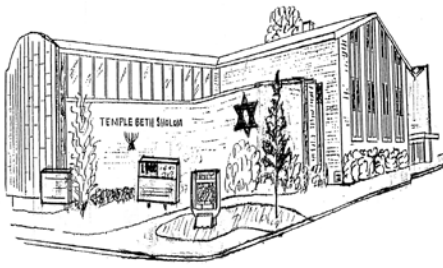


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

SOUP PICK-UP DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

VIRTUAL BINGO
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

**END CLEANING & HYGIENE
PRODUCT DRIVE**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

**LIMITED CAPACITY IN-PERSON
SHABBAT SERVICE**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

BEN'S DELI FUNDRAISER PICK-UP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

**PA FUNDRAISER AT FIVE BELOW
ENDS**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

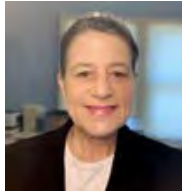
NEXT MONTH:

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

GAME NIGHT
JANUARY 23

**HAPPY NEW
2021
YEAR**



From the Rabbi's desk

Shalom!

As I write this, we have turned our clocks back and had our first frost. While the weather has been fluctuating between warm and cold, one thing is sure—the nights are longer and will continue to get even longer. The longest night of the year, the winter solstice—falls on December 21st, a few days after Chanukah ends. Kislev, the Hebrew month that usually coincides with December, is the darkest month of the year. Since the festival of *Chanukah* occurs on the 25th of Kislev and lasts eight days, we always celebrate Rosh Chodesh Tevet, the new month and new moon, where there is virtually no moon in the sky. I don't think it is a coincidence that we have the festival of *Chanukah* to light up the dark, cold nights of winter with the glowing lights from our *Chanukiyot* (Chanukah menorahs).

This year has been darker than most. We have had to learn to adjust to Zoom and social distancing. It has been hard for many, but at TBS we have been able to maintain crucial connections and we have started to hold services once a month in our sanctuary. Things are getting brighter. Although Chanukah is most associated with light, the word *Chanukah* does not mean “light,” nor anything related to it. *Chanukah* means “dedication.” The word was first used in conjunction with the dedication of the *Mishkan*, the portable sanctuary that the children of Israel used as they wandered in the desert.

For twelve days, the Israelites celebrated this “chanukat ha-miz-bey-ach” the dedication of the altar that was within the *Mishkan*.

After the Maccabees found the Temple in shambles and desecrated (around 164 BCE), they cleaned it up and wanted to re-dedicate the altar after it was purified. They established an eight-day holiday. The tradition of lighting the *Chanukiyah* followed later.

Chanukah then, can be seen as a holiday of dedication and renewal. I would like to thank those dedicated people in our own congregation who have been working tirelessly to keep TBS going and the lights on. Everyone has been working hard during these very difficult times. It takes a lot of effort to hold in-person services these days—our next planned in-person service will take place on the 2nd night of *Chanukah*, December 11. It will be our “family” Chanukah service. Even if you can't join us in person, please have your *Chanukah* menorahs ready so that we may all see each other light them together!

May you experience light and joy (*orah v'simcha*) during this holiday season.

Rabbi Sharon Ballan



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All services in December will be Zoomed and there will be a limited in-person attendance on December 11th. If you have Shabbat honors, they can be performed via Zoom as well!

Worship Schedule

Friday, December 4th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Vayishlach
Candle Lighting: Susan Ecker
Kiddush: Fred Shapiro

Saturday, December 5th: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, December 11th: Limited In-person Family and Chanukah Service & Simchat Shabbat **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Vayashav
Candle Lighting: Erica Bernstein
Kiddush: Eric Bernstein

Saturday, December 12th: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, December 18th: Shared Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Miketz/Hanukah
Candle Lighting: Aviva Kaufman
Kiddush: Joel Kaufman

Saturday, December 19th: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, December 25th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Vayigash
Candle Lighting: Iris Bass
Kiddush: Eric Bass

Saturday, December 26th: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**



From The President

To My Temple Family,

As I sit at home writing this article on this chilly, dark and rainy day, my heart is warmed by all that is going on at Temple Beth Sholom.

We continue to have wonderful programs to bring our Temple family together via Zoom – Shabbat Services, Healing Services, afternoon/evening Schmoozes, Bingo, Adult Ed, Religious/Hebrew school, the list goes on...

We will have had an in-person Shabbat Service on November 20th and planning for another on December 11th, 2020.

And we need your financial support now more than ever. Please be a **Monthly Mensch** – no amount is too small! It will all help! You can make a lump sum payment or monthly payments - whichever is most comfortable for you. If you choose to do a lump sum payment, please be sure to indicate “Monthly Mensch” on your check! If you prefer to pay via credit card, please give Rita a call; she will love to hear from you! And we have entered the 21st century so you can now make your donation by using our Paypal account:

<https://paypal.me/TempleBethSholomQns?locale.x=en-US>

Please try to shop at Five Below in New Hyde Park during the months of November and December – bring in the flyer and Temple will receive a portion of your total purchase price. Shop via Amazon Smile and Temple will receive a portion of your total purchase price. Stay tuned for more simple ways to help us fund our programs!

Even though there will be no Bazaar the first weekend of December, please do not forget to send in your raffle money and your soup order. I know that you all love Chef Adam’s soups!! Hope to see you all on December 6th picking up your pre-ordered, prepaid soups!!!

I know that we can continue to thrive with all of your continued help, support and understanding.

I look forward to seeing you in the Temple parking lot on December 12th picking up your delicious Ben’s meal!

My family and I wish you all Happy Chanukah – enjoy the holidays but please stay safe!

Joy A. Bobrow
Temple President



**HONORABLE “MENSCHEN”
DECEMBER, 2020**

Maggie & Alan Berck
Eric and Erica Bernstein and Family
Anne & Mitchell Horowitz and Family
Stephanie & Eric Rosenberg and Family
Ruth Schorsch
Deirdre Weliky

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of November 19, 2020

| | |
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| PULPIT FLOWER FUND | TBS Office 718-463-4143 |
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| CULINARY FUND..... | Iris Bass 718-224-3009 |
| JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND..... | TBS Office 718-463-4143 |
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| JEWISH START..... | TBS Office 718-463-4143 |
| GENERAL FUND..... | TBS Office 718-463-4143 |

Brenda Gold to celebrate the recent High Holy Days
Ruth Dorfman in loving memory of her mother, Gertrude Goldberg
Anonymous donation in light of Temple's inability to have bazaar this year

TORAH FUND. TBS Office 718-463-4143

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143

Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!
Marlene Zausner to thank Rabbi for answering her question(s)
Eric and Erica Bernstein

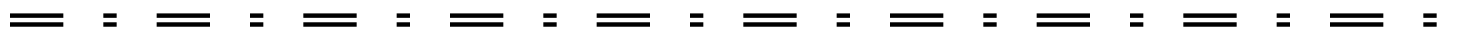
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Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!

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Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, December 11, 2020

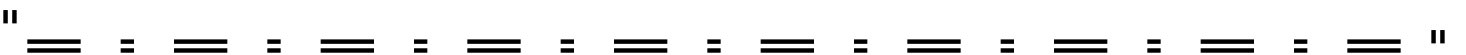
December Birthdays

- Mindy Anichich
- Eric Bernstein
- Barry Bunkin
- Edward Carroscio
- Beth Dulberg
- Stacy Kroun Fertig
- Suzanne Fertig
- Max Fevola
- Kathleen Flug
- Frank Galchus
- Seth Hellman
- Joel Kaufman
- Donald LaRosa
- James LaRosa
- Mikayla Ruth Lonborg
- Jonathan Reichler
- Miriam Scharf
- Dr. Fay Schildkraut
- Penny Schnitzer
- Laurie Simon-Kutcher



December Anniversaries

David Chenkin & Geri Weiss



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: January/February 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 **December 13th, 2020**. Lori Lustig and Robin Myers will be handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that they will be delivered properly.



February Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Ronna Galchus | 2/01__ |
| Deirdre Weliky | 2/05__ |
| Stephanie Rosenberg | 2/06__ |
| Sharon Yontef | 2/06__ |
| Brenda Bernhard | 2/13__ |
| Ruth Dorfman | 2/15__ |
| I. Donald Weston | 2/16__ |
| Walter Costanza | 2/18__ |
| Eric Bass | 2/22__ |
| Steve Levinsky | 2/24__ |
| Nancy Goldwasser | 2/27__ |



January Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Gail Tishcoff | 1/02__ |
| Francine Klimavicius | 1/05__ |
| Diane Shtulman | 1/05__ |
| Neal Kwait | 1/07__ |
| Elaine S. Trachter | 1/07__ |
| Amy Edelstein | 1/13__ |
| Rochelle Sarrantonio | 1/16__ |
| Eric Lustig | 1/18__ |
| Maggie Berck | 1/19__ |
| Jack Attar | 1/21__ |
| Karen Carroscio | 1/24__ |
| Isaac Cohen | 1/24__ |
| Barry Packer | 1/27__ |



January Anniversaries

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Jeannette & Steven Fishman | 1/13__ |
|----------------------------|--------|



February Anniversaries

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Herbert & Margot Anker | 2/14__ |
| Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg | 2/20 |

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____

Parents' Association

We can't believe this year is coming to an end. Our families are definitely looking forward to the Festival of Lights!

If you haven't stopped by Five Below to do some holiday shopping yet, please make sure and bring the flyer we emailed with you by December 31st! The address is 697 Hillside Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

We are working on some other fundraisers for 2021, so stay tuned!

Happy Hanukkah to you and your loved ones. May you all enjoy some quiet time together and lots of delicious food!

If you haven't paid your dues for the year, it's not too late! Dues are \$25 per family. You can send an electronic payment to the options below or send a check payable to Temple Beth Sholom Parents' Association.

Venmo - @Stephanie-Rosenberg-14
PayPal - rosenlove@gmail.com
Zelle - 3472777550

Our next PA meeting is December 20th at 10:00 am. We will send a Zoom invite as we get closer.

Best,

Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White
PA Co-Presidents

Time to Celebrate!



Let's celebrate the 2nd night of Chanukah, December birthdays and anniversaries and a Family Shabbat together on December 11th!

It will also be an in-person (limited capacity) service in the sanctuary; if you are one of the few in attendance, bring your menorah and 3 candles to light!

Zooming in from home? Have your menorah and 3 candles ready to light along with the Rabbi and Cantor.

Happy Chanukah!



Cantor's Corner



Given the very strange year that 2020 has been, I thought I would share a column with you that I wrote for the bulletin at my previous synagogue back in 2011. Even then, the wonders of technology proved to be a wonderful help. Back to December, 2011.

I wonder what ever happened to....? How many times have you said that to yourself? About a year ago, a friend of mine from college crossed my mind. Kate Nesbitt and I had sung in a number of Gilbert and Sullivan productions together back at Oberlin, and we, along with our other musical friends, had shared many Sunday brunches together. Kate was a funny, feisty, bright and talented lady- a real character. She graduated the year before I did, and, like so many people, we simply fell out of touch.

In this Google age, tracking someone down is much easier than it used to be. After a bit of "surfing," I found some information and a telephone number for a Kate Nesbitt in New Hampshire. Was it her? What the hell-let's give it a try! I called and, sure enough, it was "my" Kate. We talked for a short while, and she seemed more stunned than pleased. I came away from the conversation feeling somewhat disappointed, thinking that perhaps it had been a mistake to simply call "out of the blue." Within a week or so, I had pretty much forgotten about the whole thing.

Then, a short while after the High Holy Days on a Tuesday morning, I received a friend request on Facebook from Kate! I confirmed, and headed for my law office. No sooner had I taken off my coat than the phone rang. It was Kate. She said that she was coming to New York in the next few days for a meeting, and would be around through the weekend. Did I want to meet in Brooklyn or Manhattan for lunch or dinner? All this happened about a year after I had made my initial call.

We met in Brooklyn at a Thai restaurant, and spent about two and a half hours "catching up." It was great! Then, my wife Zo and my daughter Marisa along with her husband Adam met us, and we all went for coffee. It was really fun to see an old pal, to introduce my wife, daughter and son-in-law, and to rekindle a friendship. It had been perhaps thirty-nine years since we had seen or spoken to each other...simply amazing!

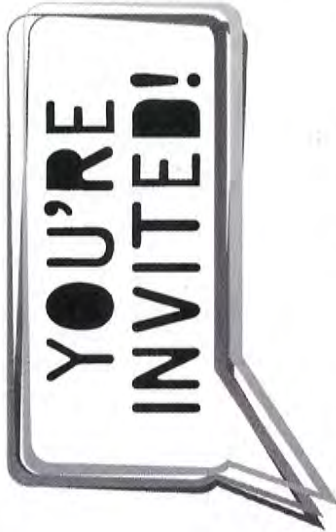
So, it hadn't been a mistake to call Kate after all. Who have you not seen or heard from in a while? I wonder what ever happened to...? Hey, make the call...you'll be glad you did!

Anyway, what I said back then bears repeating. Who have you not seen or heard from in a while? Make that call, reconnect, cheer someone up, be a good friend, share community. We're all in this together, so reach out! All the best my friends!!

With affection

Cantor Jerry Korobow

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November Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, November 9th, 2020 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Joy Bobrow opened by stating how wonderful it was to have services Zoomed from the sanctuary last month. She stated that the effects of COVID have resulted in significant budgetary strain and she announced a new fundraising initiative, Monthly Mensch. She requested that email blasts be better planned to avoid overwhelming congregants.

October minutes were accepted with corrections. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported we have 113 member units. Treasurer Charlene Metz reported the October financial report, which the Board approved as presented.

Rabbi Ballan reported on the successful October Shabbat services from the sanctuary and thanked Eric Lustig for setting up the audio/visual system; we hope to somehow set up permanent equipment for the future. The next Sanctuary Service was scheduled for November 20th. There was an interfaith Thanksgiving service this year via zoom from The Church on the Hill, Monday evening November 23rd. She will be attending a Rabbinic Conference via Zoom. Cantor Korobow added that they have met with Andrea Odintz and finalized dates for Shared Shabbats through May.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, also reported on the well done and well received services from the sanctuary.

Elana White, PA Co-President, reported on an upcoming fundraiser at Five Below in New Hyde Park and they are working on a date for a fundraiser at the Carvel next to the Temple. Andrea Odintz, Religious School Chair, updated the Board on school dates and issues and stated the next Shared Shabbat was November 27th with Karen Feit on Zoom.

Past President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair reported that the committee was very impressed by how well Geri Weiss had the sanctuary engineered for social distancing and they are brainstorming on how to attract new members during these difficult times.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the November book club went well and had some new guests. Their next one will be on Sunday, February 21st reading *Floating in the Neversink* by Andrea Simon, with the author joining the meeting. The last Women's Discussion group was on Wednesday November 18th; the next one will be on Wednesday, December 16th. Thanks to Deirdre for her continued support for this group. Virtual Bingo was a rousing success and raised \$400.00. She thanked Lori Lustig and Natalie Strauss who worked hard to make it a success. The next Virtual Bingo will take place on Wednesday evening, December 9th.

Jim Kettig, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following slate for presentation to the Congregation at the January Congregational Meeting: For 3-Year Trustee Positions: Barbara Gandelman, Larry Gold, Karri Kaufman, Andrea Odintz and Geri Weiss.

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President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported on the LFCC reopening plan and it may be possible that they may begin to use the Ballroom-only in mid-December. The Children's Day Care Center that was hoping to use space in the building has been unable to get required license. They expressed a desire to try again next year if the space is still available.

Jim Kettig, House Committee, acknowledged the hard work that Louis Fevola has been doing to benefit the building.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported Jib Lanes has reopened but wants Men's Club to do bowling a different night. Regular participants have been polled and want to wait until 2021. The annual post-Thanksgiving "Turkey Trot" was on Friday, November 27th in Little Bay Park (socially distanced and with masks). He outlined accepted media that can be donated. He reported that Skylar Bonne has been named New Yorker of the Week on NY1, and he was featured at the Veterans Day event on November 15th.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee, reported on the ongoing successful Zoom Schmooze program and telephone outreach efforts. The Food Pantry continues to provide much-needed food to the community once a month.

Gail Tishcoff reminded all of the Pre-Thanksgiving Blood Drive that was held on November 22nd and will report more details next month.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee, reported their meetings will resume on Thursday, December 10th and will identify areas of need in the community to which we can lend support. All are welcome.

Barry Packer, Ways and Means, reported on a potential Zoom show by Renee Katz and her pianist. He is working on a fundraiser with Ben's as well.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Chair, reported Ron Schwarz' event went well and was well attended – the video recording is available to interested TBS members if they wish to contact Natalie Strauss for the link. He reviewed a weekly cooking event that is hosted by TGP that he and his family participated in recently. He is working on a fundraiser with Ben's as well.

Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported on the upcoming raffle and Chef Adam Soup sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary



★ **Zichrona Livracha** ★

The Temple notes with sadness the passing of:

Rita Bass

Mother-in-law of Iris Bass

Grandmother of Eric and David Bass

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AT 4:00 PM**



Religious School News

Thank you to our students and their families for joining with us as partners in Jewish and Hebrew education. Even as we navigate the challenges of the pandemic, our classes are running, students are learning, and teachers are pleased.

As we approach the holiday season, here are some dates to be aware of through the secular New Year:

| Religious School (Sundays) | Hebrew School (Wednesdays) |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 12/02 Classes |
| 12/06 Classes | 12/09 Classes |
| 12/13 Chanukah class Academy | 12/16 Classes |
| 12/20 Classes | 12/23 Classes |
| 12/27 NO CLASSES | 12/30 NO CLASSES |
| 01/03 Classes | 01/06 Classes |
| 01/10 Classes | 01/13 Classes |

We appreciate your cooperation so that classes – which will remain remote through at least February – can run as smoothly as technology will allow.

At times, your child’s teacher may give some reading or Hebrew practice as homework. Homework is not a task for its own sake, but a learning tool to reinforce what is learned during class.

Families, please remember that these are virtual classrooms, like secular school. A certain standard of behavior is expected. Please review the ‘Netiquette’ guidelines in your email for clarification.

The Religious School class on Sunday, December 13th will include the Cantor for a festive Chanukah celebration. Students of all ages are invited to attend.

We wish all of our families a happy, healthy, warm, and peaceful holiday season. Let’s hope for all good things in 2021!

Andrea Odintz
Religious School Chairperson



**OUR
CHAI HOPES
INITIATIVE CONTINUES**

**BE AMONG THOSE
WHO PURCHASE
A LEAF
ON OUR TREE OF LIFE**



Sisterhood Corner

I hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving with your family. Although it may have been a different one, may we all take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for! Besides my own family, I am grateful for my temple family and Temple Beth Sholom. My life would not be the same without them!

Our first Virtual Bingo was a rousing success! We raised over \$400 for Temple. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to help our Temple. I would like to send a special shout out to Lori Lustig and Natalie for going above and beyond to make this event so successful. Our next BINGO event will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30 pm. I hope to see you all at this great, new and fun event!

We had a book club event on November 8th. It was great to see so many Sisterhood members at this event. We read the book *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Our next book club will take place on Sunday, February 21st at 10:30 am. We will be reading *Floating on the Neversink* by Andrea Simon. Look for details in the next Voice!

Our next monthly Women’s Discussion group will take place on December 16th. I am so happy that this group has been so successful. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her dedication to the group and our Temple.

As you are reading this, we would be coming together as one Temple family to make sure that Bazaar is once again a success. This year has been a different year in so many ways. Please support Temple by buying Chef Adam’s soup and getting raffle tickets. May next year’s Bazaar make up for the fact that we could not have one in 2020.

I hope that you take a moment to enjoy this Holiday season with your loved ones. May the New Year bring you peace, joy and health for 2021!! As we say goodbye to 2020, my hope is that 2021 brings only good things to you, your family and our Temple family!

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President

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TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S FIRST-EVER HYGIENE & CLEANING PRODUCTS DRIVE

As we were unable to host our annual
High Holy Day Food Drive this year,
we are partnering with **Commonpoint Queens**
for a
HYGIENE & CLEANING PRODUCTS DRIVE!



Please help and donate **NEW**
household cleaning supplies (sponges,
dish soap, laundry detergent, bleach,
spray cleaners, etc.)

Also needed are personal hygiene products
(shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products,
lotion, razors, shaving cream, etc.)



**PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO TEMPLE
BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020
WEEKDAYS 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Families struggling to put food on the table often do not have the funds to purchase hygiene and cleaning items. Your generosity will allow us to distribute these critical supplies to individuals and families in need. Thank you!



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Community happens here

Adult Education

As we wrap up the secular year, I want to thank everyone for their support for participating in the Temple events including Adult Education, Men's Club, Sisterhood, and Parents' Association activities. With your participation, you have made Temple Beth Sholom a vibrant and active place.

Ron Schwarz' event on being a second-generation Holocaust survivor was well attended. I want to acknowledge Larry Schwarz for bringing his brother's amazing lecture to Temple Beth Sholom. We had members from Ron's family and members from Temple Gates of Prayer in attendance. If anyone would like to see the presentation, please e-mail Natalie who can send you the link to the video.

I look forward to bringing the congregation Adult Education activities in the months ahead. If you have any topics that you have an interest in, or if you know of a speaker, please feel free to contact me.

Last month my family participated in the Temple Gates of Prayer Zoom cooking series and we demonstrated how to make eggplant "meat"balls. You can find the recipe on page 8 in this issue! Cooking has been therapeutic in our household and since working from home; we have been capitalizing on the time together with this craft. If you have a recipe that you would like to contribute to The Voice, please e-mail Natalie the ingredients, utensils, and recipe. Temple Beth Sholom has plans to create a cookbook with the recipes received.

May everyone have a healthy, productive, and festive year ahead.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chair



Our first BINGO night was a huge success! Over 30 people played and lots of fun was had by all. It was such a success that we will do it again on December 9th!

We would like to shout out to all the people who contributed in a variety of ways; those who played, those who were unable to play but made donations anyway and those who played and made additional donations. Every contribution is equally - and immensely - valuable.

So many thanks from the Sisterhood Bingo
Team!

Men's Club

Men's Club will be doing a Super Bowl 2021 Pool!

Boxes are \$5 each (you can buy more than one). You do NOT need to be a Temple member to buy boxes. Payment will be accepted via Paypal and Venmo... After you confirm your number of boxes and send payment, they will be filled in and a copy of the pool sheet will be emailed to you! Once the 10x10 grid is filled, numbers will be randomly drawn by a few Temple members and it will be distributed in late January! Super Bowl will be on Sunday, February 7th, 2021. Contact MrJeff2000@aol.com for box purchases.

While Jib Lanes is open for socially distanced bowling, the majority of our regular participants have opted-out for the time being. The venue also wanted to move our group to another night, which was not conducive to our needs. In 2021, we will reassess the situation.

It is likely that by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already had our annual post-Thanksgiving "Turkey Trot" on Friday, November 27th to walk off the Thanksgiving feast. As always, it was held at Little Bay Park (under the scenic Throgs Neck Bridge.) Everyone came masked and ready to walk!

Book donations (as well as other Bazaar items) are being accepted through drop-offs at the temple. Potential donors can call the temple office at (718) 463-4143 for more information about media donations (which count as books, compact discs, records, audio cassettes, video games, DVDs, and VHS tapes). You can still request a tax donation form!



Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President

Bazaar Corner 2020

In order to keep the annual Bazaar spirit alive, we are keeping alive two very vital parts of Bazaar history! This year, we will be holding a raffle drawing - for cash prizes! You can donate \$10 (the cost of one raffle book) and you will receive one chance. Donate \$20 (the cost of two raffle books that earned you a free - third - book), and you will qualify for three chances! First Prize is 15% of the total amount collected, Second Prize is 10% of the total amount collected and Third Prize is 5% of the total amount collected. The remaining 70% of funds collected will be donated to Temple.

The other part is that Chef Adam **WILL** be making his butternut squash and mushroom barley soups in the TBS kitchen! The cost is \$5 for a small container and \$8 for a large container. The soup will be available for pickup Bazaar weekend, Sunday, December 6th, but you **MUST** preorder!!! The flyer has all the details!!

If anyone has any other ideas to keep Bazaar weekend in everyone's mind, please let us know!

Sincerely,

Joy Bobrow
Barbara Gandelman
Bazaar 2020 Co-Chairs



BAZAAR BOWLS & BETS

This year, Bazaar will look a little different!



Nothing is better in the winter than Chef Adam's soup

**BE PREPARED TO PICK UP YOUR PREORDERED AND PREPAID SOUP ON SUNDAY
DECEMBER 6TH**

PRE-ORDER CHEF ADAM GANDELMAN'S
BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND/OR MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP **BY DECEMBER 2ND!**

\$5.00 SMALL CONTAINER \$8.00 LARGE CONTAINER

Try your luck - buy chances to win cash prizes

\$10 BUYS 1 chance



\$20 BUYS 3 chances

PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE = 15% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED

SECOND PRIZE = 10% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED

THIRD PRIZE = 5% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED

ALL REMAINING FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO TEMPLE!!

**COMPLETED CHANCE FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 4TH
DRAWING ON DECEMBER 6TH**

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

SOUP

Name _____

Butternut Squash # Small _____ # Large _____

Mushroom Barley # Small _____ # Large _____

Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

CHANCES

Name _____

of chances _____

Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Scoop's Schmooze

While all of us have been wrapped up in the events of Tuesday, November 3, 2020---otherwise known as Election Day; no matter which way you voted, your vote did matter. And, as the results were made known by the media, late the ensuing Saturday morning and showed that Joe Biden defeated Donald Trump, the almost 150 million people who cast their ballots for President of the United States were all entitled to their own sentiments and emotions with the final results.

However, this column is not a political commentary, nor to talk about the answer of who will reside at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in Washington, D.C. and who will lead the United States of America.

Presidential. ---Leadership. During the last several months these two terms have become extremely popular in our daily lexicon. But, what do they actually represent?

In a letter that Levi Sheftal, as President of Congregation Mickve Israel in Savannah, Georgia, one of the oldest synagogues in the country, founded in July of 1735, wrote to President George Washington, he said "We have long been anxious to congratulate you on your appointment, by unanimous approbation, to the Presidential dignity of this country, and of testifying of our unbounded confidence in your integrity and unblemished virtue."

And in the Autumn 2008 edition of CONTACT, Chairman, Michael H. Steinhardt wrote "What is true leadership? It involves creativity, ingenuity and a willingness to challenge the status quo in the interest of progress towards a larger goal."

For in the handful of years that I have been honored and privileged to serve on the Temple Beth Sholom Board of Trustees; as well as in the roles of Vice-President, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and as a piece of the Membership Committee, I have truly been blessed with the good fortune of serving up close under the Presidential terms of Adam Gandelman, Dr. Fay Schildkraut and Joy Bobrow.

There have been exciting and inspirational highs and unfortunate and heartbreaking lows; yet Adam and Fay and Joy, no matter the situation, have remained unflappable, level-headed and tirelessly dedicated to Temple Beth Sholom in its entirety---its edifice, its congregation, its staff, its tenants, its guests, and to all of us on the Board of Trustees.

It is true that they are not overseeing a country of 330-million people. Or not even 330 family units. But, unfortunately, while the number of said family units that currently exist at Temple Beth Sholom is not as plentiful as it was in its heyday decades ago; the care and compassion, drive and determination, creativity and integrity that Adam, Fay and Joy have displayed may even be of more importance during the times of their most recent and current tenures than they have been at any other time in Temple Beth Sholom's 70 years.

So, what is it to be Presidential and what is the importance of Leadership?

While there may be differences of opinions emanating from the millions upon millions of people in the United States who voted for, and are represented either by the Blue Democratic Donkeys or the Red Republican Elephants; all one has had to do over the last several years is to sit in on a Board of Trustees meeting at Temple Beth Sholom and watch the person who connects the gavel with the table and calls a meeting to order.

And, while it remains unlikely that Adam Gandelman, Fay Schildkraut or Joy Bobrow will have a monument named after them or will have their images appear on a unit of currency; one thing is for sure---and that is their Presidential Leadership at our own Temple Beth Sholom has, and will continue to be worth its weight in gold.

Barry Packer

Third Vice President/Ways and Means Chairman

COOKING WITH...The Bernsteins

Eggplant "Meat"balls
(A Weight Watchers Recipe)

Ingredients:

- 1 Large Eggplant
- 1 Cup of Bread Crumbs (Panko recommended)
- 1 Egg
- Cooking Spray
- Season to taste (as you would season a meatball)

Kitchen items needed:

- Large Mixing Bowl
- Casserole dish with cover
- Parchment Paper
- Colander
- Sheet Tray or Baking Pan (9x13)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Peel and dice 1 large eggplant (small dice)
3. Put diced eggplant into microwavable casserole dish and submerge eggplant
4. Cover the dish and microwave for 8 minutes
5. Drain the eggplant in a colander; let the eggplant sit for 20 minutes to cool drain excess water
7. Place the eggplant in a mixing bowl and mix in egg and bread crumbs
8. Lay parchment paper on sheet tray; spray with non-stick cooking spray
9. Form eggplant into balls and place onto the parchment paper.
10. Bake for 25 minutes

About 2 Points per "meat"ball. Enjoy!

(continued next column)



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TBS Sisterhood's Virtual
BINGO!

All proceeds will be donated to Temple



Join Us: Wed. Evening, Dec. 9, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Bingo Card Cost – \$2 / 1 card ; \$5 / 3 cards



Prizes Awarded To Winners



Please RSVP by Monday morning, 12/7
with checks made payable to **Temple Beth Sholom**

Send payments with the tear-off below to the
TBS Office, “Attention Bingo” on the envelope.

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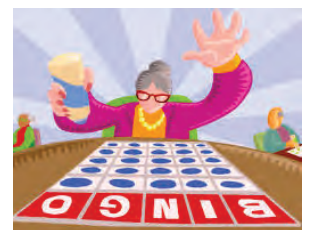
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Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on

Wednesday evening, December 16th, 2020

7:30 pm via Zoom

*TOPIC: If you could interview any famous women,
who would they be and what would you ask?*

**Please feel free to bring a snack and/or beverage of your choice to
our meeting.**

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
dwangell1@gmail.com**

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S FIRST-EVER HYGIENE & CLEANING PRODUCTS DRIVE

As we were unable to host our annual
High Holy Day Food Drive this year,
we are partnering with **Commonpoint Queens**
for a
HYGIENE & CLEANING PRODUCTS DRIVE!



Please help and donate **NEW**
household cleaning supplies (sponges,
dish soap, laundry detergent, bleach,
spray cleaners, etc.)

Also needed are personal hygiene products
(shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products,
lotion, razors, shaving cream, etc.)



**PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO TEMPLE
BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020
WEEKDAYS 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Families struggling to put food on the table often do not have the funds to purchase hygiene and cleaning items. Your generosity will allow us to distribute these critical supplies to individuals and families in need. Thank you!



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☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS *December, 2020* ☆

Week of December 4th

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Max Weiss | Grandfather of Geri Weiss |
| James Goldstein | Husband of Reva Hollander |
| Kenneth Kufenberg | Observed by Temple |
| Paul Woliner | Father of Susan Ecker |
| Evelyn Marks | Observed by Temple |
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| Elaine Susman | Mother of Michael Susman |
| Bernard Simon | Father-in-law of Maxine Simon |

Week of December 11th

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Irving Fertel | Father of Maxine Simon |
| Benjamin Scharf | Brother-in-law of Miriam Scharf |
| Paul Edelstein | Grandfather of Dr. Any Edelstein |
| Esther Maurer | Wife of Jerry Maurer |
| Bernard Kwait | Father of Neal Kwait |
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| Carol Tishcoff | Daughter of Herta Tishcoff |
| | Sister of Gail Tishcoff |
| Milton Graff | Uncle of Linda M. Ramirez |
| Ida Kaiser | Mother if Linda Fuentes |
| Abraham Rabinowitz | Father of Carl Rabinowitz |
| Constance Hofer | Mother of Greg Hofer |
| Alan Schwartz | Grandfather of Marissa Ruffus |
| Alice Shapiro | Mother-in-law of Gloria Shapiro |
| Sidney Korsch | Friend of Lillian Tandatnick |
| Pearl Fradkin | Mother of Dr. Andrew Fradkin |

** Past President

Week of December 18th

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fay Rabinowitz | Wife of Carl Rabinowitz |
| Louis Scharf | Brother-in-law of Miriam Scharf |
| Flora Stein | Grandmother of Karri Kaufman |
| Max Kupferberg | Observed by Temple |
| William Bruckner | Brother of Herta Tishcoff |
| | Uncle of Gail Tishcoff |
| Doris Krackow | Mother of Brenda Bernhard |

Week of December 25th

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tyrell Mastropaolo | Brother of Norma Benvenuto |
| Gladys Bamberger | Mother of Fran Goldman |
| Joseph Attar | Father of Jack Attar |
| Deborah Jean Larkin | Sister-in-law of Andrew Larkin |
| Mathilde Adler | Mother-in-law of Sadie Adler |
| Jules Gillin | Mother of Marchel Gillin |
| Lillian Morris | Aunt of Pamela Abrams |

Week of January 1st

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eva Myers | Grandmother of Ronald Myers |
| Gertrude Farber | Grandmother of Eric Rosenberg |
| Hyman Feirberg | Father of Lynn Goldstein |
| M. Steven Kupferberg | Observed by Temple |
| Selma Kupferberg | Observed by Temple |
| Beatrice Ain | Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser |
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| David Krackow | Brother of Brenda Bernhard |
| Melvin Wexler | Grandfather of Michael Gross |
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| ⁶ Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom Soup Pick-up 11:00 am | ⁷ School Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom | ⁸ Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom | ⁹ Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Virtual BINGO 7:30 pm via Zoom | ¹⁰ Chanukah begins – 1 st candle | ¹¹ Limited capacity in- person Family/ Chanukah/Simchat Shabbat/ Evening Service 7:30 pm (also via Zoom) | ¹² Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom Pick-up Ben's Deli Fundraiser food – Parking lot – 4:00 pm |
| ¹³ Religious School 10:30 OR 11:00 am Chanukah Program via Zoom Academy Class 11:00 am via Zoom | ¹⁴ Membership meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom | ¹⁵ Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom | ¹⁶ Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom | ¹⁷ | ¹⁸ Shared Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom | ¹⁹ Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom |
| ²⁰ Parents' Assoc. 10:00 am via Zoom Religious School 10:30 OR 11:00 am via Zoom Men's Club 11:00 am | ²¹ | ²² Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom | ²³ Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom | ²⁴ | ²⁵ BUILDING CLOSED Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom | ²⁶ Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom |
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when we will celebrate the
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