

#### THIS MONTH:

EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDRE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 YOM KIPPUR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 **BOWLING** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 SUKKOT SERVICE/ PIZZA IN THE HUT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 HEALING SERVICE RESUMES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 SHARED SHABBAT & ONEG IN THE SUKKAH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 SIMCHAT TORAH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 SHEMINI ATZERET/YIZKOR SVCE MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 GAVIN KUTCHER BAR MITZVAH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 **CONGREGATION MEETING** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 SISTERHOOD PAINT NIGHT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

#### **NEXT MONTH:**

BOWLING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 PA FUNDRAISER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 **RUMMAGE SET-UP AND SALE** SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6 & **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8** VIRTUAL BINGO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ADULT EDUCATION/ **VETERANS' DAY BREAKFAST** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 **BLOOD DRIVE** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 TURKEY TROT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

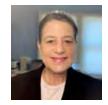
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#### From the Rabbi's desk

We begin this month with Yom Kippur. But after the gates of repentance close, and we hear the last blast of the shofar, we are commanded to immediately build a sukkah, the fragile hut in which the children of Israel lived during their forty years of wandering. Sukkot is my favorite holiday, probably because I get to relax and enjoy nature and experience gratitude for the beauty surrounding me. It enables me to be a little creative with my decorations, and I get to play hostess and invite my friends and family into my temporary home. Sukkot provides us with the opportunity for gratitude, hospitality and to experience nature—all beneficial for healing. Yet our little sukkot are tenuous, and that too reminds us of how vulnerable the world around us is.

Our *sukkot* also remind us of our responsibility and commitment to change our ways with regard to our environment. I recently came back from my niece's wedding in Nevada. I was surprised that a wildfire nearby in California caused smoke to completely cover Lake Tahoe. The beautiful mountains and lake could hardly be seen! I hope that this *Sukkot* holiday encourages you reach out to those in need and work towards protecting our planet.

Why else do I love Sukkot? In each generation we may find different reasons to build our fragile huts. I love Rabbi Lewis John Eron's poem, based on the *Sukkot* song, *"Lama Sukkah Zu"* (Why This Sukkah?).

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Why have we built this *sukkah*?" the little child asks

"So that we can play in it forever," his smiling daddy replies.

"Why have we built this *sukkah*?" the adventurous boy asks.

"So that we can explore the earth together," his caring dad replies.

"Why have we built this *sukkah*?" the questioning youth asks.

"So that we can remember the hungry and homeless," his loving father replies.

"Why have we built this *sukkah*?" the young man asks.

"So that we may recall our youth and our love," his wistful old man replies.

"Why do we build this *sukkah*?" the new father asks.

"So our dreams may last forever," the proud grandfather replies.

Please join us on Sunday, October 9 at 4:30 to help us build and decorate the Sukkah and stay for services and Pizza in the Hut! May our Sukkot give us a deeper appreciation for ourselves, community and the world around us.

*Shalom Uv'rachah,* Rabbi Sharon Ballan



All services are in-person and via Zoom, 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, Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Shabbat evening Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Torah Portion: Ha-azinu Candles: Elaine and Emily Larkin Kiddush: Roger Optsbaum
Saturday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> : ZOOM ONLY	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
Friday, Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Shared/Simchat Shabbat Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Sukkot Service Candles: Junior Congregation Kiddush: Junior Congregation
Saturday, Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> : <b>ZOOM ONLY</b>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>
<i>Friday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>:</i> Host: Par	Shabbat Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Torah Portion: Bereisheet Candles: Laurie Simon Kutcher Kiddush: Paul Kutcher I and Laurie Simon Kutcher in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Gavin
Saturday, Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	NO TORAH STUDY Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Kutcher at 10:30 am
Friday, Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Shabbat Evening Service <b>7:30 pm</b> Torah Portion: Noach Candles: <i>Robin Myers</i> Kiddush: <i>Ron Myers</i>
Saturday, Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> : <b>ZOOM ONLY</b>	Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service <b>10:00 am</b>

Join us after Shabbat Services for an Oneg Shabbat and share some time with your Temple Family and Friends

#### **‡**Zichrono Livracha **‡**

The Temple notes with sadness the passing of: Melvin R. Jacoby, Jr. Father of Sharon Opstbaum Father-in-Law of Roger Opstbaum Step Grandfather of Elaine Larkin Step Great-Grandfather of Emily Larkin

#### From The President

To My Temple Family,

We had a wonderful Open House on September 16<sup>th</sup> and attracted new members with children who will be attending our Religious School. The school is small but mighty. It is something that we strive to ensure will continue, as it is needed in the community. We receive many phone calls from people who want a Jewish Education for their children.

While at the time of this printing, Rosh Hashanah has not yet occurred, there is no doubt in my mind that services were inspiring, including the new Reverse Tashlich, which was part of our meditative walk!

For those of you who were unable to attend the Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, and consequently did not hear my remarks, I am going to include a portion of them as my article as I believe they bear repeating. So here goes:

Last year, we were able to gather for the High Holy Days, in person and we did have social distanced seating in the sanctuary. This year we could allow members to sit where they felt comfortable and take measures that worked for them. I am so happy to again be standing before you in person as the President of this incredible Temple Beth Sholom Family.

It is great to see so many faces in person. And for those of you who are currently uncomfortable gathering indoors, or have other mobility and health issues, it is wonderful to see you via Zoom.

We continue to have so many Temple Members who have been helping behind the scenes in order that we can continue to have a warm, vibrant community, hosting Zoom Services, Adult Education Events, Sisterhood Events and as important, in person Religious School and Zoom Hebrew School.

We continue to remain a community.

#### And here is my real spiel:

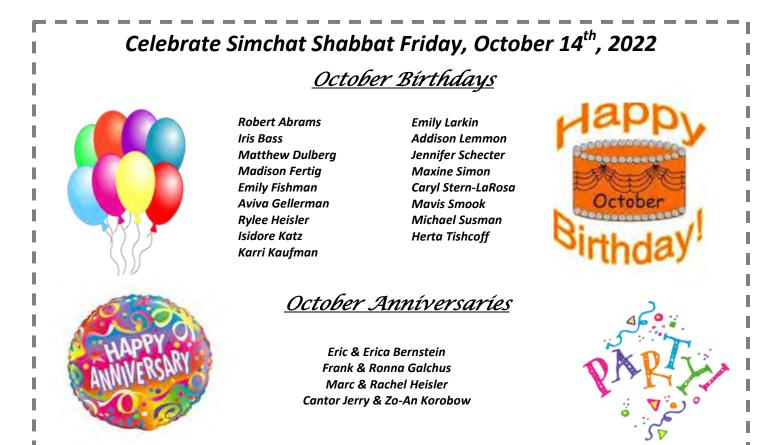
So many synagogues have been merging and closing their doors, that I sometimes fear that when Jews are seeking to take part in Jewish customs and traditions, they will have no place to go! That is one of the reasons that I feel so strongly about keeping this Synagogue alive and vibrant. It honestly saddens me that after children of Temple Members have their b'nei mitzvah, the families discontinue their membership in Temple.

While I dislike saying this, we just cannot hide the fact that synagogues cost money to run. Without membership dues, tuition from religious schools, and donations, we simply would not exist. It is our job to support the ongoing expenses of synagogues and not to wash our hands of the obligation. Synagogues also need volunteers to assist in so many endeavors. As Rabbi Hillel taught, "Do not separate yourself from the community" (*Pirke Avot* 2:5).He reminds us that each is responsible for our community.

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#### TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of September 20, 2022

PULPIT FLOWER FUND
GENERAL FUND TBS Office 718-463-4143
Bazaar Angel in memory of Jeff Cohen towards Bazaar Book Booth
Ruth Davidson in memory of Jeff Cohen
Celeste Garson in memory of Jeff Cohen
Sharon and Bob Michelson in memory of their cousin, Jeff Cohen, to support the book fair that he organized
] Larry Schwarz in memory of Jeff Cohen
Diane Shtulman in loving memory of her brother, Jack Yohay
Diane Shtulman in memory of Jeff Cohen
Mike & Lee Temares in memory of Jeff Cohen earmarked for the Bazaar Book Booth
Deirdre Weliky in memory of Jeff Cohen
Deirdre Weliky in memory of Wendy Kwait
<b>TORAH FUND</b>
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Evan Cohen and Bengho Chan with many thanks
Ruth Davidson in loving memory of her mother, Molly Brotman
Jay and Laura Odintz and Harriet Smedfjeld in memory of Jeffrey Cohen
Barry Packer and Renee Katz-Packer in memory of dear friend and teammate Jeff Cohen for his unwavering spirit, inspiration, dedication and genuine friendship
Barry Packer and Renee Katz-Packer in memory of Yvonne Reichler, mother of Brett Reichler
Barry Packer and Renee Katz-Packer in memory of Deirdre Weliky's Cousin, Dave Dimond
Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!
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Gloria Shapiro in memory of Jeff Cohen
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BUILDING FUND
Fay Schildkraut in memory of Jeff Cohen



Temple Beth Sholom
Parents' Association 2022-2023
Registration Form

Support our Temple

Support our Religious and Hebrew School

Share Learning Experiences

Provide Activities and Entertainment for Temple Families

Please support the future of our temple by investing in our Youth!

Erica Bernstein & Elaine Larkin Parents' Association Co-Presidents

Yes, I would like to join the Parents Association! Dues(\$25) Enclosed or

I would like to Support the Parents Association with a Donation \$

Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	

E-Mail Address

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Please make check payable to Temple Beth Sholom Parents' Association and mail to: Parents' Association Temple Beth Sholom 171-39 Northern Boulevard Flushing, New York 11358



#### Cantor's Corner



Well, here we are again in the midst of the High Holy Days. This is always an extremely busy time in the synagogue schedule-regular, non-lay led services begin, Religious/Hebrew School classes commence, and Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah are immediately upon us in quick succession! It always feels like the summer was over in a flash.

Last month, I mentioned that I had been booked to play at the Philadelphia Folk Festival after a 50-year hiatus. Yes, you read that right-I last played the Philly Folk Festival in or around 1971-1972. I was very curious to see what it would be like.

In many ways, it was like traveling back in a time machine. It took place on a farm outside of Philadelphia. Many people were camping on the grounds, lots of longhaired, bearded men (now mostly gray haired), alternative women, tie dyed clothes, craft vendors, etc. There were a variety of different stages and performance areas, and people roamed from one to another as they pleased. And, there were tattoos-lots and lots of tattoos.

I played a bit at an 11:30 am concert on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the second day of the festival. Not too many people had either woken up or arrived at the grounds at that point. My other appearance was scheduled to take place that same day from 4:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. In between, Zo and I walked around the grounds, found something to eat, listened to some music, and generally tried to get out of the sun. It was getting hotter and hotter as the day progressed. We ultimately went back to our car and changed into lighter clothes-it was way too hot to be wearing jeans, work boots and a black t-shirt. The switch to shorts, sandals and a light colored t-shirt provided some relief, however brief.

My afternoon set was to take place in a space called the Culture Tent. I arrived there at 3:30 with my lovely wife, my guitar and my banjo. We listened as several musicians were finishing up their set, and began to notice that it was even warmer inside the tent!

Shortly, along with two other performers, I went up to the stage to set up instruments and do a sound check with the sound engineer. And then, it was music time-the three of us onstage did our tunes round robin style-ie. A does a tune, B does a tune, C does a tune, then back to A, etc.

The music went beautifully, and the audience really got into it. But, no one ever thought to roll up the sides of the tent. It got up to 102 degrees Fahrenheit inside the tent! After my first song, sweat was rolling down the front of my guitar!! The person in charge came up to the stage and handed each of us a Turkish face towel to dry ourselves. It was insanely, unbearably hot.

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#### From The President

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With all that is going on in the world today, and anti-Semitism so outwardly almost acceptable, it is precisely at this moment that members need to support the most important things in their lives, and we hope that Temple Beth Sholom is one of them. This is the time to show up in larger numbers than ever before.

Synagogue life is here to be a place that holds emotion, whether with joyfulness or sadness, and it takes commitment. The commitment comes in the form of time, money, energy, and emotional investment. Ideally, what one gets out of belonging is measured in feelings of love, community, and connection to each other and to the Divine (or to something greater than ourselves).

We hope our Temple Families will continue their commitment, monetarily, spiritually and by volunteering, so that our synagogue will continue to be here to share in all of the life cycle events that are so important in Jewish tradition. We MUST continue to be a place of thriving Jewish life.

Please remember that we must look deep within ourselves, go that extra mile and be kind and loving to one another, and as generous to our synagogue as possible.

For those of you who fast, my family wishes you an easy fast this year.

Your President, Joy A. Bobrow

#### Cantor's Corner

After that, people came up to talk, congratulate, and do some "getting to know you." We then decided that we had had enough festival-we retreated to our lovely and very air-conditioned hotel room. After showering, we went and had a pleasant outdoor dinner and cocktails, and decided we would not return to the festival for their evening concert. As my grandmother would have said, "it was enough already". After all, I'm 50 years older (ouch)! But great fun after all.

With affection, Cantor Jerry Korobow

EREV YOM KIPPUR			
Tue., 10/04	Kol Nidre	8:00 pm	
YOM KIPPUR			
Wed., 10/05	Morning Service	10:00 am	
	Children'[s Service	2:00 pm	
	Afternoon/Healing/Yiskor/ /Neelah	4:00 pm	
<u>SUKKOT</u>			
Sun., 10/09	Service	6:00 pm	
SIMCHAT TOR	AH		
Sun., 10/16	Service	6:00 pm	
SHIMINI ATZER	RET		
Mon., 10/17	Yizkor Service	10:00 am	

Temple Beth Sholom Parents' Association with the support of Men's Club and Sisterhood present our annual

> **Pizza in the Hut** (In-person Rain or Shine)



- Participate in a Service
- Enjoy a pizza dinner (Bring your own dessert)

**Date:** Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 6:00 PM (Service) followed by Dinner

Join Parents' Association and Men's Club during Religious School (4:30 PM) as we help build the Sukkah on Sunday, October 9th (Weather Permitting)

\$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child (12 and younger) Maximum is \$20.00

Reservations are required Payments will be accepted via Venmo, Check, or Cash (**Exact Change Required**)

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Please RSVP by October 2<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Erica Bernstein or Elaine Larkin or email <u>parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org</u> with the number of attendees in your party

#### September Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, via Zoom.

President Joy Bobrow reviewed High Holiday procedures for this year. In lieu of physical tickets, members expecting to attend services will be requested to RSVP to generate a list of expected attendees. Vaccination cards must be on file and masks will be encouraged. She mentioned the upcoming Open House and the successful start this week of Religious School. She acknowledged the tireless efforts of Geri Weiss on behalf of the Religious School while also scheduling High Holiday honors. She thanked the other School Board members, Elaine Larkin, Erica Bernstein, Elana White, Andrea Odintz, and Barbara Gandelman, who will be sharing responsibilities for the school. She reported two of Jeff Cohen's brothers have agreed to run the Book Sale at Bazaar this year in Jeff's memory. She requested Board members assist to help sort. She reported we are on the unofficial list of recipients of the Homeland Security Grant and is following up on a possible hitch that may prevent us from obtaining the funding; she will keep the Board updated

August Minutes were accepted as presented. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported with the passing of Jeff Cohen, we now have 109 member units. The August Financial Report was reviewed and approved by the Board as presented.

Rabbi Ballan, on vacation, emailed her report. She and Cantor are looking forward to the Open House and to High Holidays. She thanked Deirdre Weliky and Cantor for filling in for her this past Shabbat. She has contacted current B'nei Mitzvah students and resumed tutoring. Cantor Korobow reported he and Rabbi have worked out Rosh Hashana services. He gave a hearty "yasher koach" to Dierdre Weliky for leading services on September 9th. He extended the opportunity to any other member who might want to share the Bima for a service. He said Justin White did a great job as a volunteer teacher at vesterday's religious school. Cantor thanked the Tech Crew who has assured all goes well to provide remote services for those at home. Akiva the Believer will be available through the year, and he said David Close may be available on the first Fridays of the month. He may be able to arrange for Gathering Time to join us toward the spring for a Peter Paul and Mary Shabbat service.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit and Ritual Committee Chair, reported the committee is focused on High Holidays.

Elaine Larkin, PA Co-President, reported their first meeting had a good turnout and a possible new family. They honored Jeff Cohen's memory and said they will help with book sort on Sundays when the children are in classes and there are no other meetings. Their first event is Pizza in the Hut on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Elaine Larkin reported for Religious School and reviewed the current teachers and classes. Students in grades 1-5 will be working with TBS Religious/Hebrew Alumni Student Justin White with a rotation of adults to assist him. The first Shared Shabbat will be this Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> after the Open House. She invited all to the Children's services during High Holiday services.

Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair, presented Jeffrey and Gloria Galub and their two children, who live in Florida, as Virtual Affiliates, for the Board's approval. To date 42 have signed up for the Open House. There are 3 potential new families.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President reported Virtual Bingo will be on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 and the annual Paid-Up Sisterhood event is on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The next book club is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am via Zoom to discuss The *Push* by Ashley Audrain. See report of Deirdre Weliky, discussion facilitator, below for upcoming Women's and Adult Discussion Group dates.

Joy Bobrow reported on Use of Building that she plans to send out an introductory letter to our neighbors to inform them about our commitment to the local community. She hopes to ease one neighbor's ongoing complaint to the police whenever we have events in the ballroom. The police continue to come, and they verify that sound does not leak outside the lobby. She updated the Board on efforts to coordinate use of the ballroom with Temple Gates of Prayer, which is starting to have more events in person. We continue to require proof of (COVID) vaccination and recommending masks.

Eric Bernstein reported on the new Men's Club slate of officers: President: Andrew Larkin, 1st Vice-President (Treasurer): Eric Lustig; 2nd Vice-President (Recording Secretary): Jason Ehrlich. By-Laws have been reviewed and re-created and have been ratified by attendees. Men's Club will be ordering a name plate for Jeff Cohen for the Men's Club Past President board. Men's Club will carry on supporting temple and Jeff's duties by performing book sorts on a regular basis including Sundays when there are not Men's Club and PA meetings. They are planning the Veteran's Day Breakfast program and Veteran's Day Service. Bowling is still in session for the first Thursday of the month.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported a number of condolence cards were sent and check-in calls were made to some congregants. The Women's Discussion group resumed on September 21<sup>st</sup>; upcoming dates are October 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Adult Discussion Group continues on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Joy Bobrow reported the next food pantry is on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee Chair, reported they collected goods for the Forestdale "Family closet." The organization distributes clothes, household items, personal hygiene items, etc. to families in need. She thanked all who have donated. Volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver the goods collected. At times Forestdale seeks volunteers for events such as preparing back packs for back to school and the committee will communicate any requests to interested members.

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# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PRESENTS WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

2022 - 2023



September 21 January 18

October 19 February 15 May 17 June 21

November 16 March 15

December 14 Apríl 19

ADULT (MEN/WOMEN) DISCUSSION GROUP

October 24

December 19 February 27 Apríl 26 June 26



TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO MEETING DATES! JOIN US! ALL GROUPS VIA ZOOM!!!

#### **Religious School News**

Shalom to our TBS family. We hope that you had a great summer.

Religious School started on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will be working with Morah Beth Hecht. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be working with TBS Religious/Hebrew Alumni Student Justin White with a rotation of adults to assist him.

Hebrew School Sessions via Zoom began on September 14<sup>th</sup>. An email was sent out to parents advising the time of the class of their child(ren). Reminders will continue to be sent weekly on Wednesdays.

The first Shared Shabbat Service was held on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Thank you to all of the children for their participation in this Service.

The Children's Services for Rosh Hashanah was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> and the Children's Service on Yom Kippur will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 5th. We thank all families for their attendance and participation at these fabulous services.

On Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> there is no morning Religious School Class. Classes will be held at 4:30 pm where the children will help decorate the sukkah. There will be a Sukkot Service at 6:00 pm followed by Pizza in the Hut. Please see the flyer in The Voice for more information. There is also are no Religious School Classes in the morning of Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join your TBS family that day for a Simchat Torah celebration followed by a dessert party.

The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by a special Oneg Shabbat to be held in our Sukkah!!

We will be having the next Religious School Board meeting on Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

May the year 5783 be a joyous one for you and your family.

Erica Bernstein Religious School Representative

#### September Board of Trustees Meeting

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Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported he is working on some ideas to present for the fall.

Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Committee Co-Chair reported volunteers are needed for book sort and for sorting for As-Is.

Andrea Odintz expressed her gratitude to everyone for their sincere condolences and sympathies, extreme thoughtfulness, and generosity upon Jeff's passing.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary





#### Sisterhood Corner

I hope that you all had a very happy and healthy New Year. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the High Holiday services. They were very memorable. It was so nice to see so many people in person.

Our Sisterhood Paid-up Event will be held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in our ballroom. We will be having an in-person paint night and will have desserts, coffee and tea available. We are looking forward to this great event. Please see the flyer in this Voice.

Sisterhood will continue to hold Virtual Bingo on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm! See the flyer for all the details.

We will be holding our book club virtually on Sunday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. We will be reading *The Push* by Audrey Audrain. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Women's Discussion Group continues to be a monthly event. The next two dates will be October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>. Deirdre has also started an Adult Discussion Group that will run every other month that allows men to join the conversation too! The next two dates will be October 24<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>. All discussion groups are via Zoom. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for continuing to facilitate these programs for our Temple.

We will be having a Rummage Sale in November. Set up will be on Sunday, November  $6^{th}$  and the sale will be on Tuesday, November  $8^{th}$ . Please let us know if you can volunteer for this event. You may also donate your gently used clothing to Temple.

If you have not already paid your dues for this year, please send them to Geri Weiss. You will also be able to pay for them at the Paid-up Event.

L'Shana Tova.

Barbara Gandelman Sisterhood President



Why not sponsoring a Shabbat Oneg, or 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 Annual Paid-Up Event



# October 27, 2022, 7:30PM

## **Temple Beth Sholom Ballroom**

171-39 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358

## Please RSVP to Iris Bass by October 17

tennisluv5@aol.com or at 718-415-9218

Checks payable to Sisterhood at Temple Beth Sholom and mail to TBS Office 171-39 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358 If you have not paid your Sisterhood Dues, please do so as this is a Sisterhood Paid-UP Event

Sisterhood dues are \$36.00 and non-temple members sisterhood dues are \$72.00

- \_\_ I will gladly attend this Paid-Up event and am enclosing my payment of \$25.00
- \_\_\_ I will gladly attend this Paid-Up event and am enclosing my payment of \$61.00 (dues +event)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will gladly attend this paid-up event and am enclosing my payment of \$97.00 (non-temple member but sisterhood member)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will gladly attend this Paid-Up event and am enclosing my payment of \$25.00 (non-sisterhood member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sadly, will not be able to attend this event, but here are my sisterhood dues of \$36.00

#### Adult Education

It is with regret that I duly write this newsletter for Adult Education and Men's Club. As I quote Jack London "The function of man is to live and not to exist."

Jeff Cohen followed this rule with his passion for his volunteering at Temple, podcasting, mingling with celebrities and teaching his children to enjoy life. I found him to be a fountain of information via his Temple duties and personal life. I would occasionally listen to his podcast to which, as a parent, I would be able to relate to many scenarios.

Besides being Men's Club President, Jeff was a fixture at Temple taking on a number of roles including Book Bazaar Chair, Publicity Cchair and Parents' Association supporter. Jeff would work countless hours on book collections and sorting. He wouldn't complain about the work and would just listen to music while he went into his book sort zone.

Whenever a Temple member needed something, he was there to assist. As I recall two years ago (on my birthday), I had unfortunately sliced my finger when trying to portion a bagel. A few days later, after receiving stitches, I received a package in the mail from Amazon. Jeff sent me a bagel cutter which is still, to this very day, keeping my fingers intact.

Even with Jeff's passing, he has allowed the Men's Club to grow. As I step down in my role as a Men's Club officer, we have new officers to the Board:

President - Andrew Larkin 1st Vice-President and Treasurer - Eric Lustig 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Recording Secretary-Jason Ehrlich

The Men's Club goal for this year is to expand our membership. Members not just paying dues, but being involved in our upcoming activities including our Veteran's Day Breakfast and Men's Club Shabbat Service.

We will continue to have our monthly bowling league; Jeff was one of the first joiners in 2016. Our monthly attendance was consistent until the pandemic. Over the past year we had a few members return in-person. We welcome beginner or professional bowlers to join us for a few hours of socializing and a little bit of healthy exercise!

Men's Club will be resuming a virtual and in-person Veteran's Day breakfast that will take place on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you served in any branch of the military at any time and would like to speak about your experience, please reach out to me or the Men's Club at mensclub@TempleBethSholom.org.

As I leave a final quote from Jeff Cohen at the end of all his podcasts: "Stay healthy"

Eric Bernstein Chairman, Adult Education



#### Parents' Association

Greetings to our TBS families.

We hope that everyone had a great summer and that the children are having an excellent school year. Temple Beth Sholom's Parents Association had a wonderful first meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> (which was also the first day of Religious School). Families were welcomed with bagels and fruit. We also had Dunkin' munchkins (in memory of Jeff Cohen who always brought them for the kids at our meetings) and coffee.

We enjoyed the Open House that was held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. This was followed by the first Shared Shabbat of the season. Thank you to all of the current and former Religious School students who participated in this wonderful service.

We were very elated to see everyone at the Children Services for Rosh Hashanah and hope to see everyone at Yom Kippur. Not only are we celebrating a year around the Jewish calendar, we are also celebrating the year of growth that our children have had. It is such of joy to watch them grow both physically, intellectually and emotionally.

We hope that you will be able to attend one of TBS PA's most popular events, "Pizza in the Hut." On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, after we gather at 4:30 pm to help build and decorate the sukkah, join your Temple Family for the Sukkot Service at 6:00 pm. Then enjoy pizza, salad and water under the stars and see the beautiful Sukkah that the children will have decorated for this festive holiday.

To celebrate Simchat Torah we will be having a 6:00 pm service on Sunday, October  $16^{\text{th}}$  followed by a dessert party. Please bring a dessert that can be shared by the congregation.

The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, October  $14^{th}$  at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat in the Sukkah.

The next Parents Association meeting will be held on Sunday October  $23^{rd}$  at 10:30 am.

We hope that everyone has a sweet and wonderful New Year.

Erica Bernstein Elaine Larkin Parents Association Co-Presidents ericanderica2001@gmail.com

#### Rummage Sale

Collection of gently used, clean clothing has been ongoing for months! Our annual Election Day Rummage Sale is fast approaching! Donations are received almost daily!

As we change seasons, the time is right to gather all of the clothing you no longer wear and donate them to this Temple fundraiser!



Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing Men's Club Presents our annual Veteran's Day Breakfast



Join us for a <u>virtual and in-person</u> event honoring those who put their lives on the line to fight for democracy, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion

> Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Time: 10:30 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524014087?pwd=eFU2Ukw3WFdrTFI5VEV2WIhMT

<u>G9vZz09</u> Meeting ID: 885 2401 4087 Passcode: 776908 Dial-In Number: +1 646 931 3860

#### Scoop's Schmooze

Around this time, seven years ago, I got a call from Temple Beth Sholom Board Member Sharon Katz saying that the Nominating Committee asked about my interest in becoming a member of TBS's Board of Trustees; to which my enthusiasm was boundless. Approximately one year later, then President, Adam Gandelman, asked me, on the cusp of our First Annual Chicken Soup Cook-Off, if I would address the congregation on Yom Kippur morning. I was more than honored and privileged.

That evolved into my annual Kol Nidre address; which happened every ensuing High Holiday season, except for last year, including 2020, which was Zoomed from our dining room. This year, Renee and I are still being extra cautious to protect those around us, and we will be Zooming our High Holiday Services from home; thus, my address will be delivered to you, my Temple Family, emailed by Natalie around Kol Nidre.

As I wrote in last month's Schmooze, with the 5783 High Holidays upon us, we are smack dab between Passover 2022 and Pesach 2023; which had me pondering about my past family Seders. Whether they were large or small, in Boston or New York, and if the service was led by me, or it was my father, father-in-law, or our family-friend Cantor, for as long as I can remember, like a rite of passage, I have always played the part of the Simple Son. To settle my curiosity, I used Google to find out more about this individual whom I portray every spring. I came across an article written in April of 2005 for The Jewish News of Northern California; and surprisingly it said this:

"Of the Haggadah's four sons- the wise, the wicked, the simple and the one who does not know how to ask - consider the tam (the so-called simple son), who is portrayed as a guileless, immature, inexperienced child without much, if any, intellectual capacity.

His naive, innocent question — *Mah zot* (What is this?) — casts him as a simpleton who is led to an uncomplicated answer, appropriate to his unsophisticated level of understanding. However, this portrayal is inaccurate because in all other texts *temimut* (the state of being a tam) is defined as purity and truth, being genuine, unblemished and blameless (Proverbs 10:29) and having integrity (Job 4:6)."

So, as I digress back to that phone call from Sharon, something about being the Simple Son must have rung true. From that inquiry of the Board, to Adam asking me to use my talents as a written and oral communicator, to working under Dr. Fay Schildkraut on the Membership Committee, being Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee and holding Vice-Presidential offices, I am so grateful my parents raised me as they did so I could be distinguished akin to that Simple Son. And, as we head into the most meaningful time on the Jewish calendar, may we all find representation of the Simple Son within each of our hearts and souls, and make the world a better place. L'shanah Tova.

Barry Packer

Second Vice-President, Ways & Means Chairman

#### MANY, MANY THANKS...

to Larry Gold for purchasing a battery powered portable public address system, extra microphone and microphone stand. These will be used when the Rabbi and Cantor perform outdoor services, (i.e. Taschlich, Sukkot, Shabbat in the Park.

This donation was made in memory of his mother, Margot Gold, a longtime Temple Beth Sholom member.



#### XX Mazel Tov on Your Bar Mitzvah XX

We feel great pride and joy to announce that our son Gavin Levi Kutcher will be called to the Torah, Saturday October  $22^{nd} 2022$ .

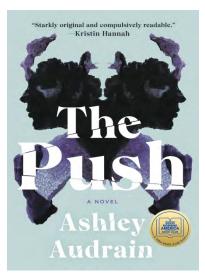
Our family moved to Bayside when Gavin started 5th grade. He was settling in with new friends when COVID emerged. The following year he entered Bell Academy, another new school. Gavin has been resilient, navigating all these life changes and challenges, which started for him at the early age of ten. Last year we were happy to see him join the track team and were proud of his academic excellence, by making the Dean's List.

In Gavin's spare time he enjoys many shows and movies on Netflix. He introduced the whole family to the series Stranger Things and Cobra Kai. He likes gaming with friends, doing magic tricks, listening to pop music, fantasy football, summer camp and supporting his favorite team, the Carolina Panthers.

For Gavin's Bar Mitzvah project, he chose the Mount Sinai NICU. His brother Ben spent 92 days there and we are forever grateful for the loving care he received. In a continued effort to give back, Gavin will purchase books to donate to the NICU families. There is a tremendous benefit for babies to hear their parents' voices and we hope that this will make a meaningful difference in their lives.

Gavin's parents, grandparents and his brother Ben, congratulate him on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We know he will continue to work hard, follow his passions and that great things await.

# TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS: BOOK CLUB – Sunday November 20, 2022



#### DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2022 TIME: 10:30 AM

## ZOOM INFORMATION TO FOLLOW <u>"The Push" by</u> <u>Ashley Audrain</u>

A Good Morning America, Book Club Pick | A New York Times bestseller! "Utterly addictive." —Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train* "Hooks you from the very first page and will have you racing to get to the end."—Good Morning America A tense, page-turning psychological drama about the making and breaking of a family—and a woman whose experience of motherhood is nothing at all what she hoped for—and everything she feared

Blythe Connor is determined that she will be the warm, comforting mother to her new baby Violet that she herself never had.

But in the thick of motherhood's exhausting early days, Blythe becomes convinced that something is wrong with her daughter—she doesn't behave like most children do.

Or is it all in Blythe's head? Her husband, Fox, says she's imagining things. The more Fox dismisses her fears, the more Blythe begins to question her own sanity, and the more we begin to question what Blythe is telling us about her life as well.

Then their son Sam is born—and with him, Blythe has the blissful connection she'd always imagined with her child. Even Violet seems to love her little brother. But when life as they know it is changed in an instant, the devastating fall-out forces Blythe to face the truth.

The Push is a tour de force you will read in a sitting, an utterly immersive novel that will challenge everything you think you know about motherhood, about what we owe our children, and what it feels like when women are not believed.

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 to make donations to Temple Beth Sholom!!! and comments.

### 🕸 UPCOMING YAHRZEITS September, 2022 🅸

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

- Camilla Cohen Lester Elliot\* Henry J. Fine\* **Creda Merise Bernard Metz** Ida Odintz Herbie Rosenberg Mary Rota **Bella Weiss**
- Mother of Isaac Cohen **Observed by Temple Observed by Temple** Great Aunt of Dr. Richard Severin **Father of Charlene Metz** Grandmother of Andrea Odintz Uncle of Sam Rosenberg Grandmother of Oliver Gellerman Grandmother of Geri Weiss

#### Week of October 7th

**Richard Bass Debbie Newman** Ken Newman Isaac Opstbaum

**Adele Robbins Felix Severin** Jack Tandatnick

Ronald deLeon Lillian Green **Rose Lerner Rina Epstein Pasach Shirley Shufer** Isaac Susman

\*Past President

# Husband of Iris Bass

Daughter of Alice Newman Husband of Alice Newman Grandfather of Roger Opstbaum Great Grandfather of Elaine Larkin **Observed by Temple** Grandfather of Dr. Richard Severin Husband of Lillian Tandatnick

#### Week of October 14<sup>th</sup>

Father of Joseph deLeon Mother of Bonnie Wilichinsky Grandmother of Geri Weiss Mother of Margaret Pasach Aunt of Karen Carroscio Father of Michael Susman

#### Week of October 21<sup>st</sup>

**Felicite Baptiste Ben Bernhard** Irene Dulberg Kenneth L. Einsohn **Rose Rosenberg Judith Steele** 

#### Great Grandmother of Dr Richard Severin Father of Lloyd Bernhard Mother of Matthew Dulberg Brother-in-Law of Andrea Odintz Mother of Sam Rosenberg

#### Week of October 28<sup>th</sup>

Wife of Ned Steele

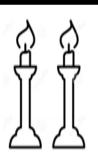
**Emanuel Dorfman** 

Arthur Gold Lillian Nerenberg Dr. Arthur J. Pasach Hilda Weiss

#### Father-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman **Grandfather of Eliot Dorfman** Father of Larry Gold Aunt of Diane Shtulman Father of Margaret Pasach Mother of Geri Weiss

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

**Contact Geri Weiss** geriweiss1@gmail.com







# **Temple Beth Sholom**

# Nov 20, 2022 9:30am – 3:30pm

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# Click here to make an appointment or Call 800.944.2566

Scan QR code to make an appointment Use code 11320



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# Donate Goods for Bazaar!

Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing's annual Bazaar accepts donations of the following items in good condition:



Bazaar 2022 will be held on Saturday, December 3-Sunday, December 4, 2022. Contact Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing for information about dropping off goods, arranging pickups, and more at (718) 464-4143. 171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358 templebethsholom.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Yom	Kippur 11	Sur	rob	SIM	СНАТ ГРАН	1 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
2 Religious School in- person 10:30 am	3 Membership Meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 pm vi a Zoom	4 Kol Nidre in- person/Zoom 8:00 pm	5 YOM KIPPUR Morning Service 10:00 am in person/Zoom Children's Service 2:00 pm in-person /Zoom Healing/Yizkor/ N'eelah Service 4:00 pm in-person/ Zoom	6 Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm	7 Evening Shabbat Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	8 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
9 Religious School/ Sukkah Decorating in-person <b>4:30</b> pm Sukkot Service 6:00 pm in-person/Zoom Pizza in the Hut 6:30 pm in person	10 *OFFICE CLOSED*	11 Healing/Meditation Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	12 Hebrew School classes via Zoom at 4:30 and 5:15 pm	13	14 Shared/Simchat Evening Shabbat Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm Oneg Shabbat in the Sukkah!	15 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
16 Religious School in- person <b>6:00</b> pm for Simchat Torah Service and Dessert Party	17 *OFFICE CLOSED* Yizkor Service 10:00 am via Zoom only	11 Healing/Meditation Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	19 Hebrew School classes via Zoom at 4:30 and 5:15 pm Women's Discussion Group via Zoom 7:30 pm	20	In the Sukkan! 21 Evening Shabbat Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	22 *NO TORAH STUDY* Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Kutcher 10:30 am in- person/Zoom
23 Religious School in- person 10:30 am PA Meeting 10:30 am in-person/Zoom Men's Club Meeting 11:15 am in- person/Zoom	24	25 Healing/Meditation Service 7:30 pm via Zoom	26 Hebrew School classes via Zoom at 4:30 and 5:15 pm Congregation Meeting 7:30 pm via Zoom	27 Sisterhood Paint Night in person 7:30 pm	28 Shabbat Evening Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	29 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
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