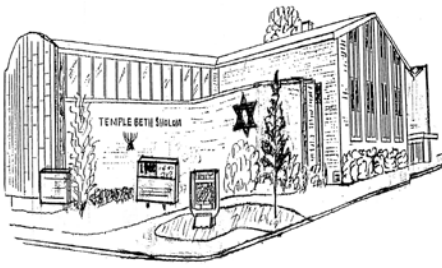


The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING



THIS MONTH:

BAZAAR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
DECEMBER 2 & 3

BOWLING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

JEWISH START

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

PA COOKING EVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHANUKARAMA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH EVENT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

CHAI MITZVAH CLASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

BUILDING CLOSED

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

NEXT MONTH:

BUILDING CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

HEBREW SCHOOL RESUMES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

BOWLING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RESUMES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

VIRTUAL BINGO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

ADULT ED BREAKFAST AND

MOVIE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

CHAI MITZVAH CLASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

CONGREGATION MEETING

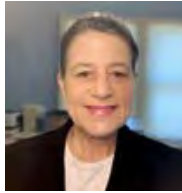
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

BOARD INSTALLATION SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

PA GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27



From the Rabbi's desk

Miracles in our Lives

After an entire month of no Jewish holidays, we get ready to celebrate once again. December is a busy month at Temple Beth Shalom, as we usher in the month with Bazaar, and quickly set our eyes on Chanukah.

Chanukah actually means "dedication," as the Maccabees cleaned and purified the Temple in Jerusalem and dedicated it anew. There is no mention of the miracle of the oil in the Book of Maccabees, which tells of their military defeat over the Assyrians. So where did the "miracle" come in? Our sages in the Talmud, in the midst of discussing the minutiae of Shabbat candle-lighting and what kind of lighting materials can be used, mention as well, the materials one may use to light the lights of Chanukah. Only after a full discussion of such do the rabbis ask, "Mai Chanukah?" "What is Chanukah?" [B. Shabbat 21b] It is from here that we learn about how to observe and celebrate Chanukah, the customs and the reason for the holiday. According to the Rabbis of the Talmud, it was to publicize the miracle of the oil lasting eight days. It is interesting that the Talmud does not focus on the military feat of the Maccabees; it is just the opposite of the account in the Book of Maccabees, which does not mention the miracle of the oil. Why would this be? Perhaps the rabbis wanted to convey that the victory of the Maccabees was possible only because of the involvement of God.

(continued next column)

God was pleased that, even in the face of oppression, the Jews continued to observe Jewish practices. As we light our chanukiyot, we sing, "Hanerot Hallelu"—"These lights that we light are reminders of the miracles and wonders, the salvation and the battles that You won for our ancestors...and on all these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are holy; we are not to read by them or work by them; we are, quite simply to admire them." Sometimes it is necessary to acknowledge the every-day miracles in our lives; to sit by and admire God's works.

When we look at our glowing lights, (especially on Friday, December 8, when everyone will bring his or her own favorite chanukiyah and we light them together) may we be reminded of the miracles around us, which can light up even our darkest moments.

Chag urim v'sameach

Rabbi Sharon Ballan

SHABBAT ACROSS
AMERICA
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!
DETAILS COMING
SOON!!!!



All services are in-person and via Zoom, unless otherwise indicated below. Saturday Torah Study/Morning Shabbat Services will be Zoomed until further notice.

Worship Schedule

Friday, Dec. 1st: Shared/Simchat Shabbat Service **7:00 pm**
EARLY START Torah Portion: Vayishlach
 Candles: Aviva Kaufman
 Kiddush: Junior Congregation
 Oneg sponsored by
 Kaufman Family in loving memory of Doris Kaufman

Saturday, Dec. 2nd: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, Dec. 8th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
 Torah Portion: Vayeshev/Chanukah I
 Candles: Andrea Odintz
 Kiddush: Michael Rosenberg
 Oneg sponsored by Andrea Odintz, Michael Rosenberg and
 Sybil Cohen in honor of Matthew Cohen's Bar Mitzvah
 and
 Marla Tolson in honor of the naming of her daughter, Lena

Saturday, Dec. 9th: Shabbat Morning Service
 and Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Cohen **10:00 am**
NO TORAH STUDY

Friday, Dec. 15th: Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**
 Torah Portion: Miketz
 Candles: TBA
 Kiddush: TBA

Saturday, Dec. 16th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, Dec. 22nd: Shabbat Evening Chanukah Service **7:30 pm**
 Torah Portion: Vayegash
 Candles: Erica and Dara Bernstein
 Kiddush: Eric Bernstein
 Oneg sponsored by
 Bernstein Family in honor of Eric's 50th birthday
 Oneg sponsored by Temple
 In honor of Jose Urbina's 50th birthday

Saturday, Dec. 23rd: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, Dec. 29th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
ZOOM ONLY Torah Portion: Vayechi
 Candles: Lori Lustig
 Kiddush: Eric Lustig

Saturday, Dec. 30th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

From The President

To My Temple Family,

Well, winter, Chanukah (and Bazaar) are just around the corner!

There is that crisp, brisk chill in the air, and we will all soon be able to warm ourselves up with Chef Adam's butternut squash and/or mushroom barley soup! Don't forget to pre-order your soup and buy your chances!!

I am thrilled that our Religious School, Hebrew School students and post confirmands have been stepping up to the plate and participating beautifully in our monthly Shared Shabbat. Remember, your children's religious education does NOT stop after their bar/bat mitzvah. Please encourage your children to continue in our Religious School and ultimately be confirmed. While I know everyone leads busy lives, and our children are involved many extracurricular activities, time should be made for their continued learning. In these crazy times, it is so important that our children be exposed as much and as often as possible to our wonderful history, customs and traditions.

As it is almost December, I must remind one and all, for the umpteenth time, that Bazaar is only a few days away - December 2 and 3. We need Angels (\$\$\$) as well as all hands-on deck to set up and sell. Let's do this TBS, you know we can!

Please remember to be kind to one another and stay positive.

Thank you all for your continued support.

My family and I hope you had a yummy Thanksgiving. We wish a very Happy Chanukah to you and your families, and a Happy New Year.

Your President,
 Joy A. Bobrow

Madame
PRESIDENT

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



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CELEBRATING MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER 2023!



Eric Bernstein *** Edward Carroscio *** Beth Dulberg
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Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, December 1st, 2023



December Birthdays



Vicky Belsky
 Eric Bernstein
 Edward Carroscio
 Beth Dulberg
 Stacy Kroun Fertig
 Suzanne Fertig
 Max Fevola

Kathleen Flug
 Frank Galchus
 Jessica Galub
 Rachel Heisler
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 Joel Kaufman
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December Anniversaries

Geri Weiss & David Chenkin
 Sharon & Roger Opstbaum



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: January/February 2024

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 **December 15th, 2023**. Lori Lustig and Robin Myers will be handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that they will be delivered properly.



January Birthdays

- Gail Tishcoff 1/02__
- Francine Klimavicius 1/05__
- Diane Shtulman 1/05__
- Neal Kwait 1/07__
- Amy Edelstein 1/13__
- Rochelle Sarrantonio 1/16__
- Eric Lustig 1/18__
- Maggie Berck 1/19__
- Jack Attar 1/21__
- Jeffrey Galub 1/24__
- Karen Carroscio 1/24__
- Barry Packer 1/27__

February Birthdays

- Ronna Galchus 2/01__
- Deirdre Weliky 2/05__
- Sharon Yontef 2/06__
- Brenda Bernhard 2/13__
- Ruth Dorfman 2/15__
- Stuart Belsky 2/16__
- I. Donald Weston 2/16__
- Walter Costanza 2/18__
- Eric Bass 2/22__
- Steve Levinsky 2/24__
- Sharon Opstbaum 2/25__
- Nancy Goldwasser 2/27__



January Anniversaries

- Jeannette & Steven Fishman 1/13__

February Anniversaries

- Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg 2/20__

Full Name: _____

Phone # _____



Cantor's Corner



I don't have to tell you my friends, we're living in strange and scary times. The events in Israel and Gaza are horrifying. One feels helpless in the face of such events. But some friends of mine recently came up with an idea that really was wonderful.

I've previously told you about all the terrific musical events I've been able to participate in via Zoom. In some cases, they originate in far flung locations. Well, a number of the people who host some of these recurring get-togethers decided to create an event in support of several charities that were vetted and selected by folks (and folk singers) in Israel.

"Voices," which took place on Sunday, November 12, was an all-day, "Follow the Sun" virtual open mic. It began in Israel at 6:00 pm their time, and continued for three hours. It then picked up in the UK at 7:00 pm their time, continuing for two hours. The next leg began in Boston (East Coast) at 4:00 pm our time, going for two hours, and the final leg began in Phoenix at 4:00 pm their time, finishing two hours later.

I participated in the Boston/east coast portion of the event. Folks were able to watch and listen on YouTube. They were invited to contribute to Brothers and Sisters For Israel, which aids and supports civilians and soldiers, NATAL, the Israel Trauma Resiliency Center, Shoulder to Shoulder, Emergency Aid to the Bedouin Community of the Negev, or to any charity they thought appropriate.

Basically, this was a testament to kindness, concern and solidarity. In each of the four "regions," musicians volunteered to contribute one song apiece. I have no idea how many songs were performed over those nine hours, but I would guess the number was near or over one hundred.

Many of the participants I had met before on Zoom, many were new to me, and many are now new friends. For a while on that Sunday, I felt just a little less helpless. It was a touching and sweet event. As always, the music was transporting. Here's hoping that things get better, and that peace will come soon. AM YISRAEL CHAI!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow

Men's Club

Season Greetings Everyone!!

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year. On November 2, we held our Open Bowling Event for all Temple members and their guests.

Bernstein's Bowling Blog

In November's game, David Chenkin and I (Eric) tied with the sum of the two games totaling 241.

We are almost done with 2023. While I still have a halfpoint lead over David Chenkin for the yearly average, 116.50 to 116 respectively, David is temporarily outright ahead of me in the overall average 117.64 to 115.88 respectively.

Our next league game will be Thursday, December 7 at 8:00 PM at Jib Lanes. For \$15 you can get in on the action, friendly competition, and the opportunity to socialize with other temple members.

Men and women are always welcome to attend.

On Sunday, November 12, we held our 9th Annual Men's Club Veterans Day Breakfast!! This event was available on Zoom as well as in person. Stanley Schecter was phenomenal, illustrating his experience in the Army with his words. Everyone was truly touched by his inspirational story. Eric Bernstein did an outstanding job moderating this event. We received positive feedback from the audience, who enjoyed this experience and were well fed. I want to thank Stanley and Eric for a wonderful morning.

We hosted our annual Men's Club Shabbat Service on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 pm, which was also available via Zoom. I want to thank everyone for their participation.

Our next Men's Club Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 11:15 am following the Parents Association meeting downstairs at Temple Beth Sholom and via Zoom (information that will be emailed in the Monday morning blast on December 11). Once again, thank you all and enjoy the holiday season.

Andrew Larkin
Men's Club President

Rummage

Another awesome success!

We had a great Rummage Sale on Election Day! The weather cooperated and people came out to shop! We raised as much as we have in the past Novembers! Thanks to our Rummage set-up volunteers: Adam F, Stacy K, Arlene G, Barbara G, Eric B, Eric L, Lori L, Iris B, Joy B, Diane S, Eva H, Nancy L, Andrea O, Walter L, Emily L, Melanee H, Juliana L, Scott L, Matthew C, Seth B. Thanks too, to those who volunteered on the day of the sale: Adam F, Karri K, Eric L, Joy B, and Lori L. All unsold clothing has been donated, which enabled us to create some storage space. Now, we can again accept donations of gently used, clean clothing for the Memorial Day Sale 2024.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

IT'S TIME FOR THE BIGGEST, THE BEST.....

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BAZAAR 2023

171-39 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358 templebethsholom.org
718.463.4143

Saturday, December 2 - 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sunday, December 3 - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm



TWO DAYS OF GREAT MERCHANDISE

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November Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, November 13, 2023, via Zoom.

After Rabbi Ballan's invocation, President Joy Bobrow said we're now in "Bazaar mode" and expressed gratitude for all the support she received from the Board these past nearly four years. She thanked the Nominating Committee who will present its slate. She said serving as President has been an "incredible journey for Temple as well as for myself, personally". She reminded us to be kind to one another and stay positive.

Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary, presented the October minutes which were accepted. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported we now have 110 member units. The Board approved the October Financial Report as presented by Treasurer Charlene Metz.

Cantor Korobow reported on the recent B'nei Mitzvah and said the students performed very nicely. Religious School is going well. Students are learning Chanukah songs in anticipation of the upcoming holiday. He reminded us that for Temple to have guest musicians participate in our services, we need to have more attendance at services.

Rabbi Ballan reported we had three B'nei Mitzvah, Emily Larkin, Scott and Juliana Lerea, and December 9 we will have the last one of 2023, Matthew Cohen. We held a dedication ceremony and lecture by Sofer Neil Yerman who repaired two of our Torahs. We were able to add decorative "tagin" or crowns on some of the letters. This Torah will be used during Matthew's Bar Mitzvah and also for Seth Bernstein's Bar Mitzvah. Our Shared Shabbat services have been well-attended. She participated in a Queens-wide Prayer Vigil/Service at ICCJ on October 15 (she was in NY1 video), and met with Senator Chuck Schumer and other leaders of Queens synagogues for a discussion on October 19. As a member of Queens DA Melinda Katz's Jewish Advisory Council, they met with U.S Attorney for the Eastern District of N.Y. on October 31. A Chai Mitzvah class is scheduled for November 20, via Zoom.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit and Ritual Committee Chair submitted her report: at the October Congregational Meeting, it was agreed the Mi Shebayrach list will not be read aloud at Shabbat Services, but listed in the Friday morning Rabbi's Message email, on the monitors in the sanctuary, and screen shared for those attending on Zoom. As of January, 2024, we will be starting a new list. Anyone wanting to add a loved one's name on the list as of January 2024 can email the Rabbi or Natalie any time after December 30, 2023.

Elaine Larkin, Parent Association Co-President, reported a successful fundraiser on November 6 at Panera Bread. PA is having a Zoom Chanukah cooking event on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm to make a sweet noodle kugel. Elaine also reported for Religious School Board. She thanked past and present Religious/Hebrew School Students who helped run Shared Shabbat on November 3. The next Shared Shabbat will be on December 1. She thanked Beth Hecht's Sunday class for helping set up the Rummage Sale on November 5. Chanukarama will be held in the ballroom on Sunday, December 10 during Religious School hours.

Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair, reported they are working on publicizing, menu selection, and catering for Shabbat Across America. They will mail out Chanukah packages to college students on the list submitted to the committee.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported the Election Day Rummage Sale was a success. She thanked Adam Fertig, Joy Bobrow and the volunteers who came to help to set up and during the actual sale. We could not do any of this without the volunteers. The next Adult Discussion Group will be Wednesday, December 13 and the next Women's Discussion Group will be Wednesday, January 10. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her continued support of these groups. The next virtual Bingo will be Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 pm.

Jim Kettig presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate: President - Joy Bobrow; VP1 - Joe deLeon; VP2 - Barbara Gandelman; VP3 - Eric Lustig; Treasurer - Charlene Metz; Financial Secretary -Robin Myers; Recording Secretary - Gail Tishcoff. Three- year Trustees - Iris Bass, Bonnie Wilichinsky, Barry Packer, Ron Myers, Gloria Shapiro. Alternate Trustee if necessary to serve out a position - Sam Rosenberg. This will be presented to the Congregation at the January Congregational Meeting for a vote.

Andrew Larkin, Men's Club President, reported its Open Bowling Event for all Temple members and guests was held on November 2. The annual Men's Club Veteran's Day Breakfast was held on November 12. TBS member Stanley Schecter shared his inspirational story and was phenomenal. Eric Bernstein did an outstanding job moderating this event.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported get well cards and calls were made to ill or homebound members. The topic for the Adult Discussion Group meeting on December 13 will be: Our Hopes for the New Year.

Gail Tishcoff, Blood Drive Chair reported on a productive meeting with NYBC representative Isaac Lastra and TBS volunteers. Calls were made to set up appointments and volunteers will be on site in shifts throughout the drive on November 19 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported Chicken Soup Cook-Off has been cancelled; vendors donated gift certificates for raffles for Bazaar.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Chair, reported on the upcoming Breakfast and Movie featuring *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 am. He hopes to schedule a lecture on men's health in late winter/early spring.

President Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported vendors are lined up. She asked for help for set-up and Bazaar. Adam Fertig has begun setting up As-Is. Beth Dulberg and Elana White have been making beautiful baskets to raffle off. Good & Welfare was shared, and the Clergy were excused. The Board unanimously agreed to start negotiations for a new contract with Cantor Jerry Korobow. The meeting was adjourned.

Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary

BAZAAR BOWLS & BETS



Nothing is better in the winter than Chef Adam's soup

BE PREPARED TO PICK UP YOUR PREORDERED AND PREPAID SOUP ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd

PRE-ORDER CHEF ADAM GANDELMAN'S BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND/OR MUSHROOM BARLEY SOUP **BY DECEMBER 1st!**

\$6.00 SMALL CONTAINER \$10.00 LARGE CONTAINER

Try your luck - buy chances to win cash prizes

\$10 BUYS 1 chance



\$20 BUYS 3 chances

PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE = 15% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED

SECOND PRIZE = 10% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED

THIRD PRIZE = 5% OF ALL MONIES COLLECTED

ALL REMAINING FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO TEMPLE!!

**COMPLETED CHANCE FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 3rd
DRAWING AT THE CLOSE OF BAZAAR ON DECEMBER 3rd**

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

SOUP

Name _____

Butternut Squash # Small _____ # Large _____

Mushroom Barley # Small _____ # Large _____

Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

CHANCES

Name _____

of chances _____

Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Parents Association

Shalom to our Temple Beth Shalom Family. We hope that you're all doing well.

We had a successful restaurant fundraiser on November 6 at Panera Bread. We were able to raise \$94.57. Thank you to all who ordered food during this event.

PA will be doing a Zoom cooking event for Chanukah on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. We will be making a sweet noodle kugel recipe. Please look out for the flyer with more information.

We held a PA meeting on Sunday, November 19 via Zoom and in-person and discussed the Hanukkah bags and other things including parent, teacher gifts and collection as well as upcoming events in the next few months. Following the November meeting, the next PA meeting will be on Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 am.

Be safe and be well.

All the best,

Erica Bernstein
Elaine Larkin
PA co- Presidents



Religious School News

Greetings to our TBS family!

We hope that you're doing well. Congratulations to Emily Larkin, Julianna and Scott Lerea on their Bat and B'nai Mitzvahs. You all did a fantastic job and your Temple Family is very proud of you.

Thank you to the past and present Religious/Hebrew School Students who helped run Shared Shabbat on November 3. You did a great job! The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, December 1.

Thank you to Mora Beth Hecht's Sunday class for helping set up the Rummage Sale on Sunday, November 5. You all did a great mitzvah.

Chanukarama will be held in the ballroom on Sunday, December 10 during Religious School hours (10:00 am – 12:00 noon). We can't wait to celebrate this festive holiday with the students.

The next Religious School Board meeting will be at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 29 via Zoom. There will be no Board Meeting in December...we will convene again on Wednesday, January 3 in the new year.

All the best,
Erica Bernstein
Religious School Board Representative

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Sisterhood Corner

I hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving with your family. As I took a moment to reflect on all that I have to be grateful for, my family and my Temple Family always comes to mind! I am grateful that I can call Temple Beth Shalom my second home. My life would not be the same without them!

As we finish celebrating Thanksgiving, we are in full swing for another great Bazaar event. Please consider volunteering for set-up or for the event or even for both! We always appreciate all of the help that we can get. The Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. There will be vendors and booths for you to buy merchandise. There are baskets with fantastic prizes, thanks to Beth Dulberg and Elana White. Please support Temple by buying Chef Adam's soup and getting raffle tickets. Please see the flyer for more details and call the office if you are able to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you at this yearly Temple fundraiser.

We had a book club event on November 19. It was great to see so many Sisterhood members at this event. We read the book *Finding Me* by Viola Davis. Our next book club will take place on Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 am. Stay tuned for the announcement of the next book that we will be reading.

Our Rummage Sale was once again a great success thanks to the tireless efforts of Adam "The Man" Fertig and Joy Bobrow and all of the volunteers who came to help for set up and at the day of the Rummage Sale. We raised \$1500 making this sale a rousing success! I thank each and every one of you because it could not happen without the people who volunteer.

Our Adult Discussion Group will take place on December 13 and the Women's Discussion group will take place on January 10. I am so happy that these groups have been so successful. Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her dedication to the groups and our Temple.

Our next Bingo will take place on Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 pm! Please invite your family and friends to this fun filled evening. You don't even have to leave your house!! See the flyer for details.

I hope that you take a moment to enjoy this holiday season with your loved ones. As we say goodbye to 2023, my hope is that 2024 brings joy to you, your family and our Temple Family!

Happy New Year!

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President





TBS Parents Association 2023

Zoom Chanukah Cooking Event

Sunday, December 10, 2023 6:30 PM

RSVP to Parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org

Get the Zoom information by Friday, December 9, 2023

Noodle Kugel is a traditional Jewish holiday casserole similar to bread pudding, but with noodles instead of bread. It's deliciously creamy and slightly sweet. Serve it as breakfast, a side dish, or dessert, warm or cold

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 1 hour

Total Time: 1 hour – 1 hour 15 minutes **Servings:** 15

Ingredients

¾ cup raisins	2 teaspoons kosher salt
12 ounces wide egg noodles	6 large eggs
2 cups sour cream	1 cup cottage cheese
8 ounces cream cheese, softened	¼ cup unsalted butter, melted
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla	¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup + 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, divided	½ teaspoon cinnamon, divided

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. with an oven rack in the middle position. Coat a 9x13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Place raisins in a small bowl and cover with hot water; let them soak to plump up while you prep the other ingredients.
3. Bring a large pot of 5 quarts water and 2 teaspoons kosher salt to a boil. Add the noodles to the pot, bring back to a boil, and let them cook until tender but not entirely cooked, about 7 minutes. Drain thoroughly and return the cooked noodles to the pot.
4. In a blender or the bowl of a food processor, blend together the eggs, sour cream, cottage cheese, cream cheese, melted butter, vanilla, salt, 1 cup sugar, and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon.
5. Pour the egg mixture over the cooked noodles in the pot and stir until well combined.
6. Drain the raisins and stir them into the noodles.
7. Pour the noodle mixture into the prepared baking dish, spreading evenly.
8. Whisk together the remaining tablespoon of sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon: sprinkle over the top of the kugel.
9. Bake the kugel for about 1 hour until the center of the kugel is set and the tips of the noodles turn golden brown.
10. Remove from the oven and let the kugel rest for 15-20 minutes before slicing.
11. Kugel can be served warm or cold, as a side dish, for breakfast, or dessert!

Adult Education

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

On Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 am, Adult Education will be having a Breakfast and a Movie event featuring *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This event will be in-person only and we are requesting a donation of \$3.00 to offset the cost of breakfast. The Religious School has also been invited to attend.

If you have an Adult Education topic that you think would be of interest to the community, please reach out to me at adulthood@templebethsholom.org or call (917) 902-4894.

Eric Bernstein
Chairman, Adult Education



Bazaar 2023

Don't forget that this year, Bazaar will be on December 2 and 3!! Please send in your orders for raffles and soup. See the flyer in this issue of The Voice for details. Donate \$10, you will receive one chance. Donate \$20, you will get three chances! First Prize is 15% of the total amount collected, Second Prize is 10% of the total amount collected, and Third Prize is 5% of the total amount collected. The remaining funds (70%) will be donated directly to Temple. You have to be in it to win it!!

Incredible raffle baskets have been designed by our very own Beth Dulberg and Elana White – you don't want to miss out on your chance to win.

Chef Adam WILL prepare his butternut squash and mushroom barley soups in the TBS kitchen...it's \$6 for a small container and \$10 for a large container. The soup will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 3... please pre-order!!! Although we will not be having books this year, we do have our famous As-Is rooms on the lower level. In the ballroom we will have our famous Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing Booth, our One-of-a-Kind Booth, a jewelry booth and an eclectic booth. We will have some new vendors joining us as well as some fan favorites in the ballroom – come check it out. Again this year, there will be food for purchase WITH eat-in dining including egg creams, hot dogs, knishes, baked ziti, chicken, egg salad and tuna salad, and the possibility of brisket. ANGELS are welcome as we do need to purchase grocery items for the food and accoutrements that will be prepared by Chef Adam and crew!

Please come and volunteer to help out at Bazaar 2023 – call the office and let Natalie know when you are available to help at Bazaar.

Hope to see you and all your friends!

Joy Bobrow and Barbara Gandelman
Bazaar 2023 Co-chairs



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

If you will be spending the winter in Florida, Arizona or any place else we can send The Voice to you there! Be sure to let the office know when you are going and when you will return so we can mail accordingly!

Why not sponsor 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

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
- All Discussion Groups
- Virtual Bingo

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

For more information
contact Fay Schildkraut at
917 509-1664 or
fayschild@gmail.com

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

Temple Beth Sholom Presents

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on

Wednesday evening, December 13, 2023

7:30 pm via Zoom

TOPIC: Our Hopes for the New Year

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

Zoom information to be provided

In the Monday morning email on Monday, December 11

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

Just about a year ago, on December 27 to be exact, two tributes were read at my father-in-law, Isidore's funeral service by our friends Lisa and Michael, who were not the ones who authored those sentiments. For the individuals whose thoughts they belong to are my wife Renee's cousins, Agi, and her son Avi; who both live in Israel. Agi is there with her husband, Andres. Avi and his wife, Michal, have a son, Oron, and two daughters. Teenager, Lihi is the youngest child; and Gaia, at 23, is the oldest of the three.

Over the last several weeks, we have been blessed to be able to communicate with the family via WhatsApp. We were so relieved to hear them and see them. Yet, we were deeply saddened by seeing that the family was in a bomb shelter bunker in their basement.

However, Gaia was not there. Gaia is a member of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). For what Gaia does, while it is an obligation and a requirement, she is a true hero.

Dictionary.com says a hero is "a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal."

In my younger days, my heroes wore skates or cleats or high-tops and flew like the wind. And, while many of these people's pictures still adorn the walls and bookcases of my sports den; as I got older, while the term hero has maintained the same meaning, it has taken on a much different perspective.

For heroes have lived in my home for my entire life; and still do to this day, as well as there are others who I visit if we are not living under the same roof. There are friends of years and years who I refer to as heroes. Those who keep us healthy and safe are undeniably heroes. The people who do what they do in allowing me to embrace my involvement within Temple Beth Sholom are my heroes. My heroes are the restaurateurs who committed to participate in this year's Chicken Soup Cook-Off; and when it was postponed, they, without hesitation, generously donated to Bazaar.

And, as I am writing this, I am watching *The 11th Hour With Stephanie Ruhle*. The segment has the National Director and CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, Jonathan Greenblatt---a hero in his own right, for what he says and does. There is a feature on family members of American Israelis taken hostage; as well as of the 300,000 people who attended the March for Israel in Washington, D.C. They are all heroes.

And lest we not forget---the 1,400 who lost their lives and the 240 who were taken hostage in Israel on Saturday, October 7, 2023---they should all be remembered as heroes.

So shortly, as my head will find the cold side of the pillow, I will reflect upon and thank God for the heroes in my life; and wish that soon heroic actions of many will result in peace for all.

Barry Packer
Second Vice-President, Ways & Means Chairman



Pulpit & Ritual

Congregants Take Note!!

Temple Beth Sholom's Mi Shebayrach list, currently included at every Shabbat Service, contains 67 names.

While we wish all our loved ones improved health, it is time to start anew.

Beginning January 2024, all names on the Mi Shebayrach list will be removed, and a new list will be started.

Any member wishing to add a name to the new list

must email the Rabbi, or Natalie in the office any time after December 30, 2023

Geri Weiss
Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair

Bar Mitzvah

Matthew is the son of Andrea Odintz, Michael Rosenberg and the late Jeffrey Cohen, all members of TBS. You may know him as Ben's younger brother or for his distinctive red hair, but there is so much more to know and love about Matthew.

He is an 8th grader at World Journalism Preparatory School, where his favorite subjects are social studies and math. He loves sports, especially baseball and hockey. He applies his focus to acquiring knowledge about U.S. presidents and geography as he does to professional athletic teams and players.

Matthew already has had experience co-leading numerous Shared Shabbat services, this year's Rosh Hashanah Children's Service and a Summer Service. In addition to keeping up with his Hebrew and Religious School studies, he plays Little League baseball, is a red stripe belt in Taekwondo and has taken piano lessons since he was six years old.

Even more important than his accomplishments, Matthew is a caring and considerate person. Though he can roughhouse, he is admirably gentle with everyone from babies to his 96-year-old maternal grandmother. He is happy to help however he can. Matthew has always loved children younger than him; with this combination of characteristics in mind, he hopes to be a teacher one day.

Matthew had a heart procedure the day he was born. With this challenging beginning, and the premature passing of his father, his Mitzvah project is fundraising for the Mended Hearts organization. He is practicing tzadekah by donating some of his Bar Mitzvah gift funds to this cause.

Mom, Mike, Ben and the rest of Matthew's extended family are so proud of him, as he prepares to read from the Torah and reach the age of Jewish maturity.

Mazel Tov!

Calling All Temple Members

Join Sisterhood for a Special Night of Latkes, Games, & Food

Thursday Dec. 14, 2023 *** 7:00 pm

In the Ballroom at Temple Beth Sholom

Activities will include:
Eating Latkes, snacks and a variety of drinks

Making Quilled New Year Cards



Watercolor a Winter Scene



Pictionary

Chanukah Bingo

Save the Date and Join Us!

To Make This a Great Night
and be sure we have enough materials

RSVP by Dec. 11 to:

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☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS December, 2023 ☆

Week of December 1st

Gerald Cohen
James Goldstein
Dora M. Goodman
Kenneth Kupferberg
Leila Miller
Bernard Simon
Elaine Susman
Max Weiss
Paul Woliner

Grandfather of Benjamin and Matthew Cohen
Husband of Reva Hollander
Grandmother of Cantor Sandra Goodman
Father of Anne Pepper
Cousin of Lillian Tandatnick
Father-in-Law of Maxine Simon
Mother of Michael Susman
Grandfather of Geri Weiss
Father of Susan Ecker

Week of December 22nd

Joseph Attar
Gladys Bamberger
William Bruckner

Arlene Cavallo
Doris Krackow
Deborah Jean Larkin
Tyrrell Mastropaolo

Father of Jack Attar
Mother of Fran Goldman
Brother of Herta Tishcoff
Uncle of Gail Tishcoff
Stepmother of Barbara Gandelman
Mother of Brenda Bernhard
Sister-in-Law of Andrew Larkin
Brother of Norma Benvenuto

Week of December 8th

Paul Edelstein
Irving Fertel
Louis Glanz
Milton Graff
Luna Haime
Ida Kaiser
Isidore Katz

Grandfather of Amy Edelstein
Father of Maxine Simon
Grandfather of Robin Myers
Uncle of Linda M. Ramirez
Grandmother of Karen Carroscio
Mother of Linda Fuente
Husband of Rose Katz
Father of Renee Katz-Packer
Brother-in-Law of Miriam Scharf
Uncle of Dr. Richard Severin
Daughter of Herta Tishcoff
Sister of Gail Tishcoff

Benjamin Scharf
Dominique Severin
Carol Tishcoff

Week of December 29th

Beatrice Ain
Walter Bullock
John Davey
Hyman Feirberg
Jules Gillin
Selma Kupferberg
Steven M. Kupferberg
Lillian Morris
Eva Myers
Melvin Wexler

Aunt of Bruce Goldwasser
Grandfather of Nancy Lothammer
Father of Susan Fisch
Father of Lynn Goldenstein
Father of Marchel Gillin
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Aunt of Pamela Weston Abrams
Grandmother of Ronald Myers
Grandfather of Michael Gross

Week of December 15th

Sadie Adler
Pearl Fradkin
Constance Hofer
Sidney Korsch
Max Kupferberg
Bernard Kwait
Louis Scharf
Alice Shapiro
Flora Stein
Sylvia Weiner

Observed by Temple
Mother of Andrew Fradkin
Mother of Greg Hofer
Friend of Lillian Tandatnick
Observed by Temple
Father of Neal Kwait
Brother-in-Law of Miriam Scharf
Mother-in-Law of Gloria Shapiro
Grandmother of Karri Kaufman
Mother of Reva Hollander


Week of January 5th

Louis Volney Beausejour
Madeline Daitch
Sy Dipkin*
Edwin Hoffman
Sidney Gilbert
Frank S. Greene*
David Krackow
Sol Lipow
Pearl Lubliner
Julia Lustig
Moe Lustig
Gerald (Jerry) Maurer
Rebecca Pasach
Ralph Scharf
Louise Steele


Father of Dr. Richard Severin
Sister of Sharon Haimer
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Uncle of Fran Goldman
Uncle of Larry Gold
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Brother of Brenda Bernhard
Grandfather of Alan Berck
Grandmother of Erica Bernstein
Mother of Eric Lustig
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Mother of Ned Steele

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When: Saturday, January 27th

Where: Ballroom

Time: 6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Cost: \$10 Per Person / Children Under 5 are Free

\$50 maximum

(Snacks and Beverages will be served)

All ages can play

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Please RSVP by Sunday, January 19th by contacting
ParentsAssociation@TemplateBethSholom.org or Elaine Larkin or Erica Bernstein

Name(s): _____

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Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate that which unites all Jews- Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families, all ages. Let's celebrate together!

Friday, March 1, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Join us for Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow.
Traditional kosher meal is \$37 per adult. \$15 per child (children's menu)
Reservations MUST be made by February 15, 2024

Yes! We'd love to join the celebration! Number of people in my/our party _____

Name: _____ Phone () _____ Email: _____


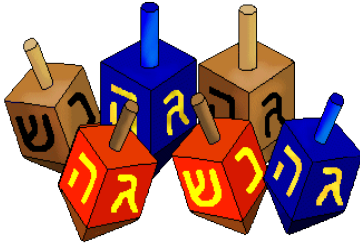




Enclosed check for \$ _____, covers \$37 Adult /\$15 Child for the traditional Shabbat dinner

Make checks payable to Temple Beth Sholom. Send this form to:
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For further information, contact TBS office at 718.463.4143

KISLEV - TEVET

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1</p> <p>Pizza Dinner 6:00 pm Shared/Simchat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am</p> <p>BAZAAR 5:30 – 9:30 pm</p>
<p>3</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>BAZAAR 11:00 am – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Healing/Meditation Service via Zoom 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hebrew School in- person at 4:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm</p> <p>First Chanukah Candle</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Chanukah Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>NO TORAH STUDY</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Cohen 10:00 am</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Religious School Chanukarama 10:00 am</p> <p>Jewish Start 10:30 am</p> <p>PA COOKING Event via Zoom only 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Membership Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Healing/Meditation Service via Zoom 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hebrew School in- person at 4:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Discussion Group via Zoom 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sisterhood Latkes, Games Wine & Cheese 7:00 pm</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Evening Shabbat Service 7:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Religious School 10:00 am in-person</p> <p>PA Meeting in- person/Zoom 10:30 am</p> <p>Men's Club Meeting in-person/Zoom 11:15 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chai Mitzvah Class via Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Healing/Meditation Service via Zoom 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hebrew School in- person at 4:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Evening Shabbat Service 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am</p>
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