

THIS MONTH:

BUILDING CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1

HEBREW SCHOOL RESUMES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

> **BOWLING** THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RESUMES SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

> VIRTUAL BINGO THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

ADULT ED BREAKFAST AND MOVIE SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

> **JEWISH START** SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

CHAI MITZVAH CLASS MONDAY, JANUARY 22

CONGREGATION MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

BOARD INSTALLATION SHABBAT FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

> **PA GAME NIGHT** SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

NEXT MONTH:

BOWLING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

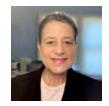
CHAI MITZVAH CLASS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26



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The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



From the Rabbi's desk

Once again, I marvel at how quickly the year has gone. I can't believe it is 2024 already! We also begin a new book of the Torah-Shemot, or Exodus. When Exodus begins, it is a dark time for the Israelites, as a "new king arose in Egypt who did not know Joseph" and enslaved the Israelites. They are forced into hard labor, and for 400 years, seem to be forgotten. It is also the darkest time of the year for us, as the winter solstice occurs. It is cold, the weather doesn't always cooperate, we tend to stay indoors and are sedentary. On the other hand, the days are beginning to get longer, and we can see that it won't stay cold forever. Tu Bishvat, the New Year for trees, which I usually associate with February, falls on January 25 this year, and is a wonderful reminder that spring won't be far behind.

Tu Bishvat literally means, "the fifteenth of [the month of] Shevat." This was the date that the rabbis of the Mishnah assigned in order to determine how old a tree was so that the tithe on its fruit could be calculated. This "holiday" came into disuse after the fall of the Temple, when it was no longer necessary to collect these tithes. However, the mystics in Safed sought to renew the practice because one of the S'phirot, the emanations of God, is that of a Tree. According to Arthur Waskow¹, the fifteenth of Sh'vat "can be taken as the New Year of The Tree. That is, the fifteenth of Sh'vat can be taken as the date on which the Tree of Life, the Tree of the S'phirot, renews the flow of life to the universe.

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The mystics of course viewed this as an awesome moment, to be guarded and mothered by those adepts who understood the process. It is as if this day were God's own Rosh HaShanah. Just as we need God's presence on our Rosh HaShanah to help us renew our days, so God, as it were, needs our presence on this one."

May God's presence be with you as we begin 2024, and that we renew our days once again and emerge from the darkness and cold of winter. Much is going on at TBS—please join us for Family Services on January 5 and on January 26 when we will install our new Board of Trustees and Officers.

Shalom uv'racha Rabbi Sharon Ballan

¹ Waskow, Arthur, *Seasons of Our Joy*. p. 107



Joín us after Shabbat Servíces for an Oneg Shabbat and catch up with Temple Famíly and Fríends

Please see Friday "Rabbi's Message" emails for last minute winter Shabbat Service weather related updates!!

All services are in-person and via Zoom, unless otherwise indicated below. Saturday Torah Study/Morning Shabbat Services will be Zoomed until further notice.

Worship Schedule

Friday, Jan. 5 th :	Shared/Simchat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
	Torah Portion: Shemot
	Candles: The Kaufman Ladies
	Kiddush: Junior Congregation
On	eg sponsored by The Kaufman Family in honor
	of Karri's mother, Sandy Friedman's birthday
	Shabbat Service sponsored by Larry Gold
	in loving memory of his uncle Sidney Gilbert
Saturday, Jan. 6 th :	Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY	Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am
Friday, Jan. 12 th :	Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
	Torah Portion: Vaera
	Candles: TBA
	Kiddush: Charlene Metz
Saturday, Jan. 13 th .	NO TORAH STUDY
Friday, Jan. 19 th :	Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
	Torah Portion: Bo
	Candles: Karri Kaufman
	Kiddush: Joel Kaufman
	Oneg sponsored by The Belsky Family
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Saturday, Jan. 20th: **ZOOM ONLY** Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, Jan. 26th:

Board Installation Shabbat Service **7:30 pm** Torah Portion: Beshallach/Shabbat Shirah Candles: Fay Schildkraut Kiddush: Barry Packer Oneg hosted by Temple in honor of the Installation of Officers and Trustees



From The President

To My Temple Family,

As we get ready to begin a new year, 2024, we wish blessings and only health and happiness to our entire Temple Family. 2023 was just about as wonderful for Temple as it ever was pre-COVID. May we continue to weather the storm and persevere!

I am pleased to say that we had an impressive Bazaar 2023. Our Temple Family came together as we have in the past and pulled it off again. As we say, we are a small but MIGHTY army. Everyone gave 150%, and when we could not do it alone, we dragged out our friends and family to help. There are so many people to thank, so please read our Bazaar article for all the news. But let me just say, thank you to my co-chair, Barbara Gandelman, and to the Basket Brigade (Beth Dulberg and Elana White)! Thanks to our great chef, Adam Gandelman, who ran the kitchen with the invaluable assistance of Louis Fevola, Don Nelinson and Brian Cavallo, as well as Adam Fertig, our As-Is Man!), and to all who assisted, collected gift certificates (special thanks to Barry Packer for all his hard work), worked tirelessly and to your families who helped and who had to do without you being at home. A special thanks to our "Angels" who made some incredible donations. Of course, to our custodial and office staff- thank you all so very much.

We continue to have wonderful hybrid Shabbat Services and having Akiva the Believer accompany Cantor has been special; please try to attend in person. The feeling of being together, as a community, in our sanctuary, is truly a feeling beyond words.

As you know we will be electing new Officers and Trustees to the Board, and I hope that you will attend the Congregation Meeting on January 24 to learn about our candidates and have your voices heard. We really need every member of our Temple Family to attend and take an active role in our ongoing efforts to keep our Temple strong and vibrant!

Again, I want to thank everyone for all that they are doing and continue to do for Temple so that we keep on keeping on. Remember to be kind to one another, stay positive, and stay healthy. As we say goodbye to 2023, I look forward to 2024 to work, celebrate and overcome our challenges together.

My family wishes you all a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year! See you all in 2024!

Your President, Joy A. Bobrow

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TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of December 18, 2023

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PULPIT FLOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
GENERAL FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
Sybil Cohen in memory of Jeffrey L. Cohen and Gerald D. Cohen	
Sybil Cohen in honor of Andrea Odintz and Michael Rosenberg parenting Matthew (Cohen
Ruth Davidson in honor of the engagement of her granddaughter Sydney Bohn to Ber	n Silver
Ruth Davidson in honor of the birthdays of Eric Bernstein and Fay Schildkraut	
Diane Weiner in loving memory of her brother, Dr. Barry Weiner	
Deirdre Weliky with condolences to Dan Harkavy on the loss of his mother, Roberta l	Harkavy
Deirdre Weliky wishing Mazel Tov to Matthew, Ben, Andrea and Mike for Matthew	's wonderful Bar Mitzvah
TORAH FUND.	
Gloria Shapiro in honor of Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah	
Gloria Shapiro in honor of Emily Larkin's Bat Mitzvah	
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
Ruth Davidson in honor of Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah	
Andrea Odintz and Michael Rosenberg in honor of Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah	
Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and	Technology!
MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND	Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894
MUSIC FUND	Cantor Korobow 718-463-4143
Andrea Odintz and Michael Rosenberg in honor of Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah	
BUILDING FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us	
COOLING TOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143

Thank you for donating to the TBS Funds!

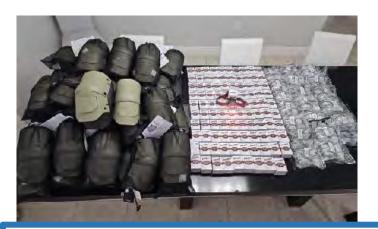


Temple Beth Sholom Flushing, New York Is Showing Support

Bracelets For

Donations

Support Israel during these hard times by buying "I Stand With Israel/"עם ישראל חי bracelets.



Bracelets will be on sale in the Temple during religious school times, services, and Temple events. Congregants are encouraged to ask in their home, family, friend and work communities to sell bracelets.

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Help Us Help

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Israel!

STAND WITH ISRAE

עם ישראל חי!

100 % OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL/COMFORT ITEMS SUCH AS MEDICAL AND CLOTHING FOR OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS IN ISRAEL



Cash/Check donations are preferred "Temple Beth Sholom".

Contact: geriweiss1@gmail.com





Cantor's Corner



Another year has come and gone....and thankfully, we're still here. I don't mean just Temple Beth Sholom. I mean we Jews, we're still here.

As always, Chanukah was a treat for the kids. Songs were sung, gifts were given and received, and greetings were exchanged. But, as a result of the Israel-Hamas war, a level of fear, confusion and nervousness were unfortunately injected into the mix.

As we are all aware, the rising tide of dangerous antisemitism and Islamophobia is very disturbing.

To quote the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, "In dark times, there are those who curse the darkness and others who light a candle". These are very dark times my friends. Our country and people of good spirit around the world have plenty to worry about.

It was therefore very encouraging to read about something called "Project Menorah." The goal it promoted was to have non-Jews display either an actual menorah or a picture of one in their windows, along with their other decorations and lights. The basic aim is solidarity. Many non-Jews responded in a positive way.

At dark times like these, we should welcome every bit of light. I hope you each lit your menorah in your window. Yes, the years come and go, and we continue to fight, like the Maccabees, for our freedom and our right to live peacefully as Jews. May 2024 bring peace to Israel, to Ukraine, and to the world in general. May it be so in our day. All the best for 2024!

With affection, Cantor Jerry Korobow



VIRTUAL AFFILIATE

How would you like to worship and socialize, again or for the very first time, with your friends and family in another state or country? You can by inviting them to become a TBS Virtual Affiliate! This entitles them to attend virtually:

- Friday night Shabbat Services
- High Holy Day Services
- Adult Ed Programs
- Healing Services
- Sisterhood Book Club
- All Discussion Groups
- Virtual Bingo

And, celebrate simchas, observe yahrzeits and share every other virtual social event at TBS! This makes a great gift for your loved ones.

For more information contact Fay Schildkraut at 917 509-1664 or fayschild@gmail.com

Bazaar 2023

Every year this is a long article, but I ask you to PLEASE read on!!! Bazaar 2023 was a success! Bazaar is a major fundraiser that helps sustain TBS. We were successful this year because several of our Temple Families gave so much time and effort in setting up Bazaar.

Adam Fertig and Stacy Kroun did a monumental job in setting up As-Is (thanks also to Al Eckman who always helps out!). Adam Gandelman, and his sous chefs, Louis Fevola and Don Nelinson (who also helped set up clothing!) prepared the food we all ate! Thanks to Brian Cavallo and Louis Fevola who helped Chef Adam shop for the food we all ate!! And our wonderful young adults who helped serve the food in the food court – they truly rocked!!! We hope more of our young adults and their parents will join us next year!!

It really takes a village to make a Bazaar and there are so many other people who really worked hard during Bazaar – too many to mention (Lori and Eric Lustig, Bonnie Wilichinsky, Karri Kaufman, Ellen Coleman, Iris Bass, Ilyne Rabinowitz, Dr. Fay Schildkraut, Geri Weiss – and behind the locked doors counting money: Robin Myers, Charlene Metz!) Please know that the entire Bazaar team so appreciates everything you do every year without being asked! Of course, there are so many volunteers to thank including Temple members, friends of Temple members (some of whose names we may not have gotten) to former Temple members (please think about rejoining!!) who worked in the booths, set up the booths, baked, cooked, shopped, got gift certificates, and worked so hard to make Bazaar 2023 a success.

Thank you to our "Angels" who do so without the publicizing of their names, but whose donations enabled us to cover some of the costs of our purchases.

A special thank you goes to Beth Dulberg and Elana White, for their creativity in assembling the baskets – Beth's signs, etc. added a real sparkle and light to the entrance of Bazaar. Thanks to Barry Packer for his unending efforts in obtaining gift cards.

Special thanks to Ron and Robin Myers and Melanie Tucker who graciously donated their Cash Raffle winnings back to Temple!

And, a special thank you to Natalie, Jose Urbina & Jose Santos - without their dedication and hard work, Bazaar would not be possible.

Joy A. Bobrow Barbara Gandelman Bazaar Chairs



If you would prefer to receive The Voice digitally, just send Natalie an email (<u>natalie@templebethsholom.org)</u> and she will remove you from the USPS mail list!

Or, you can call the office!

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Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP







Joín us on Wednesday eveníng, January 10, 2024 7:30 pm vía Zoom TOPIC: FOOD!#?*\$

Bring your favorite beverage and snack to enjoy as we chat!

Zoom information will be provided in the email on Monday morning, January 8, 2024

Join with women of all ages and life experiences, Temple family and friends alike. As women, we seek to learn about ourselves and others and explore our similarities and differences in a caring and supportive environment.

The group will be facilitated by Dr. Deirdre Weliky, LCSW, a member of our Temple family and social worker with more than 25 years experience.

For more information, contact Deirdre at dwangel1@gmail.com

December Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 12, 2023, via Zoom.

After Rabbi Ballan's invocation, President Joy Bobrow reported the Bazaar was wonderful and thanked Co-Chair Barbara Gandelman for all her work. We will be meeting with Cantor Korobow to negotiate his next contract with us. The Board discussed past policy regarding baby-namings for non-members and agreed on a policy going forward. She reminded us to be kind to one another and stay positive.

Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary, presented the November minutes which were accepted. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported as of November 30 we have 110 member units. The Board approved the November Financial Report as presented by Treasurer Charlene Metz.

Rabbi Ballan wished the Odintz-Rosenberg Family mazel tov for Matthew Cohen's impressive job at his recent Bar Mitzvah. Chai Mitzvah classes have begun. She reported on recent and upcoming services. Cantor Korobow reported on the recent Bar Mitzvah of Mathew Cohen, who by all accounts, did a wonderful job. He again encouraged in-person attendance at Temple services.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit and Ritual Committee Chair, reported the sale of bracelets to support Israel and on the new Mi Shebayrach listing on screen instead of reciting the names. The committee is always thinking of ways to encourage attendance at services. If anyone needs a ride to attend services, Temple can help defray the cost of a cab.

Elaine Larkin, Parent Association Co-President, reported the PA donated \$500.00 to Temple. She reported on Chanukarama and the Zoom cooking event for Chanukah, making a sweet noodle kugel recipe. Elaine Larkin reported for Religious School Board Committee. She reported on Shared Shabbat Services and Chanukarama.

Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair, reported Jody and Dan Harkavy have applied to rejoin as members. Chanukah gift boxes were sent to two of our college students: Danielle Gandelman and Leora Kaufman for which they sent thanks. Shabbat Across America planning is going on (March 1st). Akiva the Believer will be joining us for SAA Services. Ben's will be doing the catering.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported Sisterhood donated \$2500.00 to Temple. Virtual Bingo will be held on January 11, and the next Women's Discussion Group will be Wednesday, January 10. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her continued support of these groups. The next Sisterhood Book Club will be held on Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 am via Zoom. We are reading *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover. We are hoping to see the movie as well.

Andrew Larkin, Men's Club President, Bowling will resume Thursday, January 4, 2024. Super Bowl Boxes are on sale. He is working on a trip to Ellis Island for Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported getwell cards and calls were made to ill or homebound members. The topic for the Adult Discussion Group meeting on December 13 will be *"Our Hopes for the New Year."*

President Bobrow reported the next Food Pantry is Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Gail Tishcoff, Blood Drive Chair, reported we collected 28 units of blood at the November Drive. She thanked the Temple volunteers who helped make calls and man the drive throughout the day.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported the Chicken Soup Cook-Off has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024. The vendors were willing to donate for raffles at Bazaar and were very generous.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported that on Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 am, Adult Education will have "Breakfast and a Movie" featuring *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.*" This event will be in-person only with a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person to offset the cost of breakfast. The Religious School has also been invited to attend. He continues to work on scheduling a lecture on men's health in late winter/early spring.

President Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported on this year's very successful Bazaar. All agreed the members of the Baskets Committee outdid themselves. Good & Welfare was shared, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary



SISTERHOOD EVENT



There were over 20 of us on Thursday, December 14, 2023 who got together. We did watercolor painting with Lori Lustig and quilling New Year's Cards with Geri Weiss. Of course, we enjoyed lots of latkes, other yummy goodies, and the pleasure of getting together for lots of chit chat! Looking forward to the next time!!



ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND **TBS Sisterhood's Virtual BINGO!**

All proceeds will be donated to Temple



Join Us: Thursday Evening, Jan. 11, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Bingo Card Cost - \$2 / 1 card; \$5 / 3 cards



Prizes Awarded To Winners



Please RSVP by Monday morning, 01/08/24 with checks made payable to Temple Beth Sholom

Send payments with the tear-off below to the TBS Office, "Attention Bingo" on the envelope.



Cards will be either emailed to you or sent to you via the USPS. Ouestions? Contact Natalie at 718 463 4143 OR Email: natalie@templebethsholom.org

If You Don't Have A Computer You Can Play By Phone

Name _____

RSVP before Jan. 8, 2024

Number of Bingo Cards Wanted

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Telephone number _____

Parents Association

Greetings, everyone! We hope that you enjoyed Chanukah this year.

We are pleased to share that Parents Association has made a donation of \$500.00 to Temple.

PA purchased Chanukah bags for the Religious School students for the Chanukarama event. Thank you to Elaine Larkin for picking up the goodies and for Elaine, Erica Bernstein and Andrea Odintz for packing the bags.

Parents Association gave the following people Chanukah gifts to thank them for their service to our children: Rabbi Ballan, Geri Weiss, Morah Beth Hecht, Justin White, and Aviva Kaufman.

On Sunday, December 10 PA held a cooking event on Zoom. We made noodle kugel. Thank you to Dara Bernstein for facilitating. Thank you to the Larkin family, Geri Weiss and Ruth Davidson for participating. The food was yummy. Our last meeting of the calendar year was held on Sunday, December 17. There will not be a meeting in January 2024. Have a happy and healthy 2024.

Erica Bernstein Elaine Larkin Parents' Association Co-Presidents

Religious School News

Greetings, Temple Friends and Family! We hope that you're all doing well.

Thank you to everyone who came in person and on Zoom to the Shared Shabbat on December 1. The past and present students did a fabulous job as usual. The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, January 5 at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there or on Zoom.

Mazel Tov to Matthew Cohen (and his family) for doing a fantastic job at your Bar Mitzvah Service on December 9! You did an AMAZING job reading your Torah portion, the Torah portion for Chanukah and your Haftorah portion.

On Sunday, December 10, Religious School held uts annual Chanukarama. The students enjoyed making latkes, decorating dreidel cookies, making their own dreidels and singing Chanukah songs with Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow. Religious School Board gave Chanukah gifts to the following people to show their gratitude for their hard work and dedication: Geri Weiss, Morah Beth Hecht, Justin White, Aviva Kauffman and Karri Kauffman.

The next Religious School event will be the Tu Bishvat Seder which will be held on Sunday, January 21 during Religious School hours.

The next Religious School Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:00 pm via Zoom only. May 2024 be a great year for you and your family.

Erica Bernstein Religious School Board Representative



Sisterhood Corner

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a happy holiday season and were able to spend some time with your families. May this year bring only health, happiness and peace to you and your families.

Sisterhood has donated \$2500.00 to Temple. Thank you to everyone who helps to support Sisterhood, especially during the Rummage Sales.

Our Virtual Bingo has been a great success! The next Bingo will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 pm. Come join the fun and invite your friends.

We will be having another Book Club on Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 am via Zoom. We will be reading *It Ends With Us*, by Colleen Hoover. If you are able to you can read, *It Starts with Us* by the same author. There will be a movie coming out in February that we are trying to arrange. Invite your friends to read the book and join us at our event.

The Women's Discussion Group will be held on Wednesday, January 10 and the Adult Discussion Group will be held on February 14 at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her continued dedication to these Sisterhood events.

Please continue to read your Voice for more details. As a gentle reminder, if you have not already paid your Sisterhood dues, Geri Weiss is still accepting the dues for the 2023-2024 year. Thank you to Lori Lustig and Robin Myers for their continued dedication to Sistergrams. It is great that this tradition continues at Temple Beth Sholom.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the people who helped to make Bazaar 2023 a success. Whether from home or at Temple, we proved once again that we can come together as a Temple Family to help to keep our Temple vibrant for each and every one of us.

Look for the upcoming Temple events each week in the Monday email. Also, please check The Voice for further details.

I hope to see you all soon,

Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President



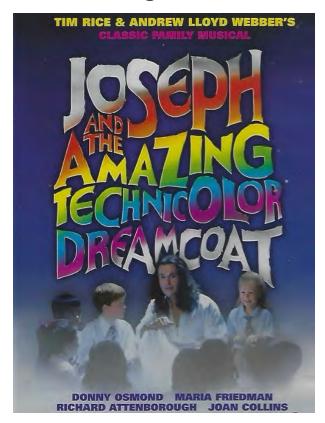
Why not sponsor a Shabbat Oneg or a Shabbat Service? It's a great way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one!

Call the office for details!

Temple Beth Sholom's Adult Education and the Richheimer/Levin Adult Education Program welcomes our first Adult Education program of the Jewish New Year

Breakfast and a Movie

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"



A musical retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph starring Donny Osmond, Maria Friedman, Richard Attenborough, and Joan Collins.

Date: Sunday, January 14th

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM *Breakfast will begin at 10:00 AM. The movie will begin at 10:15 AM.

Where: Ballroom

Breakfast will be served*

*\$3.00 Donation is suggested

Adult Education

As I am writing this letter in December, I am hoping everyone had a joyous and eventful entry into the New Year.

On the very same day that I reached quinquagenarian status, I had the immense honor of serving as the Pulpit Officer for Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah. Standing alongside Matthew, Rabbi Ballan, and Cantor Korobow on the bima for this momentous occasion was a privilege I will never forget. Matthew's superb and flawless reading was a testament not only to his talent but also to the support he received from the Temple Teachers, Temple Members, and especially his family, who were there to celebrate his success.

Matthew became the fifth Temple Beth Sholom student to celebrate a B'nei Mitzvah this past year. We eagerly await the upcoming year, knowing that other students will embark on their own meaningful journeys toward their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, including my son Seth, demonstrating the ongoing commitment to this sacred tradition.

With several personal events in 2024 including Seth's Bar Mitzvah and Dara's High School graduation, I'm making health a top priority for 2024. I have been scheduling time for myself throughout my workday to find ways to stay healthy including cardio and metabolic training.

Mark your calendars for a special Adult Education event on Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 AM. We'll be hosting a breakfast followed by a screening of the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.* This event is particularly meaningful as Matthew's Bar Mitzvah portion focused on Joseph's story, and this musical offers an engaging representation.

Thank you to everyone who has provided suggestions for Adult Ed. With scheduling and time constraints, I'm keeping your ideas in mind for the coming year.

May everyone have a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Eric Bernstein Chairman, Adult Education

Pulpit & Ritual

Our current Mi Shebayrach list has close to 70 names. Of course, we all pray for healing of our loved ones, but the list has too many to read aloud at services. The congregation has voted to have the list scrolled on the monitors in the sanctuary (for those in person at services). That list will be visible to those who Zoom into services as well, allowing ample time for silent, personal prayer.

Please remember that we will be starting a new Mi Shebayrach list for the New Year. You can email Rabbi Ballan (<u>rabbi@templenbethsholom.org</u>) or Natalie (<u>Natalie@templebethsholom.org</u>) any time **after December 30** to have names of your loved ones added to the new list that will be used for the first time on Friday, January 5, 2024.

Geri Weiss Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair

Men's Club

Eric's Bowling Blog- There wasn't any bowling this past month due to health and conflict issues. We will soon be starting our 9th season. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Eric Bernstein at ericdbernstein@gmail.com. Bowling will resume Thursday, January 4 at 8:00 pm at Jib Lanes.

Super Bowl Boxes are on sale!! Our annual Super Bowl 50/50 Pool has started! The big game is Sunday, February 11, 2024. Simply pick any of the 100 empty boxes (you can buy more than one) and buy it for \$5 per box. After they are all filled, numbers for each row and column will be drawn randomly. The boxes then correspond to the scores at the end of each quarter (including the final score) to win cash prizes. Half of the money collected is donated directly to TBS. 1st Quarter prize is \$37.50, the 2nd Quarter prize is \$75.00, 3rd Quarter prize is \$37.50, and the 4th Quarter prize is \$100.00. For more information please contact Eric Bernstein at ericdbernstein@gmail.com.

Lag B'Omer Softball will be back! We have secured the permit for the softball field which is available for us from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

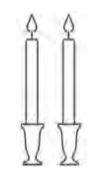
The trip to the National Jewish Sports Museum originally scheduled for Sunday, February 11 has been canceled. Per the SYJCC, who houses the exhibit, they are trying to revive the museum by looking for the right person to head up the program that has been closed since COVID. Plans for a visit to Ellis Island on Sunday June 23 are still in the works.

Our apologies for no Egg Cream Booth in over 30 years! My wife, Elaine, had COVID and as I share her living space, and tested negative, I didn't want to potentially expose anybody to anything! We will be back and better than ever next year. I want to thank everyone who worked at the Bazaar this year. We appreciate the hard work of this congregation.

Happy New Year!! I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season. Have a wonderful new year.

Andrew Larkin Men's Club President





Volunteer to light the candles or do the Kiddush at Shabbat Services. Contact Geri Weiss <u>geriweiss1@gmail.com</u>

TBS Religious School



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Tu B'Shevat SEDER Sunday, January 21, 2024

A Family Education Program

All Congregants, Members of the Student's Family, and Jewish Start families are cordially invited to attend

> From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm In the Temple Ballroom



"When you shall come to the land you shall plant trees."

The Tu B'Shevat Seder, is a celebration of the Earth and the Environment, consists of a special blend of song, blessings, readings and very special foods!



JNF Tree Planting forms will be available

Scoop's Schmooze

"A freshly pasted poster reveals a smile from the past." That is the 14th lyrical line from a 1995 song by New Zealand's group OMC that went on to win 1996's Single of The Year at the New Zealand Music Awards and in 2002 was named by VH1 as the 71st greatest one-hit wonder of all time---*How Bizarre*.

Or in the case of our own Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing---How Bazaar.

For 2023's first weekend in December had much of TBS's Bazaar back to how it had been in the past. And, yes, there were the immeasurable numbers of smiles from the past--from the leaders of this spectacular event---Joy Bobrow, Barbara Gandelman and Geri Weiss, to the amazing raffle basket creators in Elana White and Beth Dulberg; and from Chef Adam Gandelman and those on his kitchen staff to Jose, Santos and Natalie who, like all things Temple Beth Sholom, are the lifeline of our wonderful Home of Worship. Not to mention the plethora of delighted looks belonging to guests and vendors, donors and the TBS Family who partook in these special days.

Yet, there was also an endless supply of ear-to-ear grins from the present and future of Temple Beth Sholom. For the happiness and dedication, joy and eagerness of the White brothers----Aaron, Justin and Seth, the Bernstein siblings---Dara and Seth, along with Aviva Kaufman and Joseph Dulberg, as one complete team, helped make sure that the Food Court ran smoothly and responsibly, with courtesy and enthusiasm, efficiency and satisfaction. And, whether it was helping ready the area, taking orders, preparing said orders, handling finances, delivering food to the guests, or cleaning up at the end of the night, it was all done flawlessly and professionally, with the cheery, fun-loving attitude that is what our Bazaar is all about.

Fast forward to the next weekend; to Saturday, December 9 to be exact. For there, on the bima, during a morning filled with emotion, Matthew Cohen, was stellar from beginning to end, as a sanctuary filled with family and friends, and empty seats few and far between, celebrated his bar mitzvah. And, as Matthew ended the year of B'nei Mitzvah that included the likes of Damon Ehrlich, Emily Larkin and Scott and Juliana Lerea; and I reflected upon them and the outstanding jobs they did, and the young stars of Bazaar, I thought to myself, maybe OMC wants to rewrite their 14th line for Temple Beth Sholom as:

"A freshly pasted poster reveals endless smiles from the future."

Having been able to see up close what the future of Temple Beth Sholom looks like, OMC would have to change its title as well, as, while they are unique and individualistic, our youth are far from bizarre. So, while one of the antonyms of bizarre is traditional. And, as the present and future of Temple Beth Sholom is becoming immersed in, and loving our beautiful Temple traditions, I ask you, is there any other title for OMC's new hit song...

Tradition!

Barry Packer Second Vice-President, Ways & Means Chairman

THANKS TO OUR BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS! WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



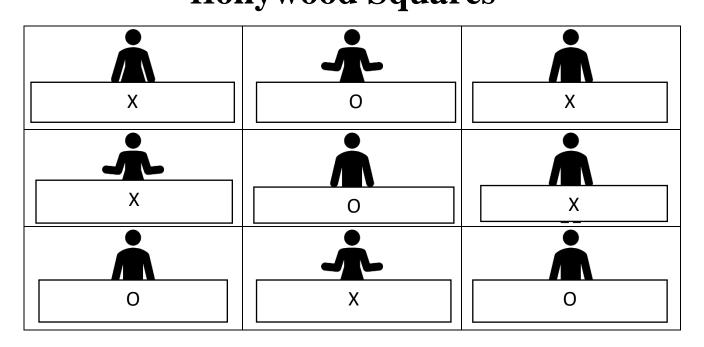
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Sincerely, Joy and Barbara Bazaar 2022 Co-Chairs



Temple Beth Sholom Presents Game Night Featuring Hollywood Squares



When: Saturday, January 27th Where: Ballroom Time: 6:00 PM—10:00 PM Cost: \$10 Per Person / Children Under 5 are Free \$50 maximum (Snacks and Beverages will be served) All ages can play

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✿ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS January, 2024 ��

Week of January 5th

Madeline Daitch Sy Dipkin* **Edwin Hoffman** Sidney Gilbert Frank S. Greene* **David Krackow** Sol Lipow **Pearl Lubliner** Julia Lustig Moe Lustig Gerald (Jerry) Maurer **Rebecca Pasach Ralph Scharf** Louise Steele

Louis Volney Beausejour Father of Dr. Richard Severin Sister of Sharon Haimer **Observed by Temple** Uncle of Fran Goldman Uncle of Larry Gold **Observed by Temple** Brother of Brenda Bernhard **Grandfather of Alan Berck Grandmother of Erica Bernstein** Mother of Eric Lustig Father of Eric Lustig **Observed by Temple** Sister of Margaret Pasach Brother-in-Law of Miriam Scharf Mother of Ned Steele

Week of January 12th

Rosita Alexander Sandra Arliss

Gertrude Bernstein Sol Ginsberg **Ruth Kupferberg Esther Meritz Pauline Yohay** Dr. Frank Zimmerman

Grandmother of Larry Gold Sister of Brenda Gold Aunt of Arlene Galub and Jeffrey Galub **Grandmother of Eric Bernstein** Grandfather of Nancy Goldwasser Cousin of Anne K. Pepper Grandmother of Sharon Yontef Aunt of Diane Shtulman Husband of Betty Zimmermann

Week of January 19th

Miles Alan Ackerman **Beatrice Epstein*** Silvia Horenstein Celia Horowitz Fred Kahn **Bessie Koorse Ruth Koppelman** Harriet Kupferberg Helen Leff Hyman Marshall Abraham Needleman Ida Stone Judith Vogel

Uncle of Jason Ehrlich Observed by Temple Mother-in-Law of Ned Steele Sister-in-Law of Miriam Scharf **Observed by Temple** Grandmother of Nancy Goldwasser Aunt of Fredi Weinstein Mother of Anne K. Pepper Mother of Anne Horowitz Grandfather of Michael Rosenberg Father of Lori Lustig Grandmother of Pamela Weston Abrams Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser

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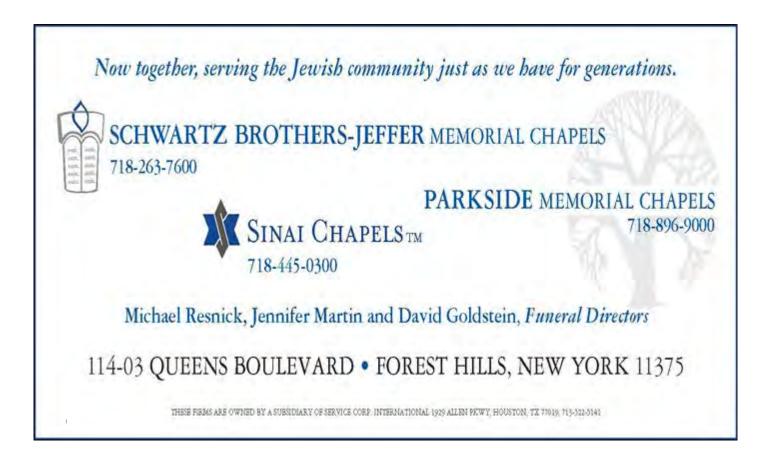
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Milton Einbinder*

Jacob Latovitzki Donald Mendelson Hugh O'Donnell, Jr. Michael Rambo Jerry Schnitzer

Sister of Brenda Gold Aunt of Jeffrey Galub and Arlene Galub Husband of Glory Einbinder Father of Carol Hofer Mother of Vicki Belsky Father of Eva Heisler Grandfather of Nancy Lothammer Grandfather of Eric Bernstein Grandfather of Valerie Gellerman Father of Rachel Heisler Father of Robert Schnitzer

*Past President



TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: BOOK CLUB – Sunday February 25, 2024

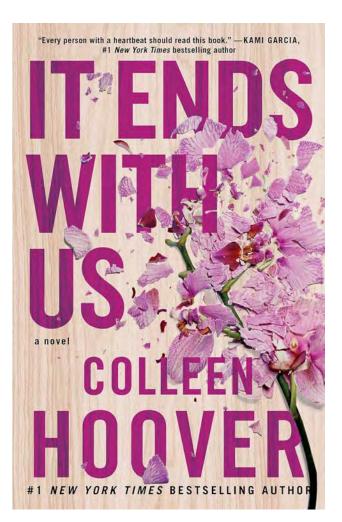
BOOK CLUB DATE: SUNDAY, <u>FEBRUARY 25, 2024</u> <u>TIME: 10:30 AM</u> <u>COPIES OF THE BOOK ARE</u> <u>AVAILABLE FROM AMAZON IN</u> <u>PAPERBACK AND KINDLE</u> <u>VERSIONS.</u> <u>ZOOM INFORMATION TO</u> <u>FOLLOW.</u>

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Starts with* Us and All Your Perfects, a "brave and heartbreaking novel that digs its claws into you and doesn't let go, long after you've finished it" (Anna Todd, New York Times bestselling author) about a workaholic with a too-good-to-be-true romance can't stop thinking about her first love—soon to be a major motion picture starring Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni.

Lily hasn't always had it easy, but that's never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. She's come a long way from the small town where she grew up—she graduated from college, moved to Boston, and started her own business. And when she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid, everything in Lily's life seems too good to be true.

Ryle is assertive, stubborn, maybe even a little arrogant. He's also sensitive, brilliant, and has a total soft spot for Lily. And the way he looks in scrubs certainly doesn't hurt. Lily can't get him out of her head. But Ryle's complete aversion to relationships is disturbing. Even as Lily finds herself becoming the exception to his "no dating" rule, she can't help but wonder what made him that way in the first place.

As questions about her new relationship overwhelm her, so do thoughts of Atlas Corrigan—her first love and a link to the past she left behind. He was her kindred spirit, her protector. When Atlas suddenly reappears, everything Lily has built with Ryle is threatened.



Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions!

If you have a chance you can also read It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover. There will be a movie coming out in February. Sisterhood is trying to plan to see it. Look for details as they become available!



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Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate that which unites all Jews-Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families, all ages. Let's celebrate together!

Friday, March 1, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Join us for Special musical guest Akiva "The Believer" Wharton Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow. Traditional kosher meal is \$37 per adult. \$15 per child (children's menu) Reservations MUST be made by February 15, 2024

Yes! We'd love to join t	he celebration! Num	nber of people in r	my/our party
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy New Year!	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BUILDING CLOSED	2 Healing/Meditation Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	3 Hebrew School 4:30 pm School Board Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm	4 Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm	5 Shared/Shabbat Service in- person/Zoom 7:30 pm	6 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
7 Religious School 10:00 am Men's Club Meeting in-person/Zoom 11:15 am	8 Membership Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm	9 NO Healing/Meditation Service	10 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Women's Discussion Group via Zoom 7:30 pm	11 Virtual Bingo via Zoom 7:30 pm	12 Shabbat Evening Service in-person/Zoom 7:30 pm	13 NO TORAH STUDY
14 Religious School 10:00 am Adult Ed Breakfast & Movie <i>"Joseph and</i> <i>the Amazing</i> <i>Technicolor</i> <i>Dreamcoat"</i> in-person only 10:00 am	15 MLK Day	16 NO Healing/Meditation Service	17 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	18	19 Evening Shabbat Service in-person/Zoom 7:30 pm	20 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
21 Religious School 10:00 am Tu Bishvat Seder Jewish Start 10:30 am	22 Chai Mitzvah Class via Zoom only 7:30 pm	23 Healing/Meditation Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	24 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Congregation Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm	25 Tu Bishvat	26 Installation Shabbat Service in-person/Zoom 7:30 pm	27 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am PA Game Night via Zoom 6:00 pm
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The January Simchat Shabbat will be on Friday, January 5th when we will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of January!



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