



The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING
CELEBRATING ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR



THIS MONTH:

PURIM BALL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEXT MONTH

PURIM CARNIVAL
SUNDAY, MARCH 1

**PURIM SERVICE, SHPIEL
& DINNER**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

**SHABBAT ACROSS
AMERICA**
FRIDAY, MARCH 13

**WOMEN'S DESSERT
SEDER**
TUESDAY, MARCH 24



From the Rabbi's Desk

On the secular calendar, we are in the month of February. In the Northeast, we are typically in a deep freeze (at least we are as I write this!). On the Jewish calendar, we are in the middle of the month of Shevat, and by the end of February we will be well into the month of Adar.

Many of our Jewish holidays fall when the moon is full. Tu Bishvat, literally, "the 15th of Shevat" was the date assigned by the Rabbis of the Mishnah to determine how old a tree was so that the first fruits of the tree would be calculated and collected for the Temple at the proper time. Tu Bishvat 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. They began the custom of a Tu Bishvat Seder, and with it tried to incorporate the fruits and produce of the Land of Israel.

It wasn't until the mid-twentieth century, that Tu Bishvat became the "Jewish

Arbor Day." Before Israel was a modern state, the Jewish National Fund's primary purpose was acquiring land in Israel. After the war of Independence in 1948, the Jewish National Fund began to focus settling new areas; absorbing immigrants and providing them with employment working the land; reclamation for agricultural purposes, and then to the reforestation of the land. Nowadays, a major focus of the JNF is greening the land and it has become a global environmental leader.

We, too, have reclaimed Tu Bishvat, connecting the concept of "*bal tashchit*" – not to destroy or waste – and using it to effect some change in our environment for good. We will be honoring the holiday this year on Friday evening, February 6 at our Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 pm.

As February ends, we will be in the month of Adar, when we "increase our happiness" (B. Taanit 29a). This is in anticipation of Purim. Although Purim does not fall until March 4, it's right around the corner. Once again Temple Beth Sholom will put on a Purim Shpiel. This time it will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by a light supper and dessert. I am encouraging everyone to come and try out for the play – and that means adults, too! Contact Cantor Barr if you want to participate.

Shalom uv'racha,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan

Worship Schedule

Friday, February 6 Tot Shabbat **6:00 pm**
Shabbat Family Service **7:30 pm**
Led by the 5th & 6th grades
Candle Lighting: Ronna Galchus
Kiddush: Frank Galchus
Host: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 7 Torah Portion Yitro
Shabbat Morning Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**

Friday, February 13 Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 pm
Candle Lighting: Martha Hirsch
Kiddush: Eric Bernstein
Hosts: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 14 Torah Portion
Mishpatim/Shekalim
Shabbat Morning Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**

Friday, February 20 Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 pm
Candle Lighting: Renee Katz-Packer
Kiddush: Barry Packer
Hosts: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 21 Torah Portion Terumah
Shabbat Morning Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**

Friday, February 27 Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 pm
Jr. Congregation
7:30 pm
Candle Lighting: Fran Goldman
Kiddush: Joseph Althaus
Host: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 28 Torah Portion
Tetzaveh/Zachor
Shabbat Morning Service
& Torah Study **10:00 am**

Come to the event of the year!

*Dance the Night away with a
professional DJ at the
Purim Ball*

*Saturday, February 28th
7:30 pm – 12 midnight*

*Light fare and yummy
desserts!*

*Fantastic prizes & 50-50 raffle
See the enclosed flyer for
complete details*

*Do you wish to have a
Mishloach Manot
Basket sent to your son
or daughter in college?*

*All you have to do is notify the
Temple Office and we will arrange to
have one sent!*

*We are asking for liquor
donations of any kind for our
Purim Ball donation bar and
for bake goods for Shabbat
Across America. Please
contact Fay at 917 509-1664 or
fayschild@gmail.com.*

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams:

March & April 2015

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 **February 20, 2015 (no later)** to Ann Pesch, 66-28 52nd Drive, Maspeth, N.Y. 11378, or you can mail it to Temple Beth Sholom (marked SISTERGRAMS).

March Birthdays

Barbara Gandelman	3/1___
Adele Robbins	3/1___*
Robin Ng	3/8___
Michael Shapiro	3/9___
Jean Reichler	3/10___*
Fran Goldman	3/11___
Dana Friedman	3/13___
Norma Benvenuto	3/14___
Margot Gold	3/15___
Bernice E. Berman	3/19___
Anne Colucci	3/19___
Erica Bernstein	3/20___
Lillian Tandatnick	3/21___*
Pinkie Friedman	3/22___
Robin Myers	3/23___
Diego Cano	3/24___
Harry Plaut	3/24___

March Bat Mitzvah

Leora Kaufman	3/28___
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April Birthdays

Carrie Levinsky	4/4___
Alan Berck	4/8___
Dr. Andrew Fradkin	4/9___
Robbie Schechter	4/9___
Jeffrey Cohen	4/11___
Janet Maur	4/12___*
Stanley Schechter	4/16___*
Ronald Myers	4/18___
Elana White	4/20___
Andrew Larkin	4/21___
Mona Fabricant	4/22___
Roger Opstbaum	4/22___
Irwin L. Weiss	4/22___
Steven J. Rosenberg	4/23___
Myron Temares	4/24___
Sheila Bueno	4/25___
Anne Horowitz	4/27___
Greg Hofer	4/29___

March Anniversaries

Jean & Brett Reichler	3/5___*
20 years	
Florence & Jerry Wigler	3/12___*
55 years	
Carol & Greg Hofer	3/16___*
35 years	
Pinkie & Dana Friedman	3/20___
6 years	
Maggie & Alan Berck	3/23___
31 years	
Suzanne & Bret Fertig	3/25___
26 years	

April Anniversaries

Kathleen & Mark Flug	4/17___
21 years	
Stacy Kroun Fertig & Adam Fertig	4/21___
24 years	
Janet & Arthur Maur	4/21___
41 years	

*If you see a star next to
a name or names that
indicates a special
birthday or anniversary!*

We are sorry for any errors and omissions in the Sistergrams, and we are trying to bring our computer records up to date! Please help us! If you notice any mistakes or omissions in the birthday and anniversary listings please notify Carole at the TBS Office by phone or by email at carole@templebethsholom.org. Thank you!

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of January 20, 2015

PULPIT FLOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
In memory of Constance Westreich, mother of Diane Munn <i>Cathy Sacks</i>	
In honor of Benjamin Cohen's 14 th birthday Mom & Dad	
To thank Rabbi Ballan & Lori Lustig for their help at the Bazaar Cake Sale and also all the wonderful people who gave her lifts back and forth <i>Betty Zimmermann</i>	
In loving memory of Dr. Frank Zimmermann <i>Betty Zimmermann</i>	
MOLLIE MEYER TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL FUND	Diane Shtulman 718-224-3875
Wishing Bernice Berman good health <i>Betty Zimmermann</i>	
CULINARY FUND	Wendy Yasgur 718-423-6428
JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
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JEWISH START	TBS Office 718-463-4143
GENERAL FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
<i>Sue Fiebert</i>	
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND	Meyer Marks 718-225-5147
Thank you to Meyer Marks <i>Glory & Milton Einbinder</i>	
MUSIC FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143

January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 12, 2014. Financial Secretary Joyce Moss reported current Membership is 137 membership units. The Board approved the December financial report as presented by Treasurer Mike Temares. The Board discussed a request that earlier services be considered for more than just Family Services, and it was agreed that holiday services would be scheduled at 7:30 instead of at 8:00 moving forward. Ilyne Rabinowitz, Ways and Means Committee Chair, has set up a Lots of Helping Hands Web site to facilitate volunteers for drivers for Shabbat rides. The Board voted to authorize the Cantor Contract Committee to negotiate a new contract for year 2015-2016 and a Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Friday, January 30th at 7:30 pm, prior to services, in order to vote on that one issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary

Shabbat Across America

YES, it is that time again! On March 13, 2015 we will celebrate Shabbat with hundreds of synagogues all over the United States and Canada. In this unpredictable world it is more important than ever that we worship as a family and celebrate that which unites us as Jews - SHABBAT! Here at Temple Beth Sholom, it is an event that we all look forward to. We will be honoring our new members, and eight new family units have joined Temple this year.

The format will remain the same. At 6:00 pm we will have a scrumptious kosher dinner for \$25 per adult, and \$8 per child over 5 years old OR for TBS members ONLY who want to participate, a pot luck kosher style dinner.. Shabbat Service will begin at 7:30 pm and this will be followed by our Gala Oneg with unbelievable desserts, an ice cream sundae bar, and of course there will be much singing, dancing and fun.

We are once again looking to our bakers for donations.

Do not miss this event! Let's make this year's Shabbat Across America the biggest and best ever! Reserve your place now, and invite your friends, families and neighbors. Come let's celebrate! Contact Fay Schildkraut at 917 509-1664 or at fayschild@gmail.com.



“Make them days of feasting and gladness and of sending portions to one another...” (Esther 9:20)

Purim is time for fun and happiness. Our celebration commemorates the victory of Mordechai and Esther over Haman’s wicked decrees against the Jewish people. The observance of Purim serves to strengthen our people by inspiring us to work together in advancing the cause of Jewish unity. We express the joy of Jewish survival by reading the *Megillah*, partaking in a festive holiday meal and performing the beautiful mitzvah of “*mishloah manot*,” sending gift packages of sweets to friends and neighbors.

As we did last year, Temple Beth Sholom is offering all of our members and friends the opportunity to participate with minimal effort in the joyous tradition of *mishloah manot*. An elegant package brimming with *hamantaschen*, candy and other goodies will be packed for each person you designate. Temple Beth Sholom will coordinate the distribution in such a way that only one Purim package will be sent to any specified family. Each parcel will include a card with a listing of all donors who designated the family as a gift recipient. Packages will be available at the Purim Ball on February 28 and at Temple the night of the *megillah* reading on March 4 and through Sunday, March 8th. Packages not picked up by March 15th will be donated to charity. The cost is \$18 for the first designated family and \$2 for each additional name listed.

In order to avoid any omission in gift lists, members are encouraged to register in advance for the reciprocal exchange of Purim packages. By marking the appropriate space on the form provided on the back of this sheet, you can ensure that each individual designating your family as a gift recipient will in turn automatically receive a Purim parcel bearing your name. You will subsequently be billed at a cost of \$2.00 per package for each reciprocal; if you omit your basic list you might miss those families you wish to give to.

Anyone interested in purchasing a separate Purim package for relatives or friends residing outside of our community may do so at a cost of \$18.00 per package.

Please return the order slip with your check made payable to **Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing** and mail it to **Ann Pesch, 66-28 52nd Drive, Maspeth, N.Y. 11378**.

All Orders must be received by February 11

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_____ Please arrange for the reciprocal exchange of Mishloah Manot at a cost of \$2.00 per package

Please Distribute Mishloach Manot to the following people (check boxes on the following page)

Name _____

Telephone _____

e-mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please Distribute Mishloach Manot to the Following People:

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|------------------------------------|---|---|
| ___ Adler, Sadie | ___ Hofer, Greg & Carol | ___ Schnitzer, Robert & Penny |
| ___ Althaus, Joseph & Dora | ___ Horowitz, Mitchell & Anne | ___ Schorsch, Ruth |
| ___ Anichich, Paul & Mindy | ___ Kahn, Frederick | ___ Shapiro, Gloria |
| ___ Attar, Jack & Michele | ___ Kaplan, Lore | ___ Shapiro, Michael & Kari |
| ___ Bank, Bonnie | ___ Katz, Henry & Sharon | ___ Shtulman, Diane |
| ___ Bass, Iris & Alperin, Fred | ___ Katz, Isadore & Rose | ___ Silver, Martin |
| ___ Belsky, Stuart & Victoria | ___ Kaufman, Joel & Karri | ___ Simon, Maxine |
| ___ Benvenuto, Norma | ___ Kupferberg, Max | ___ Sokol, Barry & Lazarus-Sokol,
Lauren |
| ___ Berck, Alan & Maggie | ___ Larkin, Andrew & Elaine | ___ Steele, Ned |
| ___ Berman, Bernice | ___ Levine, Marilyn | ___ Stein, Jack & Joan |
| ___ Bernhard, Lloyd & Brenda | ___ Levinsky, Steve & Carrie | ___ Stern-LaRosa, Caryl &
LaRosa, Donald |
| ___ Bernstein, Erica & Eric | ___ Lonborg, David & Schechter,
Jennifer | ___ Sussman, Michael & Yontes,
Sharon |
| ___ Bobrow, Joy A. & Fevola, Louis | ___ Lowenstein, Carol | ___ Tandatnick, Lillian |
| ___ Bonne, Jeff & Karla | ___ Lustig, Eric & Lori | ___ Temares, Mike & Lee |
| ___ Bueno, Neil & Sheila | ___ Manziello, Evelyn Gilbert | ___ Tishcoff, Gail & Kettig, James |
| ___ Cano, Diego & Lisa | ___ Marks, Meyer | ___ Tishcoff, Herta |
| ___ Carroscio, Edward & Karen | ___ Martinez, Melissa | ___ Toledo, Eyra & Theodore |
| ___ Chenkin, David & Weiss, Geri | ___ Maur, Arthur & Janet | ___ Trachter, Elaine |
| ___ Cohen, Jeffery & Andrea | ___ Maurer, Gerald | ___ Wansor, Anthony & Lori |
| ___ Coleman, Charles & Ellen | ___ May, Barry & Gold, Bari | ___ Weastler, Virginia |
| ___ Colucci, Anne | ___ Mednick, Frieda | ___ Weiss, David S. |
| ___ Dorfman, Eliot | ___ Metz, Charlene | ___ Weiss, Irwin L. |
| ___ Dorfman, Robert & Ruth | ___ Miserendino, Chad & Elizabeth | ___ White, Raymond & Elana |
| ___ Dubno, Susan | ___ Morse, Arnold & Nancy | ___ Wigler, Jerry & Florence |
| ___ Dulberg, Matthew & Beth | ___ Moss, Joel & Joyce | ___ Wilichinsky, Alvin & Bonnie |
| ___ Eckman, Al & Rabinowitz, Ilyne | ___ Munn, Jacob & Diane | ___ Yasgur, Herb |
| ___ Einbinder, Milton & Glory | ___ Myers, Ronald & Robin | ___ Yasgur Wendy |
| ___ Fabricant, Mona | ___ Newman, Kenneth & Alice | ___ Zimmermann, Betty |
| ___ Feather, Robin | ___ Ng, Robin & Roberta | |
| ___ Fertig, Adam & Stacy Kroun | ___ Nussbaum, Evan & Tara | |
| ___ Fertig, Bret & Suzanne | ___ Olenick, Gail | |
| ___ Fishman, Jeannette & Steven | ___ Oppenheim, Edward H. | |
| ___ Flug, Mark & Kathleen | ___ Opstbaum, Roger & Sharon | |
| ___ Fradkin, Andrew | ___ Packer, Barry & Katz-Packer,
Renee | |
| ___ Friedman, Dana & Pinkie | ___ Pasach, Margaret & Costa, Mario | |
| ___ Fuentes, William & Linda | ___ Passaro, Susan | |
| ___ Furedi, Paul & Jacqueline | ___ Pesch, Charles & Ann | |
| ___ Galchus, Frank & Ronna | ___ Piansky, Jon & Michelle | |
| ___ Gandelman, Adam & Barbara | ___ Plaut, Harry | |
| ___ Gelb, Sam & Barbara | ___ Pliego, Ricardo | |
| ___ Gellerman, Alan | ___ Plotkin, Dr. Alvin | |
| ___ Gilbert, Jeri & Sovern, Jeff | ___ Rabinowitz, Carl | |
| ___ Glickman, Eric & Stacy | ___ Ramirez, Linda M. | |
| ___ Gold, David & Brenda | ___ Reichler, Brett & Jean | |
| ___ Gold, Margot | ___ Richman, Marjorie | |
| ___ Goldenstein, Lynn | ___ Robbins, Al & Adele | |
| ___ Goldman, Fran | ___ Rosenberg, Sam & Selma | |
| ___ Goldstein, Allan | ___ Rosenberg, Steven J. | |
| ___ Goodman, Sandra | ___ Rosenthal, Walter & Rita | |
| ___ Haimer, Jay & Sharon | ___ Rossman, Sheri | |
| ___ Harkavy, Daniel & Jody | ___ Sarrantonio, Rochelle | |
| ___ Harris, Todd & Adilia | ___ Scharf, Seymour & Miriam | |
| ___ Heller, Arno & Ruth | ___ Schechter, Stanley & Robbie | |
| ___ Hellman, Richard & Rosalva | ___ Schiffman, Robert | |
| ___ Hernandez, Stacy | ___ Schildkraut, Harvey & Fay | |
| ___ Hirsch, Sandra | | |
| ___ Hirsch, Martha | | |

Congregational Staff:

- ___ Ballan, Rabbi Sharon &
Costanza, Walter
- ___ Barr, Cantor Kathy &
Weisman, Ed
- ___ Goldwasser, Rabbi Bruce &
Nancy
- ___ Cox, Carole
- ___ Bellock, Rita
- ___ Urbina, Jose
- ___ Santos, Jose
- ___ Feit, Karen
- ___ Hecht, Beth
- ___ Kessler, Ruth
- ___ Nasirov, Sara
- ___ Shimonov, Robert

___ Additional Packages

Prin Ball

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S EVENT OF THE YEAR!
171-39 NORTHERN BOULEVARD, FLUSHING, NY 11358

FEBRUARY 28, 2015 - 7:30 PM TILL 12 MIDNIGHT

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH OUR PROFESSIONAL DJ

DONATION BAR, LIGHT FARE FOOD
AND SCRUMPTIOUS DESSERTS

WIN MONEY AND FANTASTIC PRIZES IN A 50:50 AND RAFFLE

BRING A CAN OR 2 OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD
FOR DONATION TO FJCC FOOD PANTRY - IT'S A MITZVAH!!

- \$36.00 PER PERSON
- COSTUME OPTIONAL
- 21 YEARS OLD AND OVER

CONTACT FAY SCHILDKRAUT
917-509-1664 OR FAYSCILD @GMAIL.COM





We are very excited to announce our upcoming Purim Service/Shpiel followed by a light dinner and dessert.



Come see our kids (and adults) being silly as they enjoy this fun holiday!

If you would like to assist in this much anticipated shpiel, please contact Cantor Barr (hazbarr96@aol.com) ASAP.

Date: Wednesday, March 4th

Time: 5:30 PM (A light dinner and dessert will be served after the shpiel)

\$8.00/adult and \$5.00/child

Please RSVP for the dinner with number of people in your party by sending in the tear off, calling the Temple Office, or by email to carole@templebethsholom.org.

We hope to see all of you there!

We would love to attend the Purim Shpiel/dinner on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Enclosed is a check for

\$_____

Name_____

Number of Adults _____ Number of children_____

Phone Number/E-mail_____

Temple Beth Sholom
Parents' Association Presents
A Purim Carnival!!

Sunday, March 1, 2015, starting @ 10:00 am



Purim
Carnival



Which includes

- ❖ Games (Cost: 1-2 tickets per game)
- ❖ Costume Parade
- ❖ Fun for everyone

Available for Purchase

- ❖ Hamburgers
- ❖ Hotdogs
- ❖ Knishes
- ❖ Beverages
- ❖ Snacks

Come celebrate this delightful holiday TBS style!!
We want to see you there!

From the President

As I sit to write this article, I am thinking of the fact that I have been President of Temple Beth Sholom for the past three years. In March, our Temple will be turning 65. Times have most definitely changed throughout the years. One thing that stays constant is what an AMAZING Temple we all are a part of. Our Temple is still an anchor of North East Queens, providing for the community in many ways. We continue to strive and we continue to provide a roof (sometimes leaky) for all who want to pray, learn, and socialize without prejudice. We continue to teach our children and help mold their Jewish identity.

In January, Temple held its annual Congregational Meeting, I am pleased to announce that the congregation has voted to accept a two year contract with Rabbi Ballan.

I would like to take a moment and thank The Executive Board, The Board of Trustees, Carole, Rita, Jose and Santos, Rabbi Ballan, Cantor Barr and our Temple family who have assisted in all of the Temple functions where we need volunteers. We have great events. Our services are lively and our Oneg Shabbats are a high point of everyone's week! Let's remember all of the positive points of Temple Beth Sholom. On a happy note, at some of the past few events, the new families have participated and all had a great time!

I hope to see all of you at The Purim Ball on February 28th, the Purim Carnival on March 1st and of course, Shabbat Across America on March 13th. Fun will be had by all.

Adam Gandelman,
Temple President

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Please call
Glory Einbinder at
(718) 229-4035***

An Ode to Temple Beth Sholom

I feel that I must write this, I truly feel I must. It was Friday night and services had begun. The Cantor had planned a musical program, and it went well. It even went better than that. I looked around, and everyone was having a good time. The singers, volunteers all, were happy doing their job, and they transmitted their joy to us. The Oneg was quite lively, in continuance with the program's spirit.

At the Sunday Pancake Breakfast/Blood drive, our very own Waffles played, Renee Katz Packer and her son Ethan sang, as did many Religious students. The Boy Scouts were impressive, the pancakes were good, and the Blood Drive a success!

I sit here and reflect: This is what temples are made of.

Then the call went out for members to prepare for Bazaar. Many people showed up. In the past it was always the same older folks, but now we had new blood, young people alongside the older ones, each lending a hand.

As you must have heard, temples (and churches) are failing all around town. TBS is not one of them. TBS is a viable temple, one with people making plans for the future. Jews need a temple, but they are certainly not going to join one that is getting short of breath. They will join a lively temple, one with a secure future, one with members that intend for their temple's success.

The world is judging us. Potential new members judge us. I'm going to quote something I read recently from a book by Irving Howe and Eliezer Greenberg, "We Jews, the first nation in the world that began not only to mark but also to appraise and to judge the generations, evaluate eras on the basis of different criteria, namely how much refinement is there in the life of a people, how much spiritual substance is in its workaday existence, i.e., how much metaphysics in its material aspect? To us culture is the style of life of a people. Our gauge of culture is the extent to which the people, and not only individuals, live in accordance with the dictates of an external doctrine - the extent to which inwardness, mercy, beauty, and holiness can be found in the daily life of a people". I see our temple culture evolving, and I am touched. We will be judged and we will pass. I had to write this because I'm proud of the way the temple is growing. I am proud of the unity of its members. I am proud of the way each has accepted his/her share of the burden. I think we have chosen a path with a future. Bravo!

Harvey Schildkraut, MD



**Notes
From
Cantor
Kathy Barr**

Shalom!

T'u BiShvat higiya, chag ha-ilanot (T'u Bishvat is coming, holiday of the trees) T'u Bishvat, the 15th of the Hebrew month, Shevat, is one of the four new years mentioned in the Talmud. Did you know that Rosh Hashanah is not the beginning of the year? It is the Tithing New Year. The actual beginning of the Jewish year is the 1st of Nissan, the month that Passover is in. In the Torah, it is known as Aviv.

Both the Torah and Talmud stress how important trees are. In fact, if you invade a place, (the Torah is full of invasions) you must leave the trees. If the Messiah comes, and you happen to be planting a tree, finish planting before you follow him. We plant trees in Israel commemorating a special occasion or person. Trees shade us when we are hot, they hold water with their roots and prevent landslides and arid conditions, they predict the weather and give animals places to live.

In Israel, Tu Bishvat signifies that the end is coming to the winter rains, and that spring is near. The almond trees start to blossom with beautiful pink flowers, and the country starts to come back to life.

It is customary in many places to have a T'u Bishvat Seder. There are different minhagim (customs). Some, like us eat different kinds of fruit (with seeds you cannot eat, with seeds you can eat, hard shells, edible shells, etc.) There are four cups of grape juice - all white, a little pink, half red and half white, and all red. Our T'u Bishvat Seder will be held on February 4th (one month before Purim and two months before Passover.) during school hours.

Mark your calendars: Nefashot is coming back to Temple Beth Shalom on March 20th. Last time they played and sang at services, everyone there felt uplifted and joyful. We will have electric and acoustic guitars, drums, a piano and voices - not to be missed!

Cantor Kathy Barr

Religious School News

As I write to you, I am still thinking about how proud I was of the Academy Class as they led us in prayer at January Family Services, and I am already looking forward to the grade 5-6 Shabbat. I am also extremely proud of Joseph Gandelman organized and conducted our January Junior Congregation when I was away! Thanks to the PA moms who have been organizing our yummy onegs and game nights!

Given the success of our High Holiday and Chanukah family education sessions, this year's Tu Bishvat Seder will be one component of a family education morning from 10:00 am -12:00 noon in the Frank S Greene Room on February 1, 2015. Rabbi Ballan will teach us about Judasim and ecology, we will plant parsley for our Passover sederim, Cantor Barr will lead us in song, and there will be other surprises. Be sure to join us!

Once again this year, we will be packing up for Purim at the Samuel Field Y, fulfilling the important mitzvot of Purim. We will also have a festive Purim service, Purim shpiel, and carnival fun. Have you thought about your costume yet?

Don't forget to order your Passover candy. Time seems to go by in a flash! Thanks to Geri Weiss, we have a great selection of Passover goodies and other stuff for sale.

Looking forward to seeing you at all of our upcoming school events!



Sunday, February 1
Friday, February 6

Tu Bishvat Seder 10:00 am
Shabbat Family Service

Led by the
5th/6th grade 7:30pm

Sunday, February 8
Sunday, February 15
Wednesday, February 18
Sunday, February 22

Jewish Start 10:30 am
No Religious School
No Hebrew School
No Religious School

Karen Feit, Principal



Pack it up for Purim Food Drive

January 11, 2015 - March 1, 2015

Collecting Non-Perishable Kosher Food

Collection sites located at:

Temple Beth Shalom

171-39 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358

or

The Samuel Field Y Lobby

58-20 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362



Suggested items to donate:

- ♦ Rice
- ♦ Pasta
- ♦ Juice
- ♦ Tuna
- ♦ Canned Vegetable
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Canned beans
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Canned soup

**For more information about donations or to volunteer, please contact
Jordana Davidson, LMSW
at 718-225-6750 ext. 212 or by e-mail at jdavidson@sfy.org**

UPCOMING YAHREZEITS February 2015

February 6

(February 6 - February 12))

Marcelle Attar Cohen
 Nannie Bachenheimer
 Alfred Bamberger
 Irving Barr
 Charles F. Beck
 Rozalind Drexler
 John Eckman
 Jerome Gilbert
 Ruth Gilbert
 Helen Gottlieb
 Donald Gralla
 Ruth Handler
 Ian Jacob Kupferman
 Rabbi Herschel Levin
 Minna Levine
 Marion Leviss
 William Lillian
 Max Lipshonsky
 Hannah Lowenberger
 Eleanor Prescott
 Naomi Rossman
 Leonard Samelson
 Hortense Samuel
 Dora Schwartz
 Deborah Seligman
 Rose Share
 Irma Silver
 Amy Silverman

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 Janet Wasserman
 Jules Weiss
 Albert Yohay
 Linda Banks Yohay
 Morris Youman

February 13

(February 13-February 19)

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 Samuel William Baruch
 Leonard Bashuk
 Solomon Jacob Bernstein
 Helen L. Gelb
 Alan Goldberg
 Bessie Goldsmith
 Evelyn Goodman
 Belle Horowitz
 Gertrude Horowitz
 Irving Horowitz
 Linda Lauckner
 William Leff
 Paul Lewis
 Myron Liebrader
 Lenore Luskin
 Max Opstbaum
 Rebecca Rice
 Susan Shapiro
 Rose Shenkoff

Frances Simon
 Sidney Solzberg
 Eve Tragerman
 Norman Verkman
 Irene Wolk Warshofsky
 Freda Weiskopf
 Morris Yohay

February 20

(February 20 - February 26)

David Ampel
 Jakob Anker
 Paul Ashley
 Samuel Behar
 Augusta Bohrer
 Marlene Chanin
 Maxim Drucker
 Rita Horn
 Sharon Koch
 Eric Kroun
 Lillian Maurer
 Samuel Muraskin
 Joan Plaut
 Harry Prince
 Anna Rappaport
 Harold Zeamans

February 27

(February 27 - March 5)

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 Irving Berkowitz
 Dr. Abraham Binder
 Jerry Collins
 Max Daitch
 Jacob Datlaw
 Miriam Friedenberg
 Celia Gelband
 Julia Goldstein
 Louis Goldstein
 Sam Hoffman
 Dina Kaplan
 Dr. Seymour Koppelman
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On Friday night, **March 13, 2015**, 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!

Join us for Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. You have a choice of the traditional kosher meal at \$25 per adult, \$8 per child over 5 years old **OR** bring a dish for the potluck to serve 8. Shabbat Family Services begin at 7:30 pm, followed by a gala Oneg.

There is limited dinner seating so please reserve early!

Yes! We'd love to join in the celebration! Tear off this form and send it to: Temple Beth Sholom, 171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358, attn: Fay Schildkraut, SAA Chair.
fayschild@gmail.com or (917-509-1664)

Name _____

Phone/email _____

Number of people in our party _____

We are enclosing a check of \$25 pp/ \$8 per child for the traditional Shabbat dinner _____

OR

For pot luck we will bring Salad____ Main Dish____Beverages____ Side Dish____Wine____

From the Men's Club

Shalom. This is Mike Shapiro. For those of you who are reading and or seeing my name for the 1st time, I am the Men's Club Co-President. I hope everyone had a very happy and healthy New Year celebration, and I wish for all of you much health, happiness in the year ahead.

Baby, it's cold outside, and I hope that everyone is staying warm. In this time of winter when it's so cold outside our thoughts tend to wander to spring time with thoughts of sunny days, birds chirping and trees coming out of their winter slumber. Yes, trees are our friends this time of year. Especially, as we celebrate Tu Bishvat happening on the secular calendar on February 4th this year. It's the Jewish version of Arbor Day. In Hebrew it literally means "new year of the trees". This is the season where the first trees in Israel are starting to bloom and awake from their winter nap. We mark this holiday by eating fruit singled out in the Torah; such as grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. So please eat some of the above mentioned tree fruits during this holiday and cold winter months and think warm thoughts; soon our tree will be blooming.

If you haven't been to a Men's Club meeting in a while we would love to see you at our next one happening on Wednesday, February 11th. at 7:30 pm followed by a movie. You do not need to be a paid up member to attend these meetings. Also if you haven't paid your Men's Club dues there's still time, and it is a reasonable \$25 and your support is greatly appreciated. If you haven't already, please find us on Facebook. We can be found under Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing. If you have any questions or concerns, our email is MensClub@TempleBethSholom.org.

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Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter and are hoping that the snow stays away! It is cold outside, but the warmth that you will find inside our Temple doors is always special.

Don't forget to attend Temple's Purim Ball. It is sure to be a lot of fun!! While we are talking about Purim, don't miss out on an opportunity to wish your Temple family a very Happy Purim by purchasing Mishlaoch Manot Baskets. Look for the flyer in the Voice and in the mail.

Sisterhood will again be hosting the Women's Dessert Seder which will be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 7 pm. Please join us at this event and bring your family and friends. It is a joyous evening where we join together in prayer and song....and dessert, too!!

Please remember that our Rummage Sale will again be held on Memorial Day. If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep our Temple in mind. This is just a friendly reminder that the clothes that you donate should be gently worn and clean. We appreciate all of your donations.

If you have not paid your dues for this year, please remember to send them to Temple, Attention: Geri Weiss. We really need your participation in Sisterhood. Please consider becoming more active. Volunteer at an event or let me know when you can participate!!

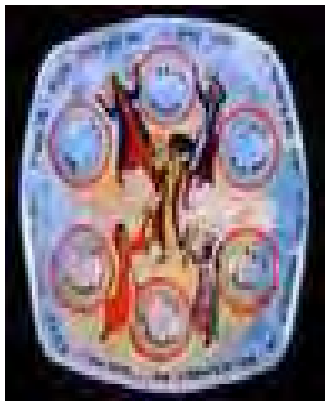
I would like to know what you want from your Sisterhood. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

I hope to see all of you at our events, as well as the PA, Men's Club, and Temple events that will be coming up in the future.

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President



Celebrate with Sisterhood
at our
Dessert only
Women's Seder



Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Bring your favorite Passover dessert
And join your fellow sisters for a
joyous celebration of the Passover
Seder from a woman's perspective!





TBS Sisterhood Women's Seder. - Please let Jody Harkavy (jodyanddan@aol.com), 917-400-2003) know if you are coming, how many people in your party, and what dessert you are bringing by Friday, March 20, 2015

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

ATTENDING _____ I WILL BE BRINGING: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am-12:00pm Religious School Tu Bishvat Seder	2 7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class	3	4 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	5	6 6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Family Service Led by the 5th /6th grade 	7 10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
8 9:30 am Parents' Association 10:00 am -12:00 pm Religious School 10:30 am Jewish Start 10:30 am Sisterhood Board	9 7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class 7:00 pm Membership 8:00 pm Board Meeting	10 7:30 pm Chai Mitzvah Class	11 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 Confirmation Class 7:30 Men's Club Movie Night	12	13 8:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service 	14 10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
15 No Religious School	16 No Adult Hebrew Class	17	18 No Hebrew School No Confirmation Class	19	20 8:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service 	21 10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
22 No Religious School	23 7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class 8:00 pm Ritual Committee	24	25 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	26	27 7:30 pm Jr. Congregation 8:00 pm Shabbat Service 	28 10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study 7:30 pm Purim Ball

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on February 28th?*

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Friday, March 13