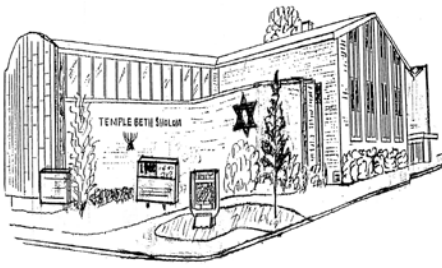


# The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



## THIS MONTH:

### **BOWLING**

THURSDAY, MAY 4

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

SUNDAY, MAY 7

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LAG B'OMER FIELD DAY & SOFTBALL GAME**

SUNDAY, MAY 7

### **VIRTUAL BINGO**

THURSDAY, MAY 11

### **LAST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

### **WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

### **BOWLING**

THURSDAY, MAY 18

### **SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB**

THURSDAY, MAY 18

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES**

SUNDAY, MAY 21

### **CONGREGATION MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

### **SHAVUOT DAIRY DINNER**

FRIDAY, MAY 26

### **RUMMAGE SET-UP & SALE**

SUNDAY, MAY 28 & MONDAY, MAY 29

## NEXT MONTH:

### **BOWLING**

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

### **ADULT EDUCATION EVENT**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

### **BOWLING**

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

### **SISTERHOOD/PETER, PAUL & MARY SHABBAT FEATURING GATHERING TIME**

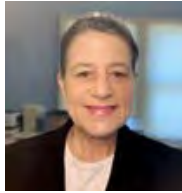
FRIDAY, JUNE 16

### **ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

### **SHABBAT IN THE PARK**

FRIDAY, JUNE 30



## *From the Rabbi's desk*

*(cont'd from previous column)*

There is a *midrash* from Exodus Rabbah (29:9) that says, "When God gave us the Torah, no bird twittered, no fowl flew, no ox lowed the *ophanim* did not flutter a wing, the *seraphim* did not say, 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' the sea did not roar, no creature made a sound, the whole earth was hushed into breathless silence. The voice went forth, 'I am *Adonai*, your God.' When God spoke on Mount Sinai, the whole world became silent so that all the creatures might know that there is none beside God." That must have been an awesome moment. During Passover, we are required to act as if we personally went forth from Egypt. So too, on Shavuot we need to feel as if we personally received the Torah at Mount Sinai.

It is customary to eat dairy on Shavuot. I hope you will join us on Friday night, May 26<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Shavuot with a Dairy Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by Shabbat/Shavuot services at 7:30 pm. (See the flyer in this issue for more details and to make reservations).

We will hear the chanting of the Ten Commandments and observe Yizkor.

With Blessings of Peace,  
Rabbi Sharon Ballan



As we enter the month of May on the secular calendar, we are still in the month of Iyar, and the middle of the Omer period. This is a semi-mourning period between Passover and Shavuot. The origins of the 'mourning' customs are unclear. Anthropologists believe that they arose because this time of year was tenuous for farmers, who worried about the growth of their crops. It may be because of a plague that killed thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE. On the 33<sup>rd</sup> day, (Lag B'Omer) these restraints are lifted, and the reasons for this, too are unclear. It could be that the plague on Rabbi Akiva's students was lifted on that day, or it could be that one of Rabbi Akiva's disciples, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai died on that day after surviving the Bar Kochba revolt in 132 CE and spending 12 years hiding out in a cave. In Israel, people flock to his tomb in Meron (near Safed in Northern Israel) on Lag B'Omer where they light bonfires.

Another reason for Lag B'Omer may be the belief that the manna that fed the Israelites in the desert first appeared on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Iyar (which is May 9<sup>th</sup> this year). Whatever the reason, come enjoy the great outdoors with us on May 7<sup>th</sup> where we will celebrate with a picnic in Cunningham Park.

The end of the Omer period culminates with the celebration of Shavuot, *Zman Mattan Torateinu*, the time of the giving of our Torah at Sinai. Undoubtedly this is the apex because the Torah is our most precious and sacred possession.

**All services are 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, May 5<sup>th</sup>:* PA/Shared/Family/Shabbat **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Emor  
Candles: Junior Congregation  
Kiddush: Ben and Matthew Cohen  
Service sponsored by Michael Smook  
in honor of the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his mother Adele's birth

*Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**  
**ZOOM ONLY**

*Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>* Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Behar/Behoukotai  
Candles: Geri Weiss  
Kiddush: Larry Gold

*Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**  
**ZOOM ONLY**

*Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Bemidbar  
Candles: Elana White  
Kiddush: Aaron, Seth and Justin White  
Service sponsored by Elana White in loving memory of her father Henry Eiler

*Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**  
**ZOOM ONLY**

*Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:* Shavuot/Shabbat & Yizkor Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Shavuot  
Candles: Robin Myers  
Kiddush: Ron Myers

*Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**  
**ZOOM ONLY**



## From The President

To My Temple Family,

I have finally recuperated from making two Passover Seders with family and friends. Cooking is not my number one hobby, but for this holiday, I can honestly say that I love cooking for the Seders. Sharing tradition honestly brings joy to my heart!

As we read from the Haggadah (Maxwell House of course!), I was counting my blessings and happy that we could celebrate together. We can, and we shall, overcome – I believe in the power of positive thinking in helping us to overcome our heartaches.

Enjoy the company of your Temple Family. Please don't forget that there is so much going on at Temple, please read the email blasts AND The Voice. Any ideas for events – let us know – we will be so happy to figure it out!

BTW, if there is an establishment that you frequent, perhaps you could ask the owner to take out an ad in the Voice, we could increase our advertising income – the cost for a business card size ad is \$75 for 11 issues! Contact Natalie if you are interested!

As I continue to say, please be kind to one another. Stay safe and healthy! We are all in this together.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Your President,

Joy A. Bobrow



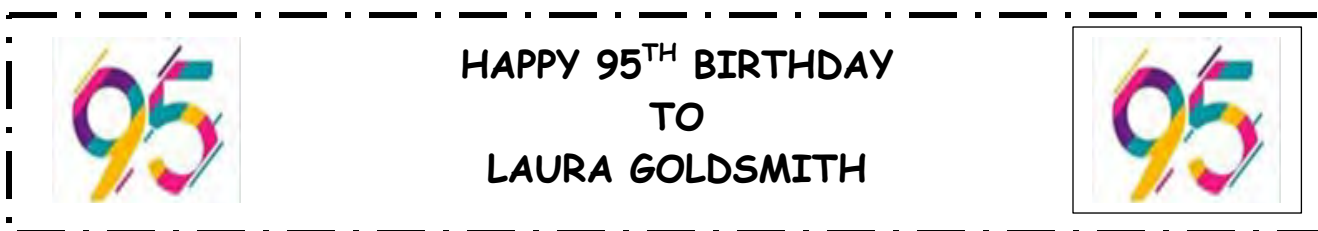
## Rummage

*Our annual  
Memorial Day Rummage Sale  
is right around the corner!  
If you are able,  
please volunteer to help  
with set-up on  
Sunday, May 28 at 10:30 am,  
and/or sale on  
Monday, May 29, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm*



# TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of April 18, 2023

- PULPIT FLOWER FUND** .....TBS Office 718-463-4143  
*Geri Weiss and David Chenkin in remembrance of Jeff Cohen*  
*The Weiss and Chenkin Family in loving memory of Irwin Weiss*
- 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
- GENERAL FUND**..... TBS Office 718-463-4143
- TORAH FUND** ..... TBS Office 718-463-4143
- RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** .....Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143  
*Fran Goldman and Sam Rosenberg to thank Rabbi Ballan for her kindness during their dear friend's illness*  
*Deirdre Weliky to thank Rabbi for her extraordinary ability to combine Theology and Technology!*
- MEN'S CLUB TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION FUND**..... Eric Bernstein 917-902-4894
- MUSIC FUND**.....Cantor Korobow 718-463-4143
- BUILDING FUND** ..... TBS Office 718-463-4143  
*Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us*
- COOLING TOWER FUND**..... TBS Office 718-463-4143



## Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### May Birthdays

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| <p><b>Seth Bernstein</b></p> <p><b>Joseph Dulberg</b></p> <p><b>Adam Fertig</b></p> <p><b>Steven Fishman</b></p> <p><b>Veronica Flug</b></p> <p><b>Jeffrey Galub</b></p> <p><b>Margot Gellerman</b></p> <p><b>Laura Goldsmith</b></p> | <p><b>Mitchell Horowitz</b></p> <p><b>Sharon Katz</b></p> <p><b>Roberta Kossoff</b></p> <p><b>Jacob Lothammer</b></p> <p><b>Brett Reichler</b></p> <p><b>Gloria Shapiro</b></p> <p><b>Michael Smook</b></p> <p><b>Ned Steele</b></p> |
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### May Anniversaries

- Stuart & Vicki Belsky**
- Edward & Karen Carrosio**
- Al Eckman & Ilyne Rabinowitz**
- Jay & Sharon Haimer**
- Neal & Lori Kwait**
- Donald LaRosa & Carol Stern-LaRosa**
- Barry Packer & Renee Katz-Packer**
- Michael & Mavis Smook**
- Raymond & Elana White**



# BLOOD DRIVE

**DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**

**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM-FLUSHING**

**Sunday, May 7  
9:30am – 3:30pm**

**171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing (Ballroom)**



**Scan the QR code or go to the link to make your appointment.**

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/304637](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/304637)

For further information contact Dianne 516-478-5066

*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.  
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.  
Masks are optional for all donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols,  
please visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](https://nybc.org/coronavirus).*



## Cantor's Corner



Why sing? What does singing do for me, or for anyone? What is it about music? I suppose that after all these years, I could write a very lengthy dissertation to try and answer those questions.

But first, I wanted to let you all know that our wonderful volunteer choir will be reassembling and participating in our very first Peter, Paul & Mary/Sisterhood Shabbat Service on Friday, June 16.

Now, I want to get back to the questions at hand. Rather than trying to wax poetic, I thought I would pass on some interesting commentary sent to me over a period of time on Facebook. While I don't have attributions for most of them, they are all very much worth sharing.

**Music-The other non-addictive, mood-altering non-substance. Ask your doctor if music is right for you. Common side effects include but are not limited to uncontrolled head bobbing, toe tapping, finger snapping, selective hearing impairment and persistent melody flashbacks.**

**"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning." Plato**

**Singing in a choir is an absolutely unique experience. It is one of the most important things in the world. Where else do you have everyone doing the same thing at the same time without the use of special equipment and for a greater purpose, and no one is sitting on the bench?**

According to scientific research, singing improves your mood, releasing the same hormones and chemicals that are released during sex, or when eating chocolate! Singing gives your lungs a workout, stimulates circulation, and releases muscle tension. Singing in a group builds community, and creates empowerment, wellbeing, and confidence. Singing clears the sinuses and respiratory tubes. And, singing is wonderfully therapeutic, helping to release stress and other factors that interfere with your happiness.

**Singing in a choir is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and more fun than working out.**

Well my friends, I say Amen to all the above! If this sounds a bit like an advertisement, perhaps it is. Could you benefit from singing in a choir? I'll bet you could. Don't forget that we've got Peter, Paul & Mary/Sisterhood Shabbat coming up on June 16. And you could be singing in that service. Think about it. As another anonymous source said, **I don't sing in the car. I perform.** All the best, as always.

With affection,  
Cantor Jerry Korobow



## Men's Club

Greetings Temple Beth Sholom Members!!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Pesach!! I am looking forward to a wonderful spring.

Our next bowling events will be May 4, and May 18 at Jib Lanes at 8:00 pm. All are welcome! Please bring a friend or two and enjoy a fun evening with us.

The Eldridge Street Museum trip on March 19 was a huge success. There were about 20 of us and we enjoyed the tour. Our tour guide was very informative and gave us good insight into the history of this amazing landmark. N Thanks to Michael Smook for recommending this trip.

On Sunday April 9 at 10:30 am, we had our annual Walk-Away-The-Matzah event under the Throgs Neck Bridge at Little Bay Park. This walk was a lot of fun. We went out and enjoyed our coffee and each other's company.

Yom HaShoah was Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The Yom HaShoah Service was Friday, April 14. I am able to share, now, after the event, that it is was a well-attended service to commemorate the lives of the people lost in the Holocaust.

On Sunday, May 7, between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm during Lag B'Omer, we are having a softball game in remembrance of Jeff Cohen. Guests are also welcome to play in this game. If you like, please bring your own picnic. During the game, raffle tickets will be sold. Proceeds will be donated to the Parents Association, Ways and Means, and Men's Club. This should be a lot of fun for our Temple Family...so bring your ball and glove and play ball!!

Speaking of playing ball, we are restarting our summer tradition of going to minor league baseball games. This summer, we have tickets available for the Long Island Ducks game, which will take place on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 5:05 pm. If you join us, please meet us an hour earlier, at 4:05 pm, at the front gate. If you want tickets, please contact Eric Bernstein via email or call the office. See the flyer (coming soon!) for contact information.

Thank you Temple Beth Sholom members for all you do.

Andrew Larkin  
Men's Club President

# MEN'S CLUB

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](mailto:robinl.myers@gmail.com).

Many thanks!

# TBS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Presents

## Lag B'omer Field Day / Picnic with the Jeff Cohen Memorial Softball Game



Sunday, May 7  
10:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Cunningham Park  
Fresh Meadows



Brooklyn Cyclones  
Tickets

Long Island Ducks  
Tickets

Hudson Valley  
Renegades Tickets

Hofstra University  
Basketball Tickets

***Raffles \* Prizes \* Food***

And More.....

Join Temple Families as we acknowledge how hard we work at our annual event. Bring your favorite food while kids and adults can join in on softball, laughs, food, and each other's company. We encourage you to bring your own softball equipment.

*The Parents Association will be supplying drinks and individually wrapped snacks for all to enjoy.*

***Religious School will be held at the park starting at 10:30 AM***

***Directions: Enter the park through Francis Lewis Boulevard south of Union Turnpike. We will be set up at the far end of the large parking lot in the pink section.***

## April Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 10, 2023, via Zoom. President Joy Bobrow reported on progress with the Department of Homeland Security grant.

Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported member units remain at 108. There was no Financial Report this month.

Rabbi Ballan reported on current and upcoming services and the results of Sofer Neil Yerman's inspection of our Torahs. Cantor Korobow reported things are going well in Religious School and services have been well-attended. He will be sending announcements for the Choir rehearsals for the June 16 service.

There was no Membership Committee report this month. Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair, reported she is arranging the Summer Shabbat Service leaders. We received an anonymous donation to purchase additional Shabbat prayer books, as well as Yom Kippur Afternoon/Healing Service booklets, which will be offered for rent or purchase along with High Holy Day prayer books for those members who intend to attend services via Zoom.

Elaine Larkin, Parents Association Co-President, reported PA plans to unveil the memorial for Jeff Cohen on May 5, 2023 after the Shared Shabbat Service. The Passover Zoom cooking event on April 8 went well. Elaine Larkin reported for the Religious School Committee; they held the Model Seder on April 2. Mitzvah Day is April 30; the Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park will be held on May 7.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the next Book Club will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm, reading *Ten Things My Therapist Doesn't Want Me to Say* by Emma Rothman, who will be available to discuss the book. Emma is granddaughter to (past-TBS member) Lyn Dipkin and past President Sy Dipkin. Rummage Sale is on Memorial Day. The Adult Discussion Group will meet on April 19 at 7:30 pm and the Women's Discussion Group will meet on May 17 pm. The Sisterhood Service will be held on June 16. This will be a Sisterhood Installation as well as the Peter, Paul and Mary Shabbat featuring the group Gathering Time.

President Joy Bobrow, Use of Building, reported on sharing space with Temple Gates of Prayer. We have added one reserved parking space in our lot for TGP clergy. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported on progress on getting cost estimates for the new HVAC system from manufacturers and installers. We will need to do some repairs for our cooling system in advance of this summer season.

Andrew Larkin, Men's Club President, reported on Men's Club bowling dates. The Eldridge Street Museum trip went very well. Men's Club also organized the annual Walk-Away-The -Matzah event under the Throgs Neck Bridge on Sunday, April 9. A softball game in memory of Jeff Cohen is scheduled for Sunday, May 7; raffle tickets will be sold with the proceeds donated to the Parents Association, Ways and Means, and Men's Club.

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Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported Passover cards were sent to several adult Temple Members this month. Calls continue to be made to some older members who live alone. The Adult Discussion group will be on Zoom at 7:30 pm Wednesday, April 19. The subject will be: What I Like about Judaism.

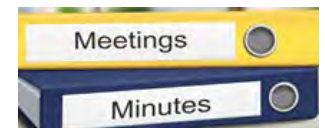
President Joy Bobrow reported the next food pantry is on April 25. Gail Tishcoff, Blood Drive Chair, reported the drive is scheduled on May 7 from 9:30 - 3:30 in the ballroom. Note that this date will not coincide with Mitzvah Day this year. We will be joined this year by a local group: Tenri Cultural Institute, Michael Yuge, Executive Director.

Ilyne Rabinowitz, Social Action Committee Chair, reported they are planning a spring collection drive for Forestdale. They reviewed their participation in the petition signing for the removal of the Van Brunt name from the NASA center in Huntsville, Alabama. They shared the information with several other synagogues and state senator Toby Stavisky for further distribution. They started to assess our building's accessibility for those with mobility or sensory impairment. They will make large print copies of the new prayer book and handouts. They are planning an event to discuss the rise of discrimination and what we can do as a community. The Queens Interfaith Council is interested in participating.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported that he has received donations for raffles at the upcoming Lag B'Omer Picnic and Jeff Cohen Memorial Softball Game so far including baseball tickets to the Long Island Ducks, Brooklyn Cyclones and Hudson Valley Renegades, and basketball tickets for Hofstra University. He also reported it looks as though the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Soup Cook-Off will finally be held this coming November - date to be determined. And, if there is interest, possibly a "break" Yom Kippur Fast together with bagels and pastas and salads.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Chair, reported he has requested arms of Temple and committee chairs review their content on the website. On June 4, Adult Ed will screen a documentary on Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat and consul to Lithuania during World War II who helped thousands of Jewish families escape through Asia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Tishcoff,  
Recording Secretary



*You can sponsor an Oneg or a Shabbat Service.*

*Two terrific ways to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. Call the office for details.*



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

All proceeds will be donated to Temple



**Join Us: Thursday Evening, May 11, 2023  
at 8:00 pm**

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



Prizes Awarded To Winners



Please RSVP by Monday morning, 5/08/23  
with checks made payable to **Temple Beth Sholom**

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

<b>BINGO</b>				
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 at 718 463 4143  
OR Email: [natalie@templebethsholom.org](mailto:natalie@templebethsholom.org)

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP before  
May 8, 2023

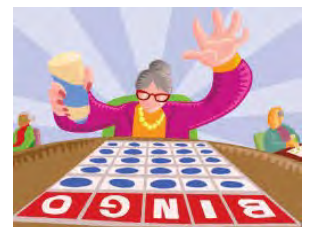
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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!

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## Religious School News

Shalom TBS Family. We hope that you had a good Passover. The Religious School Board held a meeting on Zoom on March 29 where we discussed the Passover Model Seder (April 2), Mitzvah Day (April 30) and Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park (May 7) and the progress of the Religious School students.

On Sunday, April 2, Religious School held a Model Passover Seder. Thank you to the families who came and helped make the event a success.

On Sunday, April 30, Religious School students participated in the annual Mitzvah Day event. Please read the Religious School article in the June issue of The Voice for details on how it went!

On Sunday, May 7, Religious School will be held at Cunningham Park at 10:30 am to celebrate Lag B'Omer. After class please stay around to participate in the Jeff Cohen Memorial Softball event which is sponsored by PA, Men's Club and Ways and Means. Please see the flyer in The Voice for more details.

This year's Religious School Closing Exercises will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 am. Thank you to Morah Beth Hecht, Justin White, Aviva Kaufman and Geri Weiss for an enjoyable school year.

The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 pm. The next Religious School Board meeting will be held on Zoom at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, May 10.

Be safe and be well.

Erica Bernstein  
Religious School Board Member

*The Social Action Committee of  
Temple Beth Sholom  
invites you to sign this petition!*

*In Huntsville, Alabama,  
there is a performing arts center  
named for NASA rocket scientist,  
Nazi SS officer and war criminal,  
Wernher Von Braun.*

*This petition advocates for the center to  
be renamed. There is no reason for any  
facility in the United States to honor Nazis.*

*Please access this link  
[tinyurl.com/vonbrauncenter](http://tinyurl.com/vonbrauncenter)  
to add your signature.*

*Thank you very much!*



## Sisterhood Corner

The flowers are blooming and the weather is beautiful.

Bingo will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 8:00 pm. We are hoping to hold an in-person Bingo event during the summer. Stay tuned for details.

The next book club will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 pm. We are reading *Ten Things My Therapist Doesn't Want Me to Say* by Emma Rothman. Emma is the granddaughter of former member Lyn Dipkin, whose late husband Sy Dipkin was a past President of Temple Beth Sholom. Emma had a heart transplant and will be joining us to talk about her book and her experiences. We hope to see you at this discussion.

We will once again be holding our Memorial Day Rummage Sale. The setup will take place on Sunday, May 28 (beginning 10:30 am) and the sale will be held on Monday, May 29 from 9:30 until 2:30 pm. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office. We are always grateful for any time that you can volunteer. Please donate your clean, gently used clothing for this fundraiser.

As a reminder, our fiscal year for dues starts June 1, 2023, for the 2023-24 year. Please look for the Sisterhood dues flyer in the June voice and send your dues to Temple, attention Geri Weiss.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on Friday, June 16 at 7:30 pm. This will be an installation for the new Sisterhood Board. We are also lucky enough to have Gathering Time join us for this Shabbat Service. We are looking forward to our Sisterhood Members participating in the service as well as our Temple Members coming to in-person services that evening.

The Women's Discussion Group will meet on May 17 and the Adult Discussion Group will meet on June 21. Both meetings will take place at 7:30 via Zoom. Thank you to Deirdre for making sure that these events have remained a part of our Temple activities.

Please check The Voice and the Monday emails for any other details.

Enjoy the spring weather!

Barbara Gandelman  
Sisterhood President



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

**Contact Geri Weiss at  
[geriweiss1@gmail.com](mailto:geriweiss1@gmail.com)**

*TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PRESENTS*  
*WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP*

2022 - 2023

 *May 17*



*ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP - ALL INVITED*

2022 - 2023

*June 21*



*TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED AS AVAILABLE!*

*JOIN US!*

*ALL GROUPS VIA ZOOM!!!*

## Adult Education

On Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 am, Adult Education will show a documentary in-person on the story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat and consul to Lithuania during World War II. Sugihara assisted thousands of Jewish families by issuing visas so that they could escape through Asia. Breakfast will be served and this will be an in-person viewing only.

If you have an Adult Education topic that you think would be of interest to the community, please reach out to me at [adulteducation@templebethsholom.org](mailto:adulteducation@templebethsholom.org).

Thank you to everyone who supported temple events this past year.

Eric Bernstein  
Adult Education



## Parents Association

Hello TBS family! We hope that you are all well and that you had a good Passover.

PA held our last meeting on Sunday, March 26. We had a nice turnout and we were able to discuss past and upcoming events. We discussed that the leaf that PA bought in memory of Cohen will be unveiled on the Tree of Life after the PA/ Shared Shabbat Service on Friday, May 5.

Our Passover Zoom cooking event on April 8 was a success. Thank you to all of our participants for baking with us! Thank you to Nancy Lothammer for sharing the recipe and leading our cooking class at this delicious event.

PA is excited to be participating in the upcoming Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park from 10:30 am - 4:00 pm. After Religious School (at the park), there will be a softball event in conjunction with Men's Club and Ways and Means. This event will be honoring the memory of former Men's Club President and active TBS member Jeff Cohen. All are welcome to the Jeff Cohen Memorial Softball Game. Please see the flyer for more information.

The last Shared Shabbat Service was held on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 pm. Our last PA meeting was held via Zoom only on the evening of Monday, April 24. Please be on the lookout for more information for upcoming events and PA news!

Erica Bernstein  
Elaine Larkin  
PA Co-Presidents



## Pulpit & Ritual Committee

We are very excited to know that our Torahs have been looked at by Sofer Neil Yerman. After he has made most repairs, we hope to have him come to Temple and teach us about how a Torah is made, how a scribe writes a Torah, and give members an opportunity to write a letter in the Torah! Please read the summer issue of The Voice for specific details on this upcoming fundraiser.

Speaking of summertime...the request for Summer Shabbat Service leaders has begun. We are contacting all past leaders and welcome newcomers to this exhilarating experience! Summer Services will be held on Zoom and in the sanctuary. Please be sure to contact Geri Weiss ([geriweiss1@gmail.com](mailto:geriweiss1@gmail.com)) with your available dates.

Geri Weiss  
Pulpit & Ritual Committee



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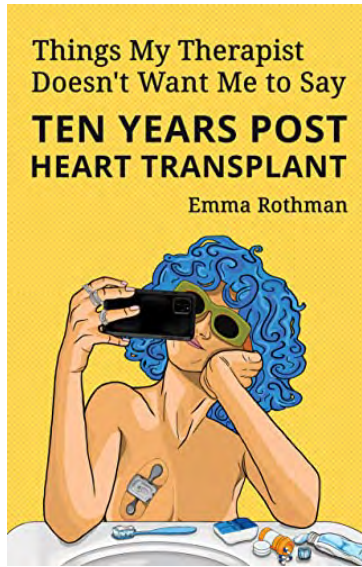
### PA PASSOVER BAKING EVENT!



Nancy Lothammer     Ruth Davidson

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TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:  
BOOK CLUB – Thursday May 18, 2022



DATE: THURSDAY MAY 18, 2023

TIME: 7:30 PM

THE AUTHOR WILL BE JOINING US.

“Things My Therapist Doesn’t Want Me to Say”

By Emma Rothman

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At the age of twelve, Emma awoke one day in a hospital bed with no knowledge as to why she was there. She soon learned she had received a life-saving heart transplant. From then on, Emma was prescribed a new life structure that never felt like her own. Struggling to find balance between being “normal” and chronically ill, and dealing with issues of body image, guilt, anger and ego, Emma found herself on a long journey to recovery that went beyond her physical health. Navigating family life, school, and being part of the transplant community, she begins to build a new structure for herself as a young adult that revolves more around keeping her heart and body healthy.

Over a decade since her transplant, Emma is still learning to manifest and find healing within herself. *Things My Therapist Doesn't Want Me to Say*, by Emma Rothman, is an intimate, unfiltered conversation between Emma and readers, who will follow along Emma’s journey as she tries to let go of finding a reason for all the chaos in her life. Emma explores feeling at home in her body while identifying as chronically ill, and engages readers by questioning the narrative of ‘anything is over-come able if you just try hard enough.’

Please read the book and come to our book club meeting with your opinions.

## Scoop's Schmooze

"They're Baaaack."

Close your eyes and you can almost hear that phrase distinctly being uttered by then 11 year-old Heather O'Rourke during one of the films from the *Poltergeist* movie franchise, *Poltergeist II, The Other Side*. That was actually the middle of the three *Poltergeist* episodes.

And, three is also the number of years of what we have now started to come back from. We have all handled the unknowingness of what would lie ahead for each one of us very differently; for whatever made each individual feel the safest and most comfortable was not wrong. And, thus with Renee and I both having older parents, we tried to do all that we could to help and protect them.

But, now we have started with the recovery process. Within the span of the last couple of months, for the first time since the year on the calendar entered the 20's, Renee and I visited, and stayed with my parents, had people---Renee's Israeli relatives---stay with us, and we enjoyed dining indoors at a restaurant. We also attended an awards ceremony with hundreds of people, as Renee's CD, *Winter Awakenings*, was nominated by the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs for Album of the Year. That was followed up by us attending a matinee performance of *Parade*; a filled to the rafters audience at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre to see a Broadway show about the 1913 trial and imprisonment and 1915 lynching of Leo Frank, a Jewish businessman in anti-Semitic Atlanta around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This is something that is so special, so meaningful and so emotional---it absolutely needs to be seen by anyone who can do so.

Something else that should not be missed either is taking place on Sunday morning, May 7. This will be my first in-person "sporting event" since February 29, 2020, when I saw my Boston Bruins play the Islanders at Nassau Coliseum. This event will hold a bit more meaning; as this will be part of the annual Temple Beth Sholom Lag B'Omer picnic. Those who are athletes, those who try to be athletes and those who have no interest in sports whatsoever, are all invited to participate in the Jeff Cohen Memorial Softball Game, honoring the life and dedication of our own Jeff Cohen. And, not only will there be the picnic and game, fun and emotion, but raffle prizes will also be available to bid on.

And some of those raffle prizes may be similar to what people became acclimated to seeing on the second Saturday night in November prior to 2020. Yes, that was the night of what had become one of Temple Beth Sholom's favorite events, and another happening that will be returning from its pandemic hiatus; the Chicken Soup Cook-Off. For within short order, Team Chicken Soup will be reassembled, meetings will begin, vendors will be contacted and plans will be underway.

These three years have been challenging, and painful; but the time has also brought people closer together. And, now, yes, "We're baaack."

Barry Packer  
Second Vice-President, Ways & Means Chairman

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # or email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost included \$18 PP (payable to Temple Beth Sholom) \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Week of May 5<sup>th</sup>*

Betty Arliss  
 Mother of Brenda Gold  
 Grandmother of Arlene Galub  
 Grandmother of Jeffrey Galub  
 John Costanza  
 Father of Walter Costanza  
 Solomon Liebrader  
 Grandfather of Andrew Liebrader  
 Max Opstbaum  
 Father of Roger Opstbaum  
 Grandfather of Elaine Opstbaum

## *Week of May 12<sup>th</sup>*

Louis Jack Ackerman  
 Grandfather of Jason Ehrlich  
 Iris Bobrow Davidson  
 Sister of Joy A. Bobrow  
 Benjamin Goldberg  
 Father of Ruth Dorfman  
 Grandfather of Eliot Dorfman  
 Dr. Jeffrey Hollander  
 Husband of Reva Hollander  
 Adele Levinsky  
 Mother of Steve Levinsky  
 Barbara Liebrader  
 Mother of Andrew Liebrader  
 Celia Scharf  
 Mother-in-Law of Miriam Scharf  
 Sherry Tove  
 Aunt of Pamela Weston Abrams  
 Irwin Weiss  
 Father of Geri Weiss

## *Week of May 19<sup>th</sup>*

Henry Eiler  
 Father of Elana White  
 Chana Latovitzki  
 Grandmother of Nancy Lothammer  
 Lois Perper  
 Friend of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser

## *Week of May 26<sup>th</sup>*

Erwyn Glanz  
 Father of Robin Myers  
 Gertrude Hershkowitz  
 Mother of Rochelle Sarantonio  
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 Sister-in-Law of Rose Katz  
 Martin Katz  
 Brother-in-Law of Rose Katz  
 Tibor Katz  
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 Grandmother of Ron Myers  
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 Grandfather of Ron Myers  
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 Father of Ron Myers  
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 Heather Rosenberg  
 Mother of Michael Rosenberg  
 Max Shapiro  
 Father-in-Law of Gloria Shapiro  
 Regina Weinberger-Katz  
 Mother-in-Law of Rose Katz  
 Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer

## *Week of June 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Menaham Ain  
 Uncle of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser  
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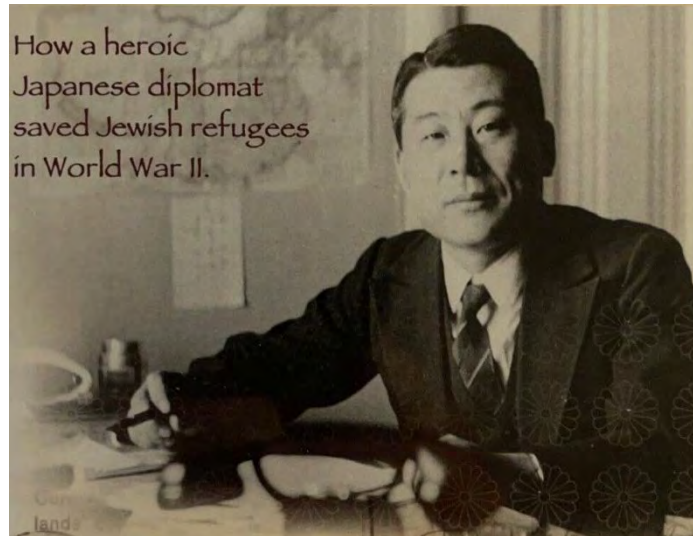
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**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EDT)

Breakfast will be served  
(Suggested donation \$3)

This will be an in-person viewing only

Please contact Eric Bernstein with any questions @  
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# MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	In-person Hebrew School 4:30 pm	Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm	Shared/ Parents' Association Shabbat Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Blood Drive 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Religious School Lag B'Omer Field Day and Softball Game at Cunningham Park 10:30 am	Membership meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm Board Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm	Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	In-person Hebrew School 4:30 pm School Board Meeting via Zoom only 8:00 pm	Virtual Bingo via Zoom 8:00 pm	Shabbat evening Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
In-person Religious School 10:30 am	Men's Club Meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm	Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	Last day of in-person Hebrew School 4:30 pm Women's Discussion Group via Zoom 7:30 pm	Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club via Zoom 7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Religious School Closing Exercises in-person 10:30 am	Pulpit & Ritual Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm	Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	Congregation Meeting via Zoom only 7:30 pm		Dairy Dinner 6:00 pm Shabbat Shavuot Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
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The May Simchat Shabbat will be  
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celebrate the birthdays and  
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