

### THIS MONTH:

YOM HASHOAH SERVICE FRIDAY, MAY 3

MITZVAH DAY/BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, MAY 5

WONEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

> BOWLING THURSDAY, MAY 9

P.A. LAG B'OMER PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 19

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 21

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

> **GAME DAY** SUNDAY, MAY 26

RUMMAGE SET-UP SUNDAY, MAY 26

**RUMMAGE SALE** MONDAY, MAY 27

### NEXT MONTH:

"CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 2

> **BOWLING** THURSDAY, JUNE 13

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE BROOKLYN CYCLONES SUNDAY, JUNE 23



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### From the Rabbi's desk

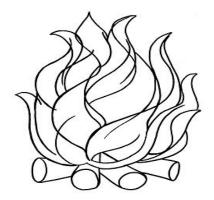
As I predicted, spring has sprung! Passover has come and gone, and we are now in the period of the *Omer*, which began the second night of Passover and continues until Shavuot. The *Omer*, which literally means "a measure," was an offering of the first of the grain or barley harvest, which was brought to the Temple, and continued for seven weeks, until the 50<sup>th</sup> day, Shavuot. Shavuot is the plural of *shavua*, literally meaning 'weeks.'

During this *omer* period, we have a few holidays on the Jewish calendar. The first is Yom HaShoah. or Holocaust Memorial Day, which fall this year on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Temple Beth Sholom will be commemorating The Shoah on Friday. May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This Musical Shabbat service will feature special readings, a memorial candle-lighting, guest speakers and moving music. The second holiday is Yom Ha-Atzmau-ut, Israel's Independence Day. We will be observing it on May 10th at our combined Jr. Congregation Service. We will have some Israeli treats and Israeli dancing. Also joining us will be the Children's Choir from The Church on the Hill. The next "holiday" is Lag B'Omer. This literally means the 33rd day of the Omer. The origins of Lag B'Omer are unclear. On this day, there is a lifting of the traditional semimourning customs, such as the prohibition of weddings and haircutting. It is customary to have a picnic, "analogous to the ancient May celebrations in European Day countries." We will be celebrating Lag B'Omer in Cunningham Park on Sunday, May 19th, a few days before the actual day.

The Omer period culminates with Shavuot (this year on June 9), celebrating Israel's receiving the Torah at Sinai. There is actually no mention of this purpose for Shavuot in the Torah, which only mentions the agricultural reason of bringing first fruits to the Temple. However, the rabbis in a *midrash*, figured out that it was seven weeks after leaving Egypt that the Torah was given on Mount Sinai. According to Rabbi Arthur Waskow<sup>1</sup>, the rabbis "saw Sinai as the moment of marriage between God and Israel, in which the Torah was the *ketubah*. the contract of the covenant." Some Sephardic congregations even have the custom of reading aloud a *ketubah*—a special marriage contract between Israel and God.

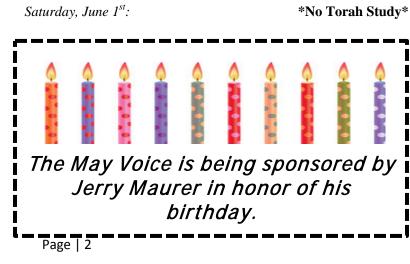
All this marriage talk reminds me that my own daughter will be married the week before Shavuot, on June  $2^{nd}$ . It brings me great joy that she and her fiancé will be coming to Temple Beth Sholom on May  $31^{st}$  for their *aufruf*, where they will be called to the Torah and will receive a blessing from me. The entire congregation is invited to celebrate at a special oneg following Shabbat services that night. Please see the invitation in this edition of The Voice for details.

*Shalom u'vracha,* Rabbi Ballan



### Worship Schedule

Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Musical Shabbat/Yom HaShoah Observance
	Torah Portion: Acharei Mot II
	Candle Lighting: Renee Katz-Packer
	Kiddush: Barry Packer
	Host: Sisterhood
Saturday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study &
	Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> : J	r. Congregation & Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.
<i></i>	(Ballroom)
	Torah Portion: Kedoshim
	Candle Lighting: Jr. Congregation Members
	Kiddush: Jr. Congregation Members
	Host: Sisterhood
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Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Family Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Emor
	Candle Lighting: Andrea Odintz
	Kiddush: Eric Rosenberg
	Host: Parents' Association
Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study &
Suuruuy, muy 10 .	Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Shakhat Evaning Sawias 8:00 n m
Friday, May 24	Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Behar
	Candle Lighting: Elana White
	Kiddush: Justin White
	Host: Sisterhood
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Saturday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study &
	Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
1 nuuy, wuy 51 .	Torah Portion: Bechukotai
	Candle Lighting: Edie Ballan
	Kiddush: Irv Ballan
	bi Sharon Ballan & Walter Costanza in honor of
Amy I	Edelstein's upcoming marriage to Michael Gross



### April Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported we now have 120 member units. Letters will be sent to members who have not yet paid their dues. Rabbi Sharon Ballan reported on recent Purim services and events and thanked all who participated. She reported on upcoming Passover and Mitzvah Day events. Cantor Jerry Korobow praised the 2 recent Bat Mitzvah girls for doing wonderful jobs. He thanked Perry Chenkin and Walter Costanza for their sound engineering for the bima and improved amplification of the keyboard.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair submitted report on continued progress for the new prayer book. She thanked Rabbi for compiling it and Fred Shapiro for following up to get permission for any copyrighted material. There are plans to have a special service and celebration in the fall to honor Rabbi Ballan's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Temple.

Erica Bernstein, Parents' Association President, reported on upcoming Passover events and plans for Mitzvah day on May 5<sup>th</sup>, including a bake sale, walk-a-thon, and food donation of sandwiches to The River Fund. The PA Shabbat service is scheduled on May 17<sup>th</sup> including a pot luck dessert oneg. Andrea Odintz, Religious School Board Chair reported on recent and upcoming events. The Walkathon will commemorate Temple members who have passed away in the last year.

President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair, presented new member Larry Gold, who was unanimously approved by the Board. She reported the Purim Ball was well attended and netted \$1,363.00 for Temple. Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported their nominating committee has formed a slate for the 2019-2021 Sisterhood Board, which will be presented for vote on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. That is also the date for the next Book Club meeting to discuss "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk", by Kelli Estes. She thanked Diane Shtulman for arranging the 3-part T'ai Chi program. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported they may be successful in getting another bid for the ballroom window work. They are setting up cooling tower maintenance protocols to avoid paying a fine again next year. Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported they will host a "Walk Away the Matzo" walk on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. On Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Yom HaShoah memorial service and Men's Club has ordered special memorial candles for a suggested donation of \$3.00 per candle. Bowling continues regularly and he detailed summer ballgame events. Book sorts are on-going and volunteers are welcome. Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported Passover cards will be sent to home-bound and/or older members. Gail Tishcoff, Blood Drive Captain, reported on the need for volunteers at the upcoming May 5th Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. She said Madeline Lo, the NYBC Representative for the past 3 years has moved on in her career and a new representative will be assigned soon.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education, reported the March 31<sup>st</sup> breakfast and movie presentation went well and he thanked Temple member Mathew Dulberg for sharing the documentary on his family. President Fay Schildkraut reported we are presently in negotiations with Temple Gates of Prayer to provide space for them for 2 years while their new Temple is being built. This is all dependent on the approval of their Board.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff Recording Secretary



### TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of April 18, 2018

<b>PULPIT FLOWER FUND</b> Fran Goldman & family in loving memory of Elliot Goldman.	TBS Office 718-463-4143
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	
Deirdre Weliky in gratitude for the TBS community that works so hard to keep TBS w	vibrant
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Parents' Association Families in memory of Seymour Gilbert (Father of Jeri Gilber	rt) and Bernard Kwait (father of Neal
Kwait).	,
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\*\*When donating to <u>Pulpit Flower Fund</u>, 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 17th, 2019

May Birthdays



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

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### May Anniversaries



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

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### From The President

Hope you and your family had a sweet and happy Passover. Here at Temple Beth Sholom we had an inspiring and warm second night Seder. Thanks to Geri Weiss who did all the organizing, to our Rabbi and to all who contributed and served. It was a most enjoyable evening with members and visitors.

We have had a busy start to the New Year with all committees and arms of Temple working at their maximum. As it has been said to me "we are the little temple who could". Yes, we can!

Remember, we have our Congregational meeting on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please try to attend. We have a lot of important and exciting topics to cover. Come and be a part of the decision making for your Temple.

We miss seeing some of you at Friday night services. Come home to Temple Beth Sholom let's worship and share a morsel together.



at the Temple Office. See you then!



### 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  $2^{nd}$ . We had a small but intimate group. We formed a nominating committee for the new term 2019-2021. The new slate will be presented and voted on at our next book club which will be held on Wednesday, May  $22^{nd}$  at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk" by Kelli Estes. This is also our general meeting where we will be discussing events for next year. I hope to see you at this event.

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is 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 Sholom in memory of our beloved Temple members who have passed away this year.

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  $21^{st}$ . It will be a great service where Sisterhood will lead Shabbat Services and install the new board.

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

Sincerely, Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President











# The GIANT 2019 MEMORIAL DAY Rummage Sale

### You Wait For Twice a Year!!!

When: Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Doors close at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Temple Beth Sholom 172<sup>nd</sup> Street and Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY



Quality Clothing for Men, Women & Children We have linens too!!

If you wish to donate, please drop off your clean, unstained, & sorted gently used clothing!

# Temple Beth Sholom- Flushing Blood Drive



When: Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 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 or donor card.
  - 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

### Bazaar Corner 2019

We had scheduled our first Bazaar 2019 meeting for March. Unfortunately, due to illness it had to be postponed. So we are still in the hunt for ideas and volunteers! Please let us know if you are available to make pickups of donations. Don't forget that Jeff needs help with the book sorts so please be on the lookout for emails about Book sort days! If you know anyone who has an attraction that we can bring in for children and maybe even a food truck as well as additional outside vendors, let us know!! We also need to try to create a really festive mood so all of our Temple members and friends with artistic skills are asked to come and volunteer. We NEED your help to continue to make Bazaar a financial success! Please let us know at maxjolo@msn.com or adbarb1@aol.com. 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

### Greetings Everyone,

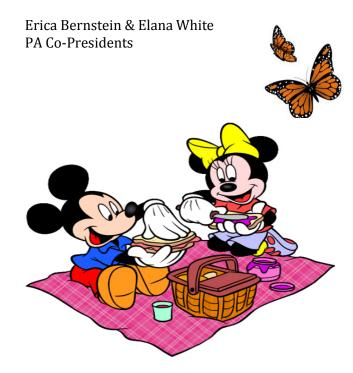
We hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather that has been occurring recently. On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Temple Beth Sholom's Religious School had the annual Passover Model Seder. Thank you goes out to all of the Parent Association members who helped set up for the seder. Everyone had a great time.

May is a very busy month at Temple Beth Sholom for Parent's Association. On Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, the students (and parents) will be participating in Mitzvah Day. Sandwiches will be made to be delivered to The River Fund. There will also be planting and a walk-a-thon for the students and adults to participate in. Parent's Association will also be having a bake sale from 10 a.m. - noon. Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to the Religious School.

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a joint Junior Congregation Shabbat Service. Please join us and watch the Religious School students help lead the service. Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the Parent's Association Shabbat Family Service. Come join us as we honor congregants who work in the education field. After services there will be a potluck dessert oneg.

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Parents Association will be having their annual May picnic in Cunningham Park from 10 a.m. - noon. Please bring snacks to share and games to play with your Temple family. Parent's Association will be providing watermelon and water bottles for everyone.

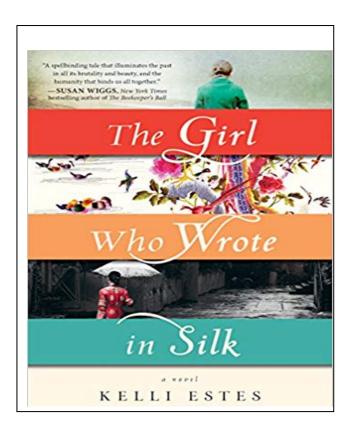
We hope that everyone had a Pesach Sameach (Happy Passover) and we can't wait to see everyone in May!



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.

### **TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:**

### BOOK CLUB – Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019



### "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk"

### **By Kelli Estes**

Date:

Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Time: 7:30 p.m.** 

**Refreshments will be provided** 

### A USA Today Bestseller!

"*The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* is a beautiful story that brought me to tears more than once, and was a testament to the endurance of the human spirit and the human heart. A powerful debut that proves the threads that interweave our lives can withstand time and any tide, and bind our hearts forever."-Susanna Kearsley, *New York Times* bestselling author

Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric novel serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories.

### The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets...

Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core — and force her to make an impossible choice.

"A touching and tender story about discovering the past to bring peace to the present."— Duncan Jepson, author of *All the Flowers in Shanghai* 

Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions and comments. If you are using Amazon, don't forget to order through amazonsmile to make donations to Temple Beth Sholom!!! **TBS Men's Club presents** 

# Bowling Schedule 2019



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

Amateur? Experienced? We wlecome you all! Jib Lanes 67-19 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, NY 718-591-0600

2019	April 11	Sept. 5
Schedule	May 9	Oct. 3
January 3	June 13	Nov. 7
February 14	July 11	Dec. 5
March 14	August 1	

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

### Adult Education

On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Adult Education aired a documentary on the story of Malka Rosenthal. Thank you to Matthew Dulberg for bringing a piece of his family's history to Temple Beth Sholom and enabling adults and Religious School students to learn about Malka's experiences during and after the holocaust. It is vitally important that as parents we continue to bring these stories to the younger generations and to remind them how Jews have persevered.

In April, Adult Education had made a donation to the Richheimer/Levin Adult Education fund. Thank you to all participants who had been able to attend the Game Days. By attending the Game Days, participants has helped fund for future speakers and other Adult Education series. I am looking forward to planning future monthly game days in the upcoming school year. Before we leave for the summer, on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., the last game day of the year we will be devoting to the helping with rummage. If you can volunteer an hour or two your participation will help to make rummage day more successful.

I am already praying for comfortable weather for the "Israel Day Parade" which will be taking place on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all participants. I am looking forward to seeing all marchers that morning at Temple. Non-participants are still able to join in on the fun on the sidelines and support all marchers. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. For additional information, please visit: https://celebrateisraelny.org/.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support with Temple Beth Sholom activities and hope that everyone had a festive and meaningful Pesach.

Eric Bernstein Adult Education Chair



### 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 Robin Myers, Financial Secretary at the temple office or email at robinl.myers@gmail.com. Many thanks!

Temple Beth Sholom Financial Committee

### Men's Club

The Long Island Ducks are doing a Jewish Heritage Night for 2019, but it conflicts with the Brooklyn Cyclones. However we will still be sponsoring a trek to Bethpage Park in Islip on Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for the 1:35 p.m. game. The first 1,500 attendees will receive a free LI Ducks drawstring bag. Tickets are \$16.00 each, payable via Paypal or Venmo. Contact Jeff Cohen at mensclub@templebethsholom.org for payment info.

Monthly bowling sessions continue at Jib Lanes in Flushing, the second Thursday of every month (through July) at 8:00 p.m. For \$15.00, 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 members. The next two bowling are Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

More than 5,900 books are pre-sorted for this December's Bazaar. Sorts are announced via Constant Contact e-mail blasts and more are planned this spring. Do you know someone who would like to donate books and/or mixed media (records, CDs, DVDs, video games)? We need a few simple pieces of information – "Can the items be dropped off?" If not, what's the deadline for their removal?" "Are they boxed?" "What's the address and contact information?" We work with people to determine the best way to get their donations to the temple, books and all.

Jeff Cohen Men's Club President

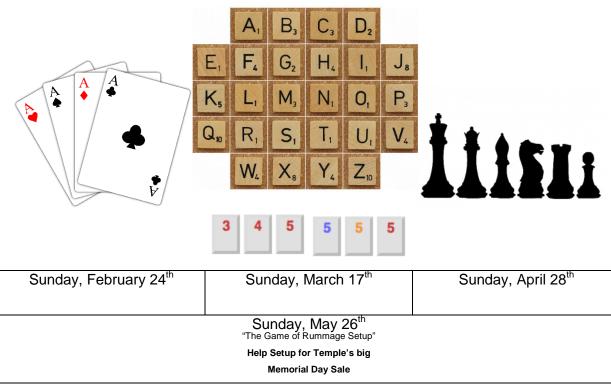






To sponsor an íssue of the Voíce, please contact the Temple office at (718)463-4143.

### Temple Beth Sholom Game Days for 2019



### 10:00 am – 11:45 am Frank S. Greene Room

- · Games will be provided or bring your own
- Meet new people
- \$5.00 per person
- Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP to Eric Bernstein @ EricDBernstein@Gmail.com

### Yom ħaShoah is Thursday, May 2, 2019

Please join with members of Jewish communities all over America. Light a Yom ħaShoah Yellow Candle™ in memory of a victim of the ħolocaust.



### Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club will be selling Yom HaShoah Memorial Candles (suggested donation \$3.00 per candle)

There will be a Yom HaShoah observance on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM. Come attend our memorial service with candle lighting, speakers, poems, and prayers.

Light the candle to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF who safeguard our liberties.

Light the candle in memory of all victims of terrorism.

Put the candle in your window as a reminder that, if we ever forget, another Molocaust may descend upon us again like another plague of darkness.

Please contact Eric Bernstein with any questions.



# 🔊 Cantor's Corner

I'm sitting here at my desk on a Monday afternoon. Last week was a long one. I spent Monday through Friday doing my usual legal and related work. Then of course, Friday night we had our service. In this case, it was a Family service with my dear friend Maestro David Close providing wonderful sounds on the keyboard.

The next morning, it was back to Temple for a bat mitzvah. There was a great turnout, and the bat mitzvah girl did a terrific job. Our students really are doing great things, and we should be, and are, justifiably proud of them.

After the bat mitzvah, I headed home to quickly change, grab a bite to eat, and pack my guitar, banjo and mandolin. Then it was off to Newtown/Sandy Hook Connecticut to play a bluegrass concert with my old friend Roger Sprung. I've written about Roger before in these pages. Roger is an 88year old national banjo champion.

A remarkable musician, joke and story teller and raconteur, Roger hasn't let some health problems stop him from living a full life. With his lovely wife Nancy helping with the driving, he continues to play "gigs", teach students, and generally have a grand old time.

We played about three hours of music that Saturday night. The audience sang along as about a dozen musicians jammed together. It was great fun, as always. What a great example Roger sets for all of us. I know he inspires me. We all need to be, and remain, engaged.

When we were done, I said my goodbyes to Roger and the gang, and headed home. The trip on the Hutchinson River Parkway is no fun late at night being that it is very dark. Nonetheless, I made it home in one piece at about 1:00 in the morning. Nine hours later, I was singing with the kids at Hebrew school, followed later by dinner out with old friends.

And here I am on Monday afternoon, in recovery. It was a long but very rewarding week. As the weather gets warmer, take every opportunity to get out and about. And please come to some services; it would be great to see you and do some singing together. Hope to see you soon.

### B'shalom, With affection, Karen Feit Cantor Jerry Korobow Principal of the Religious School **TBS Important Contact Information** In Search of Mitzvah Drivers Rabbi Sharon Ballan: (516) 581-5698 If you will be driving to services, might you consider rabbi@templebethsholom.org offering a ride to someone who is not able to drive? We have individual members living in the following areas, Cantor Jerry Korobow: (516) 359-5281 who would appreciate a ride to temple, especially in the cantor@templebethsholom.org late hours of the evening/night. Religious School Office: (718) 358-2756 \*Le Havre\* \*Forest Hills\* \*Whitestone\* Karen Feit (Religious School Principal): (631) 286-3657 karenbfeit@aol.com Deirdre Weliky has offered to coordinate this for us. If Rita Bellock (Bookkeeping): rita@templebethsholom.org Please include your name if you text. Michelle Papouchado (Administrative Assistant): michelle@templebethsholom.org Rabbi Sharon Ballan and the Caring Committee of TBS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Voice | Page 7

### **Religious School News**

Education is most successful when students learn by doing. The past few months have been proof positive of this basic truth regarding learning here at Temple Beth Sholom. In March our students experienced Purim first hand as they acted out as Muppets version of the Purim story.

Our students joined together sadly, the week after Purim, to send condolence cards to their beloved teach Ruth Kessler, whose beloved husband, Rabbi Gary Kessler z'l, passed away after a sudden and brief illness. The learned the mitzvah of comforting the mourner by practicing the mitzvah itself. When I brought the cards to the shiva house, Ruth stopped to read and to marvel at each one.

At the very next Hebrew School session, we began in earnest to prepare for Passover by spending time at every class session reading and singing from the Haggadah. We even had time for looking at several different Haggadot and sang some silly songs. Our Passover study culminated in a model seder, created by Rabbi Ballan, Cantor Korobow, Karen Feit, and the ever helpful PA who prepped, set, and cleaned up after us.

When we return from our family Passover celebrations, we will be gearing up for Mitzvah Day, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The day will include making and packing bag lunches for those in need, planting flowers to beautify the Temple grounds, and holding our annual fundraising Walkathon. See the sponsor sheet enclosed in this edition of the Voice. Help our students and our synagogue and honor the memories of the congregants who passed away last year.

For the past several months our students have also been honing their prayer skills at our shared Shabbat services with the adult congregation. They are getting over their shyness and warming up to volunteering around the grown-ups. Thanks to all of you who have joined us at these special services.

As our year winds down, we look forward to our annual picnic, the Israel Parade, and warm, sunny weather.

I hope you have all enjoyed a joyous Passover with the ones you love, and will support our students on Mitzvah Dav!

you can offer a ride, please contact her via email at: dwangel1@gmail.com or text her at 917-704-8809.

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### Scoop's Schmooze

TRADITION! When one hears that word, the image almost always goes back to Tevye and Fiddler on the Roof.

However, in Judaism, so much of what we live on are the traditions of our religion. So, often people will say that it's not the practice of going to services every week, of wearing a yarmulke and a talit, of reciting the motzi and Kiddush, or the birkat hamazon after each meal, or of lighting the candles every Shabbat. Although all that is wonderful, much of what many of us enjoy is spiritual. The traditions and customs that each family, each synagogue, each Jewish overnight camp have are so unique to the individuals. Yet, while there may be a wide array of differences in how people practice, the pride we all share in Judaism is immeasurable and all so similar.

As Passover is upon us; which as much as any holiday has its own special family traditions, I reflect on prior Pesachs, and encourage each person reading the Schmooze to ponder and embrace the wonderments of Passovers past.

I grew up in a Kosher home where, when Passover arrived, my parents changed the dishes, emptied the refrigerator and cabinets of food that was not kosher l'Pesach and lined all of the countertops and shelves. Remarkably, my parents, both in their early eighties, still do all of that. However, as time has gone by and the number of family members and friends sadly has lessened and others have dispersed everywhere, the cartons that used to be in the dozens, and be filled with those special dishes securely wrapped in paper towels; now total only 13 boxes. They are more evenly balanced to make it easier for my father to bring down the ladder from the attic, instead of upstairs from the basement. Many of these special dishes, including three ruby red depression glass plates that sit in our breakfront here in Queens, were handed down from generation to generation.

And, as I close my eyes, I picture all of those bowls filled with my mother's chicken soup that I can smell and the seder table so big that to fit 25 people it would go from the dining room into the living room with the Maxwell House haggadah at each seat, accompanied by the glass of Manischewitz Concord Grape wine with a toothpick to dip for the 10 plagues. My mother couldn't get enough of Dayenu. My father always found different places to hide the afikomen. My sister, Elana, always answered the door for Elijah. Nanny never wanted a full piece of cake for dessert--but would cut tiny sliver after tiny sliver. Grampy always finished eating first and would go to the family room to watch a ballgame. And, Auntie Pearl, as always, had chicken soup for dessert.

As times have changed and as people unfortunately have left us or relocated, there are new traditions. Renee and I do the first seder in Boston with my family and the second one at her parents' house with her family. My mother's soup still smells the same. My 14 year-old niece, Madison, has taken my sister's place in welcoming Elijah. And, Renee's father, at 93, makes his soup, gefilte fish and a 20-plus pound turkey.

TRADITION—as time goes on new ones are born; but old ones and the memories will never leave our hearts and souls.

Barry Packer  $$3^{\rm rd}$$  Vice President & Chairman of Ways and Means Page  $\mid 8$ 

### Looking Ahead to May Services

Join us on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. for our Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day observance service. We are coordinating with the religious school for various types of presentations to integrate into our Shabbat service that night. Looking forward to Renee Katz-Packer sharing some words. It is also a scheduled musical Shabbat with the organist David Close.

Let's join the Men's Club's effort to light a special Yellow candle. See enclosed flyer. Light the candle to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF who safeguard our liberties. Light the candle in memory of all victims of terrorism. Put the candle in your window as a reminder that, if we ever forget, another Holocaust will descend upon us again like another plague of darkness.

The following Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, join the Jr. Congregation as we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Israel Independence Day at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom. It is always a thrill to participate in Shabbat services led by our youth, and this service will include some extra fun for Israel! Plan to join us for Shabbat, for Israel, Israeli dancing, songs and falafel!



### It's That Time to Think... Summer Service Leaders!

It's really a lot of fun to be a summer service lay leader! Leaders can be a solo person, a family of people, or a few friends. Here is a listing of all the Shabbat dates to choose from. Get in touch with geriweiss1@gmail.com!

July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>



### 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.

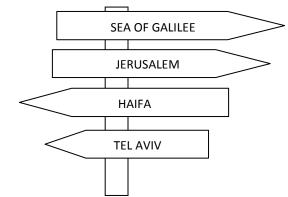
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This walk-a-thon is in memory of Rabbi Gary Kessler, Anne Colucci, Margo Gold, and Past President Seymour Scharf. Thank you for honoring them and their commitment to our Temple.



### "Celebrate Israel" Parade Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 – All Day "Only in Israel - *Rak B'Yisrael*"



**Contact:** Eric Bernstein or Rabbi Ballan or Geri Weiss **Temple Telephone:** (718) 463-4143

Bus Pickup Time: To Be Determined (Parade starts at 11:00 a.m.)

**Price:** \$18 per Person (Religious School students are free)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

March with fellow temple members, the Jewish Community Council of Northeast Queens, and all Israel supporters.

\*Adults and Children are welcome to march at the parade or support members from the sidelines

To register and reserve a place	e at the Parade, please complete the following
information:	
Non-Students Names:	
Students Names:	
Telephone #//Email Address:	

T-Shirt Size(s) (Adult sizes only) S \_\_ M \_\_ L \_\_ XL \_\_ (if larger than XL, please add \$3.00 per shirt)

Send a Check payable to **Temple Beth Sholom Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** for **\$18** per Non-Student **BEFORE** Registration Deadline.

### Amount Enclosed: \$\_

Price includes your round-trip coach transportation (from TBS to Manhattan), T-Shirt, Snacks, & Water! You don't have to march in the Parade to take the bus!

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### ☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS May 2019

### Week of May 3rd

### **Betty Arliss**

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**Grandfather of Jason Erlich** 

**Brother of Glory Einbinder** 

Father of Walter Costanza

Mother of Alan Gellerman

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Father of Bernice E. Berman

**Brother of Stanley Schecter** 

Aunt of Pamela Abrams

Father of Ruth Dorfman

& Carrie Levinsky

**Close Family Friend of Steve** 

Great-Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser

### Week of May 10th

Louis Jack Ackerman Seymour Benstock Sally Berger John Costanza Mildred Erlich

Mollie Gellerman Benjamin Goldberg

**Eleanor Graff** Louis Horowitz Alexander Rosenzweig **Daniel Schecter** 

**Sherry Tove** 

### \*Past President

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

Ira Harkavy

### Week of May 17th

**Rose Lending** Solomon Liebrader **Israel Myers Ruth Myers Stanley Myers** Celia Scharf

Father of Daniel Harkavy Grandmother of Ronald Myers Grandfather of Andrew Liebrader Grandfather of Ronald Myers Wife of Gerald Maurer Father of Ronald Myers Mother-In-Law of Miriam Scharf

### Week of May 24th

Andre Katz Adele Levinsky Barbara Liebrader Max Opstbaum Sadie Östrofsky Heather Rosenberg Max Shapiro **Regina Weinberger**  Grandfather of Renee Katz-Packer Mother of Steve Levinsky Mother of Andrew Liebrader Grandfather of Elaine Larkin Mother of Lillian Tandatnick Mother of Michael Rosenberg Father-In-Law of Gloria Shapiro Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer

### Week of May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>

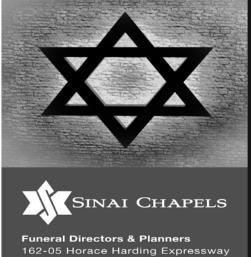
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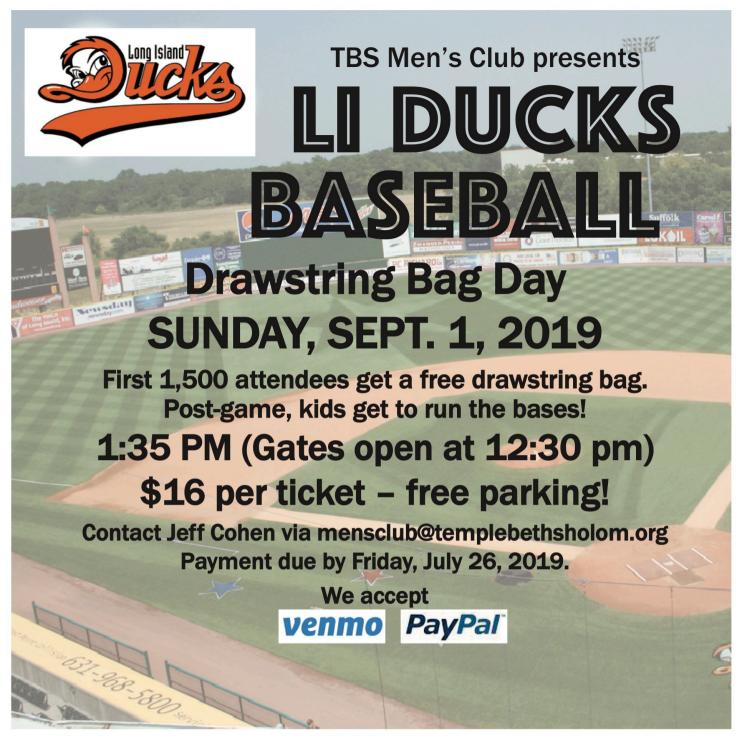
# Wed., May 8, 2019

### MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM in the Library Topic: Women in the Book of Ruth

All attendees who already receive group email updates will receive a translation of the Book of Ruth to read prior to the meeting. If you're interested in attending this group for the first time, please send your name and email to Deirdre at: dwangel1@gmail.com, so that you may also receive a copy of the translation

Join with women of all ages and life experience, temple family and friends alike, to share about our lives, our roles, our relationships and our experiences. As women, we seek to learn about ourselves and others, to explore our similarities and differences in a caring and supportive environment.

This group will be facilitated by Dr. Deirdre Weliky, LCSW, a member of our temple family and a social worker and group facilitator with more than 25 years experience.



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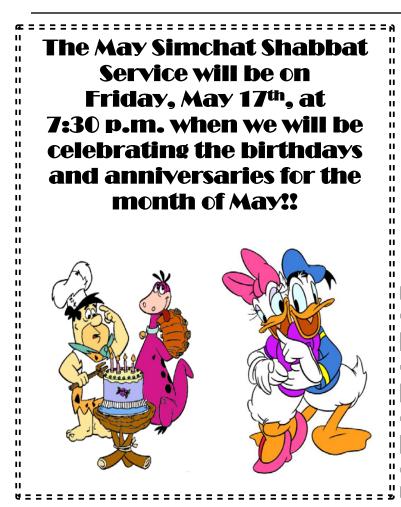
Nisan/Iiyar 5779			May 2019			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hebrew School 4:30 p.m. Chai Mitzvah 7:30 p.m.	2 *Yom HaShoah*	3 Musical Shabbat/Yom HaShoah Observance 8:00 p.m.	4 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 a.m.
5 *Mitzvah Day* Blood Drive 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Academy Plus 10:00 a.m.	6	7	8 Hebrew School 4:30 p.m. Women's Discussion Group (Library) 7:30 p.m.	9 Men's Club Bowling 8:oo p.m.	10 Combined Jr. Congregation Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	11 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 a.m.
12 Religious School 10:00 a.m. Parents' Association 10:00 a.m. Men's Club 11:00 a.m. School Board 11:30 a.m.	13 Membership 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.	14	15 Hebrew School 4:30 p.m.	16	17 Parents' Association Shabbat /Family Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	18 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 a.m.
19 Religious School Lag B'Omer Picnic 10:00 a.m.	20 Pulpit & Ritual 7:15 p.m.	21 Congregational Meeting 8:00 p.m.	22 Hebrew School 4:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 7:30 p.m.	23 *Lag B'Omer*	24 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m.	25 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 a.m.
26 *No Religious School* Rummage Set-Up 10:00 a.m. "The Game of Rummage Set-Up" (Game Day) 10:00 a.m.	27 *Memorial Day* Rummage Sale 9:30 a.m.	28	29 Hebrew School 4:30 p.m.	30	31 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 p.m.	

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Articles should be e-mailed to: editor@templebethsholom.org Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!





The Giant 2019 Memorial Day Rummage Sale is Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>!! We need donations of new and gently used clean clothing and VOLUNTEERS!!! Rummage Set-Up is Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and we need VOLUNTEERS!! Please contact Rita or Michelle at the Temple office.



Don't forget to attend our Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m.! Please come and join us and meet your Temple Board. We also need your input!