

### THIS MONTH:

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY, APRIL 11

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

> RENEE KATZ CABARET CONCERT SATURDAY, APRIL 17

**VIRTUAL BINGO** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY, APRIL 25

#### NEXT MONTH:

**BLOOD DRIVE** SUNDAY, MAY 2

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

> **MITZVAH DAY** SUNDAY, MAY 16

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 25

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

> **RUMMAGE SALE** MONDAY, MAY 31



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### From the Rabbi's desk

What a year this has been! By the time this reaches you, we should be in the midst of Passover. I remember last year, how frightening it was—not knowing how long the pandemic would last, or what would happen. We were anxious and nervous and things were changing every day. It was hard to plan. We put things on hold. We stayed in one place.

One year later there is light at the end of the tunnel. Many of us have been vaccinated. Some of us may be spending Passover with our families whose members have been vaccinated. There is still a long way to go before things return to the way they were, however. A year ago, I reminded you of a story about King Solomon's special ring— the one engraved with three Hebrew letters, Gimmel, Zavin and Yud which stand for "Gam Zeh Ya-avor-This too shall pass." It indeed is passing. We have gotten through the most difficult part and I believe we are in the homestretch. We have proven that we are a very strong community.

As we conclude the holiday of Passover, we enter the period of the Omer—the time between Passover and Shavuot. The Omer, which literally means "a measure," was an offering of the first of the grain or barley harvest, which was brought to the Temple. Now the days mark our transition from slavery to liberation, when we celebrate the receiving of Torah.

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As I count the days, I am reflecting on the past year and how far we have come. We have met great challenges. There have been tremendous changes in our lives. And yet we have survived. In the days to come I continue to pray for healing and strength—may we all become stronger and healed.

Moadim L'simcha,

Rabbi Sharon Ballan



We are still accepting your favorite recipes for a Temple Beth Sholom Cookbook!

All categories are open – appetizers to desserts and everything in between!

Please be sure that the list of ingredients is correct, and stepby-step clear, concise directions are included.

All recipes should be submitted in a Word document and submitted to:

natalie@templebethsholom.org



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

### Worship Schedule

Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Pesach Candle Lighting: Geri Weiss Kiddush: Alice Newman
Saturday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 7 <sup>th</sup> day Passover Yiskor Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Shemini Candle Lighting: Sharon Haimer Kiddush: Deirdre Weliky
Saturday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Family/Simchat/Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Tazria-Metzorah Candle Lighting: Fran Goldman Kiddush: Sam Rosenberg
Saturday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Candle Lighting: Gail Tishcoff Kiddush: Jim Kettig
Saturday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Shared Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Emor Candle Lighting: Erica & Dara Bernstein Kiddush: Eric & Seth Bernstein
Saturday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> :	Torah Study &

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Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am

### From The President

To My Temple Family,

Well, it's snowing again – very light snow flurries but ... spring cannot come soon enough!!

I hope everyone had lovely Seders albeit probably different yet again this year. We had lovely Seders at my home because for the first time in four years my son was able to be home from school for Passover. Yay!!

I am pleased to report that Temple received a second draw PPP Loan which will help us weather the decrease in income as a result of not having events in the ballroom on Saturday nights!

We are very close to finalizing a more permanent technical solution for Zooming so that we can continue to "Zoom" once we have resumed in-person services. And we hope to do that in the not too distant future.

By the time you receive this issue of The Voice, I will have had my second dose of the vaccine – I know I feel like there is light at the end of the tunnel and I look forward to being able to celebrate Shabbats and simchas with all of my Temple Family.

Our Temple is vibrant, even as we use Zoom, we are having visitors at our events and Shabbat Services via Zoom, our kids are doing well in Religious/Hebrew School. So thankful for these blessings.

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

Thank you to my wonderful family for its continued support and to all of you your continued support.

Your President, Joy A. Bobrow

### Carry On Madam President!



Join us on Wednesday evening, April 21<sup>\*\*</sup> for our next BINGO night! Complete the form in this issue of The Voice, send it to the office with your payment and cards will be sent to you! It's a lot of fun and there are prizes awarded to every winner!

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

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Ruth Dorfman with deep gratitude for the heartfelt birthday wishes she received	
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Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and	1 Technology!
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Alice Newman in loving memory of her father, Frank Sandler	
Betty Zimmermann in honor of Fay Schildkraut - For all she has done and continue	s to do
Betty Zimmermann in memory of Gerald Cohen, father of Jeff Cohen	
Betty Zimmermann in honor of Joy Bobrow and her steadfast leadership during a dij	ficult time
Betty Zimmermann in honor of Barbara Gandelman for keeping Sisterhood organize	ed and
always moving forward	
always moving forward Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!	

Thank you for contributing to TBS Funds!

# Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 <u>April Birthdays</u>

Alan Berck Ethan Borst Jeffrey Cohen Mona Fabricant

 Chelsea Fertig Charles Flug Dr. Andrew Fradkin Valerie Gellerman Greg Hofer Anne Horowitz Aviva Kaufman Andrew Larkin Ronald Myers Steven J. Rosenberg Robbie Schecter Stanley Schecter Shawn Susman Elana White

### April Anniversaries

Stacy Kroun & Adam Fertig Kathleen & Mark Flug





NEW "HONORABLE MONTHLY MENSCHEN" April 2021

Lillian Tandatnick in honor of her birthday!

# Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: May/June 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 **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, **2021**). You can pay for the remaining months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May	Birthdays
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Brett Reichler
Rebecca Bunkin
Gerald Maurer
Mitchell Horowitz
Laura Goldsmith
Jeff Bonne
Gloria Shapiro
Steven Fishman
Gail Olenick
Ned Steele
Adam Fertig

### June Birthdays

6/01

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6/06

6/09 \_\_\_\_

6/09\_\_\_\_

Louis Fevola Richard Hellman David Lonborg Lynn Goldenstein Geri Weiss Joan Kavadlo Cohen Zo-An Korobow





6/29

6/30\_\_\_



#### May Anniversaries

6/14	Caryl Stern-LaRosa &	
6/15	Donald LaRosa	5/02
6/15	Eric & Stephanie Rosenberg	5/07
6/16	Raymond & Elana White	5/14
6/17	Jay & Sharon Haimer	5/17
6/20	Edward & Karen Carroscio	5/24
6/21	Al Eckman & Ilyne Rabinowitz	5/24
6/23	Barry Packer & Renee-Katz Pack	er
6/24	5	5/25
6/24	Neil & Lori Kwait	5/26
6/27		/

### June Anniversaries

Dr. Amy Edelstein & Michael Gross

5	6/02
Matthew & Beth Dulberg	6/08
Steven & Bonnie Rosenberg	6/14
Rabbi & Mrs. Bruce Goldwasser	
	6/20
Ronald & Robin Myers	6/25
Isadore & Rose Katz	6/26

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### March Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions. President Joy Bobrow reported on new CDC guidelines advising that people can safely gather indoors together in small groups as long as they are fully vaccinated. This is great news as more of us get our second vaccines. Our PPP Loan was approved and the much needed funds were received this month. Eric Lustig has developed a plan to install a more permanent technical solution for Zoom services. She thanked Fay Schildkraut and her team for a wonderful virtual Purim Ball. She thanked Barry Packer for organizing the dinner pick-up for the virtual Shabbat Across America and thanked Rabbi and Cantor for the lovely and moving service.

February minutes were accepted. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported membership remains at 111 member units. Treasurer Charlene Metz reported the February financial report, which the Board approved as presented.

Rabbi Ballan reported on recent and upcoming services and said how impressed she was by the eight chanters of the Megillah at the Purim service last month. She said she was honored to DJ the virtual Purim Ball and said that the Religious School Purim program was very successful, as was our Shabbat Across America service. She is planning a Zoom second Seder and there will be a model Seder for the school on March 21<sup>st</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.

Elaine Larkin reported brief update for Parents' Association. Elaine Larkin also reported on behalf of the Religious School Board on the resolution of recent technical issues. The School Board has agreed to slightly extend the school year to make up for these technical and scheduling issues. Closing exercises will be planned for June 13th.

Past President Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair presented two new members and the Board unanimously approved both Joseph deLeon as well as Eva Heisler. The Purim Ball was successful and fun. She thanked the membership committee, Eric Bernstein, Barbara and Adam Gandelman and our DJ Rabbi. The event raised \$838.00 for the Temple. Shabbat Across America was well attended and the service was very moving. She thanked Barry Packer and Natalie Strauss for organizing the dinner orders and distributions. A & A donated back \$130.00 to Temple.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the next Bingo game will be on Wednesday April 21st and Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> reading *Forget Russia* by L.B. Williams. The author will join the meeting. Rummage sale logistics are still pending. Women's Discussion Group will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>, facilitated by Deirdre Weliky. President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported LFCC is not able to commit to anything at this time. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported on the mandated Triennial Report due on the condition of the main boiler and also a report on the status of gas piping throughout the building per the new Local Law 152. We have retained the firm Maxwell Plumb Mechanical Corp, affiliated with former Temple member Ken Levine to provide the reports. We do not yet know the cost of those services.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported they will cohost the annual "Walk Off the Matzoh" socially distanced activity on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 am in Little Bay Park. Mitzvah Day is coming on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Men's Club is working on outdoor activities at an alternate site to be announced in the coming weeks. The "Book Room" is evolving into more of a media forum and he gave details on how to arrange for donations. Hopefully with more COVID vaccines, they plan for the return of monthly bowling by the summer.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported they assisted a family regarding COVID vaccination and the upcoming Women's Discussion group will be an open discussion.

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

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee, reported the blanket and (new) socks drive on March 4th was very successful and the items donated will be delivered to Street Life Ministries.

Barry Packer, Ways and Means, reported A&A donated back \$130.00 from the Shabbat Across America meals order. 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 with Renee Katz with piano accompaniment by John Cook will be scheduled on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a \$20.00 admission donation in order to get the Zoom link.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported Ilyne Rabinowitz will lecture on Community Healthcare needs on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am via Zoom. On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Mollie Galchus will discuss the "Great American Songbook" and the composers, artists, and Jewish aspects of the collection.

Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported they need to reschedule the sort canceled last month due to the snowstorm.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary



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### 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

### Sisterhood Corner



Welcome to spring! We have turned the clocks ahead and are looking forward to sunny days and blooming flowers! Although the past year has been very interesting and tough at times because we have not been together in person, we have proven that we truly are one Temple Family.

I hope that you and your family are having a Passover that is meaningful even through these times that we are experiencing. Remember that we will be together in the future. I know I am looking forward to those days.

There will be a Memorial Day Rummage Sale! We will respect all COVID-19 protocols including mandatory mask wearing, physically distancing and completion of a COVID questionnaire at the door! We will need volunteers for the set-up and the actual sale. Please contact the temple office if you are available to help with this event if it is possible. We will announce when we will resume accepting donations.

Our next book club will be on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. We will be reading *Forget Russia* by Lisa Boretsky Williams. I hope to see you all at this event. The author will be joining us for a question and answer session. Thank you to Gail Tischoff for arranging this for Sisterhood.

Our next Virtual Bingo will be held on Wednesday, April  $21^{st}$  at 7:30 pm. Please join us! It is lots of fun and you are supporting Temple at the same time.

Our next Women's Discussion group will be held on Wednesday, April  $14^{\rm th}$  at 7:30 pm. Look for the topic in the flyer.

Thank you to Geri Weiss for making sure that we all had Shalach Manot baskets for Purim!

If you have not paid your dues, please send them to Geri Weiss. Thank you for supporting Sisterhood.

Hope to "see" you at our upcoming activities.

Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President



### **Religious School News**

Happy Passover, everyone! Depending on when you're receiving this issue of The Voice, I hope many families will participate or already participated in the Men's Club's Walk Off the Matzoh event on Sunday morning, March 28<sup>th</sup>, during our Passover break from classes. Now that it's finally spring, outdoor gatherings can comfortably begin again as a safe way for us and our children to see each other. Plans are underway for outdoor Mitzvah Day activities on May 16<sup>th</sup>, leading right into the beginning of the holiday.

Meanwhile, back in our Zoom classes, we hope that Morah Ruth's students and their parents have noticed an improvement in her audio and video, thanks to an upgrade in her technology. Thank you to Rabbi Ballan and Walter Costanza for facilitating the loan of the Religious School office's desktop computer (and making it Zoom-ready) while classes remain remote for now.

Between classes and outdoor gatherings, please remember to join Friday-night services whenever possible, especially our monthly Simchat Shabbat/Family Service and the Shared Shabbat service co-led by former TBS Religious School principal Karen Feit. The Family Services include birthday and anniversary blessings for that month – and who doesn't like to be acknowledged? April special occasions will be noted during the April 16<sup>th</sup> service. Shared Shabbat gives the honors of reading (in both Hebrew and English) to our students; this month's service is planned for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Let's allow our kids to practice reciting the blessings way before their Bar or Bat Mitzvah day. It will help build their confidence!

Have a blessed and peaceful Pesach. Here's the upcoming class calendar, suitable for refrigerator hanging.

Religious School (Sundays)		Hebrew School (Wednesdays)	
04/04	NO Classes *	04/07	Classes Resume
04/11	Classes	04/14	Classes
04/18	Classes/Academy	04/21	Classes
	Cantor		
04/25	Classes	04/28	Classes
05/02	Classes	05/05	Classes
05/09	Classes	05/12	Classes
05/16	Outdoor Mitzvah Day	05/19	Classes
05/23	Classes	05/26	Classes
05/30	NO Classes**		
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Andrea Odintz Religious School Chairperson



### ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND **TBS Sisterhood's Virtual BINGO!**

All proceeds will be donated to Temple



Join Us: Wed. Evening, April 21, 2021 at 7:30 pm

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



Prizes Awarded To Winners



Please RSVP by Monday morning, 4/19/2 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 Natalie Strauss at 718 463 4143 OR Email: natalie@templebethsholom.org

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

Name\_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP** before Apr. 19, 2021

Number of Bingo Cards Wanted \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$



Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult Education

Throughout the pandemic, the sandwich generation has been clearly defined in our family. With caring for our parents and our children, Temple Beth Sholom and its events have been an outlet. From the healing services during the beginning of the week to the Shabbat services, we have found a place for meditation. Our family is grateful for everything that the committees have to offer.

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 and 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 some members can face isolation issues. "Concerts in Motion" is a nonprofit agency which provides a weekly variety of musical themed performances, free to adults 65 or older to help alleviate the feelings of isolation. Participants can sign up for as many concerts as they like. For each concert they choose, they will get an email invitation one hour before the concert starts; these invite emails contain the Zoom link and the musician info. Musical Themes include Jazz, Broadway, Jewish, and Holocaust survivor. You can read Concerts in Motion at their about website https://www.concertsinmotion.org/. If you would still like more information or have unanswered questions, you can call Drew Barnes at 212-498-9868 or contact him via email at drewbarnes@concertsinmotion.org. All of the weekly concerts are free and are held on Zoom, but for those who do not have internet access or own a Zoomcompatible device, they can also call in by phone to listen to the concert audio.

May you and your families 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 <u>robinl.myers@gmail.com</u>. Many thanks!

**Temple Beth Sholom Financial Committee** 

### Men's Club

Mitzvah Day is coming on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Men's Club is working on outdoor activities at an external site to be announced in the coming weeks.

Our East Coast-famous "Book Room" is evolving into more of a media forum. We welcome donations of books and media items (i.e., DVDs, video games, 33" and 45" records, and CDs). We are phasing out cassette tapes and VHS videotapes – these items take too much space and are not being purchased in numbers that justify their continued collection. 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



#### How Can I Contribute to TBS without Spending?

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!

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



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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

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

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### 🚵 Cantor's Corner

Checking back through my "archives", I found an article I had written in 2012 for my previous synagogue's bulletin. Since we're not yet able to safely travel on vacation, I thought I'd share a previous travel experience that was truly fascinating.

As he was loading my guitar into his cab, our driver Ollie asked what kind of music I play. We were heading back to the airport on Barbados to begin our journey home. "I'm a cantor in a synagogue back in New York." "Oh, you're Jewish," he said. "I used to drive a Jewish doctor to the synagogue we have in Bridgetown whenever he came here on vacation. Let me drive you by it on the way to the airport."

I couldn't believe my ears. Talk about the diaspora! Ollie told us about his old doctor friend, and how he used to go to Friday night services whenever he was on the island. Within a few minutes, Ollie pointed to his right. There stood a square, two story pink building along Synagogue Lane! Because we were on our way to the airport, and the synagogue appeared to be closed, we were not able to stop. But, a little "googling" provided some background.

Bet Knesset Nide Yisrael (The Nidhe Israel Synagogue-Synagogue of the Scattered of Israel) was built in 1654, was destroyed by a hurricane in 1831, was rebuilt, and fell into disrepair until sold in 1929. It is believed to be the oldest synagogue in the western hemisphere. In 1983, it was bought back by the Jewish community, and restored.

About 300 Jews of Recife, Brazil, persecuted by the Dutch, settled in Barbados in the 1660s. Skilled in the sugar industry, they quickly introduced the crop and passed on their skills in cultivation and production to the Barbados land owners. With their help, Barbados went on to become one of the world's major sugar producers.

According to legend, the name "Las Barbados", meaning "the bearded ones" in Portuguese, refers to a type of fig tree found on the island by explorers. There are those who believe the meaning is found elsewhere. According to Paul Altman, whose Jewish family has roots in Barbados, "if you check anywhere in Barbados, the only Portuguese names that are in Barbados, and the ones which are from the original settlement, are in this graveyard [referring to the small cemetery attached to the synagogue.]" His conclusion-"So I suggest that 'Las Barbados' really referred to those bearded Jewish settlers who came here..."

Outside are gothic arches. Pictures of the interior are enchanting, showing European old-style architecture. There is a raised bima in the center, and a balcony above. I wish I had had the opportunity to see the inside in person.

Zo and I loved Barbados. Well before we found out about the synagogue, I said that I would really like to come back and explore the island further (we were only there for a few days before beginning a cruise). But now, I know I have to return. I've got to go back and sing in that sanctuary, in that Synagogue of the Scattered of Israel (talk about an appropriate name). I can surely count on my friend Ollie to drive past Jew Street, and around the Montefiore drinking fountain, onto Synagogue Lane, to get me to Friday night services on time. Wow-a Jewish island!

With affection, Cantor Jerry Korobow

### Parents' Association

Greetings Everyone,

Spring is here! We definitely had a winter to remember this year. It has been lovely hearing the birds sing, ushering in the warmer weather.

We are working on two fundraisers between April and June. One will be at Pesso's Ices & Ice Cream and the other one will be a Virtual Paint event. Dates and details to follow on both!

Our next Zoom meeting is Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We will be holding elections at this meeting for President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in nominating yourself or a parent, please make sure and join us. We will send a Zoom invite as we get closer.

Best,

Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White PA Co-Presidents

### Pulpit & Ritual Committee

Have you wondered what happened to in-person Shabbat services in the sanctuary? They were put on hold for the winter months, pending the outcome of the COVID-19 virus situation.

During this time, Eric Lustig has been researching equipment and best ways to prepare the sanctuary so those at home can enjoy an incredible Zoom experience.

We have reached the point to start the wiring necessary, and then purchase the equipment using the funds provided by the Kupferberg Foundation for this purpose.

As soon as we are set, our doors will be open again for regular services, allowing for all kinks to be worked out in time for High Holiday services in September!

As a reminder: Please consider inviting family/friends to join our Friday night Shabbat services! Let the office know that you are sharing the link, or better yet, give the office their information. Natalie or Rita will have someone get the Zoom information to them.



### Temple Beth Sholom Presents



# When it Happens to You -Renee Katz Sings Jule Styne---Whose Musicals Include \*Peter Pan\*Funny Girl\*Gypsy\*Do Re Mi\*

Accompanied by Musical Director: John Cook and Director: Jeff Harnar Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm

\$20.00 per Zoom participant by computer or phone,

with the link available upon receipt of payment via check or credit card phoned in to the TBS office

*Yes!* We would love to partake in this performance!

Name:	Phone: ( )
Emaíl:	
Enclosed check for \$	covers \$20.00 per Zoom participant

### \*\*\*RSVP by Wednesday, Apríl 14, 2021\*\*\*

Call the Temple office with credit card information or make checks payable to Temple Beth Sholom and remit to:

Temple Beth Sholom 171-39 Northern Boulevard, Flushíng, NY 11358 Attn: Cabaret For more ínformatíon contact Temple offíce at 718 463 4143

### Scoop's Schmooze

While the connection between Temple Beth Sholom's Eric Bernstein and television personalities of the last millennium, Garry Moore, Steve Allen and Bill Cullen is minimal; at our Purim Ball, Eric joined the trio as hosts of the game, I've Got A Secret. And, while TBS' version of the game show varied from the one families watched on their Motorola; the honesty, intrigue, joy, and laughter that our Zoom production delivered were immeasurable and, following a year since we were last all together for the 2020 Purim Ball, were so deeply needed.

The endless efforts that Eric displayed, and that he and Barbara Gandelman made in preparation, were monumental. While our guests weren't notable like Boris Karloff, Ronald Reagan, Bobby Fischer, and Colonel Sanders, all of whom appeared on the television show, we discovered that many of our TBS Family had their own brushes with greatness---from Abba Eban and Margaret Thatcher to John Belushi, and Celine Dion to Doc Gooden, Edgardo Alfonzo, and Chris Matthews.

Aside from those impressive connections, we learned many more fun and interesting facts. Did you know that while in college, Michael Rosenberg volunteered for two summers in the Israeli Army; or that Temple Office Administrator, Natalie Strauss, can recite the Greek alphabet, and met the United Kingdom's Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher? Speaking of royalty, Adam Galchus was voted Hofstra University's Homecoming King. And, as Adam's entertainment talents are known, Gail Tishcoff revealed she spent a year in Maine as a mime and toured the New England vaudeville circuit. Along Gail's lines, surprisingly, my wife Renee's secret didn't involve music; but her story told how following a torrential rainstorm and flooding, she and her family canoed through the streets of Fresh Meadows transporting congregants to synagogue. Renee's wasn't the only marine related story - Geri Weiss once ate pizza on a nuclear submarine.

We know that Rabbi Ballan teaches, tutors, runs meaningful and thoughtful religious services, and is compassionate to the Temple Beth Sholom family. She is also the proud owner of an FCC Third Class Broadcast Engineer's License! Rabbi's secret wasn't the only media-related one. Lori Lustig was interviewed on national news by Chris Matthews, Erica Bernstein was a panelist on local news during O.J. Simpson's preliminary trial and Ronna Galchus has been a Court TV on-air analyst. Ronna's daughter, Mollie, had her own secret - being a credentialed media member for the New York Mets and interviewing Doc and Fonzie in 2013.

Like Mollie, my secret is, unsurprisingly, sports related. Any sports fan's staple is the hot dog. And at Boston's Hot Dog Safari, an annual charitable fundraising event, I lived my secret when, within four hours, I ate 23 hot dogs---and beans, chips, ice cream, and soda.

(continued next column)

And, shhhh---I've Got A Secret. We are working on a new and exciting fundraiser for next summer. No details yet – just...think hot dogs with mustard and sauerkraut!

Barry Packer 3rd Vice-President Ways and Means

### Paying by Credit Card?

Did you know that every time we process your credit card for payment of dues, Temple activities, prayer books, etc. Temple is charged a fee? Temple has been absorbing those fees and as a result, these charges add up significantly over the course of the year. The average fee levied is 3% of the total charge which is why so many establishments have begun charging a 3% convenience fee. Because we so appreciate your continued support, we have not begun charging such a fee. However, we are asking that you consider adding 3% to your payment, so that you are covering the fee and Temple receives the full amount of your anticipated payment. Thank you so much for your support!



Many thanks to Beth Dulberg for volunteering to help package food for our March 16<sup>th</sup> food pantry!

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

It's a great way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one!

Call the office for details

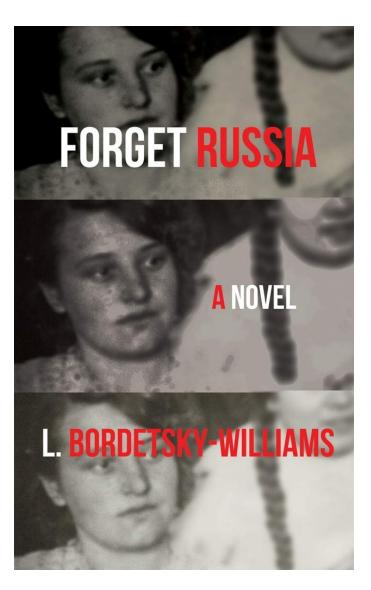
# TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: BOOK CLUB – Wednesday, May 26, 2021

# L. Bordetsky Williams will be present for Q&A!!!!

<u>"Foreget Russia"</u> By L. Bordestsky <u>Williams</u>

# <u>Date:</u> <u>Wednesday May 26, 2021</u> <u>Time: 730 PM</u>

# **Zoom Information to follow**



"Your problem is you have a Russian soul," Anna's mother tells her. In 1980, Anna is a naïve UConn senior studying abroad in Moscow at the height of the Cold War-and a second-generation Russian Jew raised on a calamitous family history of abandonment, Czarist-era pogroms, and Soviet-style terror. As Anna dodges date rapists, KGB agents, and smooth-talking black marketeers while navigating an alien culture for the first time, she must come to terms with the aspects of the past that haunt her own life. With its intricate insight into the everyday rhythms of an almost forgotten way of life in Brezhnev's Soviet Union, *Forget Russia* is a disquieting multi-generational epic about coming of age, forgotten history, and the loss of innocence in all of its forms.

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 **Amazon Smile** to make donations to Temple Beth Sholom!!!

### **☆UPCOMING** *YAHRZEITS April*, 2021 **☆**

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

**Doris Berlin Matilde Fuentes** Paul Gellerman

Herbert Kestin **Judy Myers** Israel Packer Max Stein

Warren Bellock Seymour Benstock Sally Berger **Mollie Gellerman** 

Adele Goldberg Elliot Goldman **Eleanor Graff** Dora Kupferberg Daniel Schecter

#### Week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

#### Week of April 9th

Mother of Deirdre Weliky **Mother of William Fuentes** Father of Alan Gellerman Grandfather of Oliver Gellerman Uncle of Karen Carroscio Mother of Ron Myers Grandfather of Barry Packer Grandfather of Karri Kaufman

### Week of April 16<sup>th</sup>

Husband of Rita Bellock **Brother of Glory Einbinder** Great aunt of Bruce Goldwasser Mother of Alan Gellerman Grandmother of Oliver Gellerman Aunt of Larry Gold Husband of Fran Goldman Mother of Linda M. Ramirez **Observed by Temple Brother of Stanley Schecter Uncle of Jennifer Schecter** 

### Week of April 23rd

Mildred Erlich Iean Selma Garv Abraham Kavadlo Solomon Liebrader Carol Lowenstein\*\* Abraham Steele Marvin Tishcoff

**Julie Weil Trudy Weissman** Freda Rachel Weiskopf

**Betty Arliss** 

**Morris Fischbach** Adele Levinsky Barbara Liebrader Max Opstbaum

\*\*Past President

Friend of Steve Levinsky Sister of Lillian Tandatnick Father of Joan Kavadlo Cohen Grandfather of Andrew Liebrader Observed by Temple Father of Ned Steele Husband of Herta Tishcoff Father of Gail Tishcoff Mother of Margot Anker Sister-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman Mother of Gloria Shapiro

### Week of April 30<sup>th</sup>

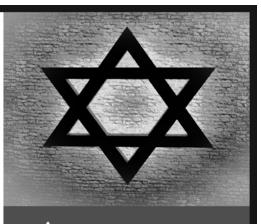
Mother of Brenda Gold Grandmother of Arlene Galub **Father of Mona Fabricant** Mother of Steve Levinsky Mother of Andrew Liebrader **Grandfather of Elaine Larkin** 

Volunteer to light the candles or do the Kiddush at Shabbat Services. Contact Geri Weiss at aeriweiss1@amail.com

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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



### **Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents**

# WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



### Joín us on Wednesday eveníng, Apríl 14th , 2021 7:30 pm vía Zoom TOPIC: What, ín the arts, has ímpacted me?

# 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

Sunday	<b>lyyar 5</b> Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	Shabbat Morning Service, Yiskor Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
4 *NO Religious School*	5	6 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	7 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom	8	9 Yom HaShoah/Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	10 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
11 Adult Education – Long Term Care 10:00 am via Zoom Religious School 10:30 OR 11:00 am via Zoom	12 Board Meeting 8:00 pm via Zoom	13 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	14 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom	15	16 Family Simchat Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	1: Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom Renee Katz sings Jule Styne 7:30 pm via Zoom
18 Parents' Association 10:00 am via Zoom Religious School/Academy 10:30 OR 11:00 am via Zoom Men's Club 11:00 am via Zoom	19 Pulpit & Ritual 7:30 pm via Zoom	20 Zoom Schmooze 2:00 – 3:00 pm Healing/Meditative Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	21 Hebrew School 4:30 OR 5:15 pm via Zoom Virtual Bingo via Zoom	22	23 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	2 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
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Deadline for the May Bulletin is April 15<sup>th</sup>!

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

The April Simchat Shabbat Service will be on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm when we will be celebrating the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of April!!



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