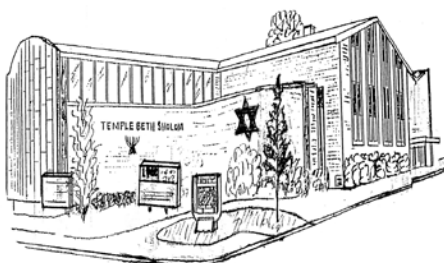


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
BUILDING CLOSED
FRIDAY, JULY 3

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

PA FUNDRAISER AT PESSO'S ICES
THURSDAY, JULY 30

AUGUST

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

HAVDALAH SERVICE & OPEN
HOUSE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29



CHAI HOPES INITIATIVE

MANY THANKS TO THOSE
WHO HAVE ALREADY
PURCHASED A LEAF ON
OUR TREE OF LIFE:

David Chenkin & Geri Weiss
Brenda Gold
Robin & Ron Myers
Sam Rosenberg



From the Rabbi's desk

Shalom!

What a difference a year makes! I was looking through my files for a midrash, and inside a folder I found last year's July Voice. I was looking back on a great year, culminating with the Religious School Closing exercises and the wedding of my daughter, Amy. I was also looking forward to the summer and 5780 and included a lovely poem about blessing the summer season. I'm sure all of us at this point wish 2020 would go away. It has been a difficult year because of COVID-19, but we have persevered. I have seen what a strong community we have and that it really isn't about the physical structure of our building.

We will re-open eventually. We will get to see each other in person. But we have to do everything safely and ensure that everyone feels comfortable in our space. Our re-opening committee is working hard on this. Meanwhile, there have been some advantages to meeting on-line. Our attendance at Shabbat services is much higher, as well as at our meetings. We don't have to fight with traffic and parking!

I will be on vacation in July as usual but will be available to help with services on Friday evenings. I encourage you to join in and help lead. You can do a sermonette, light candles, or do some readings. It can be a group effort. I came across a blessing for opening a Zoom meeting by Alden Solovy that I thought was quite appropriate:

The Blessing of Faces*

*So many beautiful faces,
So many radiant souls,
Shining forth
Into our hearts.*

*Look at those eyes.
The smiles.
The hopes. The fears.
The yearning. The questioning.
The compassion.
The love.*

*Take it in.
Take it all in.
The tenderness.
The humanity.
The blessing of faces
Arrayed before you.
The blessing of faces,
Given,
And received.*

*L'hitraot,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan*

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tobendlight.com . Alden is the 2019-2020
Liturgist-in-Residence at the Pardes
Institute of Jewish Studies.

Poetry

Temple Beth Sholom Continues with Summer Services!

This summer, the services may look different but we will have them! Depending on guidelines as they are publicized, we may have some services in the ballroom at temple with precautions in place for those who attend.

ALL SERVICES WILL BE ZOOMED

Summer Worship Schedule

July:

July 3rd

TBD

July 10th

Gandelman Family

July 17th

Danielle Gandelman and Geri Weiss

July 24th

Lori and Eric Lustig

July 31st

Robin and Ron Myers

August:

August 7th

Bernstein Family

August 14th

Deirdre Weliky and Sharon Haimer

August 21st

TBD

August 28th

Rabbi Ballan and Walter Costanza

Please watch weekly emails for updated information relating to summer services. Don't have access to a computer? Please call the temple office for details.

From The President

To My Temple Family,

Yay, NYC is in Phase 1 of reopening! By the time you receive this issue of The Voice, we should be in Phase 2. While that makes me so excited that we can see some light at the end of the tunnel, we still have a ways to go before we can bring our Temple family together into our building.

We have been attending many webinars relating to Reopening Guidance for Houses of Worship so that we can develop a plan that will ensure that there will be a safe environment for our Temple family when we can open our building for services and other events. One of the necessary supplies that we are having difficulty obtaining is hand sanitizer stations – both free standing and those that we can affix to our walls. If anyone has an in with someone who can donate them, or knows where we can get them at a reduced cost, it will be greatly appreciated!

Insofar as we are still trying to determine the best course of action for our High Holiday Services, we would like to have an idea of how our members are feeling regarding attending Services in the building. Therefore, please let us know by sending Geri Weiss an email as per the flyer in this issue of The Voice. We value your input/thoughts! And don't forget to complete the flyer regarding the purchase of the Beit Shalom Siddur and High Holiday Prayer Book!

Don't forget our "Chai Hopes" campaign. Buying a leaf on the Tree of Life, outside the Sanctuary, fills our branches and shows how we are resilient and keep blooming despite any setbacks we might have.

Also, we are still collecting for the building repair fund! While we replaced the ballroom windows, the cost was somewhat more than we had collected. And, we had some unexpected costly repairs to the cooling system tower. Your past generosity has been greatly appreciated and we hope you can continue.

In the meantime, I ask for your continued support. TBS is vibrant! Our members and staff are dedicated! Our attendance at the Shabbat Services has been remarkable! We had some wonderful Adult Ed courses, via Zoom, and we will look forward to additional ones! And we are receiving inquiries from people who are looking to join our Temple family!!

I just have to say that while it is very easy to get caught up in everything that is going on around us, we have to remember that TBS serves a need for the Jewish community and in times such as these, the need can be even more so.

My family and I wish you all a happy summer! Continue to stay safe, and strong, and wear your masks when going outside. I am sending each of you a hug, albeit from a distance!

Joy A. Bobrow
Temple President

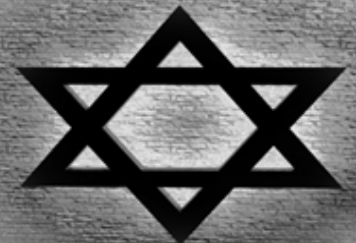
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Geri Weiss and David Chenkin in memory of Henry Eiler, father of Elana White
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Larry Schwarz in memory of Irwin Weiss
Cathy Sachs in memory of her dear friend, Irwin Weiss
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Gloria Shapiro to thank her TBS family for the birthday wishes!
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Geri Weiss and David Chenkin in memory of Iris Bass' mother, Carol Germain
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The Corona Virus is deeply affecting all of us at Temple Beth Shalom. It is limiting our activities and keeping us physically separated. The building remains closed; in-person services are cancelled and are being streamed. Adding to our discomfort is not knowing what's next and when normal might resume.

Additionally, the financial effects are widespread and TBS is not exempt from that; fundraising has ground to a halt. All Temple and community events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Nevertheless, the silver lining is that we have created a new opportunity that we are calling "Chai Hopes". To help make up the budget shortfall, we are asking all TBS members and friends who are able --to pledge "Chai" (\$18 or a multiple thereof) per month for 12 months, starting in June. For the past few months, although our personal food budgets may have expanded a bit, we are all saving on some of life's luxuries. This small amount repeated over the course of a year can have a big impact on our ability to continue to fulfill our mission. To recognize this effort, everyone who participates will receive a leaf on our "Tree of Life", outside the sanctuary that can be inscribed for you to express appreciation or commemorate a milestone, achievement, or simcha.

How better to show our strength than by watching our "Tree of Life" bloom with visible symbols of our community --and our "Chai Hopes" that we can gather together again very soon!

Please help us make this "Chai Hopes" initiative "take root" by emailing your pledge of \$18, \$36, or \$54 per month for 12 months to Rita Bellock (rita@templebethsholom.org). For those of you without internet access, you can send a note or call the office to make your pledge. Feel free to choose another multiple of Chai (18) if you prefer. To make it easier for you, we will be delighted to accept your full year's donation in one payment, or you can schedule a monthly payment on your credit card with Rita.

You will receive one "Tree of Life" Leaf for each multiple of Chai that you pledge.

The Temple Beth Sholom Family extends its sincerest thanks to Sinai Chapels for their donation of 12 dozen yarmulkes. Our Religious School students will turn each one into a protective face covering for congregation members who are unable to provide their own when entering the building.

Thank you Sinai Chapels!

☆ Book of Remembrance ☆

You will shortly receive a letter inviting you to have the names of your beloved departed recorded in our Memorial Book for 2020. It will be distributed at the Yom Kippur Memorial Service. Please reply and mail in your memorial slips by Thursday, July 23rd!!

The book will either be available at the Yom Kippur Memorial Service or it will be mailed to you.

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Cantor's Corner



Well my friends, we've come to the end of another Temple season. Historically, many of you would now be preparing to send your kids off to summer camp. Others would be headed to the beach, or to long-planned vacations aboard long distance flights. Still others would be headed out to see relatives or friends, or arranging weddings, large parties, barbecues and like events.

Alas, this has been a very different winter and spring, and will be a very different summer and fall. Everything has been changed in some way by the corona virus. All of us are apprehensive about some of our most mundane activities-is it safe to shop, to see friends, to go for walks or runs? Will stores, businesses, restaurants, schools, offices and houses of worship open soon? What will they look like when they open again? All these are fair and important questions, the answers to which are generally "we're not sure," or "we don't know."

In this time of virtual everything, there is one thing we do know. TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING IS STILL HERE! Though we've been congregating solely virtually since late March, WE HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN CONGREGATING.

We've had wonderful attendance at our Friday night Zoom services, and at Rabbi Ballan's Tuesday night Healing Services. Board and committee meetings have continued apace, as have Hebrew School classes, Torah Study and Adult Education. If we could just figure out how to have virtual bowling via Zoom, we'd really have it made!

But seriously, I want to thank each and every one of you for remaining active and involved in Temple activities throughout this past year, and especially since March. The continued attendance at online events is a testament to the strength and vitality of our congregation. We may not be huge, but we remain a strong and vital faith community.

Rabbi Ballan and I, together with the Temple administration and committees, are now planning next year's calendar (as well as summer services). As in all previous years, the High Holy Days and other holidays will arrive. Hebrew School classes will begin. Committees will meet, and activities will take place. At this point, we don't know exactly what they'll look like, BUT EACH OF THE EVENTS WE VALUE, OBSERVE OR TREASURE WILL HAPPEN. WE'LL SEE TO THAT.

I urge you to attend summer lay led services if you can, and consider volunteering to lead a summer service. Here's wishing you all a relaxing, pleasant summer. Please be and stay well and safe. We need you all to remain active parts of this wonderful Temple family. All the best!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: September/October 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 **August 15th, 2020**). You can pay for the remaining 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.



October Birthdays

Karri Kaufman	10/01__
Isidore Katz	10/03__
Michael Susman	10/04__
Matthew Dulberg	10/05__
Robert Abrams	10/06__
Jennifer Schecter	10/10__
Maxine Simon	10/14__
Anthony Wansor	10/21__
Herta Tishcoff	10/22__
Iris Bass	10/27__
Caryl Stern-LaRosa	10/30__

September Anniversaries

Norman & Leza Lerea	9/13__
Mitchell & Anne Horowitz	9/16__
Pamela & Robert Abrams	9/21__
Jeri Gilbert & Jeff Sovern	9/29__

September Birthdays

Adam Gandelman	9/02__
Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser	9/02__
Lori Kwait	9/04__
Paul Kutcher	9/05__
Bonnie Rosenberg	9/08__
Marissa Ruffus	9/09__
Brenda Gold	9/10__
Pamela Abrams	9/12__
Raymond White	9/14__
Rita Bellock	9/18__
Mark Flug	9/19__
Jeri Gilbert	9/20__
Elaine Larkin	9/22__
Glory Einbinder	9/24__
Linda M. Ramirez	9/25__
Larry Schwarz	9/25__
Christina Weinberg	9/28__



October Anniversaries

Cantor Jerry & Zo-An Korobow	10/12__
Paul & Mindy Anichich	10/16__
Jeff & Karla Bonne	10/18__
Frank & Ronna Galchus	10/23__
Eric & Erica Bernstein	10/28__

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____

June Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, June 8, 2020 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions. President Joy Bobrow said Phase 1 of the city's reopening helps us see some light at the end of the tunnel and perhaps hopes that some High Holiday services can be held in our building. She updated recent legislation concerning the Payroll Protection Program that should be positive for our temple.

A preliminary reopening plan has been drafted with input from Fay Schildkraut, Ilyne Rabinowitz, Maxine Simon, Eric Lustig, Geri Weiss, Fran Goldman and Deirdre Weliky and was distributed to The Board for review and comment. President Bobrow cautioned that any plan must be flexible and be easily changed when regulations and conditions require.

On behalf of the Board she extended heartfelt condolences to Geri Weiss and Elana White on the recent passing of their fathers, Irwin Weiss and Henry Eiler, respectively. She set a Board meeting for July as conditions have been so changeable this year.

The upcoming year's Date Planning meeting was 6/10/20.

Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported we currently have 116 member units. Our outstanding dues balance is just over \$53,373.00. The May Financial report was approved as presented by Charlene Metz, Treasurer.

Rabbi Ballan reported Zoom services continue to be successful and well attended, including a moving Confirmation/Shavuot service led by confirmands Kate Galchus, Danielle Gandelman, and Valentina Gillin on 5/29/20. Religious School Closing exercises were done via Zoom. She said she plans to be around all summer and extended assistance for any summer lay-leaders.

Cantor Korobow reported on the successful and well attended Zoom services and the "smashing success" of the closing exercises for Religious School and thanked Principal Karen Feit and the Religious School teachers for their excellent work.

Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair Geri Weiss reported she still needs some volunteers for lay-led services (likely via Zoom) over the summer and that volunteers to contribute to High Holiday services will also be needed.

Parents' Association Co-President Elana White reported on the PA 5/28 fundraiser at Blaze Pizza (for take-out). Religious School Board Chair Andrea Odintz reported on end-of-year activities and services via Zoom.

Sisterhood President Barbara Gandelman reported Sisterhood Shabbat went well. The next book club will read *Have you Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde and will convene via Zoom. Sisterhood was able to donate \$2,500.00 to Temple because of the continued support of their members. First Vice President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Chair, reported their outreach efforts have gone well and there will be a Zoom Open House planned for August/September.

(continued from previous column)

President Bobrow, Use of Building, updated the Board on Temple Gates of Prayer plans that have not yet started but should be starting soon. She reported that the Food Pantry will continue this summer and it was reported that the need has increased, as projected.

Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair reported on research options to upgrade the mechanical systems to address COVID-19 infection control.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Chair reported he and Eric Lustig have planned a virtual lecture by Dr. L.V. Rutgers on early Diaspora of the Jews for Sunday June 14th, which will be available for Temple members to view via limited access recording.

Bazaar Co-Chair President Joy Bobrow requested that if we order takeout to try to frequent establishments listed in The Voice and 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



Bazaar Corner 2020

As NYC has entered Phase 1 of reopening, there is still a chance that we will be able to have Bazaar 2020 in December! While it might have to be on a smaller scale, there is a possibility that it can occur. Stay tuned for further developments!

Please remember that when you order in or if you order takeout, try to frequent the establishments listed in The Voice and 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.

Joy Bobrow
Barbara Gandelman
Bazaar 2020 Co-Chairs



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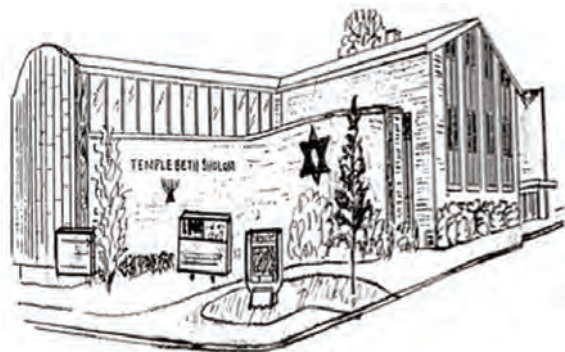


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Religious School News

Pete Seeger paraphrased Ecclesiastes in his iconic song, Turn, Turn, Turn, singing, "To everything there is a season....and a time to every purpose under Heaven." Until recently, I have sung that song with deep feelings of awe for its beauty, its clarity, and its message....but in these times of Covid-19, all bets are off! There is nothing that makes sense to me. The order of our lives seems to have become derailed, with no clear vision of resolution. There are no clear choices, and our own life experiences have little to offer in ways to navigate this new uncertainty.

So...we learn to live day to day. That is hard enough in our personal and family relationships. It is even more daunting when we look at the institutions we have always relied upon and taken for granted. Some of us continue to work remotely, others are unemployed. Our contact with friends and loved ones has been interrupted. Our means and methods of meeting our basic needs have changed. It's almost too much to process sometimes.

We have learned how to study and pray together by Zoom. We bury our dead and comfort our mourners by Zoom, too. Hebrew School has continued to meet online as well....but the novelty has worn off for many people.

This will be a summer like none other in our history. By now, we usually have a calendar for the new Religious School and public school years. Classes have been formed, curriculum has been discussed, and we are preparing to order books and materials. This year however, we do not know under what conditions we will regroup. Will we meet in our building? Will we Zoom? Should we offer options? A mix of in-person and virtual learning? This question is being asked by educators both religious and secular in multiple forums. I regularly participate in a Facebook page for Jewish educators discussing the changes that may face us in the new term. Would you consider any learning modules designed for families at home? What I have learned from my Zoom is that we can accomplish a great deal in individualized instruction in Hebrew. I would like to incorporate that in our future plans. Would you like some summer Religious School programming online?

In addition to listening and learning from professional colleagues, I would like to hear from you. Should our format simply follow whatever the NYC DOE decides? What concerns and issues do you have about the next chapter in your children's Jewish education? What do you consider the pros and cons of the variations I presented in the paragraph preceding this one?

Together we face the challenge of creating a vibrant Jewish future for ourselves and our children. Please let your voice be heard. Email karenbfeit@aol.com

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer!
B'shalom,
Karen



Sisterhood Corner

It has been a challenging few months for all of us. The Temple is making plans so that we can soon be together in our building but following guidelines to keep us all safe and well.

We will be having a Book Club on July 22 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We are reading *Have you Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Please look for the meeting details and share your opinion of the book. I hope that you take some time for yourself. We all need to practice self-care.

If you have not paid your \$36 dues for the new fiscal year, please look for the flyer and send it to Temple. I mentioned that you can join Sisterhood even if you are not a Temple member. The dues for this are \$72.

We are still deciding about the plans for our annual auction. We will keep you posted about the details as they become available.

Although this has been an interesting few months, because of the continued support of our members, Sisterhood was able to donate \$2,500.00 to Temple.

As we end this year, I would like to reiterate these words that I said about our amazing Temple:

There are many miracles that go on at Temple Beth Shalom. We have many people who also are our miracles. Miracles come into our lives in many ways. They might be big and quite profound. They might be an everyday miracle and not so noticeable. I ask that you take time to notice these miracles, both big and small and acknowledge them. Be grateful and pay it forward. Do a small miracle for someone else and see the difference that it will make in their life.

May you and your family stay safe and healthy and may we see each other in person very soon!

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President

WE WANT TO

BE PREPARED!

Are you able to help us source a large quantity of face masks, gloves and/or institutional size hand sanitizer stations? We are diligently working on a reopening plan and want to be ready when we are able to have group gatherings in the building again!

If you are able to provide a lead, please contact the office and we will be happy to take it from there!

Coming Home...

Could you, would you, in a house,



Could you, would you in the Temple?



A preparedness committee is working on what would be needed to reopen Temple Beth Shalom!

There is a possibility that we will “soon” be able to provide in person services at Temple Beth Shalom. We will also continue with the virtual “Zoom” service, thus providing the option of attending services at Temple, or Zooming in from your home.

We will ensure that we are providing a safe environment for members to feel welcome when in the building.

All congregants will be notified of the safety protocols being put in place when defined by the preparedness committee as guidelines unfold.

We want your input so please respond to the following question:

***Would you consider attending high holiday services in the Temple building?**

Please send your reply to Geri Weiss at geriweiss1@gmail.com
or telephone the Temple office – (718) 463-4143

Thank you!

“Once again, celebrations and song and prayer will rise from the now empty seats and words of Torah will be heard from the bima. Our task is to ensure that Jewish institutions remain strong throughout this crisis.”

Rabbi David Wolpe, *The Jewish Week*, May 1, 2020



Prayer Book Availability

The times they are a-changing, and we are uncertain as to when Temple Beth Sholom will be able to return to services in the TBS building.

To make the Zooming experience easier, Temple is working towards making the Beit Shalom prayer books, (the new blue ones for Shabbat services), and the High Holiday prayer books, (red ones!) available for use at home during zoom services.

Beit Shalom prayer books can be purchased for \$18!

Purchase of book with a book plate for \$36!

High Holiday prayer books will be available for “rent” for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services for a fee of \$9, (½ Chai!)

Interested?

Complete the below tear-off and mail with your check to “Temple Beth Sholom”. Complete your credit card information or contact Rita in the office (Wed/Fri) for the charge purchase.

The prayer book(s) you purchase or “rent” can be picked up in the temple parking lot during the summer. Arrangements will be made for members who are unable to come to temple to pick up their book(s).

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Please indicate how many of each you would like below:

Beit Shalom prayer book: _____ x \$18= _____

Prayer book with book plate: _____ \$36= _____

High Holiday prayer book: _____ x \$9= _____

Total Check Amount: \$ _____

If you would like to pay by Credit Card:

Credit Card Number: _____

CCV: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Adult Education

Thank you to everyone who attended the Adult Education Event in June. Dr. Rutgers provided a terrific insight of the diaspora, the antiquities and the artifacts that were found of this time period. I would also like to acknowledge Eric Lustig for recommending Dr. Rutgers as an Adult Education event. If you know of a speaker who has a concentration in a topic that our congregation would be interested in learning about, please let me know and I would be glad to work with you on organizing an event.

On Sunday, November 1st at 10:00 am, we will be continuing our Adult Education lectures 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.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to support Temple, our committees, and our Temple's events.

May everyone have a healthy and safe summer.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education



Men's Club

How's your life going in shelter? Do you manage to get out for some natural Vitamin D now that it's warmed up? Lower humidity seems to affect coronavirus, according to some reports. But science will need many months - and years - to figure out how to isolate and successfully contain this virus. In the meantime, wear a mask, use social distancing, and stay home if possible.

Some activities cannot be contained - such as Men's Club bowling, and are thus on the back burner for the near future. Bowling alleys are full of surfaces and bowling balls are a bouillabaisse of potential infectious substances. We'll come back in the future, just not now.

Watch this space (or the Constant Contact bulletins) for upcoming virtual activities.

We are still not accepting any donations - of books or any other merchandise - but hope that we will be able to resume soon. If you are approached about book donations, please ask them to store them in their basement or garage if possible - and we will let you know when you can invite them to start making drop-offs! We appreciate their cooperation to store the items until we are able to accept them. Donations are not limited geographically - when the time comes, we will accept them from whichever direction they come!

And we shall get through this.

Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President

Summer Services...

will be here very soon!

We would like all congregants to have their own copy of the service at home, instead of reading it online during the service.

For those of you with email, we will be attaching it as a PDF file!

For those who do not have email, or need a print copy, arrangements will be made to get one to you! Please contact the office to let Natalie or Rita know.

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!

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.

Please also note that payment of dues, or a payment plan will be required for High Holiday Tickets, or entry to the Zoom High Holiday Services.

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

Scoop's Schmooze

"Time Flies When You Are Having Fun." "It Feels As If Time Is Standing Still." How come time flies when you are having fun instead of standing still? And, how come the uncomfortable times, that we wish would be gone instantly, seem to linger on?

Take some time to reflect back three months to when we gathered on March 7 for our Purim Ball and a week earlier when 120 people filled Temple Beth Shalom's sanctuary and ballroom for Shabbat Across America. Having had the privilege of being an integral part of those events, they are both like a wedding or a bar or bat mitzvah. There is so much planning that goes into it, work that takes place in going through all of the logistics, preparation time and set-up and then, just like poof--the four or five hours seem to be gone in a matter of seconds. For happiness does make time fly.

Just as time seems to fly with my father-in-law's garden. Yesterday afternoon I was amazed while sitting with my in-laws under their trellis adorned with a plethora of grape vines, watching their garden grow; and admiring his years of gardening and farming experience that annually produces a staggering harvest. The flowering zucchini and cucumber plants are already almost the size of trees and his butternut squash plants, running rampant over the earth, will be able to be shared with Joy and Chef Adam for Bazaar--hopefully. Yet, with days melding into one another, time also seemed to stand still, ironically; when in between the TBS events and me sitting with Isidore and Rose, Shavuot took place. Also known as the Festival of Weeks, it is when Moses received the Torah from God. It may not be one of the most prominent Jewish holidays, but it is spiritual to the nth degree.

For me that emotion sparkled and time flew on Erev Shavuot and the Shabbat of Shavuot. For, on the first night, 200 miles away, I was blessed to be able to Zoom on the service of my parents' temple in Massachusetts. There, my mother was asked by her rabbi and native New Yorker, Rabbi Leonard Gordon, to read a handful of her poems from verses that she has compiled over many years, and turned into a self-published book that came out recently. After not seeing my parents for over three months, I was proudly able to "see" them and listen to my mom recite—unfortunately time flew all too quickly.

And, then 24 hours later, when the number of individuals at our own Shavuot Confirmation Shabbat Service almost matched the total that was at Shabbat Across America, time flew once again. Confirmands Danielle Gandelman, Katie Galchus and Valentina Gillin displayed how special the education was that they received at TBS. Being able to see the pride and joy on the faces of their parents, Adam and Barbara, Frank and Ronna, and Marchel; and the happiness from the almost five dozen different computers and phones Zooming across the land, it was extremely heartwarming. But, as soon as the service started, it seemed like it was over. Everyone was looking at each other—wishing each other a Shabbat Shalom.

Nobody wanted to say goodbye. It seemed that the only things that were missing were the hugs, the kisses, the handshakes, Sam's flowers, and Adam's cheesecake.

And, also ironic was around the time the Shema was being recited on Confirmation night, our home phone rang (that is why Rabbi Ballan controls the mute button). When I checked the message after services, I found out it was automated from one of TBS's long-time and closest friends, former Senator Tony Avella; whose spokesperson, Keryn Lemp often said that our Chicken Soup Cook-Off was always his favorite event and the one thing he looked forward to more than anything else year after year.

While what we have witnessed, basically since winter became spring, has made it feel like not even a month, a week or a day has passed; please remember the joys of our Chicken Soup Cook-Off, of our Purim Ball, of our Shabbat Across America, of our Bazaar, of our Shabbat and High Holiday Services, and of all of our other special events, services and learning experiences that seem to fly by in the blink of an eye. And, with none of us being able to see our barber or beautician; may the void caused by missing those visits, result in the length of our hair now being long and flowing, and its effect becoming just like Samson--giving us all the never-ending strength to be back together again as one, sooner rather than later.

Barry Packer

Third Vice President/Ways and Means Chairman

Parents' Association

Closing ceremonies were touching. It is always so nice to hear how our children are doing in their classes. Thank you to Rabbi, Karen, Morah Beth, Morah Ruth and Morah Judy for their hard work and dedication.

We decided to have one more fundraiser this year! Please support us at Pessos's Ices & Ice Cream at the end of July. We will send an email blast when we have the confirmed date. They are located at 203-20 35th Ave, Queens, NY 11361. Please use the coupon code **TBS** when you place your order for pick up. Here is the website to peruse in advance! <https://pessosices.com/>.

Happy summer to everyone and we will see you in September :)

Best,

Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White
PA Co-Presidents



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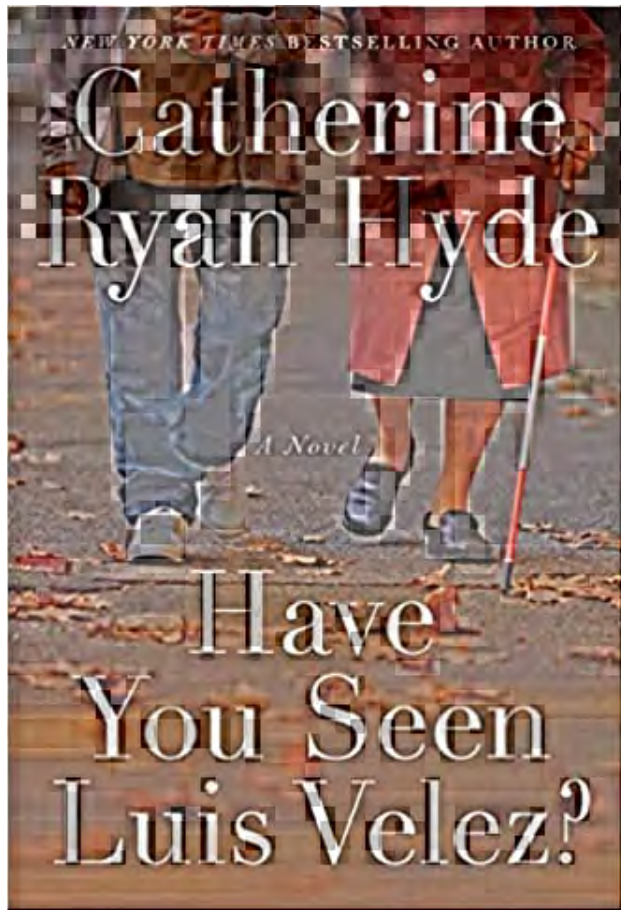
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BOOK CLUB – WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2020



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RYAN HYDE

DATE:

WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM

ZOOM INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW

***New York Times* bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde brings heartwarming authenticity to the story of two strangers who find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear.**

Raymond Jaffe feels like he doesn't belong. Not with his mother's new family. Not as a weekend guest with his father and his father's wife. Not at school, where he's an outcast. After his best friend moves away, Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he's tamed and to a blind ninety-two-year-old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: *Have you seen Luis Velez?*

Mildred Gutermann, a German Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust, has been alone since her caretaker disappeared. She turns to Raymond for help, and as he tries to track Luis down, a deep and unexpected friendship blossoms between the two.

Despondent at the loss of Luis, Mildred isolates herself further from a neighborhood devolving into bigotry and fear. Determined not to let her give up, Raymond helps her see that for every terrible act the world delivers, there is a mirror image of deep kindness, and Mildred helps Raymond see that there's hope if you have someone to hold on to.

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood

2020-2021 Membership Drive

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Support our wonderful Temple

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- Join us as we come together as Jewish women
- Share learning experiences
- Participate in community service projects
- Offer stimulating programs
- Create friendships with warm, intelligent women
- Non-Temple members encouraged to join (\$72)

We are looking forward to spending time with you this year.

Our year is from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021

Please make checks payable to TBS Sisterhood & mail to:
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Attention: Geri Weiss

Yes, I will join **TBS SISTERHOOD**, for the year ending May 31, 2021. Dues (\$36 or \$72) enclosed

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Check off all topics that you may be interested in

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Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Wednesday evening, July 15th, 2020

7:30 pm via Zoom

*TOPIC: What I Would Do if Money Was No
Object*

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**

☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS July/August 2020 ☆

Week of June 26th

Milton Adler	Brother-in-Law of Sadie Adler
Sharon Berck	Mother of Alan Berck
Gertrude Fishbach	Mother of Mona Fabricant
Mary Galchus	Mother of Frank Galchus
Elliot Simon	Husband of Maxine Simon
Gisela Tannenbaum	Mother of Herta Tishcoff
	Grandmother of Gail Tishcoff

Week of July 3rd

Max Langsam	Father of Penny Schnitzer
Lena Meyerhoff	Sister of Miriam Scharf
Melvyn Odintz	Father of Andrea Odintz
Daniel Spevack	Brother of Miriam Scharf
Adelle Youman	Grandmother of Barry Packer

Week of July 10th

Marc Carroscio	Son of Edward and Karen Carroscio
Elaine Dorfman	Sister-in-law of Ruth Dorfman
Ruth Gillin	Mother of Marchel Gillin
Henry Kaiser	Father of Linda Fuentes
Rose Levine	Grandmother of Susan Ecker
Solomon Schechter	Father of Stanley Schechter
Marcia Schwartz	Grandmother of Marissa Ruffus
Daniel Stone	Uncle of Pamela Abrams

Week of July 17th

Martha Ballan Katz	Grandmother of Rabbi Sharon Ballan
Roberta Capone	Cousin of Rochelle Sarrantonio
Gertrude Goldberg	Sister of Sadie Adler
Jack Lerner	Grandfather of Geri Weiss
Jerome Shapiro	Husband of Gloria Shapiro
Edwin A. Stern	Father of Caryl Stern-LaRosa

Week of July 24th

Molly Brotman	Mother of Ruth Davidson
Frank Galchus Sr.	Father of Frank Galchus
Sol Salomon	Father of Francine Klimivicius
Laurel Sandler	Sister of Alice Newman

Week of July 31st

Louis Wm. Hershkowitz	Father of Rochelle Sarrantonio
Helen Krakower	Grandmother of Michele Attar
David Nerenberg	Uncle of Diane Shtulman
Rose Nerenberg	Grandmother of Diane Shtulman
Dr. Harvey Schildkraut*	Husband of Fay Schildkraut
	Stepfather of Christina Weinberg
Vivian Seif	Aunt of Marchel Gillin
Sylvia Weston	Mother of Pamela Abrams

* Past president

Week of August 7th

Nechama Alpert	Sister of Betty Zimmermann
Harry Berlin	Father of Deirdre Weliky
Sandra Klur	Sister of Robbie Schechter
Abraham Koorse	Grandfather of Nancy Goldwasser
George Reichman	Grandfather of Marissa Ruffus
Julius Schorr	Father of Rhonda Schorr

Week of August 14th

Bertha Ackerman	Grandmother of Jason Ehrlich
Leslie Bernhard	Brother of Lloyd Bernhard
Ted Chenkin	Brother of David Chenkin
Edward Fertig	Father of Bret Fertig
	Father of Adam Fertig
Lillian Fox	Grandmother of Andrea Odintz
David Gold	Husband of Brenda Gold
	Father of Arlene Galub
Muriel Koorse	Mother of Nancy Goldwasser
Phyllis Stone	Aunt of Pamela Abrams
Harriet Woliner	Mother of Susan Ecker

Week of August 21st

Albert Achtsam	Father of Michele Attar
Rose Ginsberg	Grandmother of Nancy Goldwasser
Robert Graff	Father of Linda M. Ramirez
Blanche Maurer	Mother of Jerry Maurer
Selma Needleman	Mother of Lori Lustig
Dorothy Rabinowitz	Mother of Carl Rabinowitz
Hinda Kuhl Rubenstein	Mother of Laura Goldsmith
David Scharf	Father-in-law of Miriam Scharf
Isadore Teren	Grandfather of Rabbi Sharon Ballan

Week of August August 28th

Annette Cavallo	Mother of Barbara Gandelman
Esther Ducor	Mother of Rose Katz
	Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer
Lois Eckman	Stepmother of Al Eckman
Rita Friedman	Mother of Susan Druss
Jack Levinsky	Grandfather of Steve Levinsky
Abraham H. Rubenstein	Father of Laura Goldsmith
Miriam Schechter	Mother of Stanley Schechter
June Weiskopf	Stepmother of Gloria Shapiro

☆ *Zichrono Livracha* ☆

The Temple notes with sadness the passing of:

Henry Eiler
Father of Elana White
Father-in-law of Raymond White

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