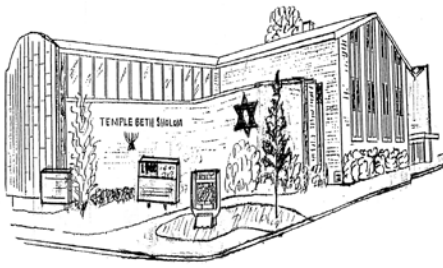


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, MAY 2

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5
(NOTE NEW DATE)

MITZVAH DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 16

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP
SUNDAY, MAY 30

RUMMAGE SALE
MONDAY, MAY 31

NEXT MONTH:

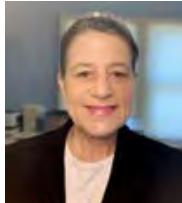
**PA PESSO'S ICES & ICE CREAM
FUNDRAISER**
THURSDAY, JUNE 3

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
FRIDAY, JUNE 11

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSING
EXERCISES**
SUNDAY, JUNE 13

VIRTUAL BINGO
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23



From the Rabbi's desk

We made it through another year, and we are now in the period of the Omer, which began the second night of Passover and continues until 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, and continued for seven weeks, until the 50th day, Shavuot. Shavuot is the plural of shavua, literally meaning 'weeks.' The holiday of Shavuot celebrates Israel's receiving the Torah at Sinai.

This year, Shavuot falls on the evening of May 16th. We are going to celebrate a little early this year with Mitzvah Day, Sunday morning, May 16th. I am excited, because the Religious School students will be meeting in person—the first time in more than a year! The event is open to everyone and will be outdoors. The students will help beautify the outside of Temple Beth Shalom by planting flowers, and will be raising money with their walkathon. We are also holding a food and toy drive. Please bring non-perishable (and non-expired) food and toiletries to Temple and/or an unwrapped children's toy. The food will be donated to Commonpoint Queens (formerly the Samuel Field Y), and the toys will be donated to The River Fund.

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There are many other ways you can participate in doing a mitzvah—Donate blood or help with the Blood Drive (May 2nd); volunteer to be a member of our Caring Committee or our Social Action Committee. Another way is to actually study Torah; I encourage you to try our weekly Shabbat Torah study group. No experience with Hebrew or Torah study is necessary; just come ready to ask questions and learn with us!

Shalom uvracha,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan



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

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

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

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

natalie@templebethsholom.org



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

Worship Schedule

<i>Saturday, May 1st:</i>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am
<i>Friday, May 7th:</i>	Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Behar-Bechukotai Candle Lighting: <i>Elana White</i> Kiddush: <i>Walter Costanza</i>
<i>Saturday, May 8th:</i>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am
<i>Friday, May 14th:</i>	Parents' Association/ Family/ Simchat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: B' midbar Candle Lighting: <i>The Larkin Family</i> Kiddush: <i>The Susman Family</i>
<i>Saturday, May 15th:</i>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am
<i>Sunday, May 16th:</i>	Shavuot/Yiskor Service 7:30 pm
<i>Friday, May 21st:</i>	Sabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Naso Candle Lighting: <i>Aviva Kaufman</i> Kiddush: <i>Joel Kaufman</i>
<i>Saturday, May 22nd:</i>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am
<i>Friday, May 28th:</i>	Shared Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Torah Portion: Behaalotcha Candle Lighting: <i>Andrea Odintz</i> Kiddush: <i>Michael Rosenberg</i>
<i>Saturday, May 29th:</i>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 am

This issue of The Voice is in memory of Irwin L. Weiss sponsored by his children and grandchildren.

From The President

To My Temple Family,

Last night I went to a Mets Game, and they won!!! Good things are happening. Many of us are double vaccinated so there is definitely some light at the end of the tunnel. As difficult as this year has been, we have managed to get through it with minimal illness amongst our Temple family. We are on the road to recovery and I can definitely see us having in-person services for the High Holidays, if not before!

Our Adult Education Programs during the month of April were incredible. Thank you to Ilyne Rabinowitz and Mollie Galchus - and to Eric Bernstein for putting them together. If you have any ideas for any programs, please let Eric know!

There is so much going on at Temple. Please read the email blasts AND The Voice. Even though the events are not being held in the building, you can still feel a part of the family by attending as these events do bring our Temple family together.

As I continue to say, please be kind to one another. Stay safe and healthy! We are all in this together. I firmly believe there is a power in positive thinking and positive vibes go a long way in keeping one's mental health strong.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Your President,
Joy A. Bobrow



Many thanks to Al Eckman, Louis Fevola and Eric Lustig for their efforts in upgrading the wiring that will enable us to enhance our "Zoomability" with our new equipment!

Special thanks to Louis Fevola for his additional time and effort working on the interior and exterior parts of the building that were so in need of his attention and expertise!

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of April 22nd, 2021

PULPIT FLOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
MOLLIE MEYER TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL FUND	Diane Shtulman 718-224-3875
CULINARY FUND.....	Iris Bass 718-224-3009
JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND.....	TBS Office 718-463-4143
LT. MARVIN S. ACKERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
JEWISH START	TBS Office 718-463-4143
GENERAL FUND.....	TBS Office 718-463-4143
<i>Fran Goldman – to help where it’s needed most!</i>	
<i>Carol Hofer</i>	
<i>Rita Bellock in loving memory of her husband Warren</i>	
TORAH FUND.	TBS Office 718-463-4143
RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
<i>Jerry Maurer</i>	
<i>Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!</i>	
<i>Robin & Ron Myers</i>	
MEN’S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND.....	Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894
MUSIC FUND.....	Cantor Korobow 718-463-4143
<i>David Weiss to help Temple upgrade equipment to improve Zoom quality!</i>	
BUILDING FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
<i>Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!</i>	
<i>Michelle & Jack Attar</i>	
COOLING TOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143

Thank you for contributing to TBS Funds!

Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, May 14th,

May Birthdays



Seth Bernstein
Jeff Bonne
Rebecca Bunkin
Joseph Dulberg
Adam Fertig

Steven Fishman
Veronica Flug
Margot Gellerman
Laura Goldsmith
Mitchell Horowitz

Gerald Maurer
Gail Olenick
Brett Reichler
Gloria Shapiro
Ned Steele



May Anniversaries



Edward & Karen Carroscio
Jay & Sharon Haimer
Neal & Lori Kwait
Donald LaRosa & Carol Stern-LaRosa
Barry Packer & Renee Katz-Packer
Al Eckman & Ilyne Rabinowitz
Eric & Stephanie Rosenberg
Raymond & Elana White



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April Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 12th, 2021 via videoconferencing (Zoom) due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Joy Bobrow reported her hopes that we may be able to have in-person services for the High Holidays or before. She reported on progress regarding the PPP loan. Eric Lustig and Louis Fevola will begin to install wiring to improve videoconferencing for Zoom services. She thanked Ilyne Rabinowitz for her presentation at Adult Education and to Eric Bernstein for moderating it. March minutes were accepted with corrections. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported membership is currently 113 member units and said dues statements will be sent by month's end to anyone who still has an outstanding balance, unless a payment plan is in place.

The March financial report will be reviewed next month.

Rabbi Ballan reported on recent and upcoming services and on Religious School events, Saturday morning Torah study, and on all the other activities and services TBS is providing via Zoom. Cantor Korobow agreed with Rabbi.

Parents' Association Co-President Elana White reported on upcoming fundraiser at Pessó's Ices & Ice Cream on June 3rd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. PA will host Family service on May 14th. New president(s) will be formally elected this Sunday, April 18th.

Andrea Odintz, Religious School Board Committee Chair, reported on moving the date of Mitzvah Day to May 16th and planned activities for that. Closing Exercises will be outdoors on June 13th (weather permitting).

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported on upcoming events: Bingo game on April 21st, Book Club on May 26th reading *Forget Russia* by L.B. Williams – with the author present. Rummage sale will be on Monday, Memorial Day May 31st. Women's Discussion Group will be held on April 14th, facilitated by Deirdre Weliky.

President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported the Queens Oratorio Society is interested in returning to the building.

Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported the first phase of a required Triennial Report on the condition of the main boiler is completed with the heating and plumbing section pending.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported on upcoming Mitzvah Day activities and on the "Book Room." Hopefully with more COVID vaccines, they plan for the return of monthly bowling by the summer.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported things have been quiet this month.

President Bobrow reported the next Food Pantry is scheduled for April 20th and if anyone is aware of someone who is food-insecure they can be directed to it.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee, reported on the blanket and sock drive in March and that the blankets will be delivered to a Women's Shelter and the socks to Street Life Ministries. That committee is in need of additional members.

Gail Tishcoff reported the next Blood Drive will be on May 2nd from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in the ballroom.

Barry Packer, Ways and Means, reported on the success of the recent "Pizza Before Pesach" event and on the upcoming (virtual) Zoom cabaret living room concert with Renee Katz with piano accompaniment by John Cook which is scheduled for Saturday April 17th. There will be a \$20.00 admission donation in order to get the Zoom link.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, thanked Ilyne Rabinowitz and Ed Friedman (Stay-At-Home Solutions) for their lecture on Community Healthcare needs. Mollie Galchus will discuss the "Great American Songbook" and the composers, artists, and Jewish aspects of the collection on April 25th.

Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, briefly discussed the future of Bazaar.

Geri Weiss thanked all for participating in Passover Chocolate sales and said it raised \$235.00 for the Religious School.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary



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Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP FIESTA



Join us on

Wednesday evening, May 5th, 2021

7:30 pm via Zoom

TOPIC: We will let it go with the flow!

BYO - margaritas, tequila, cerveza, guacamole & chips/salsa, or tacos!

Phone in: 646 558 8656 * Meeting ID: 850 3327 1193 * Passcode: 074790
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85033271193?pwd=NE9qcHk5K202aEl0NIZJcGRteTJ1dz09>

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

The flowers are blooming and the weather is beautiful. Although we are still conducting our services and events on Zoom, we are looking forward to the time that we will have in-person events.

Speaking of in-person events, we will be holding our Memorial Day Rummage Sale. This event will be physically distanced and will have all necessary protocols in place. The setup will take place on Sunday, May 30th and the sale will be held on Monday, May 31st from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office. We are always grateful for any time that you can donate, but this year will be even more crucial as we need people to help to ensure that the protocols are being followed.

The next book club will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 7:30 pm. We will be reading *Forget Russia* by L. Boretzky-Williams. The author will be joining us for questions and answers. Thank you to Gail Tishcoff for arranging this for Sisterhood.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, please send them to Geri Weiss. Our new year will start as of June 1.

Virtual Bingo has been a great success. The next Bingo will be on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:30 pm. The Women's Discussion group will meet on May 5th at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Deirdre for making sure that this event has remained a part of our activities.

Please check *The Voice* and your emails for any other details.

Enjoy the spring weather!

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President

MEMORIAL DAY RUMMAGE SALE IS ON!

Set up on
Sunday, May 30th
and Sale on
Monday, May 31st

Volunteers needed - let the office know you are available to help!



Religious School News

Thank you to all the families who have made the past two Shared Shabbat services with Karen Feit on Zoom a success. An improvement we have made is to seek commitments of attendance so we can offer specific readings to students in advance. Everyone wins this way; the kids know what is expected, and no time is spent waiting for volunteers during the service. Please plan to join the next Shared Shabbat on May 28th, and you can see for yourselves how much our children have learned and are capable of when participating in a service!

While Zoom has been great to keep learning and observing and stay connected during this pandemic, the shared experience of in-person gatherings has not been forgotten. With spring here and the weather getting warmer—as well as more adult members getting vaccinated—the Religious School Board is planning an outdoor (weather permitting), in-person Mitzvah Day in lieu of Zoom classes on Sunday morning, May 16th. If the weather is rainy, we will spread out in the ballroom with the room's new windows open.

Either way, we are seeking donations for a Food Drive and a Toy Drive. Food can be canned, boxed or otherwise store-packaged; they must be sealed and not beyond expiration dates. Toys must be new and sealed as well. The students will be invited to plant flowers near the TBS entrance to beautify our surroundings as we return in person for increasingly more events. We will also hold our "walk-a-thon" fundraiser, walking around our building – more than once for those who are able – as we remember Temple congregants who are no longer with us. All in all, it's a day of altruistic good deeds, which is perhaps the most important lesson we can teach our children.

With the exceptions of Mitzvah Day and Closing Exercises on Sunday, June 13th classes will continue on Zoom for the remainder of our school year. Here is the upcoming class calendar for your fridge:

Religious School (Sundays)		Hebrew School (Wednesdays)	
05/02	Classes/Academy	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*	06/02	Classes
06/06	Classes	06/09	Classes
06/13	Outdoor Closing Exercises		

* Memorial Day Weekend

Andrea Odintz
Religious School Chairperson

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Adult Education

Thank you to Ilyne Rabinowitz and Ed Friedman on the Adult Education lecture explaining eldercare planning recommendations and Medicare and Medicaid. Thank you to all the attendees for their insightful questions.

On Sunday, April 25th at 10:00 am, Temple Member and "The Waffles" artist Mollie Galchus discussed the "Great American Songbook" and the composers, artists, and Jewish aspects of the collection. Thank you Mollie!

May you and your families continue to stay healthy during this pandemic.

Thank you,
Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chair



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. Typing in the following 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!

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

Men's Club

Have you gotten vaxxed? Men's Club urges all temple members over the age of 16 to visit the state vaccination location finder and schedule your COVID-19 vaccination appointment. You're not doing it just for yourself; you're doing it for family, friends, and your community. By the way, this will also allow Men's Club to bring back its monthly bowling by summer.

Mitzvah Day is coming on Sunday, May 16. Hebrew School students will do socially distanced planting around the perimeter of the building.

Our East Coast-famous "Book Room" has evolved 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.

Stay healthy and wear a mask!

Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President



Parents' Association

Who is ready for summer? The real question is who *isn't* ready for summer?! Things are getting back to a new kind of normal and the change of season is such a blessing. The beautiful cherry blossom trees are in full bloom.

We will have a fundraiser at Pessu's Ices & Ice Cream on Thursday, June 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm. They are located at 203-20 35th Avenue, Bayside, NY 11361. Thank you in advance for supporting us. If you need a good reason to eat ice cream, then this is it!

We will be hosting the Shabbat Service on May 14th at 7:30 pm. We look forward to many families participating in this once-a-year opportunity!

We are so proud to announce that our new Co-Presidents are Elaine Larkin and Erica Bernstein. Andrea Odintz is the new Secretary and Eric Bernstein is our new treasurer!

Our next Zoom meeting is Sunday May 23rd at 10:00 am. We will send a Zoom invite as we get closer.

Best,

Stephanie Rosenberg & Elana White
PA Co-Presidents

If you would prefer to receive *The Voice* digitally, just send Natalie (natalie@templebethsholom.org) an email and she will remove you from the snail mail list!





Temple Beth Sholom Religious School Celebrating

Mitzvah Day
Sunday, May 16, 2021
from 10:30AM – 12 Noon

The following are the events that will be going on for 2021 TBS Mitzvah Day:

outdoors and in person

Walk-A-Thon will be held in memory of **Sadie Adler, Bernice Berman, Margot Gold, Lore Kaplan, Meyer Marks and Irwin Weiss**. In the spirit of their devotion to TBS, we would like our members to sponsor one child or an entire class to walk in the Walk-A-Thon. What better way to honor them and their commitment to TBS than to support the Temple they so dearly cared for? See tear-off portion below for more details.



We are also taking donations for the Food Drive (in conjunction with Commonpoint Queens) and the Toy Drive (for The River Fund).

Please note only new and sealed toys — and the same for packaged food!

Also, nothing beyond the expiration date. There will be boxes in the TBS

lobby to drop off donations from **Monday, May 10th** through **Friday, May 21st**, during regular operating hours (with the exception of Saturday, **May 15th** when the **building is closed**.)



The TBS Religious School will be planting flowers. (Please wear appropriate clothing.)

Thanks to Sam Rosenberg and Superior Florists. This event is in honor of Elliot Goldman.

Temple Beth Sholom

Walk-A-Thon Sponsorship Form

Our Walk-A-Thon is a fun activity for students and a way for them to do something special for their school. We thank you for showing our students the importance of tzedakah. You can help by sponsoring a specific student, sponsoring a class, or making a donation. If you wish to donate to TBS Religious School and not a specific child or class please indicate below. Children should be wearing comfortable attire for this event.

Please fill out the table below, indicating which you are choosing.

Name of Sponsor	Address, phone, and email	Choice A: Child(ren) being sponsored	Choice B: Class(es) being sponsored	Choice C: Donation	Choice D: TBS Religious School	Amount sponsored
		1.	1.			1.
		2.	2.			2.
		3.	3.			3.
		4.	4.			4.
		5.	5.			5.

Total _____

This walk-a-thon is in memory of _____ .

Thank you for honoring them and their commitment to Temple Beth Sholom.

Please return this form by day of the event.



Cantor's Corner

You all know how involved I am in making music. For many years, I've been heavily into what is now called roots music. In rough terms, that can cover folk, blues, bluegrass, country, old-timey, rockabilly, early rock, maritime (sea chanteys, etc.), some jazz, klezmer, and gospel, to name just a few. What I've always loved about these traditional forms of music is that they are essentially "homemade." Largely unschooled, non-professional music makers developed these types of music to entertain, console and engage themselves, and those around them.

Over the course of the last five decades, I've always continued to play this sort of music regardless of my other involvements (work, family, school). The music has been, and is, endlessly rewarding. In recent years, there hasn't been much traditional music to be found on Long Island, so almost 10 years ago, I started venturing back into New York City (primarily Manhattan and Brooklyn) to get my "fix."

There is a tremendous number of things going on in Brooklyn-young bluegrass musicians, some excellent old-timey players, and of course, a lot of alternative sorts of rock and roll. A substantial number of venues feature live music.

In Manhattan, I hooked up again after many years with members of the Pinewoods/NY Folk Music Society. These are folks who have long been very devoted to traditional folk music forms. What struck me was how much older the group (and I) had become. No new, young members? Very, very few it seemed. Someone in the group invited me to an event on a Sunday evening on Manhattan's lower east side, "Exceedingly Good Song Night." Of course, the name intrigued me, and I had no choice but to go.

I arrived at 7:00 pm on the appointed Sunday at a real dive bar at the corner of Avenue C and 9th Street (not a neighborhood I would have ventured into in the 1960s). Pretty soon, dozens of people were crowded into the tiny room. Running the event was a young man named Ken Schatz, an actor, acting teacher/coach, and excellent traditional singer. It turned out to be a fascinating evening, with many songs in many styles being sung. Most of the singers brought no accompaniment, so I spent much of my time providing backup (something I really love to do). The venues changed over time, but the event continued.

"Exceedingly Good Song Night" occurs once each month, and I've gone out of my way to make it to many of them over the years. And now, due to COVID, the event has been happening via Zoom. I really like Ken and the other older "folkies" who often make it to the event. But the real reason I'm taken by this gathering is that Ken has many young acting students (largely college age and over) who have regularly made this a part of their monthly schedule. And, what's happening is that THEY ARE BEING EXPOSED TO AND LEARNING THE OLD SONGS! It's a fantastic thing. They're hearing material that many have never heard before.

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Then they're doing the research not only to learn these old tunes, but also to find out where they come from, what they mean, and to whom they were important and meant something.

So, largely because of Ken's infectious enthusiasm and rather extensive sphere of influence, along with some pretty good music making by some of us "old folkies," these "kids" are picking up the ball and running with it. Maybe roots music does have a future. So, what is the lesson for the day?

Who is within your sphere of influence? Who wants to know what you're into, what makes you happy, and what turns you on? What am I talking about? Why, now I'm talking about Temple Beth Sholom. In order to get excited about our wonderful congregation, folks have to know that we exist, what we do, and what we have to offer.

Do you know someone who's just moved into the area? Do you have friends who are unaffiliated, who are unhappy where they currently belong, or are just curious? Share the wealth that is Temple Beth Sholom. It would be great to get in lots of young people like at the folk music night I mentioned. But it would also be wonderful to bring people back to temple life, affiliation, and Jewish connection. Just like with roots music, for our "roots" to survive, they must be nourished, watered, and nurtured. We hope that the Tree of Life that is Torah and Jewish congregational life in general will be here long after we are gone. Our congregational roots are, in the truest sense, "homemade." Someone will have to tend to them. Let's start recruiting those future "old timers" now.

Kein y'hi ratzon-May it be God's will

Cantor Jerry Korobow

Pulpit & Ritual Committee

What?
Time to Think
About
Summer Services?



As we welcome spring, the Pulpit & Ritual Committee's thoughts turn to welcoming summer service leaders. Every Friday night in July & August, we celebrate Shabbat with different TBS members leading the service. Zooming will be available, and hopefully we may have in-building, or outside services. A detailed letter of instructions is available, as well as the ability to confer with the Rabbi.

Please check your calendars and respond quickly! Thank you for reserving the following dates: Charlene Metz and Robin Myers for July 16th, the Bernstein family for July 30th, and Deirdre Weliky for August 13th Shabbat services.

Scoop's Schmooze

The date was March 28th. It was a shmeary and drizzly Sunday afternoon. Yet, in my eyes, the sun shone brightly, as I sat in station number two at Northwell Health's vaccination site at 1111 Marcus Avenue. I told Katherine, the RN who administered my first COVID-19 inoculation that never before had I looked forward to getting a shot. I shared with her that it had been over a year since I had seen my family; and I was eagerly anticipating being able to go to Massachusetts. She then chimed in that she has relatives in Lawrence-a blue-collar town about a half hour north of Boston. To those who know me, there is no surprise that I held a conversation with a total stranger. Yet, through this last year, for obvious reasons, those occasions have been far too few, and with immense gaps in between.

However, while not many people get overly excited for any sort of medical procedure, what did emanate from my 30-minute visit was, as our President, Joy Bobrow, has often said during the last few months; that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Or as the phrase from Alexander Pope's 1732 poem, An Essay on Man, goes, "Hope Springs Eternal," which is interpreted as, no matter how dire the odds, people will always hope for the best.

For when I transpose those three words, I arrive at "Spring's Eternal Hope." What we now see, as things have started to move forward in a similar way that spring flowers bloom, there is forever hope. There is that eternal belief that says we have made it through some of the worst times, and now we are all hoping for the best.

The best is what we've gotten over the last few months, and into the spring, from our culinary friends. While the Chicken Soup Cook-Off was on a hiatus, we have still been involved with Hal from Ben's Kosher Deli, Milton from A&A Gourmet Caterers and Vinny from Cascarino's; all who have been so thoughtful and generous in our pick-up dinner events, including for Shabbat Across America and our newly found Pizza Before Pesach, where all three have donated a percentage of the proceeds back to Temple Beth Sholom.

And, what goes better with food than entertainment? The show, When It Happens To You---Renee Katz Sings Jule Styne, through the courtesy of Zoom and selfless TBS teamwork, went from our living room to computers across the country; from Queens, Manhattan and Long Island to Las Vegas, Florida and Boston.

This all is a big part of what brings on Spring's Eternal Hope; and could actually be summed up with the titles of a few of Jule Styne's songs-Just In Time, It's Magic, I Don't Want To Walk Without You, and two that are what our Temple Beth Sholom Family is all about; People and Together. Hope does spring eternal.

Barry Packer
3rd Vice-President
Ways and Means Chairman

More from the Pulpit & Ritual Committee

We are planning to hold in-person services for the 5782 High Holy Days, beginning on Monday, Sept. 6, 2021. All services will continue to be available through Zoom.

In order to properly plan, we would like to know whether you would attend in person. Please consider this and let us know now if it is a Yes, or a No! This is for pre-planning purposes.

Respond to natalie@templebethsholom.org, geriweiss1@gmail.com, or phone the Temple office at 718-463-4143.

We thank you for your attention to this, and are looking forward to the return to services and events at TBS.

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. We appreciate that so many members have already agreed to include the fee in their payments!

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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!

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Week of May 7th

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Sherry Tove
Irwin Weiss

Father of Walter Costanza
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Father of Geri Weiss

Week of May 21st

Menaham Ain
Sarah Frank
Kenneth Friedman
Phyllis Karp
Rose Lending

Uncle of Bruce Goldwasser
Mother of Miriam Scharf
Father of Karri Kaufman
Sister of Betty Zimmermann
Grandmother of Ronald Myers

Week of May 14th

Louis Jack Ackerman
Iris Bobrow Davidson
Erwyn Glanz
Benjamin Goldberg

Grandfather of Jason Ehrlich
Sister of Joy A. Bobrow
Father of Robin Myers
Father of Ruth Dorfman
Grandfather of Eliot Dorfman
Father of Isidore Katz
Grandfather of Renee Katz-Packer
Sister of Isidore Katz
Brother of Isidore Katz
Mother of Isidore Katz
Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer
Brother of Isidore Katz
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Grandfather of Ronald Myers
Father of Ronald Myers
Friend of Bruce Goldwasser
Mother-in-law of Miriam Scharf

Avrom Katz

Chava Katz
Martin Katz
Rivka Katz

Tibor Katz
Charles Kupferberg
Ruth Myers
Israel Myers
Stanley Myers
Lois Perper
Celia Scharf

Week of May 28th

Harry Greenberg
Gertrude Hershkowitz
Judith Mendelson
Sadie Ostrofsky
Elaine Pam
Harry Rice
Albert Robbins
Heather Rosenberg
Fequire Severin
Max Shapiro
Regina Weinberger

Father of Robbie Schecter
Mother of Rochelle Sarrantonio
Grandmother of Eric Bernstein
Mother of Lillian Tandatnick
Grandmother of Elaine Larkin
Father-in-law of Gerald Maurer
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Mother of Michael Rosenberg
Uncle of Dr. Richard Severin
Father-in-law of Gloria Shapiro
Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer

Week of June 4th

Kalman Bamberger
Alfred Bruckner

Dave Daitch
Ida Einbinder
Ruth Gallner
Wallace Malcolm Germain
Solomon Boris Goodman
Estelle Liebrader
Hannah Muriel Marcus
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Father of Iris Bass
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L. Bordetsky Williams will be present for Q&A!!!!

"Forget Russia"
By L. Bordetsky
Williams

Date:

Wednesday May 26, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Zoom information to follow



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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 Shalom!!!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>30</p> <p>*NO Religious School*</p> <p>Rummage Set-up 10:30 am</p>	<p>31</p> <p>*Office Closed*</p> <p>Rummage Sale 9:30 am – 4:00 pm</p>					

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Friday, May 14th, at
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and anniversaries for the
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