

# The Voice

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF FLUSHING

## MAY

FRIDAY, MAY 1  
MUSICAL SHABBAT

SUNDAY, MAY 3  
BLOOD DRIVE & MITZVAH DAY

MONDAY, MAY 4  
BOWLING

FRIDAY, MAY 8  
P.A. & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHABBAT

SUNDAY, MAY 10  
LAG B'OMER PICNIC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13  
ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

THURSDAY, MAY 14  
SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20  
LAST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MAY 22  
CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY & MONDAY MAY 24 & 25  
RUMMAGE SET UP & SALE

MONDAY, MAY 25  
OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27  
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SATURDAY, MAY 30  
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## JUNE

MONDAY, JUNE 1  
BOWLING AT JIB LANES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3  
P.A. FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, JUNE 5  
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14  
BAGELS & BINGO

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SHABBAT IN THE PARK



## From the Rabbi's desk

*(continued from previous column)*

On a personal note, I want to express my deep gratitude to this community.

Many of you reached out during the shiva for my father—with messages, calls, food, presence, and simply your care. In a moment of loss, you reminded me what it means to be held by a community.

The tradition teaches that those who come to comfort do not need to have the right words. Often, it is simply presence that matters most. I felt that presence in abundance.

Thank you for being there—for me, for my family, and for one another. It is a blessing to be part of a community that shows up with such compassion and generosity of spirit.

As we prepare to stand again at Sinai, may we do so together—grateful for those who came before us, inspired by those who stand with us now, and hopeful for those who will carry our tradition forward.

Wishing you a meaningful Shavuot,  
Rabbi Ballan

There is something deeply meaningful about the way our calendar brings us, each year, to Shavuot. We arrive not suddenly, but gradually, counting each day of the Omer, step by step, from the narrow place of Passover toward the moment of standing at Sinai. It is a journey from liberation to purpose, from freedom to responsibility.

Shavuot asks a quiet but enduring question: now that we are free, what will we do with that freedom? This year, we will celebrate Shavuot on the evening of **Friday, May 22**, and with it, one of the most beautiful moments in the life of our congregation—Confirmation.

Our Confirmation students—**Seth Bernstein, Matthew Cohen, Walter Lothammer, and Damon Ehrlich**—stand, in their own way, at Sinai. They affirm their connection to Judaism not because they are commanded to, but because they choose to. They have studied, questioned, wrestled, and reflected. And now, they step forward to claim Judaism as their own.

There is something profoundly hopeful in that moment.

At a time when so much in the world can feel uncertain or fractured, our students remind us that Judaism is not only something we inherit—it is something we renew, generation after generation. Revelation did not happen only once. It continues each time a young person finds his or her voice within our tradition. I hope you will join us celebrate them, and to share in the joy of this sacred milestone.



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

## Worship Schedule

- Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:* Musical Shabbat Service **6:00 pm**  
Special Oneg following Service  
Torah Portion: Emor  
Candles: TBA  
Kiddush: TBA
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:* P.A. Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Behat-Bechukotai  
Candles: Erica Bernstein and Elaine Larkin  
Kiddush: Eric Bernstein and Andrew Larkin
- Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion B'midbar:  
Candles: TBA  
Kiddush: TBA
- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Confirmation/Shavuot/Yizkor Service  
Candles: Mothers of confirmands  
Kiddush: Fathers of confirmands
- Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**
- Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:* Shabbat Evening Service **7:30 pm**  
Torah Portion: Nasso  
Candles: TBA  
Kiddush: TBA
- Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:* Torah Study &  
**ZOOM ONLY** Shabbat Morning Service **10:00 am**

★ **Zichrono Livracha** ★

Irv Ballan  
Father of Rabbi Sharon Ballan  
Grandfather of Amy Edelstein  
Great-Grandfather of Ori Edelstein

## From The President

I hope everyone's Passover, the telling of our freedom story, was a meaningful one and the festive meal following was, indeed, festive and delicious.

As we reflect on the journey out of Mitzrayim and into the unknown, it is easy to imagine the fear our ancestors felt. We have always been a traveling people, mostly out of necessity. Our history as a diasporic community amazes me and makes me think about the significance of Judaism that Jews continue to choose it when it would be so easy to give up Torah and fold into prevailing tradition, which has at times coerced us to do.

Around Passover the title of a news piece by Saul Austerlitz caught my attention. Here, I am paraphrasing the relevant parts that resonated with me, and I believe, partly answers the question "why." Saul wrote "Being hopeful is not a belief so much as it is a practice. Despair is easy. Despair is cheap and welcoming and asks nothing of you. Hope requires effort. You have to find reasons to hope. You have to hack a path to hope. Hope is a responsibility. You cultivate it to share it with others. It cannot be a private possession. It only blooms when given away. Hope is the prelude to action. So, every morning, arise and hope, and go from there."

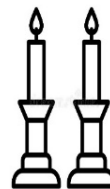
Saul was not writing about Passover, yet I thought he hit on some important elements such as our practice and mitzvah of telling, and retelling, our Passover story and cultivating the turning of despair into hope, which is multiplied as it is shared from generation to generation.

Although Jews are such a small percentage of the global population, with too many stories of being persecuted, we always continue to rebuild and thrive, as hope — shared, cultivated, and renewed is part of our strength.

Stay hopeful!!!!

With gratitude,  
Joe deLeon

Messege from  
the President



Volunteer to light the  
candles or do the Kiddush  
at Shabbat Services.  
Contact Geri Weiss at  
[geriweiss1@gmail.com](mailto:geriweiss1@gmail.com)

Sponsor an Oneg or Shabbat  
Service?  
It's a great way to celebrate a  
special occasion or remember a  
loved one!

# TBS Fund Acknowledgments as of April 20, 2026

**PULPIT FLOWER FUND**.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

*Eva Heisler & family to welcome the jonquils and the tulips!*

**GENERAL FUND**.....TBS Office 718-463-4143

*Ruth Davidson in memory of Iro Ballan, father of Rabbi Sharon Ballan and grandfather of Amy Edelstein  
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 Barry and Renee Katz-Packer in memory of Iro Ballan, father of Rabbi Sharon Ballan and grandfather of Amy Edelstein  
 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

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 Deirdre Weliky to support the building that supports us*

## Celebrating milestone birthdays or anniversaries



**\*Adam Fertig\* \*Janet Krupit\***



## Celebrate Simchat Shabbat Friday, May 8, 2026

### *May Birthdays*

**Seth Bernstein  
 Joseph Dulberg  
 Adam Fertig  
 Steve Fishman  
 Veronica Flug  
 Jeffrey Galub  
 Margot Gellerman  
 Laura Goldsmith  
 Sharon Han**

**Ethan Harkavy  
 Mitchell Horowitz  
 Melanie Katz  
 Janet Krupit  
 Jacob Lothammer  
 Myra Pitt  
 Brett Reichler  
 Gloria Shapirio  
 Ned Steele**



### *May Anniversaries*

**Stuart & Vicky Belsky  
 Edward & Karen Carroscio  
 Al Eckman & Ilyne Rabinowitz  
 Sharon & Jay Haimer  
 Lori & Neal Kwait  
 Donald LaRosa & Carol Stern-LaRosa  
 Barry Packer & Renee Katz-Packer  
 Eric & Stephanie Rosenberg  
 Raymond & Elana White**





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## Cantor's Corner



Happy spring everyone! Here's hoping that we'll get some consistently spring-like weather soon. I hope you all had a sweet, relaxing, and enjoyable Passover.

Our Seder attendance was a little bit lighter than usual this year. We only had 30 people this time around. My wonderful wife Zo did a terrific job with the food. First, excellent appetizers, followed by matzo ball soup and carrot soup. Then, great brisket, lovely chicken marbella, couscous with mushrooms, a refreshing fennel slaw, and mashed potatoes. Then, for those who weren't entirely stuffed, a variety of desserts. Of course, all of this washed down with lots of lovely wine.

Among our attendees were 10 kids. Fortunately, the weather cooperated. It was mild enough for the kids to spend the first hour or so of the evening running around outside. Many of the adults took glasses of wine out onto the deck to watch the kids do their thing.

We sang Dayenu, performed our Sedra Scenes play "How the Israelites Really Left Egypt," and recited the Four Questions. And, as should always be the case, the kids were pretty much in on all the action. They were terrific.

I shouldn't forget, we also sang my Passover magnum opus "Plagues-R-Us," a seminal requirement for our Seder each and every year.

As the years have gone by, I've sometimes thought that our non-Jewish friends who attend look forward to the Seder even more than we do. Whatever, it's always a wonderful evening.

I'd love to hear about your Passover Seder experience, because I'm always looking for ingredients to add to the pot. Anyway, I hope to see you soon at Temple, and get a chance for us all to sing in spring together. All the best!

With affection,  
Cantor Jerry Korobow

## Did You Know?...

For those who are not aware, I have been a member of this congregation since I was four years old, oy vey! I would like to visit areas that have not been explored in many years.

As you may have learned, the sanctuary was built as an extension to the building. This allowed the former sanctuary to become the ballroom. There is a library situated across from the ballroom filled with books on all levels, topics, and interests. My parents were the librarians for many years, then my father continued on his own. I have now sort of taken over the job. The library is also used as a classroom for the Confirmation Class, private space for counseling given through the QLICS agency, and temporary usage for Bazaar and Purim baskets.

Next door to the library is our Temple office. Our office manager works hard to handle Temple affairs and compile and edit The Voice, our monthly newsletter (which you are reading this in)! Included in The Voice is a list of funds to which donations are made which help support Temple activities.

Congregants can make contributions for many reasons: in memory of or to honor someone or something, to commemorate a special event, etc. No matter the reason, all donations are used to support Temple Beth Sholom financially, regardless of the amount donated.

### **Funds include:**

- **Pulpit Flower Fund** – funded through Sisterhood providing flowers on the bimah for all services. Donations to this fund are read from the bimah during Shabbat Services
- **General Fund** – donations made go directly for Temple use
- **Building Fund** – donations help maintain the Temple building
- **Torah Fund** – donations put aside for purchase of new Torah covers and Torah maintenance
- **Men's Club Beautification Fund** – to assist in keeping Temple looking great
- **Ackerman Memorial Library** – purchasing new books for the library
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – allows the Rabbi to use donations as needed
- **Music Fund** – allows the Cantor to use for guests for musical services

Please consider making donations during the year to any of these various funds. All donations are graciously appreciated.

Thank you!  
Geri Weiss

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## *Temple Beth Sholom of Flushing*

171-39 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358

*Sunday, May 3, 2026*

Time: 9:30am to 3:30pm

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## April Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 20. Rabbi Ballan gave the invocation.

President Joe deLeon offered condolences from the Board to Rabbi Ballan and her family. He reported Temple has received the bequest from Betty Zimmerman's estate. He reminded all not to prop open the front doors for any reason. Shabbat and Oneg sponsorships and donations for the pulpit flowers need to be to the office before noon on Thursdays to ensure they are included in prepared Shabbat announcements. The March Meeting Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Financial Secretary Robin Myers reported we currently have 109 member units. Treasurer Charlene Metz reviewed the March Financial Report which was approved by the Board as presented.

Cantor Jerry Korobow thanked our Security Team, reported all continues to go well and he encouraged in-person attendance. The recent Saturday morning service with students and Maestro David Close was very successful. Rabbi Sharon Ballan expressed her gratitude for the outpouring of care and support during the shiva for her father. She reported on recent and upcoming services and events, including the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of Valentina Hellman and the Confirmations of Seth Bernstein, Matthew Cohen, Damon Ehrlich, and Walter Lothammer.

Membership Committee Chair Lori Lustig reported no new members to present. Pulpit & Ritual Committee Chair Geri Weiss reported on efforts to encourage in-person attendance at services.

Parents Association Co-President Elaine Larkin reported the P.A. and Religious School are teaming up for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 3, and the Lag B'Omer picnic on Sunday, May 10. The spring restaurant fundraiser will be on Wednesday, June 3. She also reported on recent Religious School events and pitched the Walk-A-Thon, part of Mitzvah Day, which will raise money for a good cause.

Sisterhood President Barbara Gandelman reported the next book club on Thursday, May 14 will discuss *Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Rosner. The Memorial Day Rummage sale is Monday, May 25 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. The Sisterhood Shabbat Service will be on June 5 with a 6:00 pm service and dinner to follow.

Past President Joy Bobrow reported on Use of Building that Temple Gates of Prayer wishes to enter the first of its contract's one-year renewals. There is a new May Flower Vendor event on Saturday, May 30 in the ballroom from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

House Committee Chair Jim Kettig reported on progress with the boiler installation and the AC cooling tower. The new AC equipment should be more energy efficient and save us some electrical usage. Moving forward we should give some thought to fundraising to replace the cooling tower. We are still waiting for the Security Grant contractor to start his work at the site.

Men's Club President Andrew Larkin reported on the recent MRJ meeting which featured Torah Scribe Neil Yerman who discussed the History of Torah writing, Scroll Repair and Restoration. Eric Bernstein reported on the Bowling League.

Caring Committee Chair Deirdre Weliky reported on this month's activities. The last Adult Discussion Group will take place on Wednesday, May 13 on Zoom to discuss the subject: How Do I Spend My Leisure Time? The next food pantry is on April 21.

Gail Tishcoff reported on the upcoming Sunday, May 3 Blood Drive and thanked Beth Dulberg and Janet Krupit for helping to make donor calls.

Security Team Leader, Past President David Chenkin, reported the Community Security Initiative has provided funds to help with short-term armed security, which we have had for a few recent services and will schedule for services in the near future. An additional Temple member has joined the Security Team.

Ways & Means Committee Chair Barry Packer reported on the sports memorabilia show vendor project. The first Chicken Soup Cook-Off meeting is this weekend.

Adult Education Committee Chair Eric Bernstein reported on the Defensive Driving class, which currently has 19 participants. He is partnering with Sisterhood to host Eric Reisman, author of *The Boys from the Bronx: A Story of Brotherly Love Forged in War and Peace* for a blended event in the fall.

Good and Welfare was shared, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Tishcoff,  
Recording Secretary

# BOARD MEETING

Hope springs eternal!



Geri and Joy at the  
2026 Home Opener at Citifield!

# TBS PARENT ASSOCIATION

Presents

## Lag B'omer Field Day / Picnic



Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Cunningham Park  
Fresh Meadows



### Join us for a day of:

- Softball (kids and adults welcome!)
- Laughter and good company
- Shared food (please bring your favorite dish)
- Feel free to bring any other outdoor games you enjoy.

### Please bring:

- Your own softball equipment (if you have it)
- Your own lunch

### We will provide:

- Watermelon
- Snacks
- Water

***Religious School will be held at the park starting at 10:00 AM***

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

## Men's Club

There were many people who picked up Yom HaShoah candles. Thank you everyone for your support.

We held two bowling meets since our last article, on March 16 and April 6. At the time of writing this article, we have not held our April meeting. Stay tuned for the results of our March and April meets in the June article. Our next bowling will take place on May 4 and June 1 at JIB Lanes at 8:00 pm.

At the time when this article was written, Mitzvah Day and Lag B'Omer did not yet take place. Stay tuned to the June edition for the results of these events.

If you are interested in learning about Men's Club, we invite you to attend our next meeting. Bagels, coffee, and tea will be provided. We discuss everything including finances and future events. In addition, we will brainstorm possible candidates for our Men's Club cabinet. If you cannot make it in person and are still interested in attending, please contact us at Mensclub@templebethsholom.org and we will make sure you get the information.

Our next two Men's Club meetings:

Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 am

Sunday, June 7 at 11:00 am

Our meetings follow each Parents Association meeting at Temple Beth Sholom and via Zoom. Zoom information will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Andrew Larkin

Men's Club President

### Bernstein Bowling Blog

Another month, another round of action on the lanes! David Chenkin is on an absolute roll. His season average continues its upward climb, and he mirrored his February performance by starting the night with a perfect strike. It's a testament to his hard work and the success of his ongoing rehabilitation!

As for the scoreboard, it was a night of close calls. While David took the first game by 12 pins, I managed to claw back a victory in the second game by a single point.

### Join the League!

Ready to join the fun? We've been running this social and recreational league since 2016, and we'd be glad to have you.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just want to have some fun, all adult members are welcome—**no prior skill is required!**

### How to Sign Up:

If you wish to join us for an evening, or become a part of the league, please be sure to email me at EricDBernstein@gmail.com.

It is important that you email me so that you are made aware of any future changes to the schedule.

See you on the lanes,  
Eric Bernstein



## Sisterhood Corner

The flowers and trees are blooming. We had an interesting April with both very warm and very cold weather. Hopefully, the beautiful weather is on the way!

We had an in-person Bingo and Bagels event on Sunday, April 19. We will be having another Bingo and Bagels on Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 am. Look for upcoming details.

The next book club will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. We will be reading *Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Rosner. We will also be having a meeting at 7:00 pm to discuss events for next year. We hope to see you at this event.

We will once again be holding our Memorial Day Rummage Sale. The setup will take place on Sunday, May 24 starting at 10:30 am, and the sale will be held on Monday, May 25 from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. If you are able to volunteer, please call the office. We are always grateful for any time that you can volunteer. Please donate your clean, gently used clothing for our Rummage Sale.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, please send them to Geri Weiss. Our new fiscal year will start June 1.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 pm. This will be a Musical Shabbat. Services will be at 6:00 pm and we will have a dinner immediately following services. We are looking forward to our Sisterhood Members participating in the service and our temple members coming to Temple that night. Please check The Voice and the Monday morning email for any other details.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Barbara Gandelman

Sisterhood President

A graphic with the words "Thank You!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a background of vibrant, multi-colored brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

...to Eva Heisler, winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the April 19 Bagels & BINGO event...for donating the lion's share of her winnings back to Temple!

Thank you, Eva!

Temple Beth Sholom Presents  
**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP**



*Join us on  
Wednesday evening, May 13, 2026  
7:30 pm via Zoom*

*TOPIC: How do I Spend my Leisure Time?*

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

**Zoom information to be provided  
in the Monday morning email on Monday, May 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](mailto:dwangel1@gmail.com)**

## Adult Education

The weather in Northeast Queens is finally perfect for getting back out on the pavement! I'm keeping the momentum going on my fitness journey—recently hitting a personal best of 40 flights of stairs in 12 minutes—and I'm gearing up for the J.P. Morgan Corporate Challenge at the end of May.

In Adult Education news, we are currently partnering with Sisterhood to host Eric Reisman, author of *The Boys from the Bronx: A Story of Brotherly Love Forged in War and Peace*. We are finalizing whether this will be an in-person or Zoom event, so please stay tuned for details.

As always, we want this program to reflect your interests. If you have ideas for activities or topics you'd like us to cover this fall, please reach out!

Eric Bernstein  
Adult Education Chairman



## Religious School

On March 29, Religious School held its annual Passover Model Seder. Thanks go out to Cantor Korobow and Geri Weiss for helping run the service. Thank you also to Lori Lustig for her help with the food for the Seder.

Mazel Tov to Valentina Hellman and her family on her Bat Mitzvah, which was held on April 25. You did an AMAZING job with running Shabbat Services and read your Torah portion beautifully. May you continue to succeed and achieve all the goals that you make for yourself.

Mitzvah Day is right around the corner (Sunday, May 3). It is a great opportunity for our students to give back to community by planting, making brown bag lunches and having the Walk-A-Thon around the TBS perimeter. Don't forget to sponsor a student for the Walk-A-Thon. Money collected will be going to a great cause. Please see the flyer for more details.

On Sunday, May 10, Religious School will be having its annual Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please see the flyer for more details.

Please join us on Friday, May 22 for our Confirmation Service which will be held at 7:30 pm. Confirmation students Seth Bernstein, Matthew Cohen, Damon Ehrlich and Walter Lothammer have been studying with Rabbi Ballan this year about different topics in Judaism. The students will be helping run Shabbat Services, reading from the Torah and discussing what they have learned through the school year.

The next Religious School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:00 pm on Zoom.

Stay healthy and enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

Erica Bernstein  
Religious School Representative

## Parents Association

Greetings to our TBS Family. We hope that you enjoyed Passover and are loving the beautiful spring weather.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who attended our Zoom Passover Cooking Event that was held on Saturday, April 4. It was a lot of fun making the delicious Passover bagels.

Parents Association is excited to be partnering with Religious School on some great events happening in May. On May 3 our children will be participating in Mitzvah Day. Whether it's beautifying the garden outside of Temple, doing a Walk-A-Thon to raise money for charity, or making brown paper bag lunches for an organization, our kids will definitely be a positive force in the community.

P.A. will also be there for the annual Lag B'Omer picnic at Cunningham Park from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 10. Come join our Religious School students for a fun-filled morning in the park. P.A. will be providing snacks, drinks and watermelon. See the flyer for more details.

Our spring restaurant fundraiser will be on Wednesday, June 3. We are finalizing the details for this event. Please look for the flyer in the Monday email blasts.

Our next PA meeting will be on Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 am. It will be in person and on Zoom. We hope to see you there.

As always, we thank our TBS Family for the support that they have given P.A. throughout the years. May you stay safe and healthy.

Erica Bernstein  
and  
Elaine Larkin  
PA Co-Presidents

## Passover Bagels



TBS SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:  
Zoom Book Club  
Thursday, May 14, 2026

BOOK CLUB DATE:

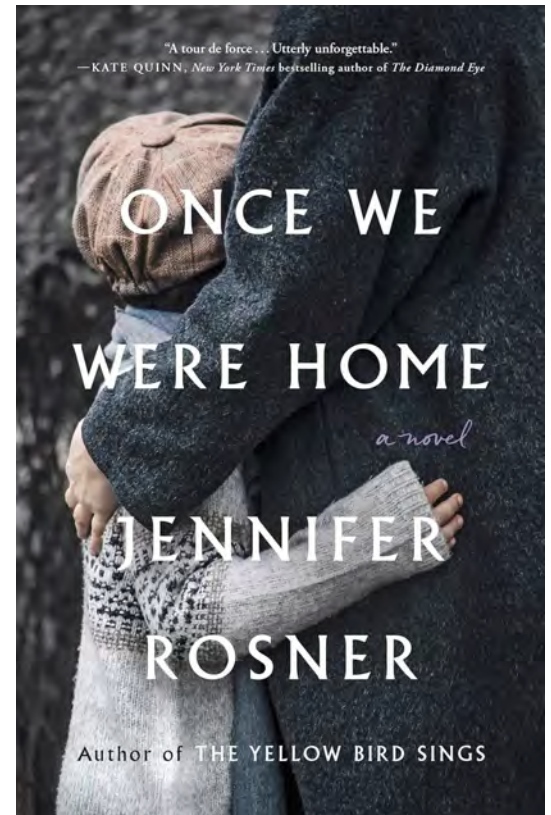
THURSDAY

MAY 14, 2026

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*When your past is stolen, where do you belong?*

Ana will never forget her mother's face when she and her baby brother, Oskar, were sent out of their Polish ghetto and into the arms of a Christian friend. For Oskar, though, their new family is the only one he remembers. When a woman from a Jewish reclamation organization seizes them, believing she has their best interest at heart, Ana sees an opportunity to reconnect with her roots, while Oskar sees only the loss of the home he loves.

Roger grows up in a monastery in France, inventing stories and trading riddles with his best friend in a life of quiet concealment. When a relative seeks to retrieve him, the Church steals him across the Pyrenees before relinquishing him to family in Jerusalem.

Renata, a post-graduate student in archaeology, has spent her life unearthing secrets from the past--except for her own. After her mother's death, Renata's grief is entwined with all the questions her mother left unanswered, including why they fled Germany so quickly when Renata was a little girl.

Two decades later, they are each building lives for themselves, trying to move on from the trauma and loss that haunts them. But as their stories converge in Israel, in unexpected ways, they must each ask where and to whom they truly belong.

Beautifully evocative and tender, filled with both luminosity and anguish, *Once We Were Home* reveals a little-known history. Based on the true stories of children stolen during wartime, this heart-wrenching novel raises questions of complicity and responsibility, belonging and identity, good intentions and unforeseen consequences, as it confronts what it really means to find home.

## New Event at TBS!

*We are having a new event at Temple on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>, May Flower Market Vendor Event.*

*It will be sales by vendors only, and we would love to have you attend and support the vendors.*

*If you, or anyone you know, makes and/or sells homemade crafts, clothing, or other goods, please contact Joy Bobrow at maxjolo@msn.com.*

*Do you bake? We would love to have some of your yummy desserts, prepackaged individually for us to sell at this new fundraiser! Each individual dessert will be sold for \$3.00!*

## Rummage

*It's that time again!*

*Our annual Memorial Day Rummage Sale will be on Monday, May 25 - doors open at 9:30 am.*

*We'll be setting up on Sunday, May 24, starting at 10:30 am.*

*As you continue to do your spring cleaning, please bring all your gently used clothing (including shoes) and table and/or bed linens for us to sell!*

*All unsold items are donated to enable us to make room for us to collect more merchandise for our Election Day Sale!*

*If you can help at the set-up, sale or both, please let the office know!*

## SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES

Can you believe it's time to sign up for leading a summer Shabbat Service already?

There are nine possible dates to choose from July 3 until August 28. For those of you who have already been a lay leader for the congregational summer services, you know how much fun it is! I hope that you will continue to lead one and sign up quickly for your desired date.

If you have never led a summer service, this is the time to consider doing one. It is a great experience. There are guidelines to follow and those of us who attend the summer services are so very grateful to those who lead them. It is *very casual, warm, and personal.*

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CRAFTS

Getting ready for Yom HaAtzmaut. Julia and Henry learn about Israel!!



Wind socks in celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut



Shalom



The Congregation of Temple  
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*Confirmation Service*

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Two Thousand Twenty Six  
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Mazel Tov to our 2026/5786  
Confirmation Class!

Seth Bernstein  
Matthew Cohen  
Damon Ehrlich  
Walter Lothammer

# ☆ UPCOMING YAHRZEITS *May 2026* ☆

## *Week of May 1*

Betty Arliss

Jimmy Genovese  
Solomon Liebrader  
Judy Myers  
Max Opstbaum

Beatrice Weiner

Mother of Brenda Gold  
Grandmother of Arlene and Jeffrey Galub  
Father of Vicky Belsky  
Grandfather of Andrew Liebrader  
Mother of Ron Myers  
Father of Roger Opstbaum  
Grandfather of Elaine Larkin  
Mother of Diane Weiner

## *Week of May 8*

John Costanza  
Jeffrey Hollander  
Adele Levinsky  
Barbara Liebrader  
Sherry Tove  
Irwin Weiss

Father of Walter Costanza  
Husband of Reva Hollander  
Mother of Steven Levinsky  
Mother of Andrew Liebrader  
Aunt of Pamela Weston Abrams  
Father of Geri Weiss

## *Week of May 15*

Louis Ackerman  
Iris Bobrow Davidson  
Henry Eiler  
Benjamin Goldberg  
Ira Harkavy  
Sharon Lamport  
Chana Latovitzki  
Rose Lending  
Israel Myers  
Stanley Myers  
Lois Perper  
Elaine Trachter

Grandfather of Jason Ehrlich  
Sister of Joy A. Bobrow  
Father of Elana White  
Grandfather of Eliot Dorfman  
Father-in-Law of Jody Harkavy  
Sister-in-Law of Fredi Weinstein  
Grandmother of Nancy Lothammer  
Grandmother of Ronald Myers  
Grandfather of Ronald Myers  
Father of Ronald Myers  
Friend of Rabbi Bruce Goldwasser  
Mother of Diane Trachter

## *Week of May 22*

Miles Coughlin  
Avrom Katz

Chava Katz

Martin Katz

Tibor Katz

Charles Kupferberg  
Lucille Levy  
Regina Weinberger-Katz

Samuel Weinstein

Son of Fredi Weinstein  
Father-in-Law of Rose Katz  
Grandfather of Renee Katz-Packer  
Sister-in-Law of Rose Katz  
Aunt of Renee Katz-Packer  
Brother-in-Law of Rose Katz  
Uncle of Renee Katz-Packer  
Brother-in-Law of Rose Katz  
Uncle of Renee Katz-Packer  
Grandfather of Anne K. Pepper  
Cousin of Fredi Weinstein  
Mother-in-Law of Rose Katz  
Grandmother of Renee Katz-Packer  
Father of Fredi Weinstein

## *Week of May 29*

Menaham Ain  
Kenneth Friedman  
Gertrude Hershkowitz  
Victor Lowenstein\*  
Sadie Ostrofsky  
Albert Robbins  
Heather Rosenberg  
Max Shapiro

*\*Past President*

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*Doors close at 2:30 p.m.*

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*Handmade & Fashion Jewelry*



*Unique Cooking Tools & Kitchen Finds*



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*Seasonal Specials & Gift Ideas*

**Date:** Saturday, May 30


**Time:** 11 AM - 4 PM

**Location:** 171-39 Northern Blvd, Flushing  
(onsite parking)






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*Want to be a vendor?*

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*Come shop, support local vendors, and find something  
that helps your style — and your kitchen — blossom this May!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1</p> <p>Musical Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 6:00 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Blood Drive 9:30 am – 3:30 pm</p> <p>Religious School/Confirmation Class MITZVAH DAY 10:00 am</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm</p> <p>Pulpit Committee Meeting Zoom only 7:30 pm</p> <p>Bowling Jib Lanes 8:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>P.A. Simchat Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Religious School Lag B'Omer Picnic Cunningham Park 10:00 am</p>  <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm</p> <p>Membership Committee Meeting Zoom only 7:00 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Discussion Group Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sisterhood Book Club Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Religious School Confirmation Class 10:00 am</p> <p>P.A. Meeting Hybrid 10:00 am</p> <p>Men's Club Meeting Hybrid 11:00 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism Class Zoom only 6:15 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p> <p>Religious School Board Meeting Zoom only 8:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Confirmation/ Shavuot/Yizkor/ Shabbat Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p>
<p>24</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>Rummage Set-up 10:30 am</p>	<p>25</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Rummage Sale 9:30 am – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Midweek Reset – A Time for Healing and Reflection Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hebrew School 4:30 pm</p> <p>Congregation Meeting Zoom only 7:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Shabbat Evening Service hybrid 7:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Torah Study Zoom only 10:00 am</p> <p>May Flower Market Vendor Event 11:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Religious School Closing Exercises 10:00 am</p>						

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Please indicate "TBS Voice" on the subject line!

The next Shared Shabbat will be Friday, May 8 at 7:30 pm when we will celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May.



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