

The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
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BOWLING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

SUPER BOWL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NEXT MONTH:

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

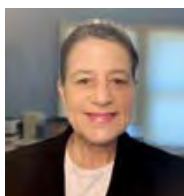
BOWLING
THURSDAY, MARCH 3

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA
FRIDAY, MARCH 4

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/
FAMILY EDUCATION/
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENT**
SUNDAY, MARCH 13

PA PURIM EVENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 13
(PURIM IS MARCH 17)

**TANGO SHALOM
MOVIE DISCUSSION EVENT**
SUNDAY, MARCH 20



From the Rabbi's desk

“Be Happy, It’s Adar I!”

This winter has been a difficult one. Between the weather and COVID, January was spent mostly on Zoom. But we had some really good attendance and fun as we held our 2nd annual Tu Bishvat Service and Seder on Zoom. Now, it’s on to the next holiday, Purim. Normally it falls just four weeks after Tu Bishvat, on the 14th of Adar. This year however, is a little different, as it is a leap year. Since the Jewish months are directly related to the cycle of moon’s orbit around the earth, we would lose 11 days a year. Before long, we would be celebrating Passover in December and Chanukah in the summer, which we can’t do because we learn in the Torah (Ex. 23:15) “You shall observe the Feast of Matzot...at the set time in the month of Abib” (literally “Spring”). Seven times within a 19 year cycle we add an entire month to the calendar, which works out to every two to three years or so. This extra month becomes Adar II, the 13th month on the calendar. Adar I begins on February 2nd, (Ground Hog Day)! Purim will be celebrated in Adar II, which will fall on the evening of March 16th. Essentially there are no Jewish holidays in Adar I except for “Purim Katan” or “Little Purim” on the 14th of the month. In traditional circles, prayers of supplication (tachanun) are not read and fasting and eulogies are prohibited. That’s about it.

There are a few explanations as to why we celebrate Purim in Adar II, at the end of our calendar cycle. One is that our sages wanted to keep the time period between Passover and Purim the same—linking the redemption of Esther with the redemption of the children of Israel at the Sea of Reeds. Another comes from a *midrash* found in the Talmud [Shabbat 88a]: “*And they stood under [at the foot] of the mountain*” (Ex. 19:17). R. Avdimi bar Hama said: *This teaches that the Holy One suspended the mountain upon them, like an inverted vat, and said to them: If you accept the Torah it is well; if not your burial will be right here.* R. Ahah bar Jacob said: *This story would justify a claim that Israel accepted the Torah under duress [thus nullifying the covenant with God]! Rava said: Nevertheless, the people of Israel freely accepted the Torah in the days of king Ahaseurus, as it is written: “The Jews established and accepted” (Esther 9:27), meaning they established in their time what they had accepted at Sinai.*

We come full circle from the first month (Nissan) and Passover, to the last month and the celebration of Purim. An extra month in the calendar, gives us an extra month to prepare. Please let me know if you would like to participate in reading the from the Megillah.

Last year we heard many of you chant and I’d like to hear from even more of you! Send me an e-mail and I will send you a line or two and the sound files so you can practice.

Shalom U’vracha,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan

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Please see Friday "Rabbi's Message" emails for last minute winter Shabbat Service weather related updates!!

All services are now scheduled to be hybrid; in-person and Zoomed, unless otherwise indicated below. Saturday Torah Study/Morning Shabbat Services will be Zoomed until further notice. Shabbat honors can be performed via Zoom.

Worship Schedule

Friday, February 4th: Shared Simchat Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**
ZOOM ONLY Torah Portion: Teruma
Candles: Sharon Haimer
Kiddush: Deirdre Weliky
Sponsored by Deirdre Weliky to celebrate February birthdays and anniversaries

Saturday, February 5th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 11th: Shabbat Evening Service
Torah Portion: Tetzaveh
Candles: Maxine Simon
Kiddush: Charlene Metz

Saturday, February 12th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 18th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
ZOOM ONLY Torah Portion: Ki Tisa
Candles: Pamela Weston Abrams
Kiddush: Robert Abrams
Sponsored by Robert and Pamela Weston Abrams in loving memory of their grandfather, Martyn Weston

Saturday, February 19th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 25th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Shabbat Shekalim
Candles: Bonnie Wilichinsky
Kiddush: Larry Gold

Saturday, February 26th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Please join us after in-person services for a coffee/tea Oneg Shabbat along with pre-packaged delicacies!

שבת שלום

From The President

To My Temple Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for the next two years. While my first term has been nothing short of a challenge, through the support of our Temple family I believe we have managed to be stronger and as vibrant as we have ever been. To our elected officers, new Board members, and to those of you who are continuing your terms, thank you. I still firmly believe that what we have been doing at Temple is so vital because we serve such an important function in this community. The life cycle events for which we are available is so very necessary. We just need to get that message out there. Many challenges still lie ahead of us, but I know if we continue to work together we will overcome them as we have so many talented and hardworking members with great ideas. While we may not always agree on the path that we should take, the bottom line is that if we are respectful towards one another and work towards our common goal of strengthening Temple, and know that we are in this together for the betterment of Temple, we will persevere. As a former president of Temple Beth Sholom once said "We want a stronger Temple Beth Sholom that will not only be here for us but for our future generations".

Again, I want to thank everyone for all of that they are doing and continue to do for Temple so that we keep on keeping on. Remember to please be kind to one another and stay positive.

Your President
Joy A. Bobrow



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 you may contact her directly via email at:

robinl.myers@gmail.com

Many thanks!

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of January 24, 2021

PULPIT FLOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
CULINARY FUND	Iris Bass 718-224-3009
JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
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JEWISH START	TBS Office 718-463-4143
GENERAL FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143

Alan Fingerman in memory of Arlene Cavallo
Eva Heisler in honor of granddaughter Melanee's January birthday
Gloria Shapiro with deep condolences to the Gandelman family on the loss of Arlene Cavallo
Natalie in memory of Arlene Cavallo
Diane Shtulman in memory of Arlene Cavallo
Diane Shtulman ibn loving memory of her father Albert Yohay
Gerl Weiss and David Chenkin in memory of Arlene Cavallo
Deirdre Weliky in memory of Arlene Cavallo

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
<i>Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!</i>	
MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND	Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894
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BUILDING FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143
<i>Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!</i>	
COOLING TOWER FUND	TBS Office 718-463-4143

	The Temple Beth Sholom Family Wishes a Very Happy Belated 100 th birthday to longtime member Elaine S. Trachter	
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Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, February 4th, 2022

February Birthdays

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



February Anniversaries

- Herbert & Margot Anker
 Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: March/April 2022

If you wish to send a greeting to anyone on this list, please check the name(s) and return this list with your check (\$.50 per name - made out to SISTERHOOD, Temple Beth Sholom by **February 15th, 2022**). You can pay for the remaining ten months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.



April Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

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

March Birthdays

Barbara Gandelman	3/01__
Oliver Gellerman	3/01__
Jean Reichler	3/10__
Fran Goldman	3/11__
Susan Ecker	3/13__
Norma Benvenuto	3/14__
Joseph deLeon	3/17__
Erica Bernstein	3/20__
Lillian Tandatnick	3/21__
Robin Myers	3/23__
Michael Gross	3/25__
Leza Lerea	3/26__
Cindy Weiss	3/27__



April Anniversaries

Mark & Kathleen Flug	4/17__
Adam & Stacy Fertig	4/21__

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____



Cantor's Corner



My dear friends, I hope you're all staying nice and warm. As I'm writing this column, it's less than 20 degrees outside, and the wind is blowing. It is most definitely winter time here in the New York metropolitan area.

Many of us, especially our older folks, tend to hunker down in the winter time. The temperature, snow, ice and general dreariness can certainly be off putting. But, since the advent of COVID, things seem to have gotten that much worse.

I was having a conversation with a woman at work yesterday. She and her teenage daughter recently recovered from COVID. She has her elderly mother living with her and her husband, and her mom had a minor stroke just a few months before she and her daughter got sick. The mom also suffers from arthritis. And the mom, like the daughter, is originally from Iraq.

Tough circumstances, to say the least. But what is tougher for my work friend is the fact that her mom is basically not eating. Apparently, she was always a picky eater, and rather health conscious. Now, a few bites, and that's it. She feels nauseous, or disinterested, or who knows what.

Is the mother ill? Is she depressed? It's very hard to say. Does she have friends? She used to be in touch with a few women, and they sometimes went out to dinner, but now....I suggested that my friend call her mother's doctor, and see what he might suggest to stimulate her mother's appetite. Also, might there be anything available to enhance her mood?

We're now drifting into our third year of the pandemic. I'm sure none of us imagined that things would play out as they have. Yet, I consider myself one of the very lucky ones. So far, none of my family members have gotten sick. I've been able to continue working both as an attorney and a cantor. Zo and I have gotten to visit with our children and grandchildren. We're in touch with our friends. So far, so good.

But others, like my work friend's mom, are perhaps not so lucky. She needs contact, she needs stimulation, and she needs some sort of activity. My friend is trying, but she also has a husband, children, and work obligations.

I usually try and write something light or funny or interesting in my columns. Somehow, I just didn't feel that way after my conversation with my friend. Do you know someone in similar circumstances? Are you in similar circumstances? Reach out to someone, and ask for or provide the human contact so essential to each and every one of us. Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Write someone a letter, or send a text. Check in on or check in with others.

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Participate in the Temple Beth Sholom community—we're here for you, and for anyone else who needs us. Like I said at the top, it's cold out there. Please take care of yourself, and let's all take care of each other. Stay well, stay safe, and stay in touch!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow

Men's Club

Men's Club monthly bowling continues at Jib Lanes in Flushing, depending on the extent of COVID variants. Join us on Thursday, February 3 and Thursday, March 3 for two games (shoes included) for only \$15. Masks are currently mandatory for ALL participants at Jib Lanes.

Our world-famous Book (and Media) Room is back in action! One thousand books (and hundreds of DVDs and CDs) have already been pre-sorted for the next event, scheduled for December 3rd & 4th, 2022. We are looking for volunteers who can PICK UP materials from donors and drop the goods at the Temple, which can be coordinated with our stellar maintenance staff. We are currently seeking new (and gently-used) hardcover and softcover (paperback) books, as well as CDs, DVDs, Blu-Ray discs, LP vinyl records, and video games. Call the office at (718) 463-4143 to become a volunteer or if you want to drop off your donations.

People have asked why we have stopped taking video and audio cassette tapes. Bluntly stated, they take a lot of room and do not sell in numbers that justify the "real estate" they take inside the Greene room. We have seen a dramatic uptake in the number of media donations due to the popularity of streaming services – why keep every James Bond film, for example, when you can stream them any time you feel like viewing them? Especially when the streaming service frees you from VCR? Digital media (CDs and DVDs) have a longer "shelf life" than magnetic tapes. Thus, the likelihood that your college cassettes will play properly is quite slim. In the past, I would select a few cassettes to play while setting up the Book Room. Inevitably, they would have a "wow" distorted sound or jam in the boombox and would have to be discarded. Their time has come and gone!

Jeff Cohen
Men's Club President



**The Temple notes with sadness
the passing of:
Arlene Cavallo
Mother of Barbara Gandelman
Mother-in-Law of Adam Gandelman
Grandmother of Danielle and Joseph Gandelman**

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on

Wednesday evening, February 2, 2022

7:30 pm via Zoom

TOPIC: Open Discussion: What's on Your Mind?

Bring your favorite beverage and snack to enjoy as we chat!

**Zoom information will be provided in the email on
Monday morning, January 31**

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
dwang1@gmail.com**

January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 10th, 2022, via Zoom.

President Joy Bobrow thanked the outgoing 2021 Board members. She reminded everyone to let Fay Schildkraut know if you want to order dinner (for pick-up) for the Shabbat Across America (Zoom) dinner/service with A&A. We are still seeking a Temple bookkeeper. She thanked all who continue their "Monthly Mensch" donations, and all who continue to support TBS.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with corrections. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported membership is 112 member units. Treasurer Charlene Metz reviewed the January Financial report, which the Board approved as presented. She reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 Budget, which the Board approved for presentation and approval at the January 2022 Congregational Meeting.

Rabbi Ballan reported on recent and upcoming services as well as Religious School programs, Confirmation classes, and the Adult Beginning Hebrew class. She thanked the outgoing Board members for their service to Temple. Cantor Korobow reported there is continued good attendance at hybrid, Zoom, and in-person Religious Services, great participation in the Children's Services, and on Religious School progress.

Geri Weiss reported the Pulpit and Ritual Committee is re-evaluating on a weekly basis whether to hold services in person or Zoom-only basis. Erica Bernstein, PA Co-President, reported there will be a virtual Paint Afternoon event on February 1st at 3:00 pm. Andrea Odintz, Religious School Board Committee Chair, submitted her report covering Tu Bishvat, Religious School Family Education and the Tu Bishvat Seder which was part of the January Shared Shabbat Service. They are discussing how to proceed with Sunday Religious School classes based on current COVID conditions.

Vice President Dr. Fay Schildkraut, Membership Chair, reported Roger and Sharon Optsbaum have become returning TBS Members. Roger is past President and will therefore be a voting member of the TBS Board. She asked all to let her know ASAP regarding plans to order food for Shabbat Across America to be picked up at Temple.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported Book Club will be held on Sunday, February 13th at 10:30 via Zoom, reading *Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline. Virtual Bingo has been a great success and is held on Thursday, January 20th at 8:00 pm and then again on Thursday, February 17th at 7:30 pm. The Women's Discussion Group will be held on February 2nd and March 2nd and she thanked Deirdre Weliky for running this event.

President Joy Bobrow reported on Use of Building that Temple Gates of Prayer is interested in renewing their arrangement with TBS for an additional 2-year option through June 2025. Parties continue to be booked in the Ballroom. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported he is continuing to work with an engineer and contractor to try to develop a scope of work to do a major overhaul of our heating and cooling systems for an amount that Temple can afford.

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This process is taking longer than hoped; it will take some months to prepare documents, have a bidding process, and secure required municipal approvals. The work is best done during the "swing seasons" of spring or fall. Therefore, it may be up to year before work is started, but based on repairs we have done to the existing boiler and AC system, those systems should last us another year.

Jeff Cohen, Men's Club President, reported monthly bowling continues at Jib Lanes. Men's Club is holding its annual Super Bowl 50/50 pool and boxes can be purchased for \$5.00 each through PayPal and Venmo. He has already started to receive donations on Books for Bazaar 2022.

Deirdre Weliky reported on Caring Committee activities to support ill and bereaved members. She reported the Women's Discussion group on February 2nd will be an open discussion. Later in the meeting she reported there have been inquiries for a co-ed discussion group and she will plan to do one in the coming months.

President Bobrow reported that Marchel Gillin emailed that the recent Food Pantry served 1500 people representing 503 households. Barry Packer reported Ways & Means committee continues to work toward planning a Field Day and has a donor who is willing to pay for the park application if we wish to proceed.

Eric Bernstein reported on January 16th Michael Smook, a guest speaker on world Jewry & Israel will be providing a virtual lecture on Scrolls of the Dead Sea and Jewish History. Eric is arranging with the production and distribution company of "Tango Shalom" to set up viewing of the movie for Temple members. After members see the movie, there will be a virtual discussion with the production crew and cast on Sunday, March 20th. He thanked Susan Ecker and Joy Bobrow for helping to facilitate this event.

President Joy Bobrow reported Bazaar 2022 has already started to have book donations and she hoped it will be more like pre-COVID Bazaars.

After Good & Welfare discussion, the clergy were excused. VP Fay Schildkraut presented negotiations with Cantor Korobow. The Board unanimously approved a motion to present to the Congregation for ratification a two-year contract with Cantor Jerry Korobow, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024, with annual increase each year and all other terms remaining the same. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary

**BOARD
MEETING**

*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!*

TBS Men's Club presents

BOWLING IS BACK!

**MASKS
ARE
REQUIRED!**



\$15.00 for two games, shoes, competition, and fun.

Amateur? Experienced? We welcome you all!

Jib Lanes

67-19 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, NY

718-591-0600

January 6

May 5

September 1

February 3

June 2

October 6

March 3

July 7

November 3

April 7

August 4

December 1

If you have any questions, please e-mail
mensclub@templebethsholom.org

Religious School News

Current events are constantly updating nowadays, and so my January column about in-person classes was soon outdated. By halfway through last month, TBS decided to hold its Friday-night services solely on Zoom for all of January, and so Religious School followed suit.

This month, we had planned on holding only two in-person Sunday classes before the Presidents' Week break, with a remote session at the end of February to ease families back into school mode on the day before returning to secular school. So the School Board thought it made sense to err on the side of caution and keep Religious School on Zoom in February. This also will be less confusing for families than going back and forth between in-person and remote classes on a week-by-week basis.

Speaking of the School Board, if you are interested in being a part of the decision-making process for Religious and Hebrew School, I invite you to join our monthly Zoom meetings. Any parent with a currently enrolled student at TBS can join us to check it out, without even being an official member of the School Board (yet). The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night, February 9th, at 8:00 pm. – and I can send you the link!

Please also remember to email Karen Feit at karenfeit@aol.com with requests for your children's parts in the next Shared Shabbat service on Friday night, February 4th at 7:30 pm.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Religious School	Family Education
2/06 via Zoom	2/06 via Zoom
2/13 via Zoom	
2/27 via Zoom	
Hebrew School	Shared Shabbat
2/02 via Zoom	2/04 via Zoom
2/09 via Zoom	
2/26 via Zoom	

Stay safe and healthy,

Andrea Odintz
Religious School Chairperson

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Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter and we have had many nice days. Let's hope that this weather continues! We hope that you are all keeping safe and healthy. I am looking forward to the days when we will all be together on a more regular basis.

The Women's Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, February 2nd at 7:30 pm and March 2nd. Thank you to Deirdre for continuing this group for our members.

Please join us on Sunday, February 13th at 10:30 am when we will be discussing *Eternal* by Lisa Scottline. We will be meeting via Zoom and are looking forward to seeing you at this event.

We hope to see you at our next Virtual Bingo on Thursday, February 17th, at 8:00 pm. Please note the new time. Bingo has been a fun event as well as a fundraiser for our Temple.

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

If you are cleaning out your closets, please keep Rummage in mind. We will once again be having our Memorial Day Rummage Sale.

Please look for details in The Voice for the upcoming Shalach Manot bags for Purim. Thank you to Geri Weiss and Lori Lustig for once again making sure that we are able to celebrate Purim with our Temple Family.

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

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President

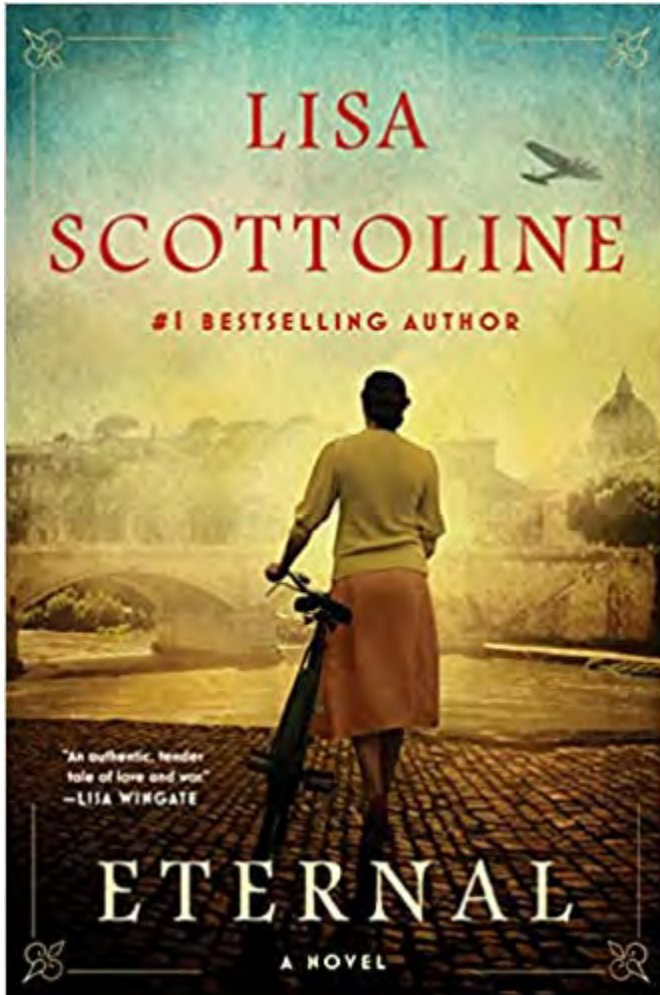


Rummage

**Our annual
Memorial Day Rummage Sale
will be here before you know it!
Please don't forget to bring us your
clean, gently used clothing
for this great fundraiser!**

RUMMAGE SALE

TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: BOOK CLUB – SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2022



“ETERNAL” BY LISA SCOTTOLINE

DATE:
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13,
2022
TIME: 10:30 AM

ZOOM INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW

#1 bestselling author Lisa Scottoline offers a sweeping and shattering epic of historical fiction fueled by shocking true events, the tale of a love triangle that unfolds in the heart of Rome...in the creeping shadow of fascism.

What war destroys, only love can heal.

Elisabetta, Marco, and Sandro grow up as the best of friends despite their differences. Elisabetta is a feisty beauty who dreams of becoming a novelist; Marco the brash and athletic son in a family of professional cyclists; and Sandro a Jewish mathematics prodigy, kind-hearted and thoughtful, the son of a lawyer and a doctor. Their friendship blossoms to love, with both Sandro and Marco hoping to win Elisabetta's heart. But in the autumn of 1937, all of that begins to change as Mussolini asserts his power, aligning Italy's Fascists with Hitler's Nazis and altering the very laws that govern Rome. In time, everything that the three hold dear--their families, their homes, and their connection to one another--is tested in ways they never could have imagined.

As anti-Semitism takes legal root and World War II erupts, the threesome realizes that Mussolini was only the beginning. The Nazis invade Rome, and with their occupation come new atrocities against the city's Jews, culminating in a final, horrific betrayal. Against this backdrop, the intertwined fates of Elisabetta, Marco, Sandro, and their families will be decided, in a heartbreaking story of both the best and the worst that the world has to offer.

Unfolding over decades, *Eternal* is a tale of loyalty and loss, family and food, love and war--all set in one of the world's most beautiful cities at its darkest moment. This moving novel will be forever etched in the hearts and minds of readers..

Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions If you are using Amazon, don't forget to order through [amazon smile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) to make donations to Temple Beth Shalom!!! and comments.

Adult Education

Greetings Temple Family and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended Michael Smook's meeting on "World Jewry & Israel. I found that Michael has a passion and profound knowledge of the topic demonstrated by his presentation. One of the key take-aways is the philosophy, "if you can't solve a problem, shrink it". This philosophy can not only be used in politics but can also be used in daily life.

I have been working with the screenwriters Jos Laniado and Claudio Laniado and their production and distribution team in organizing an at-home viewing and virtual discussion of their 2021 film "Tango Shalom" for Temple members. Viewing details (which will be on the Vimeo platform) and copies of the fliers will be in The Voice and e-mail communications. The fee is \$10 per household and a portion of the proceeds will be returned to the Temple. On Sunday, March 20th we will have a virtual discussion with members of the production crew and cast. You can watch the trailer to the movie here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6w9qkvKca8>

If you have a topic that you think would be of interest to the community, please call me at 917 902 4894 or email adulthoodeducation@templebethsholom.org.

Stay healthy,

Eric Bernstein,

Adult Education Chair

Parents' Association

Greetings Everyone.

We hope that everyone is having a safe and great 2022 so far.

The PA families thoroughly enjoyed the shared Shabbat /Tu Bishvat Seder on January 14th, 2022. It was a great service. Thank you to all of the families who participated in this lovely family service.

A great time was had at our annual PA game night which was held on Zoom. Thank you to Eric Bernstein for running this great event. The theme of 90s trivia made us remember many events that happened during that very special and memorable decade. Parents' Association enjoyed hosting the Zoom paint afternoon on February 1st. Thank you to Sara Hene for running the fun event. Also, thank you to all of the artists who made the event a joyous one.

Future PA events will be a Purim event on Sunday March 13th and Lag B'omer park outing on Sunday, May 15th. Please see flyers for more information as they become available.

Other events are in the works. Please see flyers, The Voice and email blasts for more information.

We will be having a Shared Shabbat Service on Friday February 4th. Our next PA meeting will be held on Sunday February 13th at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there.

May you and your families continue to have great success as we continue into the New Year.

Erica Bernstein

Elaine Larkin

PA Co-Presidents

We're Staying connected!

Purim is coming, and TBS Sisterhood is sending well wishes to all our Temple members.

Donations of \$18 will include our traditional bag of Purim goodies, and your name on a Purim greeting card to all members.

Donations of \$36 will include a basket of Purim delights, and your name on a Purim greeting card to all members.

Please see the flyer with all the details on how you can help with receiving and sending Shalach Manot greetings by supporting our holiday fundraiser.



Monthly Mensch

Thank you to those who have so promptly responded to our continuing Monthly Mensch Campaign!

Brenda & Lloyd Bernhard

Joy A. Bobrow, Louis Fevola and Family

Joseph deLeon

Jason Ehrlich & Salena Lee

Larry Gold

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Greenwald

Eva Heisler

Reva Hollander

Anne & Mitchell Horowitz & Family

Francine Klimivicius

Jerry Maurer

Charlene Metz

Robin & Rom Myers

Barry & Renee Katz-Packer

Robbie & Stanley Schechter

Lillian Tandatnick

Gail Tishcoff & Jim Kettig

Deirdre Weliky

Pamela Weston & Robert Abrams

It's not too late – contact the office with your pledge or send a one-time donation!

Temple Beth Sholom Presents

INAUGURAL ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on

Monday evening, February 21, 2022

7:30 pm via Zoom

TOPIC: Stress - How do we Manage it??

Bring your favorite beverage and snack to enjoy as we chat!

**Zoom information to be provided
In the Monday morning email on February 21st**

Join with adults of varying ages and life experiences, Temple family and friends alike, as we talk and learn about ourselves and others discovering 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**

Scoop's Schmooze

It's been about two years since our lives found daily chaos and bewilderment. So, in revisiting the Schmoozes since early 2020; I became amazed at their plethora of themes and how they all came back to Temple. They have gone from Happy Gilmore, Camp Tevya, Renee's melodious tones, and Kobe Bryant to the Temple Beth Sholom family including our Chicken Soup Cook-Off, Hogan's Heroes, Mayim, and the plague we're all bravely living through.

And, as I sat and watched the NFL on New Year's Sunday, the NFL Network's Steve Mariucci spoke on the recent passing of football legend John Madden. Mariucci said that Madden was not just a friend of his; but a friend on a plateau--a friend of celebrity and status.

The connection there is within our Temple Beth Sholom Family, as I am blessed with many friends on a plateau. Now, they aren't necessarily celebrities, per se. However, these are people whose lofty status within our "Home of Worship" have kept everything going during these 20 months.

Rabbi Ballan has kept her congregation motivated, spiritually and emotionally involved, and is always there to answer a question, to reach out to her congregants in times of need or to provide comfort; not to mention how she and her pulpit compatriot, Cantor Korobow, have made all of the services exhilarating and inspirational, whether via Zoom or in-person.

President Joy Bobrow's responsibilities have included the unenviable task of successfully dealing with so many outside of the box logistical details. And, she has done so like a champion.

Then there is Vice-President and Membership Director, Dr. Fay Schildkraut; who, with our building closed more often than not during the last two years, miraculously has been able to find potential members, speak with them honestly and openly, and increase our family units.

The other Vice-President, Eric Lustig, has been one of the main architects of the countless triumphs of all things Zoom that has kept the Temple Beth Sholom Family connected.

Said connections during this time would also have been impossible without Natalie in the office, as well as recently retired Rita Bellock; not to mention the tireless work of our team of Joses-Urbina and Santos. While much of what they do may be unassuming, their efforts are never unappreciated.

Which is the case for so many other friends on that plateau. Jim Kettig constantly and successfully looks after the "Home" that we all share. Geri Weiss's dissemination of the Shabbat honors are done so impeccably. Charlene Metz and Robin Myers continue to make sure that our finances are in order. Barbara Gandelman, Eric Bernstein and Jeff Cohen have ensured that TBS's adults have had a boatload of activities during this tenuous time; while the same can be said for Erica Bernstein, Elaine Larkin and Andrea Odintz in regards to our children. And, Ilyne Rabinowitz and Deirdre Weliky do what they do best---they just care.

Contrary to the title of Garth Brooks' song...I've Got Friends in High Places.

Barry Packer
Third Vice President
Ways & Means Chairman

VIRTUAL AFFILIATE

How would you like to worship and socialize, again or for the very first time, with your friends and family in another state or country? You can by inviting them to become a TBS Virtual Affiliate! This entitles them to virtually attend:

Friday night Shabbat Services
High Holy Day Services
Adult Ed Programs
Healing Services
Sisterhood Book Club
Women's Discussion Group
Virtual Bingo

And, celebrate simchas, observe yahrzeits and share every other virtual social event at TBS! This makes a great New Year's gift for your loved ones.

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Join Us: Thursday Evening, Feb 17, 2022
at 8:00 pm

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



Prizes Awarded To Winners



Please RSVP by Monday morning, 2/14/22
with checks made payable to **Temple Beth Sholom**

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

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1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

Cards will be either emailed to you or sent to you via the USPS.
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
Feb 14, 2022

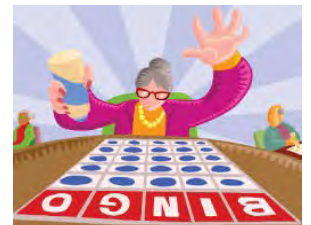
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☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS *January, 2021* ☆

Week of January 28th

Elinor Arliss	Sister of Brenda Gold
	Aunt of Arlene Golub
Tinalia Belaure	Great Grandmother of Dr. Richard Severin
Milton Einbinder**	Husband of Glory Einbinder
	Father of Carol Hofer
Melissa Harding	Niece of Joy A. Bobrow
Gertrude Horowitz	Mother of Mitchell Horowitz
Irving Horowitz	Father of Mitchell Horowitz
Magda Klein	Mother of Eva Heisler
William Leff	Father of Anne Horowitz
Seymour Scharf**	Husband of Miriam Scharf
Jerry Schnitzer	Father of Robert Schnitzer
Rose Shenkoff	Grandmother of Steve Levinsky
Frances Simon	Mother-in-Law of Maxine Simon
Amy Yeung	Friend of Elaine & Andrew Larkin

Week of February 4th

Alfred Bamberger	Uncle of Fran Goldman
John Eckman	Father of Al Eckman
Albert Greenberg	Cousin of Pamela Abrams
Rabbi Herschel Levin*	Husband of Betty Zimmermann
Lillian Rose	Mother-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman
Esther Lipow	Grandmother of Alan Berck
Samuel Lutin	Grandfather of Robin Myers
Sanford Tishcoff	Uncle of Gail Tishcoff
Jules Weiss	Cousin of Fay Schildkraut
Gloria Wexler	Grandmother of Michael Gross
Albert Yohay	Father of Diane Shtulman
Morris Youman	Grandfather of Barry Packer

*Temple Rabbi 1953 - 1978 ** Past President

**Volunteer to light the candles
or do the Kiddush at Shabbat Services.
Contact Geri Weiss at
geriweiss1@gmail.com.**

Week of February 11th

Burton Chenkin	Father of David Chenkin
Marcelle Cohen	Sister of Jack Attar
Bob Dorfman	Husband of Ruth Dorfman, Father of Eliot Dorfman
	Mother of Charlene Metz
Bernyce Fertel Metz	Sister of Maxine Simon
	Aunt of Pamela Abrams
Betty Lash	Stepfather-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman
William Lillian	Grandmother of Dr. Richard Severin
Julina Merise	Mother-in-Law of Jerry Maurer
Rebecca Rice	Father of Ruth Davidson
Sidney Person	Sister of Francine Klimivicius
Marlene Salomon	Uncle of Diane Shtulman
Morris Yohay	

Week of February 18th

Jakob Anker	Father of Herbert Anker
Maryann Bluj	Relative of Andrew & Elaine Larkin
Augusta Bohrer	Mother of Elaine S. Trachter
Ruth Chenkin	Mother of David Chenkin
Abraham M. Gilson	Grandfather of Sandra Goodman
Meunier Merise	Great Grandfather of Dr. Richard Severin
Erma Rittenhouse	Great Grandmother of Elaine Larkin
Joseph Shenkoff	Grandfather of Steve Levinsky
Sam Weiner	Grandfather of Erica Bernstein
Martyn Weston	Grandfather of Pamela Abrams

Week of February 25th

Morton Alperin	Father-in-Law of Iris Bass
Margot Gold	Mother of Larry Gold
Murray J. Goldwasser	Father of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser
Sidney H. Koorse	Father of Nancy Goldwasser
Sam Ostrofsky	Father of Lillian Tandatnick
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Rejoicing,
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sending gift packages known as Shalach Manot.

What a wonderful way to honor your Temple Beth Sholom friends
while supporting our synagogue.

For a donation of \$36 – you will receive a basket of Purim delights, and your name on a Purim greeting card sent to all TBS member families.

Donations of \$18 – you will receive our traditional bag of Purim goodies, and your name on a Purim greeting card sent to all TBS member families.

Distribution of baskets/bags will be at Temple on:
Sun. March 13, 2022 during Religious School from 10 am to 12 pm
Fri. March 18, 2022 at Shabbat/Purim service, 7:30 pm
Call the Temple office to make other arrangements for pick up.



All orders must arrive at the Temple office by Sun. Feb. 27, 2022
Attention: Shalach Manot

For more information or to place an order email
geriweiss1@gmail.com

Please fill out this form and return with a check made payable to “TBS Sisterhood”

Name (as you would like it to be written on Purim greeting card):

Check off desired donation

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_____ # of Purim Bags at \$18 each = Total Amount \$_____

Email/Phone # for contact information

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Temple Beth Sholom along with the Richheimer/Levin Adult Education Program is pleased to present a virtual showing and Q and A discussion with the writers and cast of

“Tango Shalom”



Cast: Lainie Kazan (My Big Fat Greek Wedding), Renée Taylor (The Nanny), Joseph Bologna (Blame It on Rio), Karina Smirnoff (Dancing With the Stars)

Director: Gabriel Bologna

Screenwriter: Joseph Bologna, Claudio Laniado, and Jos Laniado

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6w9qkvKca8>

When a Tango dancer asks a Rabbi to enter a dance competition, there's one big problem—due to his Orthodox beliefs, he's not allowed to touch her! But the prize money would save his school from bankruptcy, so they develop a plan to enter the competition without sacrificing his faith, and the bonds of family and community are tested one dazzling dance step at a time in this lighthearted fable.

Here is how this will work:

- Viewing Fee (via Vimeo) is \$10.00 per viewing party.
- The viewing will be available between March 1st and March 20th only
- Remit your payment to Temple Beth Sholom via check or Paypal (@TempleBethSholomQns) ensuring that your preferred email address is provided
- Receive, via email, the link to the film
- You have 72 hours to watch the movie from the time you open the link



Join us on Sunday, March 20, for a Q & A and discussion with the writers and cast of Tango Shalom

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Temple

Questions? Call Eric Bernstein (917) 902-4894.

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FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom P.A. Afternoon Adult/Children Painting Event via Zoom 3:00 pm	2 Hebrew School via Zoom. Classes at 4:30, 5:00 & 5:10 pm Women's Discussion Group 7:30 pm via Zoom	3 Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm	4 Shared/Family/ Simchat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm via Zoom only	5 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
6 Religious School/Family Education 10:30 am via Zoom	7 Pulpit & Ritual Meeting 7:30 pm via Zoom	8 Healing Service 7:30 pm via Zoom Beginning Adult Hebrew Class 8:15 pm via Zoom	9 Hebrew School via Zoom. Classes at 4:30, 5:00 & 5:10 pm School Board Meeting 8:00 pm	10	11 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm in- person and via Zoom	12 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study 10:00 am via Zoom
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Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

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will be on Friday, February 4th
when we will celebrate the
birthdays and anniversaries for
the month of February !!**



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