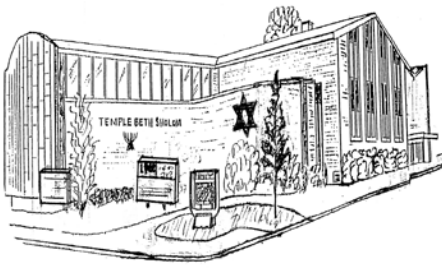


The Voice

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THIS MONTH:

BOWLING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

PARENTS ASS'N MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER - BLAZE PIZZA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

CHAI MITZVAH CLASS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEXT MONTH:

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

BOWLING

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

VIRTUAL BINGO

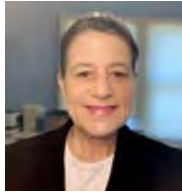
THURSDAY, MARCH 14

PURIM SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

CHAI MITZVAH CLASS

MONDAY, MARCH 25



From the Rabbi's desk

Be Happy it's Adar I!

This month, we gain an extra day—February 29. This is because it takes the Earth 365 1/4 days to orbit the sun (365 days, 6 hours, 9 minutes to be exact). In 100 years or so, the calendar would not match up with the Earth's position vis-a-vis the sun, and eventually the seasons would be out of whack if not corrected.

The Jewish calendar also has a leap year, which sort of coincides with the solar leap year. However, it is not one day we add, but an entire month is added to the calendar every 2-3 years. We do this because our calendar is a luni-solar calendar. Our months are directly related to the cycle of moon's orbit around the Earth. Each month (think "moonth") in the Jewish calendar begins on a new moon. The moon takes 29.5 days to orbit the earth and we have 12 months in the year. Those of you who are good at math will know right away that this means that we have only 354 days in a regular Jewish year. If we didn't account for the difference, we would lose 11 days a year. Before long, we would be celebrating Passover in December and Chanukah in the summer. It specifically says in the Torah that we must celebrate Passover in the spring; therefore the rabbis decided to add this month to our calendar. When do we add this month and what do we call it? We add an extra month after the last month in the Jewish calendar.

That is the month of Adar. When we have a leap year, the added month is Adar II, so this year we have both Adar I and Adar II. Adar I begins on February 9-10.

Adar is the month we celebrate Purim. But what do we do when there is a leap month? We celebrate Purim in Adar II, because it needs to fall one month before Passover. An interesting footnote for those who were born in Adar II: You simply celebrate your birthday in Adar when there is no leap month. The same goes for observing a yahrtzeit. If you were born on the 25th of Adar II, you simply observe it on the 25th of Adar. Much easier than if you were born on February 29th! However, if you were born on the 3rd of Adar II, and your best friend was born on the 28th of Adar I in the same year, your friend is older than you, and celebrates his birthday first. Except when it is not a leap year, you get to celebrate your Hebrew birthday before his!

There is a Talmudic saying, "From the beginning of Adar, we increase our happiness." (B. Taanit 29a). This is in anticipation of Purim. This year we have an extra month to increase our happiness, and also an extra month to get ready to celebrate and party. We will celebrate Purim Saturday evening, March 23. If you would like to chant or read from the Megillah, please let me know. And certainly, let me know if you would like to participate in our Purim Shpiel.

Shalom Uvracha,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan

**PURIM IS
COMING SOON !!**

(continued next column)

**Please see Friday “Rabbi’s Message” emails
for last minute winter Shabbat Service
weather-related updates!!**

**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, February 2nd: Shared Simchat Shabbat Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Yitro
Candles: Junior Congregation
Kiddush: Junior Congregation
Service sponsored by Deirdre Weliky to celebrate
February birthdays and anniversaries

Saturday, February 3rd: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 9th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Mishpatim
Candles: Gail Tishcoff
Kiddush: Jim Ketting

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

Friday, February 16th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Terumah
Candles: Ruth Davidson
Kiddush: Charlene Metz
Shabbat Service sponsored by Ruth Davidson
in loving memory of her father, Sidney Person

Saturday, February 17th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, February 23rd: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Tetzaveh
Candles: Geri Weiss
Kiddush: Bonnie Wilichinsky
Oneg sponsored by Bonnie Wilichinsky
in loving memory of her husband Alvin Wilichinsky

Saturday, February 24th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**



From The President

To My Temple Family,

As you all know, we write our articles a couple of weeks before the end of the month. Bearing that in mind, as the January 2024 Congregation Meeting has not yet occurred, I am hopeful that you have given me the opportunity to serve as your President for the next two years.

At this time I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing Officers, Dr. Fay Schildkraut and Barry Packer, for their contributions over the past years. Many thanks, too, to outgoing Trustees Barbara Gandelman, Larry Gold, Karri Kaufman, Andrea Odintz, and Geri Weiss for their endless dedication and efforts on behalf of Temple.

I will be entering my third two-year term and with each term I find that I am learning new skills to help us overcome the challenges that we continue to face. Be it the incredible amount of antisemitism facing Jews all over the world, which should lead ALL Jews to support synagogues, to the shrinking number of people who identify as Jewish but don't feel the need to belong to a synagogue because, I suspect, there is a feeling that when life cycle events are needed, we will be there for them.

Well, guess what? Without the financial and spiritual support of those who identify as Jewish, we won't – it will be shame on “you.” Please try to “convert” your Jewish friends to become members – we need them, and they need us!

On a particularly positive note, through the support of our Temple Family I believe we have managed to be stronger than and as vibrant as we have ever been. To our newly elected Officers, Trustees, and to those of you who are continuing your terms, thank you.

I continue to firmly believe that what we have been doing at Temple is so vital because we serve such an important function in this community. The life cycle events for which we are available is so very necessary. We just need to get that message out there. Many challenges still lie ahead of us; but I know if we continue to work together, we will overcome them as we have so many talented and hardworking members with great ideas. While we may not always agree on the path that we should take, the bottom line is that if we are respectful towards one another and work towards our common goal of strengthening Temple and know that we are in this together for the betterment of Temple, we will persevere. As a former President of Temple Beth Shalom once said “We want a stronger Temple Beth Shalom that will not only be here for us but for our future generations.”

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

Your President,
Joy A. Bobrow

A Message from the
PRESIDENT

TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of January 19, 2023

- PULPIT FLOWER FUNDTBS Office 718-463-4143
Stuart and Vicki Belsky in loving memory of Stu's dad, Stanley Belsky
Eva Heisler in loving memory of her parents, Magda & Larry Klein
- JOSHUA SACKS - OPPENHEIM EDUCATION FUND..... TBS Office 718-463-4143
- LT. MARVIN S. ACKERMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND TBS Office 718-463-4143
- JEWISH START TBS Office 718-463-4143
- GENERAL FUND..... TBS Office 718-463-4143
Sharon Haimer in loving memory of her sister, Madeline Daitch
- TORAH FUND. TBS Office 718-463-4143
- RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Rabbi Sharon Ballan 718-463-4143
Frances Trachter in loving memory of her mother, Elaine Trachter
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
Alice Newman in honor of Fay Schildkraut's birthday
Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us!
- COOLING TOWER FUND TBS Office 718-463-4143

Celebrating milestone birthdays in February 2024



Ruth Dorfman

* I. Donald Weston*



Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, February 2nd, 2024



February Birthdays



Eric Bass
 Stuart Belsky
 Brenda Bernhard
 Walter Costanza
 Ruth Dorfman
 Damon Ehrlich
 Ronna Galchus
 Valentina Gillin



Nancy Goldwasser
 Jody Harkavy
 Steve Levinsky
 Sharon Opstbaum
 Deirdre Weliky
 I. Donald Weston
 Sharon Yontef

February Anniversaries

Andrea Odintz & Michael Rosenberg



Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom Sistergrams: March/April 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 **February 15th, 2024**). You can pay for the remaining ten months of the year in advance (\$105), or monthly as before! Lori Lustig and Robin Myers are handling the Sistergrams so please write "Sistergrams" on the envelope so that the envelopes can be distributed properly.



March Birthdays

Barbara Gandelman	3/01__
Oliver Gellerman	3/01__
Jean Reichler	3/10__
Fran Goldman	3/11__
Nancy Lothammer	3/12__
Susan Ecker	3/13__
Norma Benvenuto	3/14__
Joseph deLeon	3/17__
Erica Bernstein	3/20__
Lillian Tandatnick	3/21__
Robin Myers	3/23__
Michael Gross	3/25__
Leza Lerea	3/26__

April Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

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



April Anniversaries

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



Full Name: _____

Phone # _____



Cantor's Corner



I'm a very lucky guy in many ways. I have a wonderful wife, lovely daughters and sons-in-law, and five beautiful grandchildren. I've been fortunate enough to enjoy excellent health throughout my life, as have my family members.

Yet, I've been extraordinarily blessed in another way. Here I quote Pablo Picasso: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." For me, music is that gift. It has brought me friends, opportunities, input, ideas, and comfort, to name just a few of the benefits.

Long ago, I read a comment somewhere by a musician. "Maybe I won't be rich. Maybe I won't be famous. But that's NOT why I started playing music. I play because music is WHO I AM."

I understand very well what that person was saying. I'm a musician-that's who I am. In the words of that famous American philosopher Willie Nelson, "We are all the same. There is no difference anywhere in the world. People are people. They laugh, cry, feel, and love, and music seems to be the common denominator that brings us all together. Music cuts through all boundaries and goes right to the soul." You're so right Willie!

Some time back, my wife Zo started buying me T-shirts made by a company called Life Is Good. The shirts sport really nice designs, are soft and of very high quality. Many are aimed at musicians, and display appropriate texts (along with graphics) such as the following: Music is what color sounds like; music brings us together; music is life; peace, love and music; play more, worry less; where words fail, music speaks; music is magic. You get the idea. I really enjoy wearing those shirts, because they say what I feel. MUSIC IS MAGIC!

The great thing is that I get to share that magic with others, whether in our synagogue, at a concert, in a nursing home, at a music festival, at a jam session, or anywhere else. One of the shirts offered by the company has yet to make its way into my collection, but I have a feeling it will get there soon. Plastered across the front is a big musical symbol (a G clef), with the following text: A day without music wouldn't kill me, but why risk it? I agree 100%!

Thank you for continuing to let me share music with the Temple Beth Sholom community. It truly is a pleasure and a privilege. I look forward to much more singing as we make musical magic together. See you at services!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow



Men's Club

Bernstein's Bowling Blog

Entering our 9th year, we're back with a bang! After the pandemic lull, we saw a fantastic surge in activity last year, having the most meets (eight sessions) since 2019. Personally, I'm so grateful for this league's resilience and passion. Established in 2016 by David Chenkin, Jeff Cohen, Barry Packer, and myself, we witnessed an unparalleled season last year with a remarkable 40 individual games played. More than just games, our league is about camaraderie and connection. Here's to many more years of friendly competition and shared enjoyment for the game!

If you would like to be part of our adult league, please email Eric Bernstein (EricDBernstein@gmail.com). Our next league game will take place on Thursday, February 1 at 8:00 pm at Jib Lanes.

Our annual Super Bowl 50/50 Pool has started! The big game is Sunday, February 11, 2024. Simply pick any of the 100 empty boxes (you can buy more than one). After they are all filled, numbers for each row and column will be drawn randomly. The boxes then correspond to the scores at the end of each quarter (and the final score) to win cash prizes. Half of the collected monies are donated directly to TBS. Boxes are \$5 each, Q1 prize is \$37.50. Q2 prize is \$75.00. Q3 prize is \$37.50. The Final winner gets \$100.00. Contact Eric Bernstein through his email for more information.

Lag B'Omer Softball: We've secured the softball field permit which is available to us from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 19. Save the date!

Check the Monday email blasts as we will be sending a Google Form requesting your input about our trips. We are working a trip to Ellis Island for Sunday, June 23.

We are in the preliminary stages of planning our annual trip to a Long Island Ducks game in August.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 11 at 11:00 am in-person and via Zoom. We hope to see you there!

Andrew Larkin
Men's Club President

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

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

*Have you thought of sponsoring an
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*It's a great way to celebrate a special
occasion or remember a loved one!*

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during religious school times,
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to sell bracelets.**

**Cash/Check donations
are preferred
"Temple Beth Sholom".**

Contact: geriweiss1@gmail.com

January Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday January 8, via Zoom.

After Rabbi Ballan's invocation, President Joy Bobrow thanked the outgoing Board Members, Trustees and Officers who have served the Temple well and who will hopefully continue to do so in their on-going roles. She has reposted for office bookkeeper and reminded us to forward anyone interested to her attention. She is looking forward to our Congregation Meeting on January 24 and Shabbat Across America March 1.

Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary, presented the December minutes which were accepted. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, submitted her report saying that we currently have 110 member units. Donation statements for 2023 and new dues statements will be mailed out by the end of January. The Board approved the December Financial Report as presented by Treasurer Charlene Metz. The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 proposed budget, as presented by Treasurer Metz and this will be given to the Congregation for vote on January 24.

Cantor Korobow reported services continue to go very well. He urged all to attend in person. He thanked the tech team. Religious school is going nicely, and we look forward to our Tu Bishvat Seder on Sunday, January 21. Akiva the Believer will be with us on March 1 for our Shabbat Across America/Shared Shabbat Service and dinner. Rabbi Ballan reported services have been well-attended. We had two Hebrew namings since last month. It's nice to bring children into the covenant, as well as new members. Her vacation is from January 9 until January 16. If there are any emergencies, please contact Natalie in the office. The Cantor will be available if necessary. Our next Chai Mitzvah on the topic, "Because We Were Slaves: The Jewish Struggle for Justice in Making America Home" will take place on Monday, January 22 at 7:30 pm.

Geri Weiss, Pulpit and Ritual Committee Chair, reported there will be a Tu Bishvat Oneg with the fruits of Israel on January 26, after the Installation Service.

Elaine Larkin, Parents Association Co-President, reported the PA donated \$500.00 to Temple. She reported on plans for future events and the January 27 Hollywood Squares Game Night. Elaine also reported for the Religious School Board Committee, that the students will be volunteering at various sites with Commonpoint Queens on Monday, Martin Luther King Day, instead of attending Sunday School.

Fay Schildkraut, Membership Committee Chair, presented Jan and Melanie Katz for membership, grandparents of Jasper Katz-Good, who was given his Hebrew name during our January 5 Shabbat Service. The Board accepted them. She requested reservations be submitted ASAP for Shabbat Across America on March 1, catered by Ben's Kosher Deli. Donations of water, wine and desserts will be appreciated. She shared that at the end of this month she will be retiring and living part-time in Vermont. She intends to maintain her TBS membership and will work closely with Lori Lustig, who will assume the Membership Committee Chair after March 1.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported on the next Book Club on February 25 reading *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover. Virtual Bingo will start again on Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 pm. The Women's Discussion Group will be on January 10 and the Adult Discussion Group will be held on February 21, both facilitated by Deirdre Weliky.

Andrew Larkin, Men's Club President, reported Bowling, in its 9th year, has resumed. Super Bowl Boxes are on sale. Lag B'Omer Softball is set for Sunday, May 19 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Cunningham Park. They are working on a trip to Ellis Island for Sunday June 23. The Long Island Ducks Game is in the preliminary stages of planning for this August. Yom Hashoah candles will be procured and available for sale.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported get-well cards and calls were made to ill or homebound members. The topic for the Women's Discussion Group will be "Food."

President Bobrow reported she will have a parking lot schematic drafted and distributed so that those who use our building know where they can and cannot park. The next food pantry is scheduled for January 23.

Gail Tishcoff, Blood Drive Chair, reported anyone who donated at our November drive will be eligible to donate after January 14. Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair reported the Chicken Soup Cook-Off will hopefully be planned for Saturday night, October 26.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported on Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 AM, Adult Education will have a "Breakfast and a Movie" event featuring *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Jason Ehrlich will be presenting on Men's Health on March 17.

President Joy Bobrow, Bazaar Co-Chair, reported the committee met to review this past Bazaar and start to plan ways to have an even better one next year.

Good & Welfare was shared, and the Clergy were excused. The Cantor's Contract Committee reported on Cantor Korobow's proposed three-year contract and the Board unanimously approved it as presented to be brought to the Congregation at the January 24, 2024 meeting for ratification. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff
Recording Secretary





Dear Temple Family,

Thank you for your support, appreciation and success of the Bazaar 2023 baskets. A BIG thank you to Barry Packer, Barbara Gandelman, Geri Weiss and Erica Bernstein, for going above and beyond in getting gift certificates, trips (yay Barry) and merchandise. Thanks too, to all those who donated items making the baskets a huge success.

With your help, we were excited to have good quality items and a variety of themes...we hope the trend continues. This year, we encourage our Temple Family to think about BAZAAR all year long. Bearing that in mind, we are sure that someone out there (or many someones) received a holiday gift they may not use/want. So, pass it on to Temple for a bazaar basket!!

We are confident that many of us participate in reward programs for different stores and/or credit cards. It's a great way to help Temple by using these rewards to purchase basket items/gift cards at a reduced price. I personally did this: the Hamilton Beach Toaster Oven cost \$84.99, but I had rewards I didn't even know I had so it cost me \$17.53!!



We are already working on themes for Bazaar 2024 baskets including: Baking, Italian, Chanukah, Bathroom accessories/towels, Small Kitchen Appliances, Cooking, Tool Kit and Gardening. Of course, any and all gift cards are welcome! Does anyone have connections to the theatre or a sports venue? Tickets to a show or sporting event would be a big hit! We are open to your ideas as well.

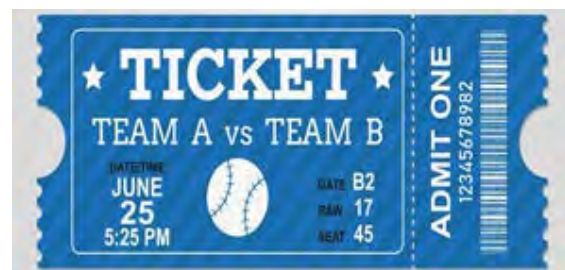
I have seen the extent to which members love Temple, and the time, money and effort members give to help Temple meet its financial obligations.

I hope this helps you think of items to purchase/donate for these baskets and encourages you to think about bazaar all year long.

Thank you for all you do!

Regards,

Beth Dulberg and Elana White
Bazaar Basket Co-Chairs



BAZAAR 2024

Religious School News

We hope that 2024 has been treating you and your family well. We held a School Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 3 on Zoom. It was decided that there would be no Religious School on Sunday, January 14 and instead students and their families were asked to volunteer (on Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day) at one of the local Commonpoint Queens sites where they were having different opportunities as part of the MLK Day of Service. A few families met up at the Bayside site where care packages were prepared for cancer patients. There was also an opportunity to send personalized notes to the soldiers in Israel.

The Shared Shabbat Service on Friday, January 5 was very successful. All of the past and present students who participated did a wonderful job. Thank you to the congregants who always support our students. The next Shared Shabbat will be held on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

Some Religious School Students did attend the Adult Education event which was a viewing of the movie *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* which starred Donny Osmond. The students who attended enjoyed the movie.

On Sunday, January 21, Religious School celebrated the New Year for trees at its annual Tu B'shevat Seder. It's always a fun event!

The next Religious School Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00 pm.

Erica Bernstein
Religious School Board Representative

Bazaar Corner

Support our **BAZAAR 2023** vendors!

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Touchstonecrystal.com/ebernstein

Joy and Barbara
Bazaar 2023 Co-Chairs



Sisterhood Corner

We are now in the middle of winter and, as of this writing, we have now gone over 700 days with a snow accumulation of less than 1 inch. Let's hope that this weather continues! I hope that you are all keeping safe and healthy.

The Adult Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 pm and the Women's Discussion Group will meet on March 13 at 7:30. Thank you to Deirdre for continuing these groups for our members.

Please join us on Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 am when we will be discussing *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover. If you are able to, you can read *It Starts With Us* by the same author. We will be meeting via Zoom and look forward to seeing you there. Please invite your friends and family. Unfortunately, the movie based on the book originally scheduled for release in February has been rescheduled for June. We hope we can still organize an outing for Sisterhood Members to see it in the theaters if possible.

We hope to see you at our next Virtual Bingo on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 pm. Bingo has been a fun event as well as a fundraiser for our Temple. Invite your friends to join in the fun!

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

If you are cleaning out your closets, please consider donating your gently used, clean clothing to our annual Memorial Day Rummage Sale.

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

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

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President

Rummage

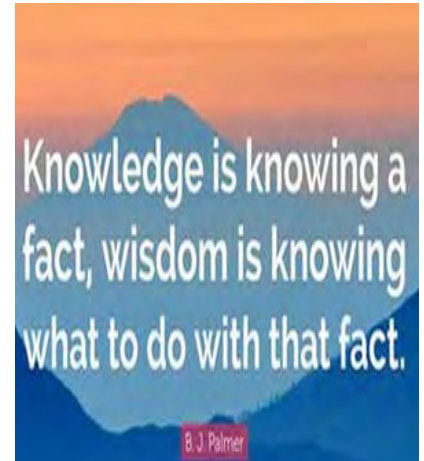
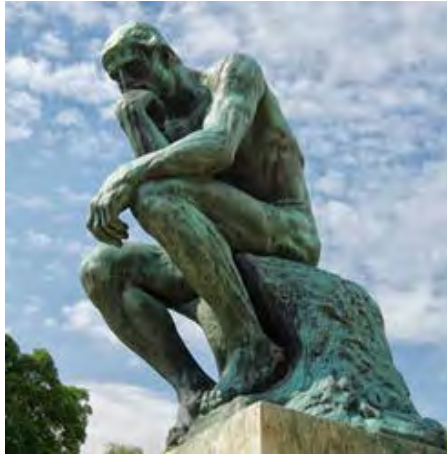
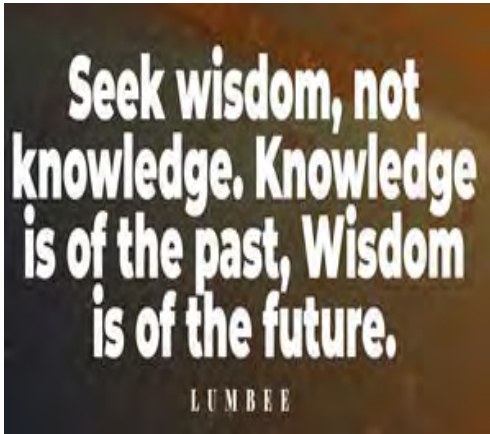
The Memorial Day Rummage Sale is coming!
Please donate your gently used,
clean clothes for us to sell!



Help us make this fundraiser a success!

Temple Beth Sholom Presents

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on

Wednesday evening, February 21, 2024

7:30 pm via Zoom

TOPIC: Knowledge and Wisdom in Our Lives

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

Zoom information to be provided

In the Monday morning email on Monday, February 19

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

dwang1@gmail.com

Adult Education

We hope you had a bright and memorable start to 2024. Speaking of memorable events, our recent "Breakfast and a Movie" was a smash hit! Thank you to those who attended, contributed to the breakfast costs, allowing our Adult Education Eents to continue.

Now, mark your calendars for Sunday, March 17 because we're hosting a special Men's Health Day with Temple Member Dr. Jason Ehrlich and his team. Recent health concerns raised by our members prompted us to put together this event, aimed at equipping you with knowledge, understanding, and perhaps even some peace of mind about your health options.

Let's make 2024 a year of both good health and good fortune!

Stay tuned for more details about the Men's Health Day, and in the meantime, I wish you all a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chair



Parents Association

We hope that everyone is having a fabulous start to 2024!

PA wants to thank everyone who attended our annual Game Night Event which was held after a spiritual Havdalah Service. A special thank you goes out to our host, Eric Bernstein, for doing a great job running Hollywood Squares.

On Wednesday, February 21, PA will be having a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza in Fresh Meadows. Please see the flyer for more information and support our Religious School. We hope to see you there!

We have a great event coming up in May. Our annual Lag B'Omer picnic and softball game will be on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at Cunningham Park. Please see the flyer (coming soon) for all the details.

The next Parents Association meeting is Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:00 am (Note new time for PA meetings going forward) in-person and via Zoom.

Be safe and be well.

Erica Bernstein
Elaine Larkin
PA Co-Presidents

**Parents
Association**

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT

BAZAAR 2024

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Pulpit & Ritual



**Put on your
costumes
and join us
Saturday
March 23,
2024**

The evening
starts with
pizza and salad
dinner at 6:00 pm
(donations accepted that night)
and continues with the
Purim service at 7:00 pm.

Rabbi Ballan is always looking for
volunteers to read a line of Hebrew
and/or English from the Megillah!

The more the merrier on the bima!
Mark the date and RSVP to Natalie
in the office for pizza!



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Time: 5-8p

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Scoop's Schmooze

As you are reading this piece, depending on your mail delivery, it will either be right before or shortly after I completed the honor of reciting the Kiddush on the Shabbat of Friday, January 26. For not only is it Shabbat Shirah---Shabbat of Song; but, Parashat Beshalach is the 49th anniversary of my bar mitzvah. And, for those who have sat within listening distance of me during services, there is a bit of irony with me celebrating my bar mitzvah on Shabbat of Song---the longest haftorah; and certainly no confusion of who in our home was blessed with the musical genes.

Granted, this special day was almost half-a-century ago. Yet, as I sit in my den and flip through my bar mitzvah photo album, the number of people who are physically no longer with us is so deeply saddening. However, on the other hand, I am truly grateful for the fact that I will have spent part of this weekend with both of my parents, sister and niece (who was not even close to a glimmer then), that there are aunts, uncles and cousins who I have recently seen and there are even friends who were there on January 25, 1975 who I have seen and spoken with in the last handful of months.

And, upon completion of our bar/bat mitzvah class, those friends and I continued to pursue our Hebrew School education. And, my parents, and my friends' parents all stayed involved with what was then Temple Beth Am of Randolph, Massachusetts. Whether they were serving on committees, regularly attending services or partaking in special events---they still were a part of TBA.

Unfortunately, times everywhere have changed. And, often, when a child attains his or her bar or bat mitzvah, that signifies the conclusion of their Hebrew School education for those children and their parents end their synagogue membership.

But, at this time in our world, it is so vital that our children keep learning and our families keep maintaining the foundation of our flourishing Home of Worship---here at Temple Beth Sholom, and throughout our Jewish communities across the United States and around the world.

As I spent the first weekend in December 2023, back where I belonged---as a member of the TBS Bazaar Team, it is apparent that, even though we have unfortunately lost several members and families over the last few years, much of the heart still remains. And, at the risk of forgetting someone, what I must say is that many of our post bar/bat mitzvah children continue to play integral roles in the future of Temple Beth Sholom; and that many of the parents of those same teenagers and young adults, even if their sons and daughters are not residing within the local vicinity---they are still making sure that TBS continues to grow and shine as the family to be a part of, just like it has been for decades and decades.

One's Jewish life and education does not end when celebrating their b'nei mitzvah. As The Carpenters might say---"it's only just begun."

Barry Packer
Second Vice President
Ways & Means Chairman



Join us on Friday evening, March 1 as we celebrate the 28th annual Shabbat Across America with a Shabbat Evening Service and a lovely dinner!

Please see the flyer in the Monday email or the insert in this issue of The Voice for details and menu selections.

Reservations are mandatory and must be made by February 15, 2024. Contact the office or Fay Schildkraut for further information!

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.

VIRTUAL AFFILIATE

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

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

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

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

TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:
BOOK CLUB – Sunday February 25, 2024

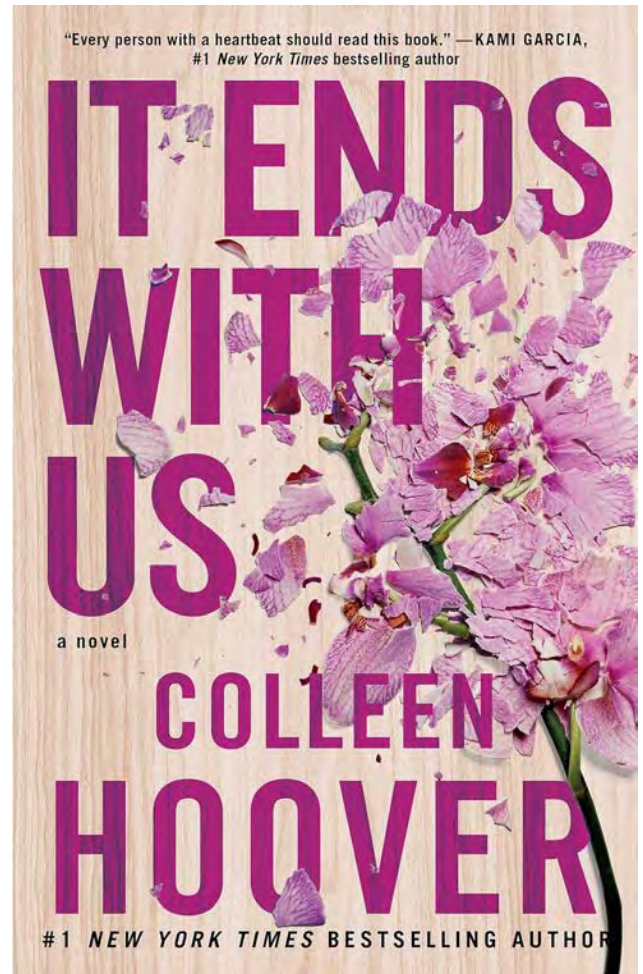
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From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *It Starts with Us* and *All Your Perfects*, a “brave and heartbreaking novel that digs its claws into you and doesn’t let go, long after you’ve finished it” (Anna Todd, *New York Times* bestselling author) about a workaholic with a too-good-to-be-true romance can’t stop thinking about her first love—soon to be a major motion picture starring Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni.

Lily hasn’t always had it easy, but that’s never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. She’s come a long way from the small town where she grew up—she graduated from college, moved to Boston, and started her own business. And when she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid, everything in Lily’s life seems too good to be true.

Ryle is assertive, stubborn, maybe even a little arrogant. He’s also sensitive, brilliant, and has a total soft spot for Lily. And the way he looks in scrubs certainly doesn’t hurt. Lily can’t get him out of her head. But Ryle’s complete aversion to relationships is disturbing. Even as Lily finds herself becoming the exception to his “no dating” rule, she can’t help but wonder what made him that way in the first place.

As questions about her new relationship overwhelm her, so do thoughts of Atlas Corrigan—her first love and a link to the past she left behind. He was her kindred spirit, her protector. When Atlas suddenly reappears, everything Lily has built with Ryle is threatened.



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

If you have a chance you can also read *It Starts With Us* by Colleen Hoover. There will be a movie coming out in February. Sisterhood is trying to plan to see it. Look for details as they become available!

✡ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS February, 2024 ✡

Week of February 2nd

Albert Greenberg	Cousin of Pamela Weston Abrams
Melissa Harding	Niece of Joy A. Bobrow
Celia Horowitz	Sister-in-Law of Miriam Scharf
Belle Horowitz	Grandmother of Andrew Liebrader
Gertrude Horowitz	Mother of Mitchell Horowitz
Irving Horowitz	Father of Mitchell Horowitz
Magda Klein	Mother of Eva Heisler
William Leff	Father of Anne Horowitz
Rabbi Hershel Levin**	Husband of Betty Zimmermann
Myron Liebrader	Father of Andrew Liebrader
Rose Lillian	Mother-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman
	Grandmother of Eliot Dorfman
Seymour Scharf*	Husband of Miriam Scharf
Rose Shenkoff	Grandmother of Steve Levinsky
Frances Simon	Mother-in-Law of Maxine Simon
Amy Yeung	Friend of Elaine & Andrew Larkin
Albert Yohay	Father of Diane Shtulman
Morris Youman	Grandfather of Barry Packer

Week of February 9th

Alfred Bamberger	Uncle of Fran Goldman
Tinalia Belaure	4x Great Grandmother of Dr. Richard Severin
Marcelle Cohen	Sister of Jack Attar
Bob Dorfman	Husband of Ruth Dorfman
	Father of Eliot Dorfman
John Eckman	Father of Al Eckman
Betty Lash	Aunt of Pamela Weston Abrams
William Lillian	Stepfather-in-Law of Ruth Dorfman
	Step grandfather of Eliot Dorfman
Samuel Lutin	Grandfather of Robin Myers
Sanford Tishcoff	Uncle of Gail Tishcoff
	Brother-in-Law of Herta Tishcoff
Jules Weiss	Cousin of Fay Schildkraut

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Week of February 16th

Jakob Anker	Father-in-Law of Margot Anker
Maryann Bluj	Relative of Elaine & Andrew Larkin
Bernyce Fertel Metz	Mother of Charlene Metz
	Sister of Maxine Simon
Esther Lipow	Grandmother of Alan Berck
Julina Merise	Grandmother of Dr. Richard Severin
Sidney Person	Father of Ruth Davidson
Martyn Weston	Grandfather of Pamela Weston Abrams
Gloria Wexler	Grandmother of Michael Gross
Morris Yohay	Uncle of Diane Shtulman

Week of February 23rd

Burton Chenkin	Father of David Chenkin
Ruth Chenkin	Mother of David Chenkin
Anna Pomerantz	Observed by Ned Steele
Erma Rittenhouse	Grandmother of Sharon Opstbaum
	Great Grandmother of Elaine Larkin
Marlene Salomon	Sister of Francine Klimivicius
Joseph Shenkoff	Grandfather of Steve Levinsky
Alvin Wilichinsky	Husband of Bonnie Wilichinsky
Harold Zeamans	Grandfather of Anne K. Pepper

Week of March 1st

Morton Alperin	Father-in-Law of Iris Bass
Stuart Cohen	Godfather and family friend of Eric Bernstein
Fred Gandelman	Father of Adam Gandelman
Murray J. Goldwasser	Father of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser
Seymour Koppelman	Uncle of Fredi Weinstein
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The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom would love for you to fulfill the opportunity to follow the mitzvot of Purim this year while supporting Israel:

Rejoice by listening to the Purim story on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Order gift packages known as Shalach Manot by Sunday, March 3, 2024
Give Tzedakah (charity) to TBS from this fundraiser

Donation of \$36 – You will receive a basket of Purim delights with an *Israeli* theme and your name on a Purim greeting card sent to all TBS Member families.

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

Purim Greeting only \$18 - Don't want a Purim bag? You can make a donation to send a Purim greeting to your TBS family

Distribution of baskets/bags will be at Temple on:

Sunday, March 17, 2024 during Religious School from 10:00 am to 12 noon

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Purim service, 7:00 pm

Call the Temple office to make other arrangements for pick up.



What a wonderful way to honor your Temple friends while supporting Israel & our synagogue.
All orders must arrive at the Temple office by Sunday, March. 3, 2024, Attention: Shalach Manot

Please fill out this form and return with a check made payable to "TBS Sisterhood"
Name (as you would like it to be written on Purim greeting card):

Check off desired donation

_____ # of Purim Baskets at \$36 each = Total Amount \$ _____


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Friday, March 1, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Join us for Special musical guest Akiva "The Believer" Wharton

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

Choose one: Roast Chicken _____ Beef & Broccoli _____ Vegetarian _____

Dinner includes:

Hors d'oeuvres, soup, rice pilaf & vegetable medley, Israeli Salad, dinner rolls and dessert

Donations of wine, soda, soft drinks, water and desserts will be greatly appreciated




Make checks payable to Temple Beth Sholom. Send this form to:

Temple Beth Sholom 171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358 Attn: Fay Schildkraut

For further information, contact TBS office at 718.463.4143

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FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm	2 Shared/Family/ Shabbat Service in- person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	3 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
4 Religious School- 10:00 am	5 Pulpit & Ritual Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm	6 Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	7 Hebrew School 4:30 pm School Board Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm	8	9 Shabbat Evening Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	10 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
11 Religious School 10:00 am Parents Assoc. Meeting in-person and via Zoom 10:00 am Men's Club Meeting in-person and via Zoom 11:00 am	12 Membership meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm Board Meeting via Zoom 8:00 pm	13 Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	14 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	15	16 Shabbat Evening Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	17 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
18 *NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL*	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY *OFFICE CLOSED*	20 Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	21 *NO HEBREW SCHOOL* PA Fundraiser at Blaze Pizza 5:00 – 8:00 pm Adult Discussion Group via Zoom 7:30 pm	22	23 Shabbat Evening Service in-person and via Zoom 7:30 pm	24 Shabbat Morning Service & Torah Study via Zoom 10:00 am
25 *NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL* Sisterhood Book Club via Zoom 10:30 am	26 Chai Mitzvah Class via Zoom 7:30 pm	27 Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 pm	28 Hebrew School 4:30 pm			



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birthdays and anniversaries for
the month of February !!



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