

#### THIS MONTH:

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA FRIDAY, MARCH 5

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

CASCARINO'S FUNDRAISER DELIVERY SATURDAY, MARCH 20

WALK OFF THE MATZOH SUNDAY, MARCH 28

VIRTUAL SECOND SEDER SUNDAY, MARCH 28

#### NEXT MONTH:

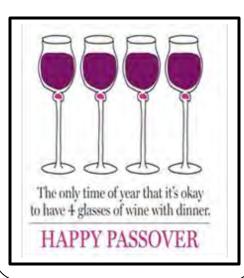
ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY, APRIL 11

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

RENEE KATZ PACKER "ZOOM LIVE FROM THE LIVING ROOM" CABARET CONCERT APRIL 17

> VIRTUAL BINGO APRIL 21

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY, APRIL 25





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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



### From the Rabbi's desk

"Why Is This Year Different?"

Shalom,

A few years ago, I wrote a March Voice article with the above headline, "Why Is This Year Different?" mainly because we were going to be celebrating Passover on March 25, the earliest that I had ever remembered Passover occurring. This year, Passover will again occur early, (on the eve of March 27<sup>th</sup>) however *this time*, the headline "Why Is This Year Different" needs no explanation.

It has been a year—different and strange and stressful—since we had experienced our first Zoom *seder*. We have had our lives turned inside out; we have had to recreate how we think and do things. We have had to adapt to new circumstances and even adopt a whole new mindset.

This year we have had to make do with a Zoom Purim Ball, and a Zoom Purim celebration. We are still a vibrant community and we still know how to have a good time and have fun together! Once more our seders will probably be via Zoom as many of us have not had the vaccine vet. I am hopeful that we will be back in the synagogue by the summer and we will have more opportunities to see each other in person. At this one-year "anniversary" of the COVID pandemic, I am reminded that there is a custom of saying the shehecheyenu prayer if you haven't seen someone in person for over a year. When we are once again all together in person, we will celebrate and recite this prayer together.

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As we think about Passover and prepare, we are supposed to remember that we were slaves in Egypt. It helps us understand the true meaning of freedom. This whole year has had me thinking about freedom in a totally different way.

Sometimes external forces enslave us—we become slaves to our environment, our surroundings and entrapments, but sometimes we can be our own worst enemies and we enslave ourselves.

I encourage you this Passover to liberate yourselves from your destructive restraints and fears. During the seder, we recall the "bread of affliction." We say, "let all who are hungry, come and eat; let all who are in need, come and share the Pesach meal." I hope that this year we all can focus on the needs of others, and help provide for those whose needs are greater than ours. This has been a very difficult year for many. We have seen the monthly food pantry at TBS grow exponentially. If you know of anyone in need of food, please let them know about this very vital service that we are helping to provide.

May you have a zissen pesach!

Rabbi Sharon Ballan



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

#### Worship Schedule

Friday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Shabbat Across America & Shabbat Evening Service 6:30 pm Torah Portion: KiTissa Candle Lighting: Mollie Galchus Kiddush: Adam Gandelman
Saturday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Va Yakhel-Pukudei Candle Lighting: Karen & Rebecca Carroscio Kiddush: Robert Abrams
Saturday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Shared Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Vayikra Candle Lighting: Sharon Yontef Kiddush: Michael & Shawn Susman
Saturday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Tzav Candle Lighting: Robin Myers Kiddush: Ron Myers

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:

Shabbat שבת שלום Shalom

#### From The President

To My Temple Family,

As I sit to write this article, it is a balmy 44 degrees and raining! What a strange winter it has been!

I am pleased to report that Temple submitted an application for a second draw PPP Loan via TD Bank. We are hopeful that the loan will be approved soon. We requested a little over \$61,000. We have not yet submitted an application to have the first loan forgiven as the application to do so has not yet been finalized.

While we have not yet been able to resume in-person services, we hope to do so in the near future as the infection rate is decreasing and the vaccine, while not so easy to get, will become more available in the not too distant future. In line with that, Eric Lustig is working on a plan to install a more permanent technical solution for Zooming so that we can continue to "Zoom" once we have resumed in-person services.

Thank you to all who purchased Shalach Manot baskets and thank you to Geri Weiss for putting this together; it was great that we were able to order prewrapped hamentaschen (thank you to Temple Gates of Prayer for telling us about Green's Bakery)! We had our first ever (and hopefully last!) virtual Purim Ball on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Dr. Fay Schildkraut and her Membership team for putting together such a wonderful event! And of course, thank you to Natalie and Rita for helping to keep track of all our monies and attendees!

I hope to see all of you at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shabbat Across America on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to drop off gently used blankets and/or new socks when you pick up your food in the parking lot on Thursday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Barry Packer for making arrangements with A&A Gourmet for the catered dinner. Thank you to Ilyne Rabinowitz for arranging for the delivery of blankets and socks – a mitzvah for our Temple Family to participate in a great cause.

BTW, consider playing Bingo in April. I always played when I went up to the Catskills for family weekends and when I would go away on vacations in the Caribbean. Maybe if you play, it will also remind you of some of your fonder memories as well!!

And of course, don't forget to be kind to one another and support each other as much as possible. We are all in this together.

Thank you all for your continued support. My family and I wish our Temple family a zissen pesach.

Your President, Joy A. Bobrow

Torah Study &

Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am



## TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

PULPIT FLOWER FUND	
MOLLIE MEYER TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL FUND	
Diane Shtulman in loving memory of her father, Albert Yohay	
Diane Shtulman in memory of Fred Grauer, father of Josh Grauer	
CULINARY FUND	Iris Bass 718-224-3009
JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND	
LT. MARVIN S. ACKERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	
JEWISH START	
GENERAL FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
Rochelle and Alvin Dunninsky to celebrate meaningful High Holiday Services	
Ruth Dorfman in loving memory of her husband Bob, beloved father of Eliot and	Nancy and
Past Chairman of Temple Beth Sholom Religious School	-
TORAH FUND.	
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology	and Technology!
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!	
Alice Newman in loving memory of her mother, Sylvia Sandler	

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## Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, March 12th, 2021



Norma Benvenuto Dara Bernstein Erica Bernstein Susan Ecker Jared Eckman Natalie Flug Barbara Gandelman Oliver Gellerman Fran Goldman Michael Gross

## <u>March Birthdays</u> venuto Valentina

Valentina Hellman Leora Kaufman Jennifer Kwait Matthew Kwait Leza Lerea Robin Myers Jean Reichler Lillian Tandatnick Cindy Weiss Justin White





## March Anniversaries

Alan & Maggie Berck Bret & Suzanne Fertig Greg & Carol Hofer Brett & Jean Reichler







## SUPPORT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S BLANKET AND SOCK DRIVE!!



This has proven to be a cold, wet and snowy winter and so many of our neighbors are in need of the things to keep them warm and dry



Donate your gently used blankets (all sizes needed - from baby blankets to California Kings!)

Socks should be NEW – all sizes needed (babies, kids, adults)

We will be collecting these items up to and including Thursday evening, March 4 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Drop off your donations and pick up your Shabbat Across America Dinner!





### February Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions. President Joy Bobrow opened by welcoming new Trustees Andrea Odintz, Barbara Gandelman, Geri Weiss, Karri Kaufman and Larry Gold and reading required section of the TBS By-Laws.

She reported Eric Lustig has continued to work on installation of the more permanent equipment needed for videoconferencing, financed by the Kepco donation mentioned last month. She has submitted application for another PPP Loan.

January minutes were accepted with corrections. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported we now have 111 member units due to the departure of the Weinberg family who has moved out of state. Treasurer Charlene Metz reported the January financial report, which the Board approved as presented.

Rabbi Ballan welcomed the new Trustees. She reported on recent and upcoming services and stated there are eight readers/chanters scheduled for the Megillah recitation on Purim (February 26<sup>th</sup>). Cantor Korobow reported that Religious School is going well, services continue to be well attended, and he encouraged all to invite friends to join us at services.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair reported on the recent Tu Bishvat service and upcoming Purim and Shabbat Across America services.

Elana White, PA Co-President reported the new laptop purchased by the PA for the Hebrew and Religious School Director had to be returned and other options are being considered. Their two recent fundraisers netted a total of \$56.00.

Past President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair reported that hopefully by next meeting there will be two new families to present and she updated the Board on plans for Shabbat Across America Dinner and the Purim Ball, both of which are going to be done remotely.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the next Bingo game will be on February  $10^{th}$  and Book Club will be on February  $21^{st}$ . Purim baskets were sent out per details in The Voice.

President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported LFCC has not responded to agreement communications. Congregation Habonim is hoping to return once the Coronavirus is not a threat and when they do, their services in the Frank S. Greene room should not inconvenience Temple Gates of Prayer.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported the Superbowl "Grid" winners which included new Trustee Larry Gold, who generously donated the proceeds back to Temple. Men's Club was thus able to present a check of \$500.00.

President Bobrow reported the next Food Pantry was scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> and if anyone is aware of someone who is food-insecure they can be directed to it.

Gail Tishcoff reported the January 31<sup>st</sup> NYBC-run Blood Drive resulted in 42 pints of blood donated.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee, reported the blanket and (new) socks drive is planned for March 4<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be delivered to the Street Life Ministries as they are collected at Temple.

Barry Packer, Ways and Means, reported on how the food catered by A&A for Shabbat Across America will include a 10-15% cash-back donation to TBS by A&A. There will also be a Pick-up Dinner with Cascarino's "Pizza Before Pesach" event that will include a 15% total gross donated back to TBS by the vendor. The (virtual) Zoom cabaret living room concert featuring Renee Katz-Packer will be scheduled for Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported he is working with Ilyne Rabinowitz on a virtual Adult Education Event to speak about community care on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. He is also working with "Concerts in Motion" to give a lecture on musical events they host to adults 65 or older.

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 during the Presidents' Week.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary

#### Do You Know Someone Who is Food Insecure?

Do you have a friend, neighbor or relative who is? Temple Beth Sholom houses a monthly food pantry that is run by the Flushing Jewish Community Council on the third Tuesday of every month. The food is provided by Met Council of NYC and is kosher.

Although there are different foods provided each month, there are generally food staples included such as rice, pasta, beans, oil, and flour. Often, there are Jewish holiday appropriate items included, and occasionally, fresh produce. There is generally a variety of canned, boxed and bagged foods that will certainly help to supplement anyone's diet.

In order to pick up a prepared package of food, call 718 463 0434 to register, or simply show up at the next food pantry on Tuesday, March 16th between 9:30 and 10:30 am to register and receive your package. As an FYI, please note that often the package is heavy and a shopping cart or other aid with wheels is helpful.

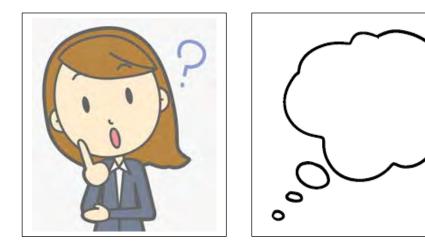
*For further information, please call 718 463 0434.* 



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**Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents** 

# WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP





## Joín us on Wednesday eveníng, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:30 pm vía Zoom TOPIC: What's on Your Mínd?

## 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



### Sisterhood Corner

I hope that you are enjoying the winter months. Although we had a few snowstorms, the weather has not been too cold. Soon it will be spring and the flowers will be blooming!

We had our book club on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 when we discussed *Floating in the Neversink* by Andrea Simon. We heard the author speak about the book and we also had the opportunity to ask her questions. Thank you to Karla Bonne for arranging this author visit for us. Our next book selection is *Forget Russia* by L. Bordetsky-Williams. Join us on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm as we engage in a lively discussion about the book with the author who will also be available to answer your questions.

I hope that you enjoyed the Purim events and were able to send Purim baskets to the people you love!

Our Virtual Bingo has been a great success! Thank you to Lori Lustig for making sure that this game night runs smoothly. Thank you to all of our Temple family and friends who have supported the event.

Our Women's Discussion Group has grown in popularity. It is now a monthly event. Look for details in The Voice. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her continued dedication to this program.

Rummage is coming!! We are working to have a physically distanced Rummage Sale in May. At this time, we are not accepting donations but we will need volunteers for set up and for the sale itself. Please let Joy Bobrow or myself know if we can count on you for this fundraiser for Temple. We are very hopeful that we will be able to have this event. Please check The Voice and your email for details.

I hope that you and your family have a very Happy Passover. May we all be together again as one Temple family in the near future.

Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President

Instead of sponsoring an Oneg, why not sponsor a Shabbat Service? I It's a great way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one! I Call the office for details G B) COMING AGAIN APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>! **NEW FLYER WITH DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN WEEKLY EMAILS!** 

### Parents' Association

Greetings Everyone,

We hope everyone has been enjoying the Winter Wonderland we experienced in February! I love seeing all the snowmen everywhere and hearing the kids sledding in the park.

February was a quiet month for the Parents' Association. We didn't have any fundraisers but hopefully that will change as we move towards the warmer months.

Our next Zoom Parents' Association meeting is Sunday March 14<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





*Volunteers are needed every month to help pack and distribute the Food Pantry items.* 

Help is needed on the third Monday of each month from about 9:30 am until 3:00 pm (or as late as you can stay) to help pre-package all of the food items into bags and/or boxes. We have experienced people here who can help you to learn the ropes - and help make light work of this time consuming chore. There is some walking and lifting involved so please take that into consideration!

On the third Tuesday of each month, we need a few people to help distribute the packages. All the signs say that we open at 9:30 - but people are on line long before that and it serves everyone well to help move them through the line and on their way.

If you are able to donate some time and sweat equity, please let Natalie in the office know your availability!

It's a Mitzvah!

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# Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing presents Pizza Before Pesach



# Saturday, Mar. 20, 2021

Prior to Saturday, March 20, call Cascarino's at (718) 746-4370. Mention the Temple Beth Sholom Pick-up Dinner (their entire current menu is available at cascarinosbrickoven.com). Pay via credit card. They will give each order a scheduled delivery pickup time.

Food deliveries will made to the Temple Beth Sholom parking lot on Saturday, March 20, starting at 5:30 PM. To ensure all meals are hot, Cascarino's may also schedule deliveries at 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

Cascarino's will donate a percentage of the order total to Temple Beth Sholom.



Temple Beth Sholom 171-39 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY 11358 (718) 463-4143



## 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

#### Adult Education

By the time you read this article, it will be almost a year working from home. Nobody knew that the pandemic would last this long or have such an impact in our daily lives both for the better and/or for the worse. Thru it all I have learned that time with the family is extremely precious that cannot be put off.

On Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Temple Member and Vice-President of Clinical Services Ilyne Rabinowitz will be providing a lecture on Community Health Care needs including Long Term Care, Pool Trusts, and Medicaid. If you are approaching the age of Long Term Care or have relatives or friends who already have reached this age, this is not to be missed.

On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Temple member and "The Waffles" artist Mollie Galchus will be discussing the "Great American Songbook" and the composers, artists, and Jewish aspects of the collection.

During this pandemic, we know that members face isolation issues. "Concerts in Motion" is a non-profit agency which provides a weekly variety of musical themed performances, free to adults 65 or older to help alleviate the isolation issues. Participants can sign up for as many concerts as they like. For each concert selected, an email invitation one hour before the concert starts containing the Zoom link and musician info will be sent. Musical themes include Jazz, Broadway, Jewish, and Holocaust survivor series. For more information and to check their upcoming calendar of events, check out their website at https://www.concertsinmotion.org/. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Drew Barnes directly at drewbarnes@concertsinmotion.org or call 212-498-9868. All of the weekly concerts are free and are held on Zoom, but recipients who do not have internet access or own a Zoom-compatible device can also call in by phone to listen to the concert audio.

May you continue to stay healthy during this pandemic.

Thank you, Eric Bernstein Adult Education Chair



#### Dear Members,

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

**Temple Beth Sholom Financial Committee** 

#### Men's Club

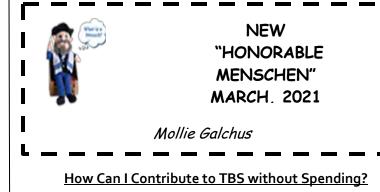
Men's Club will be cohosting the annual "Walk Off the Matzoh" socially distanced activity post-first Seder on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 am in Little Bay Park (park and meet under the Throgs Neck Bridge).

Mitzvah Day is coming on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Men's Club is working on outdoor activities at an alternate site to be announced in the coming weeks.

Our East Coast-famous "Book Room" is evolving into more of a media forum. If you wish to donate books and media items (i.e., DVDs, video games, 33" and 45" records, and music CDs), contact the Temple office to arrange a drop-off time and location outside the building.

Membership looks forward to COVID vaccines, which will make the return of monthly bowling possible by this summer. Stay healthy and wear a mask!

Jeff Cohen Men's Club President



1. If every TBS member and his or her family and friends open a new, non-interest bearing checking account at TD Bank, you can get \$25 AND Temple Beth Sholom will receive \$50 for every new checking account opened (that remains open for at least one year). TBS will also receive a small percentage of participants' annual average balances. If you are already a TD Bank customer, Temple will receive \$10 for every existing checking account. Visit any one of TD Bank's locations and ask to have your balance included as part of Temple Beth Sholom's Affinity Membership Program, or call the Whitestone branch at (718) 357-4310 for more information. Our code in the program is AF637.

2. When you make a purchase through Amazon, make sure you use Amazon Smile by signing up for Amazon Smile (you don't lose your Prime benefits!) and select Temple Beth Sholom. You can also type in the following URL link which will bring you to the right place so that a portion of your purchase supports our Temple: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1802826.

3. Lastly, if you are considering purchasing Judaica items, consider buying from the Judaica Webstore: http://templebethsholom.org/judaica/as Temple Beth Sholom will receive a percentage of the purchase!

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Beth Sholom!





#### 🚵 Cantor's Corner

Hi all. Hope everyone's doing well, staying safe, and getting their vaccination. Keep the faith my friends-better times are coming.

I wanted to share a rather cute experience I had the other night. It turned out to be a surprisingly Jewish experience.

As many of you know, due to the pandemic, there have been more and more activities and experiences that have moved online...many utilize Zoom.

As a result, I spend a good deal of time Zooming-and not just for our Temple services. I've attended, sung and played in many online events over these last nine or ten months. Since there are not really any geographical limitations, it's often the case that people show up from not only different cities and states, but different countries and continents.

One event that I often attend and participate in takes place on Sunday nights from 8:30 until 10:00 pm. This started out as a long-running bluegrass music "jam session" that took place every week at a place called The Irish Whiskey Bar in Astoria. I went there once or twice over the years, but the location wasn't convenient, and they often finished late-and I had to be at work the next morning.

With the event on Zoom since last August, the commute is much more agreeable. And, since you can't really play together successfully on Zoom (because of the delay), it, like other musical get-togethers, has become a sort of open-mic event. Each person plays a song, and you go around the group a time or two or three. This originally was a bluegrass session, but soon, people were playing all kinds of songs.

Well, the other night, the host of the event told us that his mother, sister and niece were Zooming in. Introductions were made, and off we went with the music. The second time around the "circle" when my turn came, I asked the host's mom how many grandchildren she had. "Five" she replied. I said "me too." I then played the Grandma Song that I had written years before (I believe most of you have heard it).

Anyway, another singer/player who's a friend of mine said "I recorded that the last time you sang it, and I've finally learned all the lyrics. But I hope you don't mind-I changed the words just a little." "No problem" I said. "Just out of curiosity, what did you change?" "Well" he said "in our family, we're not grandma and grandpa, we're bubbie and zadie." So, the Grandma Song has morphed into the Bubbie Song. Mein kinder, I was kvelling! I'm not sure any of the others knew what I was smiling about so broadly, but it certainly made my night. As always, I look forward to seeing you all soon. Stay well, safe, and WARM!

With affection, Cantor Jerry Korobow



#### **Religious School News**

We've just celebrated Purim, and hopefully your families got to join in the festive service on the last Friday night of February. It's a time to be silly, a welcome change in what has been a most serious and solemn year in our lives. Our children – and we parents! – could use some levity now and then to lift our spirits. So many of our Temple events, still functioning via Zoom, aim to bring us cheer, connect with others and have some fun.

Please include your children in these communal activities. We can always look on the bright side: Although Shabbat Across America on Friday night, March 5<sup>th</sup> is remote, there's no rushing to get everyone out the door and no commuting time!

A family service occurs each month, usually on the second Friday, always at 7:30 pm. This is our Simchat Shabbat service, in which birthdays and anniversaries of that month are acknowledged and celebrated with a special blessing. It's another way for our children – and the rest of us – to feel special. This month's service is on March  $12^{\text{th}}$ .

Don't forget to join our monthly Shared Shabbat, led by our beloved former Religious School principal Karen Feit. This month's service will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Karen would love to see your family and say hello!

And for a physically distanced yet social gathering, consider joining the outdoor Walk Away the Matzoh event on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> organized by Men's Club. It promotes a family walk, an activity that has become a healthy habit in my home during the pandemic. Plus the kids – and again, their parents – benefit socially and emotionally from seeing each other in person, even masked and from a careful distance.

Passover falls early this year, and our Spring Break will coincide with the holiday, as it does in the New York City public schools. Here is this month's handy reference guide.

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03/07	Classes	03/10	Classes	
03/14	Classes	03/17	Classes	
03/21	Classes/Academy Cantor	03/24	Classes	
03/28	NO Classes *	03/31	NO Classes *	
04/04	NO Classes *	* Passover Break		
I		04/07	Classes Resume	

Wishing you all a peaceful and meaningful Passover.

Andrea Odintz Religious School Chairperson



Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club Proudly Presents



Come help yourself and support other temple members to burn off the Passover carbs

.....Come Masked.....

Sunday, March 28th

10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

Little Bay Park (Underneath the Throgs Neck Bridge)

Contact Eric Bernstein or Jeff Cohen or e-mail mensclub@templebethsholom.org with any questions

### Scoop's Schmooze

While, as is said, I have my mother's eyes and my father's voice, or some facsimilie thereof, my sister and I were both blessed to inherit our parents' most important characteristic-their trait of being a gutte neshuma---a good soul; which I can proudly say, because of how I was raised and the person I became, is what my parents have called me.

My mom, Judie, a ballerina since childhood, pursued her passion in said art form by educating special needs children and adults in ballet. My father, Marty, a pharmacist and proprietor, frequently would answer emergency calls well after midnight, fill and deliver prescriptions; and do it all over again the next day. My younger sister, Elana, a social worker at five-foot something, would go into some of Boston's toughest neighborhoods to save children. And, I married into a family of gutte neshuma. Even at their advanced ages, Isidore and Rose always make sure their garden has enough butternut squash to be able to donate to Bazaar for Chef Adam's soup. Renee's brother, Robert, always comes from Brooklyn just to work the Chicken Soup Cook-Off. And, Renee, who years ago had so much taken from her, just keeps giving.

And none of the people above ever ask "what's in it for me?"  $% \left( {{\left( {{{{\bf{n}}}} \right)}_{i}}} \right)$ 

Nor does that question ever come from the gutte neshuma who, especially during this last year, have kept our own Temple Beth Sholom operating.

Natalie and Rita in the office, and Jose and Santos throughout the building, have kept everything going just like before the 2020 Purim Ball. Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow conduct their Shabbat Services, with a weekly gathering of about 50 to 60 people. And, while these are their professions, during these last 12 months, they all have gone above and beyond---and have never said, "that's not in my job description."

The technological team of Erics---Lustig and Bernstein--along with Walter, have made sure that everyone is able to participate; whether it is services, meetings, religious school, or social activities. Then, year-round, there are the dozens of volunteers comprising the Executive Board, the Arms of Temple and the Board of Trustees; not to mention my Team Chicken Soup, Joy and Barbara's Bazaar crew and Fay's Shabbat Across America and Purim Ball squads. On a whole, for their dedication and love for Temple Beth Sholom and for everyone who calls it their "Home of Worship" and all TBS represents---with pride and glory, the gutte neshuma--the good souls are overflowing.

Flowing freely just like the overabundance of emotions that were present at the Shabbat Service of January 29<sup>th</sup> when Seth Bernstein sent chills through everyone who was watching and listening when, with pride, he delivered the Shema; which has been taught to him over a period of time by another gutte neshuma, former Religious School Director, Karen Feit.

(continued next column)

With the work of Rabbi Ballan, Cantor Korobow and Karen Feit, let us look a few years into the future. As the Temple Beth Sholom congregation and family made up of gutte neshuma, may we all be there to kvell with Eric, Erica, Dara, and the whole Bernstein mishpacha in honor of Seth's bar mitzvah.

Barry Packer 3rd Vice President Ways and Means



## 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, onepot- dishes, 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 <u>natalie@templebethsholom.org</u> and include RECIPE in the subject line!

> To sponsor an íssue of the Voíce, please contact the Temple office at (718)463-4143.

#### Temple Beth Sholom's Adult Education and the Richheimer/Levin Adult Education Program Is pleased to present virtually

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Vice President of Clinical Services

Protect the future of family and learn about needs for Community Health Care including Long Term care, Pool Trusts, and Medicaid.



Date: Sunday, April 11th Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87820897613?pwd=UFIPdDhrOHZzRFRCUDJ4RExHMVBudz09

Meeting ID: 878 2089 7613 Passcode: 916555 Audio Dial-In: +1 646 558 8656

Please contact Eric Bernstein with any questions @ AdultEducation@TempleBethSholom.org

## ☆UPCOMING YAHRZEITS March, 2021 ☆

#### Week of March 5<sup>th</sup>

Mother of Alice Newman

**Meuniere Merise** Svlvia Sandler Fred Gandelman Sam Weiner **Eric Kroun** 

Martha Minton **Bernard Gray** Marla Silver Meyer Tennenbaum

Father of Adam Gandelman Grandfather of Erica Bernstein Murray J. Goldwasser Father of Bruce Goldwasser **Brother of Stacy Kroun Fertig** Brother of Suzanne Fertig Nana of Linda M. Ramirez Brother-in-law of Lillian Tandatnick Sister of Susan Ecker Father of Betty Zimmermann

Great Grandfather of Dr. Richard Severin

#### Week of March 12<sup>th</sup>

Sidney Lang Sidney H. Koorse Albert Abrams Gerald Rinkle Abraham Levinsky Louis Rosenberg Abraham Yontef Brunnhilde Costanza Sam Weiner

#### Father of Nancy Goldwasser **Father of Robert Abrams** Father of Karen Carroscio Father of Steve Levinsky Father of Sam Rosenberg Father of Sharon Yontef Mother of Walter Costanza Grandfather of Erica Bernstein

Father of Susan Passaro

#### Week of March 19th

**Rae Tishcoff** 

Stacy Armenia Barnett Frank Milton W. Blattner\*\* Mother-in-law of Herta Tishcoff Grandmother of Gail Tishcoff Friend of Joan Kavadlo Cohen **Father of Miriam Scharf Observed by Temple** 

#### Week of March 26<sup>th</sup>

Mollie Rabionowitz David Platt **Orientus Severin Brad Leffe** Carol Germain Abie Einbinder Helen Engel Hugh David Goldsmith **Elaine Lowy** 

Mother of Ilvne Rabinowitz Stepfather of Penny Schnitzer Great Grandfather of Dr. Richard Severin Brother of Debra A. Leffe Mother of Iris Bass Father-in-law of Glory Einbinder Grandmother of Erica Bernstein Son of Laura Goldsmith Cousin of Isadore Katz

#### Week of April 2nd

Albert Weiskopf **Edith Anker** Reba Levenberg **Marcus Goldschmitt** Yeffet Cohen Selma Fairberg Frank Sandler

Father of Gloria Shapiro Mother of Herbert Anker Mother of Bonnie Rosenberg Father of Ruth Schorsch Father of Isaac Cohen Mother of Lynn Goldenstein Father of Alice Newman

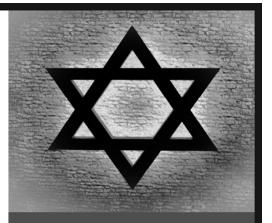
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## Yom HaShoah is Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Join with members of Jewish communities all over America. Light a Shoah Yellow Candle™ in memory of a victim of the Holocaust.



## Get your Yom HaShoah Memorial Candles from Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club (Suggested donation \$3.00 per candle)

#### There will be a Yom HaShoah service on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm as part of the regular Shabbat Evening Service. Join our memorial service with candle lighting, speakers, poems, and prayers.

Contact the Temple Office at (718) 463-4143 to order your candles. They will be packaged and placed on the table in the lobby. Please leave your payment in the office mailbox when you pick up your candle(s).

Light the candle to honor those in America's armed forces and the IDF who safeguard our liberties.

Light the candle in memory of all victims of terrorism.

**P**ut the candle in your window as a reminder that, if we ever forget, another Holocaust may descend upon us again like another plague of darkness.

## Please contact Jeff Cohen or Eric Bernstein with any questions at mensclub@templebethsholom.org





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## Mollie Galchus and the "Great American Songbook"

Learn from temple member and "The Waffles" artist Mollie Galchus as Mollie speaks about the composers, artists, and Jewish aspects of the "Great American Songbook"



**Date:** Sunday, April 25th **Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM







Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82111050615?pwd=Z3laT1RpV1dJd1V1U1dlcUR4c2RPdz09

> Meeting ID: 821 1105 0615 Passcode: 084979 Audio Dial-In: +1 646 558 8656

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## Adar/Nisan 5781

## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	3 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom	4	5 Shabbat Across America and Evening Service 6:30 pm via Zoom	6 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
7 Religious School 10:30 OR 11:00 am via Zoom	8 Membership 7:00 pm via Zoom Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom	Healing/Meditative	10 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom	11	12 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	13 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
14 Parents' Association 10:00 a.m. Religious School 10:30 OR 11:00 am via Zoom Men's Club 11:00 a.m.	15 Pulpit & Ritual 7:30 pm via Zoom	16 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	17 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom	18	19 Shared Family Simchat Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	20 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom Cascarino's Fundraiser Dinner Pickup 5:30 pm
21 Religious School/Academy 10:30 OR 11:00 am via Zoom	22	23 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	24 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Religious School Board Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm	25	26 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	27 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
28 *No Religious School* Walk Away the Matzoh 10:00 am Little Bay Park Virtual Second Seder	29	30 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	31 *NO Hebrew School*		Jasson	ver

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Deadline for the April Bulletin is March 15<sup>th</sup>!

Articles should be e-mailed to: editor@templebethsholom.org Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

The March Simchat Shabbat Service will be on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm when we will be celebrating the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March!!



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