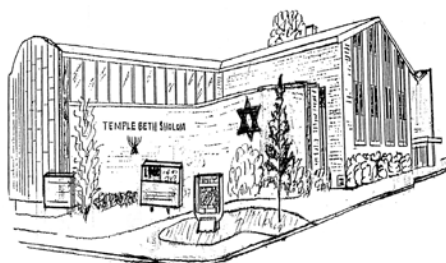


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

BOWLING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PA FUNDRAISER AT PANERA BREAD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

ADULT ED PROGRAM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEXT MONTH:

BOWLING

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

PURIM BALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

PA PURIM BOWLING

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25



From the Rabbi's desk

It is hard to believe that we are in the second month of a new decade. I suppose you could say it is "02/2020." On the Jewish calendar though, we are in the 11th month, the month of Shevat. In the Northeast, this is a frozen time, yet in Israel, the rains are beginning to end, and the trees are starting to bloom. The minor holiday of Tu Bishvat falls this year on February 10. [Of course, it always falls on the 15th of Shevat!] This 'holiday' really was the New Year for trees, the date assigned by the Rabbis of the Mishnah to determine how old a tree was so that the first fruits of the tree could be calculated and collected for the Temple at the proper time. After the fall of the Temple, it was no longer necessary to collect these tithes, and Tu Bishvat lost its importance. The mystics in Sfat began the custom of a Tu Bishvat Seder, and with it tried to incorporate the fruits and produce of the Land of Israel.

Our Torah study group has been exploring Midrashism this year. Midrash, which comes from the Hebrew root ש-ר-ה, means "to search," or "investigate." It was a technique used by our rabbis and sages to interpret Biblical texts. There is a vast collection of these texts that span over many centuries. I thought I would bring you an example from Genesis Rabbah:

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai said, three things are equal to each other: earth, humans, and rain. Rabbi Levi Bar Chiya said: these three [things] are symbols -

—to teach you that without the earth, there is no rain, and without rain, there is no earth, and without both, there can be no human beings. —Gen. Rabbah, 13:3

Our Rabbis, as far back as the middle of the fifth century c.e. recognized the importance of our environment and humankind's responsibility to care for it. "Bal tashchit" — not to destroy or waste — is an important Jewish concept. In the mid-twentieth century, Tu Bishvat was transformed into "Jewish Arbor Day." Before Israel was a modern state, the Jewish National Fund's primary purpose was acquiring land in Israel. After the war of Independence in 1948, one of the JNF's many concerns was the reforestation of the land. Nowadays, a major focus of the JNF is greening the land and it has become a global environmental leader.

Once again, we are holding a synagogue-wide Tu Bishvat Seder combined with Shabbat Family services. There will be singing, eating, and sampling wines and produce from Israel, and will include a light dairy dinner of pizza, salads, baked ziti and the like. Of course there will be delicious desserts. The dinner/service will begin at a different time—7:00 pm, and will take place in the ballroom. See the flyer in this edition of The Voice for more information and make sure to RSVP.

Shalom Uv'racha,

Rabbi Sharon Ballan

Worship Schedule

Saturday, February 1st: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 7th: **Tu Bishvat Seder, Evening Service &
Simchat Shabbat 7:00 pm**
Torah Portion: Shirah/Beshalach
Candle Lighting: Sharon Yontef
Kiddush: Michael Susman
*Host: Deirdre Weliky in honor
of all February birthdays*

Saturday, February 8th: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 14th: **Family Evening Service &
Simchat Shabbat 7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Yitro
Candle Lighting: Deirdre Weliky
Kiddush: TBD
Host: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 15th: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 21st: **Share Shabbat 7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Mishpatim/Shekalim
Candle Lighting: Junior Congregation
Kiddush: Junior Congregation
Host: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 22nd: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 28th: **Shabbat Accross America Service 6:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Terumah
Candle Lighting: Temple Family
Kiddush: Temple Family
Host: Sisterhood

Saturday, February 29th: Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**



From The President

To My Temple Family,

I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve as your next president. I have some big shoes to fill as our outgoing President, Dr. Fay Schildkraut, is a unique person from whom I have learned much these past two years; we should all be glad that she will be our new First Vice President.

To our elected officers, new Board members, and to those of you who are continuing your terms, thank you. I once told a new member that I have been doing what I have been doing at Temple because I want to see us not only survive, but thrive, because we serve such an important function in this community. The life cycle events for which we are available are so very important and we somehow need to get that message out there.

Thank you to the "angel" who donated the necessary funds to pay for the stairlift and to Eric Lustig, Louis Fevola, Anthony Fevola, Jose Urbina and Al Eckman for installing it.

Of course, we know that there are many challenges ahead of us, but I also believe that if we work together we can overcome it all as we have so many talented and hardworking members with great ideas. Like any family, we may not always agree on the path that we should take. But the bottom line is that if we are respectful towards one another and work towards our common goal of strengthening Temple, and know that we are in this together for the betterment of Temple, we will persevere. As a former president of Temple Beth Sholom once said: We want a stronger Temple Beth Sholom that will not only be here for us but for our future generations.

I hope to see all of you at Shabbat Across America on February 28th, and the Purim Ball on March 7th. A great time will be had by all and remember that these events are also a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get to know your Temple family.

Your President,
Joy Bobrow

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establishments, be sure to let them
know that you saw their ad in The Voice!

**If you have moved, please let the Temple office
know.**

**And call to make certain the Temple Office
has birthday and anniversary dates
on file if you want to be
acknowledged in our Sistergrams.**

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of January 18, 2020

PULPIT FLOWER FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143
Lyn Dipkin and family in loving memory of Sy Dipkin

MOLLIE MEYER TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL FUND Diane Shtulman 718-224-3875

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Ruth Dorfman in memory of Bernice Berman
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Andrew Liebrader in loving memory of his father, Myron, and Grandmother, Belle Horowitz

TORAH FUND. TBS Office 718-463-4143

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Deirdre Weliky in gratitude for the TBS community that works so hard to keep TBS vibrant
The Berman family in loving memory of Bernice E. Berman

MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND..... Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894

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Diane Shtulman in memory of Bernice E. Berman
Manuela Stern
Deirdre Weliky
Richard Roth in honor of Rita B. and her effort selling Bazaar Raffles
Caryl Stern-LaRosa and Donald LaRosa

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, February 7th, 2020

February Birthdays

<p><i>Eric Bass</i></p> <p><i>Brenda Bernhard</i></p> <p><i>Neil Bueno</i></p> <p><i>Walter Costanza</i></p> <p><i>Ruth Dorfman</i></p> <p><i>Damon Ehrlich</i></p> <p><i>Ronna Galchus</i></p> <p><i>Valentina Gillin</i></p>	<p><i>Nancy Goldwasser</i></p> <p><i>Sam Kaufman</i></p> <p><i>Steve Levinsky</i></p> <p><i>Stephanie Rosenberg</i></p> <p><i>Deirdre Weliky</i></p> <p><i>I. Donald Weston</i></p> <p><i>Sharon Yontef</i></p>
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February Anniversaries

Herbert & Margot Anker
Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: March/April 2020

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 15th, 2020**). You can pay for the remaining ten months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.



April Birthdays

- Dr. Andrew Fradkin 4/09__
- Robbie Schecter 4/09__
- Jeffrey Cohen 4/11__
- Stanley Schecter 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__
- Sheila Bueno 4/25__
- Anne Horowitz 4/27__
- Greg Hofer 4/29__

March Anniversaries

- Brett & Jean Reichler 3/05__
- Greg & Carol Hofer 3/16__
- Alan & Maggie Berck 3/23__
- Bret & Suzanne Fertig 3/25__

March Birthdays

- Barbara Gandelman 3/01__
- Jean Reichler 3/10__
- Fran Goldman 3/11__
- Susan Ecker 3/13__
- Rhonda Schorr 3/13__
- Norma Benvenuto 3/14__
- Erica Bernstein 3/20__
- Lillian Tandatnick 3/21__
- Robin Myers 3/23__
- Michael Gross 3/25__
- Leza Lerea 3/26__
- Cindy Weiss 3/27__



April Anniversaries

- Mark & Kathleen Flug 4/17__
- Adam & Stacy Kroun Fertig 4/21__

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Wednesday evening, February 12th, 2020

7:30 pm in the Library

TOPIC:

Joys and Challenges of Growing Older

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

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

**For more information, contact Deirdre at
dwang1@gmail.com**



**Join Us For A Special
Tu Bishvat Seder,
Shabbat Dinner
and Service**

**It's a
"Wine & Prayer Night!"
February 7 from 7-9 pm**

Join us once again for a special celebration of Shabbat and Tu Bishvat. We will be combining a Seder, Shabbat service and dinner in the ballroom. Sample Israeli wines and fruits, sing and celebrate the "Birthday of Trees." Dinner is included—Pizza, Baked Ziti, Salads, Falafel, hummus, other delectables, and scrumptious desserts! **It's all just \$10 per person/\$5 for children!**

**February Birthdays and Anniversaries
will be celebrated as well!
Fun for everyone!**

RSVP to Geri Weiss with the number of people who plan to attend by **Monday, February 3rd**
geriweiss1@gmail.com

Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing
171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358
www.templebethsholom.org

January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 13th, 2020. President Fay Schildkraut presented her last report to the Board as President, thanking the Board for their support. She reported the stairlift has been replaced by a refurbished one found by Eric Lustig and she thanked him and the efforts of Louis Fevola, his brother Anthony, and Jose Urbina for installation. She also thanked Al Eckman for electrical assistance and the anonymous "Angel" who donated the funds.

The ballroom window contract has been signed and she thanked Jim Kettig and Joy Bobrow for the work they've put toward that project. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported membership is now at 120 member units. The Board approved the December Financial Report as submitted by Treasurer Charlene Metz, and approved the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Budget for vote at the 1/21/2020 Congregational Meeting.

Rabbi Ballan reported on recent and upcoming services and commented that turnout has been generally good. She and Cantor Korobow both thanked President Schildkraut for her extraordinary work as president and to the outgoing members of the Board.

The Pulpit & Ritual Committee reported there have been 18 siddurs donated so far and \$648.00 collected for Temple. Temple Birthday/Rabbi Anniversary Gala dinner (6/14/20) sub-committee has been busy with preparations; invitations are nearly ready and will be mailed in early March.

Stephanie Rosenberg, Parents' Association Co-President reported on new purchases to benefit the Religious School and upcoming Panera Bread fundraiser. PA will host food for the Game Night/Havdallah Service and Open House on Saturday evening 1/25/20. Andrea Odintz, Religious School Committee Chair, reported on school events, ongoing efforts to fund needed items, and Shared Shabbat services.

President Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair, reported this year has brought 10 new family units and one more is about to join in the next week. The Membership Committee will coordinate with Pulpit & Ritual Committee for planning a "no-shush Shabbat" service. Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the next book club (2/9/20) is reading *Lilac Girls*. Hamentashen baskets will be sent again this year.

Joy Bobrow, Use of Building Chair, reported on progress toward possible replacement for the preschool. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported on repair to sump-pump and completing contract for the major Ballroom Window project planned for March. He brought insulating glass and framing for the Board to view. Cooling Tower repair must be addressed before the cooling season. Grants to harden security in the building will be pursued.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported on 50/50 Super Bowl fundraiser. Memorial candles will be on sale again this year.

Men's Club presented a \$250.00 donation to Temple. Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, and Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Chair, reported on current outreach efforts to the community. Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported on spring Cabaret and the next Chicken Soup Cook Off is on the calendar for 11/7/20. Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Chair, reported on lectures scheduled in late February and in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary



Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter and we have had many nice days. Let's hope that this weather continues!

Please join us on Sunday, February 9th at 10:30 am when we will be discussing *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. This book came highly recommended and it should be a great discussion.

Please remember that our Rummage sale will again be held on Memorial Day (May 25th, 2020). If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep our Temple in mind. This is just a friendly reminder that the clothes that you donate should be gently worn and clean. We appreciate all of your donations.

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

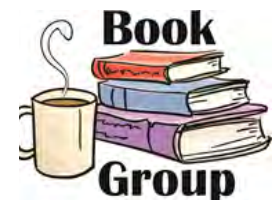
I would like to know what you want from your Sisterhood. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Purim is coming!! Look for details in the Voice about the upcoming Purim Ball on March 7th at 8:00 pm.

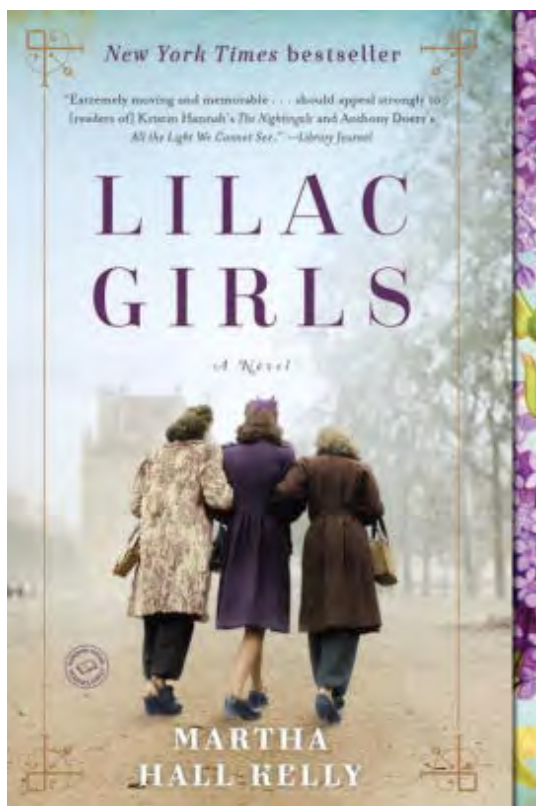
We will also be sending out hamentashen baskets again. Look for the flyer in this Voice.

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.

Sincerely,
Barbara Gandelman,
Sisterhood President



TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:
BOOK CLUB – Sunday February 9, 2020



“Lilac Girls”
By Martha Hall Kelly

Date:

Sunday, February 9,
2020

Time: 10:30 am

New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline’s world is forever changed when Hitler’s army invades Poland in September 1939—and then sets its sights on France.

An ocean away from Caroline, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager, senses her carefree youth disappearing as she is drawn deeper into her role as courier for the underground resistance movement. In a tense atmosphere of watchful eyes and suspecting neighbors, one false move can have dire consequences.

For the ambitious young German doctor, Herta Oberheuser, an ad for a government medical position seems her ticket out of a desolate life. Once hired, though, she finds herself trapped in a male-dominated realm of Nazi secrets and power.

The lives of these three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as Caroline and Kasia strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

Books are being reserved at the Fresh Meadows branch of the Queens library for us.

Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions. If you are using Amazon, don't forget to order through [amazon smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) to make donations to Temple Beth Shalom!!! and comments.

Bazaar Corner 2018

An early friendly reminder to make sure our Temple family and friends don't forget that Bazaar 2020 will be upon us before we know it. We will have had our first Bazaar meeting on January 28th.

We will be getting information and letters out earlier than in the past and some great ideas came out of the meeting. Please look for emails regarding planning etc. and adding some "spice" to Bazaar 2020.

Please make sure to frequent the establishments listed in last month's Voice and remember to thank them for their support of Temple Beth Sholom.

A special thank you to Francine and Max Klimavicius for their continued support of Temple by donating a gift certificate to Sardi's (which I again didn't win!!!) As important, a warm thank you to Anne and Mark Pepper for their continued support of Temple and Bazaar

Sincerely,
Joy Bobrow and Barbara Gandelman
Bazaar 2020 Co-Chairs



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!

Dear Members,

As we near the end of Temple's fiscal year, and are about to begin the new fiscal year, we are asking that payment of outstanding dues/school fees for the fiscal year 2019/2020 be made as soon as possible! Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please also note that dues statements for the new fiscal year will be generated and mailed shortly. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, at the temple office or by email at robinl.myers@gmail.com. Many thanks!

Temple Beth Sholom Financial Committee

WE WANT YOUR USED LAPTOPS AND TABLETS !!

The Religious School is seeking Wi-Fi enabled used laptops and tablets to enhance their lessons. Please bring these electronic donations to the school office downstairs. Tax donation letters are available in the office. Thanks for spreading the word to your family members and friends!



Parents' Association

Greetings Temple Beth Sholom family!

We hope everyone's 2020 is getting off to a great start!

Thank you to everyone who supported us in our fundraiser to purchase a TV for our Religious and Hebrew School Instruction.

We have a fundraiser coming up on February 18th at Panera Bread (23-58 Bell Blvd, Bayside, NY 11360). Dine inside with your coupon from 4:00 - 8:00 pm or order delivery or quick pick-up from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm with a digital code that is provided on the enclosed flyer. Please support us and enjoy a delicious meal with family and friends.

Please join your Temple Family on Friday evening, February 7th at 7:00 pm for the Shabbat/Tu Bishvat Seder and Family/Simchat Shabbat Service.

Purim is just around the corner and I know the kids are all looking forward to bowling together at Jib Lanes after Religious School on March 8th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Also, the Shared Shabbat/Junior Congregation service is February 21st at 7:30 pm in the Frank S. Greene Room.

Our next PA meeting is February 2nd at 10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White
PA Co-Presidents



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TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PARENTS ASSOCIATION

WHERE 23-58 Bell blvd, Bayside, NY 11360

WHEN Tues, Feb 18th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

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Enter **"PRFUND"** as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

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Religious School News

On February 1, 2020, I will celebrate an important milestone. I will mark the 40th anniversary of my first day as a Jewish educator. I began as a music teacher at my home congregation, Temple Beth El of Patchogue, NY, where my eldest son had just begun his own Jewish education. It was all a happy accident...or perhaps it was bashert. It had never occurred to me that a career in Jewish education was even a remote possibility for me. I had a basic religious school education, attending classes 6 hours a week from ages 7-13. I could read Hebrew, knew prayers and songs, wrote and read Hebrew script, understood and celebrated Jewish holidays, and that was about it. Based on my childhood experiences, Hebrew School teachers were Israelis who spoke fluent Hebrew to each other in the hallways and tried valiantly to teach us how to conjugate verbs in Hebrew. Clearly that was not my skillset. Hebrew songs and the melodies of prayer were the things I loved most. They stayed with me after my formal education ended. Perhaps that is why I didn't forget the trope of the Haftarah chanting I had learned for my Bat Mitzvah service. I wanted the same connection for my son...so, when I learned that there was no music program and no cantor in our shul, I volunteered to help. Instead, I was hired. I created a program out of my childhood favorites and began searching out songbooks and teaching myself additional material. Within a year, I was teaching regular classes as well, and had added another synagogue to my schedule...I became a principal after three years, and the rest is history.

My eldest son became a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat morning of Thanksgiving weekend in 1985. Our Rabbi came to our house that evening and asked me to take over the Bar Mitzvah preparation at our synagogue based on the success I had had teaching my son... I then taught myself to chant Torah trop and added another facet to my career.

I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Israel 13 times, including 3 summer sessions studying Hebrew and other subjects at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. I can often read Hebrew without vowels, have some conversations, and watch movies and TV show in Hebrew, using the subtitles to check myself. I have never passed up an opportunity to keep learning.

I have seen trends and techniques come and go in our attempt to educate several generations of young Jews. I have seen the time devoted to Jewish learning reduced from 6 to 4 to 2 hours per week in congregational schools throughout the metropolitan area. I have seen our students overwhelmed by the demands of secular studies and extracurricular activities. I am at the point in my career where I am preparing the children of my students for their B'nai Mitzvah services.

The challenges that faced me 40 years ago are not the same ones we face today. My skills are no longer in question.

Instead, I question how to address the challenges of a world where anti-Semitism has re-emerged, where Israel has been demonized, where Holocaust denial is commonplace, where the synagogue no longer plays a central role in many Jewish lives. How do I prepare the next generation of Jews to keep our religion, our culture, and our heritage alive? Do we, as a synagogue community need to re-evaluate our educational priorities? Please drop me a note and share your thoughts.

B'shalom,
Karen Feit
Principal of the Religious School



The Miss Chocolate Passover Candy Sale

Help support the Religious School by buying some Passover treats! Check out other items on their website www.misschocolate.com.

Just add any additional item information at the bottom of the form.

**NOTE: All orders due no later
than
Sunday, February 23rd!!**



*Don't forget to make your reservations for
Shabbat Across America
which will take place on
Friday, February 28th
at 6:30 pm. The special musical guest for
SAA this year will be Akiva "The Believer"
Wharton.
See flyer for more details!*



Cantor's Corner



I just finished dropping my lovely world-traveler wife Zo at the airport. She's off again with a dear friend of ours. This time they're heading for India, and then on to Shanghai. I sometimes joke that while she's on vacation, Zo is planning her next two trips (it's not really a joke).

Zo worked for an airline for 35 years. Right through the births of two beautiful daughters, my attending law school, my attending cantorial school, and everything else, Zo kept working.

Right from the beginning, I told her she shouldn't curtail her travel opportunities if I wasn't able to go. And, she took me up on it. Sometimes, she'd come home and say that several of the ladies from work were going to fly to Rome over the weekend to do some shopping. "Do you mind if I go?" "Go, and enjoy yourself" was my response. Off she would go, and come back and tell me about her adventure.

Zo is retired now, so her travel opportunities have expanded greatly. But as you all know, I'm still working. For me, planning a vacation means sorting out the details of any legal files I'm working on for private clients, as well as making sure it's OK for me to be away during the particular period from the manufacturing company where I serve as in-house counsel. And, oh yeah, I've got this synagogue gig. In other words, it's a bit of a hassle for me to plan a vacation.

Actually, I don't plan the vacations. I try to "clear the decks", and Zo does all the planning. She researches the destinations, deals with the flights, books the hotels, plans ground transportation, "the works." In essence, when I finally go, I'm traveling with my own personal travel agent... very cool-especially when something goes wrong, which can happen when you're traveling "standby".

Invariably, I do very much enjoy vacations when I finally go. Maybe we discover a new place, try different food, meet new people, or just visit old friends. It's always fun, always a nice break.

Zo and I are in our fortieth year of marriage. Quite a long time ago, she realized that music was more than a hobby for me - it was a passion. She told me I was lucky to have something about which I was so passionate. But we've both come to understand that she's lucky too. Her passion is traveling, and she's off again.

She'll be gone about three weeks, and I already miss her. But, I wouldn't have her miss her chance to go on this trip for anything. Now, it's back to work, and my passion - figuring out what music will get you and me excited this Friday night. Come and join me and Rabbi Ballan, and help us do what we love to do. That would make us both very happy!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow



Adult Education

With the temperatures fluctuating as frequent as post-season football scores, stay warm in our Temple Beth Sholom Frank S. Greene Room as Adult Education will be hosting informative lectures in the upcoming months.

On Sunday, February 23rd, Paul Rabinowitz, Founder and Executive Director of the Arts by the People, will be having a discussion on the history of Israel and the places to visit while in the holy land. This engagement is not to be missed for members who would like to visit Israel either for vacation or for educational studies.

On Sunday, April 5th, there will be an Adult Education lecture led by Ron Schwarz (a second generation holocaust survivor and brother of TBS member Larry Schwarz) discussing his father's and grandfather's journey during the Holocaust. Ron Schwarz is a board member of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Texas-Dallas.

On Sunday, April 19th, Temple Member, Judge Fred Shapiro, will be discussing the structure of the NY State Court system. Come attend the meeting and learn about the jurisdiction of the various courts and the cases that Judge Shapiro had participated in.

All events will offer a breakfast at 9:30 am with the speaking portion beginning at 10:00 am.

I am looking forward to enriching events in the months ahead.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chair



Men's Club

Men's Club welcomes Les Wolff on Sunday, March 15th at 10:00 am. The noted expert will talk about the value of sports memorabilia and how to preserve your collectibles. Les will also appraise any items that attendees wish to bring with them, kind of a sports version of "Antiques Roadshow." Admission is free (suggested donation helps cover the cost of refreshments).

Bowling continues the first Thursday of every month at JIB Lanes. Fifteen dollars gets you shoe rental and two games. It's not just for men and guests are welcome. The next two sessions are Thursday, February 6th and Thursday, March 5th.

Know anyone who wants to donate books? We are always on the lookout for book donations for the annual sale. We have limited volunteers for pickups, so please ask or say that YOU can drop off books. Pickups are limited to elderly or infirm donors. We appreciate books from Manhattan or further than Nassau County if they can be dropped off at the temple.

Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President



Temple Beth Shalom's Adult Education
is pleased to present
Paul Rabinowitz
(Sponsored by the Richeimer/Levin Adult Education Fund)

Adult Education Lecture: A Trip to Israel



Attend Paul Rabinowitz' lecture on visiting Israel. Whether you are interested in planning your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or planning a vacation, learn about the sites that are a must and how to get around.

Date: Sunday, February 23rd

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

*Breakfast will begin at 9:30. Lecture will begin at 10:00.

Where: Frank S. Greene Room

Breakfast will be served*

*\$3.00 Donation is suggested

Scoop's Schmooze

"I am very uncomfortable that anyone should be denied the opportunity to worship in our synagogue, least of all because they are handicapped."

What you read was said by Dr. Fay Schildkraut, who, effective February 1st has left her position as Temple Beth Sholom's President after two amazing years. The statement was issued a short time after the evening of our Chicken Soup Cook-Off. It was made when, on November 9, after more than 25 years of use, the chairlift used to transport people who cannot walk up the stairs of our synagogue, gave out and just stopped working.

And so, where Fay is a woman of her word; in short order, and I am sure to no one's surprise, she lived up to her goals, objectives and promises. A new chair lift was purchased, installed and is now working efficiently. This is just another instance, as has been proven time and time again by everything that has taken place over the years, the truth behind Abraham Lincoln's adage that actions do indeed speak louder than words; and that the strength of our own Temple Beth Sholom starts at the top.

For the time that I have been a part of the TBS family, those at the top; whether it was Fay, or Adam Gandelman before her, and when Joy Bobrow follows in Fay's presidential footsteps, along with Rabbi Ballan---when they pledge to make things happen, to get things done, they do it. And they do it by motivation, inspiration and dedication.

So when it came down to it, the combination of Fay and Joy, along with Louis and Anthony, Eric Lustig, Al and Jose, found this chair, purchased it, installed it, cleaned up after the installation and now it is fully operative so it can be used by those who need it. For whatever the occasion that is taking place, our "Home" of Worship should be a place that is accessible to all who want to be there. I know that my in-laws, Isidore and Rose, along with others who need assistance, will now be able to attend Shabbat Across America on February 28th, the Purim Ball on March 7th and their daughter Renee's cabaret show on April 26th, along with so many more services and events taking place at Temple Beth Sholom over the next several months.

And, all of this is possible because, once again, it starts with the leadership and the high quality stature of the people with whom they surround themselves. In the heartbreaking era that we are currently living in, where anti-Semitism is rampant and is hitting very close to home, it is becoming an almost daily occurrence in one form or another. This is to the point of where, at 1:00 on a weekday afternoon, there is a police car stationed outside the main entrance; it is the time when we all have to stick together.

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The attendance for Friday night services are warmly welcome sights as was the 30-plus people turnout on a mid-January Shabbat this past month. Whichever Temple Beth Sholom group coordinates and runs a service, a special fun event, a regularly scheduled monthly activity, or something that is emotionally meaningful, it is so important for everyone to be able to partake in them, to enjoy them, for everyone to be able to share so much with each other, to, in paraphrasing Janis Joplin, have them be a piece of your heart.

And, now once again, everybody can.

Barry Packer

Third Vice President/Ways and Means Chairman



**The membership committee
will again be mailing gift packages of
hamantashen
to our children who are away.
Please give the names and address
of your children to Fay so that
they can be included!**



The Temple Beth Sholom Family wishes to
acknowledge, with great joy, the birth of

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Mazel Tov to Jennifer, David and big
sister Mikayla



Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate that which unites all Jews – **Shabbat!** Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families, all ages. Let's celebrate together!

Friday, February 28, 2020 • 6:30 PM

Special musical guest Akiva "The Believer" Wharton

Join us for Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow. Traditional kosher meal is \$25 per adult, \$8 per child over 5 years of age. There is limited dinner seating so please reserve early!

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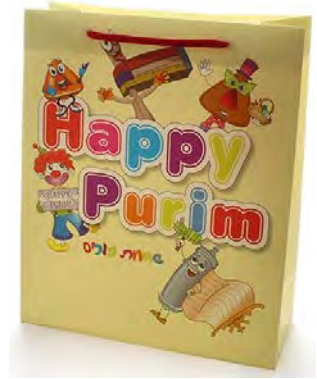
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Temple Beth Shalom's Adult Education
and the Richheimer/Levin Adult Education Program
is pleased to present

Ron Schwarz: The story of a second-generation Holocaust survivor



Ron Schwarz is the son of Holocaust Survivor Charles Schwarz. As a boy, Charles lived in Nazi Germany before fleeing to France, witnessed the German occupation of France, and completed the treacherous mountain crossing of the French-Swiss border. Ron's grandparents endured the Nazis in Germany including internment at Dachau and the seizing of their personal property. As a second-generation speaker, Ron uses a multimedia presentation to share his father's and grandparents' daring journey and teach the lessons of the Holocaust.

Date: Sunday, April 5th

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

*Breakfast will begin at 9:30. Lecture will begin at 10:00.

Where: Frank S. Greene Room

Breakfast will be served*

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☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS February 2020

Week of January 31st

Elinor Arliss	Sister of Brenda Gold
Sol Ginsberg	Aunt of Arlene Galub
Melissa Harding	Grandfather of Nancy Goldwasser
Bessie Koorse	Niece of Joy A. Bobrow
Rabbi Herschel Levin*	Grandmother of Nancy Goldwasser
Rose Lillian	Husband of Betty Zimmermann
Ruth Meyerowitz	Mother-In-Law of Ruth Dorfman
Abraham Needleman	Sister of Gerald Maurer
Judith Vogel	Father of Lori Lustig
Amy Yeung	Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser
Albert Yohay	Friend of Andrew & Elaine Larkin
Morris Youman	Father of Diane Shtulman
Dr. Frank Zimmermann	Grandfather of Barry Packer
	Husband of Betty Zimmermann

*Rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom, 1953-1978

Week of February 7th

Alfred Bamberger	Uncle of Fran Goldman
Marcelle Cohen	Sister of Jack Attar
Bob Dorfman	Husband of Ruth Dorfman
John Eckman	Father of Al Eckman
Albert Greenberg	Cousin of Pamela Abrams
Celia Horowitz	Sister-in-law of Miriam Scharf
Harriet Kupferberg	Observed by Temple
Betty Lash	Aunt of Pamela Abrams
William Lillian	Step-Father-in-law of Ruth Dorfman
Rebecca Rice	Mother -In-Law of Gerald Maurer
Naomi Rossman	Mother of Sheri Rossman
Sanford Tishcoff	Uncle of Gail Tishcoff
Jules Weiss	Cousin of Dr. Fay Schildkraut
Herbert Yasgur	Father of Wendy Yasgur

Week of February 14th

Ignatz Adler	Father-In-Law of Sadie Adler
Maryann Bluj	Family Member of Andrew & Elaine Larkin
Belle Horowitz	Grandmother of Andrew Liebrader
Sharon Koch	Granddaughter of Sadie Adler
Sidney Person	Father of Ruth Davidson
Martyn Weston	Grandfather of Pamela Abrams
Morris Yohay	Uncle of Diane Shtulman

Week of February 21st

Jakob Anker	Father of Herbert Anker
Augusta Bohrer	Mother of Elaine S. Trachter
Margot Gold	Mother of Larry Gold
Gertrude Horowitz	Mother of Mitchell Horowitz
Irving Horowitz	Father of Mitchell Horowitz
William Leff	Father of Anne Horowitz
Myron Liebrader	Father of Andrew Liebrader
Anna Pomeranz	Observed by Ned Steele
Anna Rappaport	Mother of Sadie Adler
Seymour Scharf **	Husband of Miriam Scharf
Rose Shenkoff	Grandmother of Steve Levinsky
Frances Simon	Mother-in-law of Maxine Simon

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Week of February 28th - March 5th

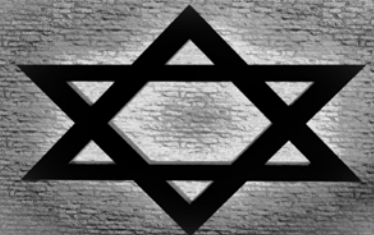
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² Religious School 10:00 am Parents' Association 10:00 am Men's Club 11:00 am School Board 11:30 am	³	⁴	⁵ Hebrew School 4:30 pm Chai Mitzvah 7:30 pm	⁶ Men's Club Bowling 8:00 pm	⁷ Tu Bishvat Seder, Evening Service and Simchat Shabbat 7:00 pm	⁸ Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am
⁹ Religious School 10:00 am Academy 7/8 10:00 am Sisterhood Book Club 10:30 am	¹⁰ Membership 7:00 pm Board Meeting 8:00 pm	¹¹ Confirmation Class 6:15 pm	¹² Hebrew School 4:30 pm Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm	¹³	¹⁴ Shabbat Service 8:00 pm	¹⁵ Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am
¹⁶ * No Religious School*	¹⁷ *Office Closed* President's Day	¹⁸ PA Panera Bread Fundraiser	¹⁹ * No Hebrew School*	²⁰	²¹ Shared Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	²² Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am
²³ Adult Ed 9:30 am	²⁴	²⁵	²⁶ Hebrew School 4:30 pm	²⁷	²⁸ Shabbat Across America 6:30 pm	²⁹ Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am

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will be on Friday, February 7th at
the Tu Bishvat Seder when we will
celebrate the birthdays and
anniversaries for the month of
February!!**

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