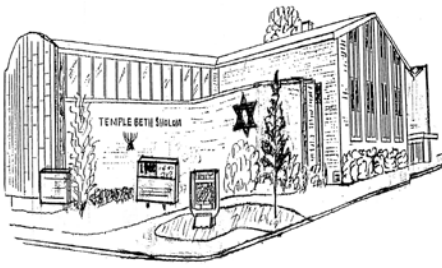


# The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



## THIS MONTH:

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

**GAME NIGHT**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

**BLOOD DRIVE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

## NEXT MONTH:

**WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**SUPER BOWL**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**VIRTUAL BINGO**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

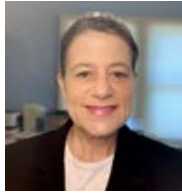
**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21



**OUR  
CHAI HOPES  
INITIATIVE CONTINUES**

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



## *From the Rabbi's desk*

*"There is no plant without an angel in Heaven tending it and telling it, 'Grow!'" (Genesis Rabbah 10:7).*

As I write this, I am still eating latkes and lighting Chanukah candles. Nonetheless, as you read this, we have ushered in the secular New Year 2021 (or getting close to doing so). I am truly glad to see 2020 go! The COVID-19 vaccine has been approved and is beginning to be distributed. There is hope on the horizon, however we still have a long way to go before everyone is inoculated.

Even so, we managed to have lovely Chanukah celebrations through Zoom. I loved seeing everyone's chanukiyot, singing and playing games together. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We have another opportunity to celebrate a new year in January, this time at the end of the month as Tu Bishvat, the New Year for Trees, falls on Thursday, January 28. In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, our ancestors needed to know how old a tree was in order to determine when it was allowed to offer its first fruit. The Rabbis of the Mishnah transformed this "mitzvah" into one of social action-*tikun haolam* [repairing/perfecting the world]. In order to fulfill this mitzvah, they suggested tithes, [free-will offerings], corner gleanings, and so forth. On this day, everyone who has a garden is supposed to count up all the fruits and profits from the year and reserve some portion for those who have no garden or fruit to eat from.

The Kabbalists (the mystics of the 16th century) on the other hand, transformed the mitzvah into a spiritual "*tikun haolam*." They tried to get as close to the Garden of Eden as possible, to taste of its fruit and heal its damaged trees.

Nowadays we do a little of both—we remember our bond with the earth, striving to repair it—and renew our covenant with God by holding a Tu Bishvat Seder—a special service and dinner modeled after a Passover Seder. It includes drinking four types of wine (going from white to deep red) and sampling different kinds of fruits, in addition to a meal. For the past two years we have held a special Tu Bishvat/Shabbat Seder at TBS including the meal. This year, because of COVID, we will be holding a virtual Seder/Shabbat service at **7:00 pm** (note different start time) on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We have an opportunity to experience a multimedia Tu Bishvat Shabbat service together as we did for Passover! There will be singing, eating, and sampling wines and produce. See the flyer in this edition of The Voice for the list of Seder ingredients you will need.

Walter and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy secular New Year.

Rabbi Sharon Ballan



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**As of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, all services in January are scheduled to be held via Zoom. If you have Shabbat honors, they can be performed via Zoom as well!**

## **Worship Schedule**

*Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Va-Yechi  
*Candle Lighting: Geri Weiss*  
*Kiddush: David Chenkin*

*Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>:* Torah Study &  
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:* Family Evening Service &  
Simchat Shabbat **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Shemot  
*Candle Lighting: Lori Lustig*  
*Kiddush: Eric Lustig*

*Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Va-Era  
*Candle Lighting: Fran Goldman*  
*Kiddush: Sam Rosenberg*

*Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:* Shared Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Bo  
*Candle Lighting: Stephanie Rosenberg*  
*Kiddush: Eric Rosenberg*

*Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:* Torah Study &  
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

*Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>:* Shared Shabbat/Tu Bishvat  
Seder Service **7:00 pm**  
Torah Portion: Be-Shellach-Shirah  
*Candle Lighting: Elaine and Emily Larkin*  
*Kiddush: Barry Packer, Justin White*

*Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

**PLEASE NOTE  
7:00 PM  
START TIME  
OF TU BISHVAT SEDER  
ON JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021!**

## **From The President**

To My Temple Family,

The year 2020 has probably been one of the most interesting years that I can recall. While it started off with a bang – a great Shabbat Across America in February and Purim Ball in March, the strangeness then began. We have nonetheless accomplished so much at Temple Beth Sholom that everyone deserves a pat on the back for not allowing the strange times to stop us from making wonderful things happen. I confess that I try to focus on the positive rather than the negative because it is way too easy to fall into that place of negativity. I keep reminding myself that we have to rise above it and remember that we can and will be stronger for all that we have endured (a familiar theme throughout Judaic history)?!

We must also remember that we are a Temple family and as long as we continue to work together we will not only survive but we will thrive.

Your overwhelming financial support through the Monthly Mensch initiative warms my heart on this very cold day (as I sit here waiting for the expected first snow storm). Your support of the various programs and other events that our wonderful arms of temple have been hosting is so appreciated by those who put the programs together: From the Clergy, to the Religious School Board, to the Parents' Association, to Sisterhood, to Men's Club, to Adult Ed, to the custodial staff and to the office staff (that keeps us all in line!). Keep on attending!! Also, if you have any ideas for programs, or want to get involved in any of the ongoing programs, please let us know!

I especially want to give my personal thanks to the Board of Trustees for their support during my first term as President. I appreciate the guidance and advice that I have been given and I know I will continue to receive.

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

My family and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year! And please stay safe!

Joy A. Bobrow  
Temple President

*Many thanks to those who donated coats and jackets for the coat drive – over 130 outerwear garments were collected and will be distributed locally to those in need.*

*Thanks, too, to those who donated to the drive to help Commonpoint Queens provide cleaning and personal hygiene products to our neighbors in need during this pandemic. What a success!*



**COMING SOON**  
**Passover candy sale!**  
**Be on the lookout for**  
**flyer and details!**

# TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of December 21, 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  
*Richard and Mary Roth*  
*Dr. Amy Edelstein and Michael Gross*  
*Deirdre Weliky in memory of Rita Bass, Mother-in-law of Iris Bass and grandmother of David and Eric Bass; and Gerald Cohen, Father of Jeff Cohen*  
**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!*  
*Howard and Ada Schwartz in memory of their dearest friend, Hermine Friedberger*  
**MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND**..... Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894  
**MUSIC FUND**.....Cantor Korobow 718-463-4143  
**BUILDING FUND** ..... TBS Office 718-463-4143  
*Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!*  
**COOLING TOWER FUND** ..... TBS Office 718-463-4143  
*Gloria Shapiro to offer sincere condolences to Iris, David and Eric Bass on the loss of beloved Mother-in-law and grandmother, Rita Bass*

## Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### January Birthdays

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jack Attar           | Neal Kwait           |
| Maggie Berck         | Benjamin Kutcher     |
| Skylar Bonne         | Eric Lustig          |
| Karen Carroscio      | Barry Packer         |
| Benjamin Cohen       | Rochelle Sarrantonio |
| Isaac Cohen          | Heru Severin         |
| Amy Edelstein        | Diane Shtulman       |
| Danielle Gandelman   | Elaine S. Trachter   |
| Henry Gellerman      | Gail Tishcoff        |
| Francine Klimavicius | Jacob Weinberg       |



### January Anniversaries

Jeanette & Steven Fishman

Temple Beth Sholom Parents' Association  
Proudly  
Presents



TBS 2021 Game Night  
“Popularity” &  
“25 Words or Less”



- Form your teams of 3 people. One participant per household.
- Multiple teams are needed.
- A computer, tablet, or smartphone is required to play.

Please e-mail [ericdbernstein@gmail.com](mailto:ericdbernstein@gmail.com) with your Team Name and participants.

**Date:** Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

Meeting ID: 849 0309 4198

Passcode: 884827

Phone Number: +1 646 558 8656

## Parents' Association

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Hanukkah with family and friends.

The year 2020 was definitely a year we will never forget. In many ways it brought us closer to each other.

We look forward to 2021 and what it will bring. We are filled with hope and gratitude for our many blessings.

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraisers at Five Below in December. We really appreciate the support! The fundraiser at Carvel originally scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> is now happening on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Look for a flyer in upcoming Monday morning email blasts!

Our next PA meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We will send a Zoom invite as we get closer.

Best,  
Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White  
PA Co-Presidents

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## Men's Club

Football playoffs are coming, and soon after, the Super Bowl (on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021).

Men's Club is running our annual Super Bowl 50/50 pool. Play \$5 per box (you can play more than one) and win prizes every quarter of the game as follows:

**1st Quarter \$ 25**  
**Halftime \$ 75**  
**3rd \$ 50**  
**Final \$100)**

Half of all money collected goes directly to help Temple Beth Sholom during the pandemic. You can submit payment via Paypal or Venmo - email MrJeff2000@aol.com for details. Checks can also be mailed (to me) - but please let me know in advance how many boxes you plan to purchase. I will fill them in (marked to your specifications). Once the grid is full (and all payment received), numbers will be drawn at random and copies will be emailed and publicized.

Bowling is on hold until further notice. Once vaccines are more prevalent, we will re-assess the situation and let members know.

Stay well, be healthy, and wear a mask!  
Jeff Cohen  
Men's Club President

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## Cantor's Corner

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I was freezing, and Scott was sweating, as always. A funny, endearing, and enduring memory that I'm glad to share. All the best to everyone in this new year-may it be a happy, healthy and peaceful one. Better times are coming.

With affection,  
Cantor Jerry Korobow



## Cantor's Corner



Embarking on a new and hopefully better year, I thought I'd share a rather funny incident from my prior synagogue. Sadly, a former colleague, Rabbi Scott Corngold, passed away some years ago-but this story will always keep him fresh in my memory.

When I worked with Rabbi Scott on the bima at Temple Emanu-El in Lynbrook, there was one thing you could pretty much count on. He almost always felt too warm, and I almost always felt too cold. If left to his own devices, Scott would probably have kept the sanctuary at the temperature of a meat locker, as was his office.

The Rabbi carried that approach over to our services on the beach (in Long Beach). For several years, we went out to the beach for Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah, and for a mid-summer Friday evening service. Knowing how exposed and windy the boardwalk and environs tended to be, I always made appropriate preparations. I wore jeans, a t-shirt, shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, rain poncho, scarf and hat (I kept extras in the car, just in case-OK, so, maybe I was overdoing it just a bit).

I recall one such occasion where I was so attired. Quite a few congregants were already on the beach, and similarly bundled up. I had my guitar, my music and a music stand all set to go. Strolling leisurely down the beach came Rabbi Scott in his Hawaiian shirt, shorts and flip flops. He chatted with those in attendance as we worked our way to beginning the service. He seemed in absolutely no hurry, despite a poor weather report, gray skies, and ominous clouds rolling in.

After distributing handouts, we began the service. Scott and I were side by side with our backs to the water, as the congregants faced us and the sea. A friend of mine was acting as my page turner, and a lady was standing next to him, looking on. Scott took his time, chatting away. The wind started to blow, and the music in my loose leaf binder began to dance. We sang a few songs, and I could tell from the looks on the faces of some congregants that the sea and sky behind us must have been looking a bit rough. Then, we began to hear thunder in the distance. "Come on Scott" I said to myself, "Move it along." Still no rush. More thunder, closer this time. Then, the lady standing nearby said "Cantor, that's a metal music stand, those are steel strings on your guitar... this is not a good idea." I'm no scientist, but lightning and metal together-forget it! Still, no hurry. Then, there was a giant clap of thunder, and a flash of lightning right behind us. Whoa! Finally, Scott picked up the pace. Then, the rain. Man, you never, ever saw a cantor move so fast. I ran with my guitar and music, my friend with the music stand. Soon, we all found ourselves laughing under the boardwalk. I believe that Rabbi Scott was the last to arrive. "You're a pretty fast runner." he said. "Highly motivated" said I.

You are invited to a  
Temple Beth Sholom Parents Association Fundraiser!

Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-9pm!



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## December Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 14, 2020 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Joy Bobrow opened by acknowledging the wonderful in-person services that were also Zoomed from the sanctuary since the last Board meeting. She thanked all who have donated to the Monthly Mensch fund-raiser. She reported the Kepco Foundation (foundation members are the Kupferberg family – founding members of Temple) will be donating \$5,000 for improved and more permanent equipment needed for video-conferencing Temple events and services. She further discussed options to reduce email blasts to avoid overwhelming congregants.

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

Rabbi Ballan wished all Happy Chanukah and reported on the lovely recent Shabbat services from the sanctuary and many Chanukah events provided via Zoom. She thanked Eric Lustig for setting up the audio/visual system; we hope to somehow set up permanent equipment for the future. She reiterated all the many Zoom programs offered on a weekly and monthly basis. Cantor Korobow reported that Religious School is going well. They have been trying to find ways to sing together safely. He acknowledged Eric Lustig for all the complex technological issues that he has helped solve.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, reported on services from the sanctuary; the next one is planned for Jan. 22, 2021, possibly being Rabbi/Cantor led via Zoom only, with no congregants in the sanctuary.

Elaine Larkin reported for Parents' Association and for Religious School. There was a fundraiser at Five Below in New Hyde Park (ended December 31<sup>st</sup>) and one scheduled at the Carvel next to the Temple. PA presented a donation to Temple of \$500.00. For Religious School, she reported on Chanukah events and efforts being made to improve attendance at Shared Shabbat services. The P.A. has used a fund bequeathed to it specifically for educational purposes to extend TBS' Zoom account to include a subscription dedicated solely to the Religious School, which will enable sessions to extend past the 40-minute limit on free accounts being used currently.

Past President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair reported that there are two families considering membership.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the next book club will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> reading *Floating in the Neversink* by Andrea Simon, with the author joining the meeting. Thanks to Karla Bonne for arranging it. The last Women's Discussion group was on December 16<sup>th</sup> and thanked Deirdre Weliky for facilitating this group. Virtual Bingo continues to be successful. She thanked Lori Lustig and Natalie Strauss who worked hard to make it a success and acknowledged Lori Lustig and Robin Myers for continuing to take care of Sistergrams.

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President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported on the LFCC reopening plan and the pending possibility that they may be approved to use the ballroom-only in January.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported The Veterans Day event went very well and the Super Bowl "Grid" is in play.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee, reported on the recent addition of Mollie Galchus to the committee and recent telephone outreach efforts. The last Food pantry was December 15<sup>th</sup>; the next scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Gail Tishcoff reported the Pre-Thanksgiving Blood Drive netted 24 units and the next drive will be in the ballroom on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee, reported they had a successful coat drive and collected more than 130 coats for Street Life Ministries (sanctioned by NY Cares). They are planning a blanket drive, perhaps in conjunction with another food fundraiser that's in the works.

Barry Packer, Ways and Means, reported the first pick-up dinner fundraiser working with Ben's Kosher Deli was on December 12<sup>th</sup> and is estimated to have raised between \$144 – \$173. He reported on potential Zoom show by Renee Katz and her pianist.

Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported the raffle and Chef Adam's Soup sale raised \$1,400.00 and she acknowledged the wonderful "Angel" donations, thanking Anne and Mark Pepper by name.

The Board approved a motion to offer Cantor Jerry Korobow a one-year contract from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 at the same terms and conditions as his current contract. This will be presented at the January Congregational Meeting for Temple membership to ratify.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Tishcoff  
Recording Secretary

### ☆ Zichronam Livracha ☆

**The Temple notes with sadness the passing of:**

**Gerald Cohen**

**Father of Jeff Cohen**

**Grandfather of Ben and Matthew Cohen**

**and**

**Longtime member**

**Sadie Adler**

Instead of sponsoring an Oneg, why not sponsor  
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Call the office for details

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DONOR**  
MONTH



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*Thank you to all of the donors who have helped  
keep the nation's blood supply ready when needed.*

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# BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 31, 2021  
9:30am – 3:30pm

Temple Beth Sholom-Flushing

171-39 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY

*Click on link below to schedule an appointment:*

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/286701](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/286701)

*or scan the QR code below and enter Temple Beth Sholom-Flushing*

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Walk-ins Welcome with social distancing permitting.

**DONORS PRESENTING:**

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
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## Religious School News

Happy secular new year! Let's hope and pray that 2021 is much brighter than the past 10 pandemic months have been. Even during this timeframe, though, our connections to our Temple family have been a bright spot.

We are hoping to continue our monthly Shared Shabbat services with Karen Feit on Zoom and would love for your children to participate. If your kids are too self-conscious to read or sing on their own, please support them as a family. I can tell you firsthand that my son in Religious and Hebrew School here is one of those shy children. So, at a recent Shared Shabbat, his older brother, who is a post-Bar Mitzvah, joined in reciting a few parts with him. It was lovely to see both of my children taking part in the service, in unison. Parents can read along as well. Remember, services are truly for the entire family. As an added bonus, when our children participate, they are getting practice saying prayers in front of others – which will be a needed skill for B'nei Mitzvah time! We are looking at Tu Bishvat on January 29<sup>th</sup> to be this month's Shared Shabbat service.

Thank you to all those parents who have reviewed our Zoom Etiquette Guidelines with your children. The instructors and I have definitely noticed improvements during classes! And to show that we aim to improve as well, the P.A. has recently used a specific fund that was bequeathed to it specifically for educational purposes to extend the Temple Zoom subscription to start a dedicated account solely for the school. Now no classes should end in the middle of someone's sentence!

We hope you all enjoyed a homey holiday break with your households. Here is a class schedule for the upcoming weeks, for your handy reference.

Religious School (Sundays)		Hebrew School (Wednesdays)	
01/03	Classes	01/06	Classes
01/10	Classes	01/13	Classes
01/17	Classes	01/20	Classes
01/24	Classes/Academy	01/27	Classes/ TuBishvat
01/31	Classes	02/03	Classes
02/07	Classes	02/10	Classes
02/14	No Classes	02/17	No Classes
02/21	Classes/Academy	02/24	Classes/Purim
02/28	Classes	03/03	Classes

Andrea Odintz  
Religious School Chairperson

**SAIGE CAFÉ AT Le Havre**  
168-68 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Whitestone, NY  
917 994 1978

*Dine-In \* Take Out \* Delivery \* Catering*



## Sisterhood Corner

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a happy holiday season and were able to spend some time with your family. May this year bring health and happiness to you and your families.

Our Second Virtual BINGO was another great success! We had lots of fun and donated the proceeds to Temple. A special thank you to Lori Lustig and Natalie for all of their help to make it such a success. Our next Virtual BINGO will be held on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Look for the flyer and come join in the fun!!

We will be having another Book Club on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am. We will be reading *Floating in the Neversink* by Andrea Simon. The author will be joining us for an author visit. The book can be bought on Amazon (don't forget Amazon Smile so that Temple will receive a portion of the sale). Thank you to Karla Bonne for arranging this for our Sisterhood.

The Women's Discussion group will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her continued dedication to this Sisterhood event.

Please continue to read your Voice for more details. As a gentle reminder, if you have not already paid your Sisterhood dues, Geri Weiss is still accepting the dues for the 2020-2021 year.

Look for the upcoming Temple events each week.

I hope to see you all soon,

Barbara Gandelman  
Sisterhood President



## Turkey Trot 2020

Our annual post-Thanksgiving Turkey Trot was held on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at Little Bay Park! It was a bright, sunny day – perfect for walking off the carbs!



**TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:**  
**BOOK CLUB – Sunday February 21, 2021**

**Andrea Simon will be present for Q&A!!!!**

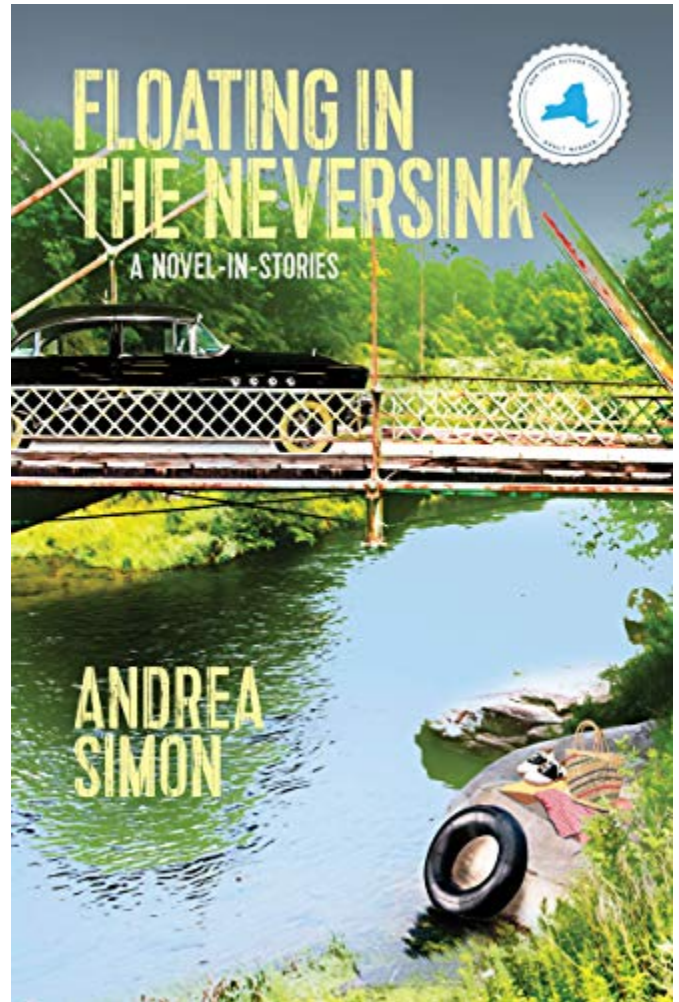
**“Floating in the  
Neversink”**  
**By Andrea Simon**

**Date:**

**Sunday February 21, 2021**

**Time: 10:30 am**

**Zoom Information to  
follow**



In the summer of 1955, nine-year-old Amanda Gerber tearfully leaves her best friend, Francine, and their adventurous life on her block in Brooklyn's Flatbush. She joins her cantankerous family on the long, hot drive to her grandmother's home in the Catskill Mountains among the city's Jews who flock to countless hotels and bungalow colonies in the heyday of the Borscht Belt. In the idyllic mountains, Amanda becomes ensconced in the tumult of her extended family and their friends, often seeking solace in the woods with her beloved cousin Laura.

Through the following summers, interspersed with the heightened drama of her emotionally charged city life, Mandy faces severe tests to her survival mechanisms, including the pain of loss, abuse, and betrayal, while family secrets threaten to disrupt her life even further. A novel-in-stories, *Floating in the Neversink* is a testament to the power of survival, friendship, and love.

Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions and comments. If you are using Amazon, don't forget to order through [!\[\]\(c50c8b7b2cc2cf9ff925edec0ee94c0d\_img.jpg\)amazon smile](#) to make donations to Temple.

## Adult Education

Hello Temple Members and Families,

In my early years, I would stay up the night before for my birthday and New Year's Eve. As I have become wiser and seasoned I would sleep through my birthday and would last until 11:55 pm for New Years.

For this New Year's Eve, I plan to stay awake to affirm there are no hiccups or delays in leaving 2020. I am hoping that 2021 brings health and opportunity to everyone.

This year, Adult Education had brought events to Temple including Tours of Israel by Paul Rabinowitz, an antiquities and artifacts discussion during the diaspora by Dr. L.V. Rutgers, and Ron and Larry Schwarz' family's history. Adult Education will continue to bring additional events to the temple both virtually and eventually in-person in the year ahead.

May your family and friends have a healthy and resilient year ahead.

Eric Bernstein  
Adult Education Chair

## Pulpit & Ritual

*We're Baaaa-ck!!!!*

With the help of many behind the scenes Temple members and local legislators, we have experienced Shabbat services in the sanctuary on October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

As detailed in the Temple Re-Opening Guide, the outlined safety precautions have been put in place. We are working on getting the kinks out of the logistics necessary to provide a meaningful service to those at home on Zoom, as well as those sitting in the sanctuary. We hope to be able to continue with these services, perhaps looking forward to adding an additional "in-sanctuary service" each month in the spring.

Geri Weiss, Chair



## "HONORABLE MENSCHEN" JANUARY 2021

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**SO MANY THANKS!!**

## Bazaar Corner 2020

This year's Bazaar weekend was most bizarre! It was so nice to see our Temple family on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> picking up their delicious butternut squash and mushroom barley soups. Again, thank you to Chef Adam for cooking the amazing soups! We also had our raffle drawing that afternoon! And, drumroll please, third place winners: Andrea Odintz and Michael Rosenberg, second place winners: Dr. Amy Edelstein and Michael Gross and first place winners: Geri Weiss and David Chenkin. Mazel tov to our winners! And thank you to all who participated. Temple netted over \$1,400 from the sale of the raffles and the soups.

A shout out to the many Bazaar Angels out there who do so anonymously and without an expectation of recognition. While we did not spend a lot of money to bring Bazaar 2020 to fruition, the Angel monies we received will help Temple during this very difficult financial period.

See you all at Bazaar 2021!

Joy A. Boborow  
Barbara Gandelman  
Bazaar Co-Chairs



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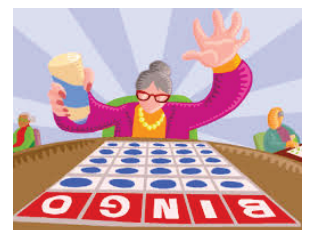
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## Scoop's Schmooze

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The day almost seemed somewhat normal.

I drove Renee to a recording studio in Astoria, where she is producing her second CD; hopefully to be released early in 2021. It sort of felt like we were on our way into The City, for a rehearsal or a show at Don't Tell Mama. Going west on Northern Boulevard, we passed Citi Field, with a giant marquis advertising 2021 Mets' tickets. Later that evening, from my den, I was the Shabbat "pulpit officer." While making the announcements, I looked at my laptop's screen and saw about 50-60 people. I glanced at the familiar smiling faces and saw Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow. And, there were Rita, Joy and Fay. There were Deirdre, Carl and Norma. There were Jeff, Ben and Matthew, Barbara, Charlene, Fran and Sam, Gail and Jim, Andrea and Michael; and many others.

As minimal as it may sound, that sense of normalcy is truly needed by all of us as is the ability for each of us to look back upon our memory banks that have helped mold the happiest times of our lives.

For that Friday was also smack dab in the middle of what would have been my mother's father's 113th birthday and my mother's mother's 111th birthday.

Fortunately, in many aspects, they are both still around in my everyday existence. Like my father-in-law, Isidore, a good portion of my grandfather's life was farming. The two of them had, and still have a passion---planting, growing and harvesting; just like the butternut squash from Isidore's garden that Chef Adam Gandelman used in his scrumptious soup for the Bowls & Bets Bazaar fundraiser. And as I am preparing to make potato latkes for Chanukah; I am using the recipe that was actually handed down from my grandfather to my father, Marty; and now to me.

My grandmother, like my mom, Judie---and Renee and her mother, Rose, always only saw the good in people. Receiving that unique quality has given me a great life with a special family and genuine friends.

Whether it's my lifelong kindred spirits, my sports, Renee's music, or my Temple Beth Sholom mishpacha; all I can say is Nes Gadol Haya Po/Sham/B'khal Makom---a Great Miracle Happened Here, There and Everywhere.

Like the miracle at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Games with the United States' Gold Medal winning ice hockey team, when ABC's Al Michaels so memorably exclaimed "*Do you believe in miracles? Yes!!!*" and "*The impossible dream comes true!!!*"

As we celebrate The Festival of Lights, may we all see the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel.

And, at this time next year, when Chanukah coincides with our Temple Beth Sholom Bazaar, may we plan to once again believe in miracles and be a part of the impossible dream coming true when we are embracing each other with mile-wide smiles as we wait in line for hot dogs and knishes, brisket and desserts, and the endless bowls of Chef Adam's soups; including that of the butternut squash, with said squash coming from my 95 year-old father-in-law's garden.

(continued next column)

So, yes, we do believe in miracles--- Nes Gadol Haya Po/Sham/B'khal Makom.

Barry Packer

Third Vice President/Ways and Means Chairman



We had our second successful Virtual BINGO night on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We used a new computerized system that eliminated all concerns voiced after our first BINGO evening. It was as smooth as silk! Lots of fun – lots of prizes! Join us next time on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.



If you are going to spend all (or part) of the winter in Florida, Arizona, or, well any place but New York, be sure to let the office know when you will be leaving and when you plan to return. We can send The Voice to you wherever you are!



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**Email your recipe to [natalie@templebethsholom.com](mailto:natalie@templebethsholom.com) and include RECIPE in the subject line!**

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

# WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



*Join us on*

*Wednesday evening, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*7:30 pm via Zoom*

*TOPIC: What Are Your Pet Peeves???*

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  
dwangel1@gmail.com**

# ☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS January, 2021 ☆

## Week of January 1<sup>st</sup>

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
Ella Klein	Grandmother of Lori Wansor
David Krackow	Brother of Brenda Bernhard
Melvin Wexler	Grandfather of Michael Gross
Sy Dipkin**	Observed by Temple

## Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>

Madeline Daitch	Mother of Sharon Haimer
Edwin Hoffman	Uncle of Fran Goldman
Sol Lipow	Grandfather of Alan Berck
Julia Lustig	Mother of Eric Lustig
Moe Lustig	Father of Eric Lustig
Pearl Lubliner	Grandmother of Erica Bernstein
Frank S. Green**	Observed by Temple
Edith Kavadlo	Mother of Joan Kavadlo Cohen
Louise Steele	Mother of Ned Steele
Louis Volney Beausejour	Father of Dr. Richard Severin
Ralph Scharf	Brother-in-law of Miriam Scharf

\*\* Past President

## Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>

Gertrude Bernstein	Grandmother of Eric Bernstein
Leslie Hernandez	Friend of Joan Kavadlo Cohen
Rosita Alexander	Grandmother of Larry Gold
Jan Olenick	Father of Gail Olenick
Sandra Arliss	Sister of Brenda Gold
	Aunt of Arlene Galub
Pauline Yohay	Aunt of Diane Shtulman
Sol Ginsberg	Grandfather of Nancy Goldwasser
Arthur Adler	Husband of Sadie Adler
Ruth Meyerwitz	Sister of Gerald Maurer
Miles Alan Ackerman	Uncle of Jason Ehrlich
Beatrice Epstein**	Observed by Temple
Dr. Frank Zimmerman	Husband of Betty Zimmermann

## Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Helen Leff	Mother of Anne Horowitz
Abraham Needleman	Father of Lori Lustig
Benjamin Farber	Grandfather of Eric Rosenberg
Ida Stone	Grandmother of Pamela Abrams
Silvia Horenstein	Mother-in-law of Ned Steel
Bessie Koorse	Grandmother of Nancy Goldwasser
Hyman Marshall	Grandfather of Michael Rosenberg
Judith Vogel	Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser
Celia Horowitz	Sister-in-law of Miriam Scharf
Harriet Kupferberg	Observed by Temple
Milton Einbinder	Husband of Glory Einbinder
	Father of Carol Hofer
Jerry Schnitzer	Father of Robert Schnitzer

## Week of January 29<sup>th</sup>

Donald Mendelson	Grandmother of Eric Bernstein
Hugh O'Donnell, Jr.	Father of Valerie Gellerman
Elinor Arliss	Sister of Brenda Gold
	Aunt of Arlene Galub
Amy Yeung	Friend of Elaine & Andrew Larkin
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# Join Us For A Special Tu Bishvat Seder and Shabbat Service on ZOOM!

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## "Wine & Prayer Night!" January 29 at 7 pm

Join us once again for a special celebration of Shabbat and Tu Bishvat. We will be combining a Seder, Shabbat service and dinner on Zoom! Share your Shabbat dinner with us as well as the special fruits and wines we will sample as we sing and celebrate the "Birthday of Trees."

In order to participate fully, below is a list of foods and drink to have on hand (you don't have to have all of them, just a sampling of each type):

### **Beverages:**

white grape juice, red grape juice, (or wine—white, red, rose)

### **Fruit with Shells:**

nuts, oranges/citrus fruits, pomegranates, bananas, sabras, pineapples

### **Fruit with Pits:**

dates, olives, apricots, peaches, plums/prunes, avocados, cherries, mangos, nectarines, peaches.

### **Entirely Edible Fruit:**

figs, raisins, grapes, strawberries, apples, pears, carob

### **Biblical Fruits:**

wheat/barley, olives, figs, dates, pomegranates, grapes



The Zoom Meeting ID and Password is the same for our weekly Shabbat Service that will be sent out via e-mail.

# TEVET-SHEVAT 5781

# JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom  BUILDING/OFFICE CLOSED	2 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
3 Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom	4	5 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm  Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	6 Hebrew School 4:30 or 5:15 pm via Zoom	7 Social Action Committee Meeting 7:30 pm via Zoom	8 Family/ Simchat Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	9 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
10 Parents' Assoc. 10:00 am via Zoom  Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom  11:00 am Men's Club via Zoom	11 Membership meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom  Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom	12 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm  Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	13 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom  Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom	14	15 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	16 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
17 Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom	18 Pulpit & Ritual Meeting 7:30 pm via Zoom	19 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm  Congregational Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom	20 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom  School Board Meeting 7:30 pm	21	22 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	23 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom  Game Night 6:00 pm
24 Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom  Academy Class 11:00 am via Zoom	25	26	27	28	29 Shared Shabbat Evening Service/Tu Bishvat Seder 7:00 pm via Zoom	30 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
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Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

**The January Simchat Shabbat will  
be on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
when we will celebrate the  
birthdays and anniversaries for  
the month of January !!**



*January's*  
**Anniversaries  
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