

The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING

MARCH

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SAVE THE DATE!



From the Rabbi's desk

March is a month of preparation.

With Purim behind us and its laughter still echoing, the next great moment on the Jewish calendar—Passover—comes into view, though it has not yet arrived.

In Jewish time, preparation is never incidental. Before Passover, we clean, we organize, we plan, and we think. We search our homes for chametz, but we also search ourselves. What no longer serves us? What habits, assumptions, or fears do we carry that make it harder to breathe freely?

The Torah portions we read in these weeks are filled with details—laws, instructions, careful frameworks for communal life. At first glance they can feel dry or technical. But beneath them lies a profound truth: freedom does not sustain itself on inspiration alone. It requires structure, responsibility, and care for one another. Redemption is not only about breaking free—it is about learning how to live once we are free.

This month invites us to practice that freedom together. On **March 13**, we will once again take part in **Shabbat Across America**, a tradition our congregation has embraced for over 20 years. There is something quietly powerful about knowing that on the same evening, Jews across the country are lighting candles, blessing wine and challah, and choosing connection over distraction.

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Gathering for Shabbat Dinner after services offers a chance to slow down, to share conversation and laughter, and to experience holiness not as an abstract idea, but as something that happens around a table.

As we move through March, may we allow ourselves to prepare with care rather than urgency, with reflection rather than pressure. May we enter Passover grounded by the work we have done—ready to tell our story again, with honesty, hope, and renewed purpose.

B'shalom,
Rabbi Sharon Ballan



All services are hybrid: in-person and Zoomed unless otherwise indicated below.

Worship Schedule

Friday, March 6th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Ki Tissa
Candles: Salena Lee, Damon Ehrlich
Kiddush: Jason Ehrlich

Saturday, March 7th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Friday, March 13th: Shabbat Across America **6:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Vayakhel/Pekudai/HaChodesh
Candles: Lori Lustig
Kiddush tableside at Shabbat Across America Dinner

Saturday, March 14th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

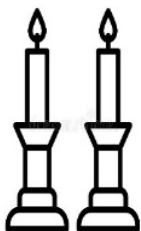
Friday, March 20th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
ZOOM ONLY Torah Portion: Vayikra
Candles: TBA
Kiddush: TBA

Saturday, March 21st: Religious School Shabbat Service **10:00 am**

Friday, March 27th: Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**
Torah Portion: Tzav
Candles: Stephanie Rosenberg
Kiddush: Eric Rosenberg
Motzi: Benjamin Rosenberg

Saturday, March 29th: Torah Study &
ZOOM ONLY Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

Shabbat
Shalom 



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

From The President

I am sure stepping into the role as President will have its challenging moments, but I am grateful and comforted by the many of you who congratulated me; and to those who offered your help and support, I am sure to take you up on it on when needed.

Joy Bobrow, our outgoing President, has served three terms for six years and has earned and deserves much appreciation for her caring and volunteerism. Take a deep breath, Joy, and exhale slowly; you have a lot to reflect on and be proud of...and who knows, you may have another term or two in your future. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for our Temple Family.

A big thanks is warranted for the outgoing and incoming Board Members and committee leads. As many of you who volunteer know, there are times that the demands of family and life deal much to handle, but you also know that TBS is a part of our life that requires nourishing as any family does, and so we roll up our sleeves and get to it.

Shabbat Across America is March 13. It is a time to get together to celebrate the binding Shabbat holiday at TBS with friends (and maybe make some new ones) and family while knowing that it is happening all over North America and invites affiliated, unaffiliated, and all denominations in an inclusive spirit. This year we will be joined by Temple Gates of Prayer (TGP), which I am sure will bring a spirit of friendship reinforced by the event and holiday.

Your President,
Joe deLeon

A Message from the
PRESIDENT

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Celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries

Michael Gross* *Valentina Hellman

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Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, March 13th, 2025

March Birthdays

<p>Norma Benvenuto Dara Bernstein Erica Bernstein Joe deLeon Susan Ecker Ori Edelstein Natalie Flug Barbara Gandelman</p>	<p>Oliver Gellerman Fran Goldman Michael Gross Valentina Hellman Leora Kaufman Jennifer Kwait Matthew Kwait Julia Lawlor Leza Lerea</p>	<p>Nancy Lothammer Robin Myers Milaya Pitt Jean Reichler Dorothy Rosenberg Lillian Tandatnick Cindy Weiss Justin White</p>
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March Anniversaries

Maggie & Alan Berck
Suzanne & Bret Fertig
Jean & Brett Reichler
Fay Schildkraut & Don Nelinson



Cantor's Corner



Well, I promised you last month that I'd fill you in on all the details...and so I shall.

On Saturday, January 17, Zo and I attended our granddaughter Milly's Bat Mitzvah at Bnai Keshet, a Reconstructionist synagogue in Montclair, New Jersey. There was a wonderful turnout of guests, and a fair number of congregants. I'm happy to report that Milly did a terrific job (my completely objective appraisal)! Her light, high soprano voice was a delightful surprise, as we hadn't really heard her do much singing before this.

During the course of the service, it began to snow. While it was picturesque and lovely to watch through the windows of the sanctuary as the flakes fell, driving home after the post-service luncheon/Oneg wasn't quite as enjoyable. Slow and steady wins the race, and we made it home safely. It seemed as if most folks had simply decided to stay off the road. Our old friends Ray and Ruth were staying with us, so it made sense to go home to sleep, and come back the next day for the "kid party."

The next morning, we headed back to New Jersey, this time to an event venue in West Orange. Again, it was snowing. Just the very close family adults, and lots of Milly's friends from school, Hebrew School, camp and so on. There were loads of young girls in little dresses and sneakers, some boys more dressed up than they usually are, and plenty of loud music provided by the DJ (boy, do I feel and sound old)!

The weekend turned out great. We were honored to be called up to the Torah for an Aliyah, as were my son-in-law's parents. I did, in fact, sing the song I had written for my daughter Jenna's Bat Mitzvah some 29 years earlier. As they had way back when, folks seemed to find it sweet and touching. And on Sunday, a young girlfriend of Milly's came up to me at the party and said "sir, that was a really beautiful song you sang at the service yesterday." That was the icing on the cake...the cherry on top! Well, we've got four grandsons, so four Bar Mitzvahs to go!!!

With affection,
Cantor Jerry Korobow



Andrea's Story

As freezing temperatures rise and the ice melts, we are eager to greet spring. The start of the month is fun with Purim, and we'll be shopping for Passover soon. Late March brings the promise of rebirth with the advent of the new season. This year I can relate to that theme more than ever.

Many of you know I was hit by a car on December 13 after leaving my mother's nursing home. We had been celebrating her 99th birthday a few days early. Mike had driven home with Ben and Matthew, while I had parked my car nearby to drive home later. I stepped into that crosswalk as I had so many times. I had just passed it when a car driven by a young man Ben's age made a left turn without slowing down — right into me.

This was the defining moment that changed my winter to a season of recovery that has been far from easy. I spent more weeks in hospitals this winter than at home.

My shin bone was shattered so I couldn't stand. When EMS arrived, my neck was placed into a hard cervical collar that remained there 24/7 for 7-½ weeks to repair three minor fractures in the upper spine. The medieval-looking metal contraption the world saw after Olympic skier Lindsay Vonn fractured her tibia is what I awoke to on my leg after my first surgery. It remained there for a week to align the fragments of bone until the second operation a week later. Then it was replaced with permanent hardware inside my leg. I was told firmly it would be three months - from December 22, the date of the second surgery - before I could step on my right foot. Walking and driving: even longer.

I lived in Jamaica Hospital for a solid month. Rabbi Ballan came to visit, as did Morah Beth Hecht of our Religious School. I challenged them both: Why did this happen? How can God keep allowing devastating health-related hardships to strike our family time and again these last few years? How can my children — who have already lost one parent — face another parent in serious shape at the hospital for so long?

They both had to admit, there are no definitive answers. God works in mysterious ways, and we don't always understand them, especially as we're going through the challenges set before us. So as difficult as it was during this dark winter season, I tried to dig my soul out of sadness, anger, blame and the other stages of grief and look ahead to prepare for a rebirth.

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February Board of Trustees Meeting

Rabbi Ballan gave the invocation. President Joe deLeon gave remarks, thanked all for support and well wishes, and welcomed the new Board. He read Article 3, section 4 of the By-Laws to the Board, as required. Proofreaders are always needed for Shabbat Programs, announcements, The Voice, etc., and please let Natalie know if you can assist. Shabbat Across America is March 13.

The February meeting minutes were accepted as corrected. Robin Myers, Financial Secretary, reported as of January 31, our number of member units is 110 due to the passing of long-time member Miriam Scharf. Dues statements were sent out at the end of January along with the donation statements. Treasurer Charlene Metz reviewed the January Financial Report, which was approved by the Board as presented.

Cantor Jerry Korobow welcomed President deLeon and new Board members and reported on recent and upcoming services. Rabbi Sharon Ballan welcomed President deLeon and reported on recent and upcoming services and classes. She updated the Board on her father's recent health issues and expressed gratitude to the Board and Congregation for their understanding, flexibility, and care.

Lori Lustig, Membership Committee Chair, reported on current planning for the March 13 Shabbat Across America, organized jointly with Temple Gates of Prayer. Geri Weiss, Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair reported the committee approved a letter to be sent to members who have names other than themselves on the Mi Shebayrach list requesting a donation to the Temple.

Erica Bernstein reported the Parents Association is planning upcoming spring fundraising and holiday events. P.A. donated \$1,000.00 to Temple. Erica Bernstein, Religious School Board, reported on the recent Sunday School Tu Bishvat Seder, upcoming Purim plans, and the upcoming special Saturday morning Shabbat Service on March 21 at 10:00 am. Religious School students will be helping Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow lead the service.

Barbara Gandelman, Sisterhood President, reported on upcoming Book Club, Shalach Manot baskets and bags, and Bingo. A Sisterhood breakfast event is planned for Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 am.

Past President Joy Bobrow reported no changes in Use of Building. Jim Kettig, House Committee Chair, reported on the new heating system which is now in use. He is working on bids to replace the cooling tower. On the Homeland Security grant, the contractor submitted a shop drawing for the new gate for the back loading dock area and we approved it. They are reviewing light fixtures for the parking lot with the contractor and that work should also be done when weather improves.

Andrew Larkin, Men's Club President, reported on bowling, the Super Bowl Watch Party, and the upcoming Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) meeting in March. He announced that Eric Lustig was elected Men's Club President, effective July 1.

Deirdre Weliky, Caring Committee Chair, reported on their activities and the next Women's Discussion Group in March. The next Food Pantry is on February 10. The next Blood Drive is Sunday May 3.

Past President David Chenkin reported on Security Team activities and efforts to provide security for the Temple. On February 22 he will participate in advanced Team Management training with CSS.

Barry Packer, Ways & Means Committee Chair, reported he's working on building the Chicken Soup Cook-Off team and needs all who wish to work with him.

Eric Bernstein, Adult Education Committee Chair, reported he is researching for the next Adult Education session. Past President Joy Bobrow reported there will be a meeting with the Bazaar committee in the near future. Good and Welfare was shared. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tishcoff, Recording Secretary

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 as well. 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.

Thank you!



Mazel Tov

**Carolina Rivas, wife of Jose Urbina,
passed her US Citizenship exam on
February 3, 2026**

**and was sworn in as an American
Citizen on February 18, 2026**

Congratulations, Carolina!

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Men's Club

Welcome to March! Warmer weather is on the way!

In the last edition, I could not present the winners of the Super Bowl Pool because I wrote it before the game. In this edition, I can congratulate all the winners and thank everyone who participated. Our first quarter winner was Raymond Jasen, who was also the halftime winner! Our third quarter winner was Larry Gold, and our fourth quarter winner was Israel Reinozo. Half of the money that was raised was donated to Temple Beth Sholom. I hope that those of you who joined us at our Super Bowl Party had a great time!

On Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 pm, we are hosting our 1st MRJ (Men of Reform Judaism) Meeting in years! Neil Yerman will be our guest speaker and he will be discussing Scroll Repair and Restoration. This event is in-person only. If you are interested in attending, please email us at mensclub@templebethsholom.org. Food and beverages will be provided.

On Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 am, we are holding our Annual Walk-Off the Matzah event at Little Bay Park (under the Throgs Neck Bridge). Everyone is invited so please invite your family and friends. Look out for flyers and Monday morning blasts.

Yom Hashoah candles are available and can be picked up at the Temple Office for a suggested donation of \$3. Yom Hashoah will take place on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24. Look out for the flyers and the Monday morning blasts.

If you would like to suggest ideas for Men's Club events, please join us at a meeting or email us at Mensclub@templebethsholom.org. We would love to hear from you.

Our next two Men's Club Meetings will take place Sunday, April 26 and Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 am following the Parents Association meeting at Temple and via Zoom. Zoom information will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Andrew Larkin
Men's Club President

Bernstein Bowling Blog

Welcome Back, David!

We are thrilled to welcome David Chenkin back to the league following a five-month recovery from surgery. He clearly didn't let the time away rust his skills—David kicked off his return with a strike on his very first throw! He didn't stop there, either, as he went on to claim the high score in both games. Talk about a comeback.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest bowler, Jeff S. (we'll stick to the initial until we've officially "vetted" him!). We're glad to have you with us, Jeff, and we sincerely hope our crew didn't scare you off. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!



Sisterhood Corner

We have gotten more snow and it's been so bitterly cold; but as cold and snowy as it is outside, it is always warm and cozy inside Temple Beth Sholom!

We had our Book Club on Zoom on Thursday, February 12 when we discussed *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Thank you to Geri Weiss for running this discussion. Our next Book Club will be Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 pm, discussing *Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Rosner. Look for the flyer about the upcoming book.

We hope that you were able to send Purim baskets to the people you love! Thank you to Geri Weiss, Lori Lustig and Karri Kaufman for taking care of this for Sisterhood.

We will be having an in-person Sisterhood event on Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 am featuring Origami and Zentangle. We hope you join us. Please use the flyer to RSVP to Karri Kaufman.

Our next Bagels and Bingo will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 am. Bingo will start at 10:30. We hope that you invite your friends to join is! Thank you to Lori Lustig and Geri Weiss for making sure that this event runs smoothly. Thank you to all our Temple Family and Friends who have supported Bingo for these past six years.

The Women's Discussion Group will be on March 11 at 7:30 pm and the Adult Discussion Group will on May 13 at 7:30 pm Thank you to Deirdre Weliky for her continued dedication to these programs. We are happy that we can continue these groups in our Temple.

Rummage is coming!! Please donate your gently used, clean clothes. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office to let us know if we can count on you for this fundraiser for Temple. Please check The Voice and your email for details.

If you have not done so already, please send your dues for the 2025-2026 year. Geri Weiss will be happy to receive your dues. Please consider joining Sisterhood if you are not already a member.

I hope that you and your family have a very Happy Purim!

Barbara Gandelman
Sisterhood President

Bernstein Bowling Blog (cont'd) Important Pricing Update

Due to recent price increases at Jib Lanes (now \$5.50 per game), the Men's Club will be adjusting our fee to \$16.00 per person. This ensures we can continue to cover costs and keep the league running smoothly. If you would like to join us for our next league game on Monday, March 16 at 8:00 PM, please do not hesitate to email me at EricDBernstein@gmail.com.

Until next time on the lanes...

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Presents

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us on

Wednesday evening, March 11, 2026

7:30 pm via Zoom

*TOPIC: What do I Like, Value and Enjoy about Judaism
and Being Jewish?*

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

***Zoom information will be provided in the email on
Monday morning, March 9, 2026***

Join with women of all ages and life experiences, Temple family and friends alike. As women, we seek to learn about ourselves and others and explore our similarities and differences in a caring and supportive environment.

The group will be facilitated by Dr. Deirdre Weliky, LCSW, a member of our Temple family and social worker with more than 25 years experience.

**For more information, contact Deirdre at
dwangel1@gmail.com**

Adult Education

Not much is happening on my end, though I know several Temple members have started reading *Jihad in Brooklyn: The NYPD Raid That Stopped America's First Suicide Bombers*. It's the full story of Ralph Pascullo's work in stopping that NYC suicide plot. After hearing Ralph speak in person, I was so motivated that I ordered a copy myself. I've heard great things about it and am looking forward to it arriving from Amazon in a few days.

Do you have an idea for a future community topic? I want to hear it! Contact Eric Bernstein at (917) 902-4894 or ericdbernstein@gmail.com to share your suggestions and to see if we can make it happen.

May 2026 bring you health and happiness.

Eric Bernstein
Adult Education Chair

Religious School

Shalom everyone. I hope that you are all doing well and staying warm.

Religious School's annual Tu Bishvat Seder was held on Sunday, February 1. A great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and lead the service.

Our annual Purim celebration will be on Friday, February 27. Students will perform a fantastic Purim Shpiel for everyone. A pizza dinner begins at 6:00 pm, with services starting at 7:30 pm. We hope you can be there to enjoy the evening!

Religious School will be having their annual Purim event on Sunday, March 1 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. We are excited to be celebrating this festive holiday with the students.

A special Saturday morning Shabbat Service will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 am. Religious School students will be helping Rabbi Ballan and Cantor Korobow lead the service. We hope that you will be able to attend.

The next Religious School Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18 on Zoom at 8:00 pm.

Stay warm, enjoy the rest of the winter and be safe.

Erica Bernstein
Religious School Representative

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Parents Association

Greetings everyone. We hope that you are doing well and are having a fantastic winter.

P.A. had its February blended meeting on Sunday, February 8 at 10:00 am. Thank you to all who attended in person and on Zoom. We discussed different places to hold our spring dining fundraiser. Read future editions of *The Voice* and flyers for further information.

On Saturday, March 28, Parents Association will be having its annual Game Night starting at 6:00 pm. BYOBG (bring your own board game) and teach your Temple Family how to play it. Also, since it is close to Passover, BYOC - (bring your own chametz). Make a pasta dish to share at Temple. Also type up the recipe so that you can share it with others. See the flyer in *The Voice* and the Monday morning blast for more details.

We will be holding our annual Passover cooking event on Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 pm on Zoom only. We will be making Melinda Strauss' Passover bagels. Please see the flyer in *The Voice* for more information.

The next P.A. meeting is at 10:00 am in person and on Zoom on Sunday, March 8.

Have a wonderful and warm month.

Erica Bernstein and Elaine Larkin, Co-Presidents

THE ADULT ED COMMITTEE of Hillcrest Jewish Center

presents

Dr. Paul Engel DHL, LCSW The World of the Cult SUNDAY, MARCH 22

How can millions of people, many of whom are well-educated, find themselves willing to sacrifice family, friends, and careers, and follow anyone, particularly a leader of a destructive cult?

Dr. Paul Engel, as one who found himself inside a cult, will share both his personal and professional experiences over the past 50- plus years in relation to the myths and realities of the cultic experience, to dystopias described in books such as 1984, as well as coercive control and the resulting relational trauma that is so pervasive in our culture.

Dr. Engel is Executive Director of the Flushing Jewish Community Council where he oversees operations and grant-run programs, such as a food pantry and QLICS (Queens Long Island Counseling Services) counseling program.

A light breakfast will be served at 10:00 am, followed by Dr. Engel's presentation at 10:30 am.

Please RSVP to the office of Hillcrest Jewish Center (718-380-4145). This event is free for Hillcrest Jewish members. The fee for non-members is \$5.

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SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA
TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM
AND
TEMPLE GATES OF PRAYER**



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 13, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow.
Traditional kosher meal is \$39 per adult
\$15 per child (children's menu)
Reservations and payment **MUST** be made
by **February 26, 2026**



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

Name: _____ Phone () _____ Email: _____

Enclosed check for \$ _____, covers \$39 Adult /\$15 Child for the traditional Shabbat dinner

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Temple Beth Sholom 171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358 Attn: Lori Lustig

For further information, contact TBS office at 718.463.4143

Andrea's Story

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I became a bud starting to blossom and see promise. I worked with my physical therapist in the hospital, always willing to hop on my left foot further with my walker rather than give up. Winter was shot, but I wanted my life back this spring.

I transferred to the rehab program at Glen Cove Hospital. Most days there I had two hours of PT, an hour of OT, sometimes music therapy - which did wonders for my mood - and for the first time since this traumatic incident, two sessions with a psychologist. I could wear my own clothes - the ones that fit around a cervical collar and a clunky leg brace - instead of a hospital gown. I was starting to claim myself back.

After 15 days in rehab, I was going home. The house would present new challenges. Someone must be with me whenever I stand up (on one foot). I'd have to sidestep with the walker to get into our narrow half-bathroom on the first floor - and all the way down to the far end to get to the toilet. I have to sit on the sink to get by each way. I joked that entering and exiting this room can be an event in the Paralympic Games.

Then one day I coughed out of nowhere. It wasn't a clear-your-throat kind of cough, but a deep, sickly one. Before long, my voice was hoarse. I brushed it off. Maybe I needed to drink more water. But the coughing persisted. I was running out of energy. I could no longer hop all the way to the bathroom. I had to ride in the wheelchair halfway until there was no room for it, then transfer to the walker. I wanted to nap but coughed every other minute so couldn't fall asleep. I took my temperature and was stunned to see the result: 103.4.

During the night I had a horrible pain on my side, and every other breath was a rasp. Mike resolved to take me to the ER at LIJ. I was the fastest walk-in patient to be helped. The moment my vitals were taken, I was rushed onto supplemental oxygen, assigned a private room and hooked up to various IVs. Covid and flu tests were negative. But RSV was positive.

An X-ray and CT scan showed pneumonia, too. In fact, there was a cluster of pneumonia on the outer side of my right lung, pressing against my rib cage - causing the pain in my side. I was admitted to the ICU, where I remained for 2-½ days before transferring to a small "isolation" room for the rest of my 8-night stay. The meds treated the pneumonia, but RSV had to run its course.

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Rabbi Ballan suited up with mask and protective clothes covering to see me. Again, we asked God: Why? I'm not above admitting that I've been angry with God about my turn of events the past few months. Hasn't my family suffered enough, through death, cancer and seizures?

The venting felt good. Then I calmed down. Again, I determined to get better. Whenever I got down on my situation after my leg surgeries, Mike snapped me back to reality quickly: At least he wasn't arranging my funeral and shiva.

As horrible as this struggle has been, God spared my life - twice. What does the Eternal want me to learn from this ordeal? I changed my focus. I appreciate nurses even more. I have no choice but to slow down. I am humbled by needing help, but proud when I can do a task independently. I appreciate time at home with my family instead of feeling the urge to be productive every minute. I am even reading books for pleasure for the first time in years.

God does indeed work in mysterious ways. I am still learning the lessons intended as I continue to recover. One that I never lost sight of is knowing the depth of caring and generosity of my Temple Family. I feel gratitude to all of you who visited, called, texted, emailed, cooked and dropped off dinners for our family, gave rides to the kids and donated to gift cards for take-out meals. We are grateful to be alive and part of this community.

Andrea Odintz

Tu Bishvat at TBS!



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If you have any questions, please e-mail
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☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS *March 2026* ☆

Week of March 6

Stuart Cohen
Fred Gandelman
Bernard Gary
Seymour Koppelman
Eric Kroun

Godfather/Family friend of
Eric Bernstein
Father of Adam Gandelman
Brother-in-Law of Lillian Tandatnick
Uncle of Fredi Weinstein
Brother of Stacy Kroun
Brother of Suzanne Fertig
Father of Susan Passaro
Mother of Salena Lee
Great Grandfather of Richard Severin
Grandmother of Sharon Opstbaum
Great Grandmother of Elaine Larkin
Grandfather of Steve Levinsky
Sister of Susan Ecker
Grandfather of Erica Bernstein

Sidney Lang
Har Lew Lee
Meuniere Merise
Erma Rittenhouse

Joseph Shenkoff
Marla Silver
Sam Weiner

Week of March 13

Albert Abrams
Murray Goldwasser
Shirley Gross
Sidney Koorse
Ivan Joel Krupit
Rhoda Lamport
Gerald Rinkle
Louis Rosenberg
Phillip Stein
Rae Tishcoff

Father of Robert Abrams
Father of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser
Grandmother of Michael Gross
Father of Nancy Goldwasser
Father of Janet Krupit
Mother-in-Law of Fredi Weinstein
Father of Karen Carroscio
Father of Sam Rosenberg
Grandfather of Walter Costanza
Grandmother of Gail Tishcoff
Mother-in-Law of Herta Tishcoff

Week March 20

Milton Blatner*
Brünnhilde Costanza
Abraham Levinsky
Paula Radwin
Morris Tragerman*
Abraham Yontef

Observed by Temple
Mother of Walter Costanza
Father of Steve Levinsky
Aunt of Anne Pepper
Observed by Temple
Father of Sharon Yontef

Week of March 27

Michael Edelstein
Brad Leffe
Mollie Rabinowitz
Charles Radwin
Orientus Severin
Nathan Weiner
Albert Weiskopf

Father of Amy Edelstein
Brother of Debra Leffe
Mother of Ilyne Rabinowitz
Uncle of Anne Pepper
Great Grandfather of Richard Severin
Father of Reva Hollander
Father of Gloria Shapiro

Week of April 3

Abie Einbinder
Selma Feirberg
Hugh David Goldsmith
Reba Levenberg
Elaine Lowy
Frank Sandler
Ruth Schorsch
Helen Weiner

Father-in-Law of Glory Einbinder
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Sunday March 22, 2026 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

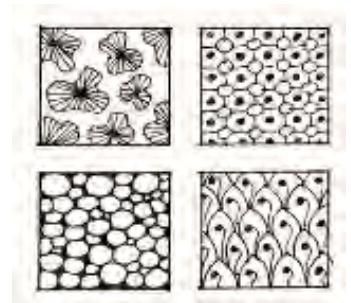
**Learn Origami and make a 4" Box with Geri Weiss
to fill with Passover goodies.**



Origami is the traditional Japanese art of transforming a typically square sheet of paper into complex, artistic shapes through precise folding.

**We will then make a Spring greeting card with Stacy Kroun
using Zentangle techniques.**

The **Zentangle** Method is a meditative, easy-to-learn, and relaxing art form that uses structured, repetitive patterns to create beautiful, non-representational images.



**Come, enjoy breakfast, be creative and socialize with
your Temple family.**

Breakfast/Materials fee: \$5 per person

RSVP: Karri Kaufman – prektrainer@aol.com
or Natalie in Temple office
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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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AND



BYOC - BRING YOUR OWN CHAMETZ

**SINCE IT IS SO CLOSE TO PASSOVER - BRING YOUR CHAMETZ - PASTA
DISHES WITH YOUR LEFT-OVER PASTA AND BRING THE RECIPES TO
SHARE WITH YOUR TBS FAMILY.**



**WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME
AND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO PLAY!!!!!!**

**PLEASE RSVP ADVISING THE DISH YOU WILL BRING AND HOW MANY
GUESTS YOU WILL BRING TO HAVE FUN!!!!!!**

**RSVP BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2026
TO ELOELAINE@YAHOO.COM OR ERICANDERICA2001@GMAIL.COM.**

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MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Religious School Confirmation Class Purim Program 10:00 am	2 NO INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS	3 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	4 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	5	6 Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm	7 Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am
8 Daylight Saving Time begins! Religious School 10:00 am P.A. Meeting Hybrid 10:00 am Men's Club Meeting hybrid 11:00 am	9 Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm Membership Committee Meeting Zoom only 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm	10 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	11 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Women's Discussion Group Zoom only 7:30 pm	12	13 Shabbat Across America Hybrid Service 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm	14 Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am
15 Religious School 10:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am	16 Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm Pulpit Meeting Zoom only 7:30 pm Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm	17 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	18 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Religious School Board Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm	19 P.A. Fundraiser Just Salad Bay Terrace Shopping Center 4:00 – 8:00 pm	20 Shabbat Evening Service Zoom Only 7:30 pm	21 NO TORAH STUDY Religious School Shabbat Morning Service hybrid 10:00 am Shabbat Luncheon 12:00 pm
22 Religious School 10:00 am Sisterhood Passover Event 10:00 am	23 Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm	24 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm	25 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Men of Reform Judaism Meeting 6:30 pm	26	27 Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm	28 Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am P.A. Game Night 6:00 pm
29 Religious School Confirmation Class Model Seder 10:00 am	30 Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm	31 Healing & Meditative Service Zoom only 7:30 pm				



TBS Parents Association 2026

Zoom Passover Cooking Event Saturday, April 4, 2026 6:00 PM

**RSVP to Parentsassociation@templebethsholom.org to get the Zoom information by
Wednesday, April 1, 2026**



Serving Size 8-10 bagels (or more if you make them small)

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- ½ cup oil
- 2 cups matzoh meal
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 eggs

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Heat together boiling water and oil on the stove until the mixture is boiling.

Add matzoh meal, sugar and salt and turn off the heat. Mix together until a ball is formed.

Let cool for a few minutes then add the eggs, one at a time, and stir until combined.

Very important to add the eggs one at a time!

Let the mixture rest for 15 minutes.

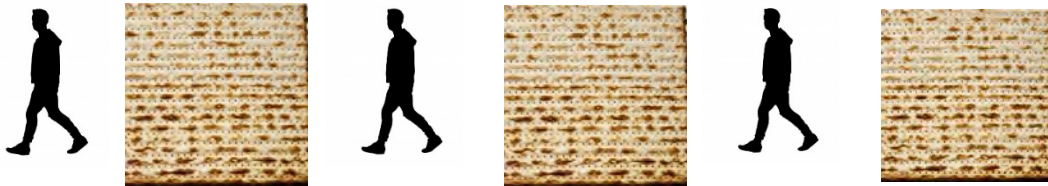
To form the bagels, wet your hands with water and roll some of the dough in your hands and shape however you want. Place the dough on parchment paper and continue forming your bagels. You can shape the dough however you want and as big or small as you want. You can even make a hole in the middle of the bun so it looks just like a traditional bagel.

Keep rewetting your hands or the dough will stick.

Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Eat hot right out of the oven or wait until cooled. Place in an airtight container for as long as the bagels last on the counter or freeze for later.

**Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club
Proudly Presents**



Done with the Seder? Ready to trade the salt water for some bay breeze? It's time to get moving! Come join us for a refreshing morning stroll to clear the crumbs and burn off those extra matzo carbs!

**Sunday, April 5
10:00 AM — 11:00 AM
Little Bay Park (Underneath the Throgs Neck Bridge)**

Contact Eric Bernstein to RSVP or if you have any questions

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Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

The next Simchat Shabbat will be Friday, March 13 when we will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March.



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