

The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

BOWLING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

BOARD INSTALLATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

SIMCHAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SHIR SHABBAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

NEXT MONTH

BOWLING

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

PA PURIM DANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

MEGILLAH READING

PURIM BALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

SIMCHAT & SHIR SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 19



From the
Rabbi's desk

Shalom:

"The Eternal God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the human whom God had formed. And from the ground the Eternal God caused to grow every tree that was pleasing to the sight and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and bad." [Gen. 2:8-9]

In the first chapter of the Torah, God creates the universe. In the second chapter, the very first thing God does is rest, followed by creating the human and planting a garden. In its midst was the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge. The tree becomes a powerful symbol in Judaism: it is Torah itself ("it is a tree of life for those who hold fast to it"). In Jewish mysticism, one of the images of the *S'phirot*, the emanations of God, is represented by a Tree.

With all the verdant imagery, gardening and planting, it is surprising that we celebrate the "birthday" of trees, *Tu Bishvat*, in winter

where it is still brutally cold and we have had a brush or two with snow. Why would this time of year be appropriate for the New Year of fruit trees? Perhaps, as we learn in the Talmud, it is because most of the rain in the land of Israel has fallen; the trees begin to draw from this water and their sap starts to rise. Water is also a prominent symbol in the Torah as well. *Tu Bishvat* often coincides with *Shabbat Shirah/Beshalach* when we read about God's splitting of the Sea of Reeds. (This year it falls on February 10).

I think *Tu Bishvat* is a wonderful reminder that even when nothing seems to be growing, when the earth is frozen and dormant, creation and new life will return. The days are getting longer and brighter. It is time to prepare ourselves for rebirth and renewal. One way to do this is to plant seeds indoors so that they will sprout and be ready for planting outdoors in the spring. Our Religious School students typically plant parsley seeds on this day so that they will be ready in time for Passover. You can, too!

Shalom wo'rachah
Rabbi Sharon Ballan

Worship Schedule

- Friday, February 3* Board Installation
Shabbat Family Service
7:30 pm
Candle Lighting: Barbara Gandelman
Kiddush: Adam Gandelman
Hosts: Sisterhood
- Saturday, February 4* Torah Portion *Bo*
Shabbat Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**
- Friday, February 10* Tot Shabbat **6:00 pm**
Jr. Congregation **7:30 pm**
Shabbat Evening Service **8:00 pm**
Candle Lighting: Karri Kaufman
Kiddush: Joel Kaufman
Host: Sisterhood
- Saturday, February 11* Torah Portion *Shabbat Shirah*
Shabbat Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**
- Friday, February 17* Shabbat Evening Service
Simchat Shabbat
7:30 pm
Candle Lighting: Tobie Aronson
Kiddush: Jeff Cohen
Host: Sisterhood
- Saturday, February 18* Torah Portion *Yitro*
Shabbat Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**
- Friday, February 24* Shabbat Evening Service
Shir Shabbat **8:00 pm**
Candle Lighting: Bonnie Bank
Kiddush: Steven Rosenberg
Host: Sisterhood
- Saturday, February 25* Torah Portion *Mishpatim/Shekalim*
Shabbat Service &
Torah Study **10:00 am**



From the President

As I sit to write this article, I am thinking of the fact that this will be my last year being President of Temple Beth Sholom. 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 (which is now repaired) for all who want to pray, learn, and socialize without prejudice. We continue to teach our children and help mold their Jewish identity.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Max Kupferberg, at the age of 97, passed away on Jan 4, 2017. Max, who with his brothers Ken, Jack, and Jesse, were founding members of TBS. Max, along with the Kupferberg family, has provided leadership and generous financial support to Temple for over 60 years. Our condolences go out to the Kupferberg family. May his memory be for a blessing.

In January, Temple held its annual Congregational meeting. It was such a pleasure to see so many of us there. We passed the new budget and elected the new Board of Trustees. I am also pleased to announce that the congregation approved to renew the Rabbi's contract for three more years.

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.

I hope to see all of you at the Purim Dance Party/Carnival on March 5, the Purim Ball on March 11th, and of course, Shabbat Across America on March 3rd. Fun will be had by all. Adam Gandelman,
Temple President

***Shabbat Across America
Is Friday, March 3rd
NOT March 24th
Please Reserve your Space Now!***

Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: March/ April 2017

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, 2017** (no later) to Sharon Katz, 48-53 186 St, Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11365. Please Write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that they will be delivered properly.

March Birthdays

Barbara Gandelman 3/1____
 Robin Ng 3/8____*
 Michael Shapiro 3/9____
 Jean Reichler 3/10____*
 Fran Goldman 3/11____
 Susan Ecker 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____
 Robin Myers 3/23____

April Birthdays

Carrie Levinsky 4/4____
 Alan Berck 4/8____
 Dr. Andrew Fradkin 4/9____
 Robbie Schechter 4/9____
 Jeffrey Cohen 4/11____
 Stanley Schechter 4/16____
 Ronald Myers 4/18____
 Elana White 4/20____
 Andrew Larkin 4/21____
 Mona Fabricant 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 22 years 3/5____
 Florence & Jerry Wigler 57 years 3/12____
 Carol & Greg Hofer 37 years 3/16____
 Maggie & Alan Berck 33 years 3/23____
 Suzanne & Bret Fertig 28 years 3/25____

April Anniversaries

Kathleen & Mark Flug 23 years 4/17____
 Stacy Kroun & Adam Fertig 26 years 4/21____

March Bat Mitzvah

Danielle Gandelman 3/25____

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

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____

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PULPIT FLOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
In appreciation and admiration of Fay Schildkraut <i>Betty Levin Zimmermann</i> <i>Geri Weiss and David Chenkin</i>	
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Wishing good health to Rose Katz <i>Betty Levin Zimmermann</i> In memory of Marion Zimmermann <i>Bernice Berman</i> In memory of Max Kupferberg <i>Bernice Berman</i>	
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for your generous gift to Temple
in honor of Rabbi Ballan &
Ilyne Rabinowitz Eckman
to say thank you
for making Temple a place
where both feel
comfortable and welcome.*

Bazaar Corner

This is the final article about Bazaar 2016 – Be on the lookout for info about Bazaar 2017!! In this issue of the Voice you will find a listing of all of the merchants who donated to Bazaar 2016. Please make sure that you frequent their establishments and when you do, please give them a hearty thank you for their support of Temple Beth Sholom. A big shout out goes out to Diane Shtulman and Karla Bonne for their hard work and effort in going to the various merchants time and again in order to get many of the gift certificates. Also, a special thank you to Beth Dulberg for donating an incredible basket for Across the Board – your artistry in putting these baskets together these past number of years is truly appreciated!

MISS CHOCOLATE PRESENTS PASSOVER 2017

Dear Congregant: We will be conducting our annual PASSOVER CANDY SALE during the months of February & March. This year we are pleased to feature Miss Chocolate and Bartons along with Old Time Delights kosher for Passover candy choices and a great kitchen gadget brochure featuring items for around the house. All are perfect for the holiday table or help around the house. If you are interested in purchasing and supporting our organization, please fill out the order form below & send it back with the correct payment. Your check must accompany your order. Please make check payable to TBS Religious School and return it by Sunday March 5, 2017, attn Geri Weiss. Thank You for your support!

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ITEM #	PASSOVER ITEMS - PAREVE	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL \$	ITEM #	PASSOVER ITEMS - DAIRY	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL \$
2529	Pizazz Fancy Fruit Slices/8oz.		\$8.50		2508	Bartons Cashew Butter Crunch/8oz.		\$11.50	
2535	Bartons Dark Chocolate Matzah/10oz.		\$15.00		2531	Bartons Milk Chocolate Lollycones/2.5oz.		\$6.50	
2541	Bartons Dark Chocolate Seder Mints /6oz.		\$10.00		2542	Bartons Milk Choc. Almond Caramel Cluster/5.5oz.		\$11.00	
2560	Bartons Dark Chocolate Almond Bark/5oz.		\$11.00		2553	Bartons Milk Choc. Caramel Daisies/5oz.		\$10.00	
2564	Bartons Dark Choc. Covered Macaroons/8oz.		\$12.00		2562	Bartons Milk Chocolate Matzah/10oz.		\$15.00	
2642	Bartons Dark Choc. Cov. Matzah Crackers/8oz.		\$11.00		2590	Bartons Almond Kisses/10oz.		\$14.00	
2580	Jennies Choc. Drizzle Coconut Macaroons/10oz.		\$12.00		2593	Bartons Milk & Dark Chocolate Asst./8oz.		\$17.00	
2598	Jennies Dbl. Choc. Sea Salt Macaroons/10oz.		\$12.00		2525	Bartons Chocolate Trio (#2542, #2541 & #2553)		\$28.00	
					2585	Bartons Matzo Combo (#2562 & #2535)		\$28.00	
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2573	Chocolate Covered Ring Jells/9oz.		\$9.00		2575	Choc Covered Cherry Flav. Marshmallow/9oz.		\$9.00	
2540	Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Twists/9oz.		\$9.00		2550	Sesame Crunch/8oz.		\$9.00	
2582	Chocolate Combo (#2573, #2540 & #2575)		\$25.00						
ITEM #	AMAZING KITCHEN GADGETS	QTY.	PRICE		ITEM #	AMAZING KITCHEN GADGETS	QTY.	PRICE	
2681	5-Piece Utensil Set		\$20.00		187	Colorful Geo Cutting Boards - Set of 5		\$10.00	
3403	Storage Containers - Set of 5		\$20.00		4557	Mason Beverage Dispenser		\$25.00	
915	Glass Prep Bowls - Set of 5		\$14.00		1866	Multicolored Measuring Cups - Set of 6		\$10.00	
800	3-in-1 Multi Purpose Microwave Stand/Tray		\$8.00		4010	Space Saving Glass Nesting Bowls - Set of 5		\$18.00	
4620	Steamer Plate		\$8.00		3199	Salad On-The-Go		\$8.00	
2251	Mix & Store Pitcher		\$12.00		2574	Plastic Straw Cups - Set of 4		\$7.00	
					2273	Pantry Storage 5-Piece Set		\$16.00	
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January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 9, 2017. President Adam Gandelman began the meeting with comments acknowledging the recent passing of TBS Founding Member Max Kupferberg. Dr. Paul Engel, Executive Director of the Flushing Jewish Community Council, addressed the Board regarding a proposed plan to use TBS as a monthly site for a Food Pantry, potentially to start on a trial basis in late February. FJCC will provide all volunteer security and organizational staff. Financial Secretary Gail Olenick reported we now have 126 Membership Units. The Board passed the December Financial Report presented by Treasurer Charlene Metz. The Board accepted the proposed 2017 - 2018 Budget to be presented for a vote at the Congregational Meeting on January 17th. Other committees and subcommittees gave brief reports or waived reports so that the Board could hear from the Rabbi and Cantor Contract committee. The Board voted to present the Congregation with the proposed 3-year contract for Rabbi Sharon Ballan for ratification on January 17th. Cantor Kathy Barr has stated she is not in a position at this time to enter into contract negotiations. The Board discussed this, and agreed to present this information to the Congregation at the January 17th meeting. The Board agreed to form a sub-committee to explore Cantorial options.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff,
Recording Secretary

****TBS Founding Member Max Kupferberg Dies***

Max Kupferberg, co-founder of the Flushing based manufacturing company Kepco, Inc, and a prominent figure in Queens, died on January 4, at age 97.

A child of immigrants from Romania, he was a member of the first incoming class at Queens College where he studied physics. He worked on the Manhattan Project, and later founded Kepco Inc. with his three brothers Ken, Jack, and Jesse where he continued working until 2014.

He and his wife Selma endowed cultural programming and refurbished performance and museum venues at Queens College. The Colden Center at Queens College was later renamed the Selma and Max Kupferberg Center for the Performing Arts in their honor.

He received an honorary degree from Queens College, and the special Q Award for his service to the college.

**excerpts from the Queens Courier*

Shabbat Across America - Friday March 3

A Must For You This Year!

The 1990 CJF Jewish Population Survey reported that over one million Jewish children in the United States are being raised as non-Jews or with no religion whatsoever. If this were to happen in another country, we, the Jews of North America would be outraged and spring into action. On every single occasion, all over the world, American Jews have given selflessly both personally and financially to rescue their brothers and sisters and to ensure that they have a Jewish life. Yet, here in the United States, we seem unconcerned. Well, this Shabbat Across American YOU have an opportunity to change that!!

Shabbat Across America, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program, will be celebrating its 21st year on Friday, March 3rd, and Temple Beth Sholom is a registered site for this event. SAA provides a joyous opportunity to reintroduce or to introduce Judaism to the marginally affiliated or the non-affiliated Jew.

Join us for Shabbat Family Service at 6:30pm followed by a Shabbat meal. For dinner, you will have a choice of the traditional kosher Shabbat meal at \$25 per person for adults and \$8 per person for children over 5 years old OR bring a dish for the pot luck, enough to serve 8.

Please make reservations by Friday, February 24th, and PLEASE bring someone with you! Invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor, or someone to share with us and with thousands of Jews across America and Canada in that which unites us - SHABBAT!

Please contact: Carole at the Temple Office carole@templebethsholom.org or Fay Schildkraut at fayschild@gmail.com 917-509-1664 or Elaine Larkin at 646-270-3428.

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

Bazaar Donations Received - 2016

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE ZIP	Phone No.
Anthony's Italian Restaurant	222-02 Union Tpke	Oakland Gardens, NY 11364	718468-6020
Arpi's Spa	197-10 Union Tpke	Fresh Meadows, NY 11366	718-454-2338
Aunt Bella's	46-19 Marathon Pkwy	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-225-4700
Avli, the little Greek Tavern	38-31 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-224-7575
Bareburger	42-38 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-279-2273
Bayside Milk Farm	35-15 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-225-0050
Belaire Printing	18-53 College Point Blvd	College Point, NY 11356	718-539-8333
Ben's NY Kosher	Bay Terrace	Bayside, NY 11360	718-229-2367
Best Market	1 Lexington Ave	Bethpage, NY 11714	516-570-5300
Bourbon Street	40-12 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-631-3024
Brian Dempsey's	39-31 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	7148-631-3024
Buddy's Kosher Deli	215-01 73rd Ave	Bayside, NY 11364	718-631-2110
Café Muscat	178-07 Union Turnpike	Fresh Meadows, NY 11366	718-591-4060
Cara Mia	220-20 Hillside Ave	Queens Village, NY	718-740-9118
Cascarino's	152-59 10th Ave	Whitestone, NY 11357	718-746-4370
Centre Pizzeria of Little Neck	254-25 Horace Harding Expressway	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-229-9879
Chef Elvis Carribean Cuisine	50B South Main St.	Freeport, NY 11520	516-442-4842
Christie's & Co.	23-64 Bell Blvd.	Bayside, N.Y. 11360	718-225-7766
Creative Cuts	185-17 Union Turnpike	Fresh Meadows, NY	718-264-2115
Cross Island Frame-Art Inc.	153-79 Cross Island Parkway	Whitestone, NY 11357	718-747-4278
Donovan's	214-16 41st Ave	Bayside, NY 11361	718-423-5353
Dragon Express	42-36 235th St	Douglaston, NY 11363	718-428-5500
Elite Pastry Shoppe	47-36 Bell Blvd	Baysie, NY 11361	718- 423-4400
Exit 32 Hair Salon	254-33 Horace Harding Blvd	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-423-0497
Fontana	200-02 Northern Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-631-0147
Food Town	4733 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718- 224-0544
Four Seasons Florists	192-06 Northern Blvd	Flushing, NY 11358	718-423-9500
Fresh Meadows Pizza and Restaurant	195-09 69th Ave	Fresh Meadows, NY 11365	718-217-2700
Grace Nails & Spa	47-38 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-428-5600

Grimaldi's	242-02 61st Ave	Douglaston, NY 11362	718-819-2133
High Performance Martial Arts	212-85 26th Ave	Bayside, NY 11360	
Iris Bass			
Jib Lanes	67-19 Parsons Blvd	Fresh Meadows, NY 11365	718- 591-0600
Julie Nail & Spa	248-25 Northern Blvd. #1G	Little Neck, NY 11363	718-224-6622
Keep in Touch Massage & Yoga	45-13 Little Neck Pkwy	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-423-1812
Kenjoy Jewelers	56-11 Marathon Pkwy.	Little Neck, N.Y. 11362	718-229-0556
La Grotta Ristorante	254-12 Northern Blvd	Little Neck, NY 11363	718-224-8899
Liquor Locker	172-10 46th Ave	Flushing, NY 11358	718-463-2727
Little Neck Car Wash	232-04 Northern Blvd	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-281-0780
Little Neck Liquor	254-27 Horace Harding Expressway	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-229-4600
Maggie Moo's	39-22 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-229-0229
Maria's Mediterranean Seafood & Grill	38-11 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-279-1606
Massage Envy of Bayside	38-03 Bell Boulevard	Bayside, NY 11361 US	718-279-3689
Melrose Credit Union, Attn: Alan Kaufman, CEO	139-30 Queens Blvd.	Briarwood, N.Y. 11435	718-658-9800
Mim's	235 Roslyn Road	Roslyn, NY 11577	516-625-7305
Movie World Cinemas & Café	242-02 61st Ave	Douglaston, NY 11362	718-423-9200
Myhometech.net			914-837-8373
Mythos	196-29 Northern Blvd	Flushing, NY 11358	718-357-5403
Nick's Unisex Hair Cutting	40-18 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-428-1353
North Shore Diner	196-52 Northern Blvd	Flushing, NY 11358	718-225-8000
North Shore Farms	90 Horace Harding Expwy	Great Neck, NY 11020	516-482-6287
Omega Coffee Shop	200-07 32nd Ave	Bayside, NY 11361	718-352-3925
Panera Bread	23-58 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11360	718-423-7600
Patsy's Pizzeria	21-64 Utopia Parkway	Whitestone, NY 11357	718- 224-0200
Pesso's Italian Ices	203-20 35th Ave	Bayside, NY 11361	718-224-9130
Pete's Kitchen	3926 Bell Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-428-9351
Pizza Garden	171-01 Northern Blvd	Flushing, NY 11358	718-461-5151
Pizzaz, Hair, Nail, Skin Salon	249-10 Horace Harding Blvd	Little Neck, NY	718-225-8733
Terrace Diner	212-97 26th Ave	Bayside, NY 11360	718-224-4434
The Health Nuts	211-35 26th Ave	Bayside, NY 11360	718-225-8164
Tiger Schulmann	215-15 Northern Blvd	Bayside, NY 11361	718-569-7931
Toskana Pizzeria Restaurant	248-25 Northern Blvd	Little Neck, NY 11362	718-225-2887



Notes
From
Cantor Kathy Barr

Shalom!

February brings many exciting things to TBS, but I want to talk specifically about Shabbat Shirah. Shabbat Shirah, also known as the Sabbath of Song, is when we read the portion, B'shallach which contains the Song at the Sea. This is Moses' famous song about crossing the Sea of Reeds safely and how God vanquished the Egyptians. There are prayers in our liturgy taken from this passage, like Ozi V'zimrat Yah and Mi Chamocha, and our escape is remembered in the Kiddush. Handel wrote an oratorio telling the story, called *Israel In Egypt*, and the entire second half is *the Song of the Sea*. It is written for double chorus and a quintet of soloists as well. The haftarah that accompanies this Torah Portion, contains *Deborah's Song*, another song of triumph over an enemy. (*The Song of the Sea, or Shirat Hayam* is also one of the coolest columns in Torah, one of only three that are different.)

Freedom is of paramount importance in Judaism. We wandered in the desert until every soul (save Joshua, Moses' servant) who knew slavery personally, was gone. We remember the rescue at sea every day to teach our children to appreciate freedom, but anyone who knew the slavery in Egypt might long for those days (as many did in the desert) and try to undermine God's plan; therefore we couldn't enter the Promised land until they were no longer a threat. There is also a midrash about the crossing of the sea: When the Israelites were saved, the angels were celebrating. God said, "Aren't the Egyptians My children too?" We need to remember that we are all God's children - those who disagree with us and even those who try to kill us.

At the end of the song, Miriam takes her timbrel in her hand, and all the women follow her with timbrels and drums and dancing. They all sing a song of triumph, echoing Moses' song. I urge you to join us on Shabbat Shirah (February 10th this year) when we will chant the Song of the Sea from the Torah. It is also the beginning of what is known as Jewish Music season. Traditionally, Shabbat Shirah is a service with guest artists and instrumentalists, special music and sometimes a choir too. We will make this a special occasion, but it needs only one more thing - YOU! Mark your calendars. Also, on March 17th, we will have a Pop Shabbat. Almost all the prayers will be set to pop tunes you know well, and the service will be accompanied by piano as well as guitar - not to be missed! You can sing along with everything!

Religious School News

Our school year is rushing by! We are about to celebrate *Tu BiShevat*, the new year for trees...although I have not yet cleaned the wax out of my *Chanukiyot*! Although I know it is the season for wildflowers in Israel, I am still worrying about snowstorms and their impact on TBS Hebrew and Religious School.

Our first storm in January caught us by surprise. We expected a light snowfall and got about six inches. Temperatures fluctuated and streets, some clean, some not, became icy. Thanks to the Long Island Railroad, and the snow plow we followed to the train station, I went to a wonderful concert by Israeli singer/guitarist David Broza. My phone was on vibrate, and it vibrated throughout the night with texts and emails from the teachers asking whether we would be having classes on Sunday morning. I told them I would let them know as soon as we knew for sure what conditions would be.

Barbara Gandelman and I spoke just before the concert started, and agreed to speak again after the show...but it both started and ended late...so there I was, during the encores, texting with Barbara as we made our decision, and then emailing from my I-pad to the whole school that classes would be cancelled... There must be a better way!

Should we face storm conditions again, we would like a better way to get the word out as to whether school is open or closed. We would like to notify families and staff by text message, in a group text, to which each individual receiving the text could respond with a Y, indicating that the message has been received. We know that not everyone reads email as compulsively as I do, but texts are hard to ignore. Please email me your preferred cell phone number for school alerts, or indicate in your email that you want to opt out of cell phone notification. karenbfeit@aol.com.

Meantime, look for further information about our Tu BiShevat Seder on February 12, and enjoy Presidents' Week Vacation!

Karen Feit,
 Religious School Principal

☆ **Zichrono Livracha** ☆

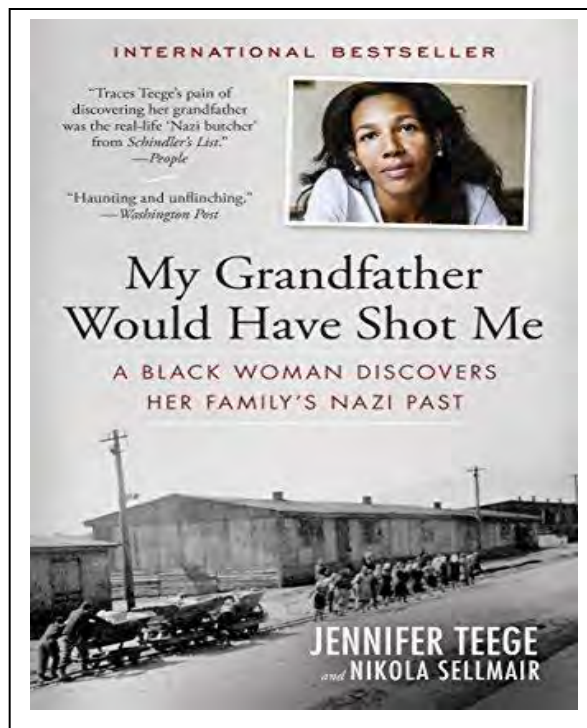
The Temple notes with sadness the passing of:

**Max Kupferberg father of
 Rhoda Kupferberg Joss & Saul Kupferberg
 and TBS Founding member**

TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB 2017

Date: Sunday February 5, 2017 Time: 11:00 am

"My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me" by Jennifer Teege



At age 38, Jennifer Teege happened to pluck a library book from the shelf—and discovered a horrifying fact: Her grandfather was Amon Goeth, the vicious Nazi commandant depicted in *Schindler's List*. Reviled as the "butcher of Płaszów," Goeth was executed in 1946. The more Teege learned about him, the more certain she became: If her grandfather had met her—a black woman—he would have killed her.

Teege's discovery sends her into a severe depression—and fills her with questions: Why did her birth mother withhold this chilling secret? How could her grandmother have loved a mass murderer?

Can evil be inherited?

Teege's story is cowritten by Nikola Sellmair, who also adds historical context and insight from Teege's family and friends, in an interwoven narrative. Ultimately, Teege's search for the truth leads her, step by step, to the possibility of her own liberation.

If you are using Amazon, don't forget to order through  to make donations to Temple Bent Shalom!!!!

Please read the books and come to our book club meeting with your opinions and comments.

Refreshments will be served!!!!

☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS February 2017

February 3-February 9

Alfred Bamberger
 Rozalind Drexler
 Bessie Koorse
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 Susan Shapiro
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 Norman Verkman
 Janet Wasserman

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 Sam Hoffman
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 William Leff
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 Max Opstbaum
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Join us for **Shabbat Family Service at 6:30 pm, with dinner to follow** 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.

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. You can contact Fay at fayschild@gmail.com or (917-509-1664) or call Elaine Larkin at 646-270-3428 after February 24th.

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

Hello Temple Families,

We hope that you had a healthy and festive New Year's celebration and are ready for the year ahead:

The Men's Club Murder Mystery was a success thanks to all participants. Congratulations to Dan Harkavy for being the Super Sleuth, Geri Weiss for receiving the Best Dressed Award, and David Chenkin for receiving the Best Performer award.

This year, the Men's Club plans to focus on sports:

Sports and Health: As we have started our second year of bowling, we would like to congratulate the top bowlers by average from last year, our newest member Barry Packer (119), Mike Shapiro (113.6), and David Chenkin (112.6). These averages would not be able to be achieved without the participation of Temple Members and without the partnership of Jib Lanes. We have 3-4 regular bowlers but it is never too late to join the club. Our next bowling event will be Thursday, February 2nd at 8:00 PM. Both amateur and experienced bowlers are welcome.

Sports and Entertainment: To keep the tradition going, save the date for "Jewish Heritage Night" at the Long Island Ducks Game on Sunday, August 20th. The Long Island Ducks always bring great turnouts, great weather, and great bonding of Temple Members.

Sports and Education: Men's Club will be offering a joint event as Adult Education on Sunday, March 26th. Alan Freedman, Founder & Director of the Jewish Sports Heritage Association will be providing a discussion of Jews in Sports. This will be an interesting topic, and you will learn many little known facts about Jewish participation as players and as other types of participants.

If you haven't participated in a Men's Club meetings in the past or haven't paid your dues, you can still join us for our February Men's Club meetings on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:30 or Sunday, February 5th.

We thank everyone for their participation in temple events, and we look forward to the fun and informative events planned.

Eric Bernstein & Mike Shapiro
Men's Club Co-Presidents



Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter, and it has been the warmest winter that I can remember! We are all hoping that the snow continues to stay away!

Please join us on Sunday, February 5th at 11:00 am when we will be discussing *My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me*, by Jennifer Teege. This book came highly recommended and it should be a great discussion.

Our Sisterhood Event will be held on Tuesday, April 25th. Come join us for dinner and entertainment with Gathering Time. Please look for the flyer for further details.

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 just received info for high school kids to read/discuss modern Jewish literature for 1 week sessions in the summer, with full cost of tuition, room, board, etc. I believe it is at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst Ma. Please let me know if your high school student would be interested in this program.

I would like to know what you want from your Sisterhood. If you have any ideas of 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



Mystery Night Participants

Prin Ball

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			1	2	3	4
			4:30 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Men's Club	8:00 pm Bowling Jib Lanes	7:30 pm Shabbat Family Service Service Board Installation 	10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00 am Religious School 10:00 am PA 10:30 am Sisterhood 11:00 am Men's Club			4:30 pm Hebrew School		6:00 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Jr. Congregation 8:00 pm Shabbat Service 	Tu Bishvat 10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 am Religious School Tu Bishvat Seder	7:00 pm Membership 8:00 pm Board Meeting		4:30 pm Hebrew School 8:00 pm School Board		7:30 pm Shabbat Service Simchat Shabbat/ 	10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No Religious School			No Hebrew School		8:00 pm Shabbat Service Shir Shabbat 	10:00 am Shabbat Service & Torah Study
26	27	28				
No Religious School						

Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club and
Adult Education present:
"The History of Jewish Athletes"

Hosted by Alan Freedman, Founder & Director of the Jewish
Sports Heritage Association

Learn about the onset of Jewish Athletes in Boxing,
Basketball, Baseball, and Football and their challenges and
triumphs throughout their career.

***Jewish Sports Heritage Association** is a not-for-profit education organization
whose mission is to educate the public about the role Jewish men and women have
played, and continue to play

Date: Sunday, March 26th

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Frank S. Greene Room

Breakfast will be served

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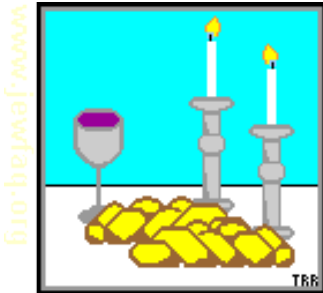
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Friday, February 17

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