

# the SHOEFAR



TEMPLE BET YAM

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We are all so grateful for Phyllis and Maury Keiser's gift! A new TORAH for Temple Bet Yam!! This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate! I am sure we all enjoyed writing a letter with the Sofer (The Torah Scribe) who came

to our Temple!

This month we celebrate Shavuot, Chag Matan Torah, "the time of receiving the Torah." We will celebrate the receiving of our law and our tradition on Friday, June 10th. I wonder what our Torah and our tradition could teach us about one of the most important values – Justice.

In Deuteronomy 16:18-20 it is written: "Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may live, and inherit the land which the Lord your God gives you." Our sages discussed the repetition of the word "Justice." Why?

Some rabbis explained that the repetition is a literary device employed for emphasis. Nachmanides (1194-1270) has a different view. He understands that there are two types of Justice. The first "justice" refers to earthly courts, while the other "justice" refers to the heavenly tribunal. If man does not succeed in bringing about a just world, real judgment awaits him above. Nachmanides bases his teaching on the Sefer Bahir, one of the most obscure mystical tracts: The first justice is literal justice. This is the Divine presence. The second justice "frightens the righteous." (Bahir section 75).

This means that if a man succeeds in attaining justice, the Divine presence, the Shechina, flows. On the other hand, if man does not create a just world, Divine judgment is applied.

On another hand, it is important to remember that in Biblical times, according to Rabbeinu Nissim, the king in ancient Israel had a mandate to impose sentences outside of the normal legal establishment. The reason for empowering the king in this way was to safeguard the spirit of the law from being trampled by strict adherence to the letter of the law. The mandate of the courts was to uphold the letter of the law, while the mandate of the king was to uphold the spirit of the law. Rabbeinu Nissim teaches that the very person empowered to break the law must hold the Torah near and dear.

We are God's partners and we have the opportunity to apply Justice by using our courts and legal systems. I believe that real Justice comes from God. We as humans are God's partners in this world. We have the responsibility to practice Justice every day.

As we celebrate Shavuot, let us learn from our Jewish tradition and our Torah each day of our lives. Let us interpret our Torah and always promote its values to improve our legal system. Let us continue to teach our children the Book of the Books.

Once again, on behalf of all TBY's families, THANK YOU Phyllis and Maury for your precious GIFT!

B'vracha

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## Let's Celebrate!

### June Anniversaries

**June 5th, Renee & Michael Speisman**  
45th anniversary

**June 9th, Andi & Joe Marx**  
54th anniversary

**June 15th, Bonnie & Ray Gibson**  
14th anniversary

**June 20th, Babs & Phil Kushner**  
46th anniversary

**June 21st, Jacqueline & James Kaye**  
21st anniversary

**June 28th, Cathy & David Kasriel**  
42nd anniversary

**June 28th, Patty & Barry Savage**  
47th anniversary

**June 30th, Gary & Liz Feldman**  
26th anniversary

### June Birthdays

June 1st, Meya Gordon ~ 16th birthday

June 4th, Leah Black ~ 19th birthday

June 11th, Steve Gramet

June 12th, Bonnie Gibson

June 12th, Patty Savage

June 23rd, Ruth Feldheim

June 28th, Art Rogove



## *In Memoriam*

**June 2nd, Anna Cohen**

Aunt of Bruce Simon

**June 2nd, Norman Petziner**

Father of Terre Wallach &  
Barbara Carman

**June 3rd, Meyer Schachnovsky**

Father of David Schachnovsky

**June 4th, Blanche Levy**

Mother of Don Levy

**June 4th, David Sims**

Father of Scott Sims

**June 5th, Jacob Aronowitz**

Father of Jackie Witte &  
Grandfather of Jennifer Love

**June 5th, Joseph Kaufman**

Father of Toby Weintraub

**June 5th, Sylvia Schwartz**

Mother of Martin Schwartz

**June 6th, Wayne DeCastro**

Brother of Norma Tinkoff

**June 6th, Albert Duke**

Father of Ellen Mensh

**June 6th, Hyman Kushner**

Father of Phil Kushner

**June 7th, Morris Cohen**

Grandfather of Marcia Rector

**June 7th, Elaine Demme**

Stepdaughter of Terre Wallach

**June 7th, Leo B. Pilzer**

Father of Shelly Cohen

**June 9th, Victor Gruenhut**

Father of Livia Ammar

**June 10th, Anna Pollock Bellinhoff**

Grandmother of Barbara Molinari

**June 10th, Richard Jules Rosenthal**

Brother of William Rosenthal

**June 12th, Margaret Colbert**

Grandmother of Emily Brown &  
Mother of Margaret Brown

**June 13th, Howard Goldstone**

Husband of Iris Goldstone

**June 13th, Sonnia Levine**

Mother of Ava Glicksteen

**June 13th, Henrietta Simon**

Mother of Bruce Simon

**June 15th, Jenny Petziner**

Great Aunt of Terre Wallach &  
Barbara Carman

**June 16th, Scott Freedman**

Husband of Teresa Freedman &  
Father of Sarah Freedman

**June 17th, Ida Feirman**

Mother of Leon Feirman

**June 17th, Julius Weitz**

Cousin of Liz Feldman

**June 20th, Max Kleinbaum**

Husband of Jo Kleinbaum

**June 20th, Esther Seiden**

Cousin of Henry Seiden

**June 22nd, Melvin Garr**

Brother of Bernice Cruise

**June 22nd, Reuben Goldstein**

Uncle of Rabbi Fred Raskind

**June 22nd, Lesley Lewis**

Family Member of Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller

**June 23rd, Gloria Leibowitz**

Mother of Andrea Marx

**June 23rd, Marjorie Strickman**

Mother of Molly Grossholz

**June 25th, Bud Carr**

Husband of Paula Carr

**June 26th, Stanley Weiss**

Father of Laura Weiss

**June 27th, David Elia**

Brother-in-law of Liz Feldman

**June 29th, Temma Keiser**

Grandmother of Maury Keiser

**June 29th, Rebecca Sacks Marsh**

Mother of Janice Angorn

**June 30th, Alvin Mandel**

Husband of Carol Mandel

**June 30th, Rhoda Markowitz**

Mother of Meryl Goldman

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Grandmother of Jane Seiden

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Pat & Bill Schwartz - Thank you for TBY founders' presentation at the St. Augustine Jewish Historical Society event

Dinah McNamara - In honor of Jane Seiden for her outstanding leadership as President of TBY

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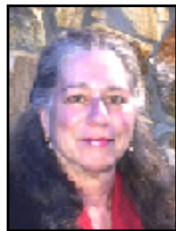
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## New Member Profile: Linda & Martin Schwartz

We are very happy to have become members of TBY!

We are former junior high and high school sweethearts from Michigan who lost touch after graduation but fortunately found one another later in life. This coming December will mark our tenth anniversary. We are both of Hungarian ancestry (Linda through her mother; Martin through his father).

Linda lived on a farm near Ann Arbor, MI for over 20 years, raising goats, cows, and chickens. She also raised a beautiful daughter who lives in Chicago, and who works for a non-profit dedicated to affordable housing. Linda is also a practicing psychic, working from home and meeting virtually with clients via phone or using chat technology. Her main passions are gourmet cooking and baking — especially baking. Ask her about her love of collecting cookbooks! She is especially proud of owning all of Maida Heatter's cookbooks, plus those by Julia Child, Dorie Greenspan, and so many others.

Martin graduated with his masters in library science from the University of Maryland, and worked for the federal government for 32 years as a law librarian. After 20 years of living and working in Washington, DC, he was transferred to Fresno, California and later Portland, Oregon, where he managed branch libraries for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He currently works part-time maintaining the library collections for two Jacksonville law firms. His main passions are reading (particularly biographies) and his love of music and collecting vinyl records. Ask him about his love for progressive rock and 1950's & 1960's era jazz!

We look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in the TBY community.

## Upcoming Events for June. Mark your calendar!

### **Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 7th, 7:00 – 8:00pm

### **Shabbat Service Shavuot & Torah Dedication**

Friday, June 10th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

### **Ice Cream Social Open House**

Sunday, June 12th, 1:00 – 3:00pm

### **Men's Club**

Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00 – 9:00pm

### **Trivia Night Fundraiser**

Saturday, June 18th, 6:00 – 10:00pm

### **Dining With Dignity**

Monday, June 20th, 10:00-11:00am food drop off at TBY, 5:15pm at MLK Church

### **Sisterhood luncheon at Serenata Beach Club**

Tuesday, June 21st, 12:15 – 2:00pm

### **Shabbat Service**

Friday, June 24th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, June 28th, 5:30 – 6:30pm

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