

The Voice

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

THIS MONTH:

MEN'S CLUB MOVIE NIGHT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

WALK AWAY THE MATZO SUNDAY, APRIL 5

MATCH GAME SATURDAY, APRIL 11

ADULT EDUCATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 & 26

NEXT MONTH

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, MAY 3

MITZVAH DAY SUNDAY, MAY 3

LAG B'OMER PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 10

BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, MAY 17

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 19

RUMMAGE SALE MONDAY/TUESDAY MAY 25 & 26

SHUL IN
SATURDAY/SUNDAY MAY 30 & 31

CANTOR'S CABARET SUNDAY, MAY 31



From the Rabbi's Desk

Shalom and a *zissen* Pesach to everyone!

By the time you read this you most likely will be celebrating Passover and munching on Matzah (though as of this writing I haven't even begun my Pesach preparations and cleaning, but I digress).

We often associate Passover with miracles. Yet the story would never have happened without the kindness and bravery of two Hebrew midwives who refused to kill the male babies, Miriam, who watched over Moses as his mother put him in a basket in Nile, and Pharaoh's daughter, who pulled him out of the Nile and raised him as her own. These are acts of loving-kindness, going beyond what is expected of us.

We learn in the Mishnah: The world stands on three things: Torah, *Avodah* (service), and *Gemilut Chasadim* (acts of loving-kindness). One wonders why the word *tzedakah* (charity) is not used here instead. After all, *tzedakah* is a commandment.

In the Talmud, [Sukkah 49b] "Our masters taught: Loving-kindness is greater than *tzedakah* (charity) in three ways. Charity is done with one's

money, while loving-kindness may be done with one's money or with one's person. Charity is given only to the poor, while loving-kindness may be given to both the poor and to the rich. Charity is given only to the living, while loving-kindness may be shown to both the living and the dead."

As Rabbi Michael Strassfeld puts it, "To act out of loving-kindness is to identify with other people, to feel for them, to want to help them or ease their burden even if simple justice would not require it. To act out of loving-kindness is to understand we are all lost in a broken world, yet together we can improve the journey of life. Gemilut hesed means to care even when it is 'not deserved.'"

TBS gives you many opportunities to offer gemilut hesed: Our Caring Committee is getting underway; we can still use more volunteers to send cards, visit those who are ill or are in mourning, and giving people rides to TBS Friday evenings. Please let me know if you are interested in joining committee.

Finally, Walt and I would like to thank all those who sent cards and well wishes for Walt's speedy recovery. Every day he gets a little better. I hope by the time you read this he will be able to walk up the stairs and join us for services!

Moadim L'simcha, Rabbi Ballan

Worship Schedule

Erev Pesach Friday, April 3 No Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 4 No Torah Study

Friday, April 10 Shabbat Evening Service/Yizkor 8:00 pm

Candle Lighting: Fran Goldman Kiddush: Joe Althaus Hosts: Sisterhood

Saturday, April 11 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am

Friday, April 17 Shabbat Evening Service Yom Hashoah Observance 8:00 pm

> Jr. Congregation 7:30 pm Candle Lighting: Gail Olenick *Kiddush:* Ed Oppenheim Hosts: Sisterhood

Torah Portion Shemini Saturday, April 18 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am

Friday, April 24 Shabbat Family Service

Yom Ha-Atz-ma-ut Led by the 3rd/4th grade 7:30 pm

Candle Lighting: Stacy Hernandez Kiddush: Eric Bernstein Hosts: Sisterhood

Torah Portion Saturday, April 25 Tazria

Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am

Sponsor an issue of the TBS Voice. Please call Glory Einbinder at (718) 229-4035



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Walter Costanza

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE STEPS TO

REFLECT **LEARN CHANGE GROW**



Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 am

Once again we will be hearing from Paul Rabinowitz, Executive Director of Arts by the People and Certified Tour Guide in Israel. ." We so enjoyed his Fall lecture on "Israel Today" that we invited him back to speak about "The Jews of South Africa.

Sunday April 26 at 9:30 am

TBS is proud to be participating in GreenFaith Day! Renowned climate scientist and physical geologist Dr. Yuri Gorokhovich, of Lehman College, will describe the impacts of climate change, and talk about what each person can do to make a difference.

2015 is a make or break year on this important issue. With a major international meeting in December, and the effects of climate change already happening worldwide, TBS has a moral duty to act. On April 26 we'll learn more about climate change and ways to take action.

The event has been organized in partnership with GreenFaith, an interfaith environmental organization, and Climate Voices, a non-profit dedicated to bringing scientists and citizens together to discuss climate science and the local impacts of climate change.

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of March 20, 2015

PULPIT FLOWER FUND In honor of Barbara Gandelman & Adele Robbins' birthday Betty Zimmermann In honor of Al & Adele Robbins' 70th anniversary Betty Zimmermann To thank all the TBS volunteers who helped make the Purim Ball such a success Fay Schildkraut CULINARY FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143 JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143 LT. MARVIN S. ACKERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143 GENERAL FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143 In honor of Adele Robbins' birthday and Al & Adele Robbins' 70th anniversary Doris Shankman In loving memory of my beloved parents Anne & Arthur Rubin Sandra Hirsch Wishing Walter Costanza a speedy recovery Betty Zimmermann In memory of William Byrd Selma & Sam Rosenberg MUSIC FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143

March Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, March 9, 2015. The Board passed the February Financial Report as presented by Treasurer Mike Temares. Three new member units were presented to the Board, and they were all approved, bringing the current number of membership units to 139. It was stated that it is very important that whenever there is a Temple event planned, that the date be communicated and cleared with the TBS Office first, to assure that the space is not already taken. The Board approved a motion to authorize the Pulpit and Ritual Committee to explore the cost for additional musician's fees/expenses for High Holidays. Vice President Joy Bobrow reported that the Temple has switched gas provider to Veridian, a green-energy company, modeled such that Temple will get a small percentage for anyone who signs with Viridian through TBS. There will be a short presentation on this on Sunday morning, March 29th at 10:30 AM. Many mentioned the successful Purim Ball and Vice President Fay Schildkraut reported that they are considering making it an annual event and even adding an additional dance event in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Tishcoff

Recording Secretary

Donations to the Ackerman Library

The 10-Second Diet by Merna Lyn,

Sisterhood, a Centennial History of Women of Reform Judaism by Carole B. Balin et al.

Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism by Abraham H. Foxman

By Ilyne Rabinowitz:

Such good girls, the Journey of the Holocaust's Hidden Child Survivors, by R.D. Rosen

By Charlene Mietz:

Where God Was Born, A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories, by Bruce Feiler

By Elana White:

ABC Israel, by Rachel Raz,

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat, by Simms Taback

By Eric Lustig:

Flat screen monitor for the library computer!

The Temple Library needs help! Parents, or students needing service credit, please apply to help us on Sunday mornings while Religious School is in session. Each shelf needs reorganization, and we need volunteers! If you would like to volunteer please email - library@templebethsholom.org. Many thanks,

The Library Committee

From the President

Shalom,

We rang in Purim with our first Purim Ball. There were 80 adults who spent the evening dancing, laughing and having fun with their Temple family. Thanks to our Vice President Dr. Fay Shildkraut, the Membership Committee and the Ways and Means Committee for a great evening. This event raised money for Temple and fun was had by all. As a matter of fact, I think it will become a tradition!

Thanks to the PA for the Carnival on March 1st and to Cantor Barr for making the Purim Shpiel so entertaining. We also raised money for Temple by giving each other Mishloach Manot bags. Thanks to all who helped with these writing cards, buying the goodies and making sure that everyone received their bag.

What a great time we had at Shabbat Across America (SAA). Thanks to our Vice President Dr. Fay Schildkraut for orchestrating this event once again this year. We had approximately 130 in attendance. The food was delicious, the Service was fun, and Temple was hopping! Thank you for all who cooked food and to everyone that helped make that night so special.

I would like to take a moment to thank Jose Urbina for coordinating the snow removal during this long winter. I would also like to welcome Rita back to the office. Thank you to Joy Bobrow for all of her hours at the Temple helping out when Rita was not there.

I hope to see you at our upcoming Temple events. May you and your family have a Happy Passover. Sincerely,

Adam Gandelman

President

Bazaar 2015 Corner

We had our first Bazaar 2015 meeting in March. Thank you to all who attended! Some great ideas were discussed. Bazaar may look a little different in December 2015 in order to maximize our resources and minimize our expenses. We will probably concentrate on As Is, One-of-a Kind, Books and our Food Court. We will try to create a really festive mood. If anyone else has some ideas, please let us know. We need ideas for booths and maybe even attractions. We NEED your help to continue to make Bazaar a financial success! Please let us know at maxipolo@msn.com. We are looking forward to hearing from you! Thanks! from the Bazaar Team!

The Temple notes with sadness the passing of:

Morton Alperin, father of Fred Alperin, and father-in-law of Iris Bass



Welcome New Members

Eric Bass Barbara Arnstein Susan Ecker & Fred Shapiro Maximillian Fevola

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop is back!

Stop by downstairs to see the Judaic and holiday surprises available for purchase.



Need something? Contact: Geri Weiss –at library@templebethsholom.org

Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club with the support of Sisterhood and Parent's Association **Proudly Presents**



When: Saturday, April 11th Where: Temple Beth Sholom Ballroom Time: 6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Cost: \$10 Per Person / Children Under 5 are Free \$40 maximum

(Includes food, snacks, beverages, and activities) **Both Adults and Children can participate**

Please RSVP by Saturday, April 4th at mensclub@templebethsholom.org or contact Mike Shapiro or Eric Bernstein
Name
Child(REN)









The Purim Carnival

















We had such fun at the Purim celebrations this year!









The Purim Ball

Our first annual Purim Ball which took place on Feb 28th was a sweeping success thanks to the wonderful ladies of the Membership **and** Ways and Means Committees, some incredible husbands, and all the people who so generously donated money and supplies.

Over 70 people attended and we truly danced the night away. The dance floor was busy the entire night. There was even dancing during the announcements!! It was such a magical night that this will be a permanent event.

And if this was all, it would have been enough, but to top it off we netted \$2468.79 for Temple. Get your dancing shoes ready! See you next year!!













Notes From Cantor Kathy Barr

Spring is finally here! It is my favorite time of year. God brings everything back to life. The flowers bloom, many animals are having babies, trees flower and leave, but most of all, this year, April 3rd is the first seder. Passover is a holiday that is celebrated by Jews, both observant and secular around the world. Even Conversos celebrate it with a festive meal, although some of them don't know where it came from. I can't wait for all the Passover foods (except for the really terrible substitutes - I just don't eat them for a week). Passover (Pesach) is my favorite holiday. I became a cantor because of what I heard and experienced on Pesach. We always celebrated at our neighbor's apartment, which was filled to the brim with Judaica and ruach. The haggadah we used was Reconstructionist, the matriarch of the house was raised Orthodox, taught art and sang beautifully, the patriarch of the house was an atheist, a doctor, and marched with Dr. King in Selma. We had Jews around the table from every walk of life; owners of a borscht belt hotel to Hebrew school teachers, doctors, lawyers, salesmen, scholars - you name it. No wonder I ended up at a pluralist school to become a member of the clergy!

I just wrote an article for Ten Minutes of Torah (a free URJ online publication) about art in our haggadot. Throughout the ages, since the 12th Century when the earliest existent haggadah was first created, Jews have expressed themselves artistically by decorating the pages of their haggadot. The first Sephardic haggadah is known as the Birds' Head Haggadah. All the characters have birds' heads, probably because of the proscription against making a graven image. (As humans were created in God's image, drawings of humans could constitute graven images.) These are all very interesting to see, and I show a fair amount of examples as well as give suggestions of others. The article was due to come out on March 24th. If anyone is interested, I can send you a link.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, May 31st at 4:30 pm, will be the Cantor's Cabaret. This will be a concert/talent show, right here at Temple Beth Sholom. We will be singing a few non-liturgical choral pieces, but not to be missed are the other things as well torch songs, comedy and sing alongs, as well as food. Come one, come all and bring your children. Tickets are only \$15, seniors and students are \$10, and children (Continued on page 11)

Religious School News

With any luck at all, by the time this message reaches you, spring will have arrived...both on the calendar and in the climate. Your final preparations for Passover will be well underway, and you will be looking forward to Sedarim with those you love!

In the meantime, I would like to share some of the memories of March, in spite of cold and snow, when we celebrated together with a wonderful Purim Shpiel and Service with our students and their best old pals from Sesame Street. Thanks to packing help from students and teachers from grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, we had yummy mishloach manot bags to share! Our Junior Congregation regulars and a few added faces enjoyed pizza dinner together before a spirited Shabbat service followed by a delicious oneg and some fierce board game playing. This has been our tradition all year, and will continue in the future. Come down and try it with us sometime soon! It makes Shabbat special and memorable in a new way.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Shabbat Across America, where our Junior Choir helped lead us in song and prayer. Kudos to the girls and to Cantor Kathy!

Our school also would like to thank Geri Weiss for all she does for us! She did a great fundraising job once again with the Passover candy sale.

Looking forward to the remaining months of the school year where we will celebrate with Mitzvah Day, the annual Lag B'Omer picnic, and our grades K-1-2 and 3-4 Shabbat Family Services.

From my family to yours, please accept best wishes for a joyous Passover. Karen Feit, Principal



Congratulations To:

Linda & Bill Fuentes
On becoming the proud grandparents
of
Lana Renee Kidwell born March 17!

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What good is sitting at home Sunday afternoon?

Come to the Cantor's Cabaret!

a fun afternoon of music and laughter, featuring.

The Temple Shalom Singers
Renee Katz
Ed Weissman
Chuck Sachs,
and of course, Cantor Barr

Music!

Comedy!

Antics!

(And of course) food!

Where: Temple Beth Sholom, 171–39 Northern Blvd, Flushing Queens When: Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 4:30 pm RSVP by 5/27 to TBS office

Admission \$15, students and seniors \$10, children under 12 free

I would like to come to the Cantor's Cabaret	# of adults # of students/seniors # of children under 12
Amount enclosed	Name

☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS April 2015

April 3 (*April 3 - April 9*) Edith Anker Estelle Barnett Harold Bergner Abie Einbinder Ben Elzweig Sadie Ente Ray Fassler Selma Feirberg Charles Freeman **Jack Friedman** Marcus Goldschmitt William Heifetz Roland Hirsch Bernard Hyman Reba Levenberg Sol Levy Elaine Lowy Fannie Paul David Platt Frank Sandler Ruth Schwartz Blanche Silon

Martin Weingold

April 10 (April 10 - April 16) Mordechai Bernstein Matilde Fuentes Gloria Gralla Rose Iaffe Herbert Kestin Max Lindeman Vilma Maldutis Regina Neuberger Ruth Oberhardt Israel Packer Diana Polatsch Fannie Rabinowitz **Jacob Rabinowitz Irving Roberts** Anne Rubin Marvin Tishcoff Mildred Weinstein

April 17 (April 17 - April 23) Carl Alpert Sylvia Burton Ethel Clayman Esther Cohen Anna Friedman Paul Gellerman Elliot Goldman Melvin Goldman Joseph Goldstein Eli Goodman Dora Kupferberg Leo Maurer Ella Mittelman Rebecca Newman Mollie Rabinowitz Theresa Silverman Max Stein Emma Stern

April 24 (April 24 - April 30) Marvin Adler Sally Berger Sylvia Burton Mark Cohen Mary DiLorenzo Jeanette Elkin Isadore Elzweig Mildred Erlich Nat L. Feldstein Morris Fischbach Charles N. Fox Mollie Gellerman Alan Gottlieb **Eleanor Graff** Roza Munn Helen Plotkin Sarah Sanders Sylvia Schwartz Howard Sherman Muriel Solzberg Clara Teitelbaum **Jack Temares** Adelaide Varney Iulie Weil Freda Rachel Weiskopf

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Shabbat Across America A Wonderful Night Friday, March 13th

It was a lovely night thanks to all those wonderful volunteers who helped out and everyone that attended. The helpers included organizer Fay Schildkraut, members of the Membership & Ways & Means Committees, as well as other Temple members, who served, cleaned up, and made ice cream sundaes! A special thanks also goes to Sam & Selma Rosenberg who supplied flowers for all the tables and to Jose Santos and Jose Urbina who made sure we had what we needed and cleaned up afterwards!

















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From the Men's Club

Happy spring and happy Pesach!

It has been a long enduring winter, and spring has finally sprung despite the light snow that dropped from the sky mid-March.

As you all know, Pesach is coming up very early in the month. As we celebrate our freedom from Pharoah, why not celebrate by attending our free Men's club meeting on April 1st. We will be assigning parts for the Men's Club Family Shabbat Service; which takes place on May 8th. If you would be interested in reading for the service, please let Eric or me know. This will be a service where the Men will be leading and the K/1/2 children will be performing, and we hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy this family event.

If you are still in the free spirit why not join us for our Men's Club Walk on Sunday, April 5th at Fort Totten Park at 10:00am. Just like our ancestors walked out of Egypt, we can walk away the matzo and feel healthier after that big Passover meal. You can park under the Throgs Neck Bridge on the Northbound Side and we will be meeting up in the parking lot. Please contact Eric or myself with any questions.

Please also join us on April 11th for our Game Night while we play Match Game 5775. Members have enjoyed the past gaming nights and we look forward to creating more of these activities. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

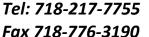
As always if you haven't already done so, please join the Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing Facebook Group to keep up-to-date on current and future Temple Events.

If you have any questions or concerns about Men's club, please feel free to e-mail us at MensClub@TempleBethSholom.org

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Sisterhood Corner

Welcome to Spring! We have turned the clocks ahead and

Are looking forward to sunny days and blooming flowers after this long, cold and snowy winter! We had our Women's Seder on Tuesday, March 24. It was wonderful to come together as a Sisterhood for this most enjoyable evening. Thanks to Fran Goldman for organizing the event and to Rabbi Ballan for leading us in the seder.

The Religious school is sponsoring the fourth annual Mitzvah Day which will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2015. Please join the school on that day and do a Mitzvah!! Look for details in the flyer about sponsoring a child or a class for the Walkathon to raise money for Temple and the Religious School.

Speaking of May, don't forget to donate your gently used, clean clothing for our annual Memorial Day Rummage Sale which will be held on Monday May 25, at 9:30 a.m. and Bag Day on Tuesday, May 26 at 9:30 am. We also need volunteers for the set-up and the actual sale. Please contact Joy Bobrow at maxjolo@msn.com or call her at 917-535-9496 or contact me at adbarb1@aol.com or call at 718-428-0349 if you are available to help with this event.

We will be reading the book entitled *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. We will be discussing this interesting book on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 10:30 where we will also be voting on our new slate for the 2015-2017 term. I hope to see you all at this event.

Please don't forget to keep the Sisterhood funds in mind when you want to honor a loved one. We appreciate the support by the other arms of Temple and are looking forward to working together on many more events.

Hope to see you at our upcoming activities. Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President

(Cantor Barr's article continued)

under the age of 12 are free. Chuck Sachs will accompany on piano. He may even sing!

I will be holding four rehearsals for the choral pieces on Sunday March 29th, Sunday April 19th, Sunday, May 3rd from 1pm - 2pm, and Thursday, May 28th from 7pm -8pm (Times can be adjusted based on people's availability.) The first three rehearsals will be in a classroom in the school wing. Anyone interested, please contact me right away at hazbarr96@aol.com or 917-536-8097. If you missed the first rehearsal, talk to me, We'll work it out!

Happy spring! B'Shalom, Cantor Kathy Barr



TBS Parents' Association

Announces its

Shul-In

When: Saturday, May 30,- Sunday May 31, 2015

Time: 5:30 for dinner

Cost: \$20/child (includes all food, snacks,

beverages, and activities) *

What exciting things will we be doing?



- Movie
- Treasure Hunt
- Contests
- Games
- · And much more!!

Please RSVP by Saturday May 17, 2015 to Jody Harkavy at jodyanddan@aol.com or 917-400-2003 (Formal permission slips to follow)
NAME
CHILD(REN)
PHONE/EMAIL
*Friends are welcome. Parent Volunteers greatly needed!! All children <8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Men's Club Movie Night	2	3 Erev Pesach No Shabbat Evening Service	4 No Torah Study
Jo Religious School 0:00 am Walk Off the Matzo at Fort Totten	7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class	7	8 No Hebrew School No Confirmation Class	9	8:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	11 10:00 am Shabbat Service of Torah Study 6:00 pm Match Gan
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19 :30 am Adult Ed o:00 am -12:00 pm Religious School	7:00 pm Adult Hebrew Class 8:00 Ritual Committee	7:30 pm Sisterhood General Meeting	4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm Religious School Board	23	7:30 pm Shabbat Family Service Led by the 3/4 th grade	10:00 am Shabbat Service Torah Study
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Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

Please don't forget that we need your support to help sponsor the Mitzvah Day activities which take place on, Sunday, May 3rd

Save the date...

Come celebrate
Temple Beth Sholom's
65th Anniversary
and join us as we honor
Bernice Berman

Roger Opstbaum
Saturday, June 13.
Services are at 10:00 am,
followed by a festive
Shabbat Luncheon