

# The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING

## APRIL

**SISTERHOOD LIGHT DINNER &  
CHOCOLATE SEDER**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 3

**SHARED SHABBAT (6:00 PM) AND  
SHABBAT DINNER**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 4

**PASSOVER  
ZOOM COOKING EVENT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/ACADEMY  
MODEL SEDER**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6

**PASSOVER – FIRST SEDER**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12

**BOWLING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 14

**WALK OFF THE MATZOH**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/ACADEMY  
ANNE FRANK THE EXHIBITION**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 27

## MAY

**TEMPLE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY  
GALA WEEKEND**  
FRIDAY, MAY 2 – SERVICE AND ONEG  
SATURDAY, MAY 3 – GALA DINNER DANCE

**BLOOD DRIVE/ MITZVAH DAY**  
SUNDAY, MAY 4

**BOWLING**  
MONDAY, MAY 5

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/  
LAG B'OMER PICNIC**  
SUNDAY, MAY 18

**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB**  
THURSDAY, MAY 22

**RUMMAGE SET-UP & SALE**  
SUNDAY, MAY 25  
MONDAY, MAY 26

**CONGREGATION MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28



## From the Rabbi's desk

Spring is in the air! The snow has melted, we moved our clocks ahead, and flowers are peeking their heads up through the ground. Once again there is rebirth. That means that Passover cannot be far behind. Passover is known by many names—*Pesach*/Passover; *Zeman Heiruteinu*/the season of our liberation; *Hag HaMazot*/the festival of Matzah; and finally, *Hag ha-Aviv*/the holiday of spring. We know that Passover celebrates our liberation from bondage while we were in Egypt, and that is why Passover is also known as “*zeman heirutinu*.” We are forbidden to eat anything leaven and are commanded to eat *matzah*—hence the name “*Hag Ha-matzot*.” The Jewish calendar is also set so that Passover must take place in the spring, and that is why we call Passover *Hag Ha-Aviv*. But is the connection between our celebrating freedom and spring intentional or coincidental?

I say it is intentional. The Israelites, who were enslaved by Pharaoh, and seemed destined for degradation and perhaps annihilation, break forth out of Egypt into a new life towards the land of milk and honey, just like new growth bursts forth from the hard, cold ground into the warmth of spring.

Rabbi Michael Strassfeld writes in *The Jewish Holidays*, “The watchwords of both spring and Pesach are *rebirth* and *hope*. Thus, the spirit of renewed optimism aroused by the sights and smells of spring are reinforced in a Jewish context by Passover with its trumpeting of the possibilities of liberation. Passover reminds us annually that no matter how terrible our situation, we must not lose hope.”

I also see rebirth and much optimism here at Temple Beth Shalom. We had a wonderful, joy-filled Shabbat Across America celebration with both young and old. On Purim, our sanctuary was filled with merry-making, mirth and laughter as we read the *Megillah* and booed Haman during the wonderful Purim Shpiel written and performed by our Religious School students.

I am looking forward to starting a beginning Hebrew class after Passover. Check your e-mail for details.

Walt and I wish you a joyous and *zissen* Pesach!

*Shalom u'vracha,*  
Rabbi Sharon Ballan



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**Mark Your Calendar!**

**All services are hybrid: in-person and Zoomed  
unless otherwise indicated below.**

## Worship Schedule

*Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:* Shared Shabbat Service & Dinner **6:00 pm**  
Torah Portion: Vayikra  
Candles: Jr. Congregation  
Kiddush: Jr. Congregation

*Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Hagadol  
Candles: Robin Myers  
Kiddush: Ron Myers

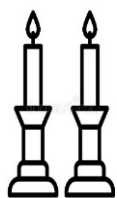
*Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Pesach  
Candles: Fran Goldman  
Kiddush: Sam Rosenberg

*Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Birkat Hachodesh  
Candles: Gail Tishcoff  
Kiddush: Jim Kettig

*Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**



*Volunteer to light the  
candles or do the Kiddush  
at Shabbat Services.  
Contact Geri Weiss at  
geriweiss1@gmail.com*

☆ **Zichronot Livrachá** ☆

**Ruth Dorfman**  
Mother of Eliot Dorfman

**Har Lew Lee**  
Mother of Salena Lee  
Mother-in-Law of Jason Ehrlich  
Grandmother of Damon Ehrlich

## From The President

To My Temple Family,

Another wonderful March at TBS with plenty of excitement and activities. Shabbat Across America was so lovely where we celebrated in-person and with a catered sit-down dinner; it was great to see “old” and “new” faces! Thank you to Lori Lustig and her caring team for organizing the event; Lori’s first crack at it and it was excellent. Thank you to Rabbi and Cantor for arranging to have David Close as a guest accompanist at our Shabbat Across America. And, we had wonderful in-person Purim celebrations which were fun for all! I hope you all got to see the Purim Spiel, written and directed by our own Walter Lothammer and Matthew Cohen – the production was absolutely adorable as our Religious School Students acted and retold the story of Purim – they did a simply marvelous job. As usual, the Shalach Manot bags were awesome – thank you Geri and Lori and thank you to all who purchased them! Thank you to Geri Weiss for organizing the pizza party, and Natalie for taking the reservations for the pizza party (and Shabbat Across America).

I really wish that every Temple Member would sit in on just one planning meeting for any event so it would be better understood how much work and effort goes into every event! If you have ideas for new events, please let us know.

Our in-person Shabbat Services continue to provide warmth and family – what a wonderful feeling that is. Tell your family and friends all about us and have them join in!

Spring will be upon us before you receive your issue of the April Voice. It is one of my favorites. To me it is a season full of hope, sunshine, the blessings of rain and the start of baseball (LGM Mets, okay and Yankees, too!).

My family and I wish a sweet and Happy Passover to my entire Temple Family. May this be a time of joy and appreciation as you share this special holiday with your loved ones!

Our Temple remains vibrant, and we are fortunate to be able to continue to use Zoom as appropriate. We are having lots of visitors to our events, new members joining, and our kids doing well in Religious/Hebrew School. So thankful for these blessings.

And of course, don’t forget to be kind to one another and support each other as much as possible. We just need to continue to all work together as we are in this together.

Thank you to my wonderful family for its continued support and to all of you for your continued support.

Your President,  
Joy A. Bobrow

the  
**President’s  
Message**

## TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of March 20, 2025

**PULPIT FLOWER FUND**.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

*Eva Heisler in celebration of the birthdays of her daughter Erica and grandson Alfie*

*The Weiss and Chenkin Family in loving memory of Burton and Ruth Chenkin*

**GENERAL FUND**.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

*Pamela Weston & Robert Abrams in memory of Robert's Father, Albert Abrams*

*Lori & Eric Lustig in memory of Ruth Dorfman*

*Fay Schildkraut & Don Nelinson in memory of Ruth Dorfman*

*Lee & Mike Temares in memory of Ruth Dorfman*

*Geri Weiss & David Chenkin in memory of Har Lew Lee, mother of Salena Lee*

*Deirdre Weliky in memory of Ruth Dorfman*

*Deirdre Weliky with heartfelt condolences to Salena, Jason and Damon on the loss of Salena's mother, Har Lew Lee*

**TORAH FUND**.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

*Geri Weiss & David Chenkin in memory of Ruth Dorfman*

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** .....Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143

*Renee Katz & Barry Packer in memory of Har Lew Lee, mother of Salena Lee*

*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

*Eric & Erica Bernstein in memory of Ruth Dorfman*

**BUILDING FUND**.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

*Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us*



### Celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries

**\*\*Andrew Larkin\*\***

**\*\*Stanley Schechter\*\***



## Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, April 4, 2025

### *April Birthdays*



**Alan Berck**  
**Mona Fabricant**  
**Dr. Andrew Fradkin**  
**Valerie Gellerman**  
**Anne Horowitz**  
**Aviva Kaufman**  
**Andrew Larkin**  
**Ron Myers**

**Roger Opstbaum**  
**Dr. Mark Pepper**  
**Steven J. Rosenberg**  
**Robbie Schechter**  
**Stanley Schechter**  
**Shawn Susman**  
**Elana White**



### *April Anniversaries*

**Stacy Kroun & Adam Fertig**  
**Kathleen & Mark Flug**



# Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: May/June 2025

If you wish to send a greeting to anyone on this list, please check the name(s) and return this list with your check (\$.50 per name - made out to SISTERHOOD, Temple Beth Sholom by **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**). You can pay for the remaining months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.



## *May Birthdays*

Brett Reichler	5/02__
Mitchell Horowitz	5/06__
Laura Goldsmith	5/09__
Melanie Katz	5/09__
Gloria Shapiro	5/14__
Steven Fishman	5/17__
Jacob Lothammer	5/22__
Ned Steele	5/26__
Myra Pitt	5/28__
Adam Fertig	5/30__

Karen Feit	6/16__
Jason Ehrlich	6/17__
Marla Tolson	6/18__
James Kettig	6/20__
Eric Rosenberg	6/21__
Andrea Odintz	6/23__
Renee Katz-Packer	6/24__
Charlene Bina Metz	6/24__
Ben Pitt	6/26__
David Chenkin	6/27__

## *May Anniversaries*

Caryl Stern-LaRosa &	5/02__
Donald LaRosa	5/07__
Stephanie & Eric Rosenberg	5/14__
Raymond & Elana White	5/17__
Jay & Sharon Haimer	5/18__
Vicki & Stuart Belsky	5/24__
Edward & Karen Carroscio	5/24__
Al Eckman & Ilyne Rabinowitz	5/24__
Barry Packer & Renee-Katz Packer	5/25__
Neal & Lori Kwait	5/26__

## *June Birthdays*

Louis Fevola	6/01__
Richard Hellman	6/02__
David Lonborg	6/02__
Lynn Goldenstein	6/05__
Geri Weiss	6/06__
Saul Daiell	6/08__
Zo-An Korobow	6/09__
Rabbi Sharon Ballan	6/15__
Salena Lee	6/15__



## *June Anniversaries*

Amy Edelstein & Michael Gross	6/02__
Matthew & Beth Dulberg	6/08__
Jeffrey & Georgia Galub	6/13__
Steven & Bonnie Rosenberg	6/14__
Rabbi & Mrs. Bruce Goldwasser	6/20__
Ronald & Robin Myers	6/25__

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_





## Cantor's Corner



Hi all. I'm sitting down to write this article only a few days after a spectacular Friday evening at Temple Beth Sholom. I'm referring to Shabbat Across America, which we celebrated on Friday, March 7.

The evening kicked off with an early service beginning at 6:30 pm. I'm thrilled to say that the service was extremely well-attended both in person and via Zoom. We had a lot of folks in the seats, and they proceeded to participate very enthusiastically throughout.

A number of congregants, some young, some not so young, helped to lead the service. We also had the wonderful good fortune of having my dear friend and colleague Maestro David Close along for the ride on keyboard.

I know that I keep asking people to come back to services in person, and that I may sound like a broken record. But, that service on Friday, March 7 was something special, and a reminder of how great it can be for all of us to worship together in community.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Lori Lustig's (and all her helpers') efforts in putting together the wonderful dinner that followed services.

All in all, it really was a great evening. I can't tell you how special it feels to look from the *bima* out into the sanctuary and see so many seats filled. Or how terrific it is when people all read together on the responsive readings. Or, when we all sing together-that's the best of all!

If you didn't make it that evening, I'm sorry that you missed out on something really special. But there's much more to come. Please come and join us-we'd love to see you up close and personal. All the best my friends-all the best!

With affection,  
Cantor Jerry Korobow



## Pizza Before Purim Service

What a wonderful event we had! It was so nice that there were so many in attendance. We had at least 55 people who came early for pizza, and at least 65 for the Shabbat/Purim service.

We were excited that we had so many attendees. It was probably one of the most well-attended Purim Spiels in a long time. Everyone was treated to a delightful Spiel written, directed and produced by our very own Walter Lothammer and Matthew Cohen. Let us not forget the brilliant performances of all our Religious School Students! We all look forward to their Purim Production next year!

## Purim 2025



***COME ONE! COME ALL!***

**TBS Sisterhood invites ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS to  
celebrate Passover 2025 with a light dinner followed by a  
CHOCOLATE SEDER!!**

***Every year at Passover***, we hold a seder (a meal with an “order”), retelling the story of the hardships the Jewish people faced in their escape from slavery to freedom.

Our Chocolate Seder is a special way to get ready for Passover and reminds us that freedom is sweet. The seder has 15 steps, and we are going to practice each one, substituting sweets for the traditional Passover foods!

**And we plan on having lots of silly fun doing it!**



***Join us on Thursday, April 3***  
In the ballroom for our first ever  
**Chocolate Seder!**

**Come at 6:30 pm for a light pizza  
dinner and appetizers  
\$5.00 per person**

**At 7:00 pm we begin our *Chocolate Seder* (dessert!)**

**Please return this slip or contact the Temple office or Karri Kaufman  
(prektrainer@aol.com) to RSVP!**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email or Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed - \$5 per person** \_\_\_\_\_



## March Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, March 10, 2025. President Joy Bobrow began the meeting by thanking Lori Lustig and the Membership Committee team for the wonderful and well-attended Shabbat Across America this year. She reminded Arm and Committee Presidents to email Beth Dulberg a brief synopsis of the Arm/Committee for a pamphlet to be placed on each table at the Gala dinner. She reminded each Arm of Temple to also periodically provide financial reports to its members.

February Meeting Minutes were accepted as received. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary reported our current member units are 108. The Board approved the verbal Financial Report given by Treasurer Charlene Metz. Rabbi Ballan reported Shabbat Across America was once again wonderful and she thanked all who made it possible. She asked all to join our Shabbat and Purim Service on March 14. She is planning to begin Adult Hebrew Class after Passover, following the Healing Service on Tuesday evenings. Cantor Korobow reported Religious School, and services have been going very nicely, thanked everyone involved in Shabbat Across America, and hoped to see everyone at the Purim Service to enjoy the original spiel written by Walter Lothammer and Matthew Cohen.

Lori Lustig, Membership Committee Chair, reported it was great to see so many people come to Shabbat Across America, and she expressed her appreciation for all who supported the event. The Membership Committee is working with the Pulpit Committee to have an early service with dinner a few times in the next few months. Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, reported services are going well thanks to the hard work of the Membership Committee and cited the recent "amazing service for Shabbat Across America." The upcoming Purim/Shabbat Service will include a pizza dinner and appetizers beforehand. An early service on Friday, April 4 will start with cheese, appetizers and wine at 5:30 pm, Shared Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm, and chicken dinner with potluck sides after the service.

Parents Association Co-President Elaine Larkin reported on recent and upcoming Shared Shabbat Services and Religious School events that they will be supporting. Students will be involved in the Purim Spiel written by Matthew Cohen and Walter Lothammer. The Parents Association will host a Passover Zoom Cooking Event on Saturday, April 5.

Elaine Larkin then reported for the Religious School Board. The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, April 4 at 6:00 pm (early start time). She reported on the upcoming Purim Event Celebration on Sunday, March 16 and the Passover Model Seder on Sunday, April 6. The Religious School will be going to the Anne Frank Exhibit on Sunday, April 27.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported Book Club was held on Thursday, February 13 with a great turnout and great discussion. The next Book Club

will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 pm, via Zoom, reading *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern* by Lynda Cohen Loigman and hopes the author will join the discussion. Volunteers are needed for the Memorial Day Rummage Sale. The Bagels and Bingo event on March 9 had a great turnout. The next Bingo will be on Sunday, June 8 at 10:00 am. She thanked Geri Weiss, Lori Lustig, and Karri Kaufman for their hard work and dedication to making the Shalach Manot baskets a huge success. Sisterhood will host a Pre-Passover Chocolate Seder on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 for a light dinner and lots of fun.

President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported on new fees for the parking spots for landscapers and the Queens Long Island Counseling Services/Flushing Jewish Community Council. She met earlier this month with Barry Grodenchik, President of Temple Gates of Prayer and first V.P. Gail Budiansky about their next contract. They will be discussing it with their Board. They also discussed possible combined events with our two congregations. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported the HVAC contractor should receive equipment and start demolition in the next couple of weeks. The work should be substantially complete by end of May. President Bobrow added that the bids for the Security Grant were received but exceeded the amount of the Grant so the scope of the work will be limited. That security grant work needs to be completed by September.

Eric Bernstein, Men's Club, reported the next bowling date is Monday, April 14. Walk Off the Matzah will be Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 am at Little Bay Park (under the Throgs Neck Bridge). Yom HaShoah candles are available in the office for a suggested \$3 donation. Log B'Omer Picnic and Softball Game is set for Sunday, May 18. Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair reported condolence cards were sent out and touch-base calls were made. The Women's Discussion Group meets on Wednesday, March 12. The topic will be Hope.

President Bobrow reported the next Food Pantry is on March 18, 2025. The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, May 4 (AKA "Mitzvah Day") from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Past President David Chenkin reported on the Security Team; he, Michael Gross, and Joe deLeon finished the eight-week Level 2 CSS training and are now ready to develop security protocols and procedures to keep TBS safe and secure. On Sunday, March 16, he will host an active shooter training at Temple for members of the Security Team, at no cost to TBS. He reported on the comprehensiveness of the CSS training and the multidimensional aspect of good security.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported on progress for the Gala. He has directly contacted the offices of Senators Schumer, Gillibrand, Meng, Liu and Borough President Richards about issuing proclamations at the Shared Shabbat Services of Gala Weekend; initially it looks promising for all of them, and some may attend the service in person. There was no report this month for Adult Education or for Bazaar. Good and Welfare was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary

Board Meeting



## **TBS Parents' Association 2025 Zoom Passover Cooking Event**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 6:00 PM**

**RSVP to [Parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org](mailto:Parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org)**

**to get the Zoom information by Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

### **Ingredients**

- 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  Matzo squares
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 12 oz semisweet chocolate chips
- Sea salt to taste

### **Instructions**

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees and line a rimmed, 10x15-inch baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the matzoh on the sheet in a single layer.
2. In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, melt butter and brown sugar together and bring to a boil. Stir occasionally until combined and sugar is melted. Continue boiling, undisturbed for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and pour caramel mixture over the matzo layer. Spread out with a spatula to evenly cover the matzo.
3. Transfer the sheet to the oven and bake for 5-6 minutes, or until just bubbly.
4. Remove the sheet from oven and sprinkle immediately with chocolate chips. Return to the oven for 2 minutes until the chocolate begins to melt and becomes shiny. Remove from oven and spread the chocolate out over toffee with an icing spatula. Sprinkle with salt before the chocolate sets.
5. Transfer the sheet to the freezer until the chocolate is firm, about 30 minutes. Break into pieces and store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 week or in the freezer for up to 3 months.



## Men's Club

Spring is here, which means that Passover is here. I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Pesach! Enjoy! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at these upcoming events.

On Sunday, April 20, we will have our annual Walk-Off the Matzah event at 10:00 am at Little Bay Park (under the Throgs Neck Bridge). It's FREE! Bring family and friends! The more the merrier!! So please come!

Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24 is Yom HaShoah! Candles are available in the office. There is a \$3 suggested donation.

Sunday, May 18, is our annual Lag B'Omer Picnic at Cunningham Park from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. We will be at the Pink Ballfield (same as last year parking beyond our old spot) ...our reserved spot. Everyone is welcome, Bring your family and friends!!

Our next two Men's Club Meetings will take place Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm via Zoom only, and Thursday, May 8 also via Zoom only at 8:00 pm. Zoom information will be emailed to you during the week of the meeting. If you are interested in attending our meetings, we can be sure to get the information to you if you email us at mensclub@templebethsholom.org. Let's enjoy our spring!

Andrew Larkin  
Men's Club President

### Bernstein Bowling Blog

Huge congratulations to Joe deLeon for hitting a new personal best score since joining our league! We've been on a roll, with Eric Bernstein and Larry Gold securing victories in February, and Joseph deLeon and David Chenkin winning in March.

Want to experience the thrill of victory? Join our next bowling league game on Monday, April 14 at 8:30 pm at Jib Lanes! We're looking for bowlers of all skill levels to join our league. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, we'd love to have you. Contact David, Larry, Joseph, or myself with any questions. Let's keep this fantastic league, established in 2016, thriving!

See you on the lanes!

Eric Bernstein

Dear Members,

As we begin the new fiscal year at Temple, we recently sent out the Temple dues statement. Thank you to those who have already paid!! For those of you who have not, we are asking that payment of dues/school fees be made as soon as possible! If you still have arrears, please pay those as soon as possible as well. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Robin Myers, Financial Secretary at the Temple Office or you may contact her directly via email at [robinl.myers@gmail.com](mailto:robinl.myers@gmail.com).



## Sisterhood Corner

Welcome to Spring! We have turned the clocks ahead and are looking forward to sunny days and blooming flowers! It is so nice to see the sun set a little later each night.

Please come to our Chocolate Seder on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 pm. We will be having a light dinner and a ton of fun as we go through the Seder using lots of chocolate! Join us and invite your family and friends as well. All are welcome!!

Our Book Club was held on Thursday, February 13. The next book club will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 pm via zoom. We will be reading *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern* by Lynda Cohen Loigman and are hoping to have the author join us for this event.

We will be having our Memorial Day Rummage Sale. Please donate your clean, gently used clothes. If you can volunteer your time, please let us know. If you have not paid your dues, please send them to Geri Weiss.

Thank you to Geri, Lori and Karri for their hard work and dedication to make the Shalach Manot baskets a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated.

I wish you all a very Happy Passover filled with lots of good food and special memories with your families!

Barbara Gandelman  
Sisterhood President

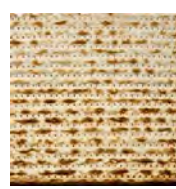
**Shabbat Across America** was an amazing night. We're planning another special service/dinner on **Friday April 4, 2025**. We will begin with appetizers and wine at 5:30 pm before services.

**Shared Shabbat Service** will start at 6:00 pm, with a chicken (with potluck sides) dinner to follow at 7:00 pm.

Please send your reservation to Geri Weiss or Natalie in the office with a **\$5 per person** donation for the dinner. Mandatory **RSVP by April 1**. No late reservations will be accepted.



**Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club  
Proudly Presents**



**Come help yourself and support other Temple  
Members to burn off the Passover carbs**

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM — 11:00 AM**

**Little Bay Park (Underneath the Throgs Neck  
Bridge)**

**Contact Andrew Larkin or Eric Bernstein  
with any questions**

## Adult Education

As spring is upon us, here are Adult Education events to be on the lookout for this year and more reasons to join us at Temple either in-person or on Zoom.

In response to the increasing prevalence of cybercrime, including phishing emails and fraudulent texts targeting our community, I'm preparing a presentation and discussion to enhance awareness and prevention strategies. More details will follow.

I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed ideas and support to the Adult Education program, enabling us to provide enriching experiences for our community.

Wishing you a joyful Passover.

Eric Bernstein  
Adult Education Chairman



## Religious School

Shalom TBS Family. We hope that everyone is doing well and are getting ready for the beautiful spring weather. TBS Religious School has had a great winter session.

The Religious School Board expresses strong appreciation for the students' involvement in the Shared Shabbat/Shabbat Across America service on March 7, both in person and via Zoom. You did an AMAZING job helping run Shabbat Services. The next Shared Service is scheduled for Friday, April 4 at 6:00 pm (note early start time). We hope to see you there.

Purim is always a fun time at TBS. This year we got to celebrate this festive holiday on both March 14 (Shabbat Services and Purim Spiel) and March 16 (Religious School Purim Event). Thank you to the students and families for participating in both celebrations! It was great to see everyone celebrating together.

This year's annual Passover Model Seder will be held during Religious School hours on Sunday, April 6 from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. We hope that the students and their families will be able to attend.

TBS Religious School is thrilled to have students and families visit the popular Anne Frank Exhibit on Sunday, April 27. A huge thank you goes out to Geri Weiss for her efforts and determination to get this trip together.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 2 via Zoom at 8:00 pm.

Be safe and be well.

Erica Bernstein and Elaine Larkin  
Religious School Board Members



## Parents Association

Shalom TBS Family. We hope that everyone is doing well. The Parents Association has a busy and engaging schedule planned! Here are some past and upcoming events of the upcoming events.

March 7 was our Shared Shabbat/Shabbat Across America. Thank you to all the present and past students who participated in running the Shabbat Service. You did a great job.

We hope that you were able to join us on March 14: Shabbat/Purim Service (featuring a Purim Spiel by Matthew Cohen and Walter Lothammer). Thank you to Matthew and Walter for writing the Purim Spiel and to all the students who participated in it. You were AMAZING.

On Saturday, April 5 at 6:00 pm we will be having our annual PA Passover Zoom Cooking Event. This year we will be making Matzoh Crack! Please see the flyer for the recipe and email PA for Zoom information. We hope that you will be able to bake with us.

The next PA meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Be safe and be well.

Erica Bernstein And Elaine Larkin PA Co- Presidents

**We love having events  
for our Temple Family  
that include meals.**

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costly. Each events' suggested donation  
will allow us to defray  
the food and beverage costs.**



**Thank  
you!**

### **Rummage**

**It's almost here! Our Memorial Day  
Rummage Sale will be set up on  
Sunday, May 25 and held on Monday,  
May 26. Volunteer to help! And bring  
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Temple for us to sell!**





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*Saturday, May 3, 2025*

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## Scoop's Schmooze

While this past January marked 50 years since my bar mitzvah; as you are reading this Schmooze, I will be celebrating my New York Bar Mitzvah---yes, it has been 13 years since I have been in New York--- this time. And, in these 13 years, one of life's constants has been our second home, Temple Beth Sholom---the place and the people, including Rabbi Ballan and her 15 years with Temple, that we are celebrating along with our 75th Anniversary Gala Weekend next month.

It has been the place and the people where and how Renee and I became a singular unit---from celebrating our aufruf at Temple, to having Rabbi Ballan marry us as we stood under the chuppah so thoughtfully shared with us by Temple's own matriarch, Betty Zimmermann. It is where Ethan got his wonderful religious education and became a bar mitzvah. And, in the hardest times of heartache, it is where Rabbi Ballan presided over memorializing and honoring Renee's father, Isidore, along with other family members.

As I took a call one night, long ago, from Sharon Katz, asking me if I was interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees, that was only the beginning. Then there was the time when then-President Adam Gandelman asked how I felt about writing a column for The Voice, or the time when I brought the idea of a Chicken Soup Cook-Off to the Board---all of these were life-changing instances that could only have happened at Temple Beth Sholom; or as Beth Dulberg so eloquently created for our new banners being displayed on Northern Boulevard---**Togetherness Believing Strong.**

That mantra of **Togetherness Believing Strong** could not have been truer than during the last year and change. For from the instant that I proposed The Gala to my fellow Board Members last February, the enthusiasm and dedication, creativity and heart that has come from my dozen team members---Eric Bernstein, Joy Bobrow, Joe DeLeon, Beth Dulberg, Jacob Fertig, Suzanne Fertig, Karri Kaufman, Roger Opstbaum, Fay Schildkraut, Geri Weiss, Elana White, and, of course Natalie in the office---not to mention so many others in our Temple Family, has been incomparable. Everyone has stepped up to the plate and continues to do so.

While the weekend of May 2 and 3 will be spent sharing meaningful times; from our Shared Shabbat Service on Friday night, complete with proclamations honoring 75 years of Temple Beth Sholom and Rabbi Ballan's 15 years, with a special Oneg to follow; to our Dinner Dance Gala on Saturday night at Marbella, they will be events not to be missed. Please make sure your reservations are made and your space in the ad journal is reserved so, in the future time capsules, 25 years from now, when we are celebrating our centennial, it will show that you and your family were a special part of **Togetherness Believing Strong.**

Barry Packer, Chairman, Ways & Means

## Security Brief

Throughout the training myself and other members of our security team have taken, Community Security Services (CSS) emphasizes that the goal of security is to protect the PEOPLE in the Temple, protecting the building is a distant second. There are two ways that we can ensure that our members and guests are safe when participating in Temple events. The first is to do everything on Zoom thereby taking away the target; the second is to have a dedicated security team and effective security protocols in place to provide the best odds against our Temple from becoming a target. My guess is that the first strategy will not be met with widespread support, which is why for the past six months myself and others have been undergoing fairly intensive training from CSS.

On March 4, 2025, Michael Gross, Joe de Leon and myself completed an eight-week level-two training from CSS. Each week consisted of one hour of security theory and one hour of basic Krav Maga techniques. For those of you who do not know what Krav Maga is, it was originally developed by a Hungarian Jew, Imi, Lichtenfeld, who grew up in Bratislava during a time of antisemitism pre-WWII. He used his boxing and wrestling skills to help protect Jewish neighborhoods. He became a prolific street fighter. He emigrated to Palestine after the war and he began teaching his style, which incorporated elements of various martial arts disciplines, to paramilitary groups in Palestine, which became the IDF. Essentially, Krav Maga's philosophy is not just self-defense but more importantly to attack your adversary with the goal of disabling (killing if necessary) him. The point is that we are ready to defend TBS and the inhabitants at all costs 🍷.

The next step is to have a comprehensive meeting with the entire team to start the process of developing our procedures and protocols to keep Temple Beth Sholom safe and secure.

So, to the members and guests who congregate, please know that our security team has your six.

Finally, you can never have too much security. If you are interested in joining the team or if you just want to learn more about security do not hesitate to reach out to me at [dchenkin@earthlink.net](mailto:dchenkin@earthlink.net)

David Chenkin  
Security Team





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# ☆ UPCOMING YAHREZEITS March 2025 ☆

## Week of March 28

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Sidney Koorse	Father of Nancy Goldwasser
Brad Lefte	Brother of Debra Lefte
Abraham Levinsky	Father of Steve Levinsky
Charles Radwin	Uncle of Anne Pepper
Phillip Stein	Grandfather of Walter Costanza
Albert Weiskopf	Father of Gloria Shapiro
Abraham Yontef	Father of Sharon Yontef

## Week of April 04

Doris Berlin	Mother of Deirdre Weliky
Selma Feirberg	Mother of Lynn Goldenstein
Reba Levenberg	Mother of Bonnie Rosenberg
Paula Radwin	Aunt of Anne Pepper
Frank Sandler	Father of Alice Newman
Nathan Weiner	Father of Reva Hollander

## Week of April 11

Abie Einbinder	Father-in-Law of Glory Einbinder
Matilde Fuentes	Mother-in-Law of Linda Fuentes
Carol Germain	Mother of Iris Bass
Hugh David Goldsmith	Son of Laura Goldsmith
Herbert Kestin	Uncle of Karen Carroscio
Elaine Lowy	Cousin of Rose Katz
Israel Packer	Grandfather of Barry Packer
Mollie Rabinowitz	Mother of Ilyne Rabinowitz
Ruth Schorsch	Observed by Temple
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## Week of April 18

Husband of Fran Goldman  
Observed by Temple

## Week of April 25

Father of Mona Fabricant  
Sister of Lillian Tandatnick  
Father of Alan Gellerman  
Grandfather of Oliver Gellerman  
Father of Vicky Belsky  
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Grandfather of Karri Kaufman  
Husband of Herta Tishcoff  
Father of Gail Tishcoff  
Aunt of Eliot Dorfman  
Mother of Diane Weiner  
Mother of Gloria Shapiro

## Week of May 2

Mother of Brenda Gold  
Grandmother of Arlene and Jeffrey Galub  
Brother of Glory Einbinder  
Great-Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser  
Mother of Alan Gellerman  
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# ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP



*Join us on*

*Wednesday evening, May 14, 2025*

*7:30 pm via Zoom*

*TOPIC: Life Lessons Throughout the Years*

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

**Zoom information will be provided in the email on  
Monday morning, May 12, 2025**

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](mailto:dwangel1@gmail.com)**


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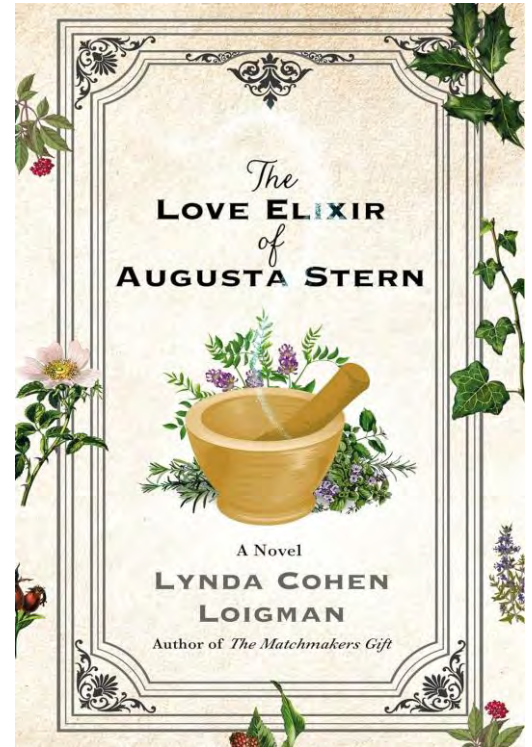
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On the cusp of turning eighty, newly retired pharmacist Augusta Stern is adrift. When she relocates to Rallentando Springs—an active senior community in southern Florida—she unexpectedly crosses paths with Irving Rivkin, the delivery boy from her father’s old pharmacy—and the man who broke her heart sixty years earlier.

As a teenager growing up in 1920’s Brooklyn, Augusta’s role model was her father, Solomon Stern, the trusted owner of the local pharmacy and the neighborhood expert on every ailment. But when Augusta’s mother dies and Great Aunt Esther moves in, Augusta can’t help but be drawn to Esther’s curious methods. As a healer herself, Esther offers Solomon’s customers her own advice—unconventional remedies ranging from homemade chicken soup to a mysterious array of powders and potions.

As Augusta prepares for Pharmacy College, she is torn between loyalty to her father and fascination with her great aunt, all while navigating a budding but complicated relationship with Irving. Desperate for clarity, she impulsively uses Esther’s most potent elixir with disastrous consequences. Disillusioned and alone, Augusta vows to reject Esther’s enchantments forever.

Sixty years later, confronted with Irving, Augusta is still haunted by the mistakes of her past. What happened all those years ago and how did her plan go so spectacularly wrong? Did Irving ever truly love her or was he simply playing a part? And can Augusta reclaim the magic of her youth before it’s too late?

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# APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>Healing &amp; Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 8:10 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p> <p>Men's Club Meeting Zoom only 7:00 pm</p> <p>PA/School Board Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sisterhood Chocolate Seder 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Shared Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 6:00 pm</p> <p>Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p> <p>PA Passover Cooking Event Zoom only 6:00 pm</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Religious School/Academy Model Seder 10:00 am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Membership Committee Meeting Zoom only 7:00 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Healing &amp; Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 8:10 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p> <p>Passover 1<sup>st</sup> Seder</p>
<p>13</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bowling Jib Lanes 8:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Healing &amp; Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 8:10 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Shabbat Passover Yizkor Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>Religious School Trip to Anne Frank The Exhibition for those registered</p> <p>NO CLASS AT TEMPLE</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Healing &amp; Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Hebrew Class Zoom only 8:10 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p>			

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Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

All information in this issue is as of April 21, 2024

The next Shared Shabbat will  
be Friday, April 4 at **6:00 PM**  
when we will celebrate the  
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the month of April.



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