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TEMPLE B'NAI SHOLOM RUMMAGE SALE



103 Lincoln St. SE
Huntsville, AL

**3/10/24
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Clothing, gadgets, appliances,
furniture, and many more!

How can you help?

Volunteer

Use sign up genius link below to volunteer to help with the Rummage Sale Thursday, March 7 - Sunday, March 10.

Donate Items to Sell

Drop off times for Rummage Sale

- Monday, March 4 -
Wednesday, March 6
9:00am-1:00pm
- Friday, March 8 9:00am-1:00pm
- Saturday, March 9 3:00pm-7:00pm
- Large items, such as furniture, only accepted on Friday and Saturday.
- No donations accepted on Thursday. Office will be closed.

Click below for donation form to bring with donations.

Share this flyer with all your friends and invite them to come to the sale.

Click below for a printable version.

Also, share the link to the Silent Auction beginning March 10.



Sunday, March 10 10am-3pm Only

Drop off times for Rummage Sale items

Monday, March 4 – Wednesday, March 6 and Friday, March 8

9:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, March 9 3:00pm-7:00pm

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No donations accepted on Thursday, March 7. Office will be closed.

Prior to drop off, please complete a donation receipt. Keep one copy and give a copy to the Temple with your donation.

This form states that you are releasing your donated goods to our congregation, and we have permission to sell said goods and keep the profit. This form helps TBS offer you a charitable tax donation letter and gives us guidance on pricing those items you donate.

Please list suggested prices for all items.

We will be accepting in-kind donations of:

Books, Gently Used/New Clothing, Electronics/Technology, Office Supplies, Home Decor, Gently Used/New Toys, Accessories (Purses, bags, belts, hats, etc.), Jewelry, and Furniture (DROP OFF ON FRIDAY, MARCH 9 ONLY)

To help the days before and day of the sale,
see the sign up genius link below.

At Temple B'nai Sholom, we find meaning and purpose in community, wisdom, social justice, and spirituality.

As we continue to flourish, new needs continually arise. From technology upgrades to engaging our congregants to programs to additional opportunities to serve our youth, your love and support enhances all that makes Temple B'nai Sholom special.

This Rummage Sale offers us a chance to build community and raise funds to support our growing needs.

SILENT



Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 22

Released online Monday, March 4 to
Temple B'nai Sholom congregants.

Released on Sunday, March 10 to the public.

The silent auction will be open during the rummage sale,
allowing the community to bid on select items.

We already have some amazing items lined up:

- A 20-minute Zoom session with actress Mayim Bialik, and a personalized autographed photo.
- Photo Session from David Frost Photography
- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- High Holy Day Reserved Parking Spot
- Tickets to the Ballet
- Artwork

And much more!



After March 10, please share the Silent
Auction link with all your friends! We
hope to make \$10,000.

JOIN US

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

6:00 PM AT THE TEMPLE B'NAI SHOLOM

JEWS AND AMERICAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. BETH S. WENGER

*Moritz and Josephine Berg Professor of History at
The University of Pennsylvania*



Sponsored by UAH Humanities Center, UAH Department of History,
and the Alabama Holocaust Commission



For more information visit, uah.edu/ahs/events

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

7:00 PM AT UAH MORTON HALL 145

ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICAN HISTORY





A View from the Bima – Rabbi PJ Schwartz

February was a month filled with Roses (A highlight, success, small win, or something positive that happened); Thorns (A challenge we experienced); and Buds (New ideas that have blossomed or something we are looking forward to knowing more about or experiencing).

THE ROSE

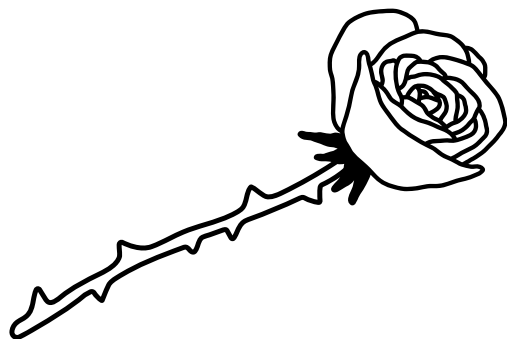
Last weekend, we had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Emily Aronoff as our Musician and Educator in Residence. The goals of her weekend were as follows:

- Complete an environmental audit of our facilities; keeping youth and family engagement and inclusiveness in mind;
- Enhance the Tot Shabbat experience and offering tools for deepened engagement of our youngest members;
- Introduce different approaches to prayer and worship;
- Assess the need and desire for parent education.

Dr. Aronoff will be providing a detailed report of her observations and recommendations in the coming weeks, which will guide us in developing a strategic plan for youth and family engagement. As the result of her visit, we are thoughtfully exploring:

- Ways to set expectations and guidelines for child attendance at services;
- Determining “intergenerational moments” during our services for child participation;
- Creating a Shabbat-sensory room for children;
- Enhancing parent and children connections;
- Fostering relationship with the rabbi.

We talk about how families are the future of our congregation. We want to be sure to do all we can to help them feel part of our sacred community. Dr. Aronoff’s work is the first step to holistically and strategically achieving this goal.



THE THORN

Last week, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos should be considered as children, and therefore, that destroying an embryo frozen for in vitro fertilization in a laboratory constitutes actionable death of a minor child. The rationale and justification for this ruling was not legal, but religious, which suggests that the decision made is unconstitutional.

How is this a Jewish issue? A few weeks ago, I spoke on the bimah about how our sages understood that an embryo had the potential to grow into a person and also held the potential of not developing. [1] They declared that “the embryo is considered to be mere water until the fortieth day [after conception].” [2] Judaism does not grant the status of personhood to an embryo or fetus at any stage of pregnancy. [3] In addition, among the highest blessings in our tradition is to be fruitful and multiply. Therefore, the

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A View from the Bima – Rabbi PJ Schwartz continued

availability of reproductive endocrinology to assist individuals and couples struggling with infertility supports this.

As some of you know, to be a parent is perhaps one of the most sacred roles one can take on, and Jonah and Ellie are my life and light. They are the product of IVF, and we have additional embryos frozen in California. That said, the ruling changes things substantially for me and for others who struggle with fertility.

Not all embryos are viable. Not all embryonic transfers are successful. In both cases, one theoretically could be tried for murder in Alabama courts. It means that in the event we decide to no longer use our embryos, or that our next transfer is unsuccessful, we will have committed a felony in the eyes of Alabama courts.

Now Jewish law, or any religious law, should not be the basis for any legal decision. It is our constitutional and inalienable right to make our own choice about engaging the use of IVF and other reproductive technologies. We are reminded that we are not alone and not obligated to complete this work, but we cannot give up.

THE BUD

On Monday, March 4, keep an eye out for an email that launches our Silent Auction. We have amazing items up for bid: from gift cards to artwork to tickets to the ballet, there is truly something for everyone. We will be releasing the auction to the public beginning Sunday, March 10, so be sure to bid early. The auction will continue through the end of March.

And pass the word that our Rummage Sale will take place on Sunday, March 10 from 10–3. Drop off for our rummage sale will begin on Monday, March 4. Please be sure to fill out a donation receipt for your records and ours. Any donation of goods will be appreciated.

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 between the auction and sale. Help us make this happen!

Rabbi PJ



Celebrating Shabbat with Dr. Emily Aronoff and Our Youngest Members



Bright Lights in Dark Times

7:00pm

Tuesdays,
March 5
March 19
March 26

Join Rabbi Schwartz in an exploration of some of the most important Jewish philosophers whose ideas and arguments impacted how we understand Judaism and its theology. We will learn about Saadia Gaon, Maimonides, and Judah Ha-Levi who each offered an approach to grappling with Judaism in response to the times they lived in.



SPECIAL SHABBAT WITH
GUEST SPEAKER REV.
CHRISTIE ASHTON

Friday, March 8

7:00pm

Join Rabbi Schwartz, our
choir, accompanist Ron
Guthrie, and Rev. Christie
Ashton of Hope
Presbyterian Church for a
unique opportunity to
foster interfaith
relationships on our bimah.



Learner's Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Schwartz and Accompanist
Ron Guthrie
Friday, March 15, 7:00pm



Sometimes feel lost at services? Wish you could get more out of prayer? Want to know the meaning of the service and why we do what we do? This Shabbat provides an opportunity to get your questions answered and explore the Friday evening Shabbat service more deeply in a warm, supportive, and interactive environment.



Shabbat Out of the Box
Saturday, March 16
10:00am-12:00pm

Connect with each other through
prayer, text study, and experiential
learning with Rabbi Schwartz and Frank
Levy. Enhance your understanding of
Shabbat and explore ways to cultivate
a Shabbat practice.





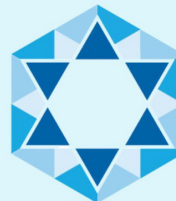
TBS Does Mah Jongg
Changing to Thursdays,
12:00pm-3:00pm
beginning March 7

BYOL: Bring Your Own Lunch @
11:30am beforehand.



Tiles are shuffled, die are cast, and rituals involving
the allocation of - and the exchange of tiles begin!
Sound fun? Join your TBS friends for Mah Jongg.
Beginners and experienced players welcome.

Please RSVP to Susan Levy at
gilb419@gmail.com or text 256-656-5704 so
we can have enough tables.



**Yoga for EVERY BODY, Both Chair and Mat
on a New Day of the Week, Thursdays
at 10:00am in the TBS Social Hall**



**Improve balance, strength, flexibility, and overall
well-being through gentle stretching and balance
postures with certified Yoga Practitioner (and
congregant) Susan Levy.**

**No experience required. All experience levels welcome.
Wear something comfortable.**



Huntsville Havoc Game

TBS Brotherhood has reserved seats!

(although suggested donation of \$13/seat to Brotherhood would be much appreciated)

When: 7:00 pm Saturday, March 2

Where: Roto-Rooter Ice at Propst Arena
Von Braun Center

700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

RSVP: David Simon (dsimon1993ae@gmail.com)



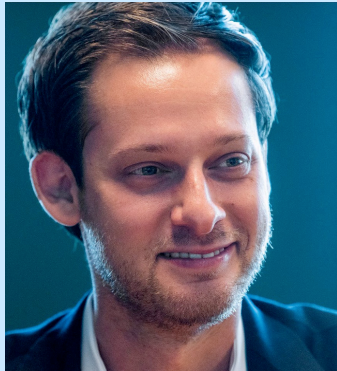
TBS Sisterhood Welcomes New Co-Presidents Lisa Lapidus and Sarla Scherlis

Thank you, ladies, for stepping up to lead Sisterhood. We are excited to see the amazing things that Sisterhood will do under your leadership. If you have not yet paid your \$36 dues, please pay Francine Perlman through Venmo, Apple Pay, PayPal, or see Francine after services.

UPCOMING

A Conversation with Representative Phil Ensler Sunday, April 7 at 2pm

Alabama State Representative Phil Ensler, the only Jewish elected official in the state of Alabama and Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, will speak about Antisemitism in Alabama. He leads efforts to build multi-faith coalitions to combat racism and foster acceptance of all people.



Sponsored by the
Jewish Federation of
Huntsville and North
Alabama and Temple
B'nai Sholom.

Oneg Hosts for March

Consider hosting an oneg in memory of a loved ones' yahrzeit, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, or when you have Bima honors.

If you have a date preference for May- July let Susan Levy know (256.656.5704). If you can't do the oneg on the date you are assigned, please try to switch with someone and then let Susan know.

March 8 Frank Levy (chair), Elizabeth Reich, Barbara Ward, Ed & Carol Cholewa

March 15 Susan Levy (chair), Sarah Kirshtein, Lisa Katz, Nancy Fishman

March 22 Celia Cantor (chair), Jamie Campbell, Jennifer Goldstein, Tina Simon

March 29 DeAnna Scott (chair), Paula Perlman, Susan Banks-Norton, Jennifer Nelson

COMING SOON

A
13 Lincoln Production



SATURDAY, MARCH 23
6:00PM: CATERED DINNER
7:15PM: SERVICE, MEGILLAH READING
AND SPIEL

**Rabbi Schwartz would like to
acknowledge special anniversaries
during services and offer blessings
to mark the occasion.**

If you would like to be honored at an upcoming Shabbat service, your congregational family wants to celebrate with you.

Please let him know if you would like to be recognized.



A Message from the President – Jennifer Lapidus

At the beginning of my career at Huntsville Hospital, I was the manager of the leadership training team. This team creates and provides professional growth and development opportunities for the top leadership of the health system, including the C-suite. A favorite resource is Jim Collins's book "From Good to Great" which introduces concepts such as "getting the right people on the bus before deciding where to go" and "building momentum through a series of small wins."



To "get the right people on the bus," the TBS Board has voted to welcome **Frank**

Levy to the Executive Committee team as Secretary. Frank serves as Chair of the TBS Security Committee, is one of the three representatives of the Rabbi Liaison Committee, and is a previous past president of Temple Beth El in Missouri City, TX. After 10 years as the Bureau Chief of Public Health Preparedness for the City of Houston, Frank is an expert in disaster preparedness and strategic planning which will be abundantly beneficial as we "decide where to go."

We also welcome **Lisa Lapidus** and **Sarla Scherlis** as new co-Presidents of Sisterhood and **David Berkowitz** as Chair of our forthcoming Capital Campaign committee. The positive momentum is growing for our congregation, and we have a lot to be excited about.

Some programming wins from February include chair yoga, mah-jongg, adult Hebrew, Tot Shabbat, "Judaism's Greatest Ideas" class, Sisterhood's Galentine's "Women's Heart Health" event, the Scottsboro Boys presentation by the Scottsboro Boys Museum and the Historic Huntsville Foundation, and the Art in Residence weekend with musician Emily Aronoff. Something for everyone!

Next up is the TBS rummage sale Sunday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our goal is to raise \$15,000, and we need your donated items (to be dropped off starting March 4) and help. A silent auction from March 4 – March 22 will complement the rummage sale fundraising efforts. Rabbi PJ has single handedly collected some incredible auction items including event tickets, restaurant gift certificates, artwork, AND a zoom with actress Mayim Bialik! More details to come.

The TBS leadership is working hard to make our synagogue great, not just good. It takes all of us volunteering and doing our part and I invite you to participate in whatever way matches your talents and schedule. And if I may ask one thing of each of you: when you see a committee member, Board member, Abby, and the Rabbi, please thank them for their service as they are working very hard for our future.



If you or another Temple member need help, please contact:

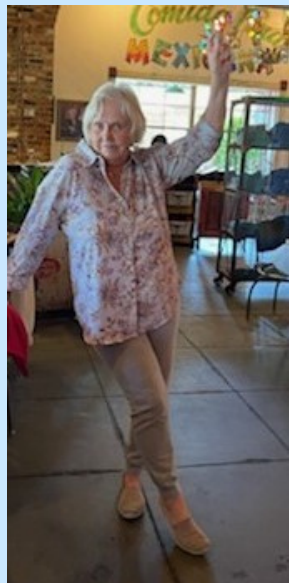
Rabbi PJ Schwartz, (678) 575-3949, rabbischwartz.tbs@gmail.com

Ms. Abby Murphree, Office Administrator (256) 536-4771, BnaiSholom.al@gmail.com

Pam Rhodes, TBS Cares Committee, (256) 653-6533 pamelaj.rhodes@gmail.com



New Member Update



Donna Lyonnais

Moved to Huntsville, Alabama in 2017 from Fuguay Varina, North Carolina to be close to my sons.

Born: Brookline, Massachusetts

Grew Up in Revere, Massachusetts famous Shirley Ave. neighborhood which was an all-Jewish neighborhood 5 blocks from the beach. Everybody knew everyone and helped each other it was a wonderful way to grow up!

University of Massachusetts, Graduated: 1972 with a BA

Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hi for two years in 1985-87

Taken various art classes in painting for the past 20 years.

Retired as a government employee for the Army Department of Defense.

Experience in Equal Employment Opportunity, Command Counsel Defense Cherry Point, NC, Womack Army Medical Center in Risk Management.

Married: Marc Leo Lyonnais (retired from US Army 2000)

Two sons: Keith Lyonnais resides in Huntsville, AL and Erick Lyonnais resides in Decatur, AL.

Lived in many various states and countries due to my late husband's military career.

Hobbies: Painting, cooking, gardening, decorating, kayaking, exercise (treadmill, bike, weight training). Taught exercise over the years. Enjoy the ocean, mountains just all of nature!



Thanks to all of you who have donated your gently used books to the library. They are the backbone of our collection. Without them our library would not be the size that it is.

Not everyone likes to read about the personal stories from World War II and the Holocaust. Most of them are gut wrenching and make some of us angry at what happened to so many. But, there are some bitter sweet stories that need to be shared. Please consider reading *Children of Willesden Land*.

The Children of Willesden Land By Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen

Dewey Classification 940.049 /GOL

Based on the true story of her mother, Mona Golabek describes the inspirational story of Lisa Jura's escape from Nazi-controlled Austria to England on the famed Kindertransport.

Jewish musical prodigy Lisa Jura has a wonderful life in Vienna. But when the Nazis start closing in on the city, life changes irreversibly. Although he has three daughters, Lisa's father is only able to secure one berth on Kindertransport. The family decides to send Lisa to London so that she may pursue her dreams of a career as a concert pianist. Separated from her beloved family, Lisa bravely endures the trip and a disastrous posting outside London before finding her way to the Willesden Lane Orphanage.

Any Questions, please email or call me. Ann van Leeuwen, ann.van@knology.net

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 First Fridays 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm Shabbat Service with Songleader Jeff Lapidus	2 7:00pm Brotherhood Havoc Night
3 9:00am NACHaS 6:00pm Jewish Voices in America with Dr. Beth Wenger	4 7:00pm Jewish Antisemitism in American History with Dr. Beth Wenger at UAH Silent Auction Opens to TBS	5 7:00pm Bright Lights in Dark Times with Rabbi PJ	6 6:30pm Adult Hebrew 101	7 10:00am Chair Yoga with Susan Levy 12:00noon Mah Jongg Keshet Group	8 7:00pm Shabbat Service with TBS Choir, Accompanist Ron Guthrie, and Rev Christie Ashton	9 10:00am Combined Torah Study and Foundations: The Real Book of Esther
10 10:00am- 3:00pm Rummage Sale Silent Auction Opens to the Public No NACHaS	11	12	13	14 10:00am Chair Yoga with Susan Levy 12:00noon Mah Jongg Keshet Group	15 7:00pm Shabbat Learners Service with Accompanist Ron Guthrie	16 9:30am Shabbat Out of the Box with Rabbi PJ and Frank Levy
17 No NACHaS	18	19 7:00pm Bright Lights in Dark Times with Rabbi PJ	20 6:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	21 10:00am Chair Yoga with Susan Levy 12:00noon Mah Jongg Keshet Group	22 7:00pm Shabbat Service with Songleader Steven Carini	23 6:00pm Catered Purim Dinner 7:00pm Purim Service and Karaoke Spiel
24 9:00am NACHaS Purim Carnival (open to all)	25 6:30pm Adult Hebrew 101	26 7:00pm Bright Lights in Dark Times with Rabbi PJ	27	28 10:00am Chair Yoga with Susan Levy 12:00noon Mah Jongg Keshet Group	29 7:00pm Shabbat Service	30 10:00am Tot Shabbat and Potluck Brunch
31 No NACHaS						



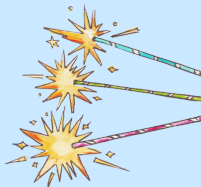
Birthdays

3/2 Richard Brooks	3/19 Barry Berman
3/5 Suzy Friedman	3/19 Megan Dempsey
3/6 Sara Denbo	3/20 Davis Murray
3/7 Craig Spector	3/22 Julie Lindy
3/12 Beverly Weiner	3/22 Carol Cholewa
3/13 Lexie Levin	3/23 James Weinberger
3/13 Gabriel Perri	3/23 Grai Sharp
3/15 Anne Owen	3/24 May Seale
3/18 Samuel Neblett	3/28 Seth Spraggins
3/19 Julia Hirsh	3/30 Ann Lois Ballon
3/19 Ilene Linton	3/30 Joel Denbo



Anniversaries

3/2 Fern & Bradly Brazda
 3/5 Anne & Danny Owen
 3/12 Tracy & William Davis
 3/14 Michelle & Jon Levin
 3/21 Larisa Thomason & Phil Kirshtein
 3/28 Gina & Jay Bain



Monthly Services and Yahrzeits



February 25–March 2: Iman E. Rutenberg, Thelma Midenberg Bliss, Gene Moore, Ned Simons, Jan Grass, Sarah Cantos Honan, Burt Coley, Esther Eckstein, Frances Brooks, Les Eliezar Gurvey, Ruth Hertzberg, Abraham Fischer, Robert Weede, Sr., Selma Turbinder, Sophie Bernstein

March 3–9: Bernard (Bernie) L. Berkowitz, Edward Levey, Morris Nissim Cohen, Walter Duffey, Helen Paul Glaser, Jacob Dorman, Sarah Trattner Levy, Elvira Roberts, Herbert Lieberman, Irving Basescu, Rose Freeman, Sandra Young, Erika Aronheim

March 10–16: Bernice Kreisman Shulwolf, Drew Leach, Gordon Shafer, Julius Feigl, Barnett Preston, Don Delugach, Lililan G. Ward, Julie Ann Weiner, Anna Bloch Stamler, Jan Berman, Louis Harrison, Ralph J. Wasserman, Jill Bobo, Sylvia Fried Einhorn, Larry Baff, Solomon Schiffman, Israel Tabor, Witty Gish

March 17–23: Margaret Herzberg, Mary Baker, Esther Dillon Gilbert, Lenard Myron Cohen, Victor Hanan, Amelia Schneider Mendelson, Henrietta Bernstein, Israel Bernard Miller, Jack Coley, Leila Levinson Levine, Mort Levinson

March 24–30: Raye Abraham, Richard Jonas Rutenberg, Sylvia Greene, Anne Flavin, Hyman Neidell, Ron Rich, Max Hasson, Fannie Rosen Goldstein, Jeanne Levitt Levy, Ralph Eugene "Gene" Fain, Tillie G. Goldstein

Sisterhood Galentines Event

Our ladies had a wonderful time and learned about the importance of heart health.



Refuah Shlema – "A Complete Healing"

Al Jupiter
Amy Frost
Ana Spraggins
Bill Ferguson
Charlie Applebee
Charlie Crocker
David Lawrence
Dee Berkowitz
Doug Castellano
Edan Alexander
Ellen Shaneck
Fred Levin
Fred Mackta

Genie Rutenberg Quinnelly
Ilene Linton
Jane Altschuler
Joan May
Johnny Weems
Joshua Saltiel - Eliezar bat
Yahudit
Judy Kunitz
Ken Shaneck
Marjorie Githaiga
Mary Dougherty
Max Grisham
Ralph Amiel

Rebecca Stewart
Renata Limmer
Richard Zimmer
Robert Berman
Roz Howard
Sara Crocker
Sharron Schuff
Shifra Githaiga-Olembo
Susan Zlotnick-Hale
Suzanne Horsley
Tom Lawrence
Wayne Copeland

Donations

General Fund

- Marion & Brad Lapidus in memory of Mike Maples
- Blair & Wayne Eurtan in memory of Mike Maples
- Carol Wasserman in memory of Dale Wasserman
- Jennifer & Michael Lapidus in memory of Sandra Blackard Levin & in memory of Roslyn Honan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Wendy & Daniel Weber
- Chenoa & Drake Clark

Music Fund

- Roz & Dale Howard in memory of Darlene Gollop
- Jennifer & Michael Lapidus in memory of Darlene Gollop

Building Fund

- Jennifer & Michael Lapidus in memory of Alan Merlin

Security Fund

- Jennifer & Michael Lapidus in memory of Harold Weinbaum, Jr.

Heritage Center Fund

- Mary Kay Countess in memory of Mike Maples
- Pat & Sam Tumminello in memory of Mike Maples
- Marcia Bouska in memory of Mike Maples
- Jennifer & Michael Lapidus in memory of Mike Maples



On February 2, 60 people enjoyed Chinese food at First Friday dinner.



Please consider Temple B'nai Sholom for your charitable contributions. You can mail your donations to: Temple B'nai Sholom, P.O. Box 2463, Huntsville, AL 35804, or [CLICK HERE!](#)



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