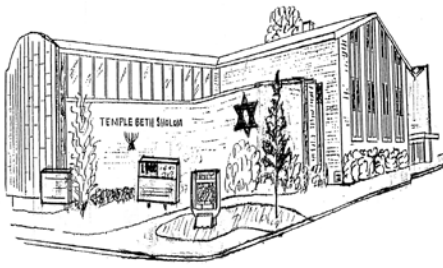


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

BOWLING

THURSDAY, MAY 3

**BLOOD DRIVE/MITZVAH DAY/
ACADEMY PLUS FOOD AND TOILETRY
DRIVE**

SUNDAY, MAY 6

**TBS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SHUL-IN
2018**

FRIDAY, MAY 11-SATURDAY,
MAY 12

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 22

RUMMAGE SET-UP

SUNDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY RUMMAGE SALE

MONDAY, MAY 28

NEXT MONTH:

**OPEN MIC NIGHT & VOTER
REGISTRATION DRIVE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

"CELEBRATE ISRAEL" PARADE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

BOWLING

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

**PA PESSO'S ITALIAN ICES &
ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER**

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

**BROOKLYN CYCLONES
JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT**

TUESDAY, JUNE 19



From the Rabbi's desk

It was a wonderful experience to host a Passover *seder* at Temple Beth Sholom on the second night of the holiday. We have not had a *seder* at Temple in a number of years and it was an unexpected pleasure to celebrate with over 40 people! Thank you Geri Weiss and Fay Schildkraut for your hard work in planning and executing the *seder* on such short notice.

During this second *seder*, we began counting the "omer," and this counting continues until Shavuot. The *omer*, which literally means "a measure," was an offering of the first of the grain or barley harvest, which was brought to the Temple. We learn in the Torah to count seven weeks from the time of the offering of the *omer*. The Hebrew word for week is 'shavua' which is derived from the word for seven, *sheva*. Shavuot is the plural of *shavua*, literally meaning 'weeks.' Thus, because of this ritual counting, the period between Passover and Shavuot became known as the *omer*. Shavuot, like Pesach and Sukkot, the other two holidays of the *shalosh regalim*, is dual in nature. It is both agricultural, and historical. Passover celebrates our liberation from Egypt and slavery, and Shavuot celebrates our receiving of Torah at Sinai. It can be hard to connect the agricultural aspect of the *omer* period to our modern lives. But, perhaps in our counting the *omer*, we can symbolically connect liberation with the idea of Torah, and to change the

focus to one of preparing ourselves to receive "Torah," and bring it into our lives.

This year Shavuot falls on Sunday, May 20th. We will be celebrating and receiving the Torah a little differently: Shavuot in Cunningham Park! Join us for a short Yizkor Service and Picnic in the Park, with lots of activities for our families and children of all ages, including a Ten Commandments Scavenger hunt, games, and lots of singing, all beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There are many ways to bring Torah into our lives: one is by being committed to healing and repairing the world. You can actively participate by joining us for Mitzvah Day on May 6th. Donate blood or help with the Blood Drive; donate much needed toiletries and food to the Academy Plus class's Food Drive; volunteer to be a member of our Caring Committee or our Social Action Committee. Another way is to actually study Torah; I encourage you to try our weekly Shabbat Torah study group. No experience with Hebrew or Torah study is necessary; just come ready to ask questions and learn with us!

Shalom uvracha,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan

Wishing You A Very
**Happy
SHAVUOT**



Worship Schedule

- Friday, May 4: **Simchat Shabbat/
Shabbat Family Service/
PA Shabbat/Teacher's Shabbat 7:30 p.m.**
Torah Portion: Emor
Candle Lighting: *Karri Kaufman*
Kiddush: *Dan Harkavy*
Host: *Parents' Association in honor of all teachers*
- Saturday, May 5: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 a.m.**
- Friday, May 11: **Jr. Congregation 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m.**
Torah Portion: Behar-Bechukotai
Candle Lighting: *Fran Goldman*
Kiddush: *Eric Bernstein*
Host: *Sisterhood*
- Saturday, May 12: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 a.m.**
- Friday, May 18: **Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m.**
Torah Portion: B'Midbar
Candle Lighting: *Maxine Simon*
Kiddush: *Charlene Metz*
Host: *Sisterhood*
- Saturday, May 19: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 a.m.**
- Sunday, May 20: **Shavuot/Yizkor at
Cunningham Park 10:00 a.m.**
- Friday, May 25: **Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m.**
Torah Portion: Naso
Candle Lighting: *Lori Kwait*
Kiddush: *Neal Kwait*
Hosts: *Lori and Neal Kwait in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Allison*
- Saturday, May 26: Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 a.m.**
Bat Mitzvah of Allison Kwait



April Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 9th, 2018. Financial Secretary Gail Olenick reported our current membership is 118 family units, with 50% of membership dues paid to date. She is trying to work with members who owe dues to arrange a payment plan. The March Financial Report was accepted by the Board as reviewed by "Assistant Treasurer" Robin Myers.

Rabbi Ballan reported on the successful Second Night Passover Seder, with 43 people attending. Cantor Korobow will be covering for Rabbi Ballan on April 20th Friday night service, with past President Adam Gandelman and with the participation of the youth choir.

The Pulpit and Ritual Committee has begun to arrange for Lay Leaders over the summer and High Holiday honors and encourage volunteers for either or both to contact Geri Weiss. Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Parents' Association Presidents (Barbara Gandelman, Jeff Cohen, and Erica Bernstein, respectively) reported recent and upcoming events.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Chair of Social Action Committee, reported that TBS will partner with OFA-NY to sponsor a fun voter's registration and education event coordinated with an Open Mic on June 2nd.

The Board voted to accept a one-year contract with Cantor Korobow. Jim Kettig reported on the DEP's proposed bioswales (green infrastructure) with options that may be advantageous to us. The next Congregational Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 22nd, which means that the next Game Night will need to be rescheduled.

Deirdre Weliky, Chair of the Caring Committee, reported on their first meeting which included input by Rabbi Ballan and President Fay Halpern Schildkraut. Marchel Gillin reported Paul Engel will be able to resume the Food Pantry in the coming months. Gail Tishcoff reported on the upcoming May 6th Blood Drive, which will hopefully be including volunteers from LFCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary



*Thank
you*

*In the April Voice, we
inadvertently omitted
acknowledging Deirdre
Weliky's sponsoring of
the April 6th Oneg in
memory of her mother,
Doris Berlin.*

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of April 18, 2018

- PULPIT FLOWER FUND** TBS Office 718-463-4143
Rita Bellock in loving memory of her husband Warren Bellock.
- MOLLIE MEYER TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL FUND** Diane Shtulman 718-224-3875
Bernice Berman in memory of Sylvia Fishbach.
- CULINARY FUND**..... Iris Bass 718-224-3009
- JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND**..... TBS Office 718-463-4143
- LT. MARVIN S. ACKERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND** TBS Office 718-463-4143
- JEWISH START** TBS Office 718-463-4143
- GENERAL FUND**..... TBS Office 718-463-4143
Betty Zimmermann to thank Rabbi Ballan, Fay Schildkraut and Geri Weiss for the wonderful seder.
- TORAH FUND.** TBS Office 718-463-4143
- RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
Carl Rabinowitz
Anonymous
Sam Rosenberg in memory of Sharon Katz' mother, Arlene Siegelwaks.
Deirdre Weliky in gratitude for the TBS community that works so tirelessly to keep TBS vibrant.
- MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND**..... Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894
- MUSIC FUND**..... Cantor Korobow 718-463-4143
Maxine Simon in support of music for special events and high holy days.

When donating to Pulpit Flower Fund, please specify which Shabbat service that you wish it to be read on
 Thank you for contributing to TBS Funds!

Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, May 4th, 2018

May Birthdays

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| Seth Bernstein
Jeff Bonne
Joseph Dulberg
Adam Fertig
Steven Fishman
Veronica Flug
Ethan Harkavy
Mitchell Horowitz | Gerald Maurer
Gail Olenick
Lauren Passaro
Brett Reichler
Gloria Shapiro
Benjamin Adam Steele
Ned Steele
Lee Terry Stern-LaRosa |
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May Anniversaries

- Edward & Karen Carroscio
 Jay & Sharon Haimer
 Neal & Lori Kwait
 Caryl Stern-LaRosa & Donald LaRosa
 Barry Packer & Renee Katz-Packer
 Al Eckman & Ilyne Rabinowitz
 Eric & Stephanie Rosenberg
 Seymour & Miriam Scharf
 Raymond & Elana White



Dear Members,

As we begin the new fiscal year at Temple, we recently sent out the temple dues statement. Thank you to those who have already paid!! For those of you who have not, we are asking that payment of dues/school fees be made as soon as possible! If you still have arrears, please pay those as soon as possible. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Gail Olenick, Financial Secretary at the temple office or by email, at sdgd4@aol.com. Many thanks!

-Temple Beth Sholom Executive Board

TBS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS
SHUL-IN 2018



When: Friday, May 11th – Saturday, May 12th

Time: Starts at 6:30 p.m. before Jr. Congregation and ends
between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Cost: \$20 per child

(Includes Dinner, Breakfast, and Activities)

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 27th

**Saturday Morning – Special Morning Service with
Rabbi Ballan and Karen Feit**

To RSVP, please complete the permission slip on the back of the form. You can contact Erica Bernstein, Elana White, or e-mail parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org with any questions.

TBS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SHUL-IN 2018

Permission Slip

Friday, May 11th – Saturday, May 12th

I _____ give my child(ren) permission to stay overnight at Temple Beth Sholom and take part in the Shul-in Activities.

Name(s) and age(s) of child(ren)*

Emergency Phone Contact _____

Food or other allergies _____

___ I volunteer to stay overnight to help supervise the activities

*Please note that if your child **is under the age of 8, he/she will require** an adult chaperone.

From The President

"Come Home to Temple Beth Shalom!" I know it has been a long winter and walking and driving conditions have not been the best, but we miss you at Shabbat Services. Our Friday night services are lively and inspiring. Yes, by Friday evening we all feel worn out from a week of running, fighting traffic, living by the clock so why not come to Services and take a deep breath, sing along with our Cantor, learn from our Rabbi and share a morsel with your TBS family. I promise, it will decompress you, revitalize you, and yes get you ready for the outside world.

As much as TBS needs us, we need TBS even more. Think about it, it's the only time that you truly have for yourself, away from the phones, work and demands of life. You deserve it. You need it.

Let's start by making a promise to attend services at least or between once twice a month, who knows maybe you too will become addicted.

Don't forget our Congregational Meeting on May 22nd at 8:00 p.m. There are so many wonderful and exciting things going on right now and being planned for our future at TBS, come learn about them, participate, let's share ideas.

Come on! Come home! To Temple Beth Shalom!

Dr. Fay Schildkraut
Temple President



**Mazel Tov to our May Bat Mitzvah
Allison Kwait!!
Torah Portion: Naso**

We look forward to celebrating a special day in our lives when our daughter Allison Sarah Kwait is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 26th. Allison is in the seventh grade at Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School 74 in Bayside, Queens. Allison has been attending Thea's Dance Studio for the past eight years, taking classes such as tap and jazz. She has also performed in many musical theatre productions at American Dance & Drama Studio. Allison lives in Bayside with her mom Lori, her dad Neal, and her nine year-old twin brother and sister, Matthew and Jennifer. We are so proud of her achievements and of the beautiful, caring, and amazing person she has become. We wish her much happiness, health and success for a wonderful future!

Lori & Neal Kwait



Sisterhood Corner

The weather is getting warmer and our Temple is alive with many activities.

We had a great time at our Sisterhood event on Tuesday, April 24th. There was dinner, dessert and great company. Fun was had by all!

On Sunday, May 6th our annual Mitzvah Day and Blood Drive will take place. Come down to Temple and participate in this wonderful event. You can also donate to benefit the Religious School and Temple Beth Shalom in memory of our beloved Temple members who have passed away this year.

We will have a Book Club on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing The Two Family House by Lynda Cohen Loigman. This is also our general meeting where we will be discussing events for next year. I hope to see you at this event.

Our Rummage sale is approaching. We need volunteers to make this a success for our Temple as this is our biggest fundraiser. If you are able to donate a few hours of your time, it would be greatly appreciated. If we all give just a little of our time, we are certain that it will be a success once again. Please contact Joy Bobrow by calling the office with your availability.

Our Sisterhood service will be held on Friday, June 15th. It will be a great service where Sisterhood will lead Shabbat Services.

Stay tuned for information about our upcoming summer auction. We hope to see all of you at Temple's upcoming events.

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President



Shabbat Summer Services 2018:

July 6th - The Gandelman family

July 13th - The Harkavy family

July 20th - The Lonborg/Larkin family

July 27th - TBA

August 3rd - Danielle Gandelman & Geri Weiss

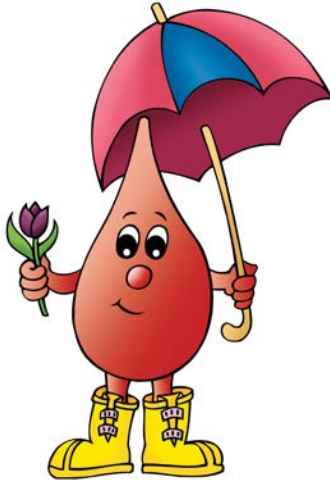
Aug 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st - TBA

Please contact Geri Weiss to volunteer!!



Temple Beth Sholom- Flushing

Blood Drive



When: Sunday, May 6, 2018

Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Where: Temple Beth Sholom-
171-39 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring valid ID
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds w/parental consent form, 76 and older with a doctor's note)
 - Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
 - No tattoos for past 12 months

Questions about eligibility? Call 1-800-688-0900

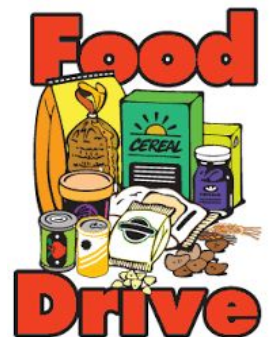
For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call
917-238-2408

Temple Beth Sholom's Academy Plus Class is Having a Food and Toiletry Drive!!!

Please Donate towards the Samuel Field
JCC and Help Others in Need!

Items include, but are not limited to...

- *Canned Food*
- *Boxed Food*
- *Paper Towels*
- *Napkins*
- *Soap*
- *Feminine Hygiene Products*
- *Diapers*
- *Toiletries*



Collections may be brought in on Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 6, 2018, or sooner. You can drop your donations off in the boxes located outside the Sanctuary. We encourage you to donate!

Bazaar Corner 2018

We had our first Bazaar 2018 meeting on April 17th. Thank you to all who attended our meeting and for taking the time to talk about Bazaar 2018 and how to make it even better. As a reminder, the dates and times for **Bazaar 2018** are **Saturday, December 1st from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Sunday, December 2nd from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Monday, December 3rd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Thank you to Suzanne Fertig for volunteering to contact potential outside vendors at an earlier stage in the planning process. Thank you to Barry Packer for volunteering to be our Volunteers Coordinator. Even though it will only be May by the time you read this, we want you to have ample time to plan when you can help out so Barry will be calling **all** Temple members in the very near future to ask when members will be available to volunteer for setup as well as volunteer at Bazaar. So check your calendars so you can give Barry a definitive date and time! **Please don't say no!!!** We would like to try to create a really festive mood so any members with artistic skills are also asked to come and volunteer. We **NEED** your help to continue to make Bazaar a financial success! Please let us know Joy Bobrow or Barbara Gandelman at maxjolo@msn.com or adbarb1@aol.com, respectively, or call the Temple Office. We are looking forward to hearing from you! Thanks!

The Bazaar Team

How Can I Contribute to TBS without Spending

1. If every TBS member and their family and friends open a new, non-interest bearing checking account at TD Bank, you can get \$25 AND Temple Beth Sholom will receive \$50 for every new checking account opened (that remains open for at least one year). TBS will also receive a small percentage of participants' annual average balances. If you are already a TD Bank customer, Temple will receive \$10 for every existing checking account. Visit any one of TD Bank's locations and ask to have your balance included as part of Temple Beth Sholom's Affinity Membership Program, or call the Whitestone branch at (718) 357-4310 for more information. Our code in the program is AF637.

2. When you make a purchase through Amazon, make sure you use Amazon Smile by signing up for Amazon Smile (you don't lose your Prime benefits!) and select Temple Beth Sholom. You can also type in the following URL link which will bring you to the right place so a portion of your purchase supports our Temple: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1802826>.

3. Lastly, if you are considering purchasing Judaica items, consider buying from the Judaica Webstore: <http://templebethsholom.org/judaica/> as Temple Beth Sholom will receive a percentage of the purchase!

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Beth Sholom!

Parents' Association

Although it's officially spring, the weather has not been paying attention to the season change. While we are still in seasonal transition, the Parents Association has a few events this spring. On Friday May 4th, we will be hosting a Family Shabbat Service to honor congregants in the education field followed by a pot luck dessert Oneg.

Our annual Shul-In will be held beginning Friday evening, May 11th. We will start the event with a pizza dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by our May Junior Congregation service. On Saturday, the children will enjoy a breakfast followed by a learning session with Rabbi Ballan and Karen. The cost of this event is \$20 per child which includes pizza, activities, and breakfast.

On Sunday May 20th, we will be celebrating Shavuot with a picnic at Cunningham Park from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Families will be able to participate in outdoor events. The Parents Association will be providing ice cream and water.

Finally, join us on Thursday, June 14th with a fundraiser at Pessio's Ice Cream. The fundraiser will run from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There is no school the next day so families can spend the beautiful spring night enjoying ice cream and socializing. Please bring a copy of the flyer included in the voice to the fundraiser. May everyone enjoy the rest of the school year.

Erica Bernstein and Elana White
PA Co-Presidents



★ Zichrono Livracha ★

The Temple notes with sadness
the passing of:

**Daniel Schechter, brother of Stanley
Schechter, brother-in-law of Robbie Schechter
and the uncle of
Jennifer Schechter-Lonborg.**



Temple Beth Sholom Walk-a-thon Sponsorship Form

Our walk-a-thon is a fun activity for students and a way for them to do something special for their school. We thank you for showing our students the importance of tzedakah. You can help by sponsoring a specific student, sponsoring a class, or making a donation. Please fill out the table below, indicating which you are choosing.

Name of Sponsor	Address, phone, and email	Choice A: Child(ren) being sponsored	Choice B: Class(es) being sponsored	Choice C: Donation	Amount sponsored
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Total _____

The walk-a-thon is in memory of Carole Lowenstein and Leonard Loeb. Thank you for supporting our students and for honoring Carole and Leonard for their commitment to our Temple.

Adult Education

As I am typing this newsletter, I am eagerly awaiting the events coming up for April including meeting Cletus "The Hebrew Hammer" Seldin, our second game night event, and attending Karen Feit's speaking event on Zionism.

I am anticipating a larger turnout at the Game Night since our kickoff due to the positive feedback. Game night will continue on Tuesday, May 15th, and Wednesday, June 20th. The cost is \$5 and food and drinks will be provided. I am hoping to schedule Game Night on a fixed day of the week for the summer and fall at the next calendar meeting.

I have provided a preliminary count to the Jewish Community Council of Northeast Queens on the number of attendees for the "Celebrate Israel" parade. The parade is taking place Sunday, June 3rd at 11:00 a.m. There is still time to register but we require a final count by Friday, **May 4th**. The cost is \$18 per person. All participants will receive round-trip bus transportation from Temple Beth Sholom to the Parade, a T-Shirt, and snacks. Please contact myself, Rabbi Ballan, or Geri Weiss with any questions.

Thank you everyone for your continued support for Temple activities and events.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chair

Adult Education Breakfast with "The Hebrew Hammer", Cletus Seldin April 15th, 2018



To sponsor an issue of the Voice,
please contact Glory Einbinder at
(718)229-4035.

If you have moved, please let the Temple Office know.
And also call to make certain the Temple Office has
birthday and anniversary dates on file if you want to be
acknowledged in our Sistergrams.

Men's Club

Men's Club wants to thank everyone who came to hear Cletus "the Hebrew Hammer" Seldin on Sunday, April 15th. He spoke about growing up on Long Island, his bar mitzvah, his career, and how he continues to promote his Jewish faith as part of his boxing identity.

Men's Club will be hosting the planting of new flowers around the temple entrance as part of Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 6th. If your children are enrolled in our Hebrew School, please make sure they attend that day!

Men's Club hosts monthly bowling sessions at Jib Lanes in Flushing, the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. For \$15, you get two games of bowling, free shoe rental, and the opportunity to interact with members of the congregation – bowling is not restricted to men's club membership. The next two bowling sessions are Thursday, May 3rd and Thursday, June 7th.

Men's Club is looking for members who want to attend two different Jewish Heritage Nights – one sponsored by the Brooklyn Cyclones (Tuesday, June 19th at 7 p.m.) and the Long Island Ducks (Sunday, August 26th). Look for flyers and related information elsewhere in this issue of THE VOICE. Tickets for each event are \$15.

Men's Club has now collected and sorted more than 6,500 books for this December's Bazaar and Book Sale! If you know a family involved with an estate sale who wants to have the rest of their books picked up, or if they can even drop them off, please contact the office and they will contact Men's Club. Please remember to tell them that they can write off the books as a tax deduction!

Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President



Thank You

We have just completed our 4 weeks of beginners dance classes at TBS with our professional dance teacher Lenny Seasonwein.

"Thank you Lenny for this incredible donation to Temple! It was enormous fun for everyone. Of course, we must also thank your beautiful assistant Judy!"

Lenny plans to repeat this charitable event at TBS in the fall. For anyone wanting to go on to advance classes, Lenny has a class at TBS every Thursday evening at 7 pm.

For more information, please contact Lenny at:
(718) 767-4458.

TBS Men's Club presents
Bowling Schedule 2018



\$15.00 for 2 games, shoes, competition, and fun.

Whether you're an amateur
or an experienced bowler,
come support Temple Beth
Sholom and improve your
health.

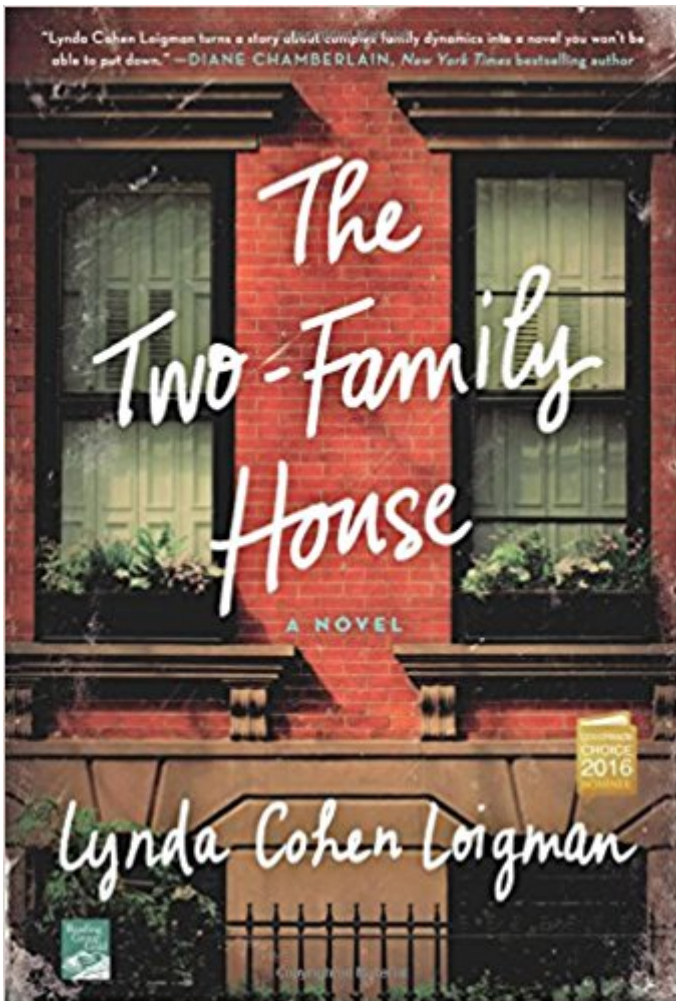
**Jib Lanes
67-19 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11365
718-591-0600**

2018 Schedule

January 4	May 3	September 6
February 1	June 7	October 4
March 1	July 5	November 1
April 12	August 2	December 6

If you have any questions, please e-mail
mensclub@templebethsholom.org

TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:
BOOK CLUB – MAY 16, 2018



**"The Two-Family
House"**

Lynda Cohen Loigman

Date:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Time:

7:30 p.m.

Brooklyn, 1947: In the midst of a blizzard, in a two-family brownstone, two babies are born, minutes apart. The mothers are sisters by marriage: dutiful, quiet Rose, who wants nothing more than to please her difficult husband; and warm, generous Helen, the exhausted mother of four rambunctious boys who seem to need her less and less each day. Raising their families side by side, supporting one another, Rose and Helen share an impenetrable bond forged before and during that dramatic winter night.

When the storm passes, life seems to return to normal; but as the years progress, small cracks start to appear and the once deep friendship between the two women begins to unravel. No one knows why, and no one can stop it. One misguided choice; one moment of tragedy. Heartbreak wars with happiness and almost, but not quite, wins. Moving and evocative, Lynda Cohen Loigman's debut novel *The Two-Family House* is a heart-wrenching, gripping multigenerational story, woven around the deepest of secrets.

Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions and comments AND a can of decaf coffee!

Refreshments will be served.

If you are using Amazon, don't forget to order through [amazon smile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) to make donations to Temple Beth Shalom!!!!



Cantor's Corner

When I was sixteen, my best friend was a very good musician. Mark played guitar and piano, and we actually hacked around in a garage rock band together. Mark thought I should learn to play the guitar, but I wasn't interested. Nevertheless, he decided I should sing for his guitar teacher, and we worked out an arrangement of an old spiritual ala Paul Robeson. I figured we'd go and do the song, and that would be the end of it-he'd leave me alone about the guitar.

We went to visit Kent Sidon at the school he ran in Roslyn Heights-the Guitar Workshop. It was a dilapidated house in a quiet residential neighborhood, and Kent matched it in appearance. He was a short, slightly stooped middle-aged man with longish black-gray hair balding on top, a scraggly goatee, and dark framed glasses. I would later learn that the character in the old tweed sport coat, tie, and rumpled trousers was Jewish, and had grown up in Great Neck. Mark introduced me, Kent settled back to listen, and we began. When we finished, he jumped up and ran over, hugging us and slapping us on our backs. "My god, just like Paul Robeson" he cried (I sang as a bass-baritone back then). "You must study guitar, and I refuse to take money!" This was my introduction to an important and unique mentor.

Kent was a brilliant and visionary classical and folk guitar teacher. He had studied with the immortal Andres Segovia, had produced classic folk music concerts in Greenwich Village during the folk boom (think Judy Collins, Pete Seeger, The Almanac Singers, etc.), and was single-handedly trying to spread the gospel of guitar as a legitimate instrument throughout the area. I still wasn't sure I was interested in the guitar.

After studying classical guitar with Kent for three months, the school year was ending. He asked if I was interested in teaching at the Guitar Workshop that summer. They were offering a special program to elementary school teachers on how to use music in their classrooms, and he wanted me (16 years old) to teach adults how to play. "How can I do that? I barely know how to play myself." "You know more than they do" he said. I did teach that summer. I also found my first girlfriend, and came into contact with all the musician/teachers at the Workshop. They were all at least ten years older, and into many different kinds of music. I was surrounded with classical, folk, blues, rock, bluegrass, old-time, and everything in between. Each night after classes were over, we'd sit around and jam. Needless to say, I was now very interested in guitar and all that went with it.

My involvement with the Guitar Workshop and the extraordinary Kent Sidon continued through high school. It was Kent who turned me on to his alma mater, Oberlin College, and insisted that it was the ideal place for me to go. He was right. Kent and the Workshop family were my first real introduction to alternative, anti-establishment lifestyles, different political points of view, and to music as a way of life. Sadly, Kent died quite a few years ago. He was not an old man. The Guitar Workshop continued for a while, and eventually disappeared.

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Religious School News

All that is left of Passover is matzah crumbs and memories, but as I write, we are still eagerly awaiting Spring! The temperature today is hovering around 39 degrees...My budding forsythia is really confused, and the wind is blowing fiercely. No matter...we are moving a pace with all of our date appropriate activities here at Hebrew School.

Our Passover game day, complete with kosher for Passover snacks, was a great success with our learners. They played Passover bingo, headbandz, memory and biblical story games...learning more and more about the seder, the symbols, and the story. Cantor Korobow provided the music to make the day complete.

Our return to Hebrew school closely coincided with Yom HaShoah. Our students in grades three through seven and those family members who were in the building at that time joined together to view "The Lady in Number 6: How Music Saved My Life", an Oscar winning documentary about a 109 year-old concert pianist, Alice Sommer, who survived the concentration camp at Terezin with her son. Hers is a story of resilience, optimism, and survival in the face of loss and suffering.

As we go to press, we are planning to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the birth of the Modern State of Israel. The celebration will continue in June with the Israel Day Parade. Classes will be cancelled, so that you can join your fellow congregants marching in the parade. Our Shul-in for Hebrew School students will take place later this month. Watch your emails and *The Voice* for details for both events.

Mitzvah Day is just around the corner. We will be working hard to collect toiletries and non-perishable food for the JCC drive. We will do our annual walk-a-thon to benefit TBS. See the pledge forms in this issue of the Voice. Students will also plant flowers around the perimeter of the Temple in cooperation with the Men's Club and will pack lunch bags for a local food distribution program. Please be generous in your contributions to all of these programs...and sign up to give blood at the Blood Drive. **This is all how You and I Can Change the World!**

Shavuot, the celebration of the gift of Torah falls this month. What better way to celebrate the Torah than to fulfill the mitzvah to teach it to our children. Don't forget to register...or reregister for Jewish Start, Hebrew School, or Academy plus. Forms will be available in the school office.

Karen Feit
Principal of Religious School

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**The Temple notes with sadness
the passing of:**

**Arlene Siegelwaks, mother of
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As Jewish people, we have the great fortune of being able to celebrate and commemorate more than a dozen holidays throughout the year. Some are joyous like Purim, Chanukah and Simchat Torah; while others are more meaningful, and even solemn, such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and today's Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom Hashoah. And, every week, from Friday's sunset until sundown on Saturday, we are grateful to celebrate Shabbat. Each Sabbath possesses similarities to the one from the week before, as well as to the one for the week that follows. Yet each one also has its own uniqueness, making it different from every other one throughout the year.

However, the common denominator that joins every holiday, every Shabbat; is that the Jews are never alone. As family and friends and acquaintances, we are all in this wonderful life together.

And, that also goes in celebrating and honoring those whose lives have come before us, yet who are no longer physically with us. These are the people, who have paved the way for us; who have blessed us with the memories of their wisdom and laughter, their sage words of advice and their joy. As the eight days of Passover have come and gone, as a holiday it is a combination of solemnity in the generations of Jews that were slaves in Egypt and in joy of the Exodus from Egypt and that God "passed over" the homes of the Jews when the first born Egyptians were being slain.

So to honor both emotions of Pesach, before the holiday started, and as we were preparing for the first seder with my family in Boston, it was important to me to visit Sharon Memorial Park. I went with Renee, my brother-in-law and my niece, and even if I went alone, I would not have been alone.

For we were there to visit both sets of my grandparents, an aunt and an uncle of mine; as well as my brother-in-law's father and grandparents (ironically who had the names of Isidore and Rose, which is the same as my in-laws). These are the people who brought my parents into this world, made the greatest difference in their universe, and thus, were ultimately responsible for me, and the person I have become. They gave us all life and breath. They showed us all right from wrong. They created memories that ultimately paved the way for all sorts of hopes and dreams.

So many of those memories are intertwined with all of these different Jewish holidays. Growing up, they were with us at seders, where we had countless people

at our home. My grandfather (who is one of my life's greatest heroes) made potato latkes with the best of them. My aunt always had her chicken soup for dessert so she would always have room for everything else. No matter whose home we were at, the aroma of food cooking filled the kitchens with their own distinct smells.

As I walked from site to site to site of my four grandparents, and my aunt and uncle (which three sites actually form a triangle with 27 steps in between each--and in another bit of irony, my sister and I were both born on the 27th of the month) and knelt down by their plaques to talk to them, it was as if it was Passover from 40 or 50 years ago, or more. And, like always, they were there.

For all of the Jewish holidays have special meanings. And, the ability to be able to share them with family and friends in shul and around the dinner table; as well as always being able to relive those memories from decades ago will make every holiday hold that special place in all of our hearts.

And, especially today, on this holiday of Yom HaShoah, WE MUST NEVER FORGET!

Barry Packer

Third Vice President/ Ways and Means Chairman



(Cantor's Corner cont'd from page 7)

But Kent's legacy continues. He had many, many students who have made music all over the world. He ignited our interest not only in music making, but in ethnomusicology as well. Where did the music come from, why was it played or sung that way, what were the original sources? He was a man who knew and understood the pure joy of music. And, he could lecture you on the importance of macrobiotic diets while polishing off a fifth of gin!

Was Kent Sidon a character? Surely. Was he a genius? Probably. Was he a wonderful mentor and friend? Absolutely. A very lucky teenager, I (initially unwillingly) stumbled upon a goldmine. The guitar, and subsequently the banjo, mandolin and other instruments became a lifelong passion. Thanks Kent. I'm still enjoying the benefits of your friendship, advice and inspiration, and hopefully, passing them on to the next generation.

Fondly,
Cantor Korobow



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John Costanza Father of Walter Costanza
Ira Harkavy Father of Daniel Harkavy
Lois Perper Friend of Bruce Goldwasser
Alexander Rosenweig Father of Bernice E. Berman
Sherry Tove Aunt of Pamela Abrams

Week of May 18th

Irwin Glanz Father of Robin Myers
Avrom Katz Brother of Isadore Katz
Rivfka Katz Sister of Isadore Katz
Charles Kupferberg Observed by Temple
Israel Myers Grandfather of Ronald Myers
Rose Lending Grandmother of Ronald Myers
Ruth Meyers Wife of Gerald Maurer
Stanley Myers Father of Ronald Myers
Celia Scharf Mother of Seymour Scharf

Week of May 25th

Menaham Ain Uncle of Bruce Goldwasser
Sarah Frank Mother of Miriam Scharf
Andre Katz Grandfather of Renee Katz-Packer
Phyllis Karp Sister of Betty Zimmermann
Sadie Ostrovsky Mother of Lillian Tandatnick
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Max Shapiro Father-In-Law of Gloria Shapiro
Regina Weinberger Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer

Week of June 1st

Morris Barnett Father of Lee Temares
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6 Blood Drive/Mitzvah Day 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m.	7 Pulpit & Ritual Committee 7:15 p.m.	8 Chai Mitzvah 7:30 p.m.	9 Hebrew School 4:30 p.m. School Board 8:00 p.m.	10	11 Jr. Congregation 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m. PA Shul-In 8:30 p.m. 	12 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 a.m.
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