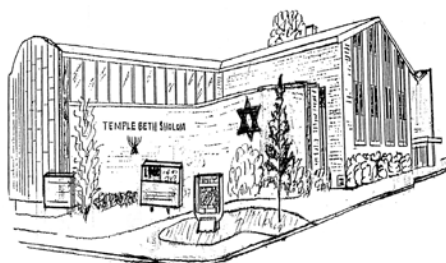


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE REFLECTS WHAT IS PLANNED. STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES AS WE CHANGE/CANCEL EVENTS AS NECESSARY

THIS MONTH:

ZOOM-MITZVAH DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 3

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
FRIDAY, MAY 22

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

PA FUNDRAISER
THURSDAY, MAY 28

CONFIRMATION
FRIDAY, MAY 29

NEXT MONTH:

MEN'S CLUB BOWLING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES
FRIDAY, JUNE 5

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Here's
What's
Happening!



From the Rabbi's desk

The Countdown

It is hard to believe that it is May. Since the onset of the Covid-19 coronavirus crisis, many of us have lost track of time. Others have been doing nothing but tracking time or counting the days which we have been on 'pause' — sheltering at home. Oddly, this period overlaps with the Jewish tradition of counting the *Omer*, the period between Passover and 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. These seven weeks mark the weeks of the barley offering but also the transition from slavery to liberation, when we celebrate the receiving of Torah.

For many people, it is a time reflection. I can't help but think about what has been going on in our lives and the changes and challenges that we are all facing. I, for one, am counting down the days to normalcy if that is even possible. As of this writing, we are on hold. Waiting—and counting the days.

Whatever we count, whether it be the *Omer* or the days in this tumultuous period, let us remember that *we* all count. There are so many brave people—healthcare workers and first responders putting their lives at risk, and we are thankful for them. There are so many we have lost, and many who are recovering from illness. I am thankful for those in our community who have kept things together for us.

We came together as a community for Passover and healing services and Shabbat. Even though we can't be together physically, it is great to "see" and hear you through the computer and telephone. In these uncertain and tough times, we need each other more than ever. Please continue to reach out via phone or computer to those in our community and check in with each other.

May we draw strength and comfort from each other as we move forward through these days together.

Rabbi Sharon Ballan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This issue of the Voice is sponsored by Jerry Maurer in honor of his birthday!

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 Shalom Financial Committee

As of today, April 20th, all May Shabbat Services are scheduled to be held via Zoom. If you have a Shabbat Honor, we hope that you will be able to perform it virtually by joining services via Zoom that evening.

Worship Schedule

- Friday, May 1st:* *Musical Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm*
Torah Portion: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim
Candle Lighting: Stephanie Rosenberg
Kiddush: Eric Rosenberg
- Saturday, May 2nd:* Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 8th:* **PA/Family Evening Service &**
Simchat Shabbat 7:30 pm
Torah Portion: Emor
Candle Lighting: Elana White
Kiddush: Justin and Seth White
- Saturday, May 9th:* Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 15th:* **Shared Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Behar-Bechukotai
Candle Lighting: Junior Congregation
Kiddush: Junior Congregation
- Saturday, May 16th:* Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 22nd:* **Sisterhood Shabbat Service 7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: B'midbar
Candle Lighting: Karen and Rebecca Carroscio
Kiddush: TBA
- Saturday, May 23rd:* Torah Study &
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 29th:* **Confirmation/Shavuot/Shabbat Service 7:30**
Torah Portion: Shavuot
Candle Lighting: Confirmation Leaders
Kiddush: Adam Gandelman



From The President

To My Temple Family,

As I write this article for the May Voice, I am thinking that this was my first Pesach in about 15 years wherein I did not have a house full of people for both Seders. An odd experience to be sure as I am sure it was for all of you. By the time you get this Voice, I only pray that some sense of normalcy will have resumed.

Because we are a Temple family and still have an organization to run, the Board had its April meeting via Zoom. Thank goodness for technology. We have a great Board and it was wonderful to see everyone!

We are fortunate in that as of this writing, no Temple family members have been diagnosed with the virus. For that I think we have to say many prayers of thanks. I would like to acknowledge that Board member Iris Bass did lose her mother to the virus and for that we can only wish her family our sincerest condolences. May her memory be a blessing.

As a result of this pandemic, we must be truly mindful of our neighbors and make sure they are safe and have what they need. The same is true for our Temple family. If anyone knows of anyone who is in need, please reach out to us.

In times like this we appreciate the Rabbi's healing service – I know it has been helpful to our spirits. I would also like to thank the Rabbi and Cantor for Zooming the Friday night Shabbat Services. They have truly been uplifting in this awful time.

It would seem that we are in somewhat of a state of flux relative to Temple events. We cancelled all April events and I suspect that May events will also have to be cancelled except for those which Zoom may work. As of this writing, we just don't know. Please make sure to check the website or call the Temple Office, which thanks to Rita and Natalie, is still open.

While we cancelled in person Religious and Hebrew School for a period of time, thank you to Principal Karen and the teachers as we have been able to Zoom classes! The Rabbi and Cantor were able to Zoom Shabbat services and the Rabbi Zoomed Torah Study. Thank you Cantor and Rabbi.

Thank you again to Jim Kettig for all his work – the windows in the ballroom are installed and look simply marvelous! Can't wait for you all to see them.

Life continues to be challenging in its own unique way. We must stay strong and positive!

Please, remind your family and friends to wash their hands, wear masks when going outside, gloves when going to the supermarket so that we can all STAY HEALTHY and beat this virus!!

Joy A. Bobrow
Temple President



TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of April 20, 2020

PULPIT FLOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
MOLLIE MEYER TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL FUND	Diane Shtulman 718-224-3875
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
<i>Ruth Dorfman in appreciation of the birthday greetings received from her Beth Sholom Family</i>	
<i>Mona Marks in loving memory of Meyer Marks</i>	
<i>Sharon & Rick Hershkowitz in loving memory of Meyer Marks</i>	
<i>Barbara and Joshua Bahoff in loving memory of their uncle, Meyer Marks</i>	
TORAH FUND.	TBS Office 718-463-4143
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
<i>Betty Zimmermann to thank Rabbi for enabling her to experience Shabbat ...on the phone!</i>	
MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND.....	Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894
MUSIC FUND.....	Cantor Korobow 718-463-4143
<i>Betty Zimmermann to thank Cantor for enabling her to enjoy Shabbat ...on the phone!</i>	
BUILDING FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
<i>Betty Zimmermann in loving memory of Meyer Marks</i>	
<i>Geri Weiss and David Chenkin in memory of Meyer Marks</i>	
<i>Irwin Weiss in memory of Meyer Marks</i>	
<i>Leonard Kovit in loving memory of Bernice Berman</i>	
<i>Geri Weiss and David Chenkin in memory of Carol Germain, mother of Iris Bass</i>	
COOLING TOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143

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 8th 2020

May Birthdays

Seth Bernstein
Jeff Bonne
Rebecca Bunkin
Joseph Dulberg
Adam Fertig
Steven Fishman

Veronica Flug
Margot Gellerman
Laura Goldsmith
Mitchell Horowitz
Roberta Kossoff

Lee Stern-LaRosa
Gerald Maurer
Gail Olenick
Brett Reichler
Gloria Shapiro
Ned Steele

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



Parents' Association

We know this has been a challenging time for everyone. It has been very comforting seeing many of your faces on Zoom as we try and stay connected to each other. It is such a stark contrast when listening to the news and then stepping outside for some fresh air and witnessing all the natural beauty around us. All the blooms have kept my spirits up and every day we are grateful to be healthy.

This Passover brought back memories of a table filled with family and friends and my appreciation grew stronger for all those past years. We know that we will get through this time and I hope we can hold on to the gratitude of being able to hug, shake hands and kiss a loved one's cheek.

The PA Shabbat service is scheduled for May 8th at 7:30 pm. As days go by we know this may change, so please keep a look out for an update

Right now we have a fundraiser scheduled for May 28th at Blaze Pizza - 187-12 Horace Harding Expy., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Please place your order in advance by calling (718) 313 4488 and pick up your order to go. The flyer was in last month's Voice and is also included in this newsletter. We will be sure to keep you updated as we get closer to the date.

Our next PA meeting is scheduled, in pencil, for Sunday, May 17th at 10:00 am. We will keep you posted!

Best,

Stephanie Rosenberg
Elana White
PA Co-Presidents



Men's Club

In this time of the novel coronavirus, everything is in flux. However, Temple committees are still attempting to move forward several initiatives.

Bowling will return. Don't ask me when. We urge bowlers to bring hand sanitizer with them every month.

We are always on the lookout for book donations for our book bonanza. We have limited volunteers for pickups, so please ask or say that YOU can drop off books...in the future. 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 in the future

Please note, however, that we are temporarily suspending ALL donations to Temple. For now, we are not accepting books, clothing or any other non-monetary donations.

Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President



Cantor's Corner



Hope everyone's staying home, safe and well. Having time on your hands makes you think quite a bit. It's interesting to think way back through the mists of time to my Bar Mitzvah, and all that led up to it.

I grew up living on the border between Jericho and Westbury on Long Island. I attended the Jericho schools, played in the Westbury Little League, and we belonged to the Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation.

Hebrew school at our Conservative congregation was pretty much the same for me as for most suburban Long Island kids. I remember going to Hebrew school in springtime on weekday afternoons in my wool flannel baseball uniform. It was a very long day-regular school, Hebrew school, then a twilight ballgame.

Soon, it was time to start Bar Mitzvah preparation. There were no cassettes, CDs or computers back then. The Cantor actually made little black records for us on a record cutting machine. It was cool to watch the thing at work carving thin threads of plastic from the black disks into a sort of spidery filigree. Torah blessings, Haftarah blessings, Torah portion, Haftarah portion-Cantor Marvin Savitt at the Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation just kept the records coming.

Pretty early in the process, Cantor Savitt discovered that I was a singer. I'd been singing most of the solos in the school choir for years, and even way back then, I wasn't afraid to step forward, open my mouth, and SING! I suppose you could say the Cantor found a live one, an outgoing little guy with a big voice (things haven't changed much).

Once I had the basic material under control, he started recording chunks of the service, and passing them on to me to learn. In the months preceding the big event, I had been given and basically absorbed the bulk of the service. The Cantor then decided that since I knew it, I should do it. And, that's pretty much what I did-conduct most of my own Bar Mitzvah service.

One of the classic comments came from my dad's near-sighted Aunt Rose on the Saturday morning of my Bar Mitzvah. She and her entourage had walked into the sanctuary a bit late. Seeing me working my way through the service in my sharp midnight blue suit, thin tie and spiffy crew cut, she remarked "What a wonderful young cantor they have in this synagogue!" I guess that's how it all began.

Anyway, stay safe and well my friends. Please continue to join us for our online services and other activities, and know that things will get better. Take good care.

Fondly,

Cantor Jerry Korobow



April Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 13, 2020 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions. President Joy Bobrow addressed her comments to the current pandemic crisis. She acknowledged the recent passing of Temple Trustee Iris Bass' mother and offered the Board's sincere condolences. She thanked the office and building staff for continuing to keep Temple running and sanitized. She thanked Rabbi Ballan for her healing services and for Shabbat services via Zoom. She thanked Jim Kettig for his hard work on getting the Ballroom windows designed and replaced. She requested that all temple meetings be done via teleconferencing and all in-person events through May be cancelled/postponed.

The Food Pantry will continue, as there is minimal use of the building.

Rabbi Ballan reported there has been very good response to Zoom services with high attendance. B'nei Mitzvah preparations and Chai Mitzvah classes have been done via Zoom as well. Cantor Korobow reported that there is still the possibility that Gathering Time will be available to do the Peter Paul and Mary Shabbat service in June - we will need to see.

Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair Geri Weiss reported that the June 14th Gala will be postponed to the Fall.

Parents' Association Co-President Elana White reported on May fundraiser at Blaze Pizza (for take-out) on 5/28. The PA Shabbat service is scheduled for 5/8. Religious School Board Chair Andrea Odintz reported religious instruction has continued remotely and Principal Karen Feit has emailed relevant Jewish learning computer links to parents and students. This May 5th Mitzvah Day may be done in a virtual format.

Sisterhood President Barbara Gandelman reported all in-person May events have been cancelled and Rummage may be postponed to the summer. Book Club, reading *Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens at the end of May will convene via Zoom.

Men's Club President Jeff Cohen reported on possible ways for people to purchase Memorial Candles and said bowling meets are cancelled.

President Bobrow, Use of Building, reported that Temple has had to cancel all use of the building by LFCC and Jubilee churches, and the Queens Oratorio. She reported that Queens Oratorio gave a \$1,000.00 donation to Temple as a gesture of support. She also reported that although Temple has temporarily stopped accepting drop-off donations that financial donations are always appreciated

Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported the Ballroom window replacement work is completed. The work on the cooling tower has begun.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported that they are contacting members in need and sent condolences to Iris Bass and family for the loss of her mother. Women's Discussion Group will be held via Zoom videoconferencing.

Gail Tishcoff reported the May 5th Blood Drive has been cancelled and suggested the possibility of re-scheduling for some time in the summer, given the intense current need.

Social Action Committee Chair Ilyne Rabinowitz cautioned all to take COVID-19 precautions seriously.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported on possible plans to substitute planned events, should it be too difficult for local restaurants to support the Chicken Soup Cook-off in the fall; we will see in a month.

Bazaar Co-Chair President Bobrow requested that if we order takeout to try to frequent establishments listed in the Voice and for everyone to remember to thank them for their support of Temple and that you hope they will support us this year despite these difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary

✪ **Zichronam Livracha** ✪

The Temple notes with sadness the passing of:
Meyer Marks
and
Carol Germain
Mother of Iris Bass

Calling All Gift Certificate Winners!

In light of how difficult a situation our local businesses are going through, the Bazaar committee has this thought... We do not feel it is right to go to our known business sponsors to request future gift certificate donations so ...

We would like to make an appeal to Temple members who have won gift certificates during the past year...

To please check the expiration dates and then donate them back to Temple for future raffles!

Thank you very much



Religious School News

Dear Hebrew School Families,

Although it seems as if we are living in an unreal time warp, I have learned some valuable lessons during our Corona confinement. I have learned not to take anything for granted. I have learned how much I value the ability to interact with the people I value face to face. I have learned about the resilience of which we are all capable as we develop new means to celebrate, to mourn, to console, and to cope.

Most of all, I have learned that the opportunities for all of us to do mitzvot are all around us. Even in these difficult days. Although we cannot welcome guests into our homes (*hachnasat orchim*), Zoom, FaceTime, and other social media have enabled family Seders, virtual birthday parties and hangout groups.

We have participated in Shabbat services, Pesach Services (including *Yizkor*), funerals, and Shiva with the help of technology. The observance of ritual is an important part of Jewish life, as is the burying of the dead and the consolation of mourners.

The study of Torah is the mitzvah we keep in mind when we hold Zoom Hebrew School lessons, which we began two weeks before Passover and will continue until we can meet in person again.

On a personal level, I have learned how meaningful the teaching, "All Israel is responsible for one another." Because Chuck and I are both part of the high risk population, we avoid going to get groceries. Chuck's son and his girlfriend do our shopping. We add a few extra items for our friends and drop the goods on their porch, sometimes chatting through closed doors. In exchange, they have supplied us with homemade masks and hand sanitizer that they get from their families. We've done lots of recipe swapping too.

Part of our everyday rituals now includes phone calls to friends and relatives near and far. Every text, call, and chat includes good wishes for health and safety. Our daily lives now reflect a greater awareness of the holiness of human life. The ultimate mitzvah of *pikuach nefesh*, the preservation of life, is embodied in our restrictions during the time of Corona.

Stay safe and healthy! Looking forward to being together in health!

L'chaim,
KarenFeit

Principal



Sisterhood Corner

The weather is getting warmer and the flowers are blooming. We continue to practice Social Distancing and our Temple has been conducting its services and other events on Zoom. Although this has become our new norm for the moment, we are all supporting each other during this difficult time.

Our Sisterhood Service will be held on Friday, May 22nd at 8:00 pm. This will be a virtual service. Please look for details on the constant contact.

Our next Book Club will be held on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. We will be holding this Book Club as a virtual book club on Zoom. Please look for details so that you will be able to join us on that evening.

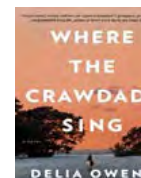
This is the time of year that we get ready for our Rummage Sale. We will not be holding Rummage on Memorial Day nor are we accepting non-monetary donations at this time. However, we are asking that you hold your Rummage clothes for our next Rummage sale.

Thank you to Deirdre Weliky who continues to run the Women's Discussion Group. Look for details about the upcoming meetings. We would love if you could join us!

We hope to see all of you at Temple's upcoming events. Although these events have changed in format, it is always heartwarming to see your Temple family.

May your family be safe and healthy during these trying times.

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President



MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE???

If you **DO NOT** have internet access...

...you are invited to call the office during regular hours. The office staff is updated on the current status of events and policies as directed by the Board of Trustees.

If you find that you call after office hours, please choose option # 1 on the Temple phone recording (Service information). That recording is updated weekly (on Tuesday afternoons) and offers the latest information on cancellations and/or rescheduling of events.

You will also be able to receive detailed instructions on how listen to our regularly scheduled Shabbat evening services and Torah study by phone. Additionally, Rabbi has been offering a Meditative/Healing Service on Tuesday evenings that soothes the soul and is able to be shared by phone.

Enjoy all that Temple is offering now...via phone!

DON'T ISOLATE....PARTICIPATE!!!!

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Wednesday evening, May 13th, 2020

7:30 pm via Zoom

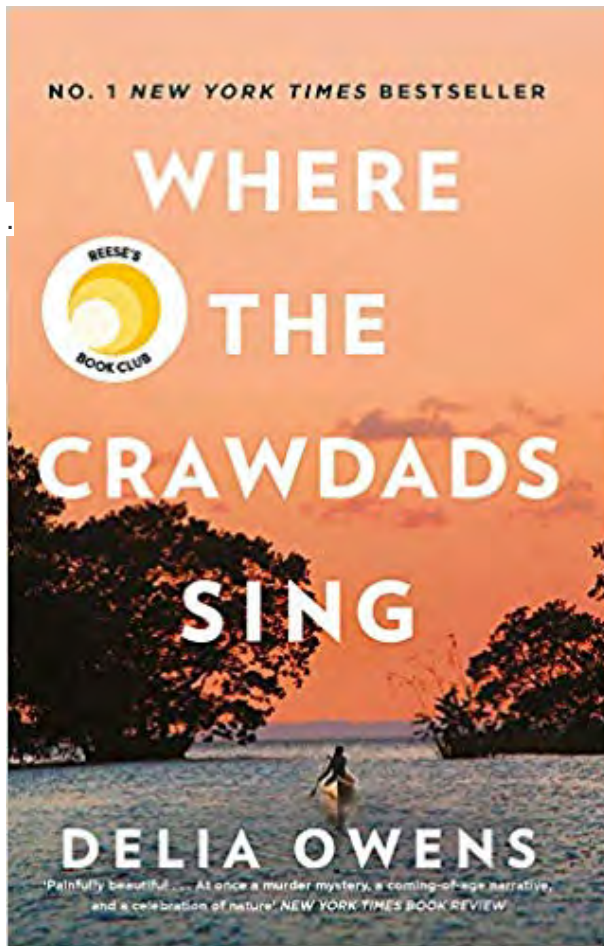
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Join with women of all ages and life experiences, temple family and friends alike. As women, we seek to learn about ourselves and others and explore our similarities and differences in a caring and supportive environment.

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
dwangel1@gmail.com**

TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:
BOOK CLUB – Wednesday May 27, 2020



“Where the Crawdads Sing”
By Delia Owens

Date:

Wednesday,
May 27, 2020

VIA ZOOM

Time: 7:30 pm

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

Adult Education

I hope that everyone has been staying safe and healthy during these quarantined times.

I am so appreciative of all the virtual meetings that the Rabbi has facilitated during the past month. The Shabbat Services, Healing Services, Religious School Education, have helped families focus on things other than the despondencies of the news.

I had known about multiple virtual meeting services for quite some time but couldn't find one as accessible for families as Zoom. On the first night of Passover, my family had a virtual Seder with my brother-in-law and sister-in-law. On the following night, temple members participated in the 2nd night Seder thru Zoom.

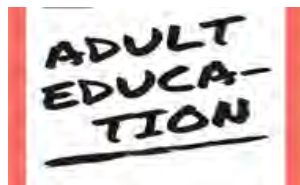
Following the Seder, Erica, Dara, Seth, and I were able to have a family reunion with 2nd and 3rd cousins from out of state. The meeting lasted for over an hour and was a delight as we were able to engage with relatives whom we rarely have the opportunity to visit. (I was also able to update my family tree that I have been working on for decades). The other benefit for virtual meetings is that you do not have to worry about planning trips. You can communicate and check-in with relatives and friends at the tap of a few buttons.

While there are not any temple activities occurring at this time, now is the time to keep you, your family, your friends, and neighbors with a positive attitude and check-in on them. Participate in virtual activities, whether it is the virtual Shabbat Services, Healing Services, or just connect with people to just say hi. I am looking online for additional virtual activities and will keep you posted on events that I do find in the next article.

Until next time, stay healthy,

Stay healthy,

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education



Rummage Sale

**The Giant Memorial Day Rummage Sale
is....POSTPONED!!!**

At this moment, we realize that we will not be able to hold our semi-annual sale as originally planned. We are hoping to be able to reschedule for some time during the summer. We will get the word out FAST and open the doors for you to bring us the clean, gently used and sorted clothing that you have collected and saved for us. We know that one of the few positive benefits of having to stay home is being given the opportunity to clean out closets with no excuses and we will be delighted to accept all that you have collected!

See you then



Pulpit & Ritual

It's time to plan for Shabbat Summer Service Leaders and give Rabbi and Cantor a break...!

As you make your summer plans, why not consider signing up to be a Shabbat summer service lay leader? While we all help each other through participation in the service, we also end up having a great time welcoming Shabbat during the summer months. We welcome you to invite family and/or friends for assistance in leading your service. (We have instructions for you!)

Check your calendars, and sign up before it's too late for **any Friday night in July and August**. If you have a summer yahrzeit to observe, and want to know the exact date, contact me for confirmation. Thank you in advance!

Geri Weiss, Chair, TBS office, 718-463-4143
or geriweiss1@gmail.com



Gala News Update!

*The Gala Event Committee
is sad to report that the exciting
event we have been
planning is being postponed.*

*We hope our Temple family
stays well through the current
pandemic and we look
forward to seeing everyone
at the rescheduled date
(to be announced),
when we will all be together again
to celebrate
70 years Temple Beth Sholom has
been established and the
10+ years Sharon Ballan has been
our Rabbi.*



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Temple Beth Sholom Parents Association

May 28, 2020

5:00PM-8:00PM

Location: Blaze Pizza -Fresh Meadows

187-12 Horace Harding Expy, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in and take-out only. Not valid for app, online, delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

Scoop's Schmooze

As I sit in my old-fashioned chair in the corner of my den, surrounded by windows, with the sun shining in, the birds chirping and flowers blooming; my days--our days, should not be relegated to what is on television. But, with what we have all unfortunately been facing every day over the last several weeks, my remote control has molded perfectly to my right hand. And, as someone who can't watch anything more about Coronavirus, my days go from watching past sporting events, the Game Show Network, old sitcoms, Boomerang, Teennick, HGTV, the Food Network, my DVR movie library and listening to my Pandora radio selections---all being an attempt to take my mind off of the scariness of our world.

I flip through the channel guide when on Sundance TV I come upon a Hogan's Heroes marathon---a show that aired from the mid-1960s to the early 1970s that always brings me to endless laughter; especially considering the fact that the four main German characters in this World War II based comedy were portrayed by Jewish actors with their conditions in playing the roles being that the Nazis would always lose and look like bumbling buffoons in the process. And, with a bit of irony based on the show's title, I watched this religiously with one of the greatest *heroes* in my life---my maternal grandfather; who was also my greatest influence in our shared love of the world of sports, as well as in many other things.

What is the actual definition of a *hero*? According to Merriam-Webster, a *hero* is "a person admired for achievements and noble qualities, one who shows great courage." That is, and was, grampy.

And, as a child, teenager and adult, my real and lifetime sports *heroes* were one of the greatest hockey players ever, Bobby Orr of the Boston Bruins and Brooklyn-born Rico Petrocelli of the Boston Red Sox.

But, now, with what we're living through, there's a new respect for, image and representation of a *hero*.

For all of the doctors and nurses and first responders who are out there every day, for the thousands of retired medical volunteers who have come back to their profession and for the medical students who have joined the fight prior to their graduation, they are truly *heroes*.

For my physician, Dr. Abraham, who, on her day off, spent a half hour on the phone with me to answer any questions I had and to ease any of my concerns. For mine and Renee's dear friend Freddie who, even with some health issues and the fact that he is closing in on retirement, still works at his hospital as an x-ray technician. For Katrina, the pharmacy tech at the Bayside Rain Dew, who took so much time and effort in completing my order for prescriptions and several OTC items to coordinate the logistics in arranging for my delivery; that brought me back to the extra-special memories of the incomparable customer service that my father provided and instilled in me and in the hundreds of people who worked for him over 30 years and who did for thousands of people what Katrina did for me. And, for our own Dr. Fay Schildkraut, who continues to serve her patients and their needs; what amazing *heroes* all four of them are.

(continued from previous column)

For my sister Elana and one of my oldest and dearest friends Karen and her husband Steven, and my childhood friend John, who for the last few months have been shopping for my parents, so my mom and dad don't have to subject themselves to being out and in crowds any more than they have to, they are definitely *heroes*.

For David Goodside at The Beach Café, whose restaurant is one block from four hospitals in Manhattan and who has been feeding hundreds of doctors and nurses on their way to work every day; he has set up a link where all donations are matched by the restaurant. This effort allows him to continually feed these *heroic* medical personnel. David is a thoughtful and dedicated *hero*; as are all of the others who are on a wide array of frontlines so that we all can still have food on our tables.

For Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow for doing the beautiful services and special programs, even though we are distanced from each other, to make us all feel as close to temple as possible---and to Rabbi Ballan for calling Renee's parents to see how they are, the two of them are truly *heroes*.

For Rita and Natalie, Jose and Santos for coming to work and keeping Temple Beth Sholom operating; and to Natalie for making masks out of old yarmulkes and new T-shirts for Jose, his children and his pregnant wife---they are all *heroes*.

For the upbringing that I received from my parents that allowed me to realize the greatness in others and who the true *heroes* in our life are, and for me to have been given my mother's gift as a writer and poet and be able to express it as I have done here; yes, my mother and father are my *heroes*.

So, while you are doing whatever you are doing to pass the time until our world returns to the one we love; sit back and ponder who the *heroes* in your life are and when you do so, put special thoughts in your mind, a smile on your face and let the tears stream down your cheeks .

Barry Packer

Third Vice President/Ways and Means Chairman

Bazaar Corner 2020

We have been unable to have our second meeting! Until we know what is going with the "physical distancing" we can't really make any plans. Nonetheless, if you order in or if you order takeout please try to frequent the establishments listed in the Voice. Remember to thank them for their support of Temple Beth Sholom and mention that you hope they will support us this year despite these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Joy Bobrow

Barbara Gandelman

Bazaar 2020 Co-Chairs



LET'S CELEBRATE



'Tis the season – let's celebrate Father's Day and Graduations! Complete the tear sheet below and remit with a \$5.00 donation for each acknowledgement to the TBS office by Tuesday, May 12th, 2020! It's a great way to celebrate important people in your life or honor their memory. All names and messages will appear in the June issue of The Voice.

Name of Dad or Grad (circle one) _____

- Congratulations on your Graduation
- Happy Father's Day

From _____

Amount enclosed: _____ for _____ acknowledgements

Note: If you need room for additional people you would like recognized, just use a blank piece of paper and send it in!

☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS May 2020

Week of May 1st

Betty Arliss	Mother of Brenda Gold
Sally Berger	Grandmother of Arlene Galub
Mildred Erlich	Great-aunt of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser
Mollie Gellerman	Friend of Steve Levinsky
Louis Horowitz	Mother of Alan Gellerman
Daniel Schecter	Grandmother of Oliver Gellerman
	Grandfather of Andrew Liebrader
	Brother of Stanley Schecter
	Uncle of Jennifer Schecter

Week of May 8th

John Costanza	Father of Walter Costanza
Solomon Liebrader	Grandfather of Andrew Liebrader
Max Opstbaum	Grandfather of Elaine Larkin
Sherry Tove	Aunt of Pamela Abrams

Week of May 15th

Louis Jack Ackerman	Grandfather of Jason Ehrlich
Iris Bobrow Davidson	Sister of Joy A. Bobrow
Benjamin Goldberg	Father of Ruth Dorfman
Rose Lending	Grandfather of Eliot Dorfman
Adele Levinsky	Grandmother of Ronald Myers
Barbara Liebrader	Mother of Steve Levinsky
Ruth Myers	Mother of Andrew Liebrader
Israel Myers	Wife of Gerald Maurer
Stanley Myers	Grandfather of Ronald Myers
Celia Scharf	Father of Ronald Myers
	Mother-in-law of Miriam Scharf

Week of May 22nd

Chava Katz	Sister of Isidore Katz
Martin Katz	Brother of Isidore Katz
Tibor Katz	Brother of Isidore Katz
Lois Perper	Friend of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser
Regina Weinberger	Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer

Week of May 29th

Erwyn Glantz	Father of Robin Myers
Gertrude Herszkowitz	Mother of Rochelle Sarrantonio
Avrom Katz	Father of Isidore Katz
Rivka Katz	Grandfather of Renee Katz-Packer
Charles Kupferberg	Mother of Isidore Katz
Sadie Ostrofsky	Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer
Heather Rosenberg	Observed by Temple
Max Shapiro	Mother of Lillian Tandatnick
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<p>NOTE: As of April 20th all events have been cancelled through May, 2020 Please continue to read emails or call the temple office for updates. After hours, select option # 1 – Services recording – for current TBS information.</p>					<p>1 Shabbat 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>2 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom</p>
<p>3 Zoom-mitzvah day!</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Hebrew School 4:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Simchat/Family PA Shabbat 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>9 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom</p>
<p>10 Religious School 11:00 am via Zoom</p>	<p>11 Membership 7:00 pm via Zoom Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>12 Confirmation Class 6:15 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>13 Hebrew School 4:30 pm via Zoom Women’s Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Shared Shabbat Service 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>16 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom</p>
<p>17 Religious School 11:00 am via Zoom Parents’ Association 10:00 am - TBD Men’s Club 11:00 am - TBD School Board 11:00 am - TBD</p>	<p>18 Pulpit & Ritual Meeting 7:15 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>19 Congregational Meeting 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>20 Hebrew School 4:30 pm via Zoom Chai Mitzvah class 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Sisterhood Shabbat 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>23 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom</p>
<p>24 *No Religious School * Rummage Set up 10:00 am- Postponed</p>	<p>25 MEMORIAL DAY *Office Closed* Rummage Sale 9:30 am - Postponed</p>	<p>26 Confirmation Class 6:15 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>27 Hebrew School 4:30 pm via Zoom Sisterhood Book Club 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>28 PA Fundraiser Blaze Pizza 5:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Shabbat/Shavuot Yiskor and Confirmation 7:30 pm via Zoom</p>	<p>30 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom</p>
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