast forward to today, as I write my final column as your rabbi, I find myself wondering how the years flew by so quickly. And happily, true love is what Vickie and I have found here at Temple Beth Shalom in Vero Beach.

I applied for your interim position because I hoped and thought I could help the congregation appropriately mourn the departure of your beloved Rabbi, Michael Birnholz, and prepare the congregation to welcome its next settled Spiritual Leader. I believe we have accomplished that task together.

I knew that if I were to succeed, I could NOT try to do everything the way Rabbi Birnholz did. I had to be me and to bring to you my authentic self. In a similar way, it is just as vital that your new Rabbi, Rose Durbin, not try to replicate my style or anyone else's except her own.

She is bright, creative, tech savvy, and with three young children in tow, she will be a powerful magnet to attract the young families to TBS that will be the foundation of our congregation's future.

And so...

With overwhelming gratitude for the way you have received Vickie and me, I trust you will embrace "Rabbi Rose" (as she likes to be called) in the same way you have embraced me. If you do, I am confident that at this time next year she will feel the same love and gratitude that Vickie and I feel today.

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You will receive the Scroll on June 1st which is also Shavuot. We will have already celebrated on the Friday before, with a very special Shabbat when we celebrated receiving the Torah by chanting the Ten Commandments, and welcoming Rebecca Jaffe into the Jewish people officially! Celebrating this day with the Jaffe/Oswald family made me think about a very special time in my life.

It was Shavuot on May 18,2002, the day I became Bat Torah, Daughter of Torah. I had converted 13 years prior and felt it was fitting that I should be called to the Torah at this time. However, what was special was that my mother-in-law who was born and raised orthodox and never had a Bat Mitzvah was also becoming Bat Torah with me. My mother-in-law and I studied for a year together preparing for this day. We would meet in the Rabbi's office once a week to study Hebrew, Torah, Haftarah, and the service. We each brought our own perspectives to study, and I learned so much about my mother-in-law, as she did me, and we grew very close during that time.

When the day finally came, we were both very excited and nervous. We would be leading most of the service, which we both knew very well because we attended service just about every week. We would be chanting Torah, the Ten Commandments, and for our Haftarah we would be reading from the book of Ruth, the section where Naomi sends her daughters-in-law back to their families after her sons have died. After some protestation, her daughter-in-law Orpa returned to her family, but Ruth refuses and says:

"Ask me not to leave you, or to return from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you live, I will live: your people shall be my people, your G-d my G-d: where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part you and me."

As special as chanting the Ten Commandments was, reading Ruth as a convert standing next to my Jewish born mother-in-law reading the story of the first recorded convert was beyond meaningful for me.

Ruth makes a choice, not just to follow her mother-in-law's ways but G-d's. At Mt. Sinai when Moses brings the Torah to the people, they, we, must make a choice and just like Ruth, we choose as a people, a nation, to take up the covenant that Abraham took up with G-d many years before. Although Shavuot, is the festival of weeks and the time when we celebrate Torah it is also the time in which we choose once again to keep that covenant with G-d.

Seeing Rebecca make the choice to also take on the covenant with G-d and the love and support of her mother-in-law Sandy, and the whole family as Rebecca officially chose Judaism, was amazing to witness and be a part of, and is now one of my favorite memories!

Cantor Kelly

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us, but there is no rest for the weary! The Rabbi, Cantor, Mindy, Trudie, and the Board of Trustees are hard at work planning next year's activities and programs.

I encourage you to attend our **Annual Congregational Meeting on June 8th at 4:30 PM**. This is a key opportunity to learn about the Temple's future plans—religious, spiritual, and social—and to share your voice. Your presence is important not only to stay informed, but also to ask questions and **VOLUNTEER** for areas that interest you. Supporting the Temple goes beyond dues and donations—your time and involvement are just as valuable.

As you may know, **Rabbi Rose Durbin** will officially begin her tenure at Temple Beth Shalom on **July 1, 2025**, and we are thrilled to welcome her. She will be attending the Annual Meeting and will have some time to introduce herself and speak with you. To help everyone get to know Rabbi Rose more personally, we will also be hosting small gatherings at members' homes and at the Temple. Please watch the *Scroll* and *Temple Tidings* for details on dates and locations.

Remember, the Temple cannot grow without your participation—and without welcoming new members. Please consider inviting friends or acquaintances who are not currently affiliated with a synagogue to join you at services or events. Many are hesitant due to financial concerns. We want to reassure everyone that we work with families confidentially to ensure membership is accessible and affordable.

Warm regards, **Steven Berlin** 305-772-6620

Book Club

Join us on June 24th @ 10:30am in the social hall to share a discussion about this month's book. For book info and *RSVP*: <u>Susan Berlin</u> or see the Temple Tidings weekly email.

Sisterhood

As I step down from my role on the board after 8 incredible years, my heart is filled with gratitude, love, and deep appreciation for each of you.

Serving as President and Vice President has enriched my life.

Through challenges and triumphs, laughter and tears, we have built something truly special - much more than just an organization. I'd say, family bound by shared purpose and unwavering support. I am grateful for all of the wonderful friendships, the lessons learned, and the countless moments that have shaped me as a leader and as a woman.

Although I am stepping back, my commitment to our sisterhood will never waver. I cherish the connections we have made and will continue to support and uplift our new leadership.

To my fellow board members - Thank you for your dedication, wisdom, and encouragement. Leading alongside you has been an honor beyond words.

To my sisters - Never underestimate the power of your voice, your ideas, your presence and abilities to make a difference. We are strong because of you.

As I begin the next chapter, I leave with a full heart and confidence that our Sisterhood will continue to thrive and flourish. I am forever grateful.

With Love, Sandy

Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Temple Beth Shalom will be held on Sunday, June 8th at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary and you can also attend by Zoom. Watch future emails for the information.

Your attendance is encouraged so that we have a quorum to hold our meeting.

Please, come to hear about our progress over the last year and where we are headed going forward. If you have not already mailed your ballot to vote for the upcoming board seats and budget, please bring it with you to the meeting or return it to the office by or before the morning of June 6th.

At the meeting, additional members may be nominated from the floor. Any member in good standing who wants to run for the Board is entitled to do so.

Please remember to include only ballots in your envelope and no other correspondence or checks.

There is a drop box located on the front door of the office for those of you that want to bring your ballot to us at a Time that is convenient for you.



Coffee & Kibbitz

Join Rabbi on June 3rd @10:30am. Location will be at *Mulligans on the beach*. It is Rabbi Fuchs's last Coffee & Kibbitz, a wonderful opportunity to engage in formal discussion with him.



Men's Club

*Wednesday, June 11, we are paying a visit to the Elliot Museum in Stuart. We have carpools leaving from the Temple parking lot and from Port St. Lucie at 9:00 AM. After touring the museum, we will have lunch in Stuart. If you'd like to join the Port St. Lucie carpool, call Sheldon Cantor at 609-468-5272.

*Please join us at the Twisted Lime on *June 24th* at 6:30 pm for Beer & Bible & dinner.

*Last note: Some of us meet for breakfast *every Thursday* - 9:00 AM at Café 66 – 685 U.S. 1 in Vero. It's informal. We eat. We drink (coffee). We chat. We leave.

Please RSVP to Harry Onickel <u>honickel@gmail.com</u>

Membership/Greeting Page Memorial Book

Everyone will soon receive our yearly mailing from Temple Beth Shalom for membership renewal, High Holy Day Greeting page, & Memorial Book.

If you have not received yours by the 2nd week in June, please alert the office & all can be emailed to you or you can make arrangements for pick up.

Please remember that membership must be current before renewing for our 2025/26 year which begins on July 1st.

Religious School

THANK YOU!

The Teacher Appreciation Brunch at the end of our school year was a lovely celebration. Thank you to Ashley Chaney for organizing the event and to all who helped ensure its success. We were

pleased to honor our teachers and thank them for all they do to engage our children in quality, experiential and meaningful learning. We also give a special shoutout to the parents who volunteered as needed this past year in our school. We appreciate you!

MAZAL TOV! Mazal Tov to Richie Lustgarten as he is called to the Torah as a Bar

Mitzvah on Saturday, June 14th at 9:30am. Please join us in the sanctuary to support and worship with Richie as we celebrate this very special occasion with his family. Mazal Tov as well to **Sienna Mallon** on her graduation from high school. Sienna will be honored with an Aliyah on Friday, June 13th at Shabbat services.

SUMMER HEBREW!

We want our students to practice Hebrew

reading over the next couple of months to prevent "summer slide". Zoom and inperson tutoring are available over the summer for those who request it. Speak with Mindy Pollack danminpoll@aol.com

Remember, TBS is open all summer for Shabbat services and social gatherings.



SIXTHIRTEEN SHABBAT Join us for SixThirteen Shabbat on June 6th. Tot Shabbat will gather at 5:15pm prior to this service.

VACAY! Whether going on vacation, heading to summer camp, or having a staycation, we wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer.

B'Shalom and as always, Am Yisrael Chai! Mindy



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Mazal Tov to Paula Hoekzema on the birth of her granddaughter, Sage, daughter of Bryan and Dana and on the recent marriage of her son, Jacob to Nicole.



Mazal Tov to Mindy and Dan Pollack on the engagement of their daughter, Michal, to Seth.

If anyone is spring/summer cleaning & you have food you would like to donate, please drop it off at TBS for the Food Pantry. They need our support more than ever. Please, no expired dates.



Thanks to Silvia Forrest for re-painting the letters & intricate outlines on our TBS entry signs. It's a tedious job which has been completed & her efforts are very much appreciated

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Our Tree Of Life, located in the Steyer Social Hall foyer, celebrates and remembers every kind of occasion.

Next time you visit our social hall, please take a moment to look at this beautiful wall.

In that moment, reflect on all the B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, memorials, and other dedications that friends and loved ones have given to each other over the years.

If you would like to honor, remember someone or mark a special occasion in your life, you can have a leaf inscribed and placed on our Tree Of Life.

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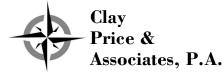


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