

#### **THIS MONTH:**

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

> BOARD OF TRUSTEES INSTALLATION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**VIRTUAL BINGO**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

VIRTUAL PURIM BALL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

#### **NEXT MONTH:**

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA FRIDAY, MARCH 5

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

> WALK OFF THE MATZOH SUNDAY, MARCH 28



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

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



From the Rabbi's desk

"Be Happy, It's Adar?"

In elementary school I learned the familiar adage, "March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb," How many of us know the Jewish adage, "From the beginning of Adar, we increase our happiness?" The rabbis of the Talmud (Ta'anit 29a) coined this phrase as they discussed the holiday of Purim that they so loved and so looked forward to. This year, Purim will be bittersweet for us. It will mark almost a year since our lives have changed since last Purim. Last year's Purim Ball was the last major function we celebrated together at Temple. Nonetheless, there is cause for celebration as more of us are receiving the vaccine. We can see the light, ever so faintly at the end of the tunnel.

The month of Adar begins on February 12-13 which this year coincides with the Chinese Lunar Year. Rosh Chodesh (the first of the month) is the celebration of a new moon—which means that Purim always falls on a full moon. This year it is the evening of February 25. We will have a special Zoom celebration on Friday evening, February 26. We will read from the Megillah—the scroll of Esther, and through the magic of Zoom, all of you will be able to follow along and view the scroll as we chant! You will also be able to shout and make noise to drown out Haman's name (and I can mute you to stop at the appropriate times). And, Zoom has a built-in silly virtual mask feature as well. Of course, you can still make your own costumes!

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We will also have a Zoom Purim Ball on Saturday, February 27. Look for more information in The Voice and e-mails.

The rabbis were enamored with Purim, and I wonder, why? It stems from one of the strangest commandments in Jewish law, the commandment to get so drunk as to no longer tell the difference between blessed Mordechai and wicked Haman. We also read the Scroll of Esther with revelry and noisemaking. We are officially allowed to act "silly" — to completely let our inhibitions go, to act larger than life.

Perhaps the rabbis love this holiday because of its paradoxes. If one looks closely at Megillat Esther, the Scroll of Esther, we see that everything in it is larger than life: King Achashverosh is a bumbling fool who dismisses his Queen because of what the people in his kingdom would think if they found out his wife wouldn't listen to him; Haman is a caricature of the "evil prime minister" plotting to take over the world; Mordechai and Esther are our virtuous heroes. Everything is exaggerated: The king parties for six months; Esther gets pampered with makeup and perfumes for a whole year; even the gallows Haman is hanged on is an astounding 75 feet high!

And yet just as we can read the Scroll of Esther as a farce, we can also read it as a very dark and distressing story. After all, Haman plotted to commit genocide and exterminate all the Jews in his country. (Where have we heard that before?) The edict could not be overturned, so the Jews were allowed to fight for their freedom. their enemies.

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

#### Worship Schedule

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>: Shabbat Evening Service and

Board of Trustees Installation 7:30 pm

Torah Portion: Yitro

Candle Lighting: Sharon Haimer

Kiddush: Deirdre Weliky

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am** 

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>: Shared Evening Service & Simchat Shabbat **7:30 pm** 

Torah Portion: Mishpatim/Shekalim Candle Lighting: Ruth Davidson Kiddush: Larry Gold

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am** 

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm** 

Torah Portion: Terumah Candle Lighting: Maxine Simon Kiddush: Charlene Metz

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am** 

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>: Purim/Shabbat Service **7:30 pm** 

Torah Portion: Tetzaveh
Candle Lighting: Fay Schildkraut

Kiddush: Walter Costanza

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am** 



#### From The President

To My Temple Family,

What an eventful first year as President of this awesome congregation! While it has been a particularly interesting year, I am optimistic about our future. You have all provided Temple and me with so much support, both spiritual and financial; I have been truly blessed as have we all!

I want to welcome, as well as thank, our new Board members, and of course those who are continuing in their terms. While we all know that there are many challenges ahead of us, as long as we continue to work together we can continue to flourish. I want to reiterate something that I have said in the past, and will very likely continue to say; we may not always agree on the path that we should take but our common goal is strengthening Temple and making us better than ever. As Aretha Franklin made famous – RESPECT is of paramount importance.

I hope to see all of you at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shabbat Across America, and Temple's first ever virtual Shabbat Across America on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also have our first ever virtual Purim Ball on February 27<sup>th</sup>. I am sure that a great time will be had by all, and remember that even though these events are via zoom, they will be a wonderful opportunity to get to see your temple family.

Joy A. Bobrow Temple President

#### From the Rabbi's desk

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Is it right to make light of such a serious topic? Obviously, the rabbis thought so. But just as we are commanded to observe this day with unbridled joy, we are also commanded to be charitable to everyone in need. On this day we send gift baskets (mishloach manot) to each other, but we also must take care of the needs of the poor. No one is to be refused tzedakkah.

In this year of topsy-turvy, light and darkness, joy and sadness we are given permission to let go.

I am looking forward to celebrating with you all.

Shalom U'vracha,

Rabbi Sharon Ballan



#### TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of January 22, 2021

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Betty Zimmermann to congratulate Mark and Anne Pepper on the birth of their first	
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## Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## <u>FEBRUARY</u> <u>BIRTHDAYS</u>

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Eric Bass
Brenda Bernhard
Walter Costanza
Ruth Dorfman
Damon Ehrlich
Ronna Galchus
Valentina Gillin
Sam Kaufman
Steve Levinsky
Steve Levinsky
Stephanie Rosenberg
Deirdre Weliky
I. Donald Weston
Sharon Yontef



## <u>February</u> <u>Anniversaries</u>



Herbert & Margot Anker Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg



## Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: March/April 2021

If you wish to send a greeting to anyone on this list, please check the name(s) and return this list with your check (\$.50 per name - made out to SISTERHOOD, Temple Beth Sholom by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**). You can pay for the remaining ten months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.



#### March Birthdays

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

#### April Birthdays

Alan Berck	4/08
Dr. Andrew Fradkin	4/09
Robbie Schecter	4/09
Jeffrey Cohen	4/11
Stanley Schecter	4/16
Ronald Myers	4/18
Elana White	4/20
Andrew Larkin	4/21
Mona Fabricant	4/22
Steven J. Rosenberg	4/23
Anne Horowitz	4/27
Greg Hofer	4/29
Valerie Gellerman	4/30



Adam & Stacy Kroun Fertig April 21, 1991 – April 21, 2021

#### March Anniversaries

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



*April Anniversaries*Mark & Kathleen Flug 4/17\_\_

Full Name:	
<i>Phone #</i>	

#### Parents' Association

Thank you to all who participated in our fundraisers at Five Below and Carvel. We really appreciate the support!

With the money raised from our fundraisers we purchased a laptop to be used for the Hebrew and Religious Schools. Our school leaders have been working really hard to adapt to the new form of remote education. We know technology can be a challenge and we are here to help!

Sadly, we had to cancel our Purim celebration for the end of this month. As always, our Religious School will be doing special activities and we know it is not the same as being together.

Thanks to those parents who picked up their children's Chanukah gift bags by January 31st.

Our next Zoom meeting is Sunday February  $7^{th}$  at 10:00 am. We will send a Zoom invite as we get closer.

Best, Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White PA Co-Presidents

#### Dear Members,

As we begin the new fiscal year at Temple, we recently sent out the temple dues statement. Thank you to those who have already paid!! For those of you who have not, we are asking that payment of dues/school fees be made as soon as possible! If you still have arrears, please pay those as soon as possible. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Robin Myers, Financial Secretary at the temple office or email at <a href="mailto:robinl.myers@gmail.com">robinl.myers@gmail.com</a>. Many thanks!

#### Men's Club

Men's Club will be holding a long-anticipated Membership meeting on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Please RSVP in advance for Zoom information.

Men's Club will be co-hosting the annual "Walk Off the Matzoh" socially distanced activity post-Passover on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 AM in Little Bay Park (park and meet under the Throggs Neck Bridge).

Do you have books to donate? Men's Club is receiving - not picking up - books and media items (DVDs, video games, records, music CDs) at the temple, for sorting. We anticipate some form of Bazaar this December, so start cleaning out your shelves!

With the advent of COVID vaccines, a return of monthly bowling is on our list. Not for this month however. Check back with us later in the spring! Stay healthy and wear a mask!

Jeff Cohen Men's Club President



Cantor's Corner



My dear friends, I'm sitting down to write this the day after a violent mob loyal to now former President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol and forced lawmakers into hiding. All of this was in an attempt to overturn America's presidential election. Very early this morning, Congress certified President-elect Joe Biden's victory. As you read this, Joe Biden is our President, and Kamala Harris our Vice-President. I, like I'm sure all of you, even a month later, am exhausted and still stunned.

I don't enjoy talking politics-I'm certainly no expertand I'm tired of hearing about these things at this point. So, I won't dwell on this stuff. Here's hoping that things calm down, and that America can get back on track.

I'm really taking this opportunity to check in on everyone. Sure, I see many of you on ZOOM at Friday evening Shabbat services. The Rabbi and I are very pleased that so many of you have been attending regularly. But I want to know how you and yours are doing? Is everyone feeling OK? Are you working? If you're not working, are you keeping yourself occupied? I hope so. Many of you know that I preach the gospel of engagement. That notion is perhaps more important now than ever, in a time when folks are understandably and justifiably frustrated, scared, and perhaps somewhat depressed.

If you've ever been interested in learning something new-how to play a musical instrument, speak a foreign language, write a poem, do yoga-this period certainly is and has been a fine time to start. Maybe you've been meaning to exercise more, or you've always wanted to paint. While I'm certainly no tech wizard, I can testify to the fact that your computer can help you pursue all of these activities, and many, many more. Maybe you're a good cook, but have wanted to try new recipes, or a baker who's always thought about making bread-now's the time (by the way, I talk about cooking and baking, but never do either-perhaps I should heed my own advice).

Anyway, keep yourself busy-with vaccines now in production and being distributed, help is on the way. Sure, we have to remain vigilant, wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands. But, things will get better. In the meantime, find things to keep you busy and interested. And, let us know how you're doing, and if we here at Temple Beth Sholom can help in any way. Please take good care. And, all the best for a happy, healthy and safe 2021!

With affection, Cantor Jerry Korobow



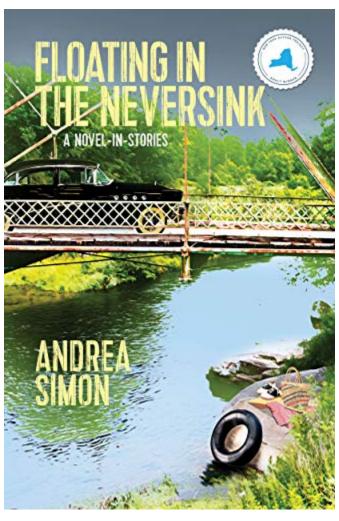
## TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: BOOK CLUB – Sunday February 21, 2021

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

# "Floating in the Neversink" By Andrea Simon

<u>Date:</u>
<u>Sunday February 21, 2021</u>
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 amazonsmile to make donations to Temple.

#### January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January  $11^{\rm th}$  2021 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Joy Bobrow opened with remarks reminding us that we must be respectful to others in our politically diverse community. She reported Eric Lustig has prepared a proposal for installation of the more permanent equipment needed for videoconferencing, financed by the Kepco donation mentioned last month. She will be applying for another PPP Loan. We have reduced the Constant Contact emails to weekly and the Shabbat emails. December minutes were accepted with corrections.

Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported that we now have 112 member units due to the passing of Sadie Adler. Treasurer Charlene Metz reported the December financial report, which the Board approved as presented. She presented the proposed 2021 – 2022 Budget which was approved for presentation to the Congregation at the January Congregational Meeting.

Rabbi Ballan thanked the outgoing Trustees and she reported attendance at services has been very good. She updated the Board on upcoming services and training for the six B'nei mitzvah students she currently has. Cantor Korobow reported that Religious School is going well.

Elana White, PA Co-President reported that the Parents' Association purchased a laptop to be used for the Hebrew and Religious School Director and reported on the Carvel Fundraiser.

Past President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair presented Rachel and Marc Heisler and their 10-year-old daughter Melanee to the Board for membership and they were unanimously approved. There are fun plans for Purim and for Shabbat Across America.

Andrea Odintz, Religious School Board Committee Chair reported on Shared Shabbat services and on school related business including the way in which the school will use the PA's laptop gift.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the next book club will be on February  $21^{\rm st}$  reading *Floating in the Neversink* by Andrea Simon, with the author joining the meeting, thanks to Karla Bonne for arranging it. The next Women's Discussion group will be on February  $3^{\rm rd}$ , moderated by Deirdre Weliky. Bingo will be held on Wednesday February  $10^{\rm th}$  at 7:30 pm.

Purim baskets will be sent out; look for a detailed flyer in this issue of The Voice.

President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported LFCC has not yet responded with their reopening plan.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported the Super Bowl "Grid" is in play.

President Bobrow reported the next Food Pantry is scheduled for February  $16^{th}$  and if anyone is aware of someone who is food-insecure they can be directed to it.

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Gail Tishcoff reported the NYBC-run Blood Drive was in the Ballroom on Sunday January 31st. There had been sufficient time since the November drive for those who donated then to do so again. Anyone who has had either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines was able to donate if they felt well.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee, reported they hope to coordinate with Ways and Means to run a blanket drive – dinner pick-up. Barry Packer, Ways and Means, reported they hope to do another pick-up with Fontana or other local restaurants. The Ben's Kosher Deli Pick-up dinner fundraiser netted nearly \$150.00. He reported on potential March 6<sup>th</sup> (virtual) Zoom show by Renee Katz and her pianist.

Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported there have been many donations for Bazaar and there is a move afoot to sort through it and set up sales via Craigslist or eBay.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff Recording Secretary



## NEW "HONORABLE MONTHLY MENSCHEN" February, 2021

Zulma Bogen
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Instead of sponsoring an Oneg, why not sponsor a Shabbat Service?

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Words to live by...

In the words of our sage, longtime \_\_\_ member Ruth Dorfman,



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#### Religious School News

By the time you read this, the Temple Beth Sholom family will have just joined together for its now annual Congregation-wide Tu Bishvat Seder and Shabbat Service, also known as Wine & Prayer Night. (Of course, red and white grape juices for the kids are appropriate stand-ins for red and white wines!) This is the first time we've had to hold this event remotely, but with advance lists of foods and drinks to have on hand to participate fully, we were able to follow along with the Seder in unison.

In the words of Karen Feit, our former principal, we are a "small but mighty" school. And it is those shared experiences, such as our festive Tu Bishvat Seder, that bond our group even closer together.

Our monthly Shared Shabbat services are another shared experience, as the very title indicates. (January's service was combined with Tu Bishvat.) In December, 45 households joined Rabbi Ballan, Cantor Korobow, and Karen Feit for this family-oriented, partially student-led Friday-night service. Within those 45 households were 15 students and former students of our Religious School, several of whom were ready to read passages in English or lead prayers in Hebrew. The result was a joyous act of togetherness, a collaboration of different generations, which is the idea behind Shared Shabbat.

I hope that you'll join us for this month's Shared Shabbat service on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

As we approach the Mid-Winter Recess of secular schools, here is a class schedule for the upcoming weeks:

Religious School Hebrew School (Sundays) (Wednesdays)			
02/07 02/14 02/21 Purim 02/28 03/07	Classes No Classes Classes/Academy Classes Classes	02/03 02/10 02/17 02/24 03/03 03/10	Classes Classes No Classes Classes/Pre- Classes Classes
03/14 03/21 03/28	No Classes Classes/Academy No Classes (Passover)	03/17 02/24 03/31	No Classes Classes No Classes (Passover)

Stay warm and cozy with your families!

Andrea Odintz Religious School Chairperson





#### Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter and we have had many nice days. Let's hope that this weather continues! We hope that you are all keeping safe and healthy and following protocols when you do go out.

The Women's Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, February 3rd at  $7:30~p\,m$ . Thank you to Deirdre for continuing this group for our members.

Please join us on Sunday, February 21st at 10:30 am when we will be discussing *Floating in the Neversink* by Andrea Simon. We will be honored by the author, who will join us at our discussion. Thank you to Karla Bonne for arranging this for us.

We hope to see you at our next Virtual Bingo on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 pm. It has been lots of fun! Thank you to Lori Lustig for making sure that we have our Bingo cards. We can even play on the computer now and see the board at the same time! We hope you join us!!

We will have Purim Baskets again this year – please look for the flyer in this issue of The Voice and get your orders in! We will make arrangements for them to be delivered only to those of you who are physically unable to get to Temple to pick them up because of the pandemic.

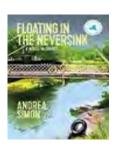
If you have not paid your dues for this year, please remember to send them to Temple, Attention: Geri Weiss. We really need your participation in Sisterhood. Please consider becoming a member if you have not done so already.

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

I hope to see all of you at our events, even our virtual ones, as well as the PA, Men's Club and Temple events that will be coming up in the future. We are hoping that we will be in person in the coming months.

I hope to see you all soon,

Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President



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#### The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual (and First Ever Virtual) Shabbat Across America and Canada is March 5, 2021!

"Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!"

• Invite your family and friends so that we can all join hundreds of Jews across America and Canada to celebrate that which unites us all – SHABBAT!

Guests, (Non Temple-members) MUST register for this event in advance. Link to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsfu-rpzoiHtM1WV2NydbhhDPF77IvTyfg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- Booklets with the blessings for the Shabbat meal will be sent to everyone Temple members and registered guests
- Shabbat services will begin at 6:30 pm followed by Shabbat Dinner
- Meals will be provided by A & A Gourmet for purchase (order and pay in advance) and pick-up in the TBS parking lot at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for ordering is 2:00 pm on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Zoom link for members will be sent via constant contact the week of SAA.
- To order meals, contact Barry at scooprhs1980@hotmail.com. For further program information, contact Fay Schildkraut at 917-509-1664



#### DINNER MENU CATERED BY



#### **NOTES:** NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED. ADD-ONS AVAILABLE

#### ALL MEAL PACKAGES ARE MINIMUM 2 MEALS (Both meals must be identical!)

Each meal package includes one (1) appetizer, one (1) entrée, 4 sides, one (1) challah roll and two (2) rugelach for dessert. Brisket meal is \$25.00 each, all other meals are \$20.00 each.

Ple	ease indicate how many of each sides are being ordered in the provided
•	Choice of <b>one</b> appetizer:
	Gefilte Fish OR Chicken Soup with Matzoh Balls
•	Choice of <b>one</b> entrée
	Salmon Apricot Chicken Breaded Chicken Cutlet
	Rotisserie ChickenBrisket
•	Choice of 2 sides (1 from each pair):
	Kasha Varnishkes <b>OR</b> Barley with Mushrooms <b>AND</b>
	Grilled Vegetables <b>OR</b> String Beans
	All meals will include cucumber salad and sweet noodle kugel
•	Add-ons
	Meatballs \$12.50 for 10  Veggie Cutlets \$5.00 ea  Kasha Varnishkes \$7.99/lb  Knishes (potato, kasha or spinach)  Gefilte Fish \$10.50/lb  Quart Chicken Soup \$6.99  Barley w/Mushrooms \$6.00/lb  \$2.75 ea

**PAYMENT:** Make check payable to A&A Gourmet and send to TBS office: ATTN SAA.

For credit card payment contact Barry Packer at 781-626-1797

#### Adult Education

- 1. Stay up until New Year's Day
- 2. Reduce stress
- 3. Lose the COVID weight
- 4. Get more fresh air
- 5. Cut down on screen time

I find that once I publicly share my New Year's resolutions, I hold myself more accountable and more likely adhere to them. The first goal was accomplished on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The second goal has been progressing through the help of the Rabbi's healing service. Two down, three to go...

The next few goals do require a longer duration but are obtainable.

Last fall my family started to take walks periodically on the weekends at Little Neck Bay. We plan on continuing to take walks as long as the weather holds up. The walks have helped physically and mentally with the access to the fresh air and open grounds.

For New Year's Eve, my family had supported local vendors and brought in dinner to celebrate the acknowledgement of a new era. Hopefully by the end of this year, we will be defining a new term Post-COVID era; an era where families can see each other in person without the fear of spreading an illness to one another. We shall see what the future brings us.

In the past, with the help and recommendations of the congregation, Adult Education had secured speakers (both virtually and in-person). Adult Education is reaching out to you seeking speakers for this spring. If you know of a speaker who would be of interest to the Temple audience, please let me know and I will be glad to coordinate an event.

May you and your family continue to stay healthy,

Eric Bernstein Adult Education AdultEducation@TempleBethSholom.org

A big **THANK YOU** to our very own Chef Adam Gandelman for donating his time and culinary skills to make the delicious butternut squash and mushroom barley so many of us have enjoyed (and some are still enjoying!)

Well done, Adam....Thanks!!!

#### Purim & Passover Fundraisers

We are preparing to send Purim Baskets this year...please find the detailed flyer in this issue and submit your orders by February  $14^{\rm th}$  to ensure ample time for their preparation. They will be available for pick-up in the Temple lobby beginning Monday, February  $22^{\rm nd}$ . Please also note that special delivery arrangements will be made for **only** those who are homebound due to COVID.

Our Miss Chocolate sale has started. Please look for the detailed flyer in this issue of The Voice and have your orders in by February 28th, 2021. There is space on the order form to write in non-food items from the other brochures. Note that a small delivery fee will be added to your order for Miss Chocolate to ship your requested items directly to your home. Other orders will be shipped to Temple and will be made available for pick-up at a date to be announced later. A portion of all Miss Chocolate proceeds will be donated to the Temple Religious School.

Thanks for your support!

Geri Weiss, Chair

#### Bazaar Corner 2020

Although we are 10 months away from our scheduled annual Bazaar, discussions are ongoing often with regard to preparation.

We are hoping to get a team of volunteers, sometime during Presidents' Week, to come to Temple and help sort through the enormous amount of donations that we have accumulated. Of course, we will strictly observe social distancing guidelines, but are hoping to separate the sellable merchandise from damaged and unusable trash.

Please keep your eyes open during more information in Monday morning email blasts in the next week or two.

We are hoping that many hands will make light of this chore!

Joy A. Boborow Barbara Gandelman Bazaar Co-Chairs

Many thanks to all of you who so generously participated in the Parents' Association fundraisers at Five Below and Carvel!

We appreciate your support!

#### Scoop's Schmooze

"Friends, friends, friends, we will always be. Whether in fair or in dark stormy weather, it's Tevya Camp that keeps us together." Those are the lyrics to a favorite song from the overnight camp that I spent almost a decade at. So, at Tevya's 60th reunion in the summer of 1999, people who I became friends with during my first summer in 1971, was the same friends who I spent that glorious day with.

Tevya Camp, actually known as Camp Tevya, is one of the Northeast's more popular Jewish overnight camps. This picturesque summer retreat, situated on Brookline, New Hampshire's beautiful Lake Potanipo has warmly welcomed thousands of campers and staff for more than 80 years and through multiple familial generations; including my mother and my sister. Not to mention Temple Beth Sholom's matriarch, Betty Zimmerman, who spent post-summer camp time there with one of her organizations.

Picture hundreds of people, enveloped arm in arm, swaying back and forth around the dining hall tables; after Shabbat dinner with the enthusiastic chanting of birkat hamazon, and the endless singing of camp songs including Friends, Friends.

Now replace Tevya Camp with Temple Beth Sholom; as TBS is more than just a place to pray. It's more than a "Home of Worship." For as a line from the 1829 poem, "Tis Home Where the Heart Is, goes, "Tis home where e'er the heart is."

As I spent this past week "Zooming" Shabbat Services, the Membership Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings and the Tuesday afternoon Schmooze, I saw so many genuine friends, including Membership Committee Chairperson, Dr. Fay Schildkraut, who over the years has overseen our wonderful Shabbat Across America and Purim Ball events. Said Purim Ball, on March 7th, was our last event before 2020 became 2020.

That was the last time we were able to really see and spend time with each other, to sing, dance and laugh together, to make a toast and share a glass of wine or pink grapefruit vodka, to embrace each other. But, through it all--- and to a more important and heartfelt level---our friendships have actually emotionally grown and we have all stayed strong as friends, friends, friends.

Through our bonds of friendship, we've held Shabbat and High Holiday Services, Religious School, Board Meetings and social activities since last March. We will not be deterred in working closely---at a distance---in holding our Purim Ball on February 27th and our Shabbat Across America on March 5th, with the delectable dishes, from our friend Milton at A&A Caterers. Then, on March 21st our friend Vinny from Cascarino's will be feeding us for our first Annual Pizza before Pesach Pick-up Dinner night. Concluding "A Light At the End of the Tunnel Celebration Month, my wife Renee will be doing a Zoom Cabaret Show on April 17th at 7:30 pm.

And, while all of this will happen in our homes instead of the sanctuary or the ballroom, may we all raise our glasses, make a toast to each other and sing "Friends, friends, friends we will always be.

(continued next column)

Whether in fair or in dark stormy weather, it's Temple Beth Sholom that keeps us together."

Barry Packer Third Vice President/Ways and Means Chairman



We will be having our third night of Virtual BINGO on Wednesday evening, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. It has proven to be a lot of fun – and all from the comfort of your own home! Find the flyer in this issue and send it in with your payment and enjoy the fun. The deadline is Monday, February 7th so that there is ample time to send you your cards! See you there!



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!



### TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM COOKBOOK

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES!!!

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share?

We are collecting recipes in all categories...appetizers/hors d'oeuvres, one-potdishes, pasta, meat, vegetarian, breads, muffins, holiday treats, desserts...well, you get the idea!

## ONCE COMPILED, IT WILL BE FOR SALE AS A FUNDRAISER

Be sure that your submission includes a precise ingredient list and clear, concise instructions!

Email your recipe to <a href="mailto:natalie@templebethsholom.org">natalie@templebethsholom.org</a> and include RECIPE in the subject line!



## It's Hamantaschen Time!!! *Purim is coming!*

Purim Family Service - Fri. Feb. 26 at 7:30 pm

Order your Shalach Manot baskets for your family and friends



By Sun. Feb. 14, 2021 at \$7 each

Checks made payable to "TBS Sisterhood"

## Baskets can be picked up in the lobby at: Temple Beth Sholom, starting Mon. Feb. 22

If you wish to place an order but due to Covid have not been venturing outside your home, please check off below and arrangements will be made to deliver your order.

Submit orders to TBS: Attn: Geri Weiss by Sun. Feb. 14, 2021

Yes! I want to order Name	Shalach Manot baskets.
Phone Number	
Total Amount Enclosed \$	Delivery Needed
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## **☆ UPCOMING** *YAHRZEITS February*, 2021 **☆**

#### Week of January 29th

**Donald Mendelson** Hugh O'Donnell, Jr. **Elinor Arliss** 

**Grandfather of Eric Bernstein** Father of Valerie Gellerman Sister of Brenda Gold **Aunt of Arlene Galub** 

**Amy Yeung** Melissa Harding Friend of Elaine & Andrew Larkin

Niece of Joy A. Bobrow

#### Week of February 5th

Rose Lillian Rabbi Herschel Levin\* Albert Yohav **Morris Youman** Greenberg **Belle Horowitz** Alfred Bamberger Seymour Scharf\*\* **Frances Simon** Sanford Tishcoff **Iules Weiss John Eckman Gertrude Horowitz Irving Horowitz** William Leff

Mother-in-law of Ruth Dorfman **Husband of Betty Zimmermann** Father of Diane Shtulman **Grandfather of Barry Packer Albert Cousin of Pamela Abrams Grandmother of Andrew Liebrader Uncle of Fran Goldman Husband of Miriam Scharf** Mother-in-Law of Maxine Simon **Uncle of Gail Tishcoff** Cousin of Fav Schildkraut Father of Al Eckman Mother of Mitchell Horowitz Father of Mitchell Horowitz **Father of Anne Horowitz** Father of Andrew Liebrader Grandmother of Steve Levinsky **Aunt of Pamela Abrams** 

Stepfather-in-law of Ruth Dorfman

#### Week of February 12th

Marcel Cohen **Bob Dorfman** 

Myron Liebrader

Rose Shenkooff

William Lillian

**Betty Lash** 

Sister of Jack Attar Husband of Ruth Dorfman **Father of Eliot Dorfman** Mother of Larry Gold

Margot Gold Tinalia Belaure Rebecca Rice

4x Great-grandmother of Dr. Richard Severin Mother-in-law of Gerald Maurer **Uncle of Diane Shtulman** Father of Ruth Davidson

**Morris Yohay Sidney Person** Maryann Bluj

Martyn Weston

Relative of Andrew and Elaine Larkin **Grandfather of Pamela Abrams** 

\*Rabbi of Temple Beth Sholom, 1953 - 1978

#### Week of February 19th

Gloria Wexler Jacob Anker **Esther Lipow** Augusta Bohrer

**Grandmother of Michael Gross** Father of Herbert Anker Grandmother of Alan Berck Mother of Elaine S. Trachter Bernyce Fertel Metz Mother of Charlene Metz Sister of Maxine Simon

**Julina Merise** Grandmother of Dr. Richard Severin

#### Week of February 26th

Anna Pomeranz **Burton Chenkin** Marlene Salomon Alvin Wilichinsky

Observed by Ned Steele Father of David Chenkin Sister of Francine Klimavicius Husband of Bonnie Wilichinsky Bertha Leef Gilson Observed by Cantor Sandra

Goodman

Sam Ostrofsky Morton Alperin **Ruth Chenkin** 

Father of Lillian Tandatnick Father -in-law of Iris Bass Mother of David Chenkin Abraham M. Gilson Observed by Cantor Sandra

Goodman

Joseph Shenkoff Erma Rittenhouse **Grandfather of Steve Levinsky** Great-Grandmother of Elaine Larkin

Volunteer to light the candles or do the Kiddush at Shabbat Services

**Contact Geri Weiss at** 

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Past President

### Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

# WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on Wednesday evening, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 7:30 pm via Zoom TOPIC: What makes you laugh???

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



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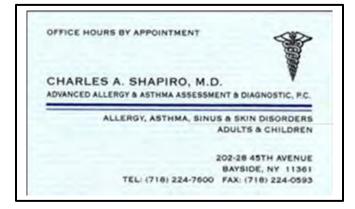


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### All proceeds will be donated to Temple



Join Us: Wed. Evening, Feb. 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm

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

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Prizes Awarded To Winners

Please RSVP by Monday morning, 2/8/21 with checks made payable to **Temple Beth Sholom** 

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



Cards will be either emailed to you or sent to you via the post office.

Questions? Contact Lori Lustig@ 917-568-5564

OR Email: lori\_bl@yahoo.com

### If You Don't Have A Computer You Can Play By Phone

Name	RSVP before Feb. 8, 2021
Number of Bingo Cards Wanted	-
Total Amount Enclosed \$	
Email Address	BINGO
Telephone number	

#### MISS CHOCOLATE PRESENTS PASSOVER 2021

#### **Dear Congregant:**

We will be conducting our annual PASSOVER CANDY SALE during the months of February & March.

This year we are pleased to feature Miss Chocolate and Bartons Kosher for Passover candy choices and a wide selection of additional items on our website. All are perfect for the holiday or year round. If you are interested in purchasing and supporting our organization, please fill out the order form below. Items can be viewed online at <a href="https://www.missehocolate.com">www.missehocolate.com</a>, non-Passover items can be

ordered and written in below. Thank you for your support.

ITEM #	PASSOVER ITEMS - PARVE	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL \$
2529	Bartons Fruit Slices/12oz.		\$14.00	
2535	Bartons Dark Chocolate Matzah/10oz.		\$17.00	
2541	Bartons Chocolate Sedar Mints/6oz.		\$11.00	
2560	Bartons Dark Chocolate Almond Bark/5oz.		\$12.00	
2564	Jennies Dark Choc. Cov. Macaroons/10oz.		\$14.00	
2642	Bartons Dark Choc. Cov. Matzah Crackers/10oz.		\$12.00	
2755	Bartons Dark Choc. Cov. Almonds/8.5oz.		\$12.00	
2758	Bartons Dark Choc. Cov. Apricots/6oz.		\$14.00	
2580	Jennies Choc. Drizzle Coconut Macaroons/10oz.		\$13.00	
2598	Jennies Dbl/ Choc. Sea Salt Macaoons/10oz.		\$13.00	
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	PASSOVER ITEMS - DAIRY	QTY.		TOTAL \$
2508	Bartons Cashew Butter Crunch/8oz.		\$14.00	
2531	Bartons Milk Chocolate Lollycones/2.5oz.		\$7.50	
2542	Bartons Milk Choc. Almond Caramel Cluster/5.5oz.		\$12.00	
2553	Bartons Milk Choc. Caramel Daisies/5oz.		\$11.00	
2562	Bartons Milk Chocolate Matzah/10oz.		\$17.00	
2590	Bartons Almond Kisses/10oz.		\$16.00	
2593	Bartons Milk & Dark Chocolate Assrt./8oz.		\$18.00	
2525	Bartons Chocolate Trio (# 2542, # 2541 & #2553)		\$31.00	
2585	Bartons Matzo Combo ( #2562 & # 2535)		\$32.00	
2757	Bartons Milk & Dark Choc. Bridge Mix/8.5oz.		\$12.00	
2760	Bartons Mix Combo (#2755, #2757 & #2758)		\$35.00	
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Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:

Please bring or mail in this order from to TBS, Attention Geri Weiss, by Sun. Feb. 28, 2021. Your check must accompany your order. Please make check payable to: "TBS Religious School" If ordering online, there will be a small fee for home delivery, use the school code 700424.

All other orders will be delivered to Temple Beth Sholom, available for pick up.

## SHEVAT-ADAR 5781

## February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB	1	Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	3 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom	4	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	6 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
Parents' Assn. 10:00 am via Zoom  Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom  Men's Club 11:00 am via Zoom	Membership meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom	Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	Hebrew School 4:30 or 5:15 pm via Zoom VIRTUAL BINGO! 7:30 pm via Zoom	11	Simchat/Family/ Shared Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
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Religious School 10:30 or 11:00 am via Zoom Sisterhood Book Club 10:30 am via Zoom Academy Class 11:00 am via Zoom	22	Zoom Schmooze 2:00 pm Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	24 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom School Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom	25	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom Virtual Purim Ball 7:30 pm
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The February Simchat Shabbat will be on Friday, February 12th when we will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of February!!



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